

MCAC 302: Design and Analysis of Algorithms

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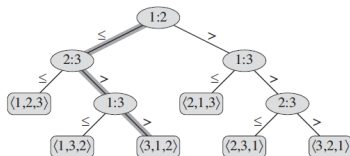
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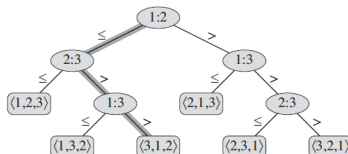
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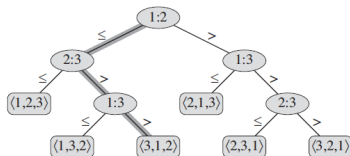


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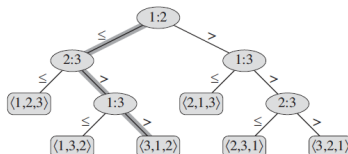


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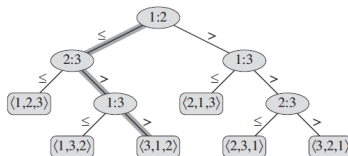


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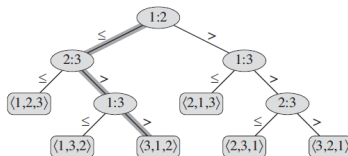


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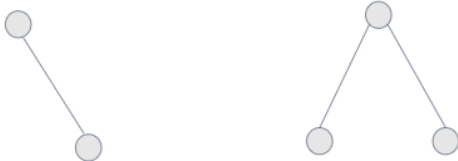
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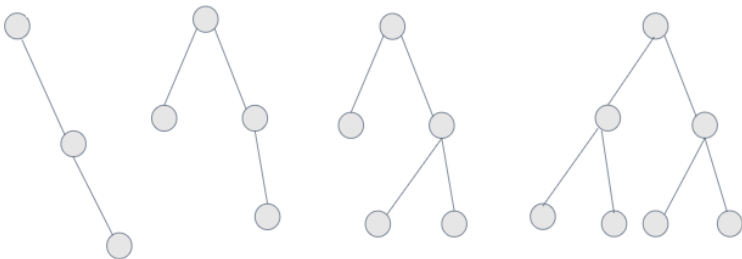
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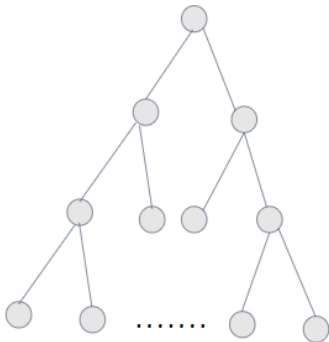
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- ▶ Corollary: Mergesort is asymptotically optimal in the category of comparison sort algorithms.

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Answer is Yes. We can sort them in $O(n)$ time.

Let us see with the help of an example.

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$CF[i]$ gives us the number of elements with last digit $\leq i$. Thus, this gives us the last location where such elements should be stored. Let us first understand this concept on Example 1.

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output: Sorted Array A

Count-Sort(A, R)

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 2. Compute the cumulative frequencies.
 3. Scan the input in reverse order. For every scanned element x , get its location i from the CFT and write x in the i^{th} location of the output array and decrement the value corresponding to x in CFT by 1.
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