

# Module I: Part B: Divide and Conquer

# CSEN3001: DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

## UNIT-I: Finding Maximum and Minimum Element



# Finding Maximum and Minimum: Straight method

**Algorithm Straightmaxmin**(a, n, max, min)

//let max be the maximum and min be the minimum of a[1:n]

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{
    max:= min := a[1]
    for i:=2 to n do
    {
        if(a[i] > max) then max :=a[i];
        if (a[i] < min) then min := a[i];
    }
}
```

Index	Element	Max : 66 Min : 10
1	22	
2	25	
3	20	
4	47	
5	37	
6	25	
7	10	
8	45	
9	66	
10	55	



Case1:   if ( $a[i] > \max$ ) then  $\max := a[i]$ ;  
          if ( $a[i] < \min$ ) then  $\min := a[i]$ ;

- This requires  $2(n-1)$  elements comparisons in the best , average and worst case.
- The comparison  $a[i] < \min$  is necessary only when  $a[i] > \max$  is false.

          if ( $a[i] > \max$ ) then  $\max := a[i]$ ;  
          else if ( $a[i] < \min$ ) then  $\min := a[i]$ ;

- The **best case** occurs when the elements are in increasing order.
- Number of elements comparisons :  $(n-1)$ .
- The **worst case** occurs when the elements are in decreasing order.
- The no. of elements comparisons is  $2(n-1)$ .

Index	Element
1	22
2	32
3	34
4	47
5	57
6	65
7	70
8	85
9	86
10	95



# Finding Maximum and Minimum: DAndC

**Algorithm** maxmin(i, j, max, min)

// a[1:n] is a global array, i and j integers  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$

{ if(i=j) then max := min := a[i]; //Small(P)

else if (i = j-1) then // Another case for small(P)

{ if (a[i] < a[j]) then { min := a[i]; max := a[j];

else {min := a[j]; max:=a[i]}

}

else { // if P is not small divide P into sub problems. Find where to split the set.

mid= (i+j)/2;

// solve the sub problem/

maxmin (i, mid, max, min);

maxmin (mid+1, j, max1, min1);

}

// combine the solutions

if (max< max1) then max:=max1;

if(min>min1)the min := min1;

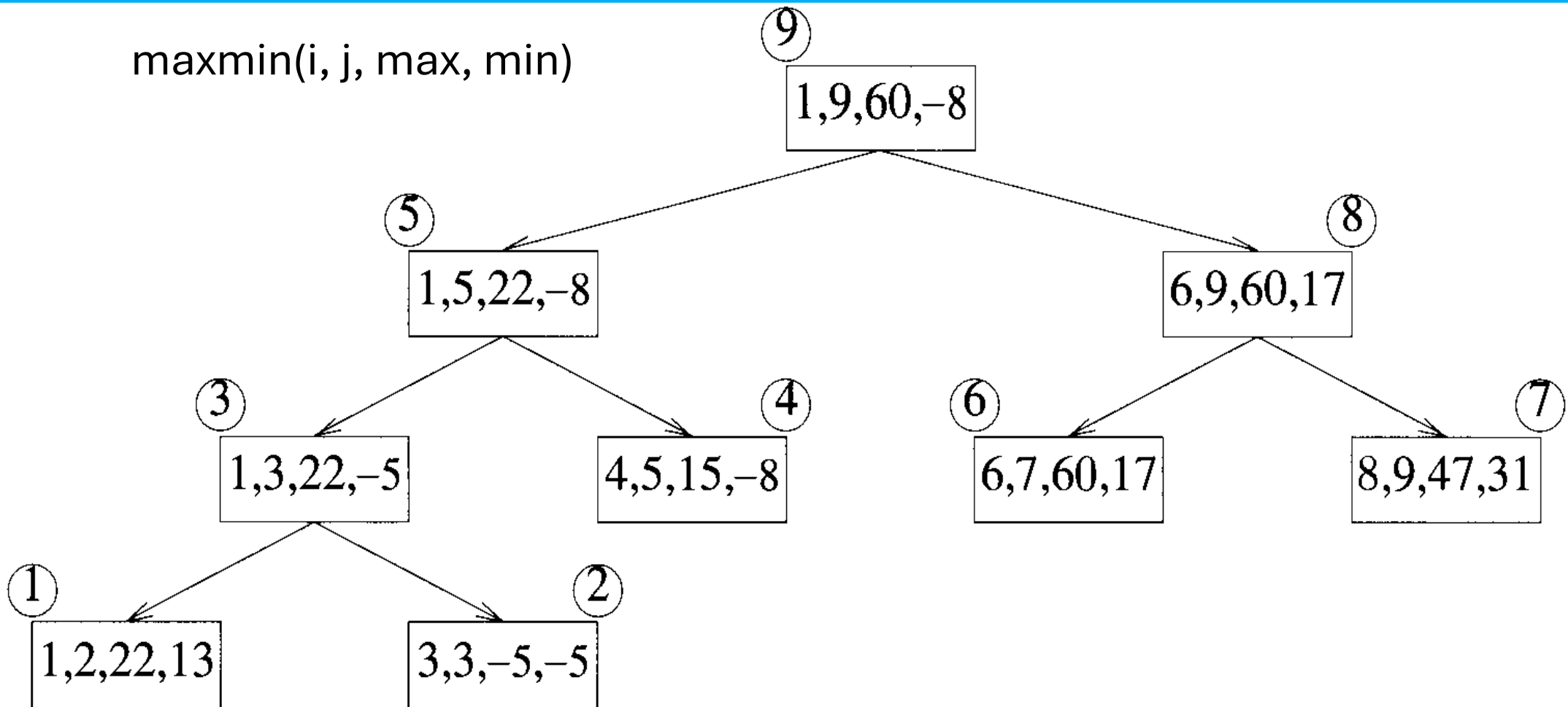
} // end of if-else

} // end of algorithm



Index	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Value	22	13	-5	-8	15	60	17	31	47

maxmin(i, j, max, min)





# Finding Maximum and Minimum: Introduction

No . of elements comparisons needed for max min is:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2 & n > 2 \\ 1 & n = 2 \\ 0 & n = 1 \end{cases}$$

When  $n$  is a power of 2. i.e.,  $n=2^k$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer.

$$T(n)=2T(n/2)+2$$

$$2(2T(n/4)+2)+2$$

$$4T(n/4)+2^2+2$$

$$4(2T(n/8)+2)+2^2+2$$

$$8T(n/8)+2^3+2^2+2..$$

$$2^{k-1}T(2) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} 2^i$$

$$2^{k-1} + 2^k - 2$$

**$3n/2 - 2$**  number of comparisons for best, average and worst case comparisons when  $n$  is a power of  $w$ .



## Recursive calls of max min

- In terms of storage, max-min is worse than the straightforward algorithm. Because it requires stack space for  $i, j, \max, \min, \max1, \min1$ .
- For  $n$  elements, there will be  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil + 1$  levels of recursion needed to save 'n' values for the recursive call
- If comparisons among the elements of  $a[ ]$  are much more costly than comparisons of integer variables, then the divide and conquer technique has given a more efficient algorithm. If not, it yields a less efficient algorithm.
- DAndC strategy is only a guide to better algorithm design, which may not always succeed. Both maximum & straightmaxmin are  $O(n)$