# Algorithms and Datastructures Cache Efficiency, Divide and Conquer

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- ▶ Today we will see examples where this is not suitable

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  - natural order:

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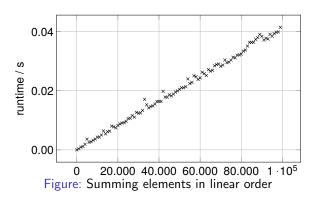
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    # set linear order as accessor
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def run(param):
    # unpack data
    (order, data) = param
    # init the sum value
    s = 0
    for index in order:
        s += data[index]
    return s
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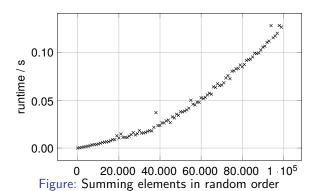


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- ▶ The costs in terms of memory access are very different

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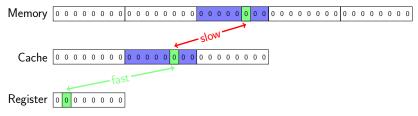
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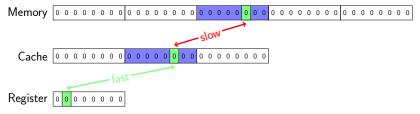
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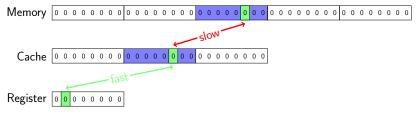
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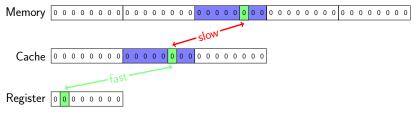
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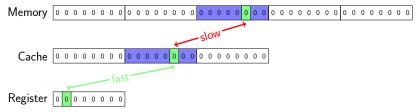
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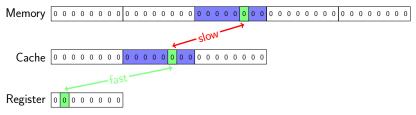
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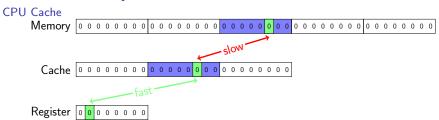


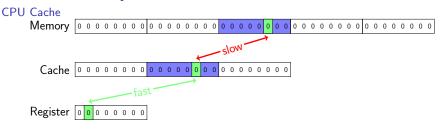
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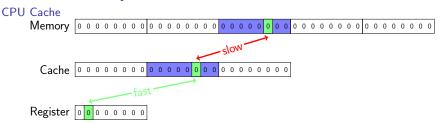
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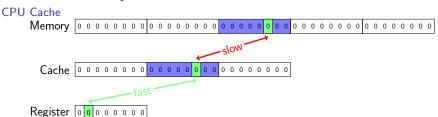




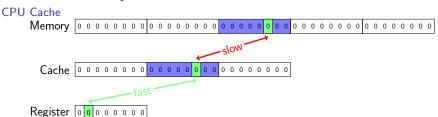


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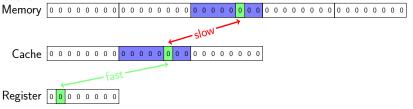


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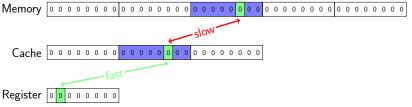
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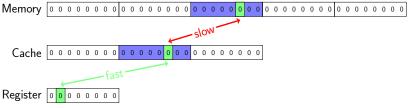
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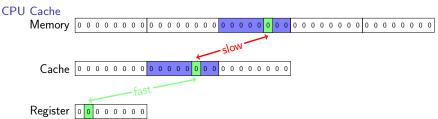


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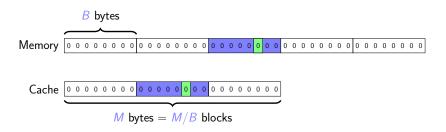


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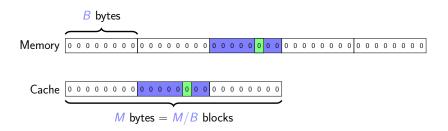


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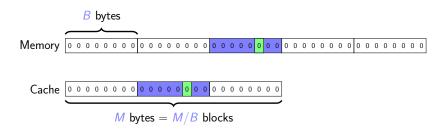
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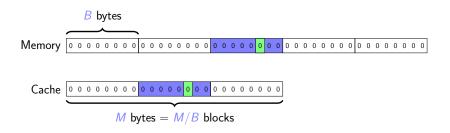
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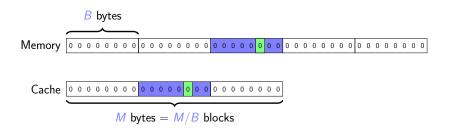
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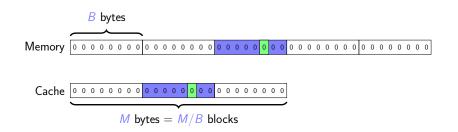
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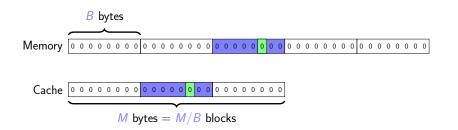
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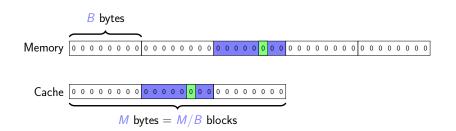
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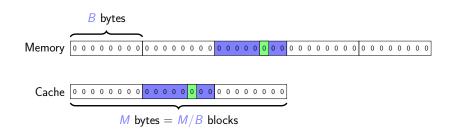
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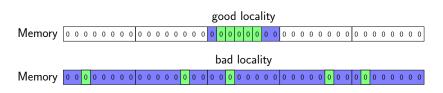


Figure: Comparison good / bad locality

### Accessing the cache B times:

- ▶ Best case: 1 block operation → good locality
- Worst case: B block operations → bad locality

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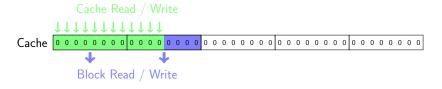


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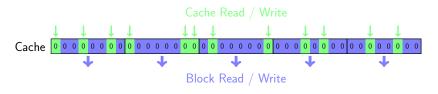


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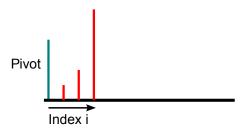
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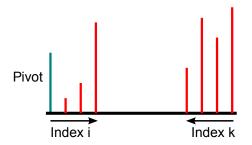
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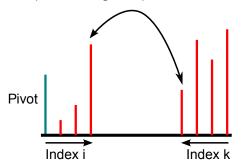
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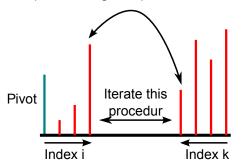
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def quicksort(1, start, end):
   if (end - start) < 1:
      return

i = start
   k = end
   piv = 1[0]</pre>
```

```
Block Operations - QuickSort - Python
   def quicksort(l, start, end):
     while k > i:
       while l[i] <= piv and i <= end and k > i:
         i += 1
       while l[k] > piv and k >= start and k >= i:
         k = 1
       if k > i: # swap elements
         (1[i], 1[k]) = (1[k], 1[i])
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     quicksort(l, start, k - 1)
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$$T(n) \leq \underbrace{A \cdot n}_{\text{splitting in two parts}} + \underbrace{2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}_{\text{recursive sort}}$$

$$\leq A \cdot n + 2\left(A \cdot \frac{n}{2} + 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)\right)$$

$$= 2A \cdot n + 4 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)$$

$$\leq 3A \cdot n + 8 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right)$$

$$\leq \cdots$$

$$\leq k \cdot A \cdot n + 2^k \cdot T(1)$$

$$= \log_2 n \cdot A \cdot n + n \cdot T(1)$$

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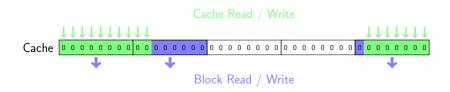


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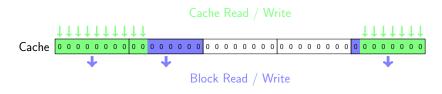


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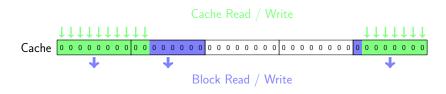


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 $IO(n) \leq A \cdot n/B + 2 \cdot IO(n/2)$ 

splitting in two parts recursive sort

$$\leq A \cdot n/B + 2(A \cdot n/2B + 2 \cdot IO(n/4))$$

$$\leq 2 \cdot A \cdot n/B + 4 \cdot IO(n/4)$$

$$\leq 3 \cdot A \cdot n/B + 8 \cdot IO(n/8)$$

$$\leq \cdots$$

$$\leq k \cdot A \cdot n/B + 2^k \cdot IO(n/2^k)$$

$$= \log_2(n/B) \cdot A \cdot (n/B) + n/B \cdot IO(B)$$

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        S2 = solve(P2)
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#### **Application:**

Maximum profit of buying and selling shares



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             subSum = 0
            for k in range(i, j + 1):
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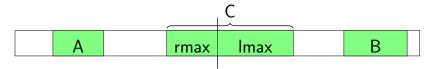
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def maxSubArray(X, i, j):
    if i == j: #trivial case
        return (X[i], i, i)
    m = (i + j) / 2
        #recursive Subsolutions for A,B
    A = \max SubArray(X, i, m)
    B = \max SubArray(X, m + 1, j)
    #rmax and lmax for bordercase C
    C1 = rmax(X, i, m)
    C2 = lmax(X, m + 1, j)
    C = (C1[0] + C2[0], C1[1], C2[1])
    #Solution results from A,B,C
    return max([A, B, C], \
        key=lambda item: item[0])
```

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