

Count Analysis

## a.) Recurrence Relation

- a. Since the algorithm is essentially Merge Sort with addition, which is not the domineering operation, the recurrence relation is:

$$T(n) = 2 \left( T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \right) + n - 1, \quad T(1) = 0$$

## b.) Closed Form Solution

$$T(n) = 2 \left( T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \right) + n - 1, \quad T(1) = 0$$

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

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

$$T(n) = 2^2 \left( T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) \right) + 2n - 3$$

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$$T(n) = 2^k * T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + kn - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i$$

$$\frac{n}{2^k} = 1 \rightarrow n = 2^k \rightarrow k = \log_2(n), \quad \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i = 2^{i+1} - 1 \rightarrow 2^k - 1$$

$$T(n) = 2^{\log_2(n)} \left( T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) \right) + n(\log_2(n)) - (2^{\log_2(n)} - 1)$$

$$T(n) = n(T(1)) + n\log_2(n) - n + 1$$

$$T(n) = n * (0) + n\log_2(n) - n + 1$$

Closed Form Solution

$$T(n) = n\log_2(n) - n + 1$$