

1. My Answer:  $O(n \log(n))$

My reason:

If we divide input into "M" parts each time in merge sort. complexity will be  $T(n) = Mn(\log(n) \text{ to the base } M)$ , M is equal to 3 for this question, and usually  $M = 2$  or 3 will be an efficient merge sort.

So according Master's Theorem:

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 3T(n/3) + O(n) = O(n \log_3(n))$$

The Complexity is  $O(n \log(n))$ <sub>#</sub>

2. My Answer:  $O(n \log(n))$

My reason:

Top Level: Even Divide  $\Rightarrow$  put these together:

$$\begin{aligned} T_e(n) &= 2T_e\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) & \rightarrow T_b\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) &= T_e\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right) + O\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\ \text{Alt Level: Bad Divide} & & \rightarrow T_e(n) &= 2T_e\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right) + O\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) \\ T_b(n) &= T_b(n-1) + T(1) + O(n) & \rightarrow T_e(n) &= 2T_e\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right) + O(n) \\ &= T_b(n-1) + O(n) & \therefore T_e\left(\frac{n}{2}-1\right) &\leq T_e\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\ & & \therefore T_e(n) &\leq 2T_e\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by master's theorem  $\Rightarrow T_e(n) = \underline{O(n \log(n))}$ <sub>#</sub>

3. My Answer: Insertion sort

My reason:

The worst case of Quicksort is  $O(n^2)$ , when sorted, or reverse sorted.

The expected complexity of Quicksort is  $O(n \log(n))$

The worst case of insertion sort is  $O(n^2)$

Alternative complexity measure for insertion sort is  $O(\# \text{inversions})$ , so could get  $O(n)$  when  $\# \text{inversion}$  is  $O(n)$

$\therefore$  I will choose insertion sort<sub>#</sub> to sort the list by date.

4. My Answer:  $O(k^2 n)$

My reason:

$n \quad n \quad n \quad n \quad \dots \quad n$   
 $\uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow$   
 $\quad \quad \quad k \quad \quad \quad$

Step 1 : merge (1,2) Work =  $2n$

Step 2 : merge (1,2) Work =  $2n + n = 3n$

$\vdots$

Step  $k-1$  : merge (1'', ..., 2''', ...) Work =  $(k-1)n + n = kn$

Total:  $2n + 3n + 4n + \dots + kn = (2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + k)n = O(k^2 n)$

$\therefore$  The complexity of this  $n$ -way merge is  $O(k^2 n)$ <sub>#</sub>

5. My Answer:  $O(kn \log(k))$

My reason

Phase 1: Merge pairs

Phase 2: Merge  $\frac{k}{2}$  2n

Work phase 1: Merge pairs  $\frac{k}{2} \cdot 2n = kn$

Work phase 2: Merge  $\frac{k}{4}$  pairs cost  $4n = kn$

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work in any phase:  $k_n$

# phase =  $\log_2(K)$

Therefore, total work =  $O(Kn \log(K))$

∴ The complexity of this merge operation is  $O(kn \log(k))$  #