

Chapter 4: Merge Sort and Recursion

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2.1 Merge Sort

Merging Sort

- A typical algorithm based on divide-and-conquer
 - Divide: divide the given n-element-array into two sub arrays of about n/2 elements either
 - Conquer: sort the two sub arrays recursively
 - Merge: merge the two sorted sub arrays to generate the final output

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MERGE-SORT (A, p, r)

1 if p < r

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

3 MERGE-SORT(A, p, q)

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

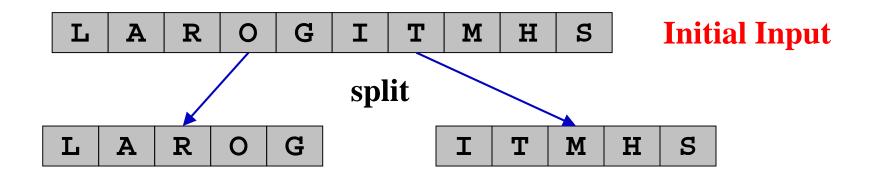
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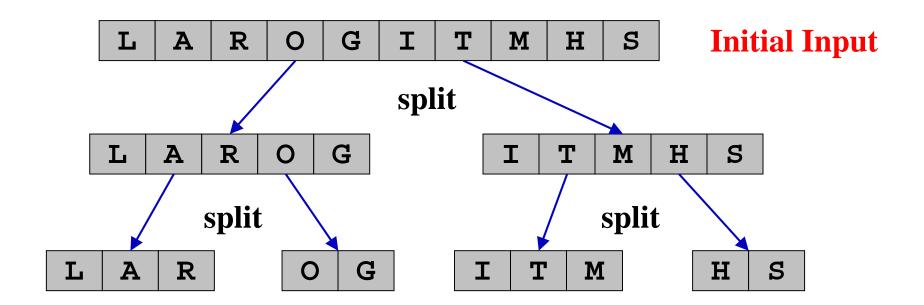
Pseudo Code of the Merge Procedure

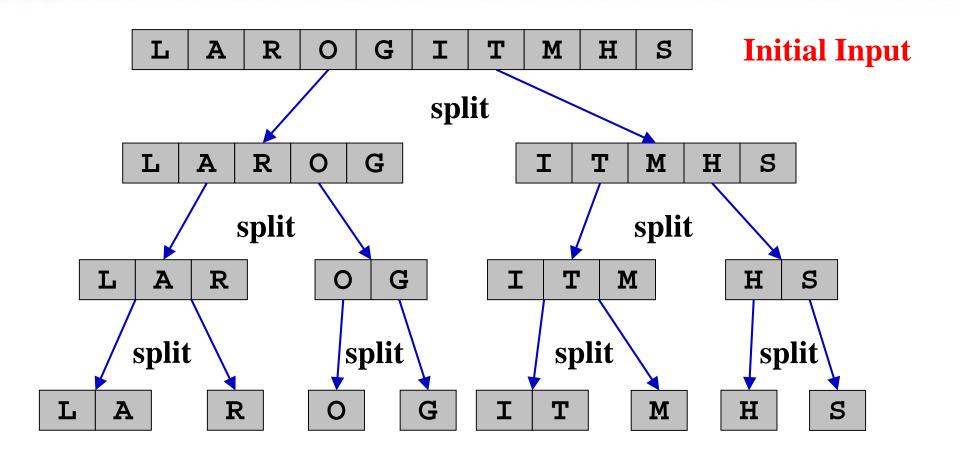
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MERGE(A, p, q, r)
1 n_1 \leftarrow q - p + 1
2 n_2 \leftarrow r - q
   create arrays L[1..n_1 + 1] and R[1..n_2 + 1]
4 for i ← 1 to n<sub>1</sub>
          do L[i] \leftarrow A[p + i - 1]
6 for j \leftarrow 1 to n_2
          do R[j] \leftarrow A[q+j]
8 \lfloor \lfloor n_1 + 1 \rfloor \leftarrow \infty
9 R[n_2+1] \leftarrow \infty
10 i ← 1
11 j ← 1
12 for k ← p to r
          do if L[i] \leq R[j]
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                  then A[k] \leftarrow L[i]
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                         i ← i + 1
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                         i \leftarrow j + 1
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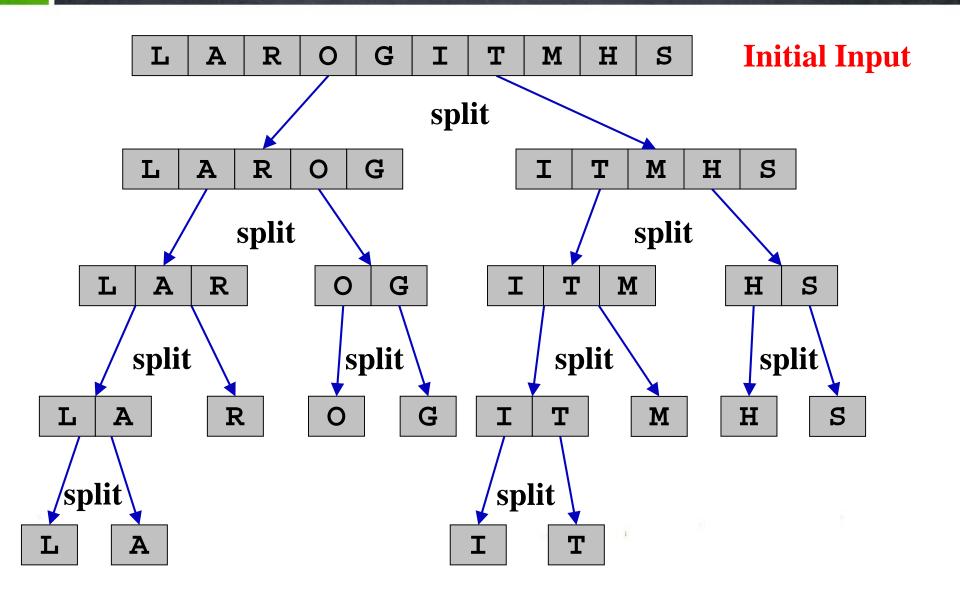
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Initial Input



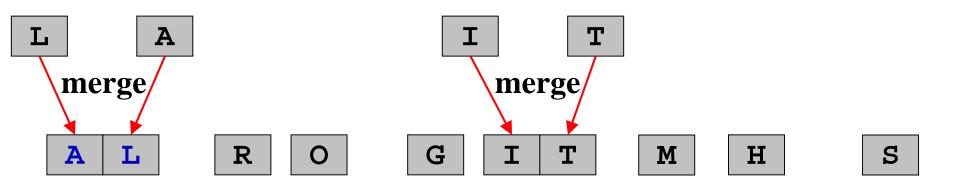


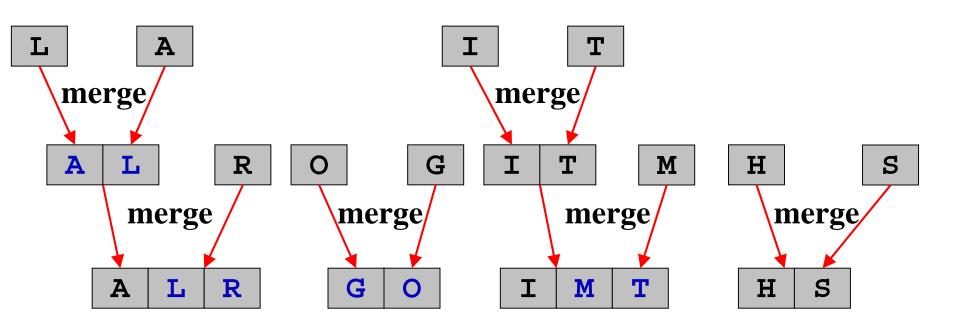


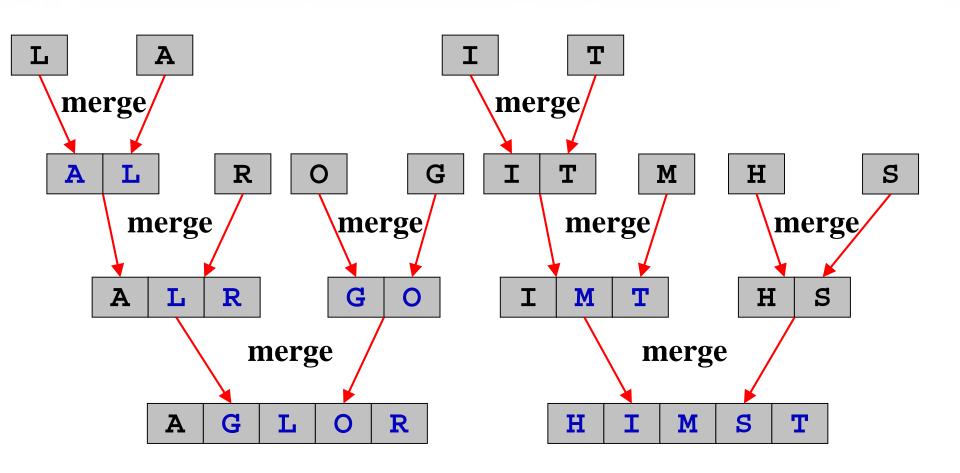


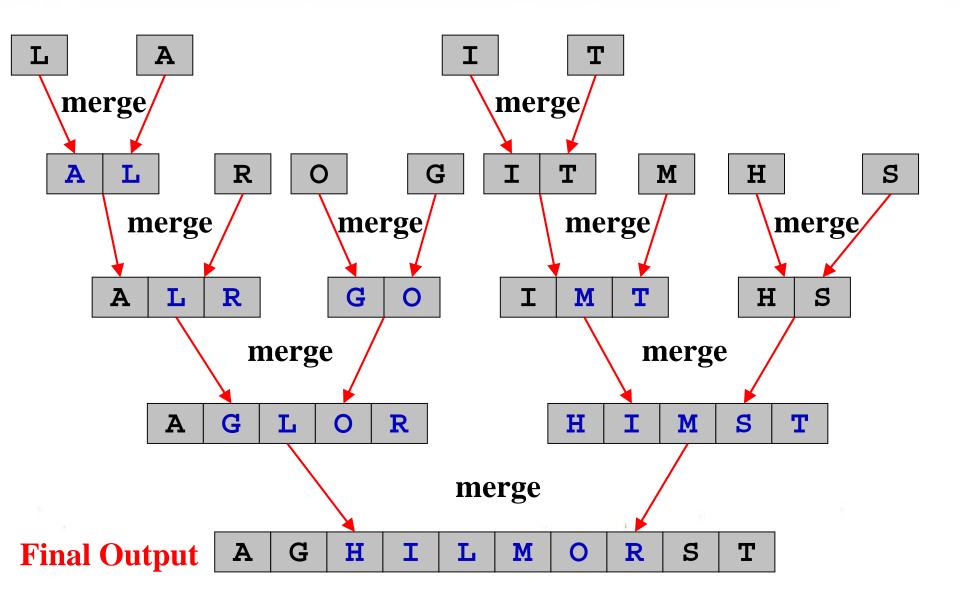
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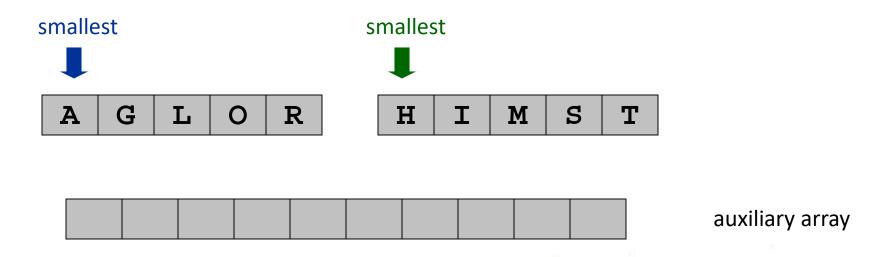




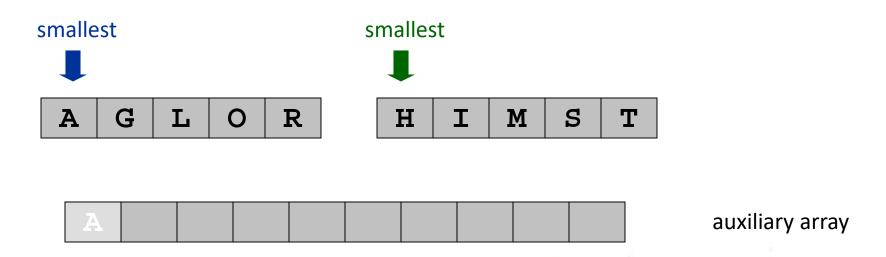




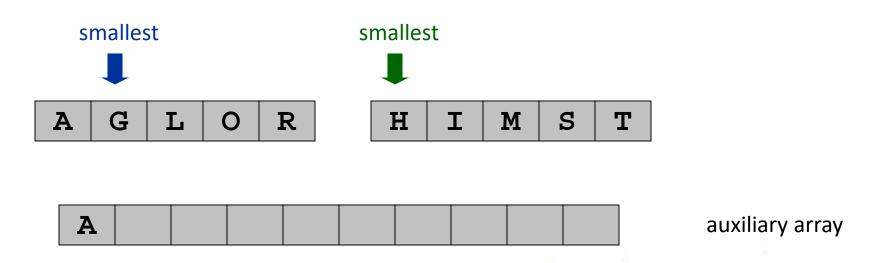
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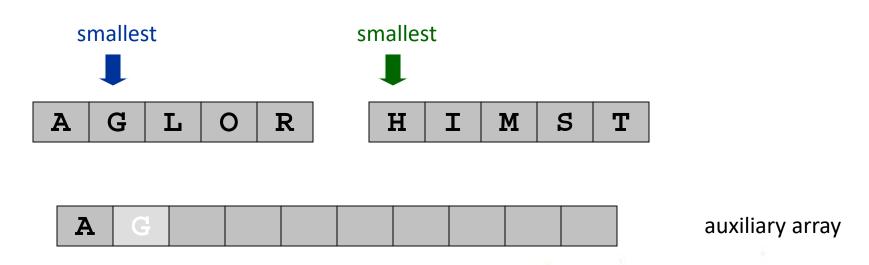
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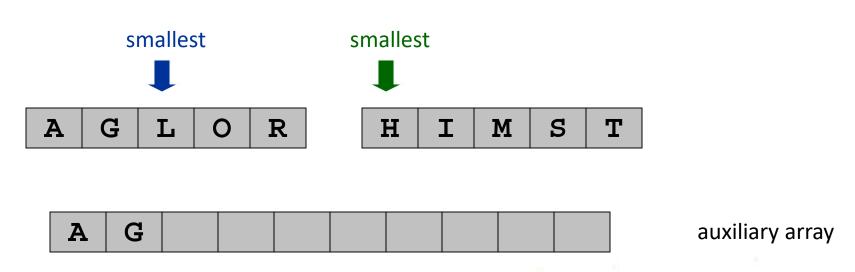
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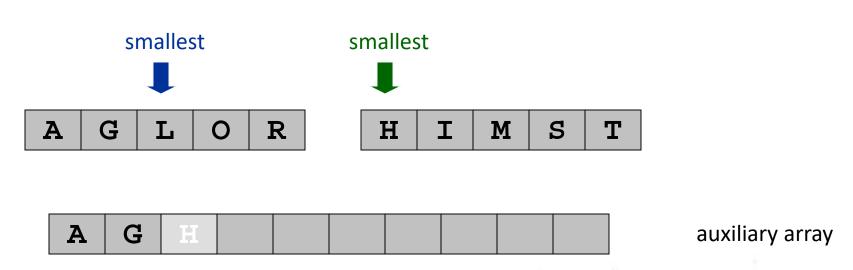
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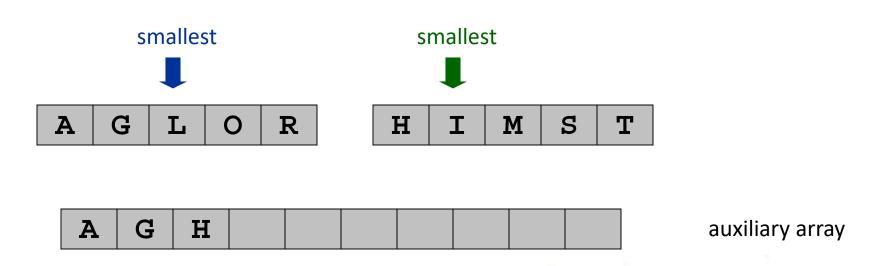
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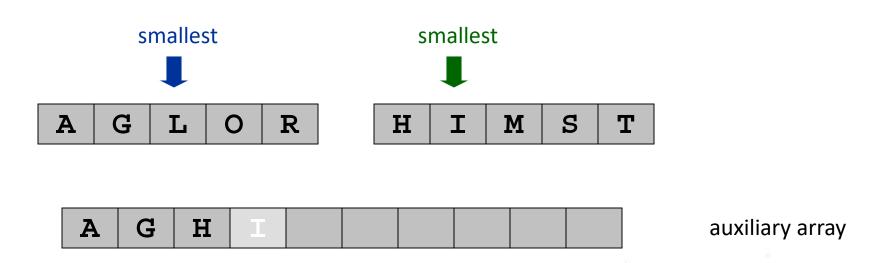
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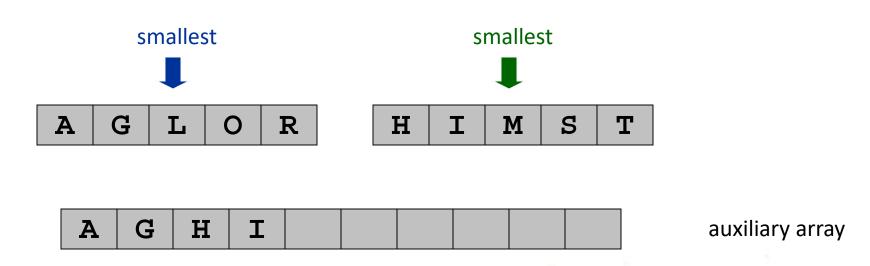
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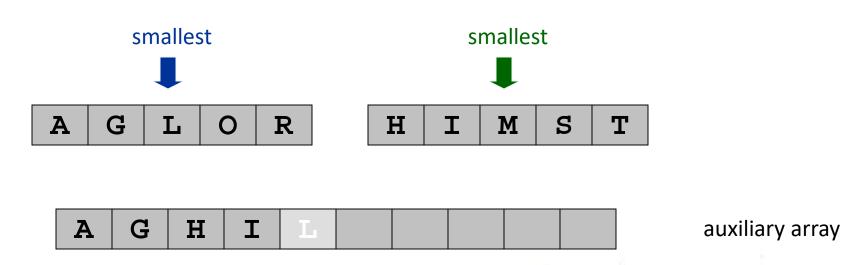
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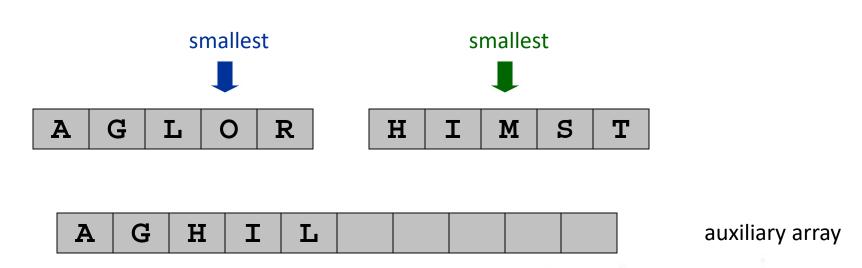
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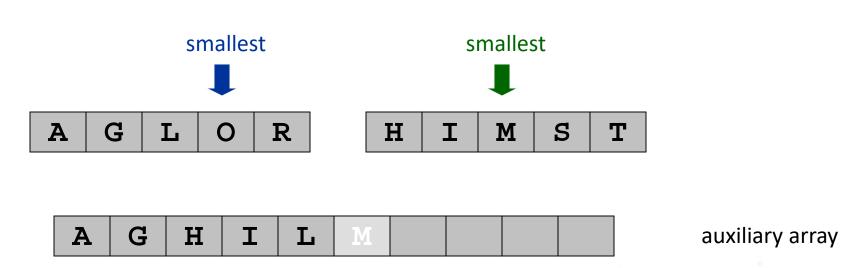
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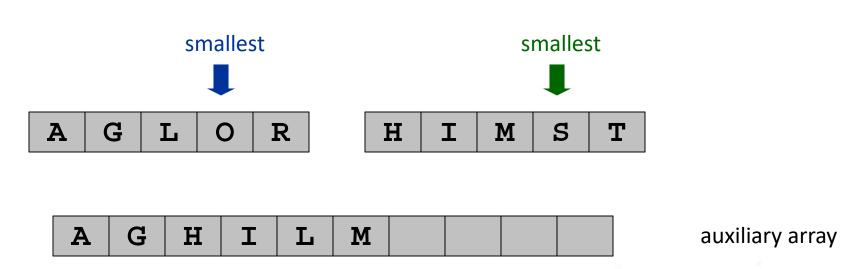
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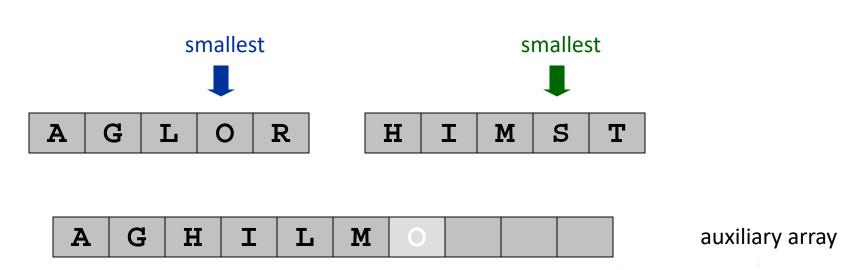
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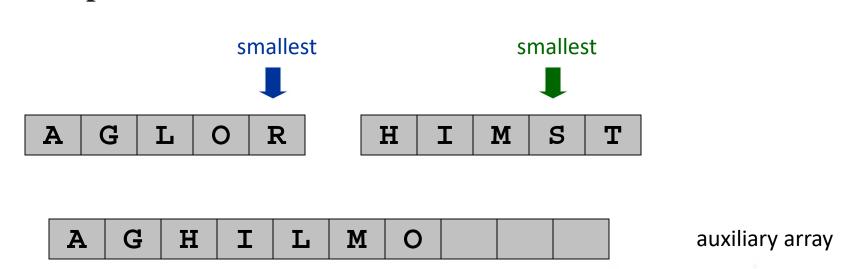
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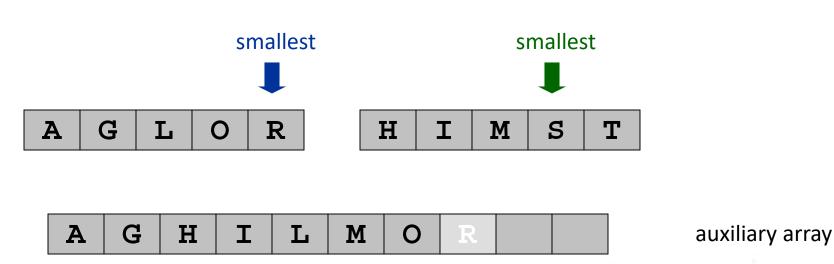
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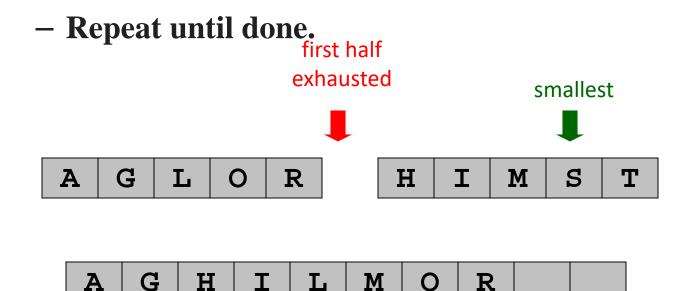
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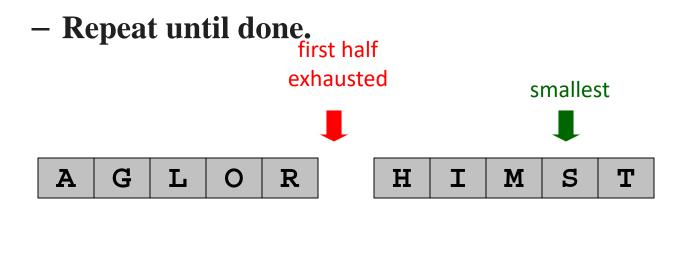


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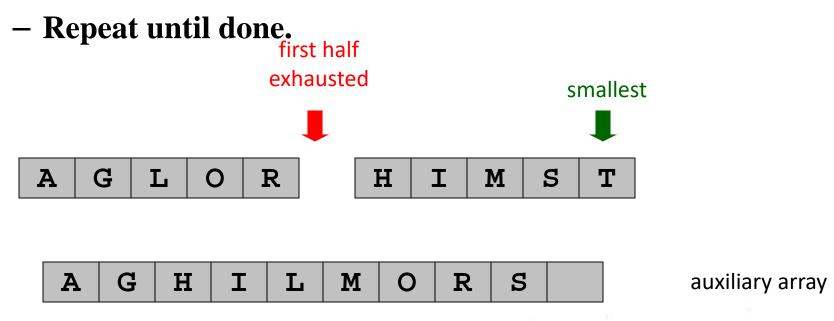
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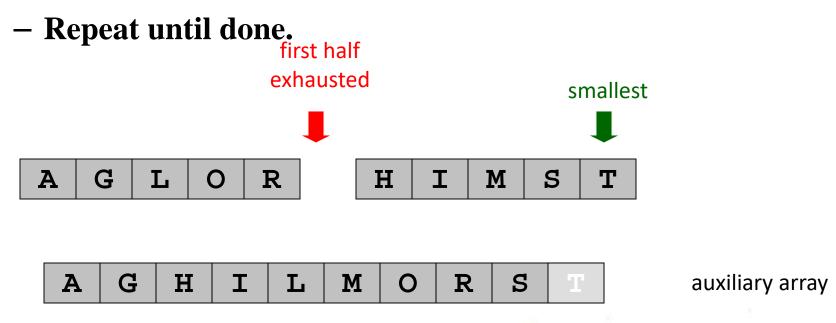
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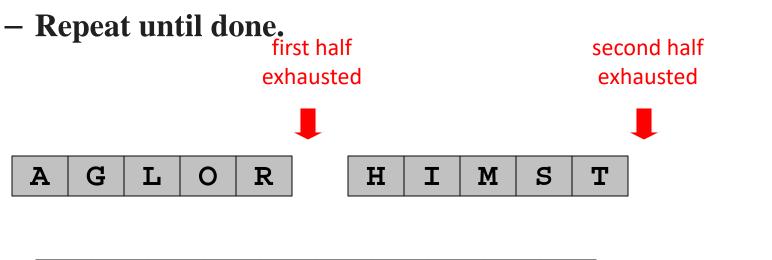
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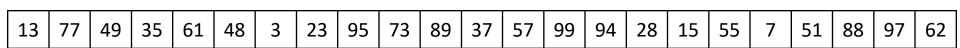
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• We will call insertion sort if the list being sorted is less than n = 8

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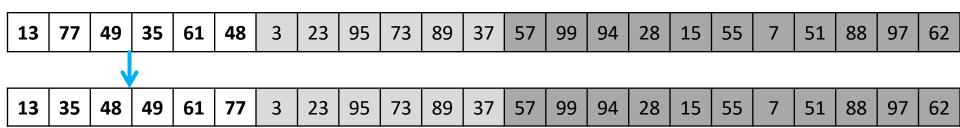
- The first and last entries are at indices first = 0 and last = 22
- We will split the list at midpoint = (0 + 22)/2, which equals 11 and recursively call merge sort on entries 0 through 11 and 12 through 22

• We are now sorting positions 0 through 11, inclusive

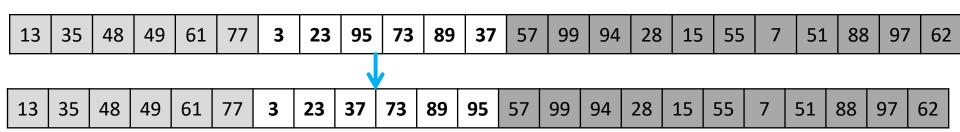
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Again, we calculate midpoint = (0 + 11)/2, which equals
 and recursively sort entries 0 through 5 and 6
 through 11

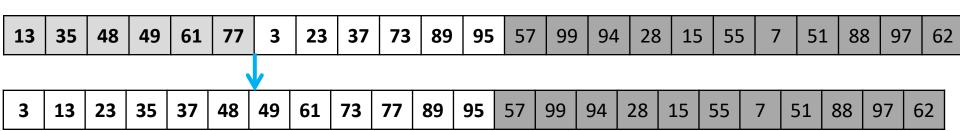
• This sub-list has only 6 entries, so we call insertion sort



• This sub-list also has only 6 entries: call insertion sort



These first two lists are now sorted, so we merge them:

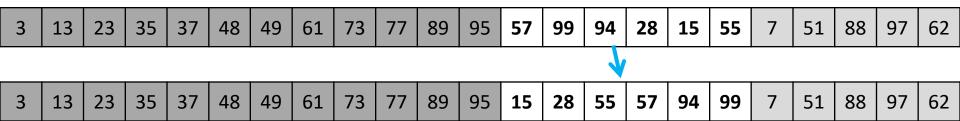


• We now proceed to the second half at positions 12 through 23

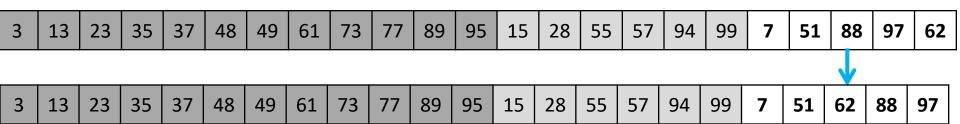
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• The midpoint is at midpoint = (12 + 23)/2, which equals 17 and recursively call merge sort on entries 12 through 17 and 18 through 22

• The sub-list from 12 through 17 has 6 entries: call insertion sort



• The sub-list from 18 through 22 has 5 entries: call insertion sort



Merge the two lists together:

3	13	23	35	37	48	49	61	73	77	89	95	15	28	55	57	94	99	7	51	62	88	97
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• Finally, merge both lists together:

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Exercise

• 1. Write the pseudo code of the mergeinsertion sort described above.

• 2. What is the computational complexity of merge-insertion sort?

2.2 Recursion Analyzing

Analyzing Merge Sort

MERGE-SORT A[1 ... n]

- $\Theta(1)$ 2 1. If n = 1, done.

 2 T(n/2)2. Recursively sort $A[1 ... \lceil n/2 \rceil]$ and $A[\lceil n/2 \rceil + 1 \dots n \rceil$.

 3. "Merge" the 2 sorted lists

Note: Should be $T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$, but it turns out not to matter asymptotically.

Recurrence for Merge Sort

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

• Solution: the asymptotic running time of Merge Sort is $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.

• We have several ways to prove this recurrence.

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2.2.1 Expansion

Expansion Method

• Sometimes the expression of the recurrence is very simple.

• Thus, we can expand the recurrence expression by replacing the current term with the decreasing-input-terms directly.

Expansion Method

- E.g., given the following recurrence:
- $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n), T(1) = \Theta(1)$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + c_1 n$$

$$= (T(n-2) + c_1 (n-1)) + c_1 n$$

$$= T(n-2) + c_1 n + c_1 (n-1)$$

$$= T(n-3) + c_1 n + c_1 (n-1) + c_1 (n-2)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$= T(1) + c_1 \sum_{i=2}^{n} i = c_2 + c_1 \sum_{i=2}^{n} i$$

$$= c_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n} i + (c_2 - c_1) = c_1 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (c_2 - c_1) \implies T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Expansion Method

• What if T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n), T(1) = O(1)?

• Thus, we can only get the upper bound.

$$T(n) \le T(n-1) + c_1 n$$

 $\le c_1 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (c_2 - c_1)$ $\Longrightarrow T(n) = O(n^2)$

Apply Expansion to Merge Sort

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

$$T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + c_1 n$$

$$= 4T(\frac{n}{4}) + c_1 \frac{n}{2} \times 2 + c_1 n$$

$$= 8T(\frac{n}{8}) + c_1 \frac{n}{4} \times 4 + c_1 \frac{n}{2} \times 2 + c_1 n$$

$$= ...$$

$$= 2^k T(\frac{n}{2^k}) + c_1 \left(\frac{n}{2^{k-1}} \times 2^{k-1} + ... + \frac{n}{2} \times 2 + n\right)$$

Apply Expansion to Merge Sort

if
$$\frac{n}{2^k} = 1$$
 then

$$\mathbf{T}(n) = c_2 2^k + c_1 \left(\frac{n}{2^{k-1}} \times 2^{k-1} + \dots + \frac{n}{2} \times 2 + n \right)$$

$$\frac{n}{2^k} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \log n$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\log n}c_2 + \left(\underbrace{\frac{n}{2^{k-1}} \times 2^{k-1} + \dots + \frac{n}{2} \times 2 + n}_{n\log n}\right)c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(c_2 n + c_1 n \log n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

Exercise in Class

•
$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$
, $T(1) = \Theta(1)$

• Solve the above recurrence through expansion.

2.2.2 Substitution

Substitution method

- The most general method.
 - 1. Guess the form of the solution.
 - 2. Verify by induction.
 - 3. Solve for constants.

- Example: $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$, $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
 - Guess $O(n^3)$.
 - Assume that $T(n) \le c_1 n^3$ for $n \ge n_0$.
 - Prove $T(n) \le c_1 n^3$ by induction.

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + c_2 n$$

$$\leq 4c_1(n/2)^3 + c_2 n$$

$$= (c_1/2)n^3 + c_2 n$$

$$= c_1 n^3 + (c_2 n - (c_1/2)n^3)$$
If $T(n) \leq c_1 n^3$
then $(c_2 n - (c_1/2)n^3) \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{holds for } n^2 \geq \frac{2c_2}{c_1}, \text{e.g., } c_2 = 1, c_1 = 2 \text{ and } n \geq 1$$

• This is not a tight bound: We cannot prove the tightness!

- $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n), T(1) = \Theta(1)$
 - $-O(n^3)$ is proven.
 - How about we want to prove $\Theta(n^3)$?
 - We need to prove $\Omega(n^3)$ and $O(n^3)$
 - Prove $T(n) \le c_1 n^3$ and $T(n) \ge c_3 n^3$ for $n \ge n_0$ simultaneously.

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + c_2 n$$

$$\geq 4c_1 (n/2)^3 + c_2 n$$

$$= (c_1/2)n^3 + c_2 n$$

$$= c_1 n^3 + (c_2 n - (c_3/2)n^3)$$
If $T(n) \geq c_1 n^3$
then $(c_2 n - (c_3/2)n^3) \geq 0$
thus $n^2 \leq \frac{2c_2}{c_1}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{can not hold since } n \to \infty \text{ and } 0 < c_1 < \infty$$

- Then for $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$, $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
 - Can we prove $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$?
 - Then we should prove $T(n) = O(n^2)$ and $T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$ for $n \ge n_0$
 - We firstly prove $T(n) = O(n^2)$, and we choose to prove $T(n) \le cn^2$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + dn$$

$$\leq 4c(n/2)^{2} + dn$$

$$= cn^{2} + dn$$

- Can we say that we have proven our inductive hypothesis (I.H.) which is denoted by $T(n) \le cn^2$?
- NO, WE CANNOT
- Since we have to prove the **EXACT** form of the I.H!
- Thus, the above proof fails!

• Idea: strengthen the inductive hypothesis,

by subtracting a low-order term.
I.H.:
$$T(n) \le c_1 n^2 - c_2 n$$
 for $n \ge n_0$.

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + dn$$

$$\leq 4(c_1(n/2)^2 - c_2(n/2)) + dn$$

$$= c_1 n^2 - 2c_2 n + dn$$

$$= c_1 n^2 - c_2 n + (d - c_2) n$$
If $T(n) \leq c_1 n^2 - c_2 n$
then $(d - c_2) < 0$

 \Rightarrow holds for $d < c_2$

• Then for
$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$
, $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
- We prove $T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$ by proving $T(n) \ge c_3 n^2 - c_4 n$ for $n \ge n_0$
 $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + dn$
 $\ge 4(c_3(n/2)^2 - c_4(n/2)) + dn$
 $= c_3 n^2 - 2c_4 n + dn$
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If $T(n) \ge c_3 n^2 - c_4 n$
 $\Rightarrow then (d - c_4) > 0$

 \Rightarrow holds for $d > c_A$

Example of substitution

- Thus, for $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$, $T(1) = \Theta(1)$,
 - We achieve that $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Apply Substitution to Merge Sort

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

- Guess $\Theta(n \log n)$.
- Assume that $T(n) \le c_1 \cdot n \log n$ and $T(n) \ge c_2 \cdot n \log n$ for $n \ge n_0$.
- Prove $T(n) \le c_1 \cdot n \log n \text{ and } T(n) \ge c_2 \cdot n \log n$ by induction.

Apply Substitution to Merge Sort

• Proof:

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T(n) = 2T(n/2) + dn
       \leq 2c_1 \cdot (n/2) \cdot \log(n/2) + dn
       = c_1 n \cdot (\log n - 1) + dn
       = c_1 n \log n - (c_1 - d)n
\rightarrow if T(n) \leq c_1 n \log n for n \geq n_0
   then (c_1 - d)n \geq 0
\rightarrow holds for c_1 \ge d
\rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n) is proven.
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Apply Substitution to Merge Sort

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + dn$$

$$\geq 2c_2 \cdot (n/2) \cdot \log(n/2) + dn$$

$$= c_2 n \cdot (\log n - 1) + dn$$

$$= c_2 n \log n - (c_2 - d)n$$

$$\rightarrow if T(n) \geq c_2 n \log n \text{ for } n \geq n_0$$

$$then (c_2 - d)n \leq 0$$

$$\rightarrow holds \text{ for } c_2 \leq d$$

$$\rightarrow T(n) = \Omega(n \log n) \text{ is proven.}$$

Thus, we have achieved that $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$

Exercise in Class

- For $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$, $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
 - Can we prove that T(n) = O(n)?

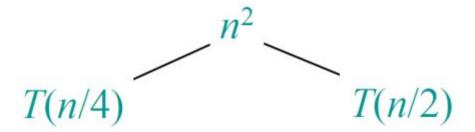
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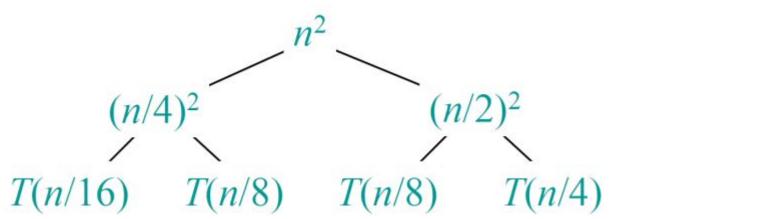
Recursion-tree Method

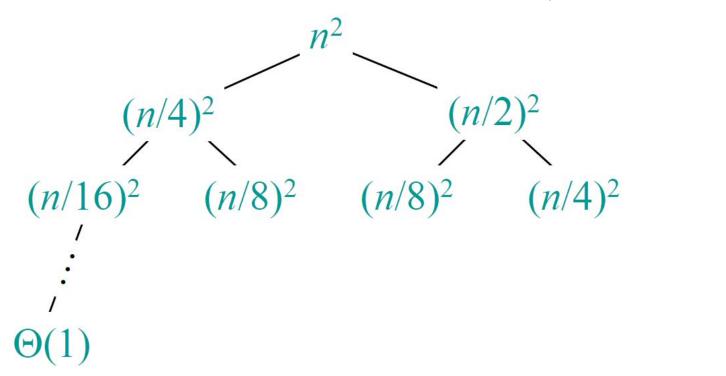
- Sometimes a good I.H. is intractable through guessing.
- Fortunately, we can draw the recursion tree to help us obtain the I.H.
- However, after achieving the I.H., we still need to prove the correctness of this I.H. by substitution.

• Solve
$$T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$
, $T(1) = \Theta(1)$

$$T(n)$$







$$(n/4)^{2} \qquad (n/2)^{2} \qquad \frac{5}{16}n^{2}$$

$$(n/16)^{2} \qquad (n/8)^{2} \qquad (n/8)^{2} \qquad (n/4)^{2} \qquad \frac{25}{256}n^{2}$$

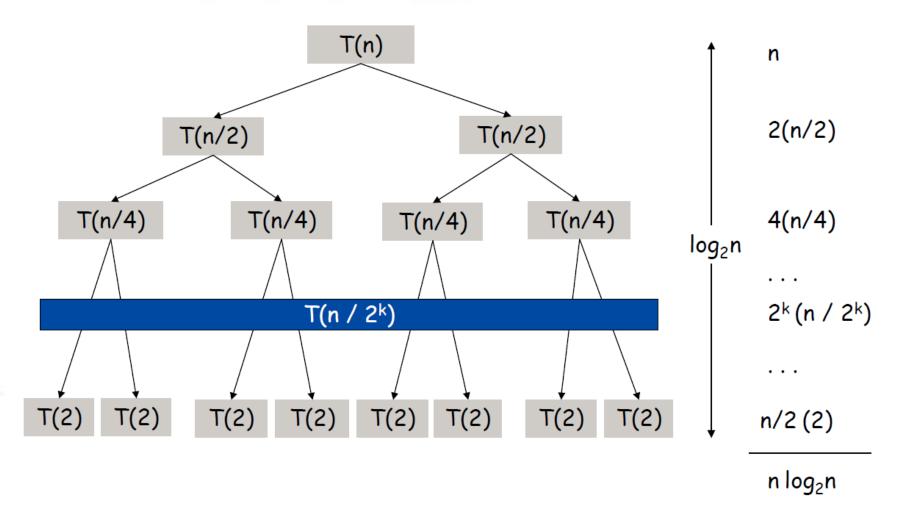
$$\vdots \qquad \vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$\Theta(1) \qquad \text{Total} = n^{2} \left(1 + \frac{5}{16} + \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^{3} + \cdots\right)$$

$$= \Theta(n^{2}) \qquad \text{geometric series}$$

Apply Recursion-tree to Merge Sort

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



Run-time Summary of Merge Sort

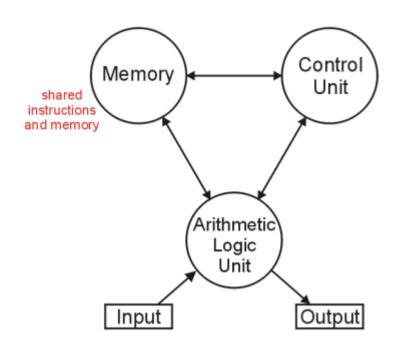
• The following table summarizes the run-times of merge sort

Case	Run Time	Comments
Worst	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	No worst case
Average	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	
Best	$\Theta(n \log(n))$	No best case

• How can merge sort always have the computational complexity at $\Theta(1)$?

Aside

- The (likely) first implementation of merge sort was on the ENIAC in 1945 by John von Neumann
- The creator of the von Neumann architecture used by all modern computers:





Exercise in Class

For

$$T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2),$$

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

Prove that $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ through substitution.

Exercises

- CLRS 4.2-2
- CLRS 4.2-5

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End of Section.