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According to decision tree, the number of comparisons are

$$\log_2 5! = \log_2 120 \quad 2^6 = 64 < 120 < 2^7 = 128$$

So we need at least 7 comparison

the number of comparison of Ford-Johnson Algorithm is the sum of :

(1) $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ comparison of items in each pair

(2) $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ comparison among pairs of item

(3) $C(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$ comparison for the recursive call

(4) number of comparisons for binary insertions to insert remaining elements.

for (3) worse case of each insertions is, since the first time

number of comparison is 0

$$C(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \log_2 n+i = \log_2 \frac{(2n-1)!}{n!}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix}$$

for (4) if n is odd number of comparison is $\log_2(n-1)$

So, when $n=5$ $T(n) = \lfloor \frac{5}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{5}{2} \rfloor + \log_2 \frac{2!}{2!} + \log_2 4 = 7$

So Ford-Johnson Algorithm does achieve this lower bound

2.5 : Assume the largest number is the k^{th} number of the list ($1 \leq k \leq n$)

To find the largest number of the list :

First we compare $k-1$ times, so up to now we find the largest number in list from position $k-1$

However, we are not sure whether there is a number larger than the k^{th} number in the list. So we again need to compare $n-k$ times to find the largest number.

Finally, total comparison is.

$$T(n) = k-1 + n-k = n-1$$