

# Sorting

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### Warning

Proving the correctness of BESTTwoSUM in all details is *tricky*!

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9. Finally, the *else* case of the case distinction (analogous).

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## Intermezzo: Correctness of BESTTWO SUM

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10. The invariant holds!

Let  $TS(start, end) = \{(L[i], L[j]) \mid (L[i] + L[j] = w) \wedge (start \leq i < j \leq end)\}$ .

1: *result* := empty bag.

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## Intermezzo: Correctness of BESTTwoSUM

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## Intermezzo: Correctness of BESTTWOsum

### Warning

You cannot learn correctness proofs from slides: practice on simple algorithms yourself!

## A first sort algorithm: SELECTIONSORT

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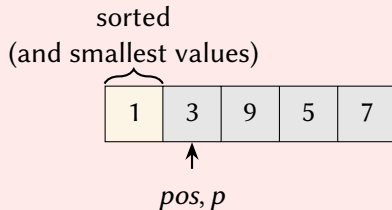


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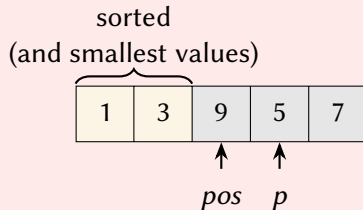
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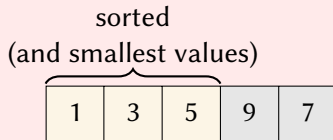


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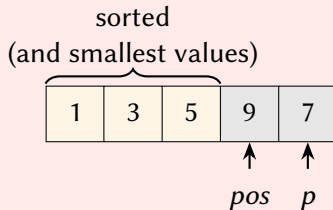


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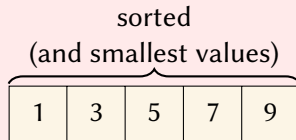


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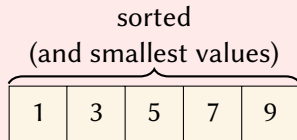
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## Correctness of SELECTIONSORT: Some tips

- ▶ Rework the for-loops into while loops.
- ▶ The inner loop only changes  $p$ : prove whatever that loop does separately.
- ▶ Include as much information into the invariant of the outer loop.  
*What exactly do we know about the values in  $L[0 \dots pos]$ .*
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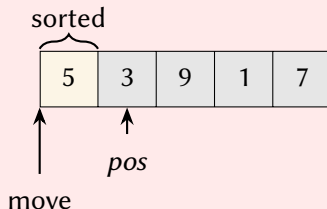


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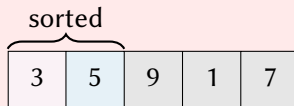
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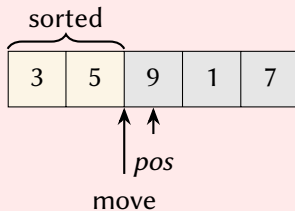


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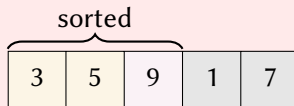


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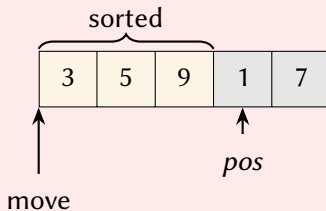


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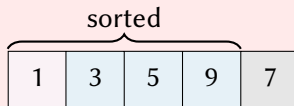


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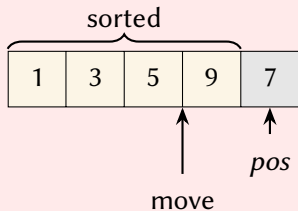


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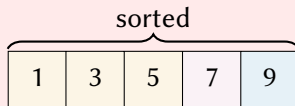


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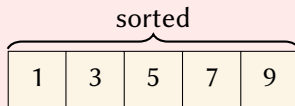


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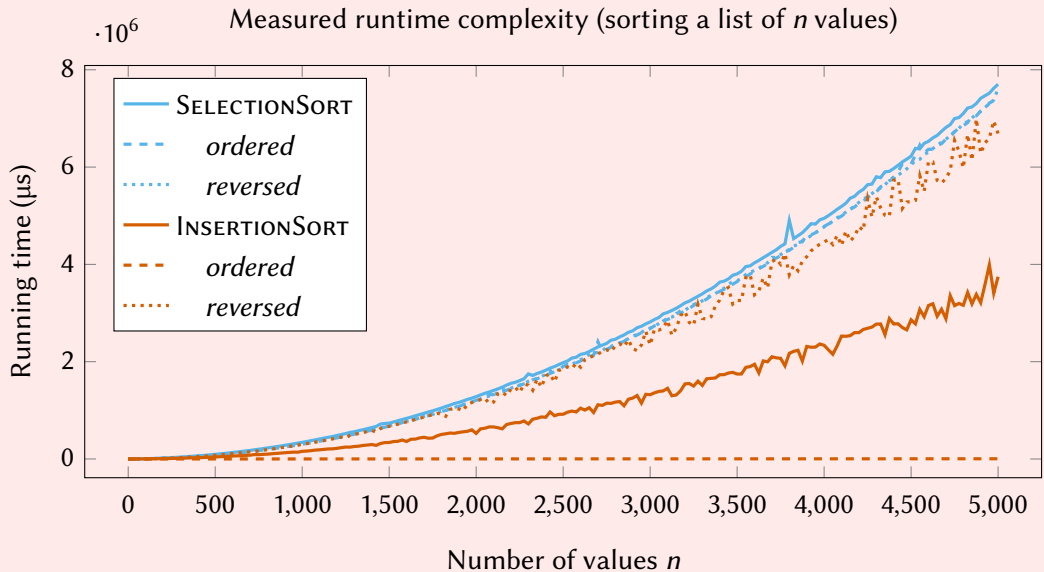
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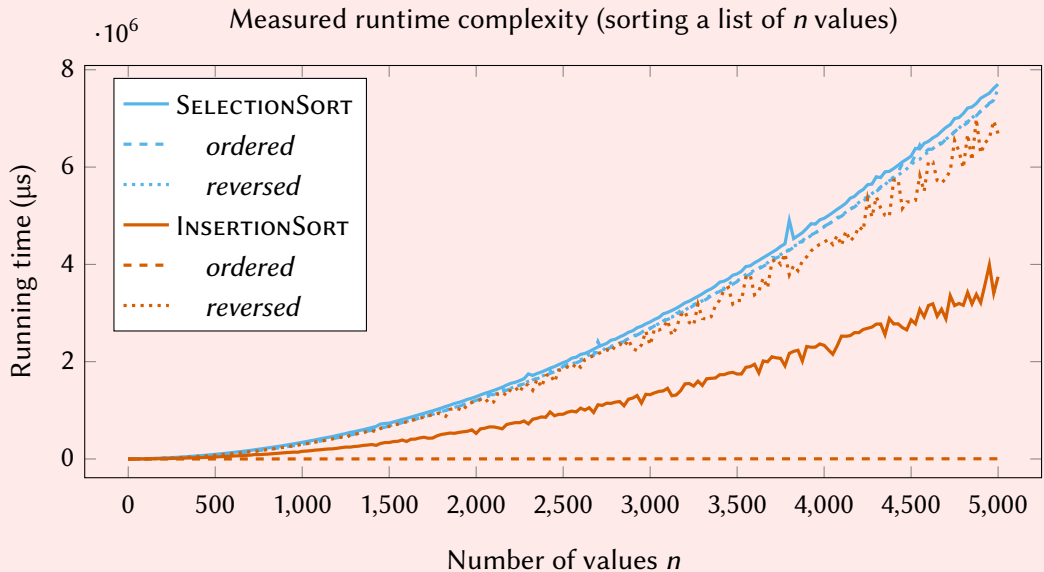
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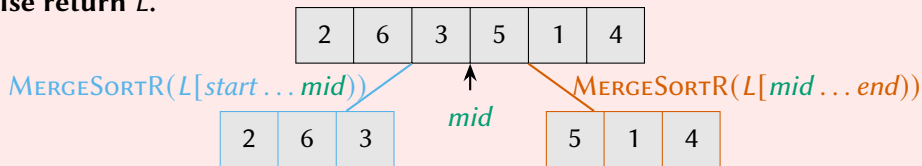
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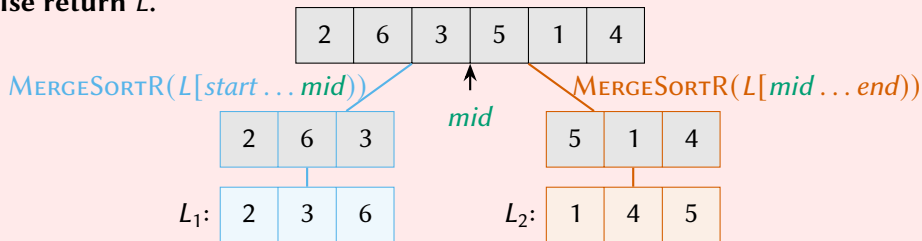
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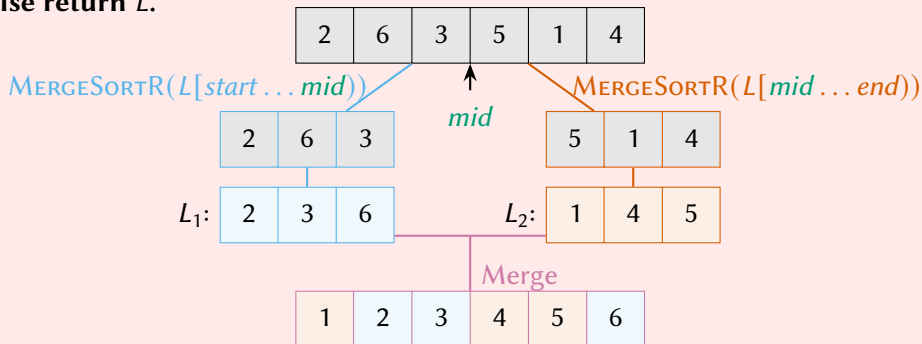




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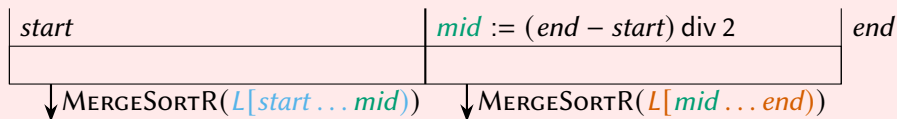
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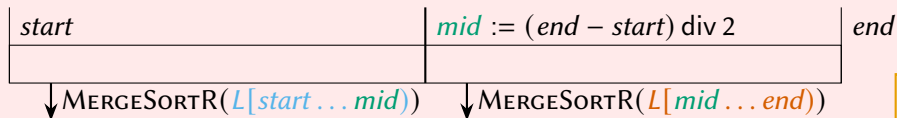


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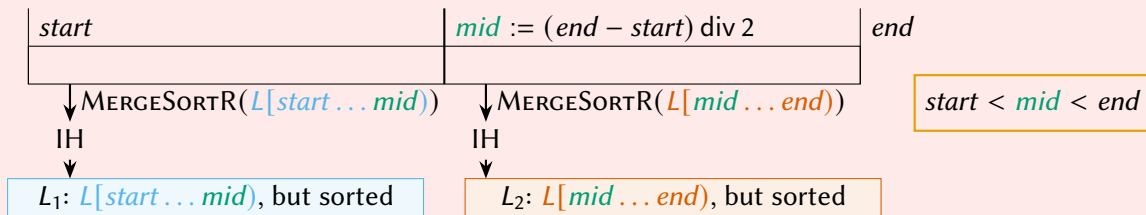


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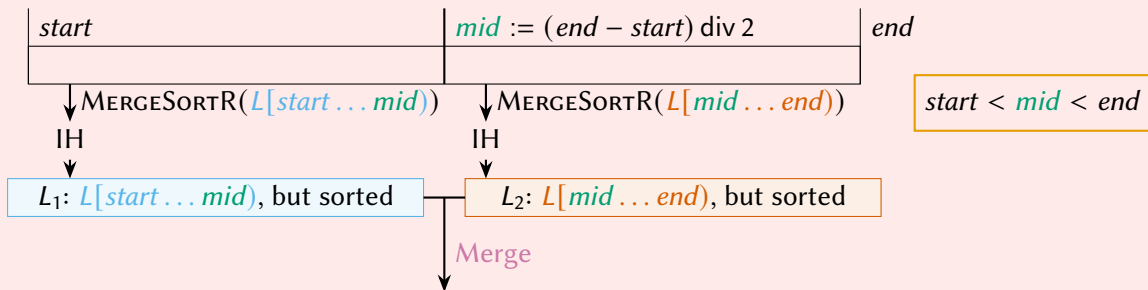


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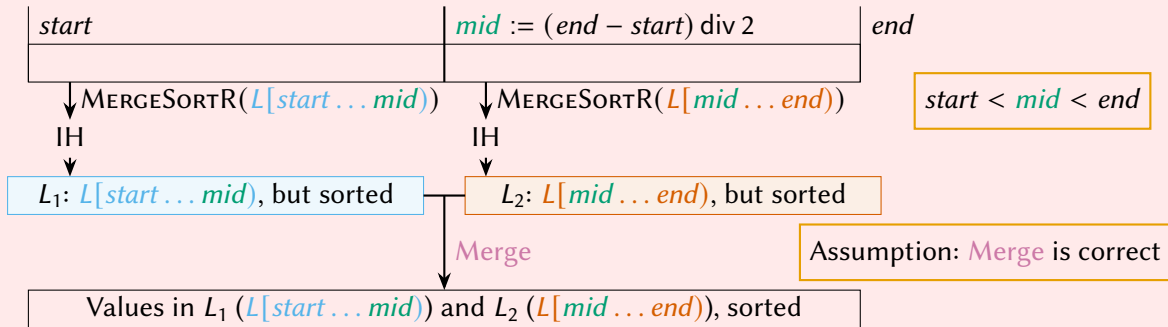


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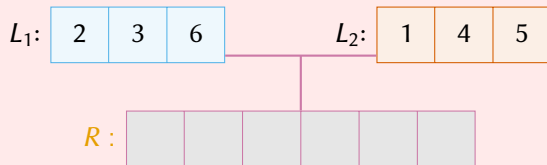


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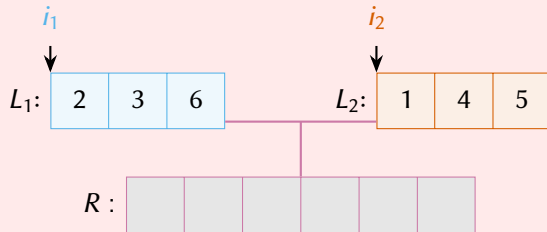


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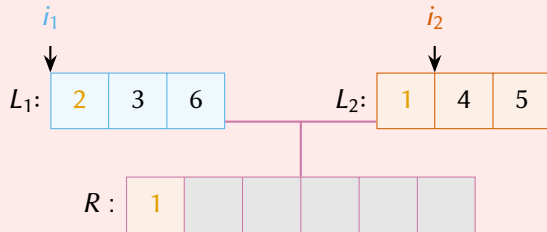


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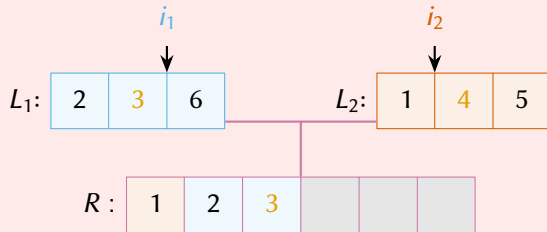


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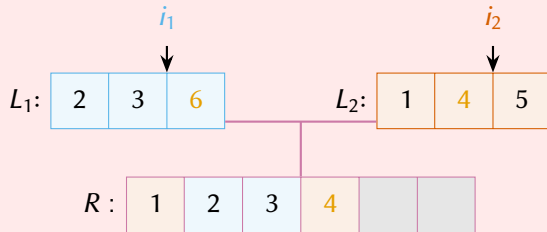


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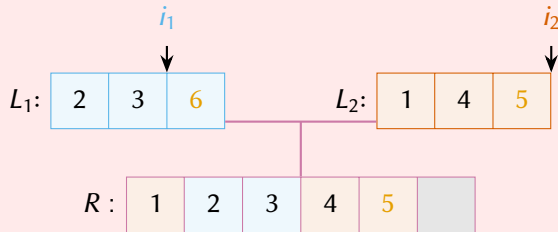


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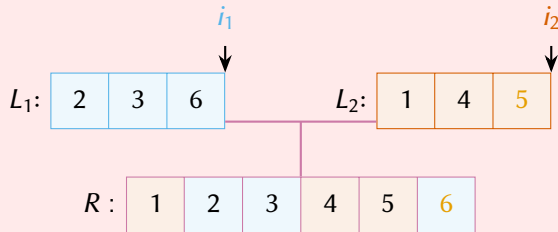


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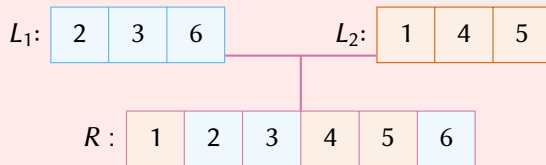


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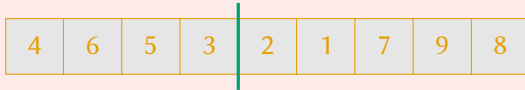
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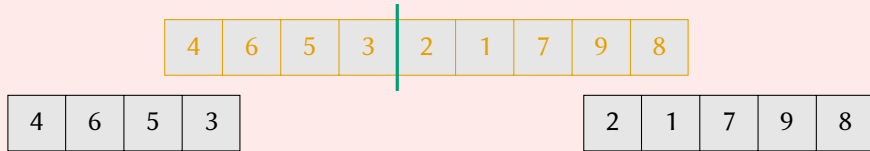
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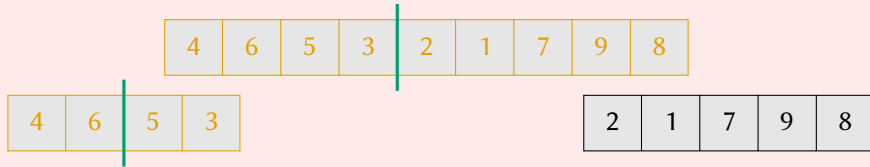


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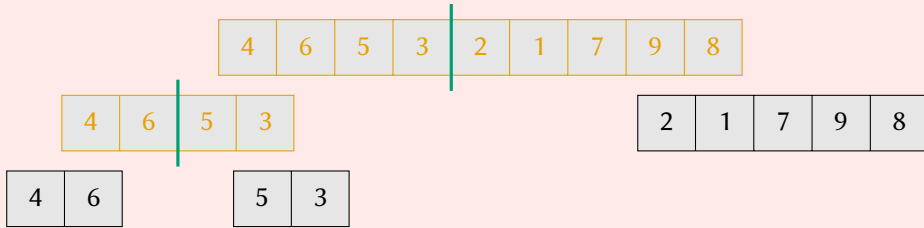
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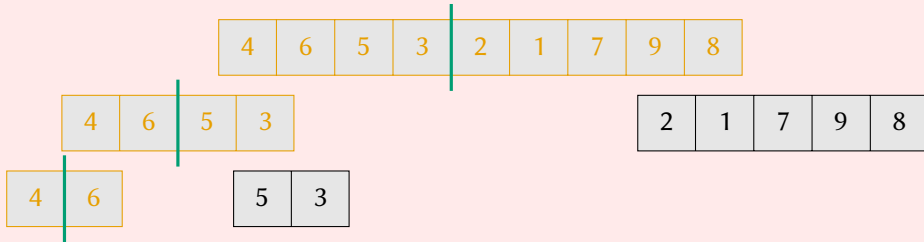
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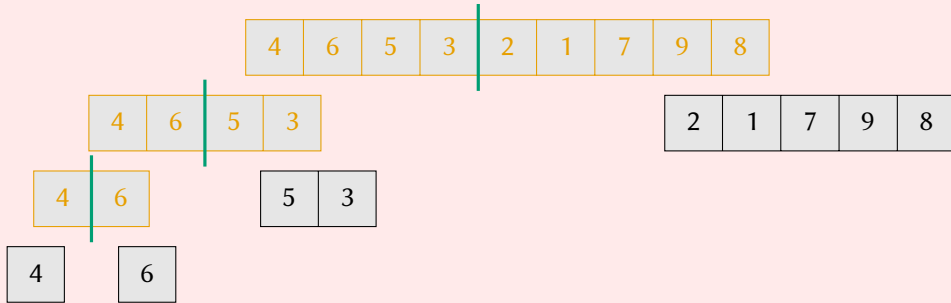


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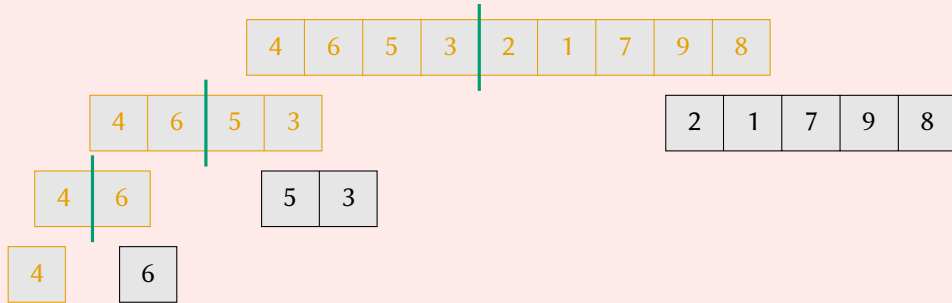




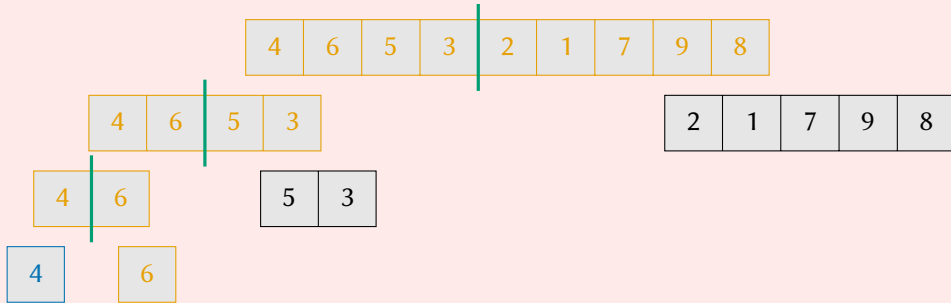
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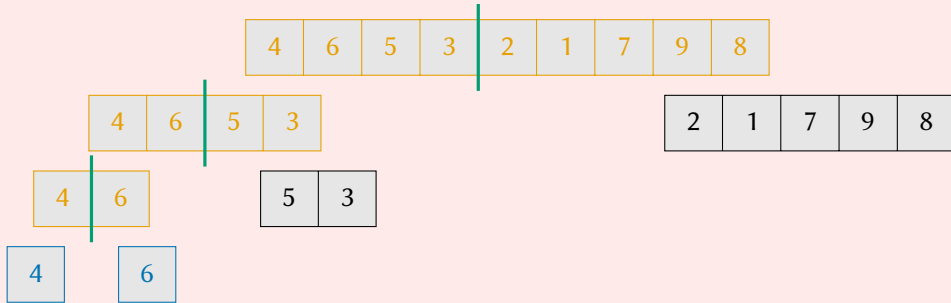
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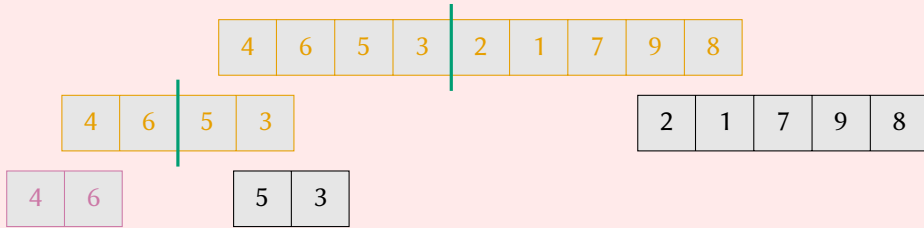
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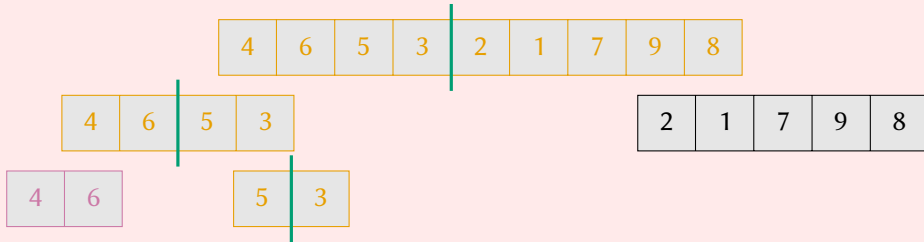
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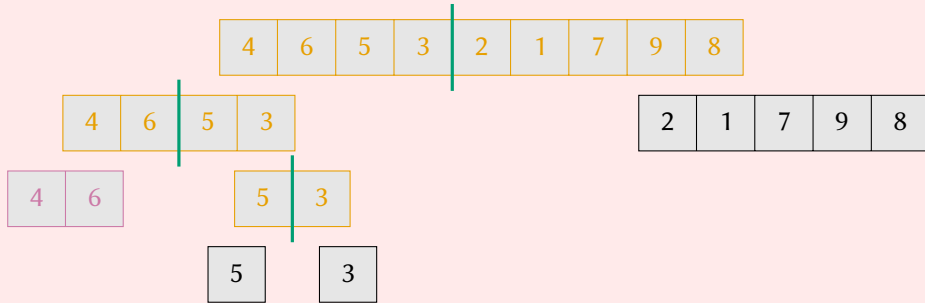
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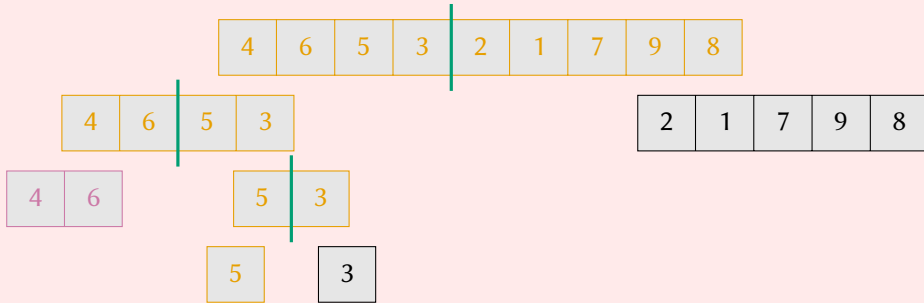
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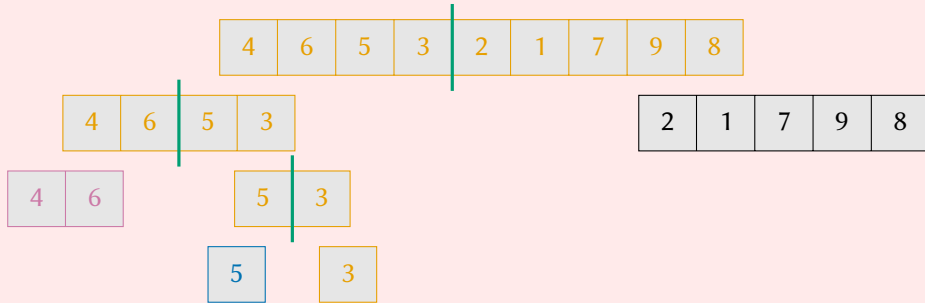


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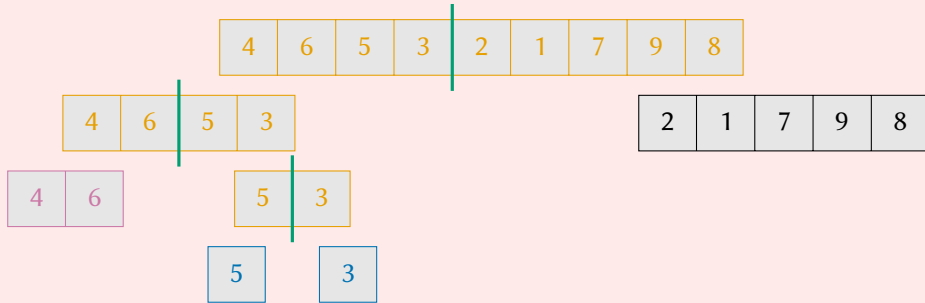




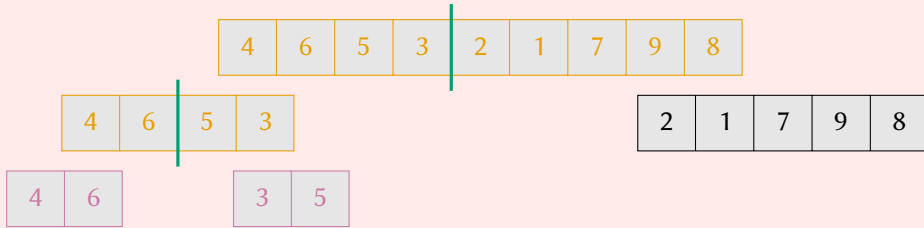
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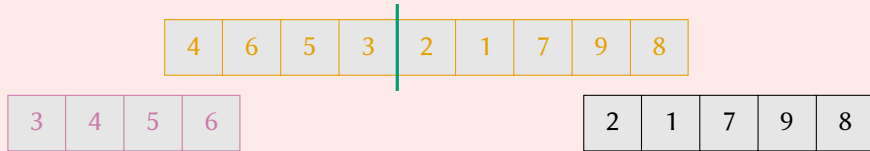
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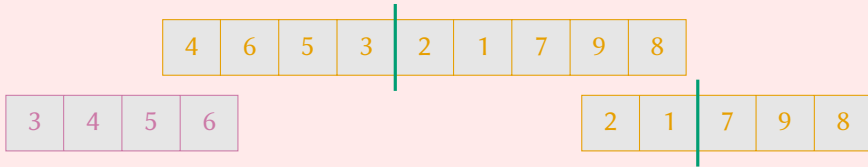
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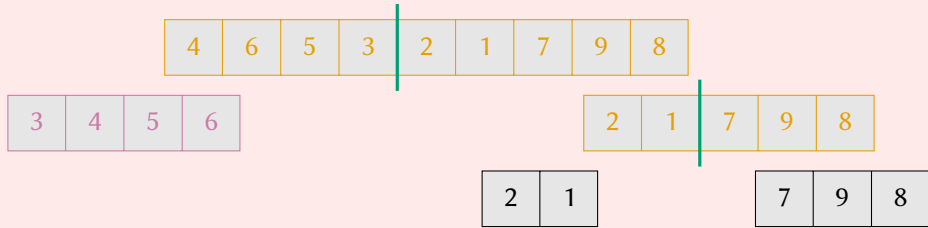
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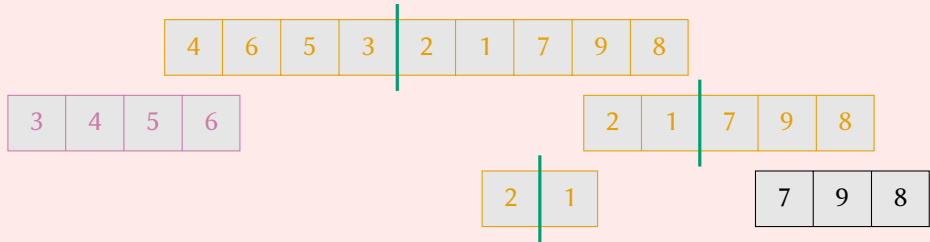
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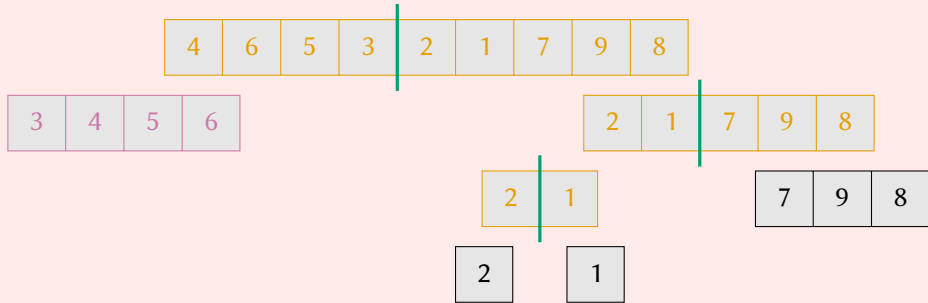
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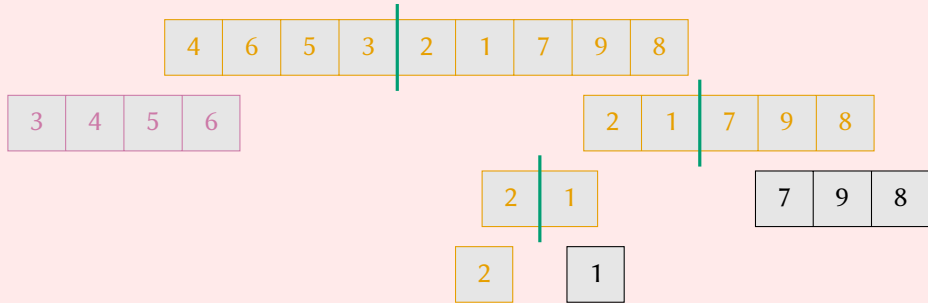


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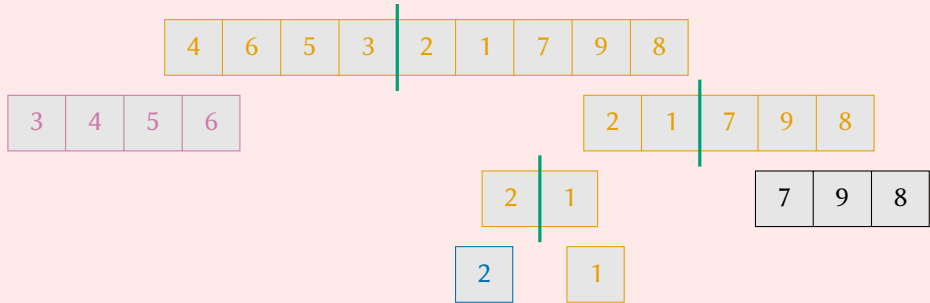




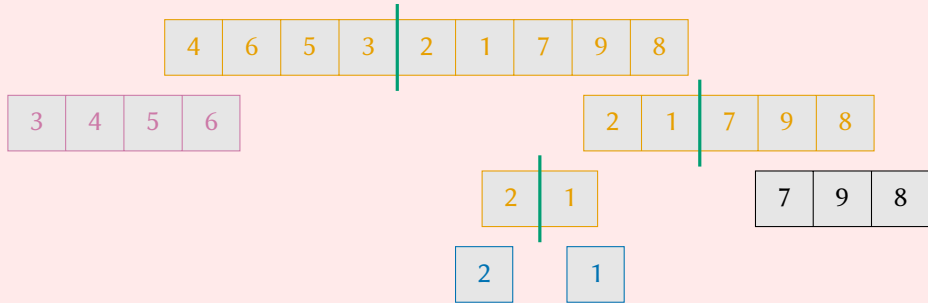
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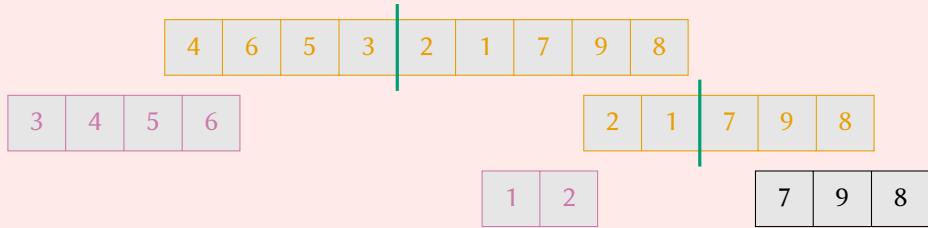
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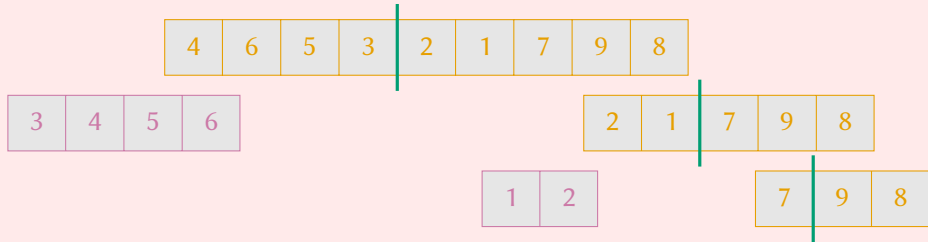
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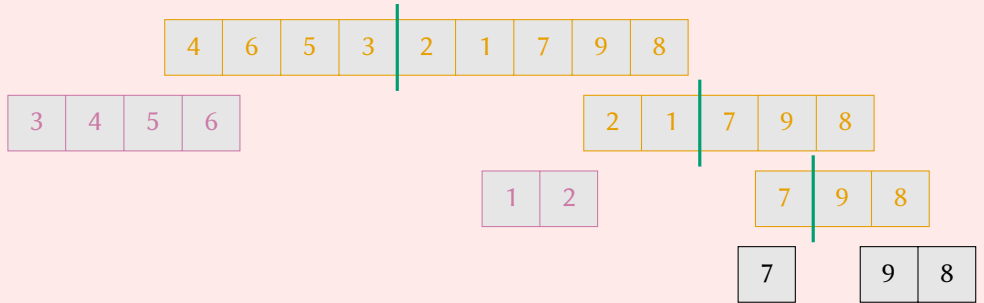
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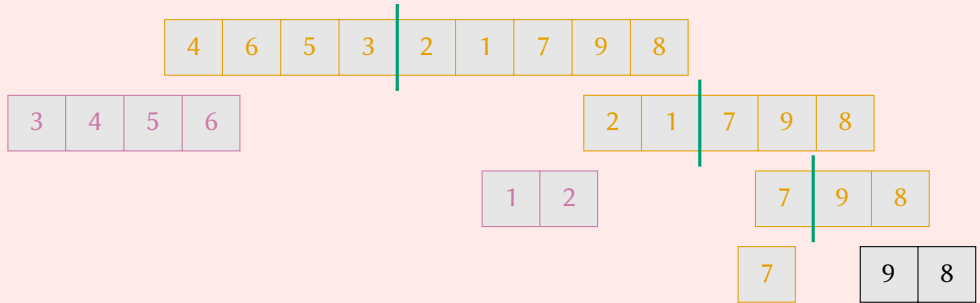
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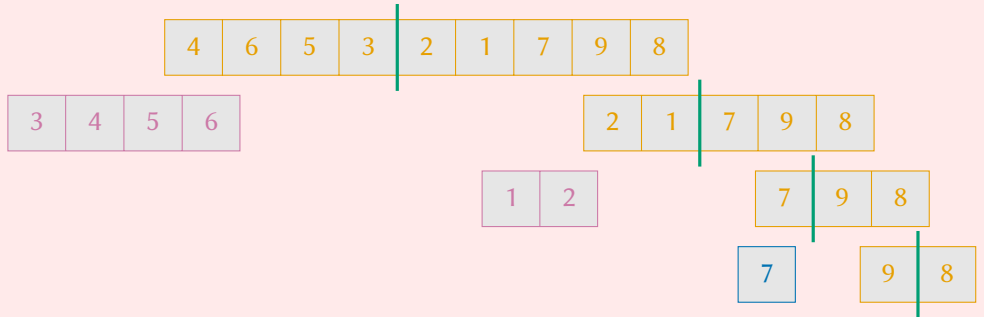
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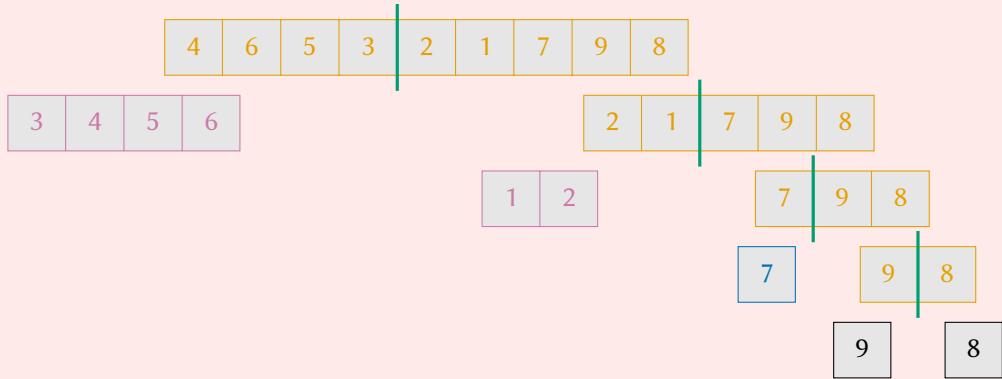


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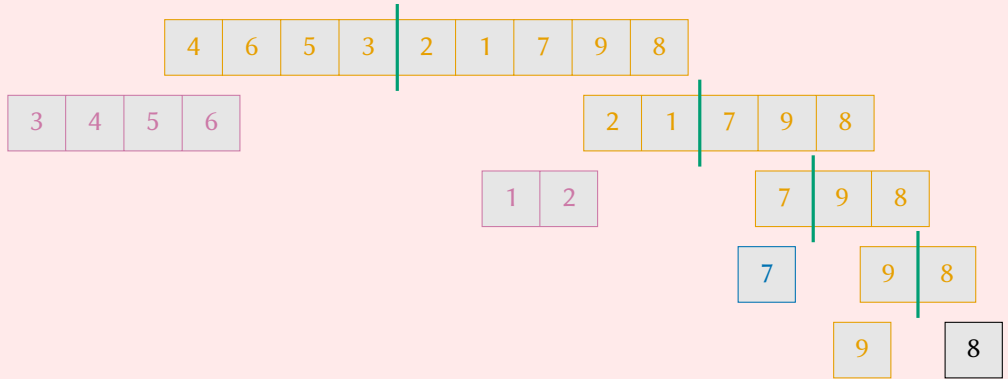




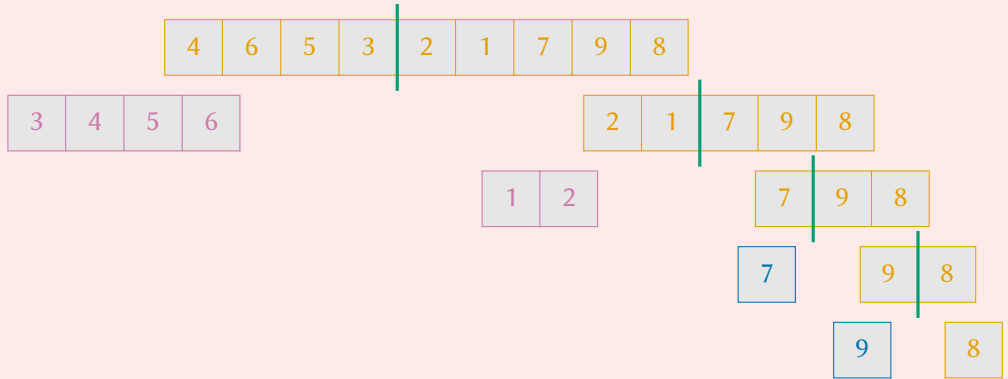
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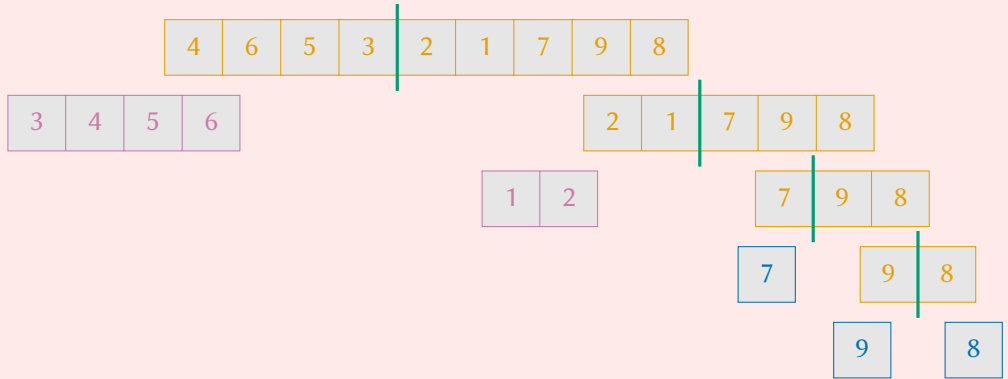
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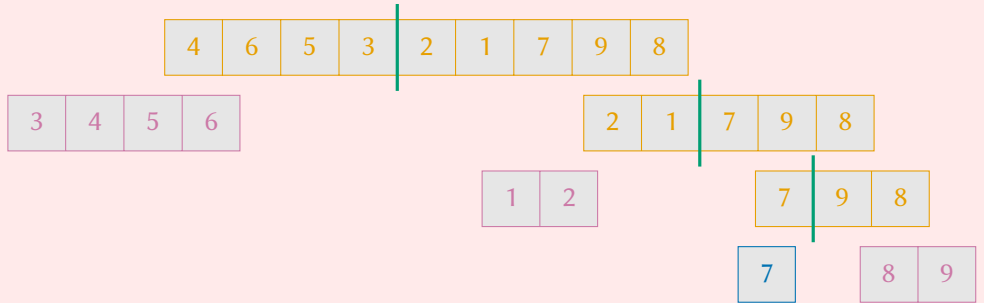
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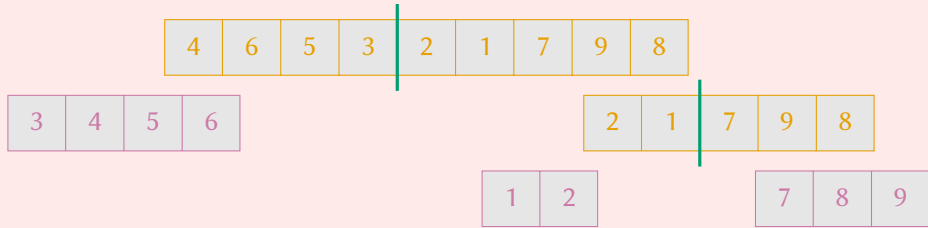
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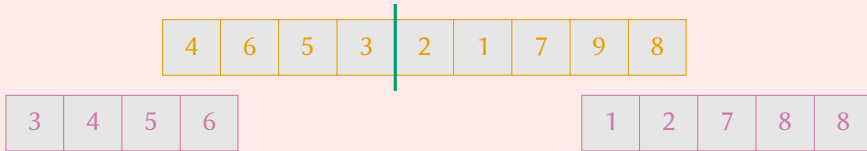
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## Plan

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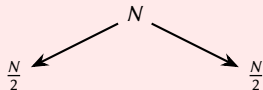
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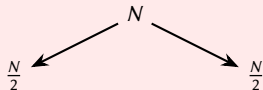
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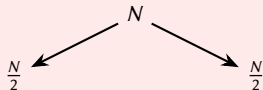
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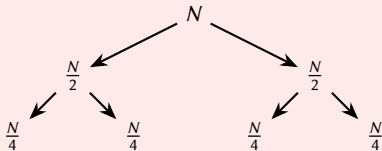
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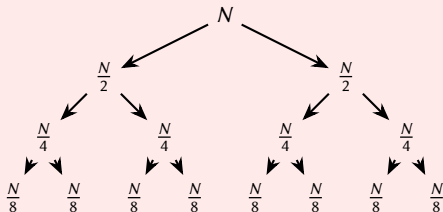


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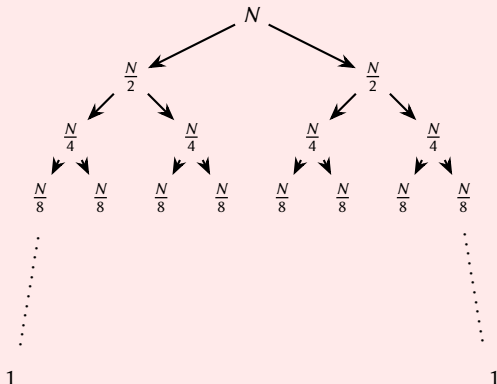
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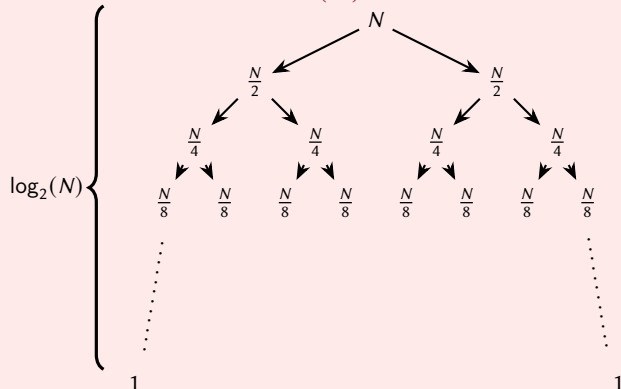
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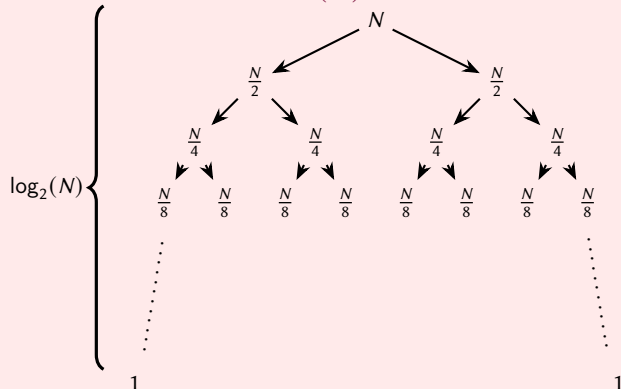
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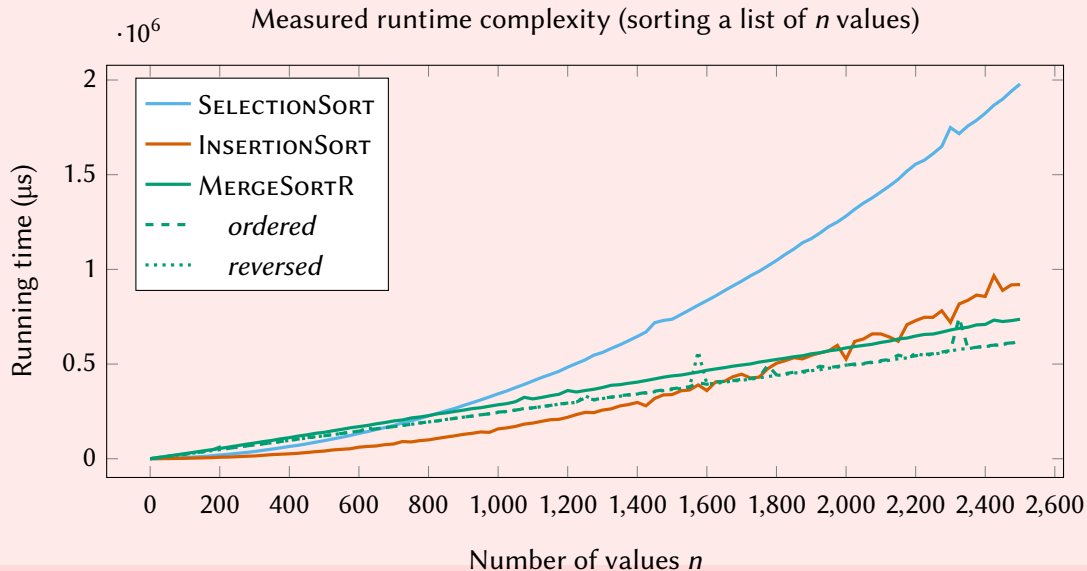
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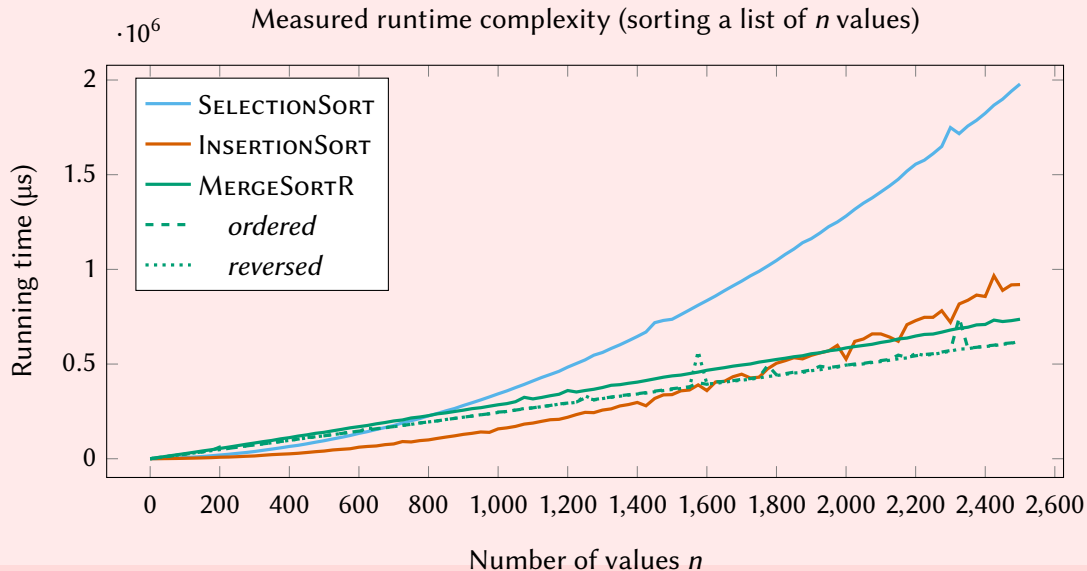
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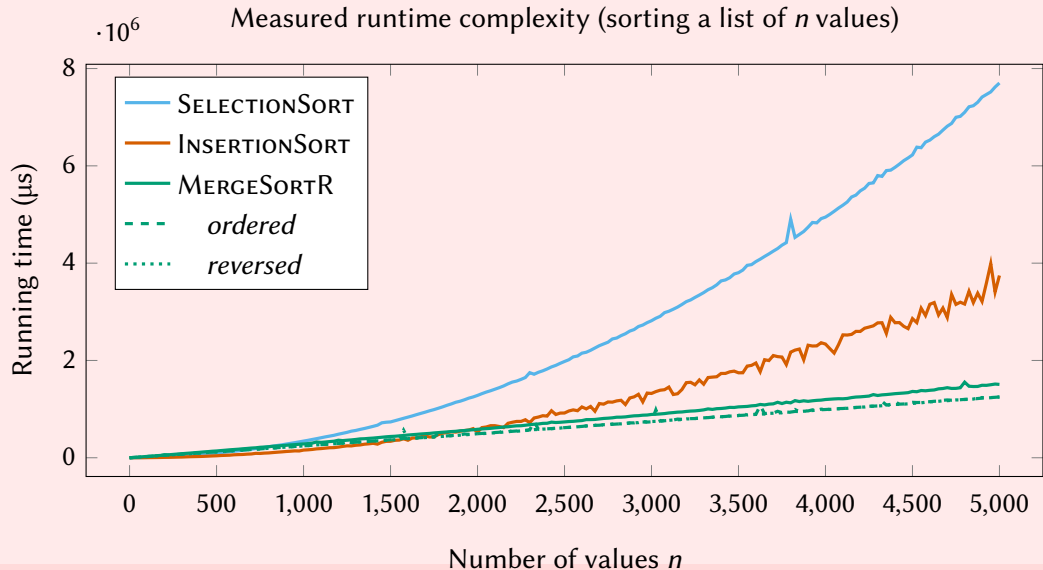
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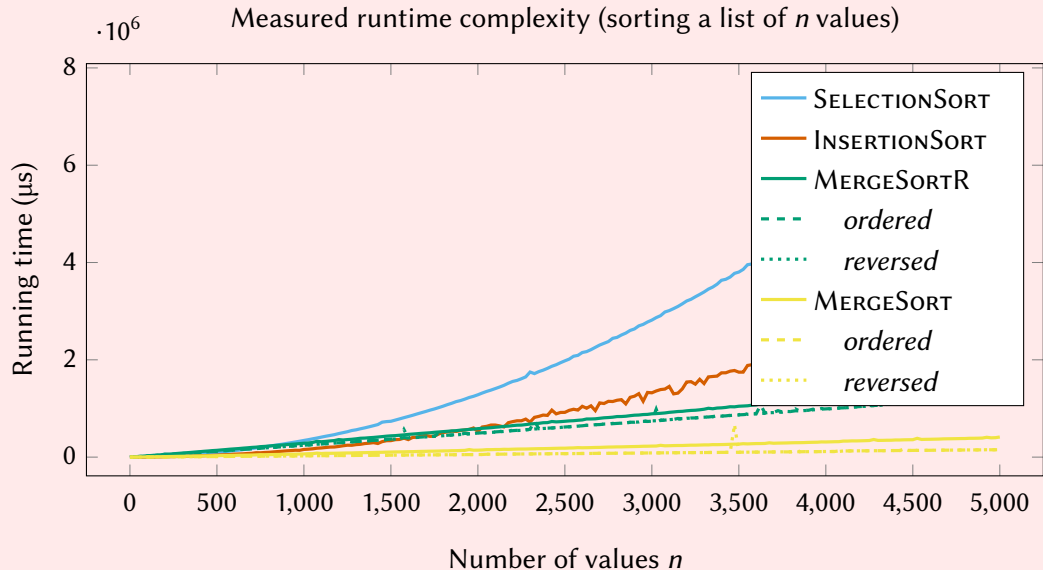
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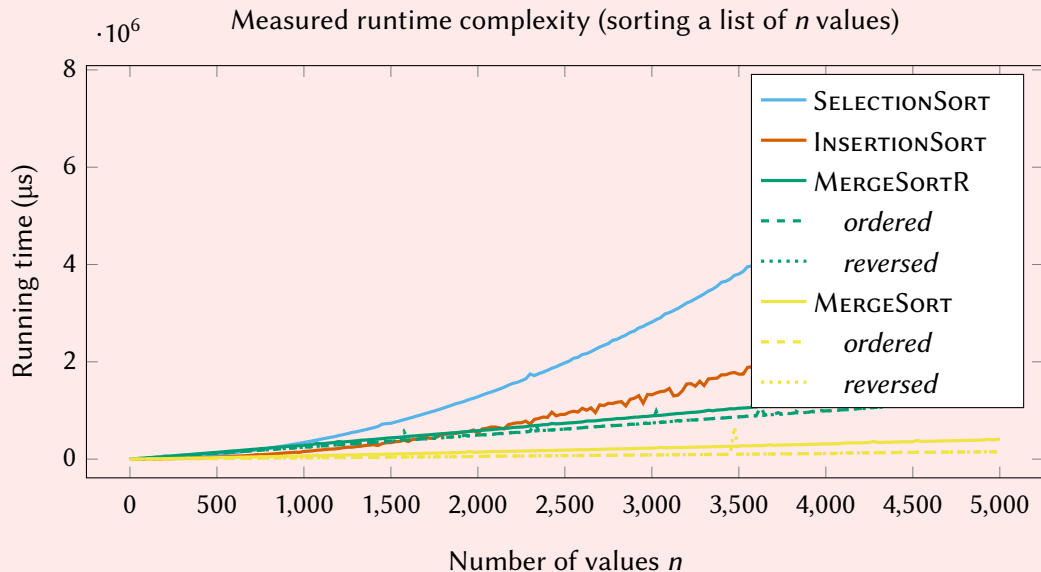
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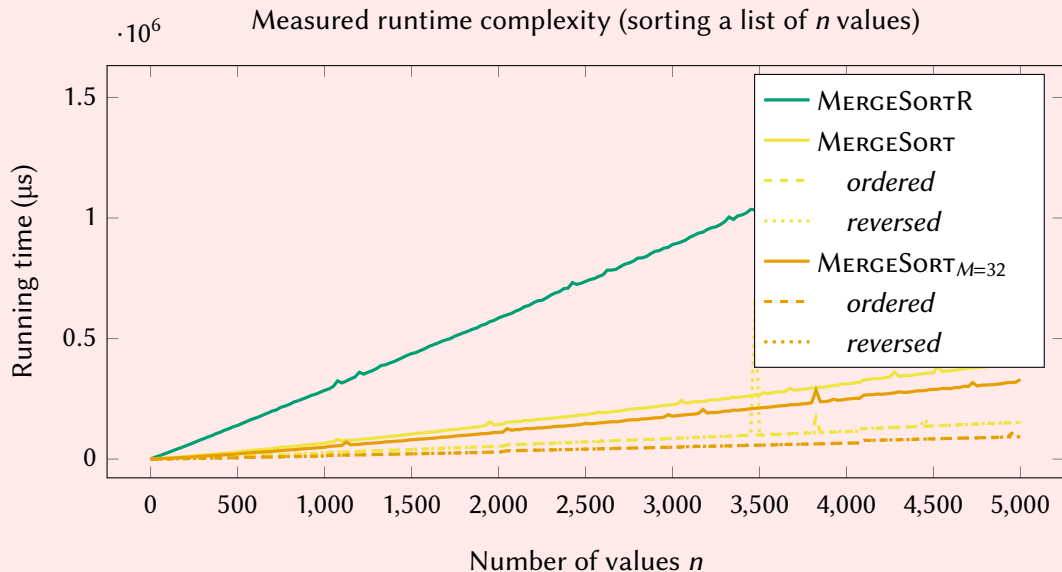
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- ▶ compute the *difference* of two sorted list;
- ▶ compute a *join* of two tables (if sorted on the join attributes).



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MERGE-like	<code>std::set_union</code> <code>std::set_intersection</code> <code>std::set_difference</code> <code>std::set_symmetric_difference</code>	
(related)	<code>std::inplace_merge</code>	

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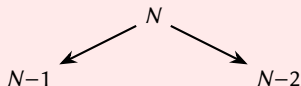
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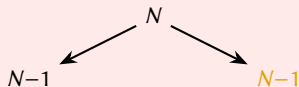
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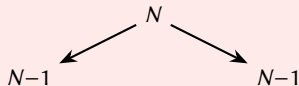
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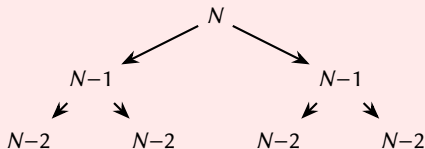


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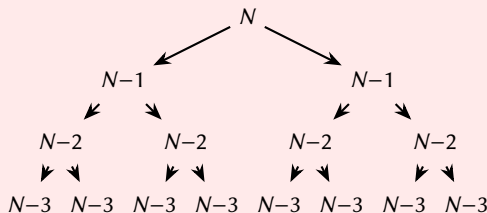
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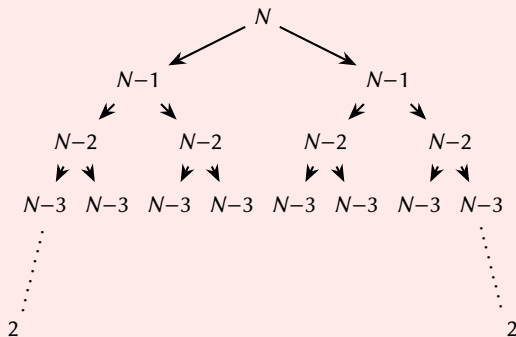
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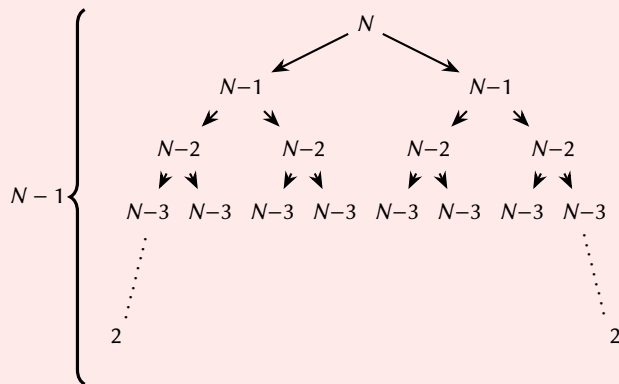
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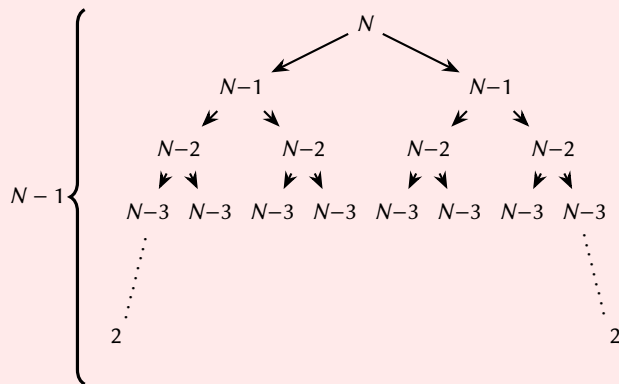
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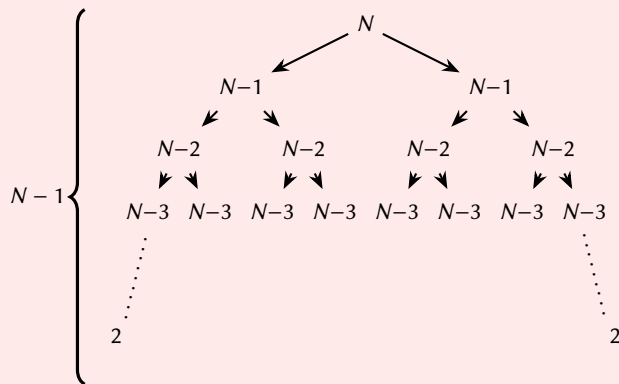
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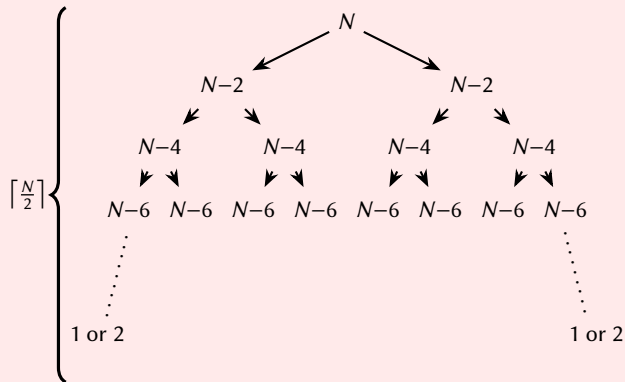
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Example: the *Fibonacci numbers*

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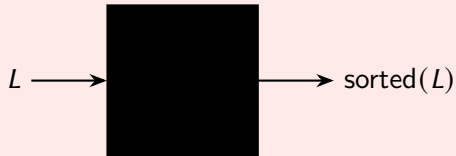
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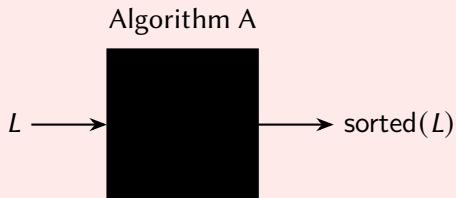
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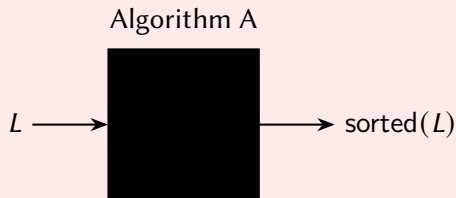
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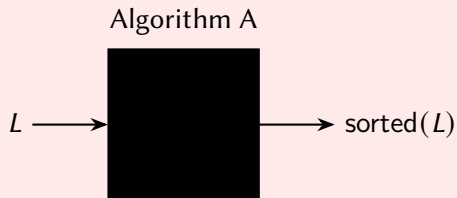


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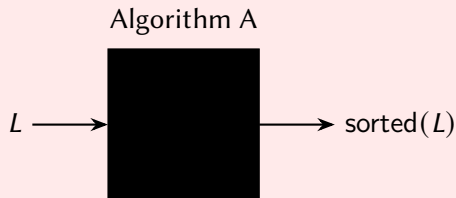
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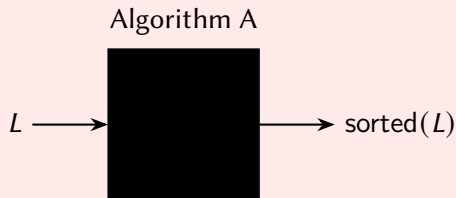
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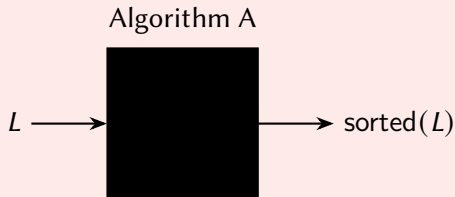
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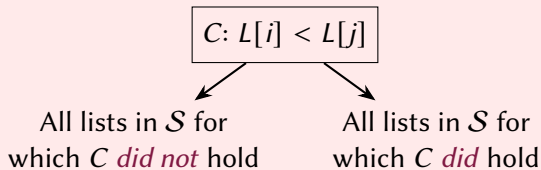
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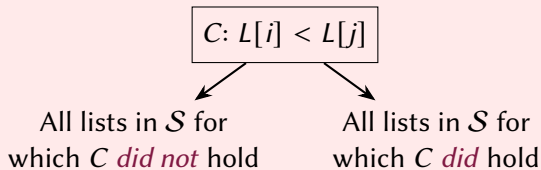


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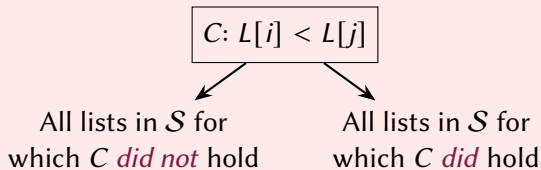
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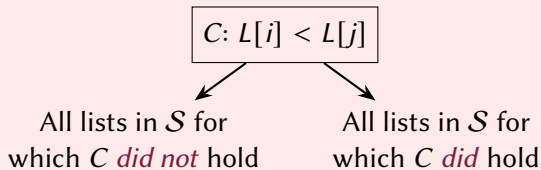
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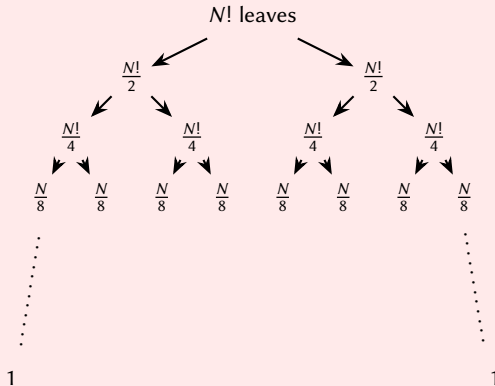
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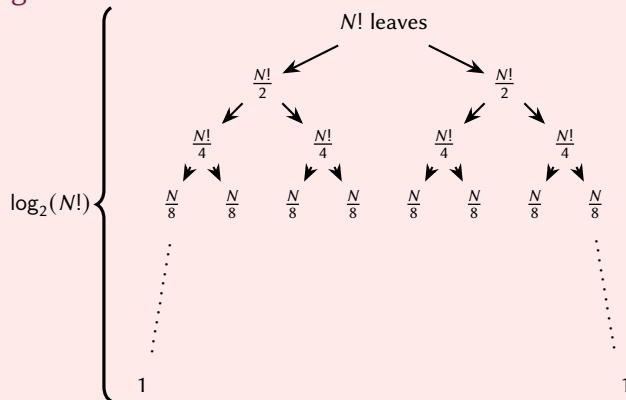


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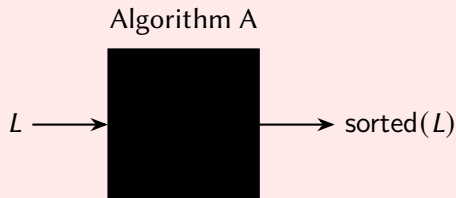
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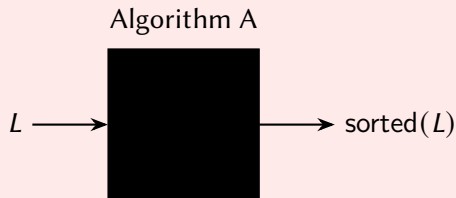
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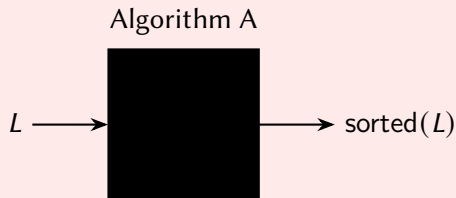


If Algorithm A is general-purpose, then A will perform *at-least*  $\sim N \log_2(N)$  *comparisons* for some inputs of  $N$  values.

If Algorithm A performs less comparisons for *some* inputs, then A will perform more comparisons for *other* inputs.

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General-purpose sorting algorithms such as MERGESORT are *optimal*: their worst-case complexity matches the lower bound of  $\sim N \log_2(N)$ .

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**Downside:** During sorting, we end up throwing away the existing ordering on *date*, and then we rebuild that order from scratch!



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Better solution: Use a *stable sort algorithm*

A *stable sort algorithm* maintains the relative order of “equal values”.

Let  $(d_1, c_1, s_1, t_1), (d_2, c_2, s_2, t_2) \in \text{enrolled}$ . If we sort *enrolled* using a *stable sort algorithm* using the comparison

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then within each  $(\text{dept}, \text{code})$ -group, enrollments remain ordered on *date* for free!

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**Question:** Have we already seen stable sort algorithms?

Yes: SELECTIONSORT, INSERTIONSORT, and MERGESORT.

Note: even minor changes to these algorithms will make them non-stable! (e.g., changing  $<$  into  $\leq$ ).