

$$\begin{array}{c}
 n \\
 \wedge \\
 3n/7 \quad 4n/7 \\
 / \quad \quad \backslash \\
 1 \quad 3n/4 \quad n/4
 \end{array}$$

Here we do not get a balanced partition (Skewed recursive tree)

These skewed recursion tree generalises to $n*(n-1)/2$ thus the worst case running time of this Algorithm will be $O(n^2)$.

3)

Merge sort is preferred for sorting a linked list . This is mainly due to the memory allocation of Linked lists. Linked list nodes may not be adjacent in memory and merge sort can be implemented in $O(1)$ time. The need of random access to a data is low in Merge sort.

While in arrays , Quick sort is recommended because we can do random access because elements are continuous to each other.

Merge sort is used to sort Linked Lists in **$O(n \log n)$** time.