

Sorting

- Insertion sort

- Design approach: incremental
- Sorts in place: Yes
- Best case: $\Theta(n)$
- Worst case: $\Theta(n^2)$

- Bubble Sort

- Design approach: incremental
- Sorts in place: Yes
- Running time: $\Theta(n^2)$

Sorting

- Selection sort

- Design approach: incremental
- Sorts in place: Yes
- Running time: $\Theta(n^2)$

- Merge Sort

- Design approach: divide and conquer
- Sorts in place: No
- Running time: Let's see!!

Divide-and-Conquer

- **Divide** the problem into a number of sub-problems
 - Similar sub-problems of smaller size
- **Conquer** the sub-problems
 - Solve the sub-problems recursively
 - Sub-problem size small enough \Rightarrow solve the problems in straightforward manner
- **Combine** the solutions of the sub-problems
 - Obtain the solution for the original problem

Merge Sort Approach

- To sort an array $A[p \dots r]$:
- **Divide**
 - Divide the n -element sequence to be sorted into two subsequences of $n/2$ elements each
- **Conquer**
 - Sort the subsequences recursively using merge sort
 - When the size of the sequences is 1 there is nothing more to do
- **Combine**
 - Merge the two sorted subsequences

Merge Sort

Alg.: MERGE-SORT(A, p, r)

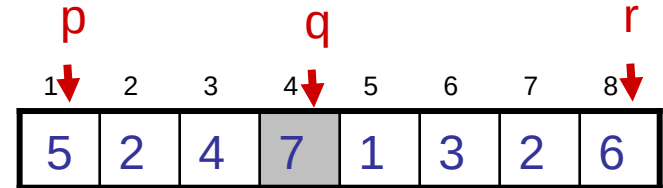
if $p < r$

then $q \leftarrow \lfloor (p + r)/2 \rfloor$

MERGE-SORT(A, p, q)

MERGE-SORT(A, q + 1, r)

MERGE(A, p, q, r)



Check for base case

Divide

▷ Conquer

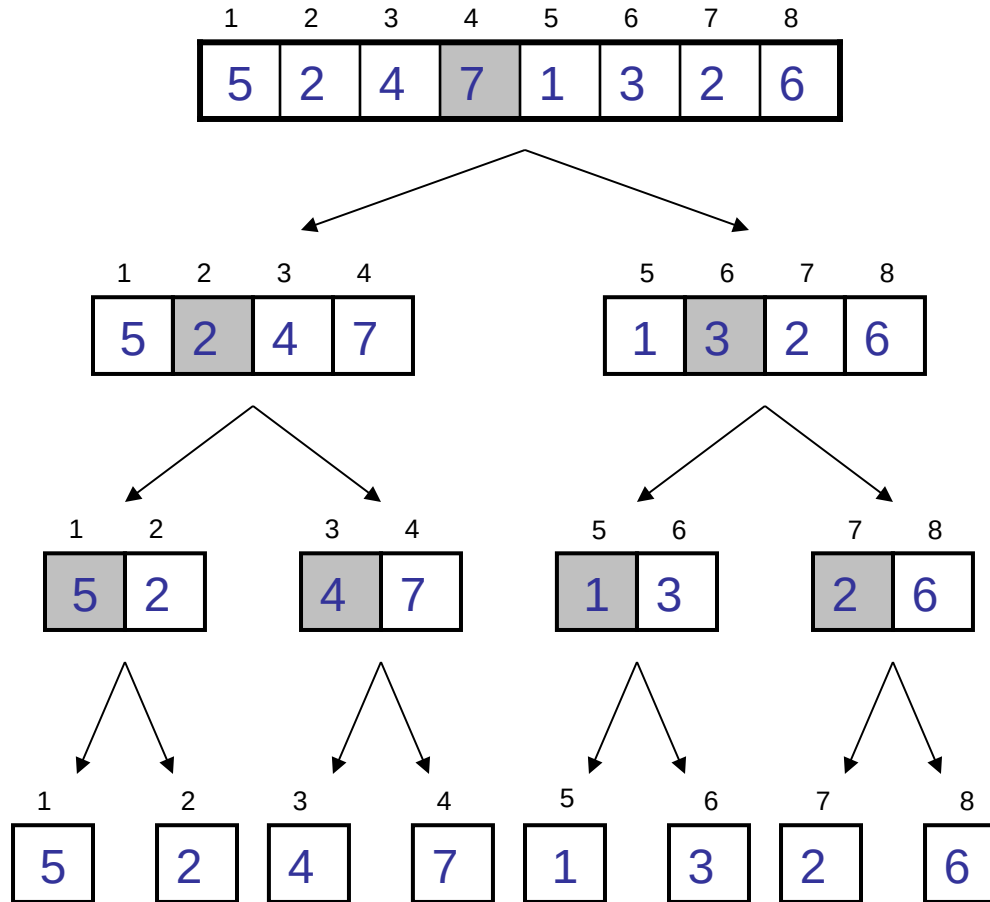
▷ Conquer

▷ Combine

- **Initial call:** MERGE-SORT(A, 1, n)

Example – n Power of 2

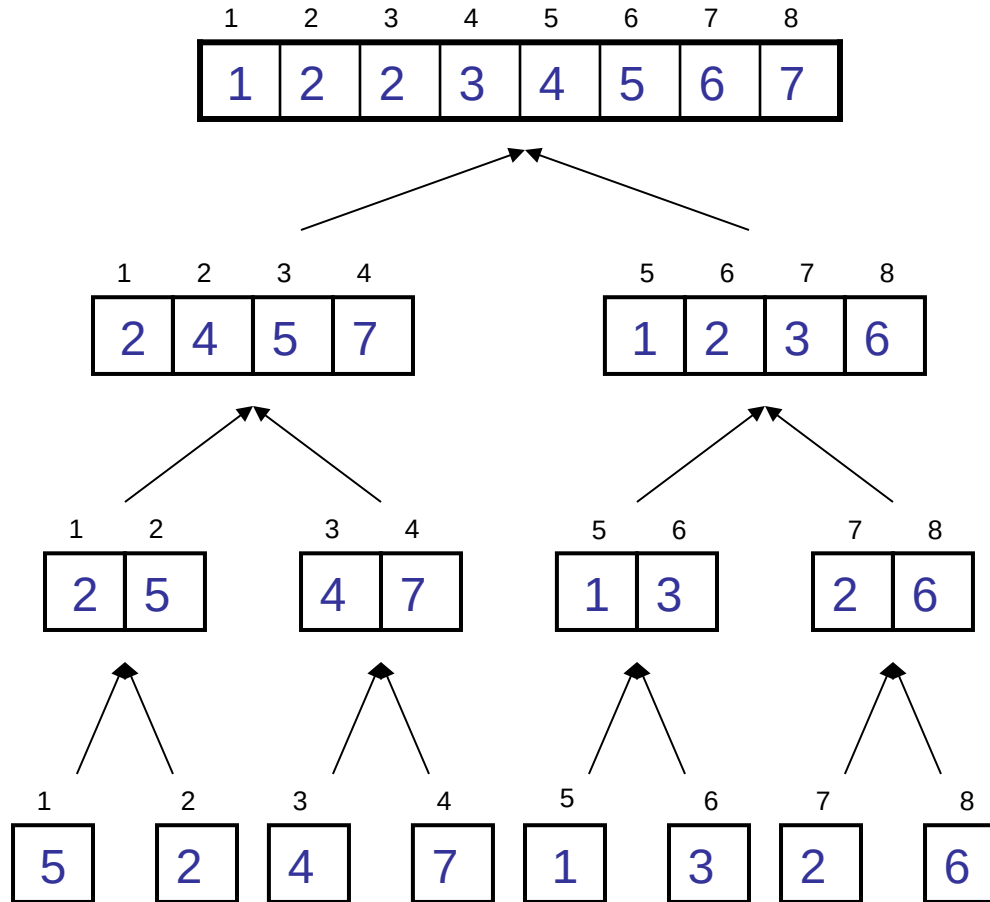
Divide



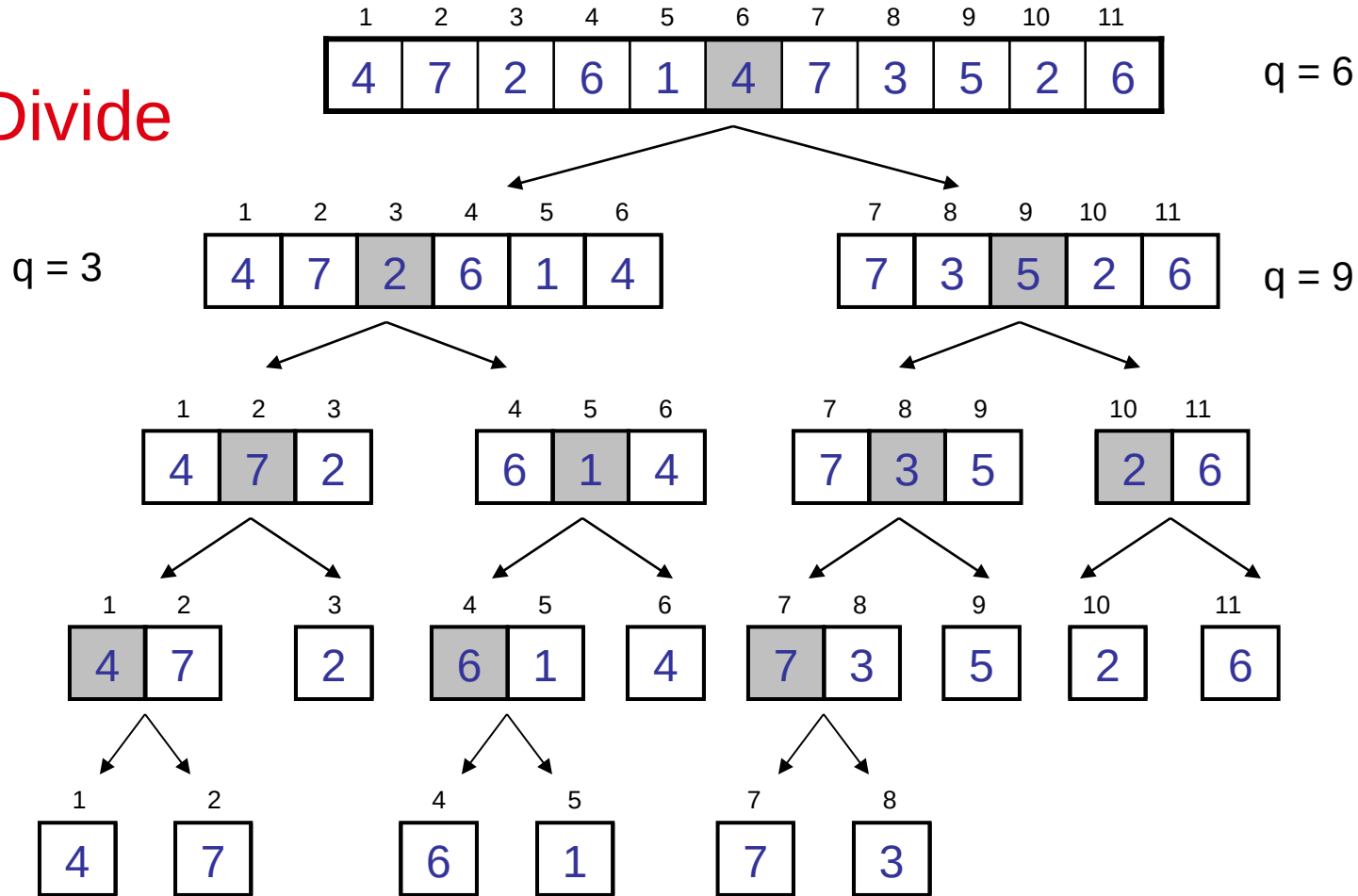
$q = 4$

Example – n Power of 2

Conquer
and
Merge

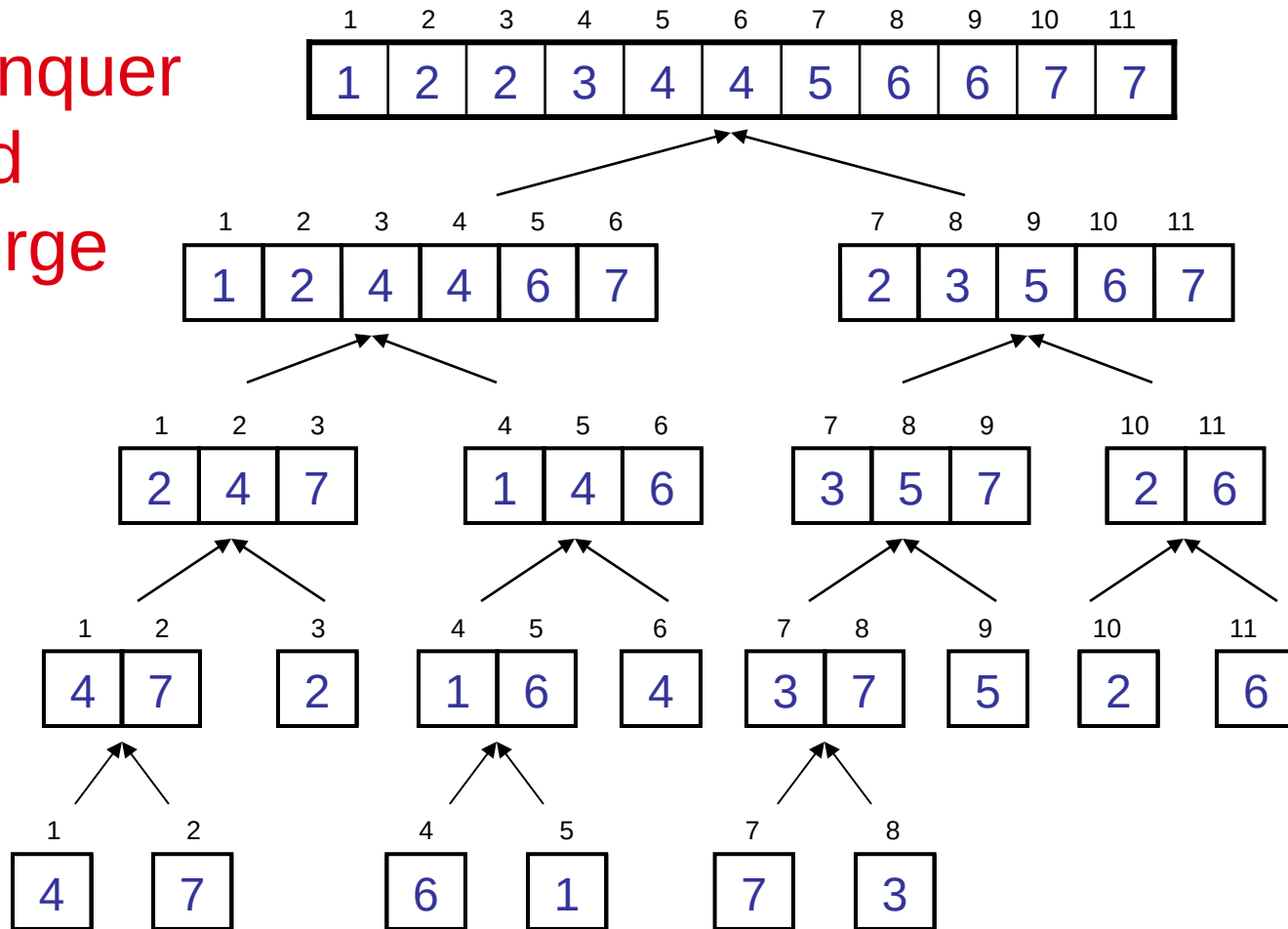


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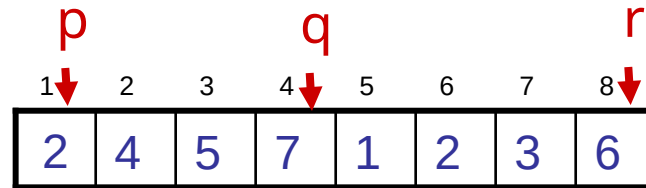


Example – n Not a Power of 2

Conquer
and
Merge



Merging

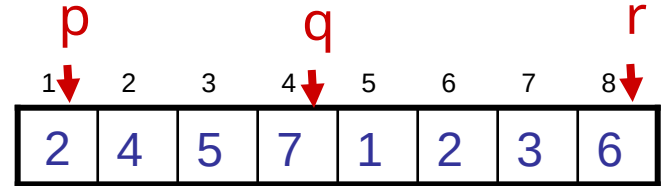


- **Input:** Array A and indices p, q, r such that $p \leq q < r$
 - Subarrays $A[p \dots q]$ and $A[q + 1 \dots r]$ are sorted
- **Output:** One single sorted subarray $A[p \dots r]$

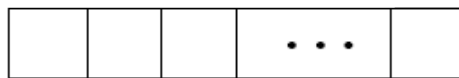
Merging

- Idea for merging:

- Two piles of sorted cards
 - Choose the smaller of the two top cards
 - Remove it and place it in the output pile
- Repeat the process until one pile is empty
- Take the remaining input pile and place it face-down onto the output pile



$A1 \leftarrow A[p, q]$



$A2 \leftarrow A[q+1, r]$

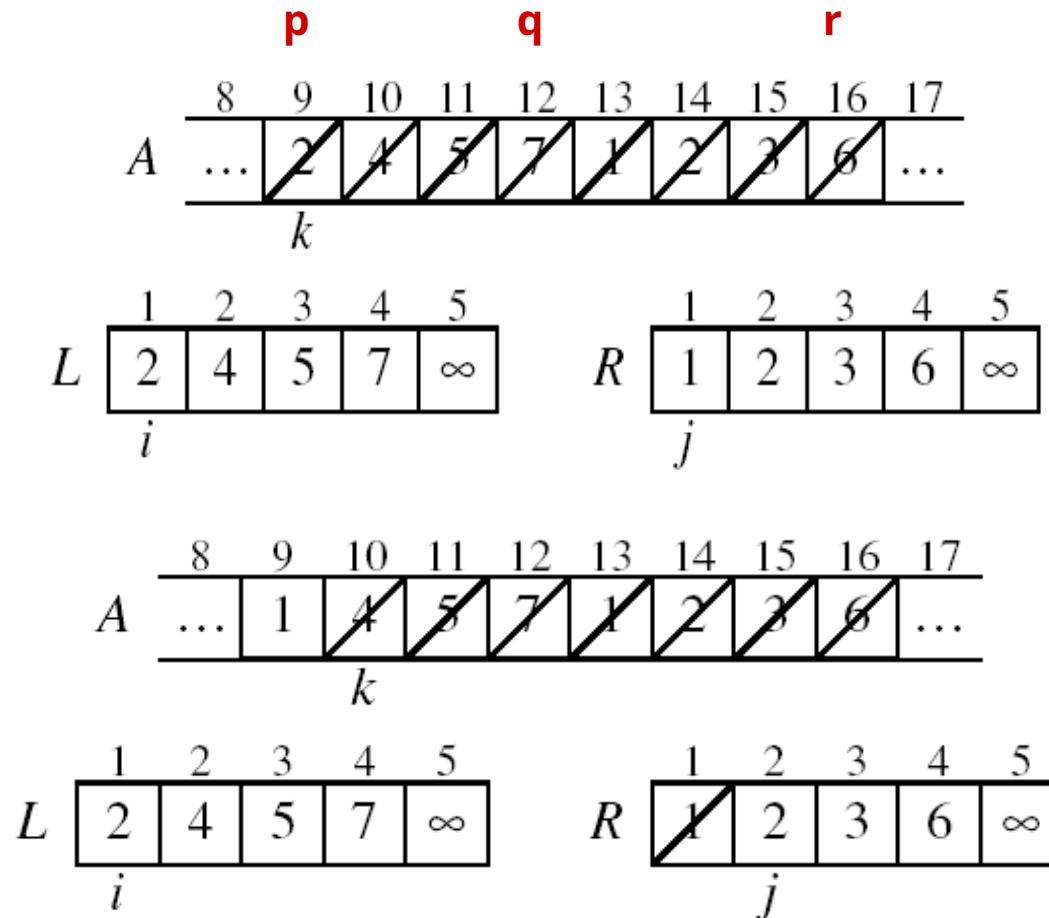


choose the smaller
element from the subarrays

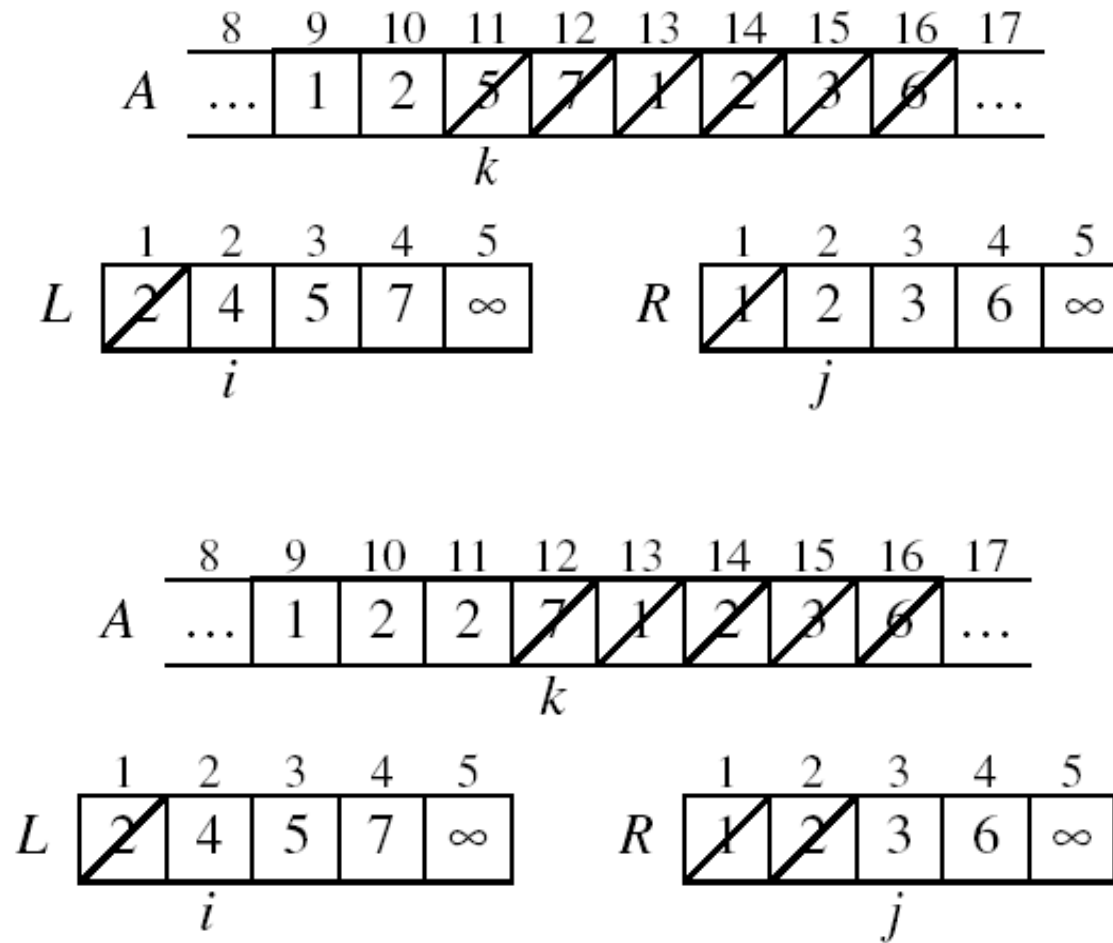
$A[p, r]$



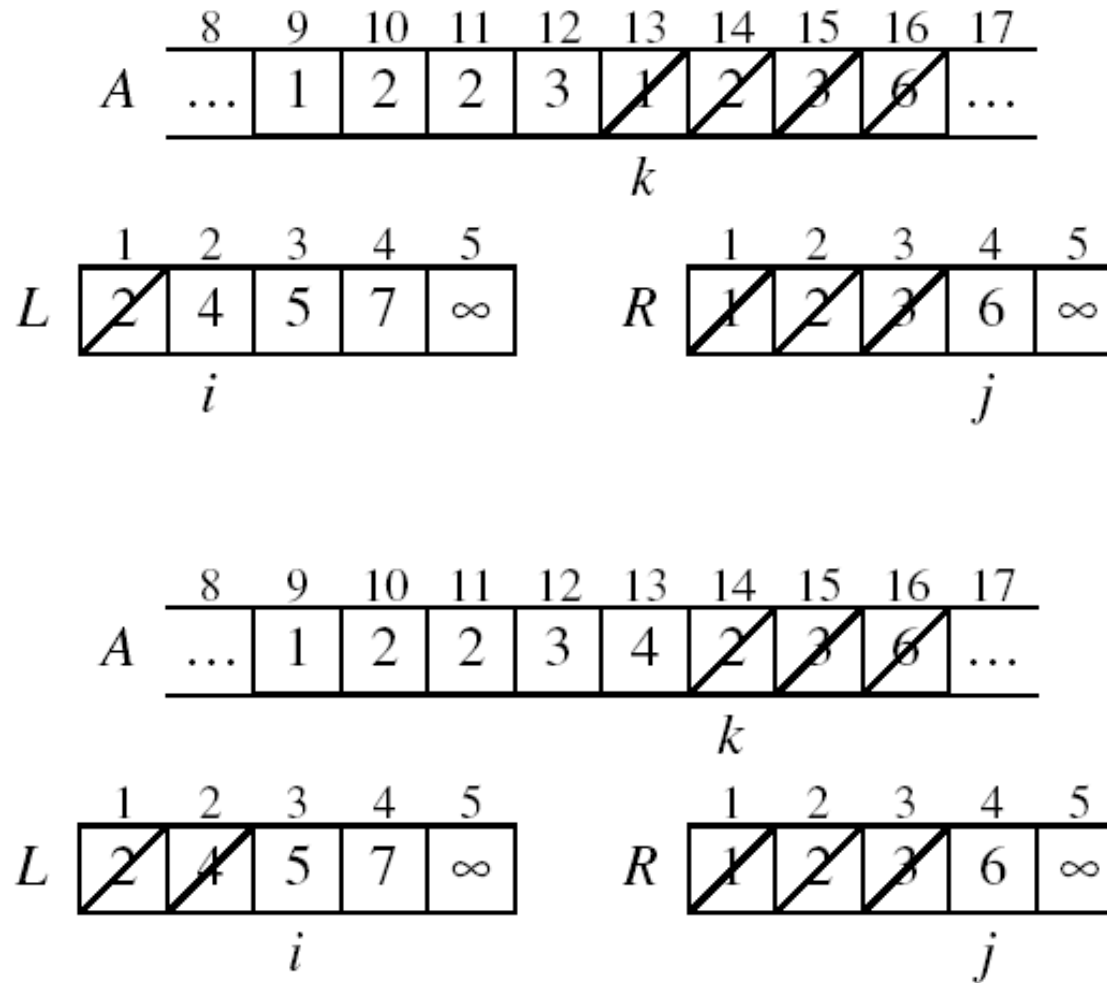
Example: MERGE(A, 9, 12, 16)



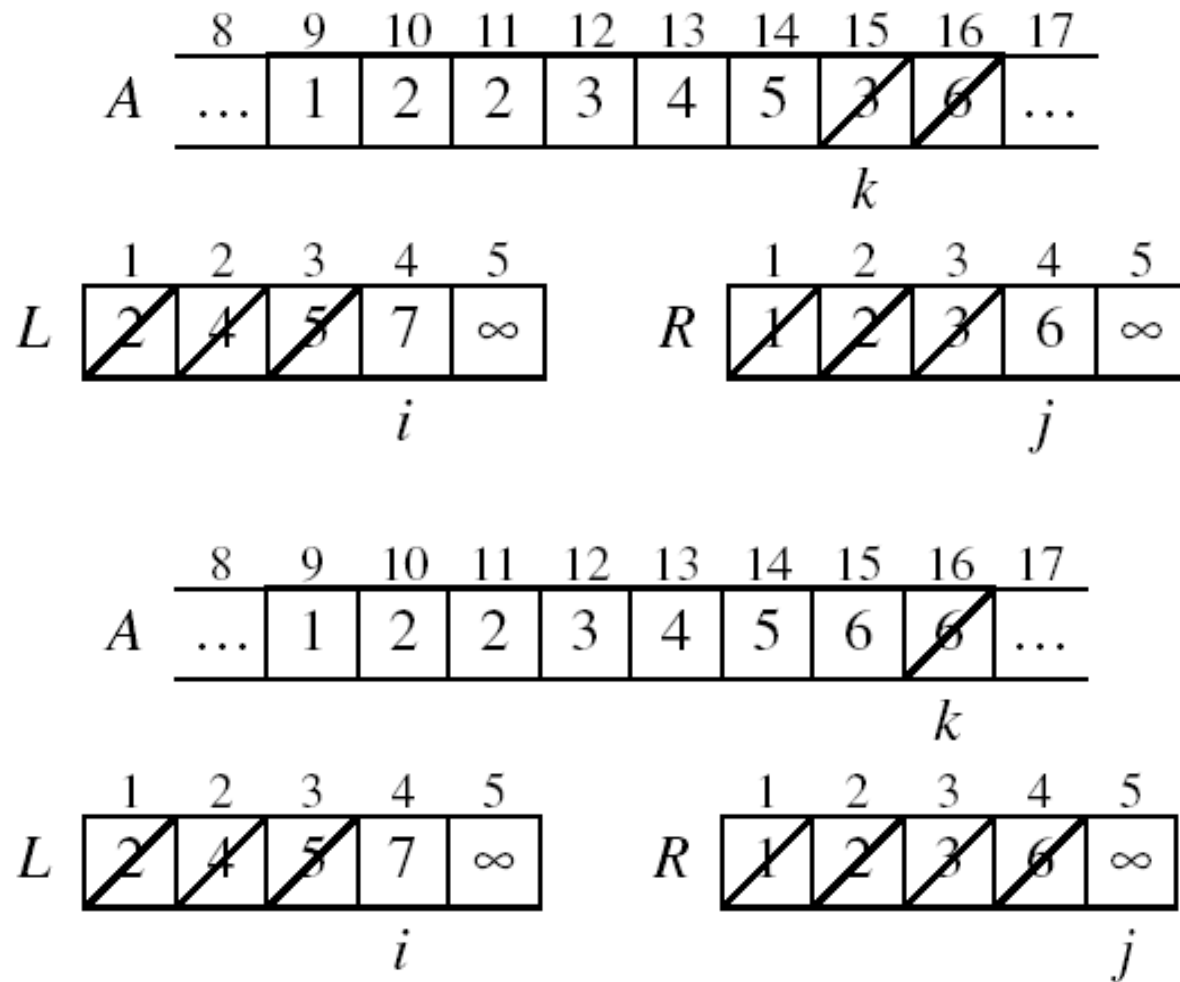
Example: MERGE(A, 9, 12, 16)



Example (cont.)



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	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
A	...	1	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	...	
											k

	1	2	3	4	5
L	2	4	5	7	∞
					i

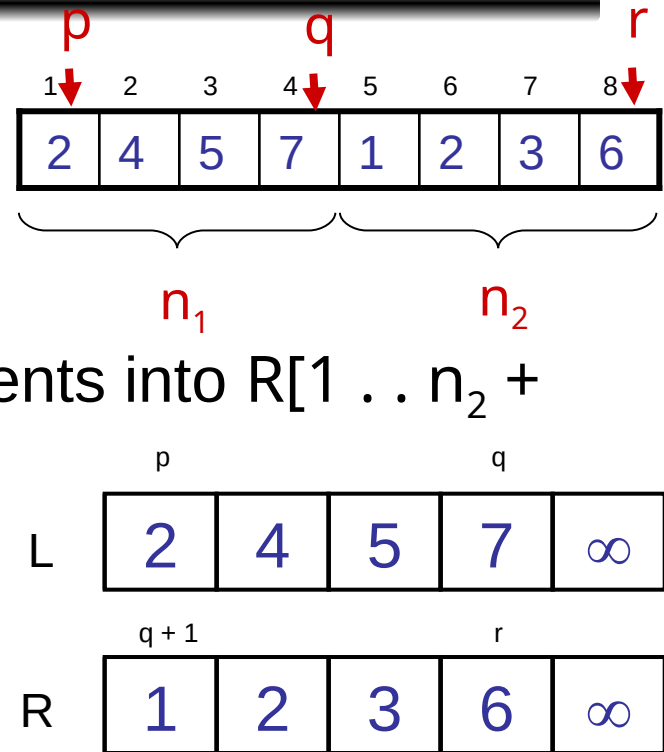
	1	2	3	4	5
R	1	2	3	6	∞
					j

Done!

Merge - Pseudocode

Alg.: MERGE(A, p, q, r)

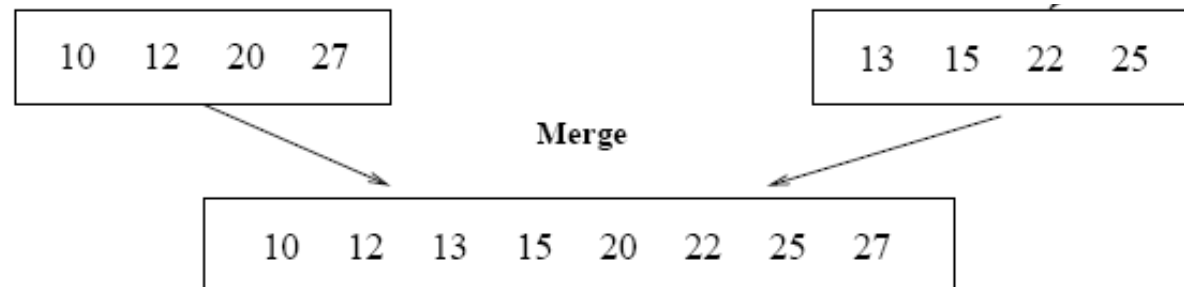
1. Compute n_1 and n_2
2. Copy the first n_1 elements into $L[1 \dots n_1 + 1]$ and the next n_2 elements into $R[1 \dots n_2 + 1]$
3. $L[n_1 + 1] \leftarrow \infty$; $R[n_2 + 1] \leftarrow \infty$
4. $i \leftarrow 1$; $j \leftarrow 1$
5. **for** $k \leftarrow p$ **to** r
6. **do if** $L[i] \leq R[j]$
7. **then** $A[k] \leftarrow L[i]$
8. $i \leftarrow i + 1$
9. **else** $A[k] \leftarrow R[j]$
10. $j \leftarrow j + 1$



Running Time of Merge (assume last **for** loop)

- Initialization (copying into temporary arrays):
 - $\Theta(n_1 + n_2) = \Theta(n)$
- Adding the elements to the final array:
 - n iterations, each taking constant time $\Rightarrow \Theta(n)$
- Total time for Merge:

□ $\Theta(n)$



Analyzing Divide-and Conquer Algorithms

- The recurrence is based on the three steps of the paradigm:
 - $T(n)$ – running time on a problem of size n
 - **Divide** the problem into **a** subproblems, each of size **n/b** : takes **$D(n)$**
 - **Conquer** (solve) the subproblems **$aT(n/b)$**
 - **Combine** the solutions **$C(n)$**

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n \leq c \\ aT(n/b) + D(n) + C(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

MERGE-SORT Running Time

- **Divide:**

- compute q as the average of p and r : $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

- **Conquer:**

- recursively solve 2 subproblems, each of size $n/2$
 $\Rightarrow 2T(n/2)$

- **Combine:**

- MERGE on an n -element subarray takes $\Theta(n)$ time
 $\Rightarrow C(n) = \Theta(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Solve the Recurrence

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + cn & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Use Master's Theorem:

Compare n with $f(n) = cn$

Case 2: $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$

Merge Sort - Discussion

- Running time insensitive of the input
- Advantages:
 - Guaranteed to run in $\Theta(n \lg n)$
- Disadvantage
 - Requires extra space $\approx N$

Sorting Challenge 1

Problem: Sort a file of huge records with tiny keys

Example application: Reorganize your MP-3 files

Which method to use?

- A. merge sort, guaranteed to run in time $\sim N \lg N$
- B. selection sort
- C. bubble sort
- D. a custom algorithm for huge records/tiny keys
- E. insertion sort

Sorting Files with Huge Records and Small Keys

- Insertion sort or bubble sort?
 - NO, too many exchanges
- Selection sort?
 - YES, it takes **linear** time for exchanges
- Merge sort or custom method?
 - Probably not: selection sort simpler, does less swaps

Sorting Challenge 2

Problem: Sort a huge randomly-ordered file of small records

Application: Process transaction record for a phone company

Which sorting method to use?

- A. Bubble sort
- B. Selection sort
- C. Mergesort guaranteed to run in time $\sim N \lg N$
- D. Insertion sort

Sorting Huge, Randomly - Ordered Files

- Selection sort?
 - NO, always takes quadratic time
- Bubble sort?
 - NO, quadratic time for randomly-ordered keys
- Insertion sort?
 - NO, quadratic time for randomly-ordered keys
- Mergesort?
 - YES, it is designed for this problem

Sorting Challenge 3

Problem: sort a file that is already almost in order

Applications:

- Re-sort a huge database after a few changes
- Doublecheck that someone else sorted a file

Which sorting method to use?

- A. Mergesort, guaranteed to run in time $\sim N \lg N$
- B. Selection sort
- C. Bubble sort
- D. A custom algorithm for almost in-order files
- E. Insertion sort

Sorting Files That are Almost in Order

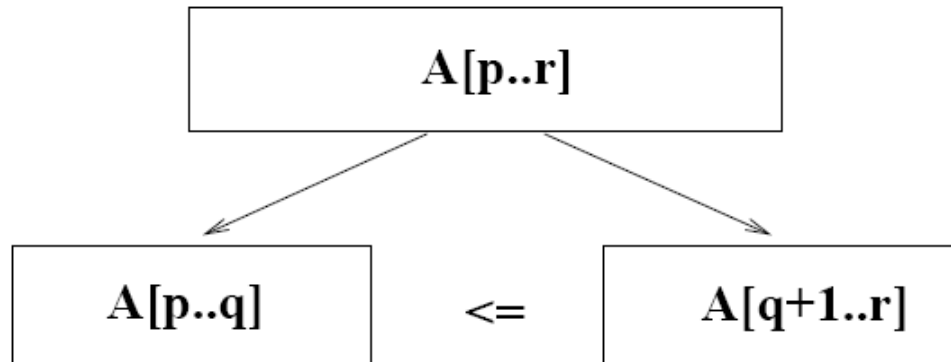
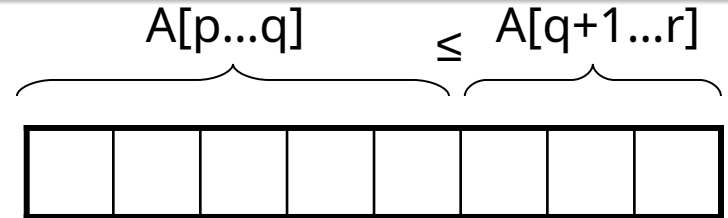
- Selection sort?
 - NO, always takes quadratic time
- Bubble sort?
 - NO, bad for some definitions of “almost in order”
 - Ex: B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A
- Insertion sort?
 - YES, takes linear time for most definitions of “almost in order”
- Mergesort or custom method?
 - Probably not: insertion sort simpler and faster

Quicksort

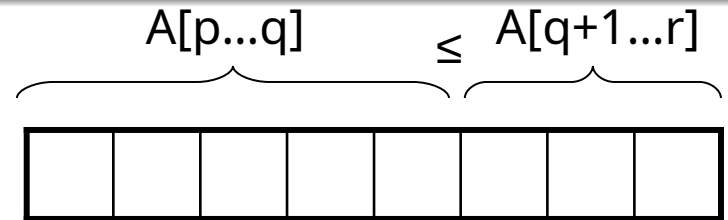
- Sort an array $A[p..r]$

- **Divide**

- Partition the array A into 2 subarrays $A[p..q]$ and $A[q+1..r]$, such that each element of $A[p..q]$ is smaller than or equal to each element in $A[q+1..r]$
- Need to find index q to partition the array



Quicksort



- **Conquer**

- Recursively sort $A[p\dots q]$ and $A[q+1\dots r]$ using Quicksort

- **Combine**

- Trivial: the arrays are sorted in place
- No additional work is required to combine them
- The entire array is now sorted

QUICKSORT

Alg.: QUICKSORT(A, p, r)

Initially: $p=1$, $r=n$

if $p < r$

then $q \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r)$

QUICKSORT (A, p, q)

QUICKSORT (A, q+1, r)

Recurrence:

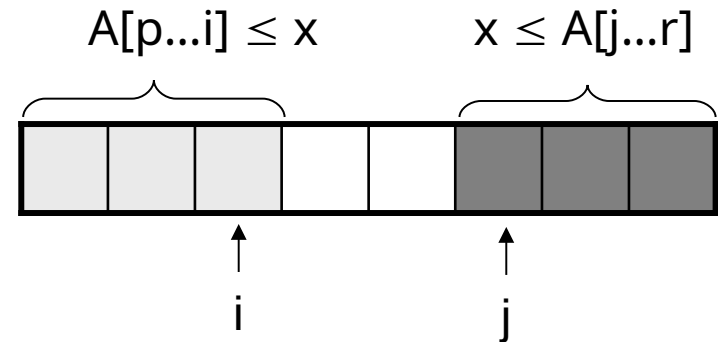
$$T(n) = T(q) + T(n - q) + f(n) \quad (f(n) \text{ depends on } \text{PARTITION}())$$

Partitioning the Array

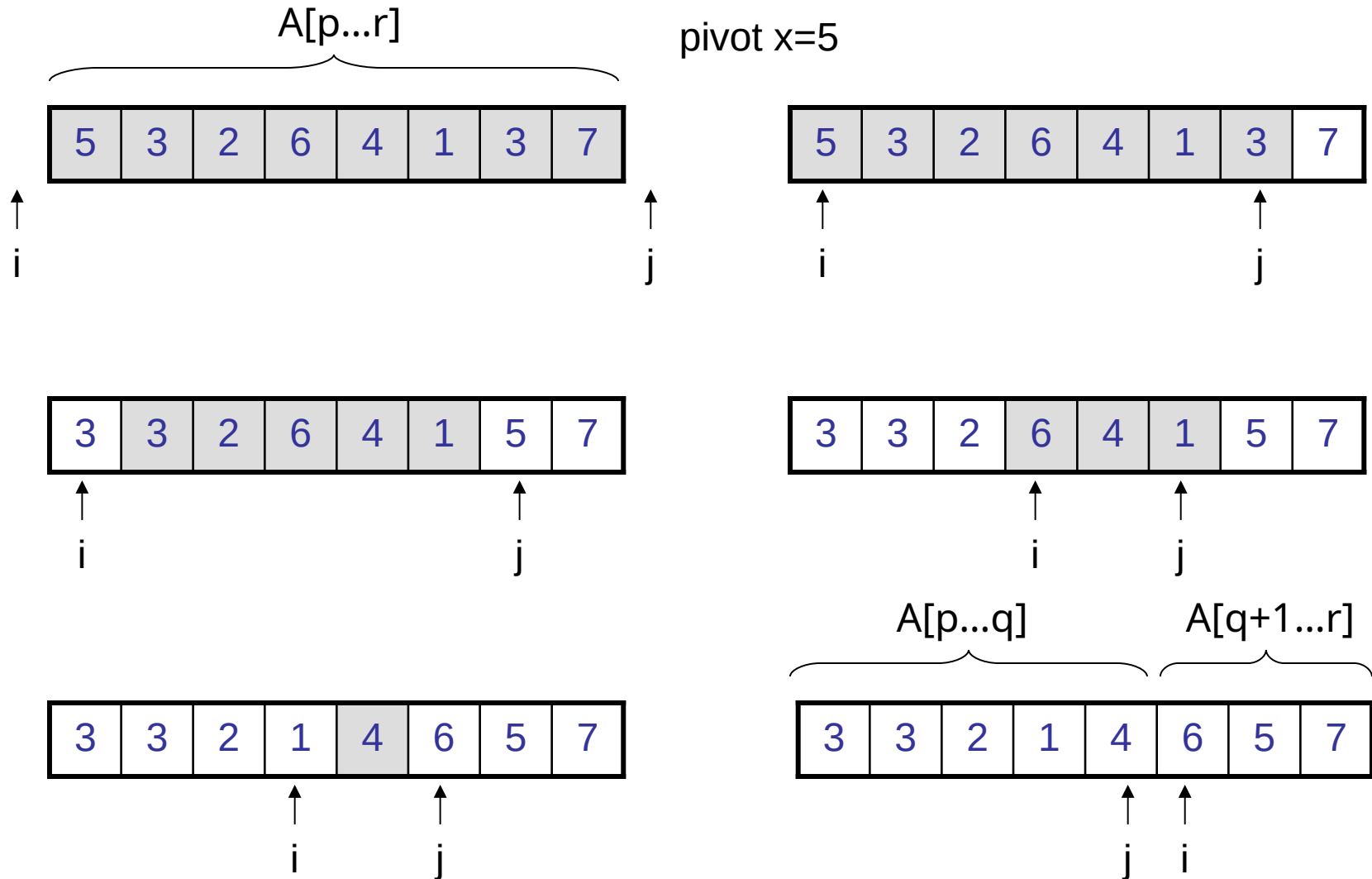
- Choosing PARTITION()
 - There are different ways to do this
 - Each has its own advantages/disadvantages
- Hoare partition (see prob. 7-1, page 159)
 - Select a pivot element **x** around which to partition
 - Grows two regions

$$A[p...i] \leq \mathbf{x}$$

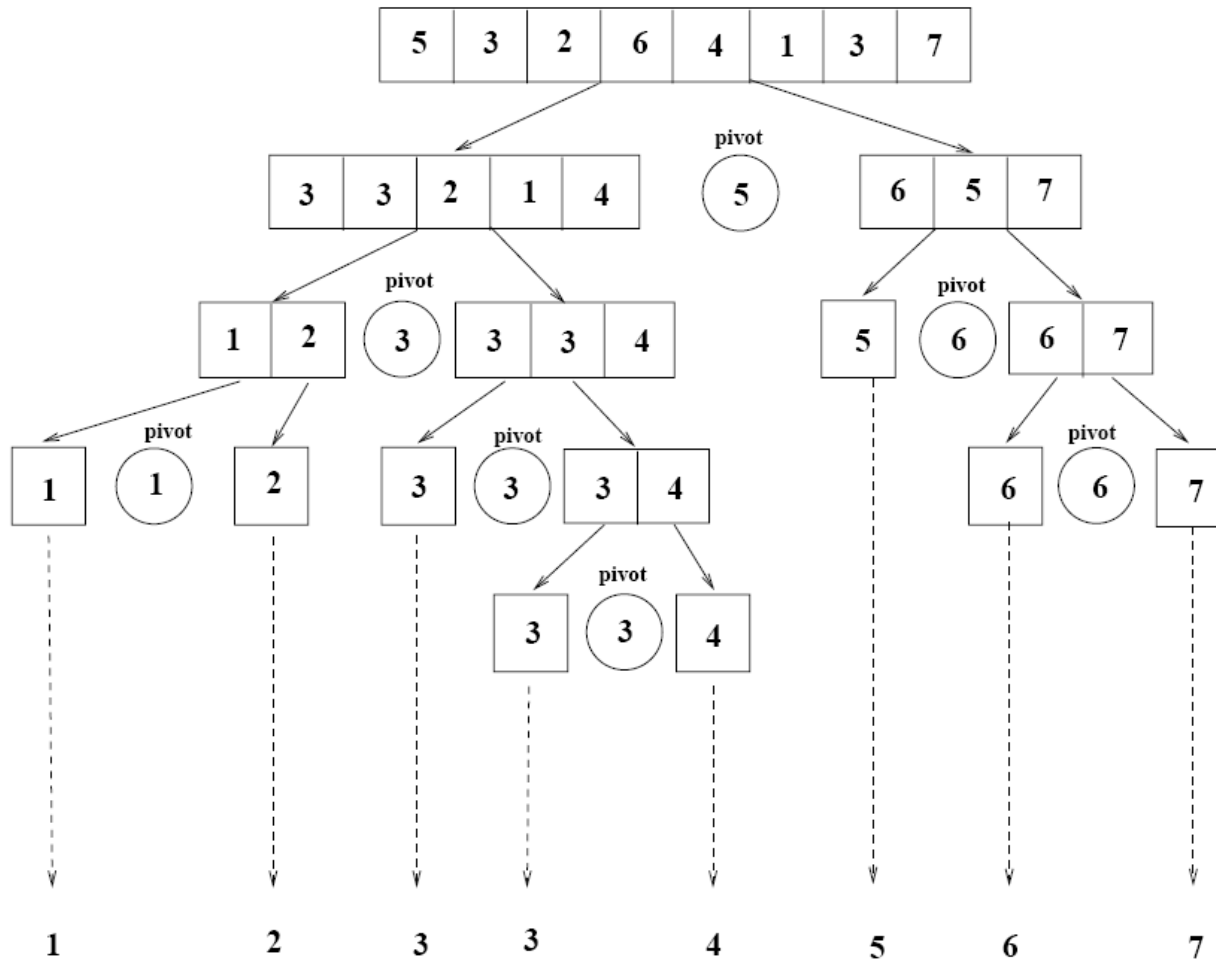
$$\mathbf{x} \leq A[j...r]$$



Example



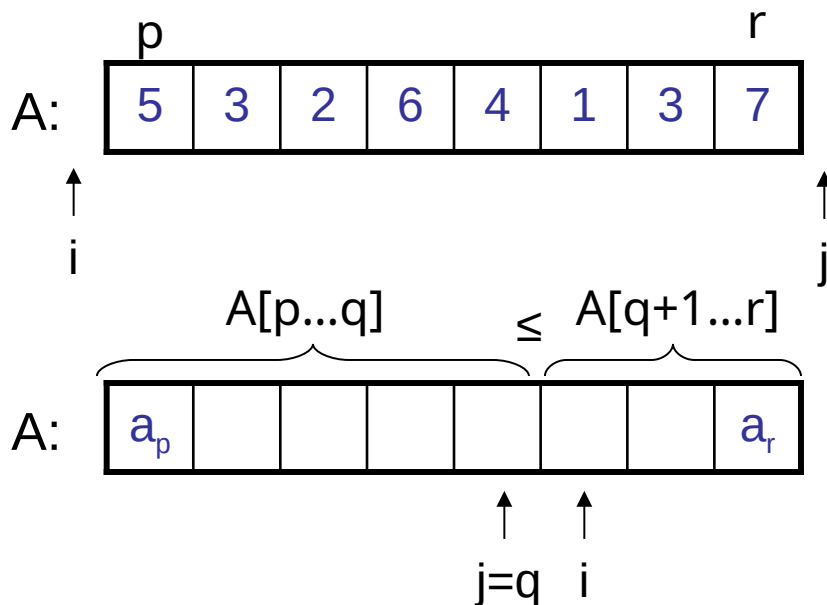
Example



Partitioning the Array

Alg. PARTITION (A, p, r)

1. $x \leftarrow A[p]$
2. $i \leftarrow p - 1$
3. $j \leftarrow r + 1$
4. **while** TRUE
5. **do repeat** $j \leftarrow j - 1$
6. **until** $A[j] \leq x$
7. **do repeat** $i \leftarrow i + 1$
8. **until** $A[i] \geq x$
9. **if** $i < j$
10. **then** exchange $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$
11. **else return** j



Each element is
visited once!

Running time: $\Theta(n)$
 $n = r - p + 1$

Recurrence

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QUICKSORT (A, p, q)

QUICKSORT (A, q+1, r)

Recurrence:

$$T(n) = T(q) + T(n - q) + n$$

Worst Case Partitioning

- Worst-case partitioning

- One region has one element and the other has $n - 1$ elements
- Maximally unbalanced

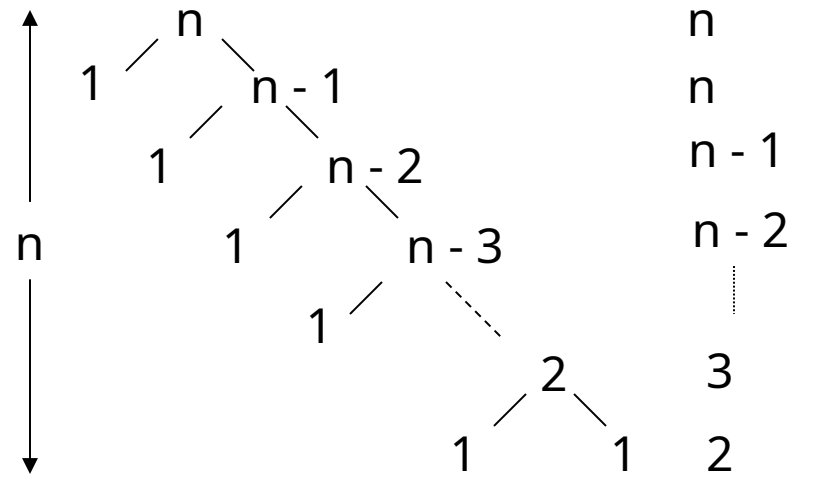
- Recurrence: $q=1$

$$T(n) = T(1) + T(n - 1) + n,$$

$$T(1) = \Theta(1)$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + n$$

$$= n + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k \right) - 1 = \Theta(n) + \Theta(n^2) = \Theta(n^2)$$



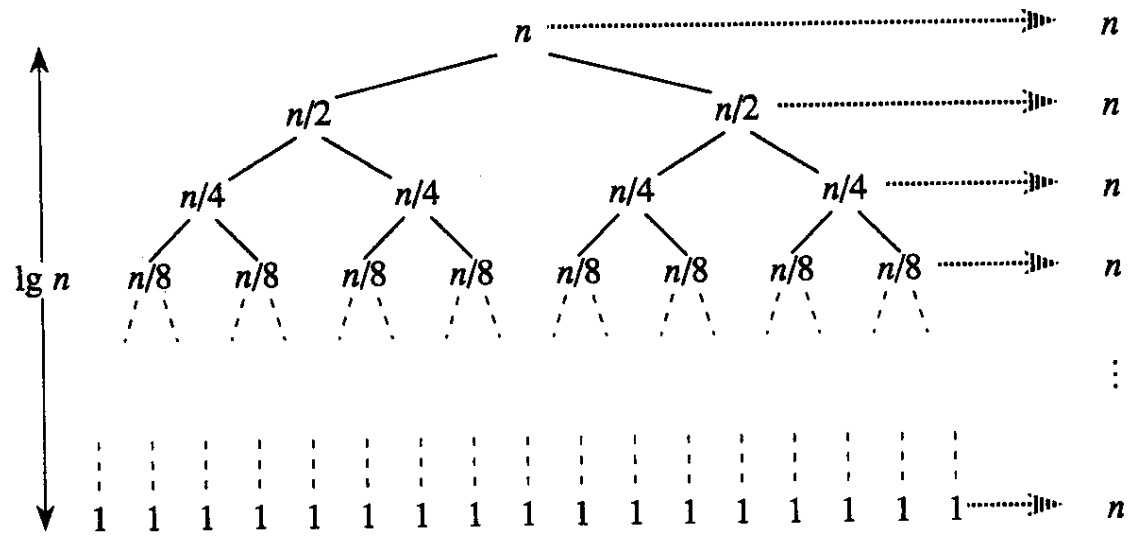
When does the worst case happen?

Best Case Partitioning

- Best-case partitioning
 - Partitioning produces two regions of size $n/2$
- Recurrence: $q=n/2$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

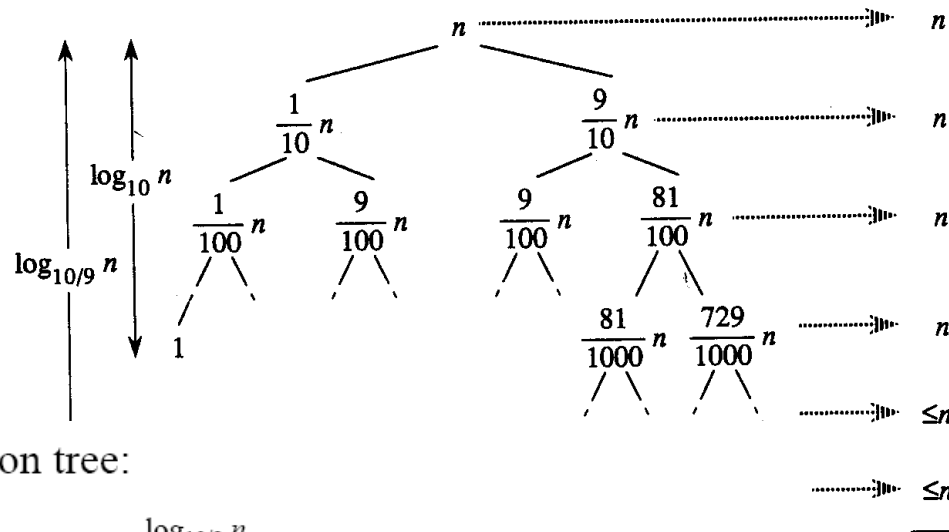
$$T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n) \text{ (Master theorem)}$$



Case Between Worst and Best

- 9-to-1 proportional split

$$Q(n) = Q(9n/10) + Q(n/10) + n$$



- Using the recursion tree:

$$\text{longest path: } Q(n) \leq n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_{10/9} n} 1 = n(\log_{10/9} n + 1) = c_2 n \lg n \quad \Theta(n \lg n)$$

$$\text{shortest path: } Q(n) \geq n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_{10} n} 1 = n \log_{10} n = c_1 n \lg n$$

$$\text{Thus, } Q(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

How does partition affect performance?

- **Any splitting of constant proportionality** yields $\Theta(n \lg n)$ time !!!

- Consider the $(1 : n - 1)$ splitting:

ratio = $1/(n - 1)$ not a constant !!!

- Consider the $(n/2 : n/2)$ splitting:

ratio = $(n/2)/(n/2) = 1$ it is a constant !!

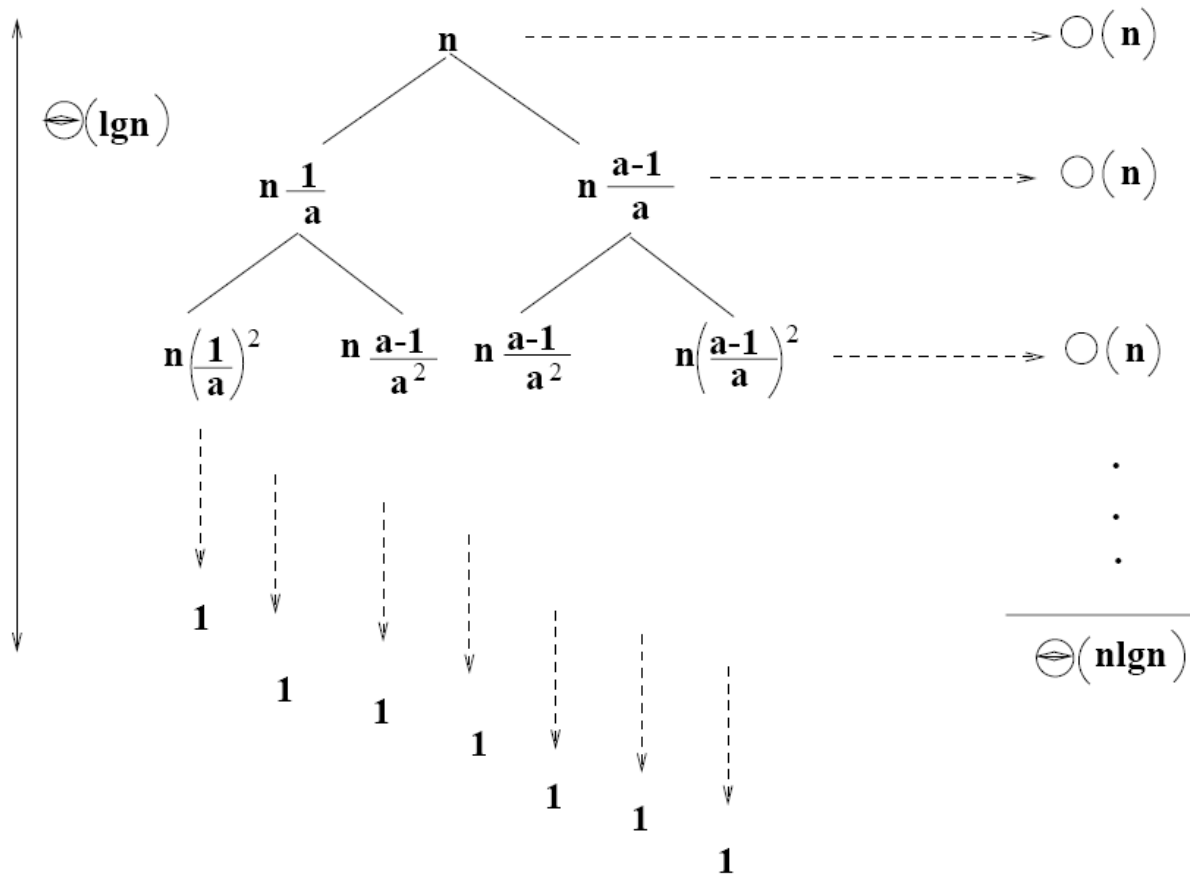
- Consider the $(9n/10 : n/10)$ splitting:

ratio = $(9n/10)/(n/10) = 9$ it is a constant !!

How does partition affect performance?

- Any $((a-1)n/a : n/a)$ splitting:

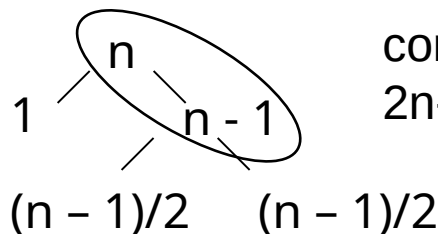
ratio= $((a-1)n/a)/(n/a) = a-1$ it is a constant !!



Performance of Quicksort

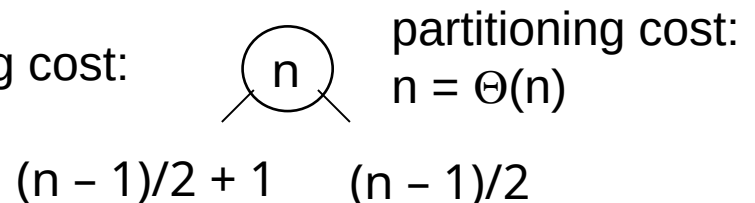
- Average case

- All permutations of the input numbers are equally likely
- On a random input array, we will have a **mix** of well balanced and unbalanced splits
- Good and bad splits are randomly distributed across throughout the tree



Alternate of a good
and a bad split

combined partitioning cost:
 $2n-1 = \Theta(n)$



Nearly well
balanced split

- Running time of Quicksort when levels alternate between good and bad splits is $O(n \lg n)$

Master Method

- Many divide-and-conquer recurrence equations have the form:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n < d \\ aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d \end{cases}$$

- The Master Theorem:

1. if $f(n)$ is $O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$, then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
2. if $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$, then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$
3. if $f(n)$ is $\Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$, then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(f(n))$,
provided $af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n)$ for some $\delta < 1$.

Master Method (Simplified)

- Let $T(n)$ be a monotonically increasing function that satisfies

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \text{ is at most some constant} \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a < c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a = c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c \log n)$

If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Master Method, Example 2

- The form:
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n < d \\ aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d \end{cases}$$

- :
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \text{ is at most some constant} \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^c)$

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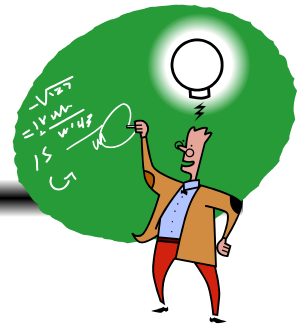
If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

- Example:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \log n$$

Solution: $\log_b a = 1$, so case 2 says $T(n)$ is $O(n \log^2 n)$.

Master Method, Example 3



- The form:
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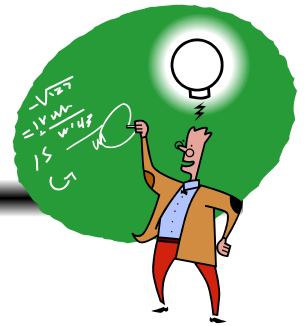
If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

- Examp

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + n \log n$$

Solution: $\log_b a = 0$, so case 3 says $T(n)$ is $O(n \log n)$.

Master Method, Example 4



- The form:
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- The Master Theorem:

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Where $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^c)$

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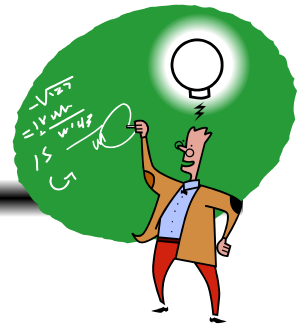
If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

- Example:

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n^2$$

Solution: $\log_b a = 3$, so case 1 says $T(n)$ is $O(n^3)$.

Master Method, Example 5

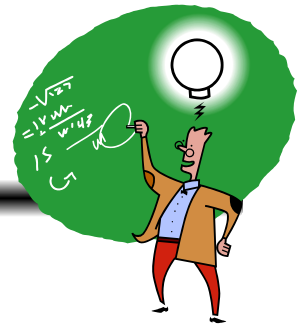


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provided $af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n)$ for some $\delta < 1$.
- Example:

$$T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n^3$$

Solution: $\log_b a = 2$, so case 3 says $T(n)$ is $O(n^3)$.

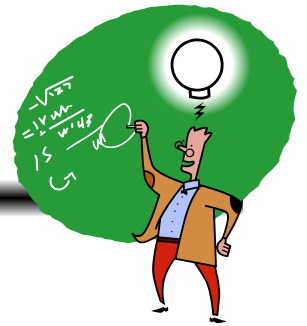
Master Method, Example 6



- The form:
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n < d \\ aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d \end{cases}$$
- The Master Theorem:
 1. if $f(n)$ is $O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$, then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
 2. if $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$, then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$
 3. if $f(n)$ is $\Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$, then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(f(n))$,
provided $af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n)$ for some $\delta < 1$.
- Example:
$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1 \quad (\text{binary search})$$

Solution: $\log_b a = 0$, so case 2 says $T(n)$ is $O(\log n)$.

Master Method, Example 7



- The form:
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n < d \\ aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d \end{cases}$$
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- Example:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \log n \quad (\text{heap construction})$$

Solution: $\log_b a = 1$, so case 1 says $T(n)$ is $O(n)$.

Recurrence to Big-Θ

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- It's still really hard to tell what the Big-Θ is just by looking at it.
- But fancy mathematicians have a formula for us to use!

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \text{ is at most some constant} \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a < c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a = c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c \log n)$

If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

$a=2$ $b=3$ and $c=1$

$y = \log_b x$ is equal to $b^y = x$

$\log_3 2 \cong 0.63$

$\log_3 2 < 1$

We're in case 1

$T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

Aside Understanding the Master Theorem

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \text{ is at most some constant} \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{r}\right) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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If $\log_b a < c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a = c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c \log n)$

If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

- a measures how many recursive calls are triggered by each method instance
- b measures the rate of change for input
- c measures the dominating term of the non recursive work within the recursive method
- d measures the work done in the base case

• The case $\log_b a < c$

Recursive case does a lot of non recursive work in comparison to how quickly it divides the input size

- Most work happens in beginning of call stack
- Non recursive work in recursive case dominates growth, n^c term

• The case $\log_b a = c$

- Recursive case evenly splits work between non recursive work and passing along inputs to subsequent recursive calls
- Work is distributed across call stack

• The case $\log_b a > c$

- Recursive case breaks inputs apart quickly and doesn't do much non recursive work
- Most work happens near bottom of call stack

Merge Sort Recurrence to Big- Θ

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 3 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \text{ is at most some constant} \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^c)$

If $\log_b a < c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c)$

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If $\log_b a > c$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

$a=2$ $b=2$ and $c=1$

$\log_2 2 = 1$

We're in case 2

$T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$