What You Should Know About Algorithm Design

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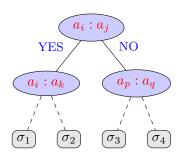
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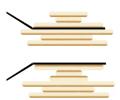
BOUNDS FOR SORTING BY PREFIX REVERSAL

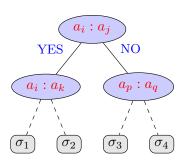
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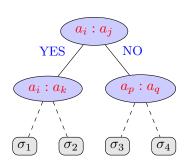


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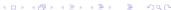
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Assumption:

All the input elements are **distinct**.

$$a_i < a_j$$



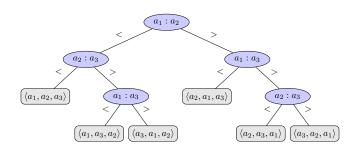
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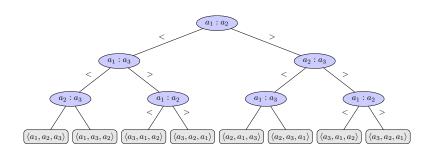
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To be a full binary tree:

of leaves
$$\leq 2^h$$

 $|n! \le \# \text{ of leaves } \le 2^h|$

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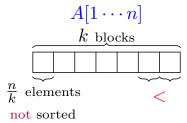
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Stirling Formula (by James Stirling):

$$n! = \Theta\Big(\sqrt{2\pi n} \Big(\frac{n}{e}\Big)^n\Big)$$



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 $1,\ 2,\ 4,\ 3;\quad \ 7,\ 6,\ 8,\ 5;\quad \ 10,\ 11,\ 9,\ 12;\quad \ 15,\ 13,\ 16,\ 14$

1-sorted

 $1\text{-sorted} \to 2\text{-sorted}$

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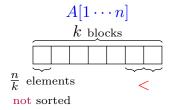
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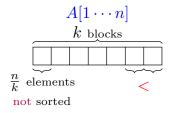
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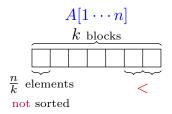
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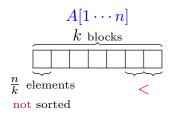


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In the worst case:

▶ "Matching Nuts and Bolts" by Alon *et al.*,

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$$3^H \ge L \ge n!$$



$$\mathbf{3}^{H} \ge L \ge n! \implies H \ge \log n! \implies H = \Omega(n \log n)$$

Repeated Elements (Problem 6.13)

$$R[1\dots n]$$

$$\# > \lfloor \frac{n}{13} \rfloor$$

To find all $\frac{n}{13}$ -repeated elements

CHECK(R[i], R[j])

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Amortized Analysis



Amortized analysis is

an algorithm analysis technique for
analyzing a sequence of operations
irrespective of the input to show that
the average cost per operation is small, even though
a single operation within the sequence might be expensive.



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Key Point: Put the accounting cost on specific objects.

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Insert (normal)	3	1	2
Insert (expansion)	3	1+t	-t+2

Simulating a queue Q using two stacks S_1, S_2 (Problem $\mathbb{E}3$)

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\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{procedure} \; \mathrm{EnQ}(x) \\ Push(S_1,x) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{procedure} \; \mathrm{DEQ}() \\ \mathbf{if} \; S_2 = \emptyset \; \mathbf{then} \\ \mathbf{while} \; S_1 \neq \emptyset \; \mathbf{do} \\ Push(S_2, \, Pop(S_1)) \\ Pop(S_2) \end{array}
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The Summation Method for Queue Simulation

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$$\#S_1 = t$$

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Enqueue	3	1	2
DEQUEUE $(S_2 \neq \emptyset)$	1	1	0
DEQUEUE $(S_2 = \emptyset)$	1	1+2t	-2t

$$i \quad s_i = 2^i$$

 A_0 1

 A_1 2

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 A_3 8

· ...

 $A_i = 2$

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