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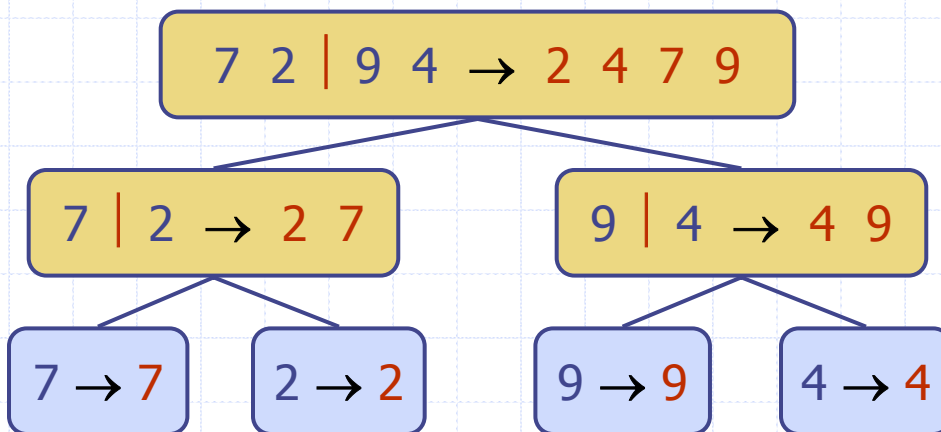
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- ◆ Divide-and-conquer paradigm (§10.1.1)
- ◆ Merge-sort (§10.1)
  - Algorithm
  - Merging two sorted sequences
  - Merge-sort tree
  - Execution example
  - Analysis
- ◆ Generic merging and set operations (§10.2)
- ◆ Summary of sorting algorithms

# Divide-and-Conquer

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- ◆ **Divide-and conquer** is a general algorithm design paradigm:
  - **Divide**: divide the input data  $S$  in two disjoint subsets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$
  - **Recur**: solve the subproblems associated with  $S_1$  and  $S_2$
  - **Conquer**: combine the solutions for  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  into a solution for  $S$
- ◆ The base case for the recursion are subproblems of size 0 or 1
- ◆ **Merge-sort** is a sorting algorithm based on the divide-and-conquer paradigm
- ◆ Like heap-sort
  - It uses a comparator
  - It has  $O(n \log n)$  running time
- ◆ Unlike heap-sort
  - It does not use an auxiliary priority queue
  - It accesses data in a sequential manner (suitable to sort data on a disk)

# Merge-Sort

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- ◆ Merge-sort on an input sequence  $S$  with  $n$  elements consists of three steps:
  - **Divide**: partition  $S$  into two sequences  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of about  $n/2$  elements each
  - **Recur**: recursively sort  $S_1$  and  $S_2$
  - **Conquer**: merge  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  into a unique sorted sequence

**Algorithm** *mergeSort*( $S, C$ )

**Input** sequence  $S$  with  $n$  elements, comparator  $C$

**Output** sequence  $S$  sorted according to  $C$

**if**  $S.size() > 1$

$(S_1, S_2) \leftarrow partition(S, n/2)$

*mergeSort*( $S_1, C$ )

*mergeSort*( $S_2, C$ )

$S \leftarrow merge(S_1, S_2)$

# Merging Two Sorted Sequences

- ◆ The conquer step of merge-sort consists of merging two sorted sequences  $A$  and  $B$  into a sorted sequence  $S$  containing the union of the elements of  $A$  and  $B$
- ◆ Merging two sorted sequences, each with  $n/2$  elements and implemented by means of a doubly linked list, takes  $O(n)$  time

**Algorithm** *merge*( $A, B$ )

**Input** sequences  $A$  and  $B$  with  $n/2$  elements each

**Output** sorted sequence of  $A \cup B$

$S \leftarrow$  empty sequence

**while**  $\neg A.isEmpty() \wedge \neg B.isEmpty()$

**if**  $A.first().element() < B.first().element()$

$S.insertLast(A.remove(A.first()))$

**else**

$S.insertLast(B.remove(B.first()))$

**while**  $\neg A.isEmpty()$

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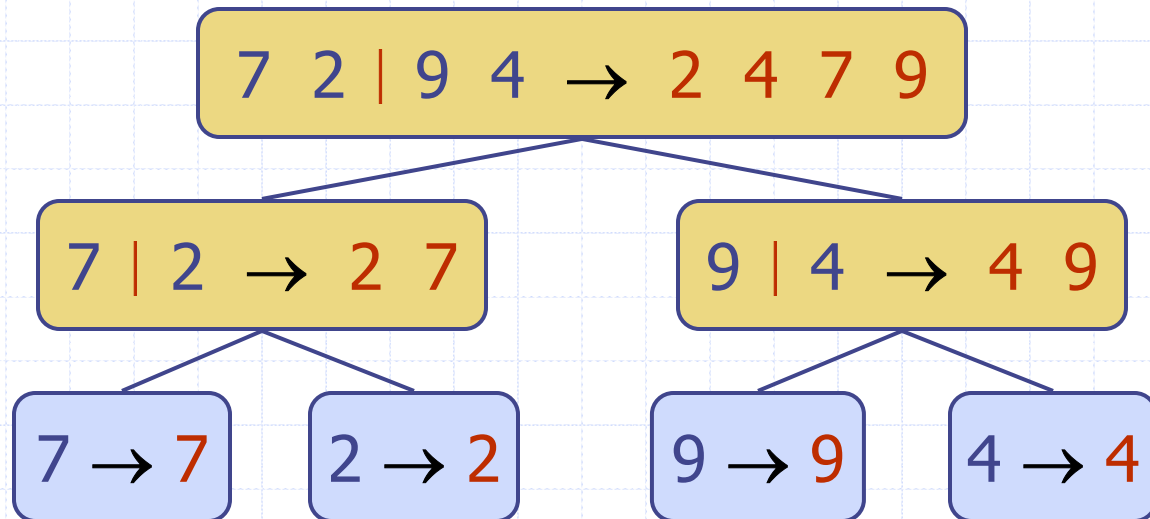
$S.insertLast(B.remove(B.first()))$

**return**  $S$

# Merge-Sort Tree

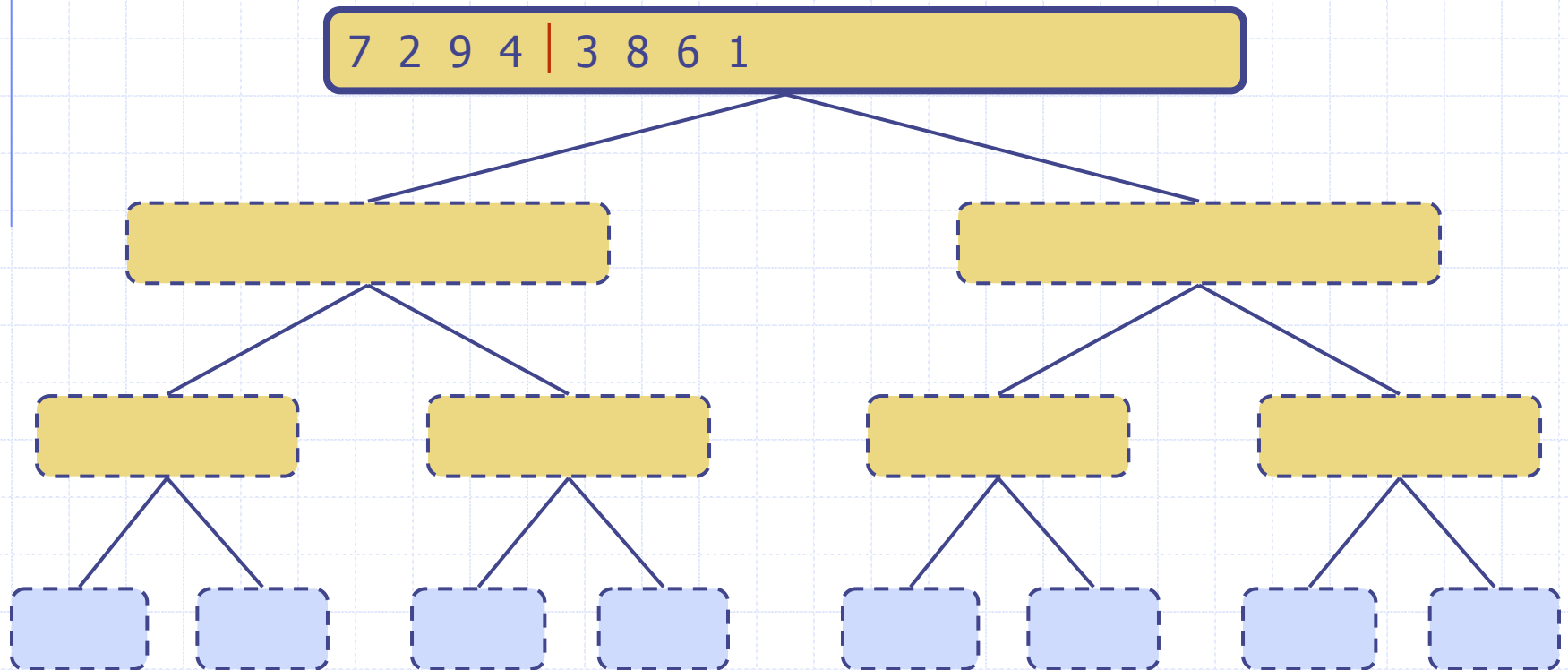
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    - ◆ unsorted sequence before the execution and its partition
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# Execution Example

## ◆ Partition

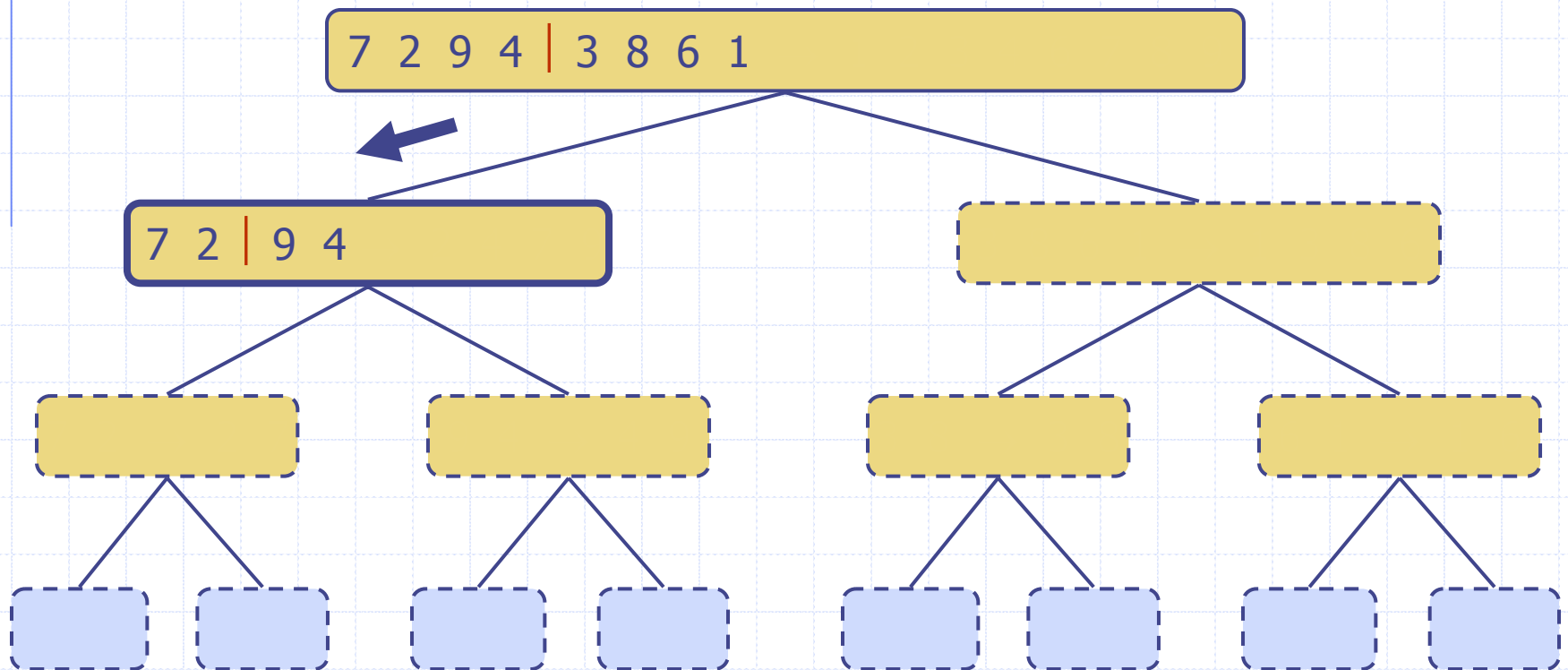


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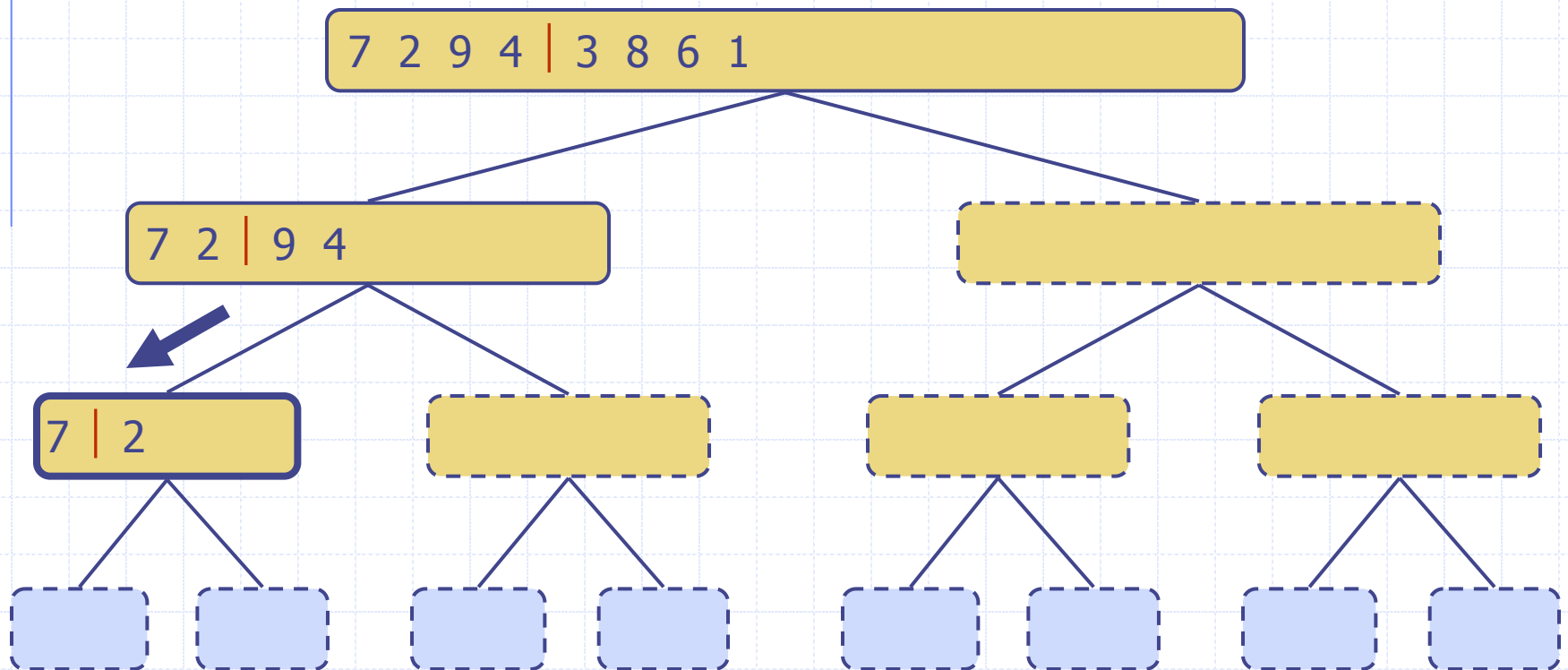
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◆ Recursive call, partition



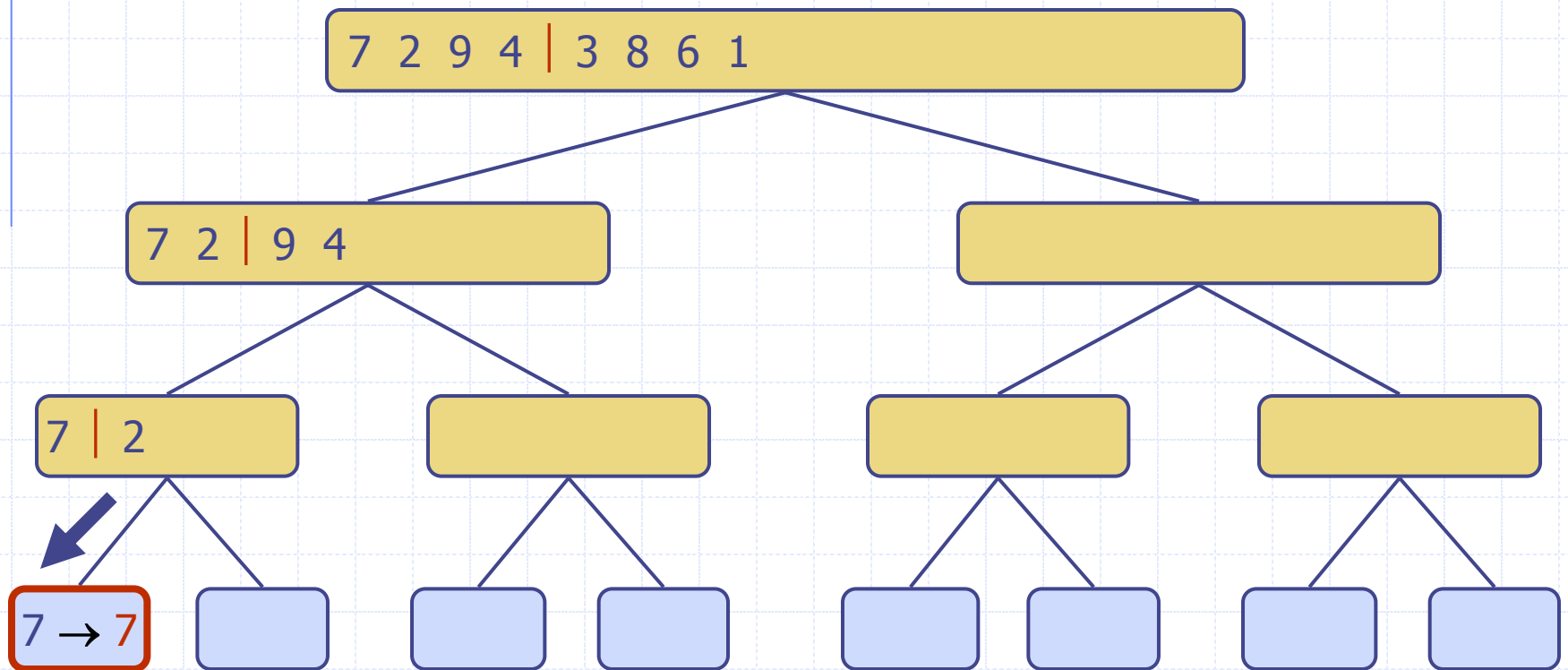
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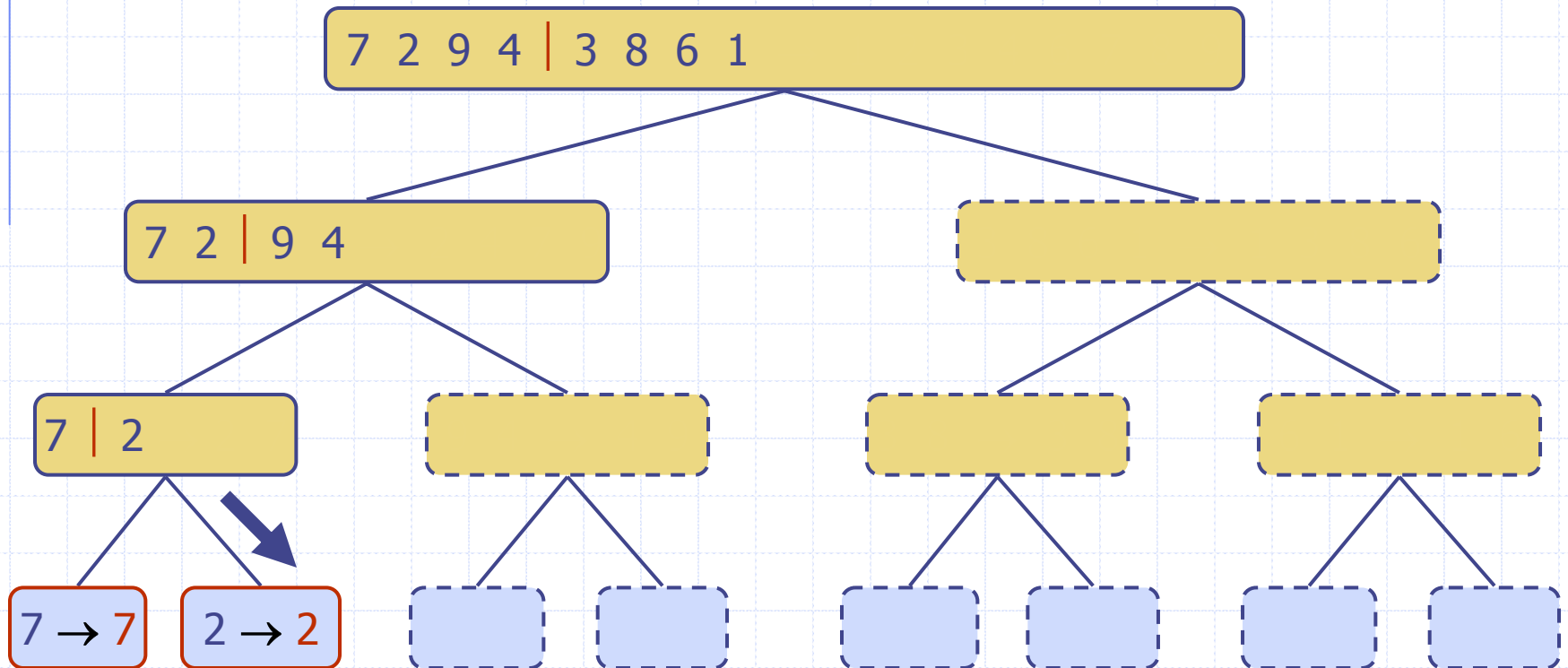
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◆ Recursive call, base case



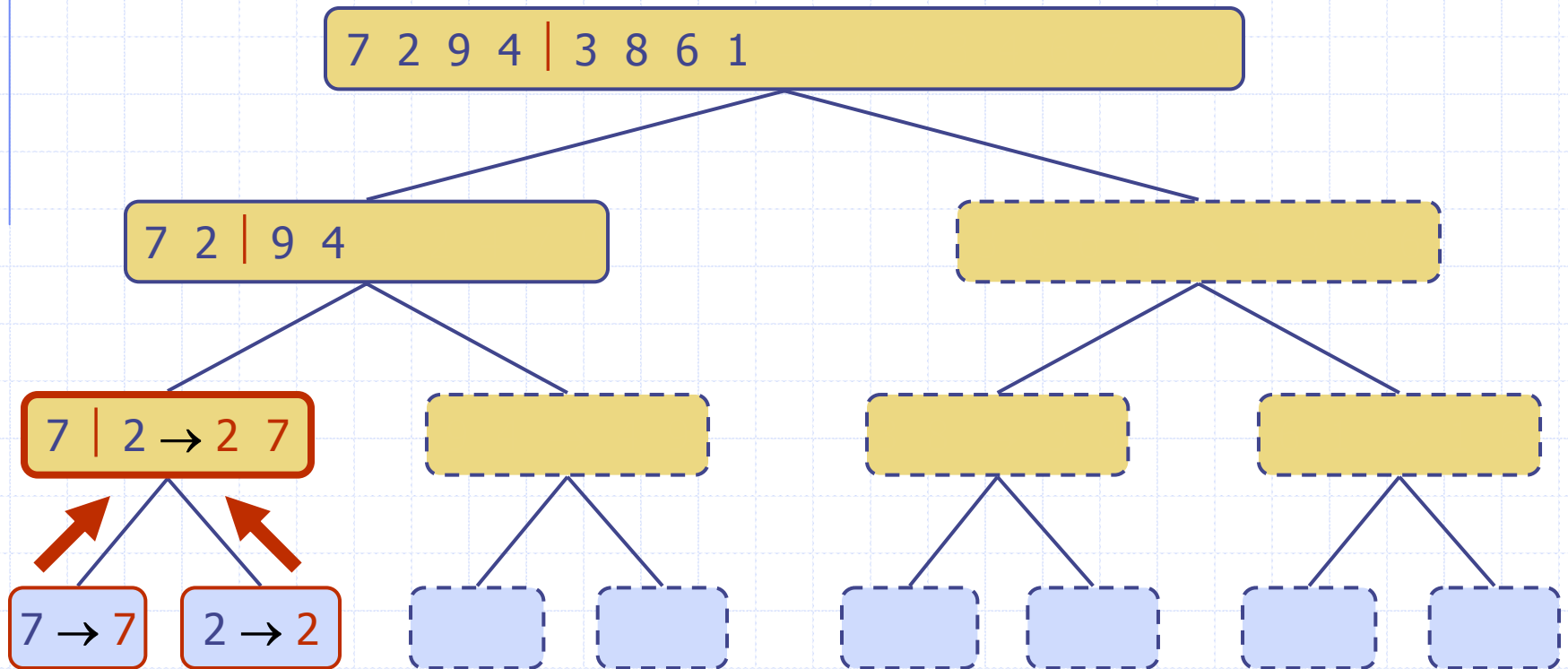
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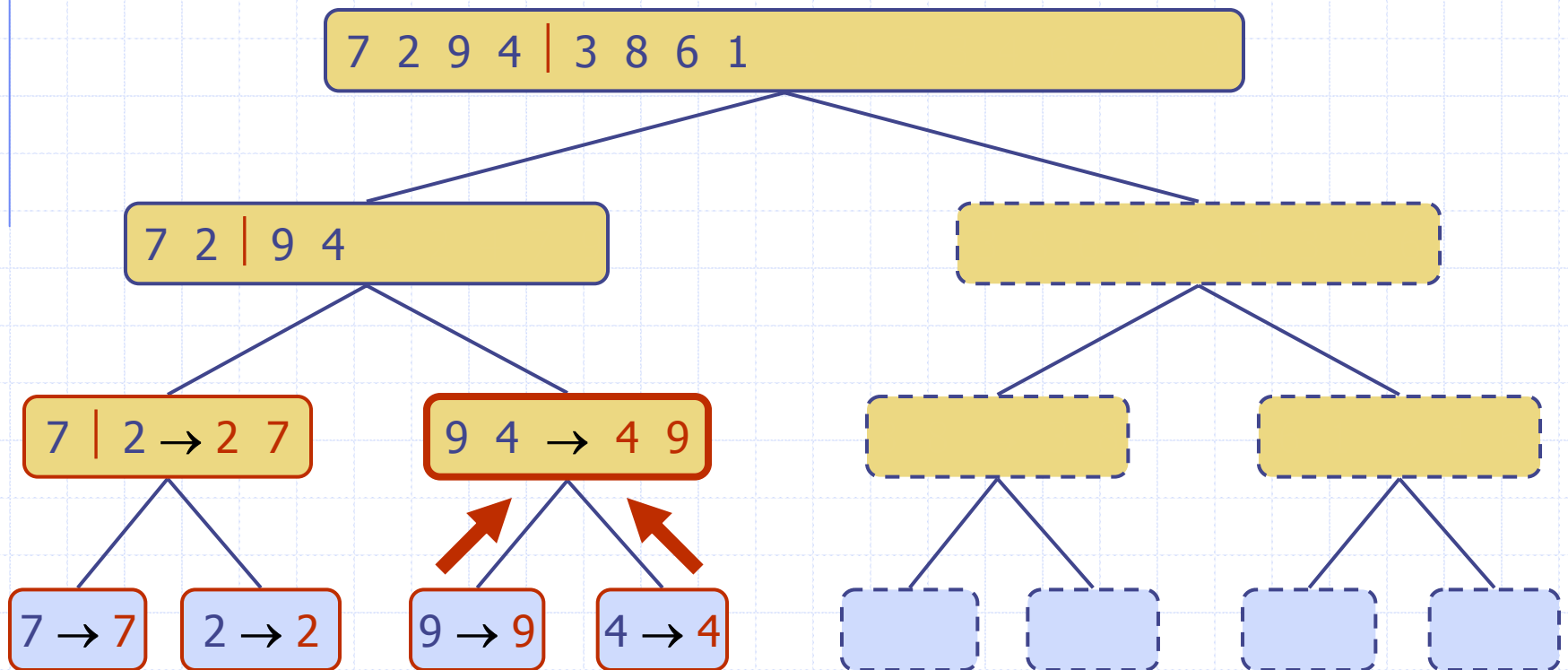
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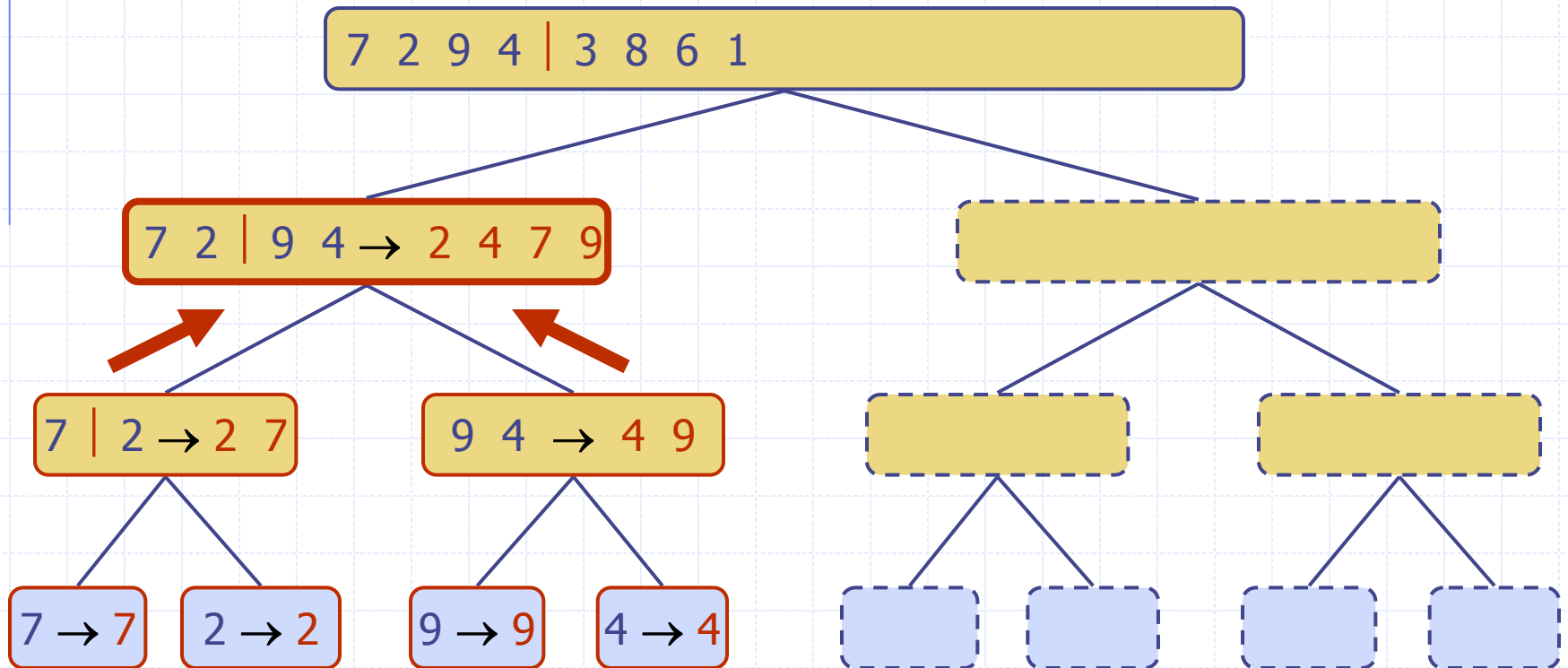
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◆ Recursive call, ..., base case, merge



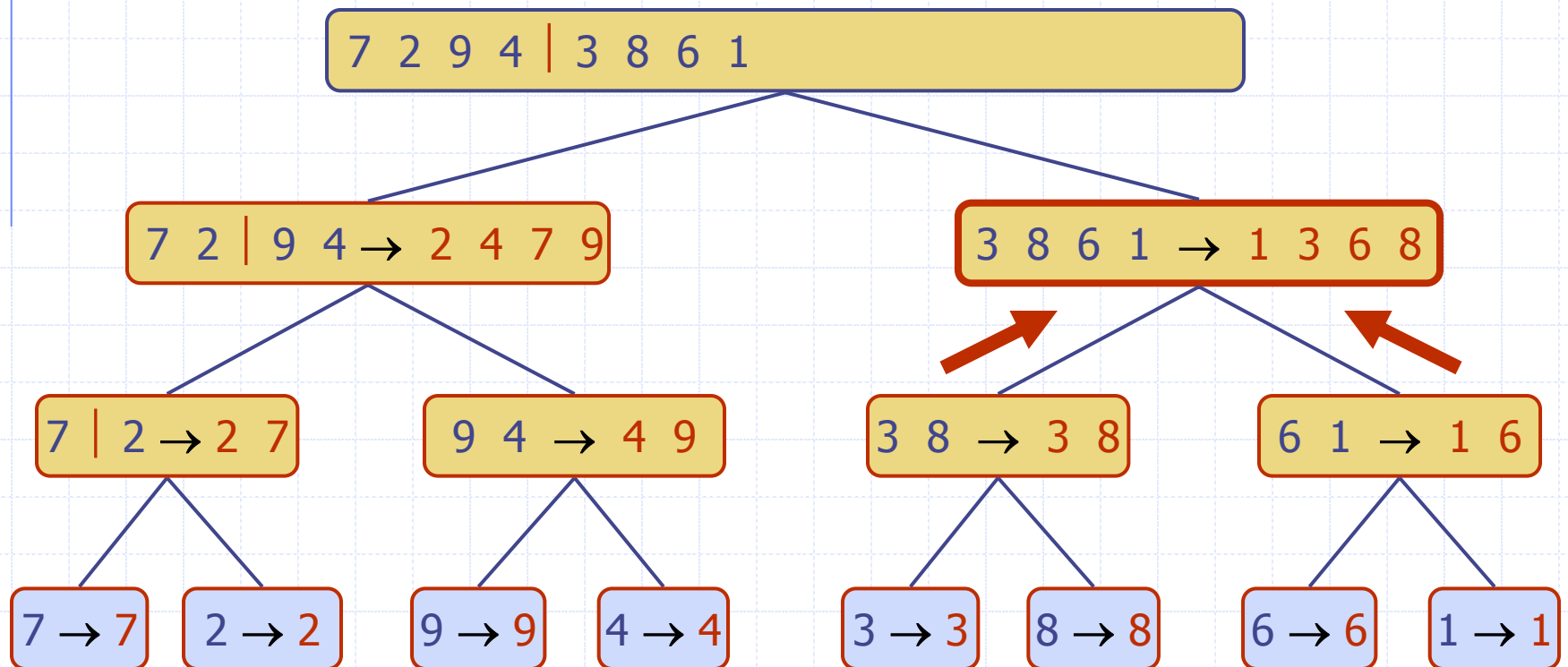
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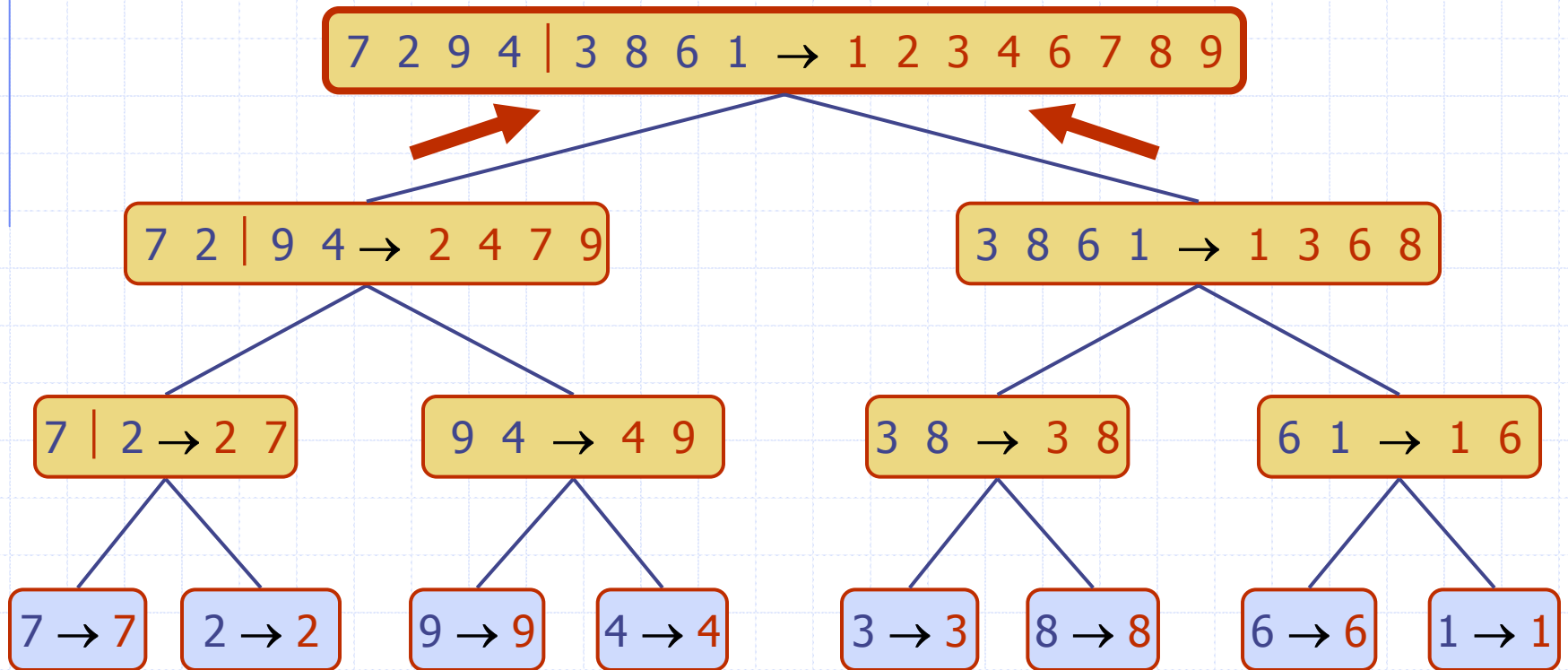
◆ Recursive call, ..., merge, merge





# Execution Example (cont.)

## ◆ Merge



# Analysis of Merge-Sort

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- ◆ The height  $h$  of the merge-sort tree is  $O(\log n)$ 
  - at each recursive call we divide in half the sequence,
- ◆ The overall amount of work done at the nodes of depth  $i$  is  $O(n)$ 
  - we partition and merge  $2^i$  sequences of size  $n/2^i$
  - we make  $2^{i+1}$  recursive calls
- ◆ Thus, the total running time of merge-sort is  $O(n \log n)$

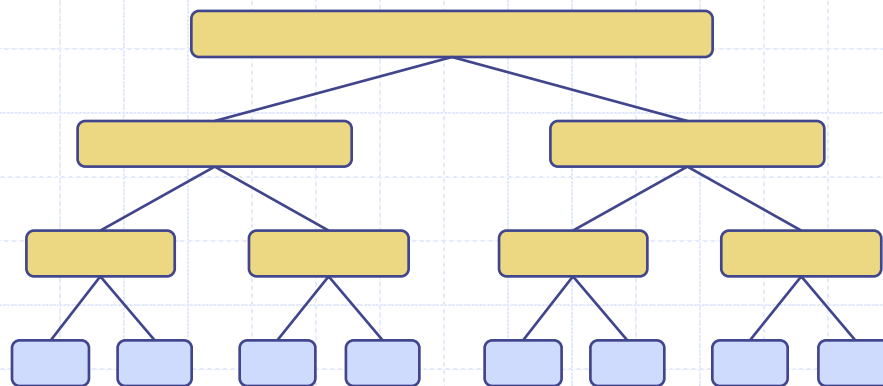
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# Summary of Sorting Algorithms

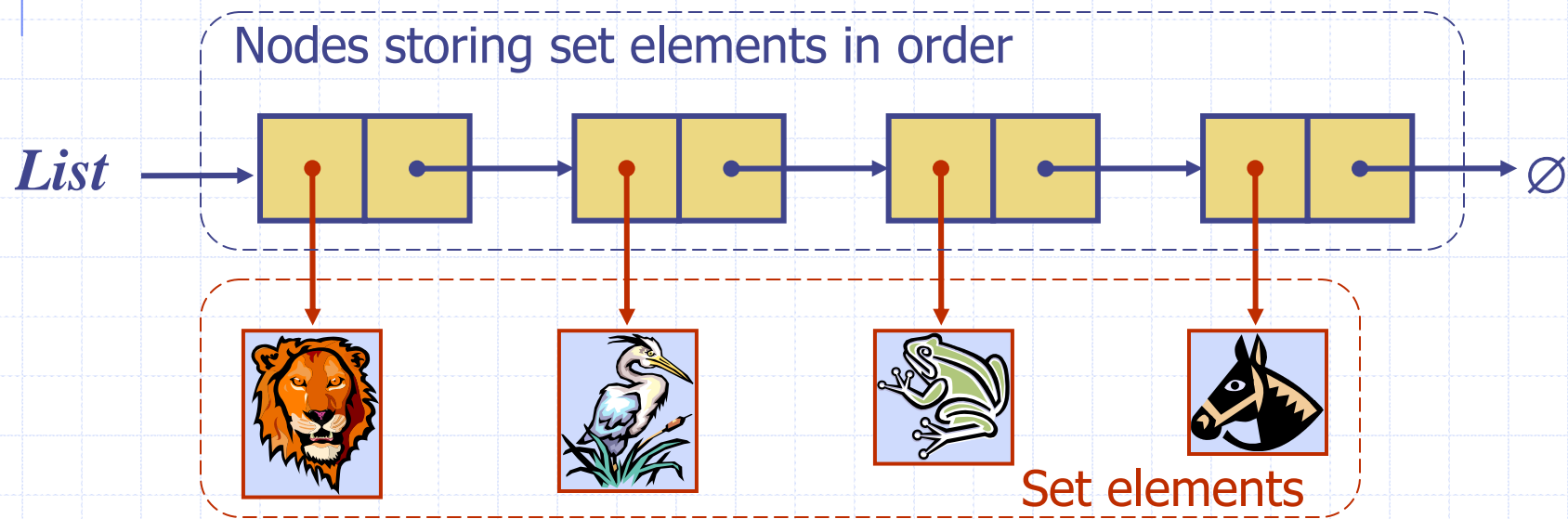
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heap-sort	$O(n \log n)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ fast</li><li>◆ in-place</li><li>◆ for large data sets (1K — 1M)</li></ul>
merge-sort	$O(n \log n)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ fast</li><li>◆ sequential data access</li><li>◆ for huge data sets (&gt; 1M)</li></ul>

# Sets



# Storing a Set in a List

- ◆ We can implement a set with a list
- ◆ Elements are stored sorted according to some canonical ordering
- ◆ The space used is  $O(n)$



# Generic Merging (§10.2)

- ◆ Generalized merge of two sorted lists  $A$  and  $B$
- ◆ Template method **genericMerge**
- ◆ Auxiliary methods
  - **aIsLess**
  - **bIsLess**
  - **bothEqual**
- ◆ Runs in  $O(n_A + n_B)$  time provided the auxiliary methods run in  $O(1)$  time

**Algorithm** *genericMerge*( $A, B$ )

$S \leftarrow$  empty sequence

**while**  $\neg A.isEmpty() \wedge \neg B.isEmpty()$

$a \leftarrow A.first().element(); b \leftarrow B.first().element()$

**if**  $a < b$

**aIsLess**( $a, S$ );  $A.remove(A.first())$

**else if**  $b < a$

**bIsLess**( $b, S$ );  $B.remove(B.first())$

**else** {  $b = a$  }

**bothEqual**( $a, b, S$ )

$A.remove(A.first()); B.remove(B.first())$

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**bIsLess**( $b, S$ );  $B.remove(B.first())$

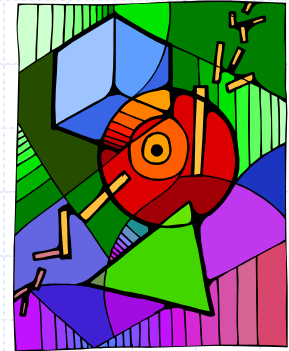
**return**  $S$

# Using Generic Merge for Set Operations



- ◆ Any of the set operations can be implemented using a generic merge
- ◆ For example:
  - For **intersection**: only copy elements that are duplicated in both list
  - For **union**: copy every element from both lists except for the duplicates
- ◆ All methods run in linear time.

# Set Operations

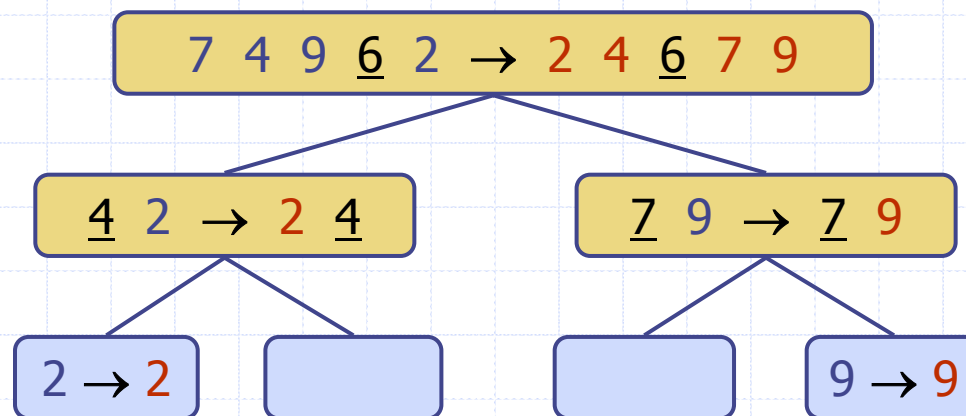


- ◆ We represent a set by the sorted sequence of its elements
- ◆ By specializing the auxiliary methods the generic merge algorithm can be used to perform basic set operations:
  - union
  - intersection
  - subtraction
- ◆ The running time of an operation on sets  $A$  and  $B$  should be at most  $O(n_A + n_B)$

- ◆ Set union:
  - *aIsLess(a, S)*  
*S.insertFirst(a)*
  - *bIsLess(b, S)*  
*S.insertLast(b)*
  - *bothAreEqual(a, b, S)*  
*S.insertLast(a)*
- ◆ Set intersection:
  - *aIsLess(a, S)*  
*{ do nothing }*
  - *bIsLess(b, S)*  
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  - *bothAreEqual(a, b, S)*  
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# Quick-Sort



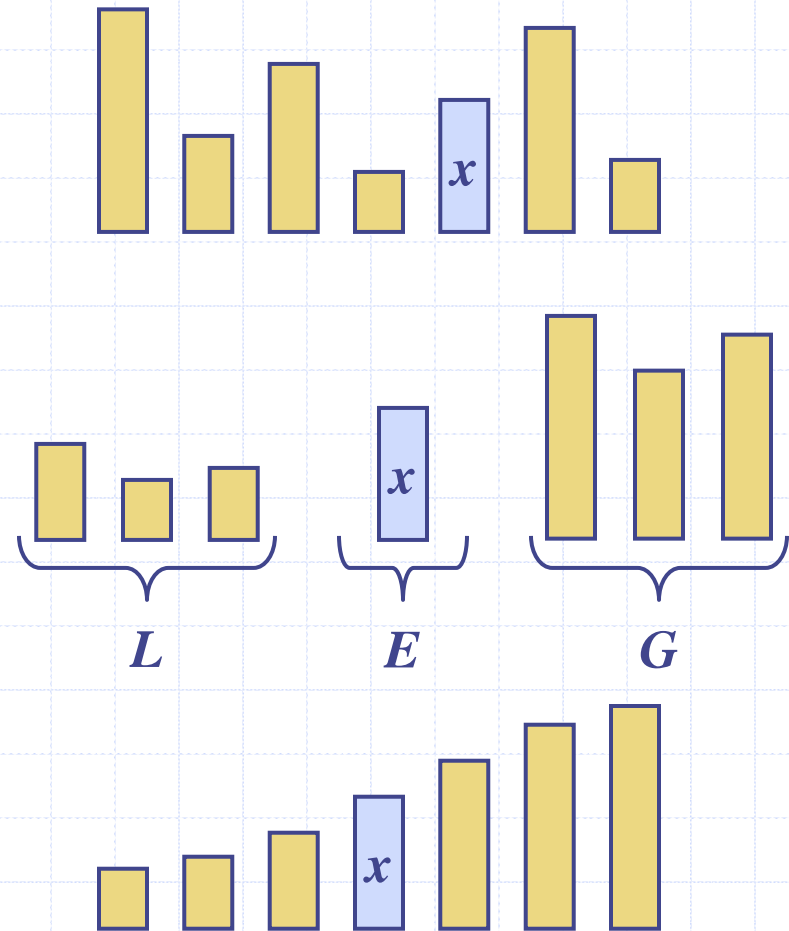
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- ◆ Quick-sort (§10.3)
  - Algorithm
  - Partition step
  - Quick-sort tree
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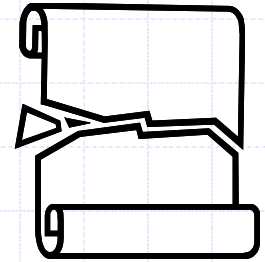
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◆ **Quick-sort** is a randomized sorting algorithm based on the divide-and-conquer paradigm:

- **Divide**: pick a random element  $x$  (called **pivot**) and partition  $S$  into
  - ◆  $L$  elements less than  $x$
  - ◆  $E$  elements equal  $x$
  - ◆  $G$  elements greater than  $x$
- **Recur**: sort  $L$  and  $G$
- **Conquer**: join  $L$ ,  $E$  and  $G$



# Partition



- ◆ We partition an input sequence as follows:
  - We remove, in turn, each element  $y$  from  $S$  and
  - We insert  $y$  into  $L$ ,  $E$  or  $G$ , depending on the result of the comparison with the pivot  $x$
- ◆ Each insertion and removal is at the beginning or at the end of a sequence, and hence takes  $O(1)$  time
- ◆ Thus, the partition step of quick-sort takes  $O(n)$  time

**Algorithm** *partition*( $S, p$ )

**Input** sequence  $S$ , position  $p$  of pivot

**Output** subsequences  $L$ ,  $E$ ,  $G$  of the elements of  $S$  less than, equal to, or greater than the pivot, resp.

$L, E, G \leftarrow$  empty sequences

$x \leftarrow S.remove(p)$

**while**  $\neg S.isEmpty()$

$y \leftarrow S.remove(S.first())$

**if**  $y < x$

$L.insertLast(y)$

**else if**  $y = x$

$E.insertLast(y)$

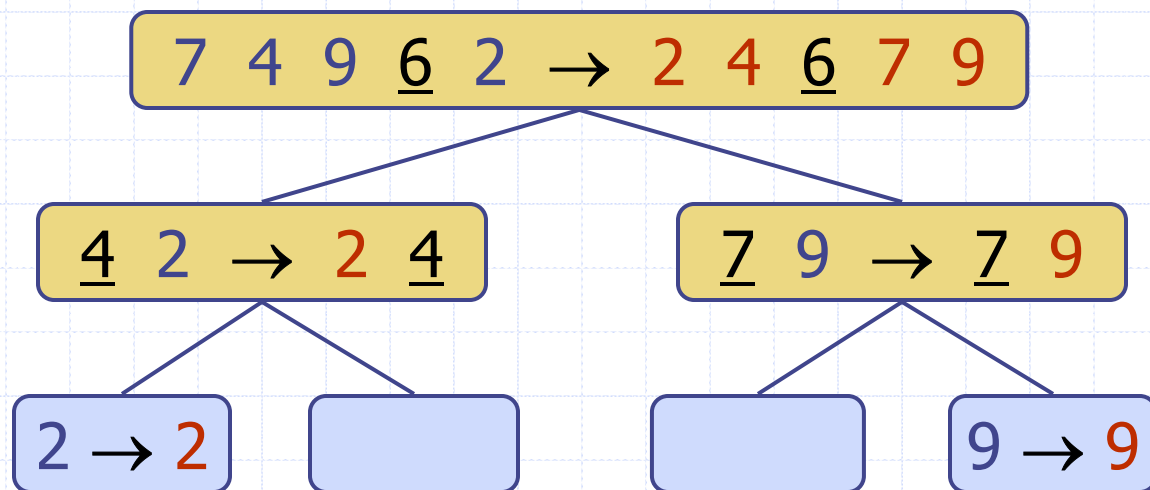
**else**  $\{ y > x \}$

$G.insertLast(y)$

**return**  $L, E, G$

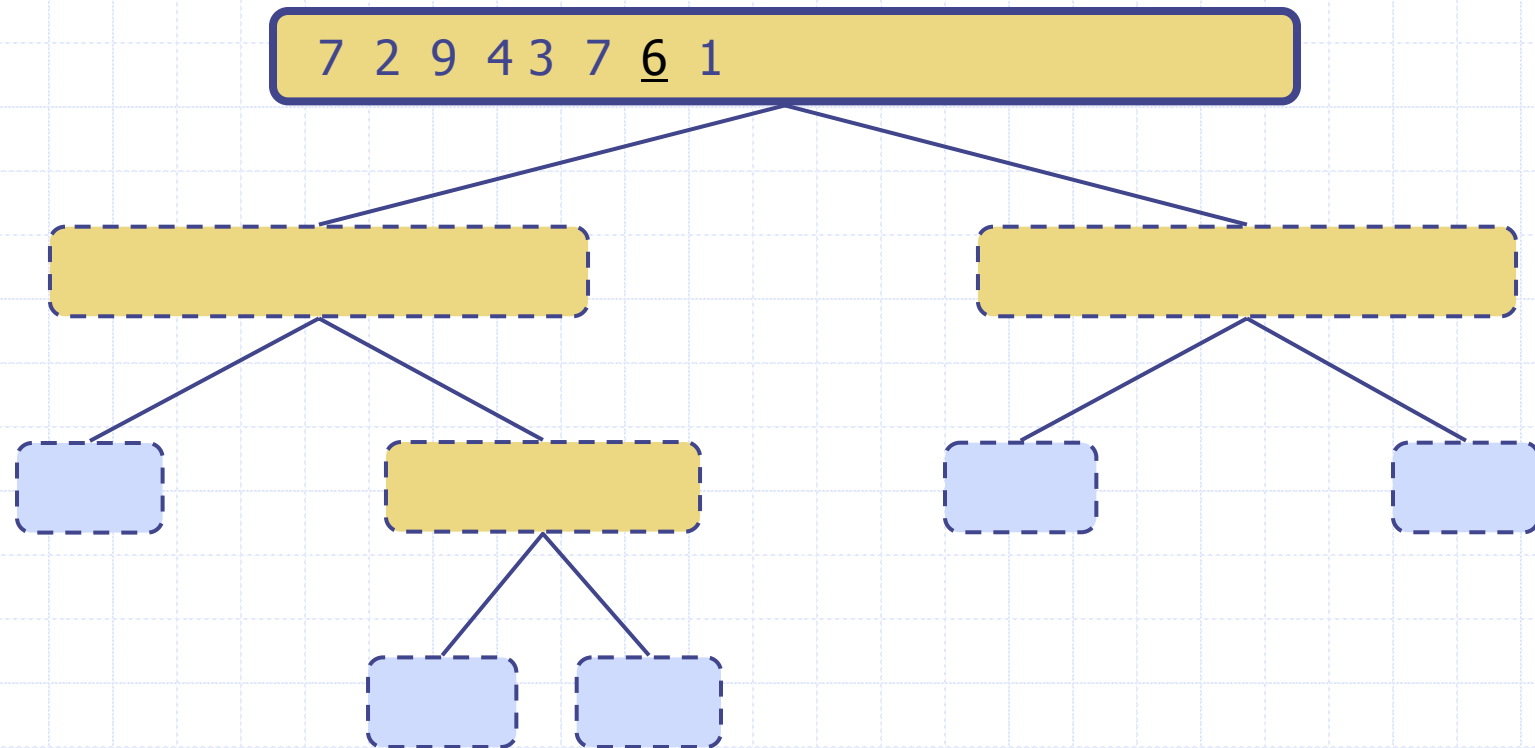
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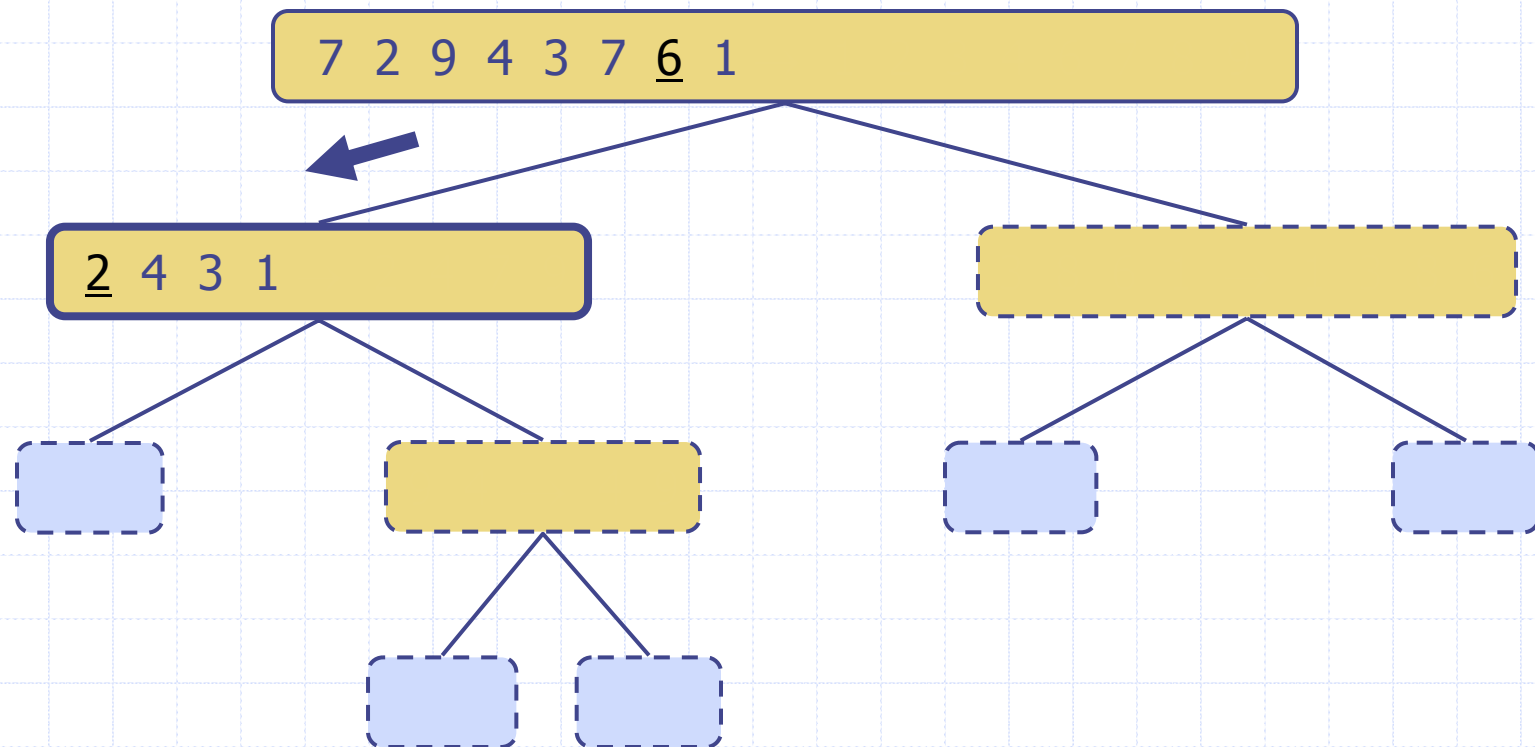
# Execution Example

## ◆ Pivot selection



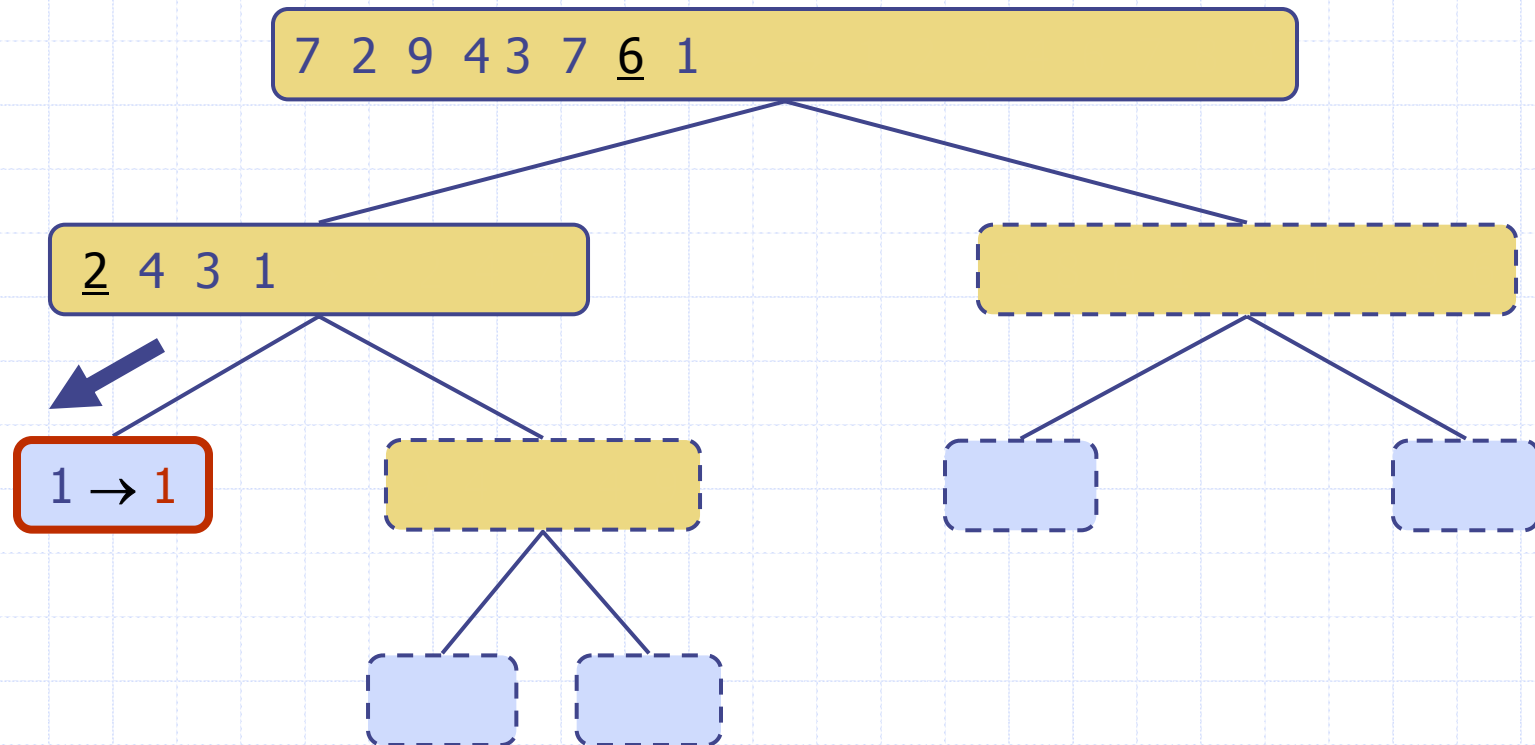
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◆ Partition, recursive call, pivot selection



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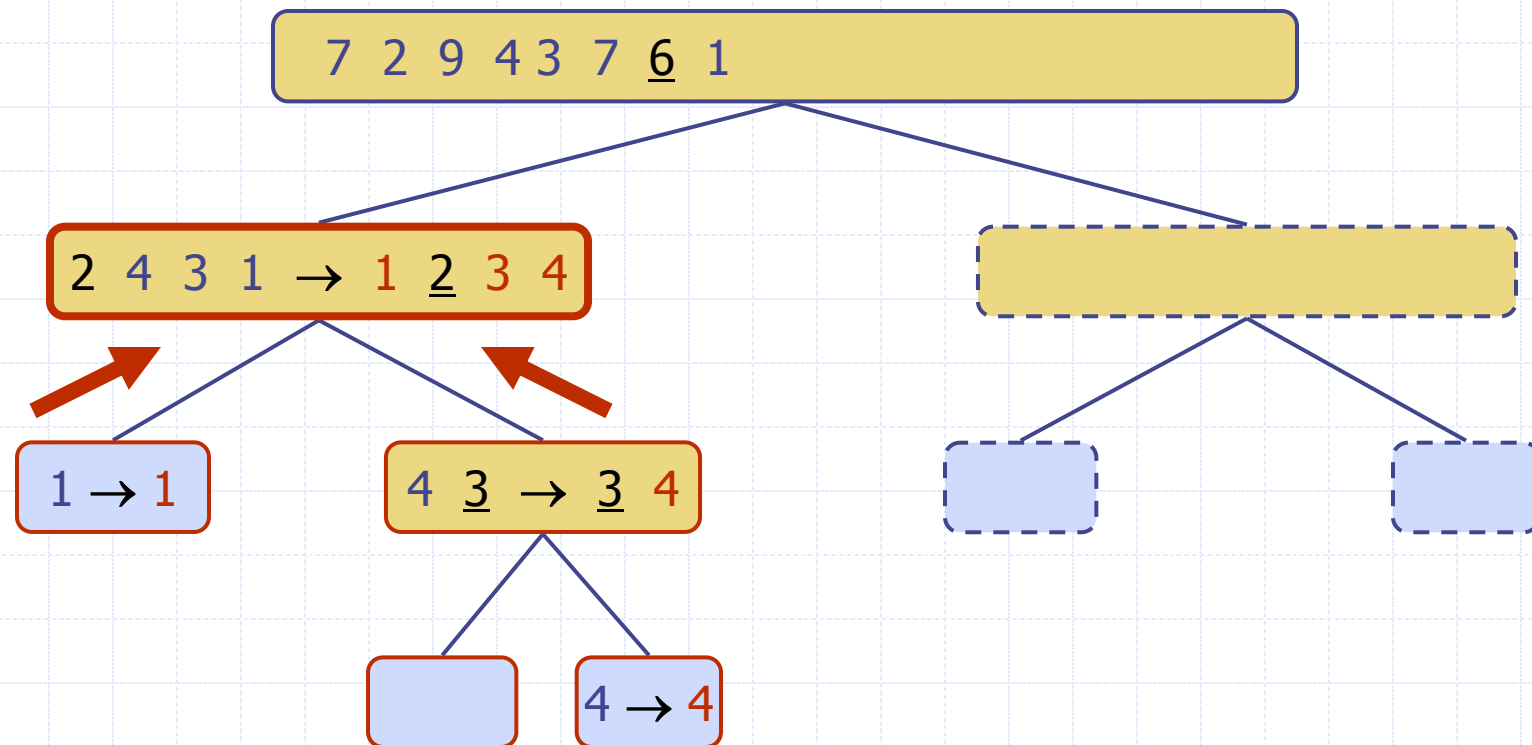
◆ Partition, recursive call, base case





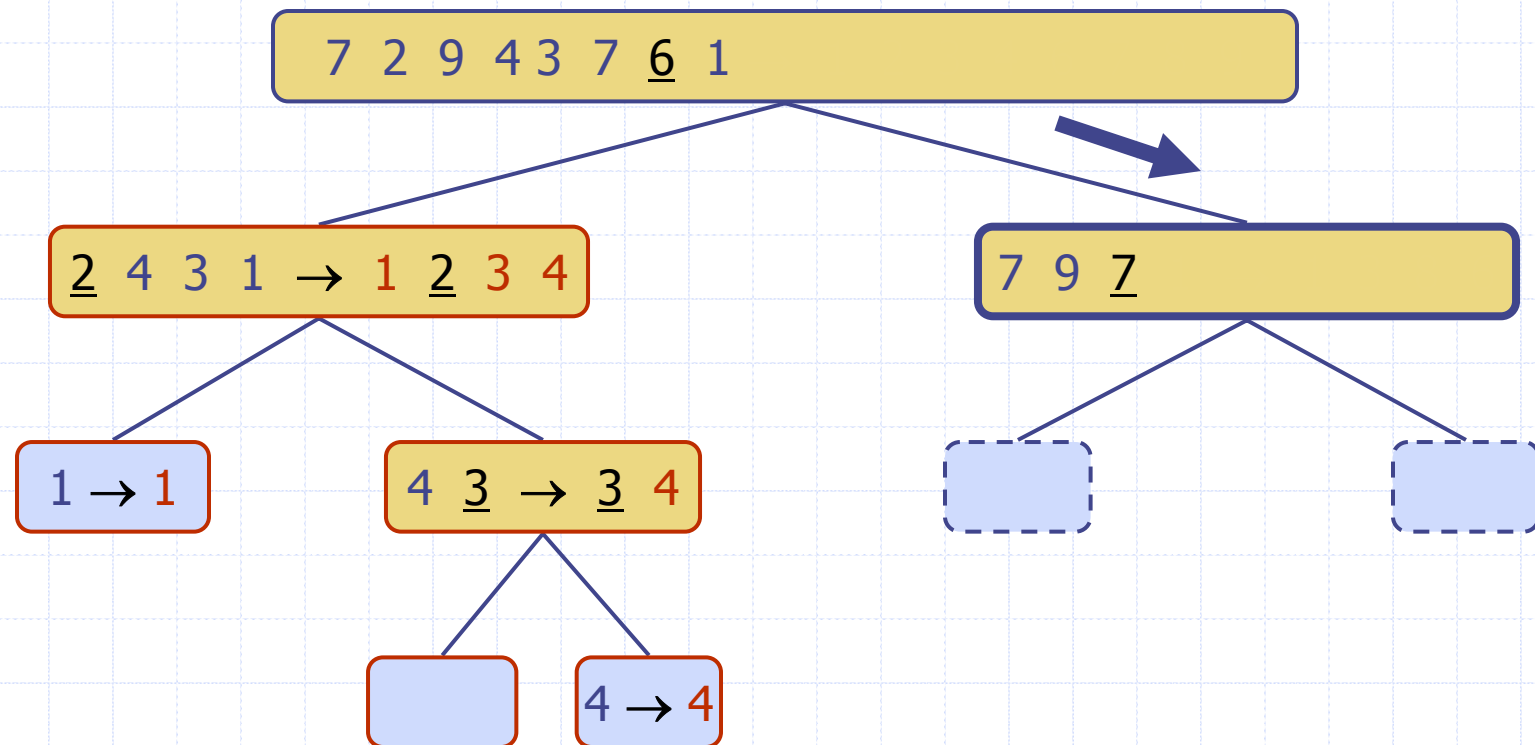
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◆ Recursive call, ..., base case, join



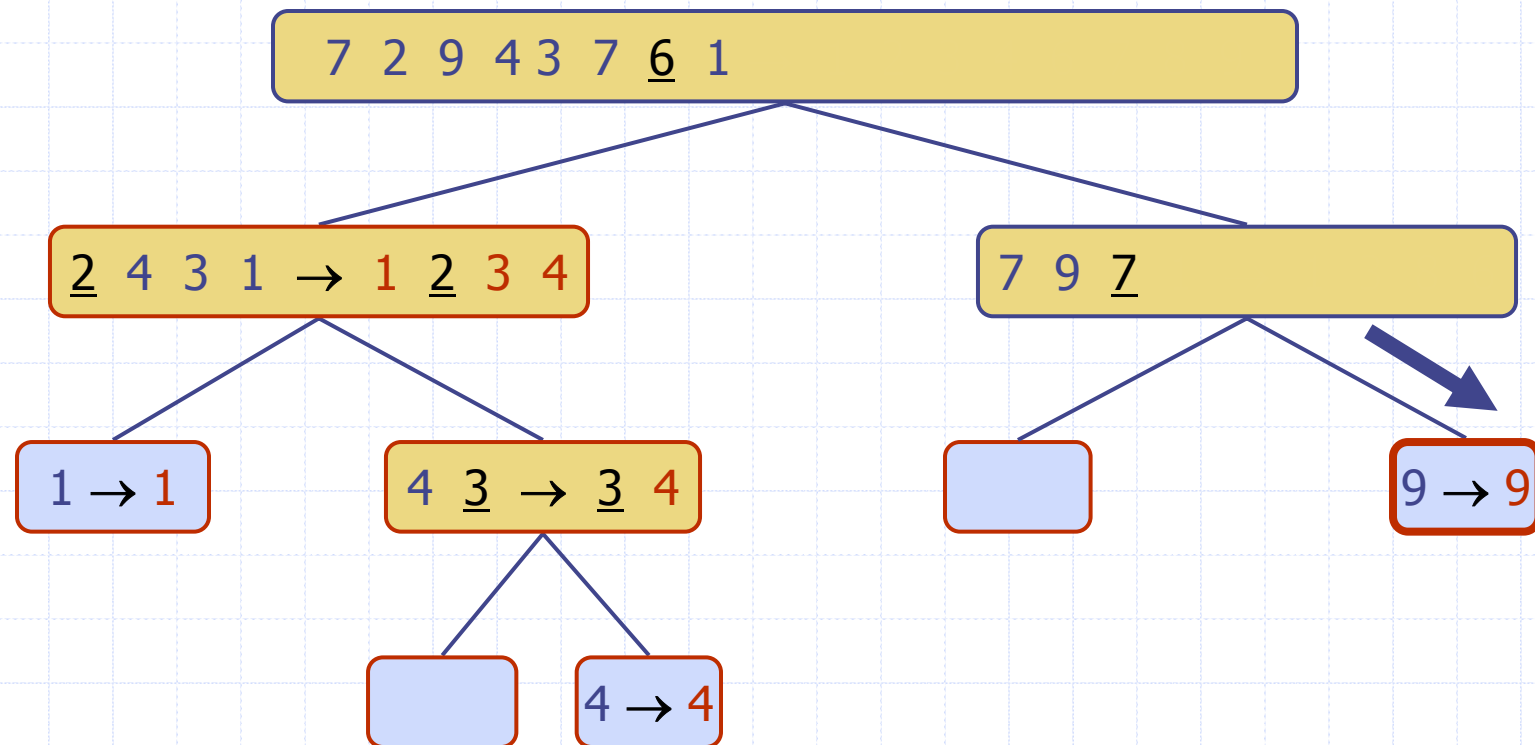
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◆ Recursive call, pivot selection



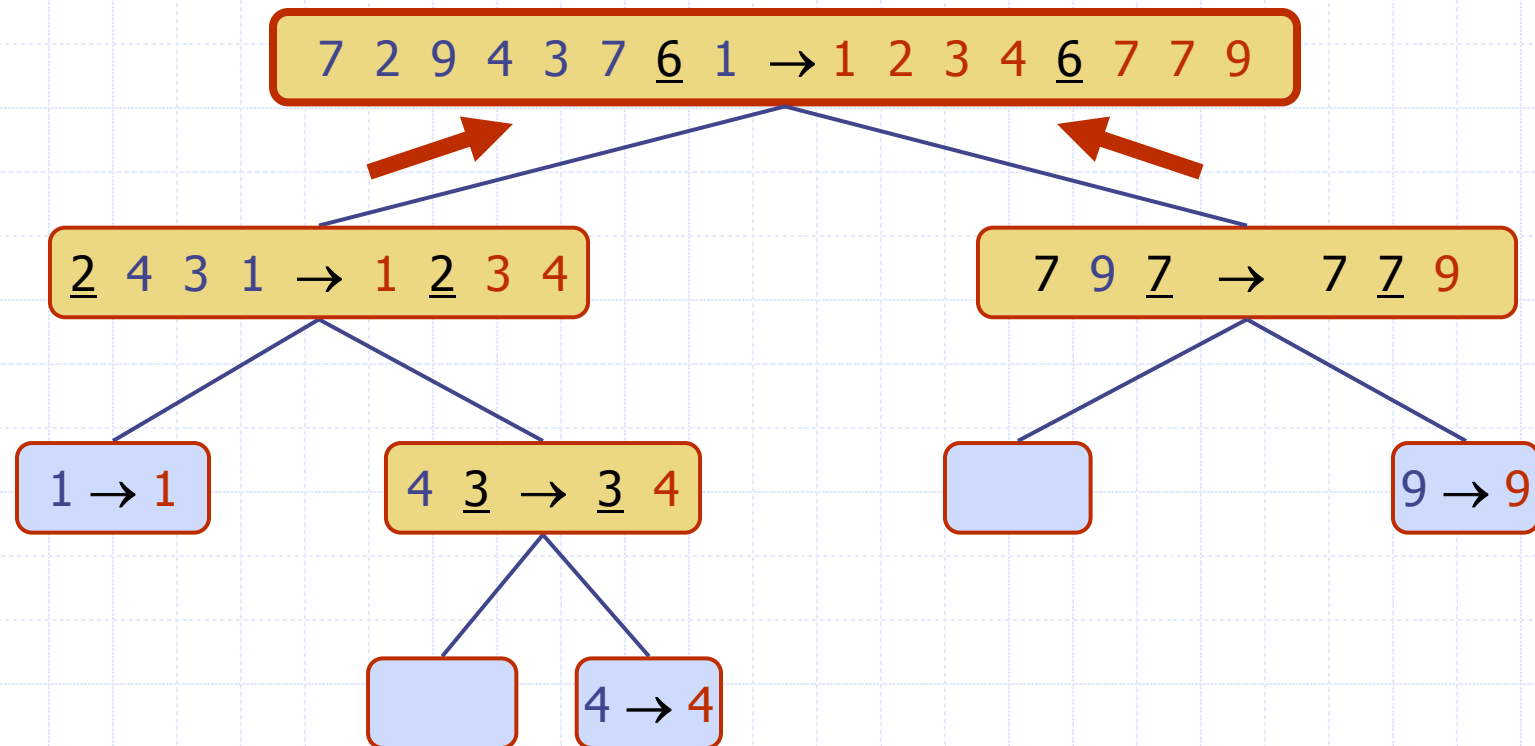
# Execution Example (cont.)

◆ Partition, ..., recursive call, base case



# Execution Example (cont.)

◆ Join, join



# Worst-case Running Time

- ◆ The worst case for quick-sort occurs when the pivot is the unique minimum or maximum element
- ◆ One of  $L$  and  $G$  has size  $n - 1$  and the other has size 0
- ◆ The running time is proportional to the sum
$$n + (n - 1) + \dots + 2 + 1$$
- ◆ Thus, the worst-case running time of quick-sort is  $O(n^2)$

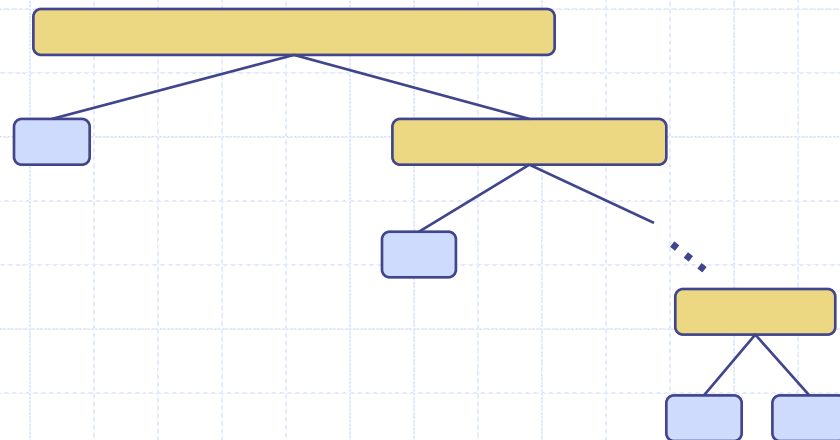
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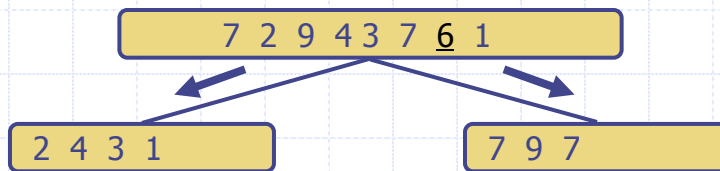
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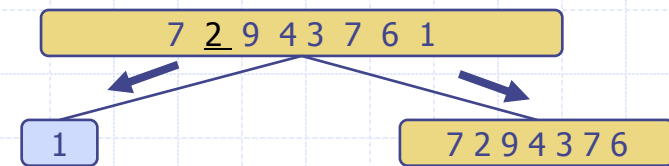
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# Expected Running Time

- ◆ Consider a recursive call of quick-sort on a sequence of size  $s$ 
  - **Good call**: the sizes of  $L$  and  $G$  are each less than  $3s/4$
  - **Bad call**: one of  $L$  and  $G$  has size greater than  $3s/4$

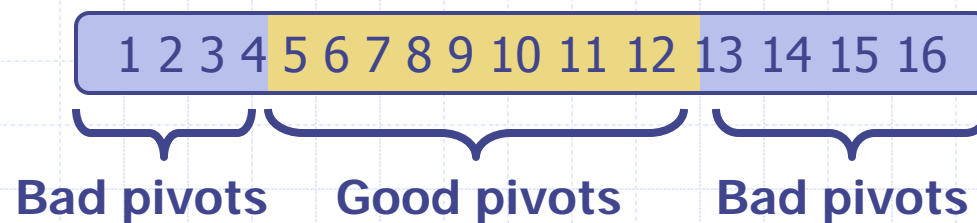


Good call



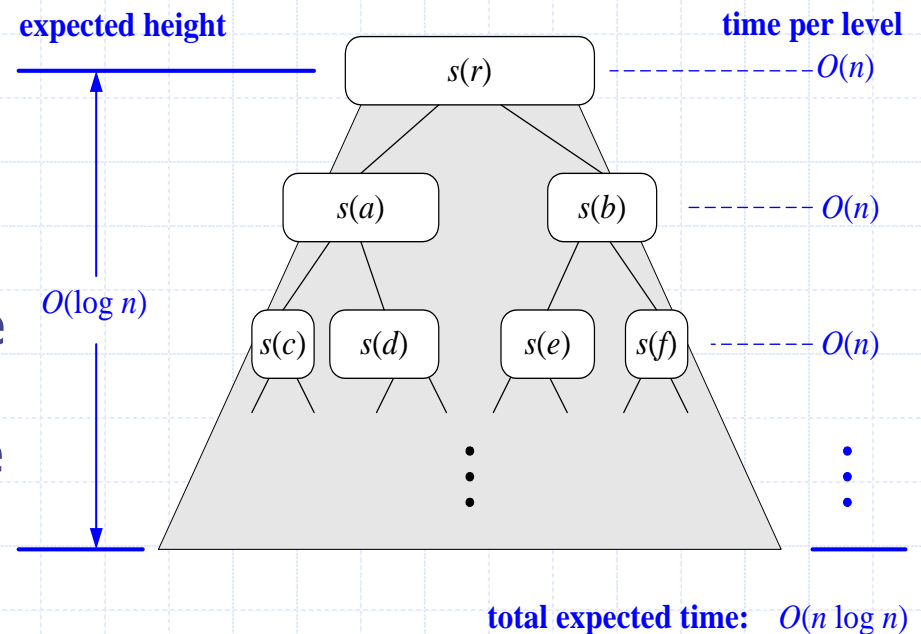
Bad call

- ◆ A call is **good** with probability  $1/2$ 
  - $1/2$  of the possible pivots cause good calls:

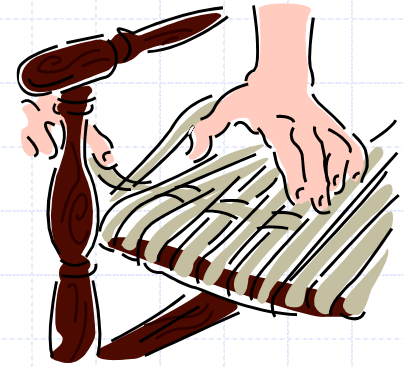


# Expected Running Time, Part 2

- ◆ **Probabilistic Fact:** The expected number of coin tosses required in order to get  $k$  heads is  $2k$
- ◆ For a node of depth  $i$ , we expect
  - $i/2$  ancestors are good calls
  - The size of the input sequence for the current call is at most  $(3/4)^{i/2}n$
- ◆ Therefore, we have
  - For a node of depth  $2\log_{4/3}n$ , the expected input size is one
  - The expected height of the quick-sort tree is  $O(\log n)$
- ◆ The amount of work done at the nodes of the same depth is  $O(n)$
- ◆ Thus, the expected running time of quick-sort is  $O(n \log n)$



# In-Place Quick-Sort



- ◆ Quick-sort can be implemented to run in-place
- ◆ In the partition step, we use replace operations to rearrange the elements of the input sequence such that
  - the elements less than the pivot have rank less than  $h$
  - the elements equal to the pivot have rank between  $h$  and  $k$
  - the elements greater than the pivot have rank greater than  $k$
- ◆ The recursive calls consider
  - elements with rank less than  $h$
  - elements with rank greater than  $k$

**Algorithm** *inPlaceQuickSort*( $S, l, r$ )

**Input** sequence  $S$ , ranks  $l$  and  $r$

**Output** sequence  $S$  with the elements of rank between  $l$  and  $r$  rearranged in increasing order

**if**  $l \geq r$

**return**

$i \leftarrow$  a random integer between  $l$  and  $r$

$x \leftarrow S.\text{elemAtRank}(i)$

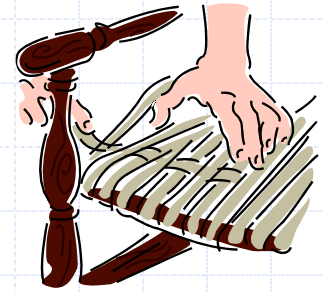
$(h, k) \leftarrow \text{inPlacePartition}(x)$

*inPlaceQuickSort*( $S, l, h - 1$ )

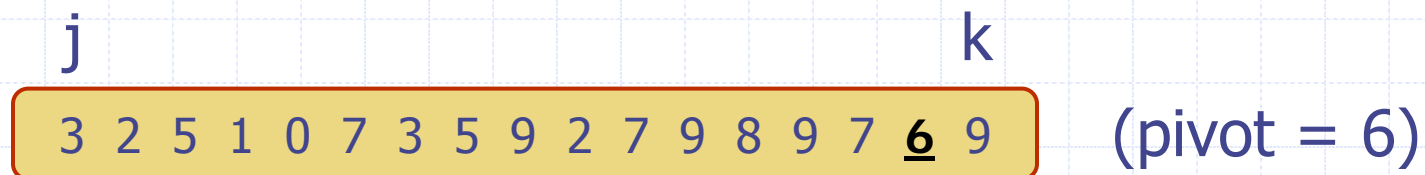
*inPlaceQuickSort*( $S, k + 1, r$ )



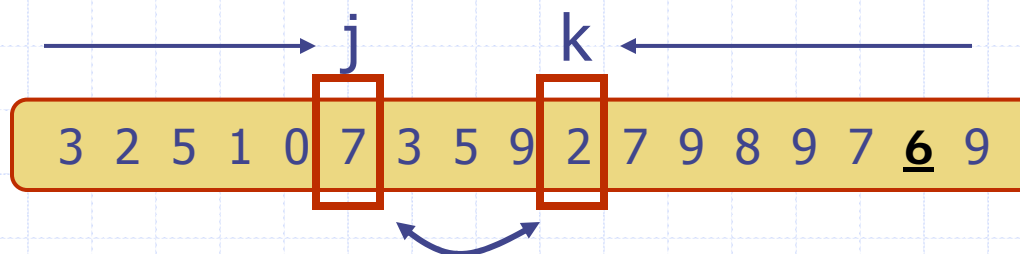
# In-Place Partitioning



- ◆ Perform the partition using two indices to split  $S$  into  $L$  and  $EYG$  (a similar method can split  $EYG$  into  $E$  and  $G$ ).



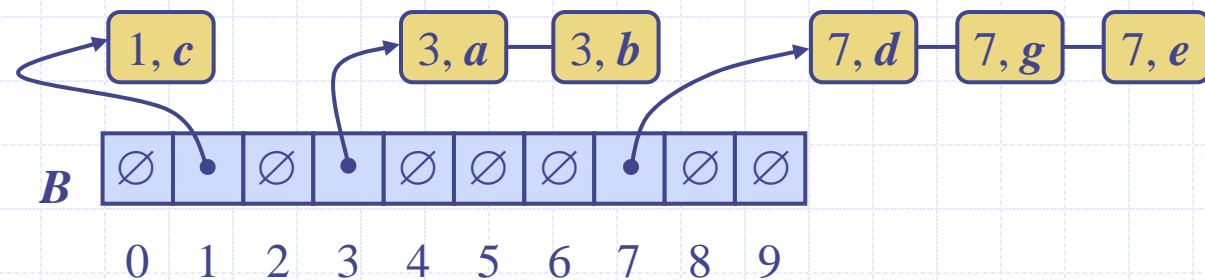
- ◆ Repeat until  $j$  and  $k$  cross:
  - Scan  $j$  to the right until finding an element  $\geq x$ .
  - Scan  $k$  to the left until finding an element  $< x$ .
  - Swap elements at indices  $j$  and  $k$



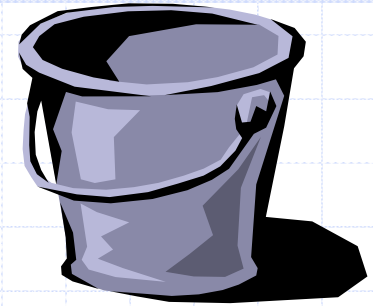
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quick-sort	$O(n \log n)$ expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ in-place, randomized</li><li>◆ fastest (good for large inputs)</li></ul>
heap-sort	$O(n \log n)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ in-place</li><li>◆ fast (good for large inputs)</li></ul>
merge-sort	$O(n \log n)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ sequential data access</li><li>◆ fast (good for huge inputs)</li></ul>

# Bucket-Sort and Radix-Sort



# Bucket-Sort (§10.5.1)



- ◆ Let  $S$  be a sequence of  $n$  (key, element) items with keys in the range  $[0, N - 1]$
  - ◆ Bucket-sort uses the keys as indices into an auxiliary array  $B$  of sequences (buckets)
    - Phase 1: Empty sequence  $S$  by moving each item  $(k, o)$  into its bucket  $B[k]$
    - Phase 2: For  $i = 0, \dots, N - 1$ , move the items of bucket  $B[i]$  to the end of sequence  $S$
  - ◆ Analysis:
    - Phase 1 takes  $O(n)$  time
    - Phase 2 takes  $O(n + N)$  time
- Bucket-sort takes  $O(n + N)$  time

**Algorithm** *bucketSort*( $S, N$ )

**Input** sequence  $S$  of (key, element) items with keys in the range  $[0, N - 1]$

**Output** sequence  $S$  sorted by increasing keys

$B \leftarrow$  array of  $N$  empty sequences

**while**  $\neg S.isEmpty()$

$f \leftarrow S.first()$

$(k, o) \leftarrow S.remove(f)$

$B[k].insertLast((k, o))$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $N - 1$

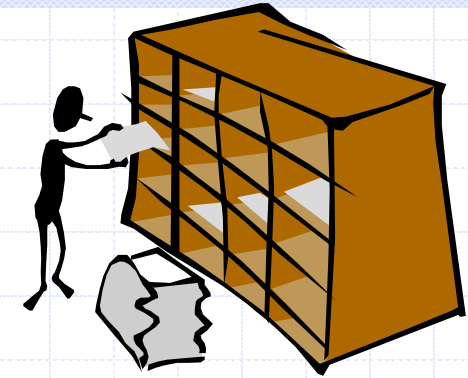
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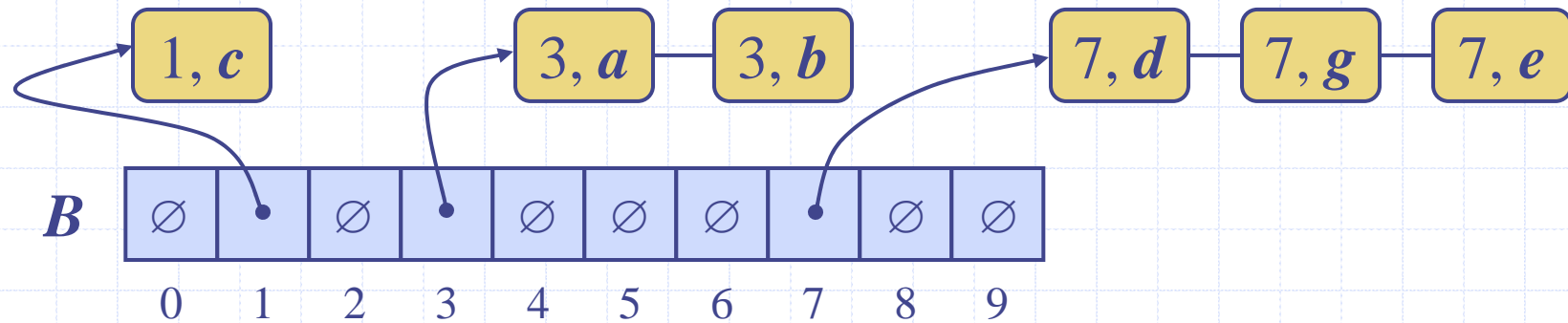
# Example



◆ Key range [0, 9]



Phase 1



Phase 2



# Properties and Extensions



## ◆ Key-type Property

- The keys are used as indices into an array and cannot be arbitrary objects
- No external comparator

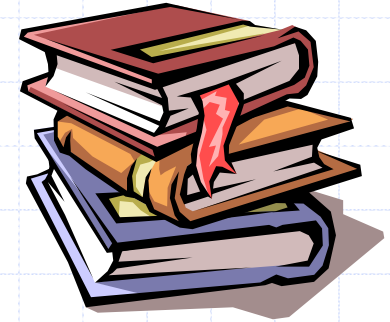
## ◆ **Stable** Sort Property

- The relative order of any two items with the same key is preserved after the execution of the algorithm

## Extensions

- Integer keys in the range  $[a, b]$ 
  - ◆ Put item  $(k, o)$  into bucket  $B[k - a]$
- String keys from a set  $D$  of possible strings, where  $D$  has constant size (e.g., names of the 50 U.S. states)
  - ◆ Sort  $D$  and compute the rank  $r(k)$  of each string  $k$  of  $D$  in the sorted sequence
  - ◆ Put item  $(k, o)$  into bucket  $B[r(k)]$

# Lexicographic Order



- ◆ A  $d$ -tuple is a sequence of  $d$  keys  $(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d)$ , where key  $k_i$  is said to be the  $i$ -th dimension of the tuple
- ◆ Example:
  - The Cartesian coordinates of a point in space are a 3-tuple
- ◆ The lexicographic order of two  $d$ -tuples is recursively defined as follows

$$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) < (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d)$$



$$x_1 < y_1 \vee x_1 = y_1 \wedge (x_2, \dots, x_d) < (y_2, \dots, y_d)$$

I.e., the tuples are compared by the first dimension, then by the second dimension, etc.

# Lexicographic-Sort

- ◆ Let  $C_i$  be the comparator that compares two tuples by their  $i$ -th dimension
- ◆ Let  $stableSort(S, C)$  be a stable sorting algorithm that uses comparator  $C$
- ◆ Lexicographic-sort sorts a sequence of  $d$ -tuples in lexicographic order by executing  $d$  times algorithm  $stableSort$ , one per dimension
- ◆ Lexicographic-sort runs in  $O(dT(n))$  time, where  $T(n)$  is the running time of  $stableSort$

**Algorithm** *lexicographicSort(S)*

**Input** sequence  $S$  of  $d$ -tuples

**Output** sequence  $S$  sorted in lexicographic order

**for**  $i \leftarrow d$  **downto** 1  
     $stableSort(S, C_i)$

**Example:**

(7,4,6) (5,1,5) (2,4,6) (2, 1, 4) (3, 2, 4)

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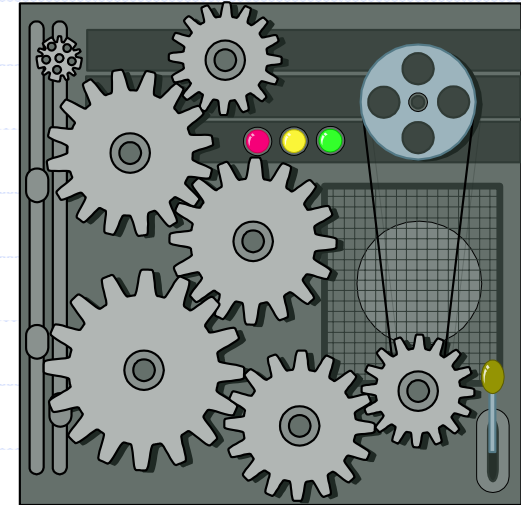
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# Radix-Sort (§10.5.2)

- ◆ Radix-sort is a specialization of lexicographic-sort that uses bucket-sort as the stable sorting algorithm in each dimension
- ◆ Radix-sort is applicable to tuples where the keys in each dimension  $i$  are integers in the range  $[0, N - 1]$
- ◆ Radix-sort runs in time  $O(d(n + N))$



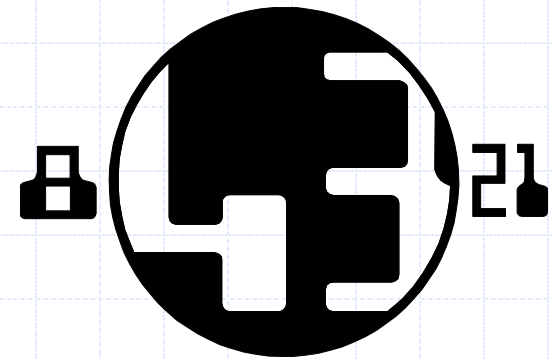
## Algorithm *radixSort*( $S, N$ )

**Input** sequence  $S$  of  $d$ -tuples such that  $(0, \dots, 0) \leq (x_1, \dots, x_d)$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_d) \leq (N - 1, \dots, N - 1)$  for each tuple  $(x_1, \dots, x_d)$  in  $S$

**Output** sequence  $S$  sorted in lexicographic order

**for**  $i \leftarrow d$  **downto** 1  
    *bucketSort*( $S, N$ )

# Radix-Sort for Binary Numbers



- ◆ Consider a sequence of  $n$   $b$ -bit integers

$$x = x_{b-1} \dots x_1 x_0$$

- ◆ We represent each element as a  $b$ -tuple of integers in the range  $[0, 1]$  and apply radix-sort with  $N = 2$
- ◆ This application of the radix-sort algorithm runs in  $O(bn)$  time
- ◆ For example, we can sort a sequence of 32-bit integers in linear time

**Algorithm** *binaryRadixSort(S)*

**Input** sequence  $S$  of  $b$ -bit integers

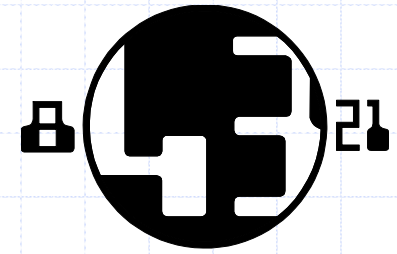
**Output** sequence  $S$  sorted  
replace each element  $x$  of  $S$  with the item  $(0, x)$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $b - 1$

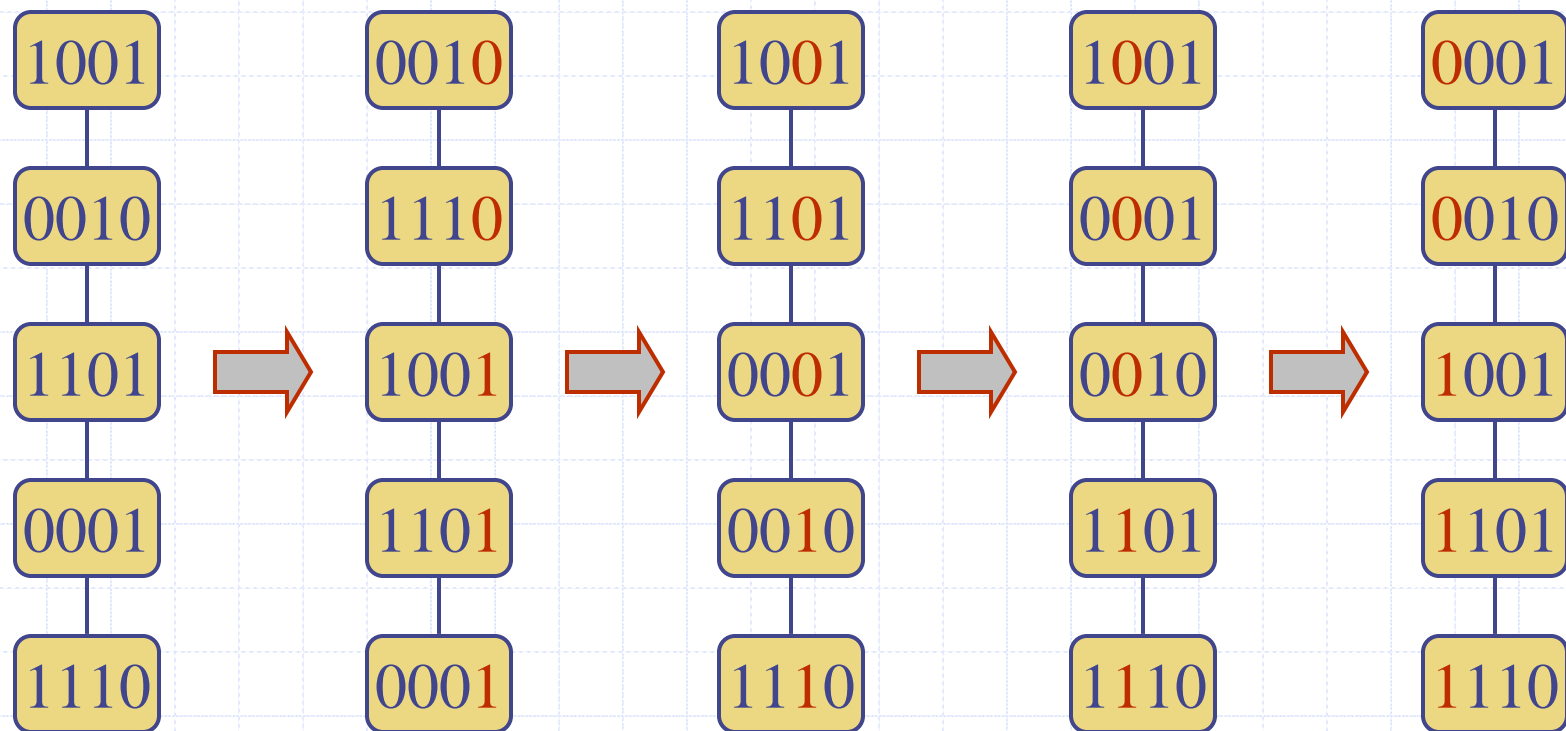
replace the key  $k$  of each item  $(k, x)$  of  $S$  with bit  $x_i$  of  $x$

*bucketSort(S, 2)*

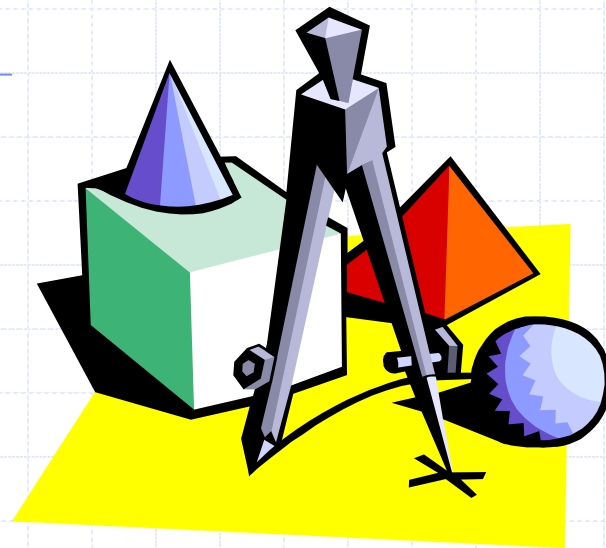
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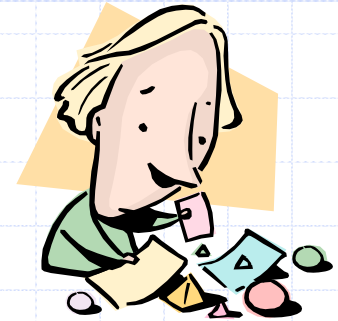
◆ Sorting a sequence of 4-bit integers



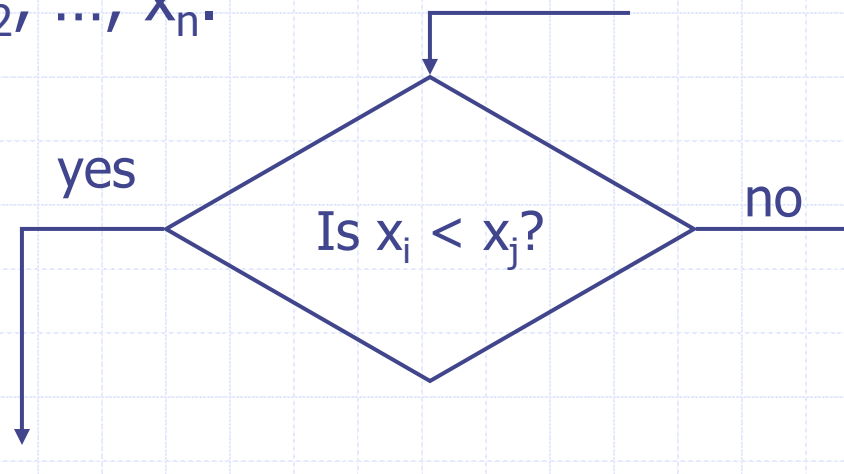
# Sorting Lower Bound



# Comparison-Based Sorting (§10.4)

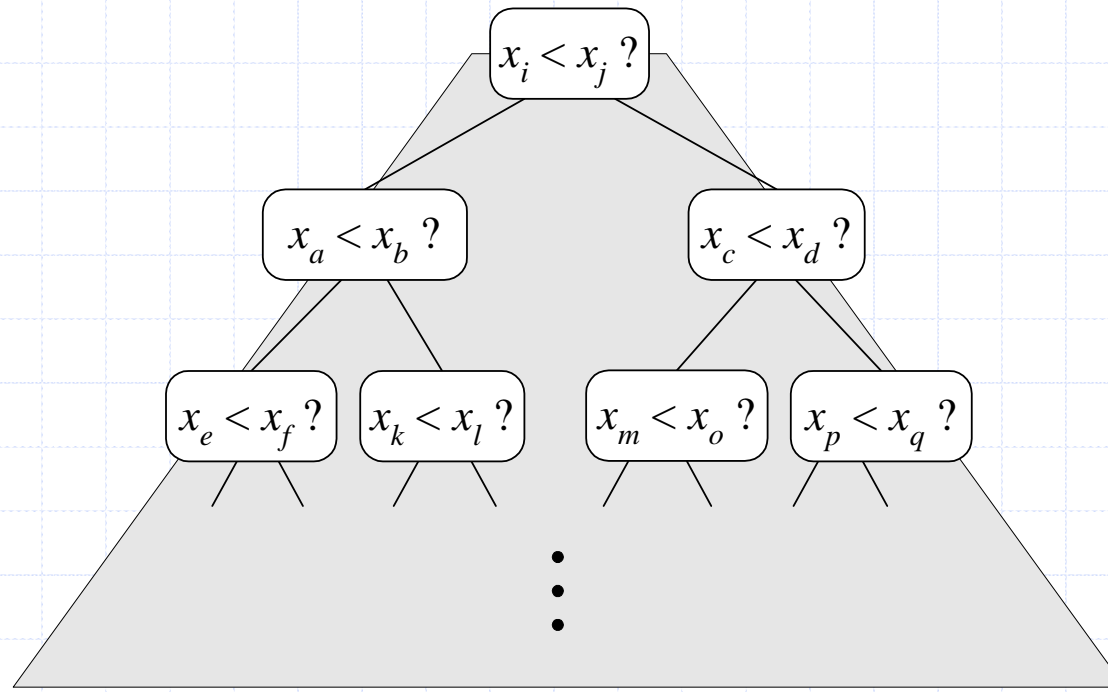


- ◆ Many sorting algorithms are comparison based.
  - They sort by making comparisons between pairs of objects
  - Examples: bubble-sort, selection-sort, insertion-sort, heap-sort, merge-sort, quick-sort, ...
- ◆ Let us therefore derive a lower bound on the running time of any algorithm that uses comparisons to sort  $n$  elements,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .



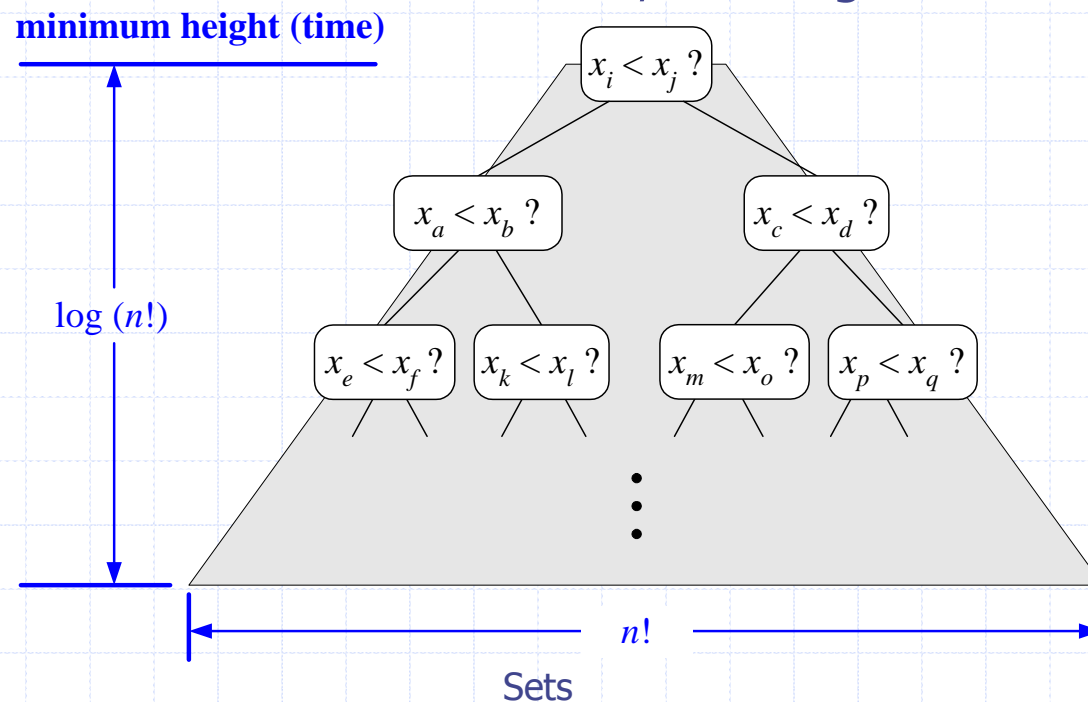
# Counting Comparisons

- ◆ Let us just count comparisons then.
- ◆ Each possible run of the algorithm corresponds to a root-to-leaf path in a **decision tree**

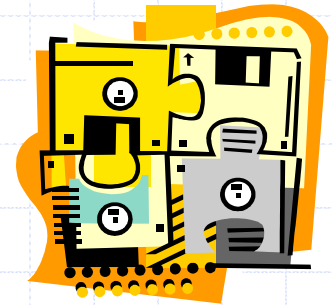


# Decision Tree Height

- ◆ The height of this decision tree is a lower bound on the running time
- ◆ Every possible input permutation must lead to a separate leaf output.
  - If not, some input ...4...5... would have same output ordering as ...5...4..., which would be wrong.
- ◆ Since there are  $n! = 1 * 2 * \dots * n$  leaves, the height is at least  $\log(n!)$



# The Lower Bound



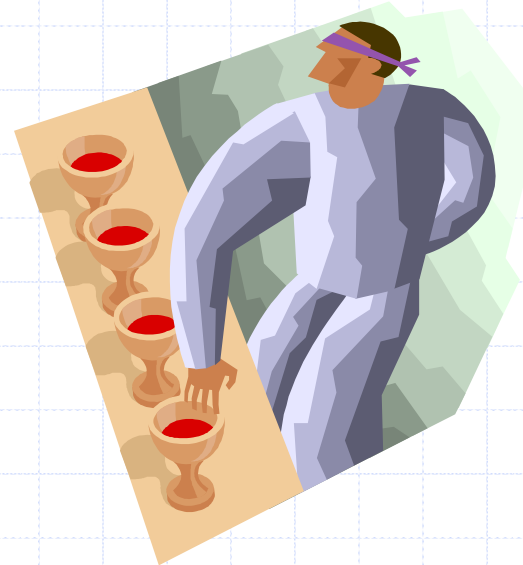
- ◆ Any comparison-based sorting algorithm takes at least  $\log(n!)$  time
- ◆ Therefore, any such algorithm takes time at least

$$\log(n!) \geq \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} = (n/2) \log(n/2).$$

- ◆ That is, any comparison-based sorting algorithm must run in  $\Omega(n \log n)$  time.



# Selection



# The Selection Problem



- ◆ Given an integer  $k$  and  $n$  elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , taken from a total order, find the  $k$ -th smallest element in this set.
- ◆ Of course, we can sort the set in  $O(n \log n)$  time and then index the  $k$ -th element.

$k=3$

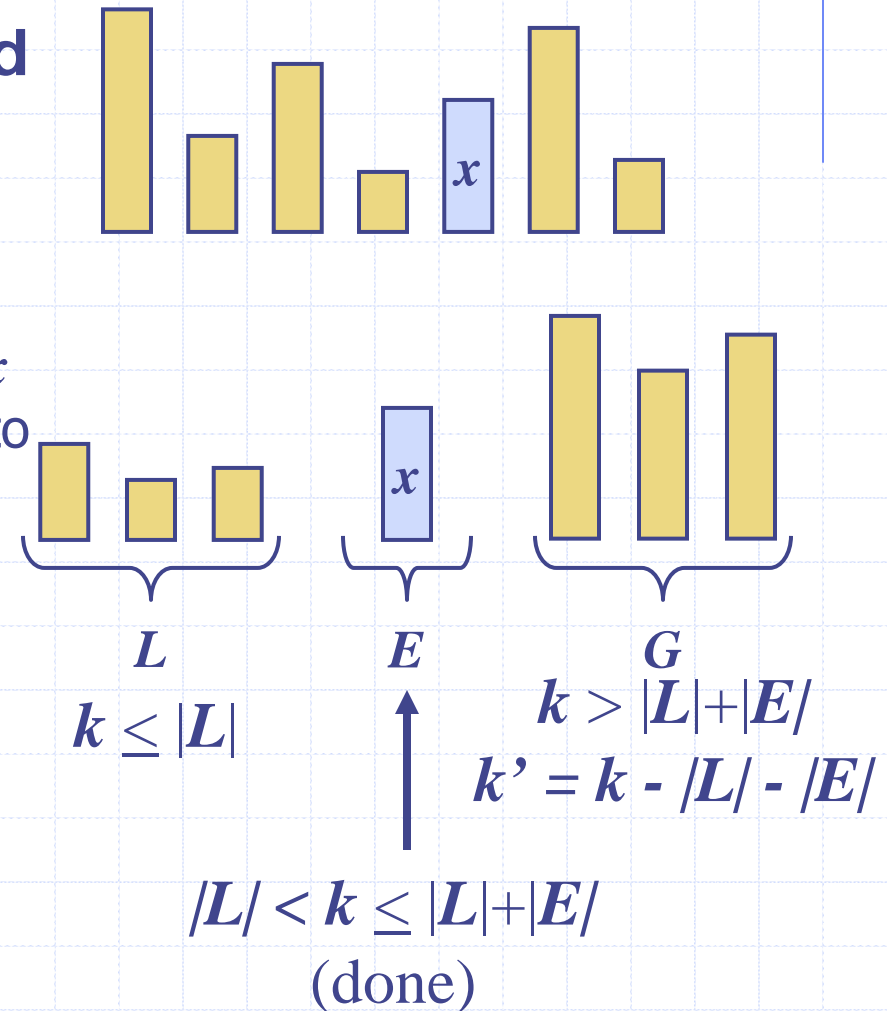
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- ◆ Can we solve the selection problem faster?

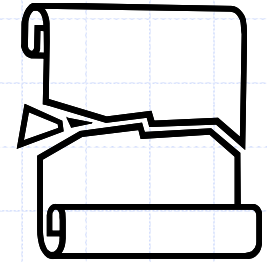
# Quick-Select (§10.7)

◆ Quick-select is a randomized selection algorithm based on the prune-and-search paradigm:

- **Prune**: pick a random element  $x$  (called **pivot**) and partition  $S$  into
  - ◆  $L$  elements less than  $x$
  - ◆  $E$  elements equal  $x$
  - ◆  $G$  elements greater than  $x$
- **Search**: depending on  $k$ , either answer is in  $E$ , or we need to recur on either  $L$  or  $G$



# Partition



- ◆ We partition an input sequence as in the quick-sort algorithm:
  - We remove, in turn, each element  $y$  from  $S$  and
  - We insert  $y$  into  $L$ ,  $E$  or  $G$ , depending on the result of the comparison with the pivot  $x$
- ◆ Each insertion and removal is at the beginning or at the end of a sequence, and hence takes  $O(1)$  time
- ◆ Thus, the partition step of quick-select takes  $O(n)$  time

**Algorithm** *partition*( $S, p$ )

**Input** sequence  $S$ , position  $p$  of pivot

**Output** subsequences  $L$ ,  $E$ ,  $G$  of the elements of  $S$  less than, equal to, or greater than the pivot, resp.

$L, E, G \leftarrow$  empty sequences

$x \leftarrow S.remove(p)$

**while**  $\neg S.isEmpty()$

$y \leftarrow S.remove(S.first())$

**if**  $y < x$

$L.insertLast(y)$

**else if**  $y = x$

$E.insertLast(y)$

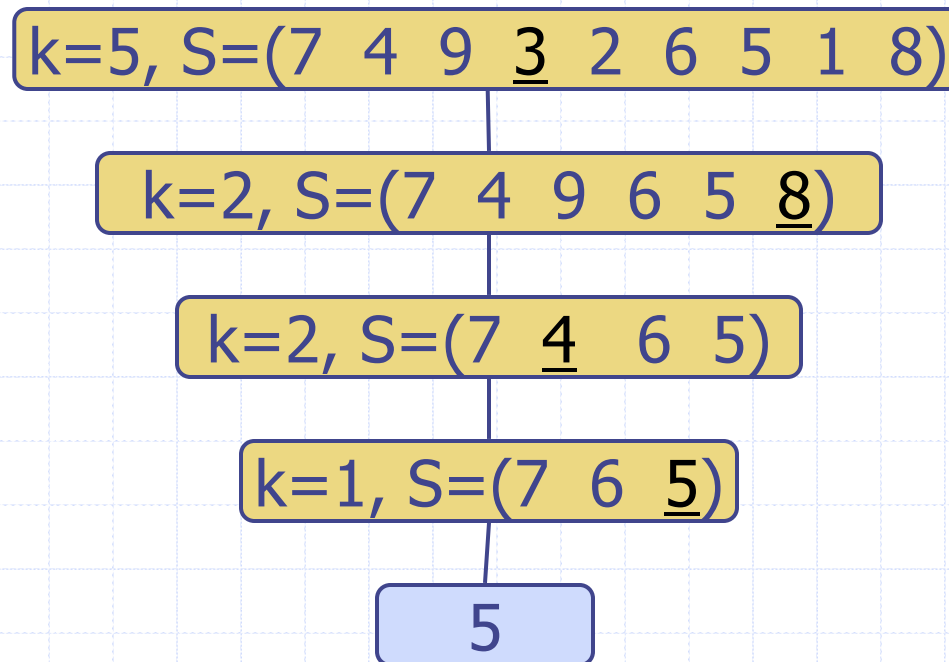
**else**  $\{ y > x \}$

$G.insertLast(y)$

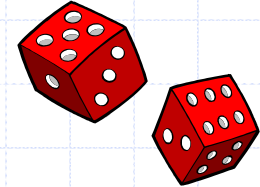
**return**  $L, E, G$

# Quick-Select Visualization

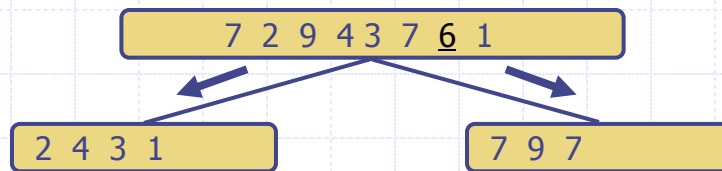
- ◆ An execution of quick-select can be visualized by a recursion path
  - Each node represents a recursive call of quick-select, and stores  $k$  and the remaining sequence



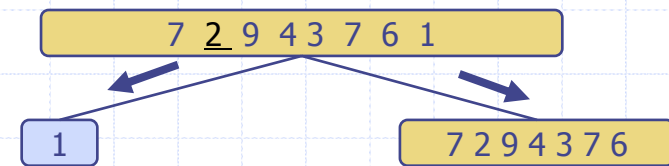
# Expected Running Time



- ◆ Consider a recursive call of quick-select on a sequence of size  $s$ 
  - **Good call**: the sizes of  $L$  and  $G$  are each less than  $3s/4$
  - **Bad call**: one of  $L$  and  $G$  has size greater than  $3s/4$

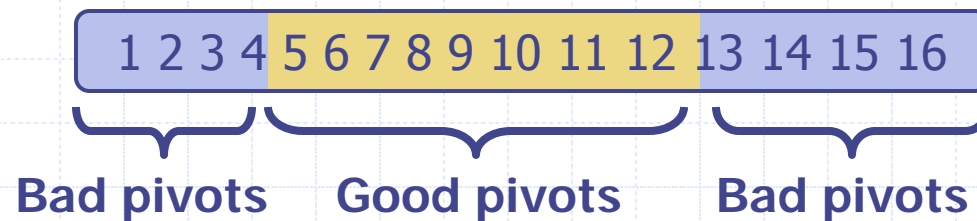


Good call

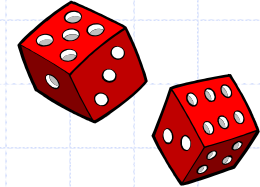


Bad call

- ◆ A call is **good** with probability  $1/2$ 
  - $1/2$  of the possible pivots cause good calls:



# Expected Running Time, Part 2



- ◆ **Probabilistic Fact #1:** The expected number of coin tosses required in order to get one head is two
- ◆ **Probabilistic Fact #2:** Expectation is a linear function:
  - $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$
  - $E(cX) = cE(X)$
- ◆ Let  $T(n)$  denote the expected running time of quick-select.
- ◆ By Fact #2,
  - $T(n) \leq T(3n/4) + bn \cdot (\text{expected \# of calls before a good call})$
- ◆ By Fact #1,
  - $T(n) \leq T(3n/4) + 2bn$
- ◆ That is,  $T(n)$  is a geometric series:
  - $T(n) \leq 2bn + 2b(3/4)n + 2b(3/4)^2n + 2b(3/4)^3n + \dots$
- ◆ So  $T(n)$  is  $O(n)$ .
- ◆ We can solve the selection problem in  $O(n)$  expected time.

# Deterministic Selection



- ◆ We can do selection in  $O(n)$  worst-case time.
- ◆ Main idea: recursively use the selection algorithm itself to find a good pivot for quick-select:
  - Divide  $S$  into  $n/5$  sets of 5 each
  - Find a median in each set
  - Recursively find the median of the “baby” medians.

Min size  
for  $L$

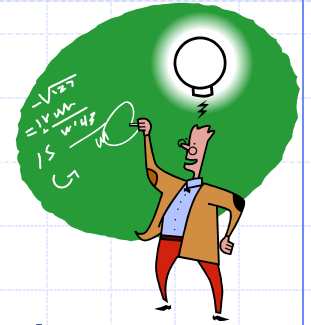
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3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Min size  
for  $G$

- ◆ See Exercise C-4.24 for details of analysis.



# Master Method



- ◆ Many divide-and-conquer recurrence equations have the form:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n < d \\ aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d \end{cases}$$

- ◆ The Master Theorem:

1. if  $f(n)$  is  $O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$ , then  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
2. if  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$ , then  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$
3. if  $f(n)$  is  $\Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ , then  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(f(n))$ ,  
provided  $af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n)$  for some  $\delta < 1$ .