

CS2040S

# Data Structures and Algorithms

Welcome!

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## TGIF Video of the Weekend

- Random video posted each week
- Selected by the tutor team as something “fun”
- Sometimes related to class, sometimes a little bit different
- Not just another lecture...

(Nominate videos to your tutor!)

Videos		
Lecture	Recitation	Random Stuff
Title	Start At	
Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish -- Steve Jobs	10 Jan 20:00	W
The Last Lecture -- Randy Pausch	10 Jan 20:00	W
Random Numbers with LFSR (Linear Feedback Shift Register) - Computerphile	13 Jan 00:00	W
Can you solve the egg drop riddle? - Yossi Elran	21 Jan 18:00	W

# Puzzle: Slowest Sorting Algorithm

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What is the *slowest* sorting algorithm you can think of?

Slower than BogoSort...

But must always sort correctly...

Hint: recursion can be a powerful source of slowness!



# Contest: Deadline Feb. 3

## Treasure Island

You have found a treasure chest!  
It has a lot of locks on it!

You need ALL the correct keys to  
open the chest.

Find the right set of keys to win!

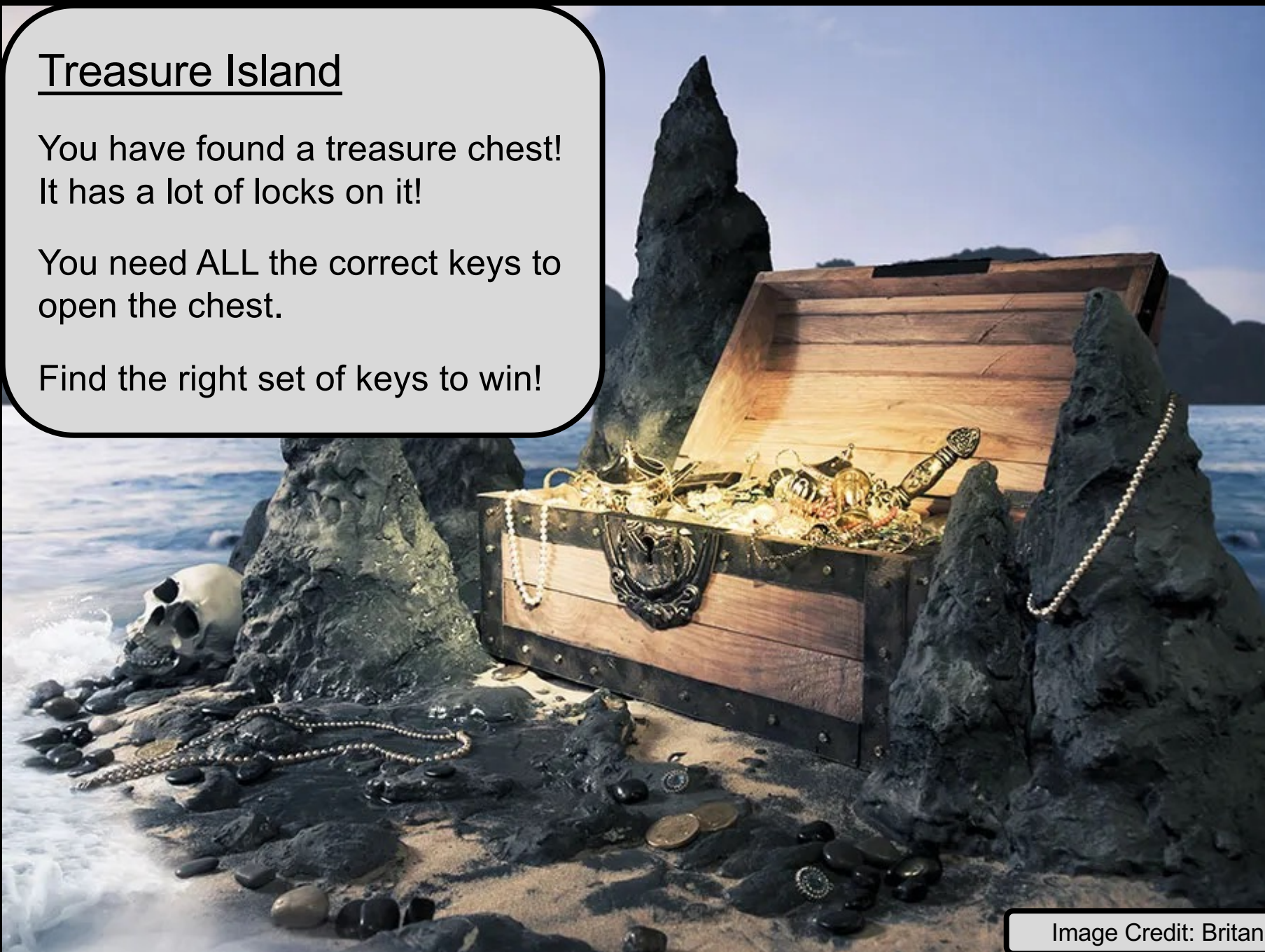


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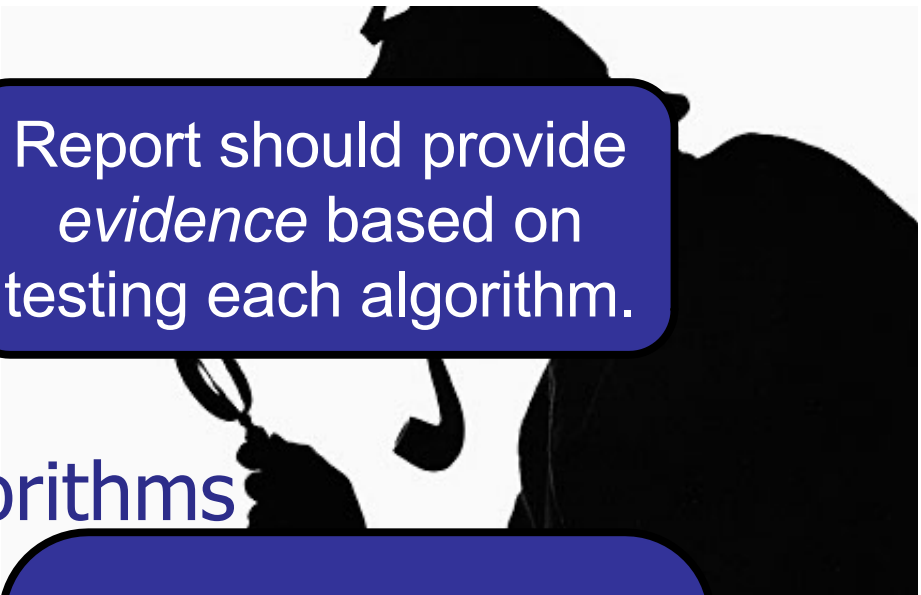


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Report should provide *evidence* based on testing each algorithm.



I ran algorithm A on these sets of arrays and from the results, I discovered that....

# Sorting

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Problem definition:

*Input:* array  $A[1..n]$  of words / numbers

*Output:* array  $B[1..n]$  that is a permutation of  $A$   
such that:

$$B[1] \leq B[2] \leq \dots \leq B[n]$$

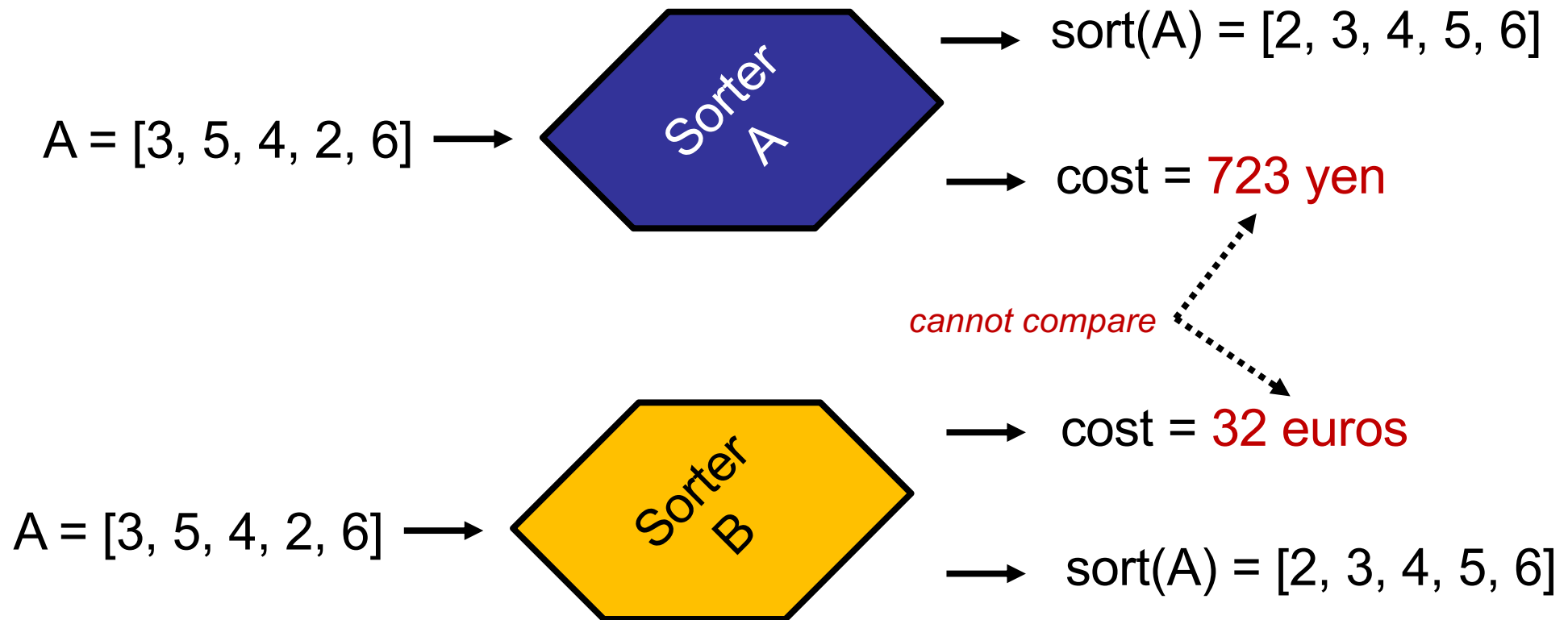
Example:

$$A = [9, 3, 6, 6, 6, 4] \rightarrow [3, 4, 6, 6, 6, 9]$$

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Warning: we cover QuickSort on Wednesday...



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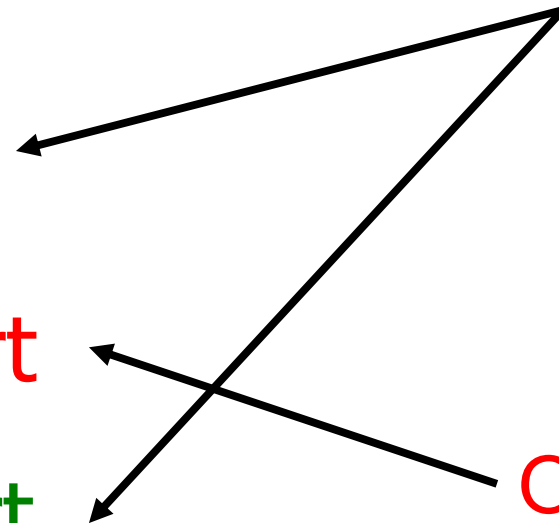
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SelectionSort

InsertionSort

$O(n)$

$O(n^2)$



How expensive is it to sort:

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9, 10]

Bubblesort?

SelectionSort?

InsertionSort?

How expensive is it to sort:

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9, 10]

BubbleSort and InsertionSort are fast.

SelectionSort is slow.

# Challenge of the Day:

Find a permutation of  $[1..n]$  where:

- BubbleSort is **slow**.
- InsertionSort is **fast**.

Or explain why no such sequence exists.

# Properties of Sorting Algorithms

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Moral:

Different sorting algorithms have different inputs that they are good or bad on.

All  $O(n^2)$  algorithms are not the same.



# Properties of Sorting Algorithms

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## Space complexity

- Worst case:  $O(n)$

How much space does a sorting algorithm need?

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## Space complexity

- Worst case:  $O(n)$
- **In-place** sorting algorithm:
  - Only  $O(1)$  extra space needed.
  - All manipulation happens within the array.

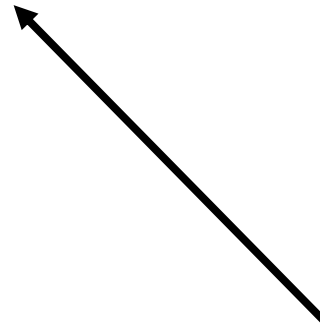
So far:

All sorting algorithms we have seen are in-place.

Subtle issue:

How do you count space?

- Maximum space every allocated at one time?
- Total space ever allocated.



# Properties of Sorting Algorithms

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## Stability

What happens with repeated elements?

Key	1	2	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Databases often contain (key, value) pairs.

The key is an index to help organize the data.

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Two values have the same key!

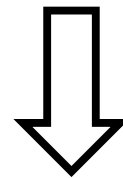
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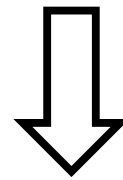
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Stability: preserves order of equal elements

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STABLE

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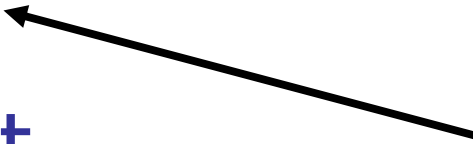
Random permutation  
may swap elements!

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**Stable:**

Only swap elements  
that are different.



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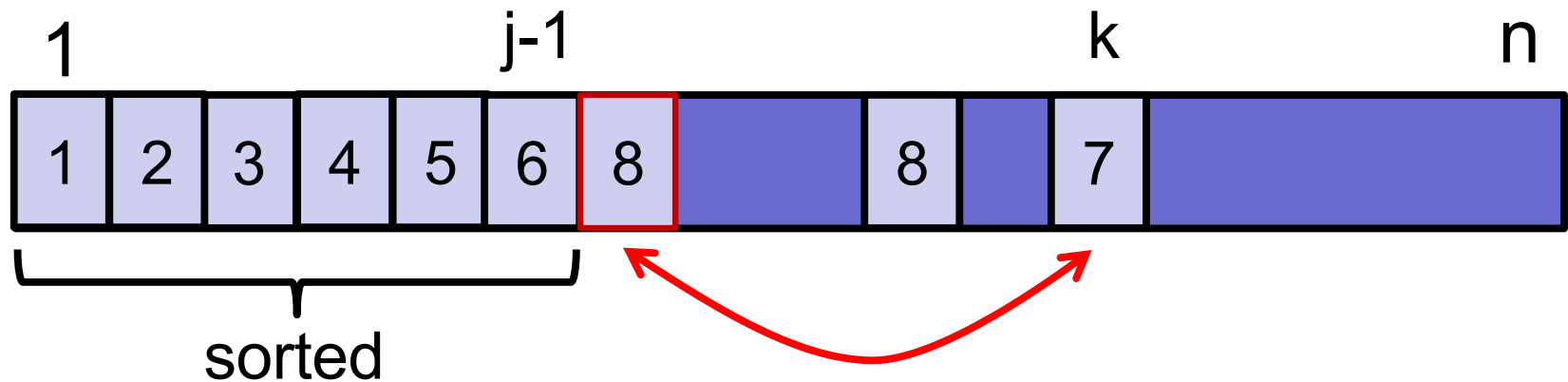
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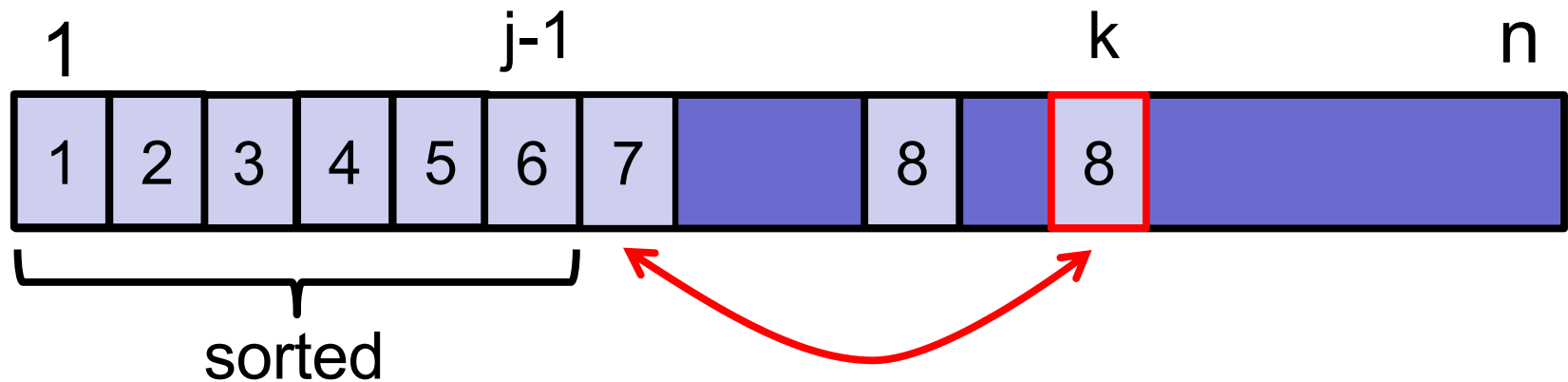
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# InsertionSort

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Insertion-Sort( $A, n$ )

**for**  $j \leftarrow 2$  **to**  $n$

$key \leftarrow A[j]$

$i \leftarrow j-1$

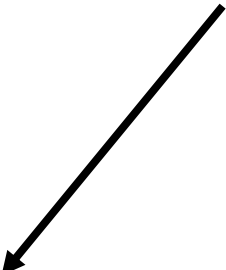
**while**( $i > 0$ ) **and**( $A[i] > key$ )

$A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]$

$i \leftarrow i-1$

$A[i+1] \leftarrow key$

Stable as long as  
we are careful to  
implement it  
properly!



# Sorting Analysis

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Summary:

BubbleSort:  $O(n^2)$

SelectionSort:  $O(n^2)$

InsertionSort:  $O(n^2)$

Properties: time, space, stability

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## Divide-and-Conquer

1. Divide problem into smaller sub-problems.
2. Recursively solve sub-problems.
3. Combine solutions.



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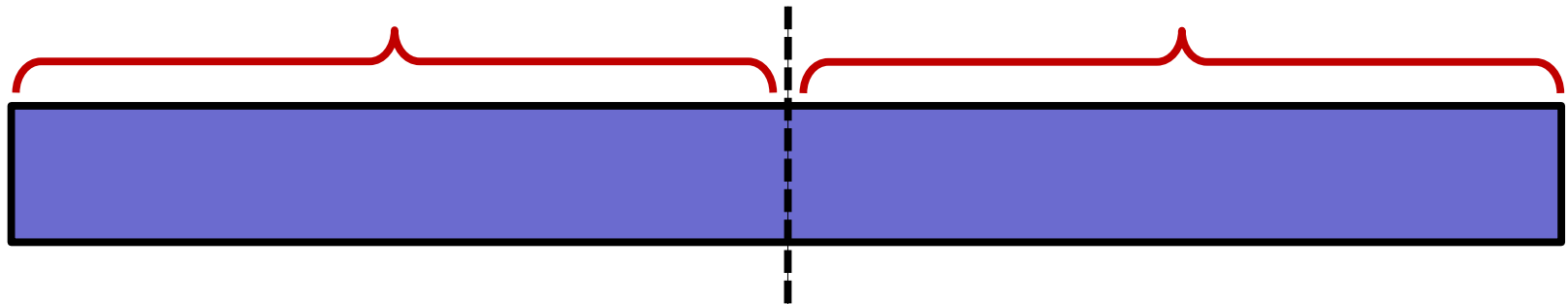
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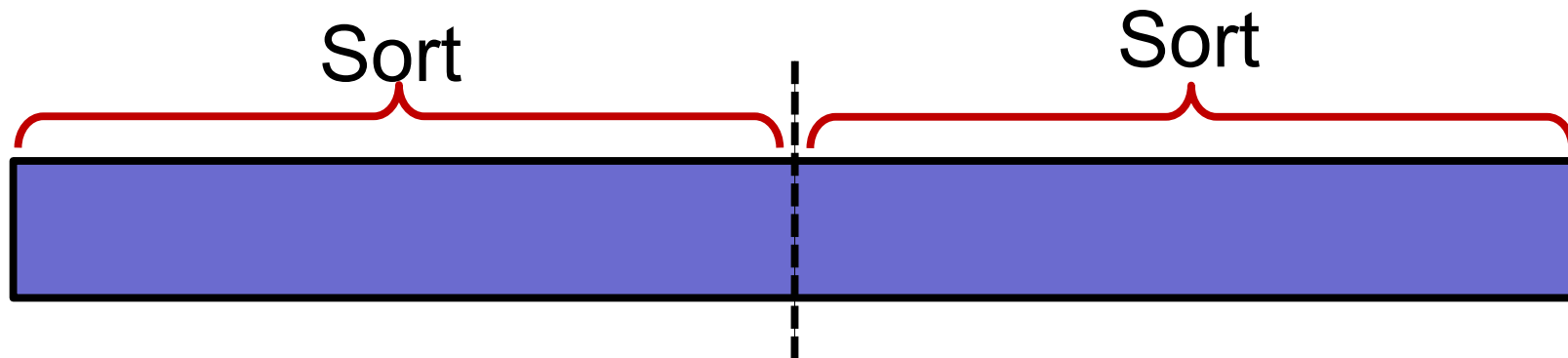
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Merge the two halves into  
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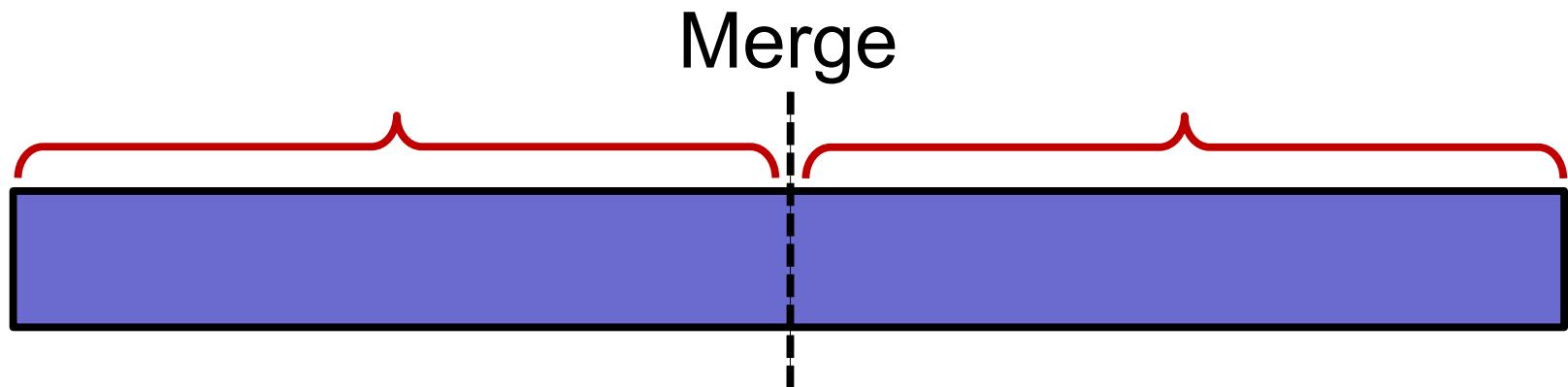
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Recursive “conquer” step

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The only “interesting” part is merging!

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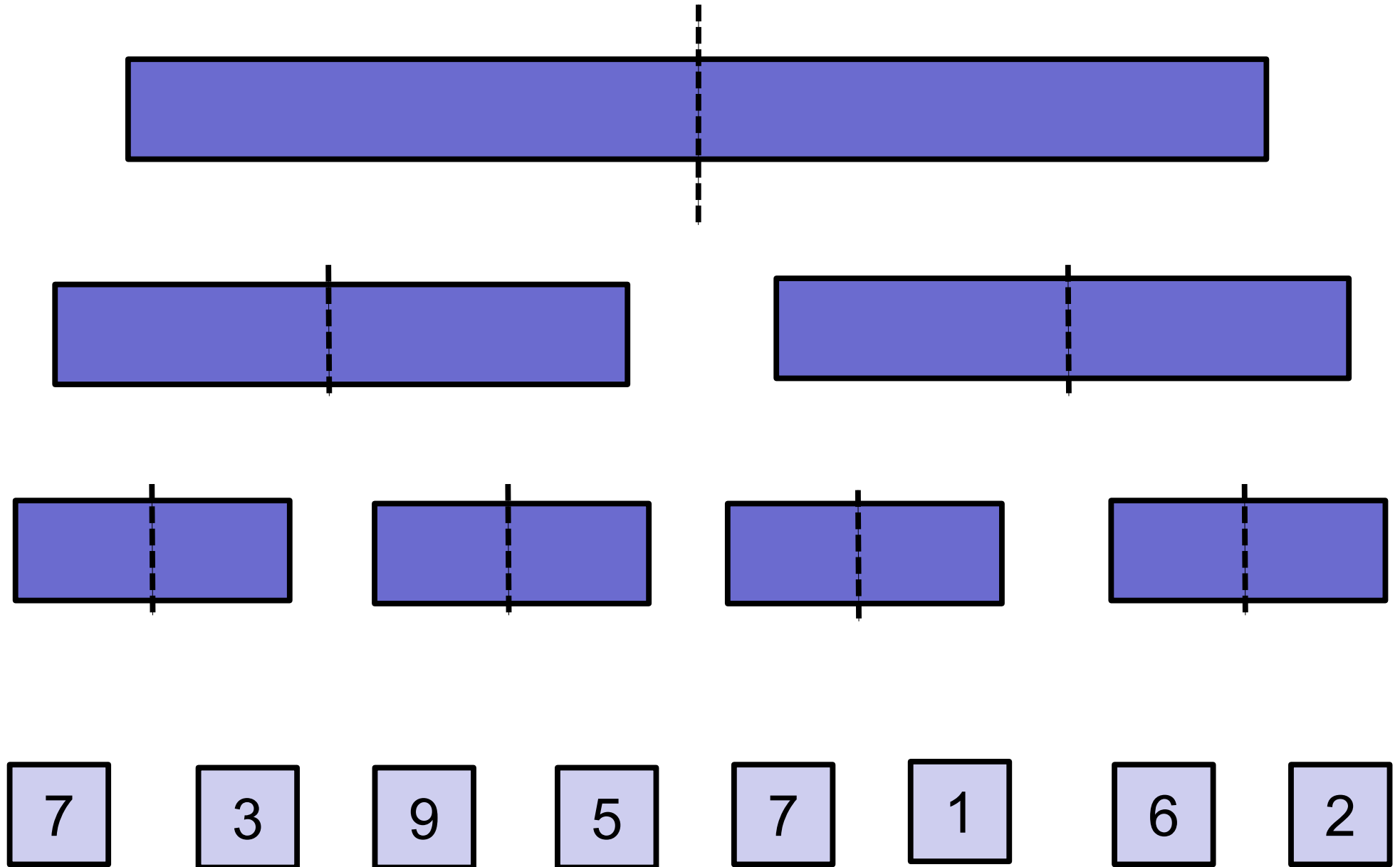
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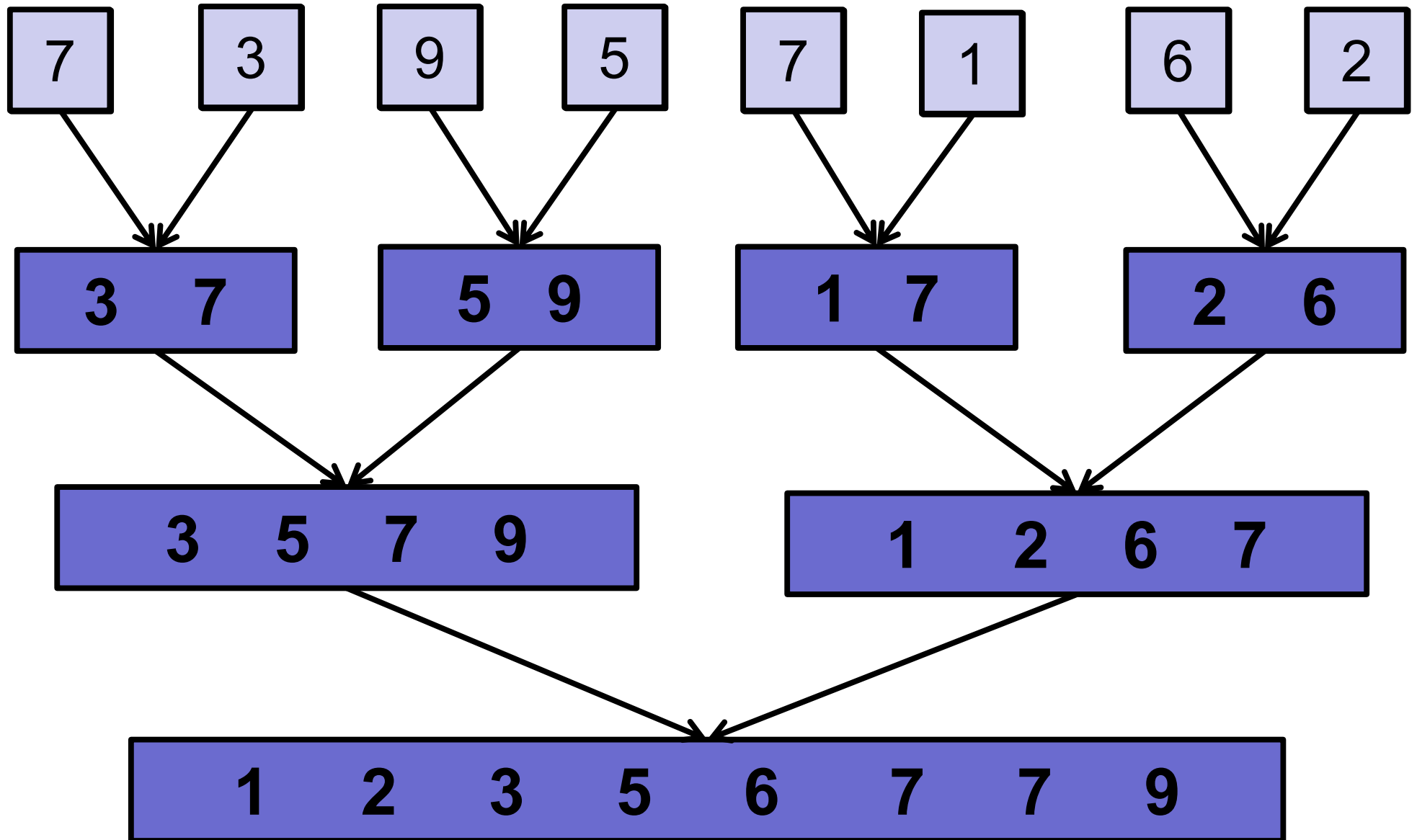
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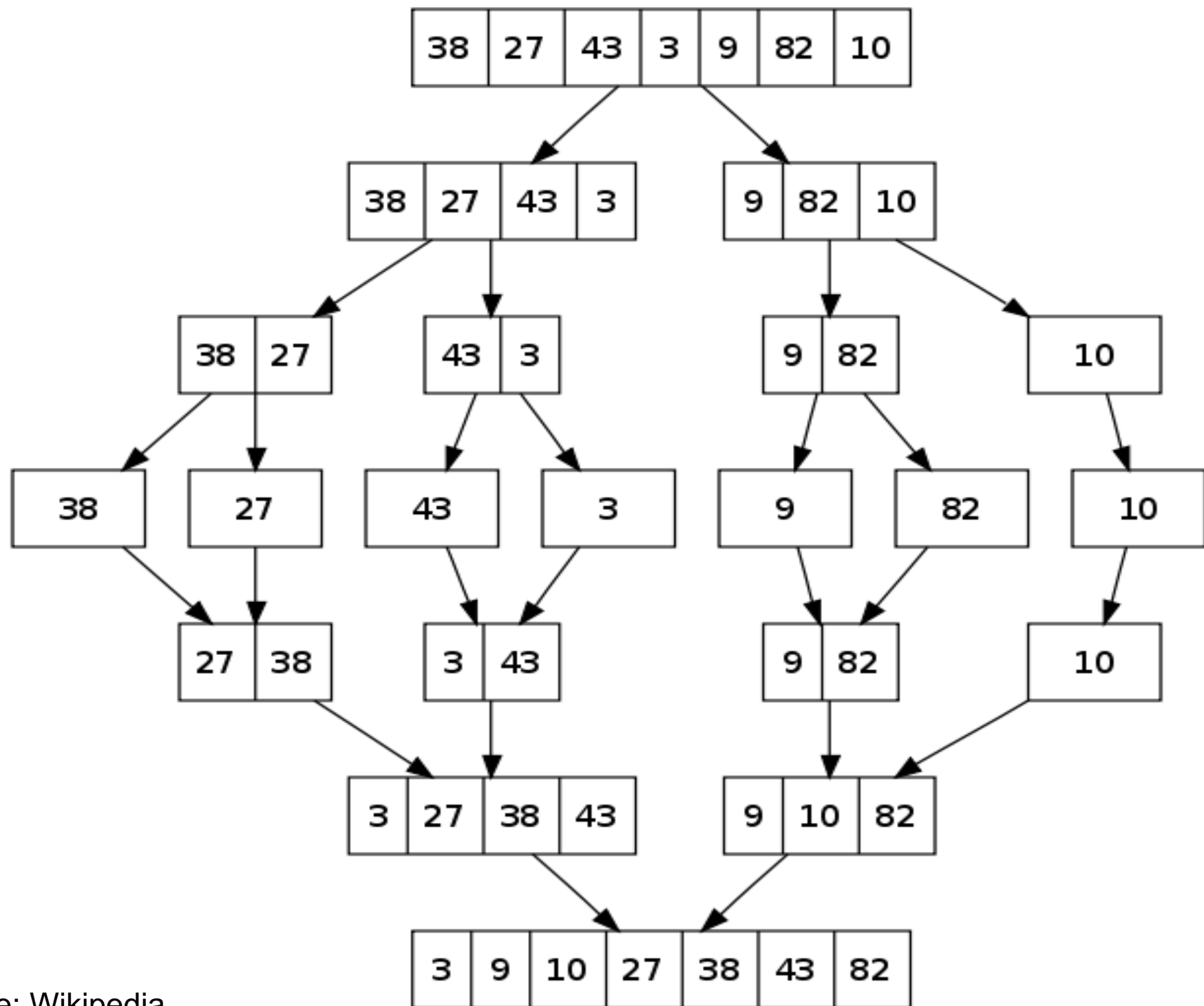




# Merging

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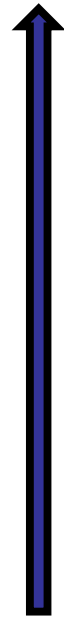
Key subroutine: Merge

- How to merge?
- How fast can we merge?

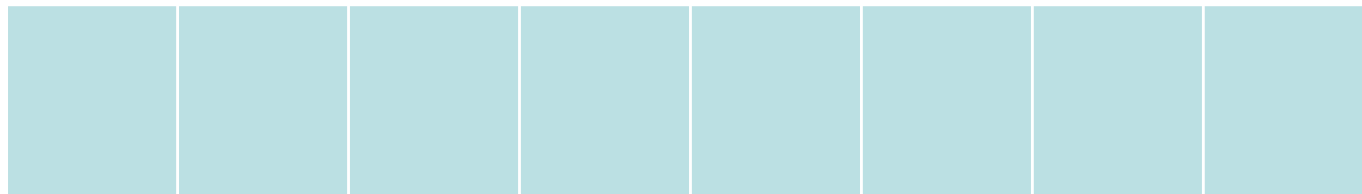
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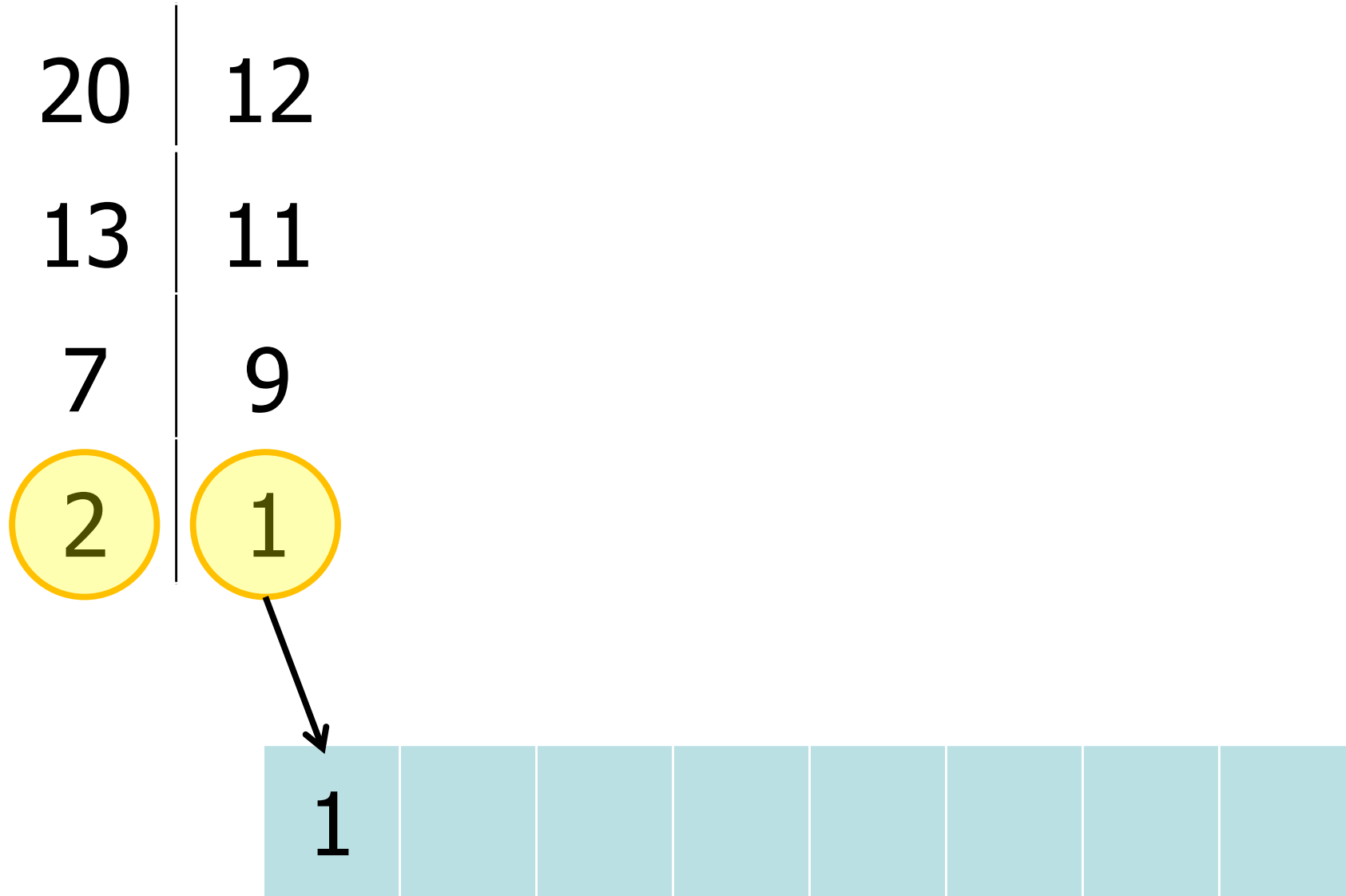


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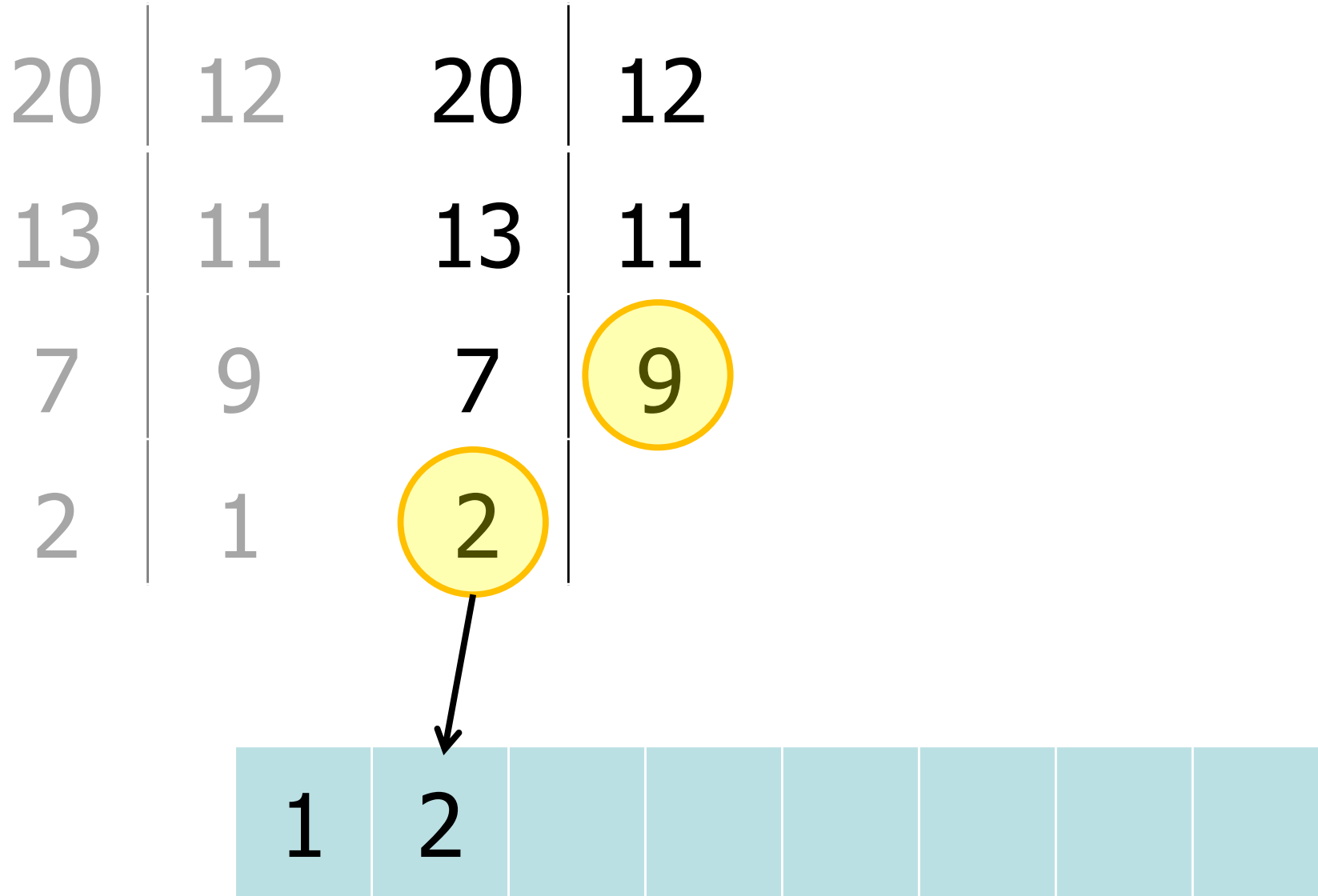
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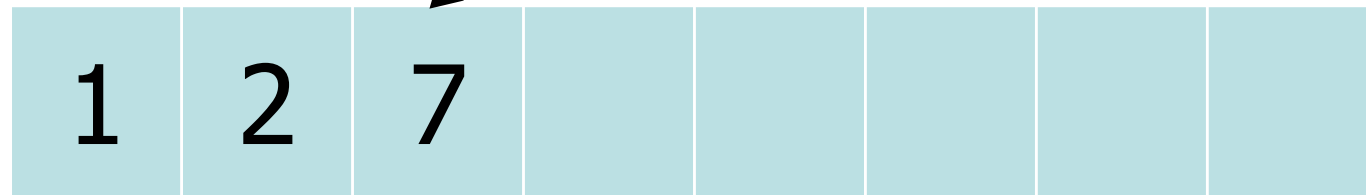
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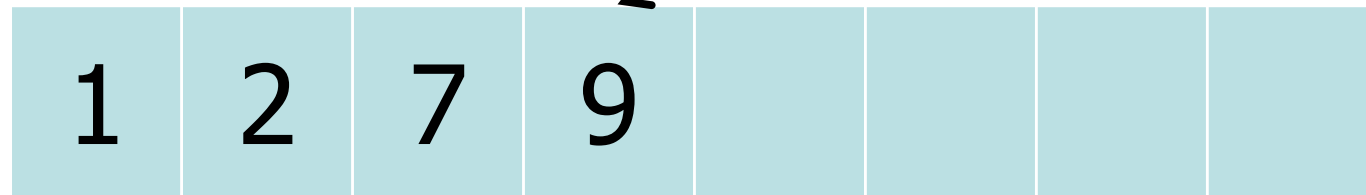
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Total running time:  $O(n) = cn$

- In each iteration, move *one* element to final list.
- After  $n$  iterations, all the items are in the final list.
- Each iteration takes  $O(1)$  time to compare two elements and copy one.

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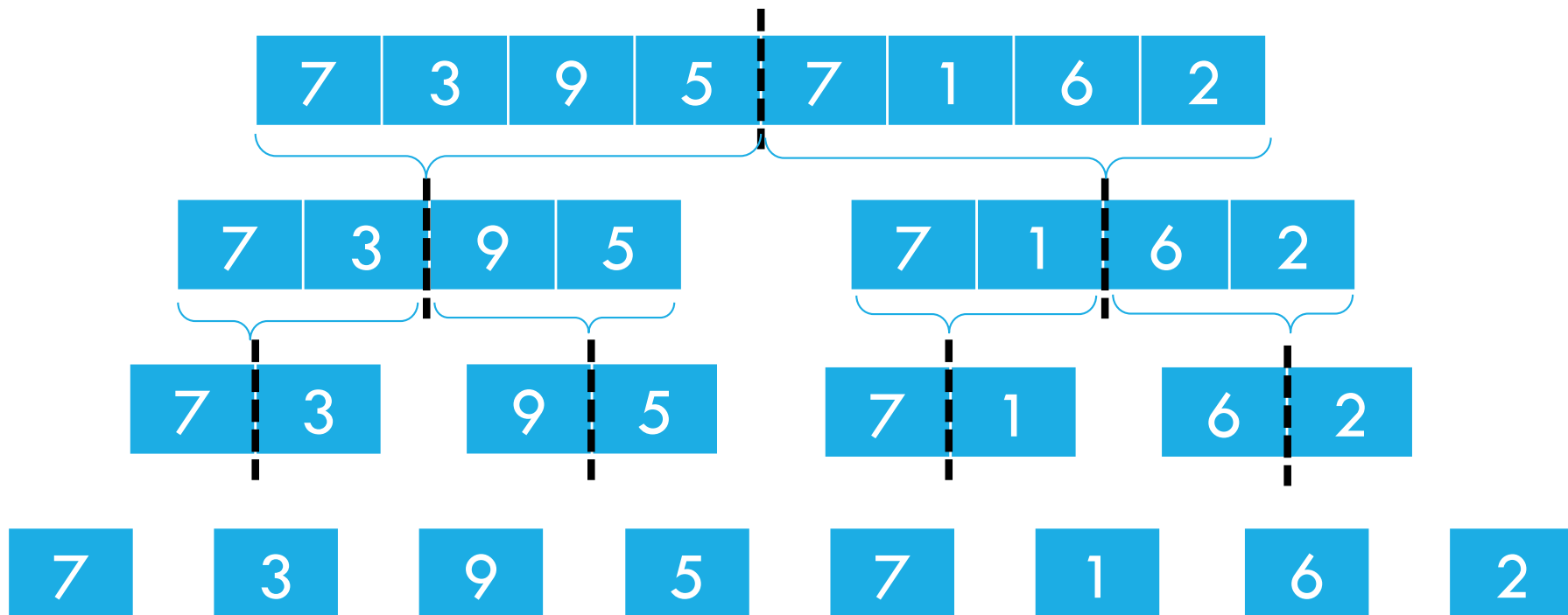
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# Techniques for Solving Recurrences

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1. Guess and verify (via induction).
2. Draw the recursion tree.
3. Use the Master Theorem (see CS3230) or the Akra–Bazzi Method, or other advanced techniques.

## MergeSort: Recurse “downwards”

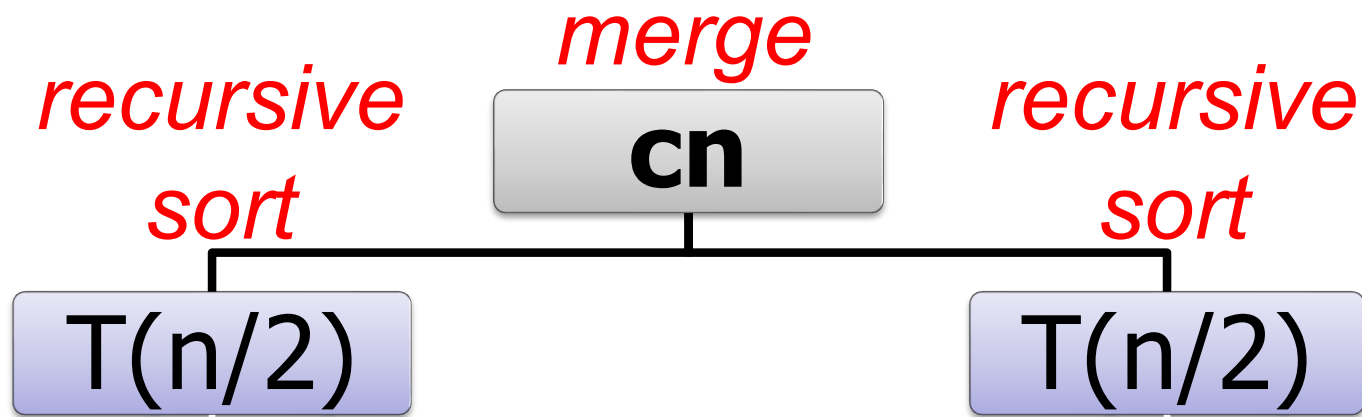


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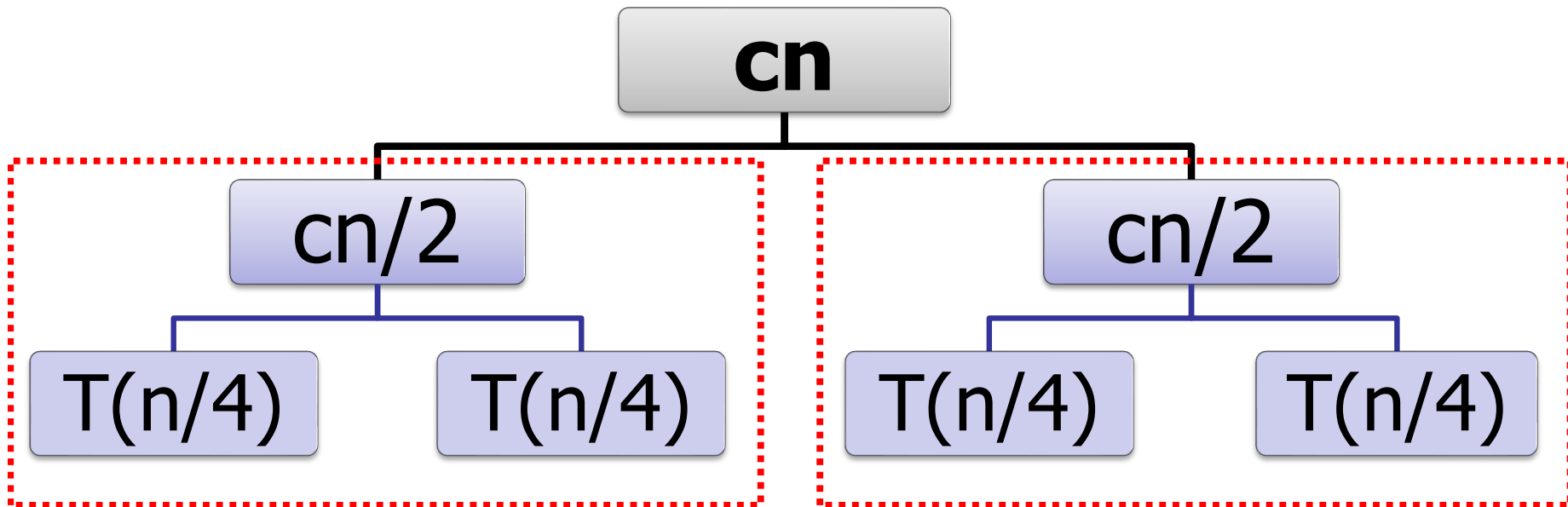


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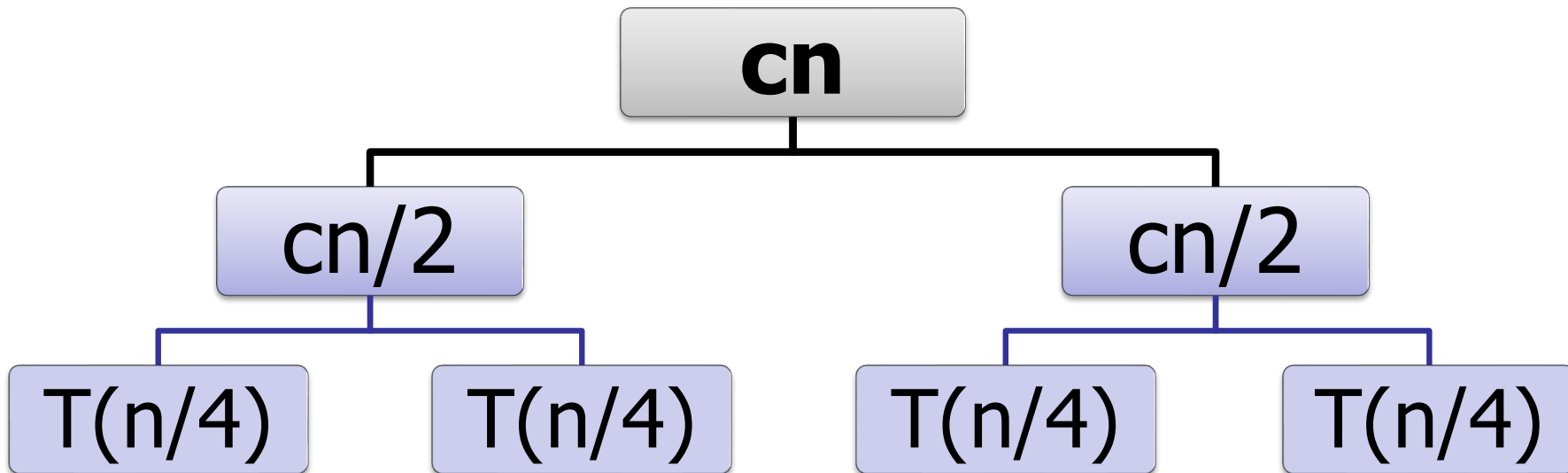


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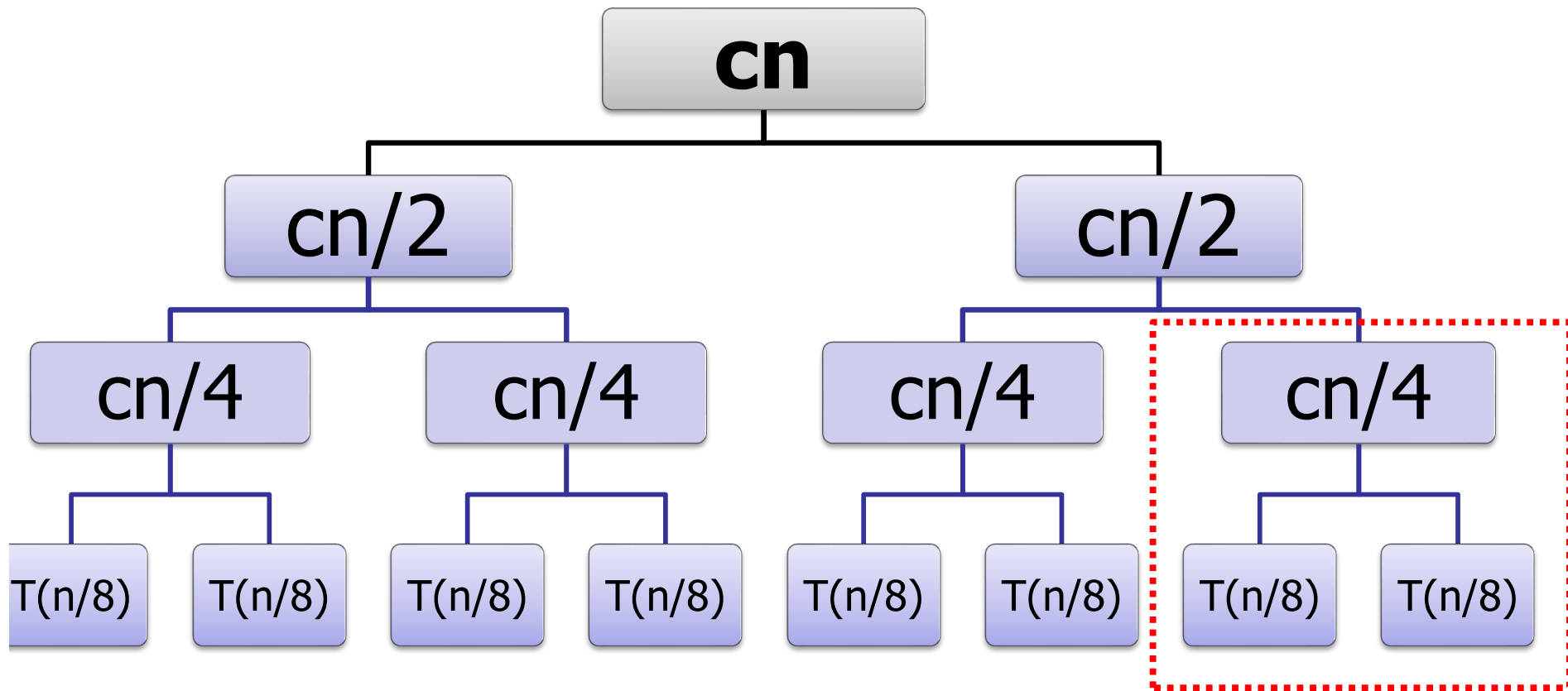


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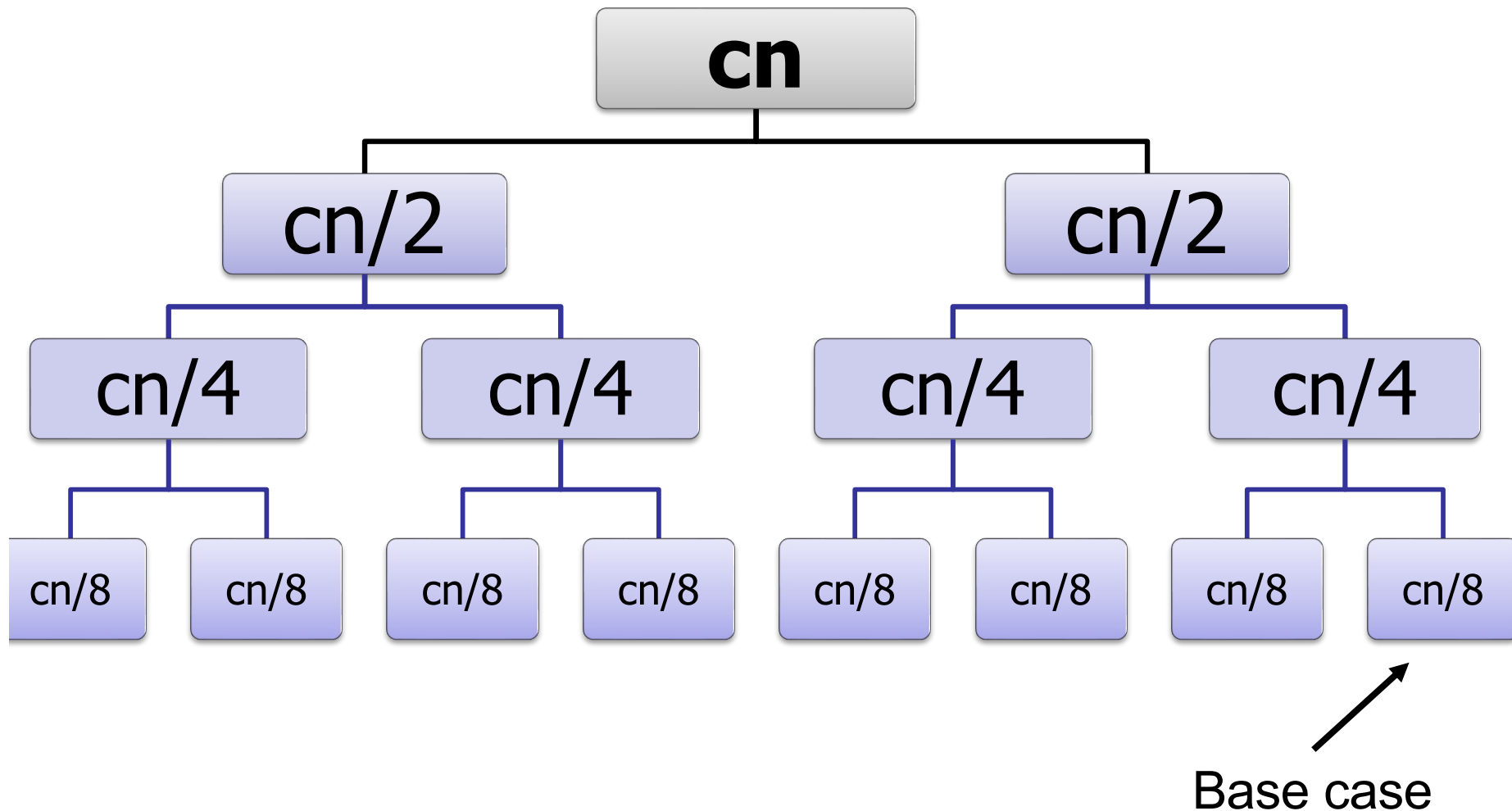


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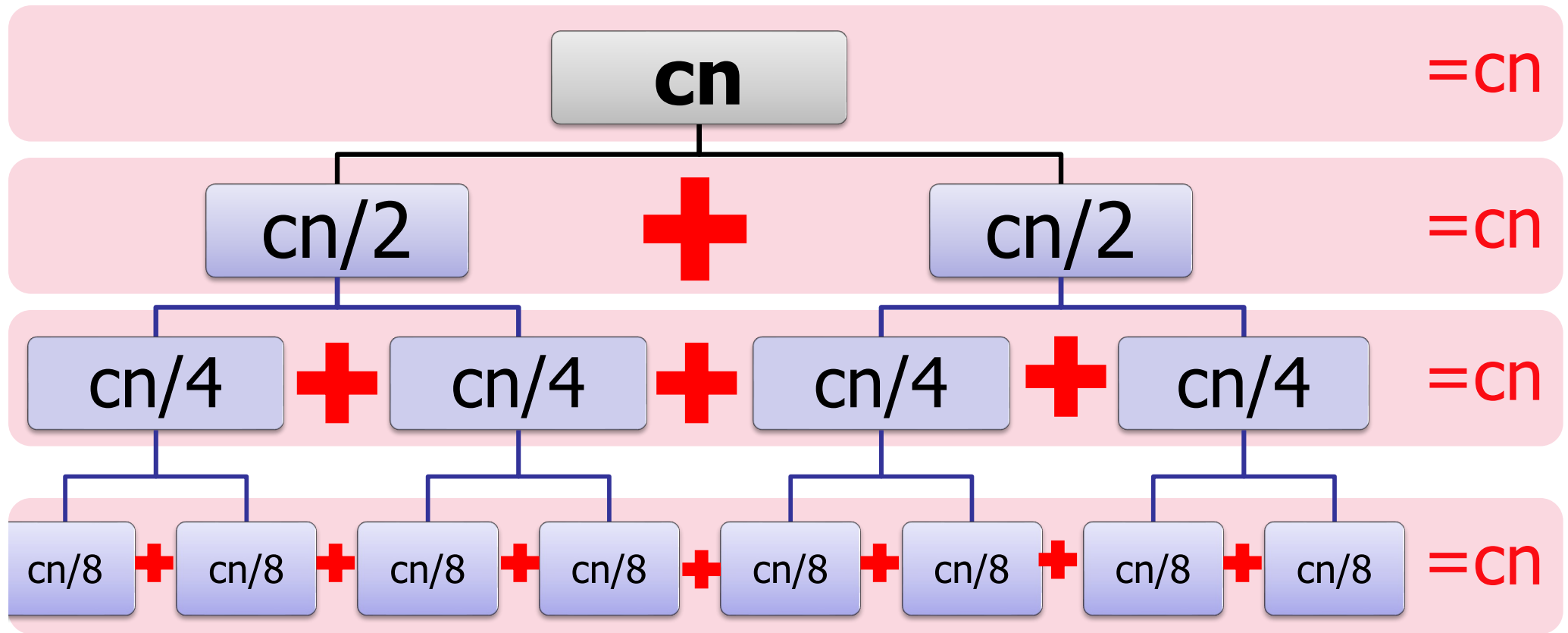


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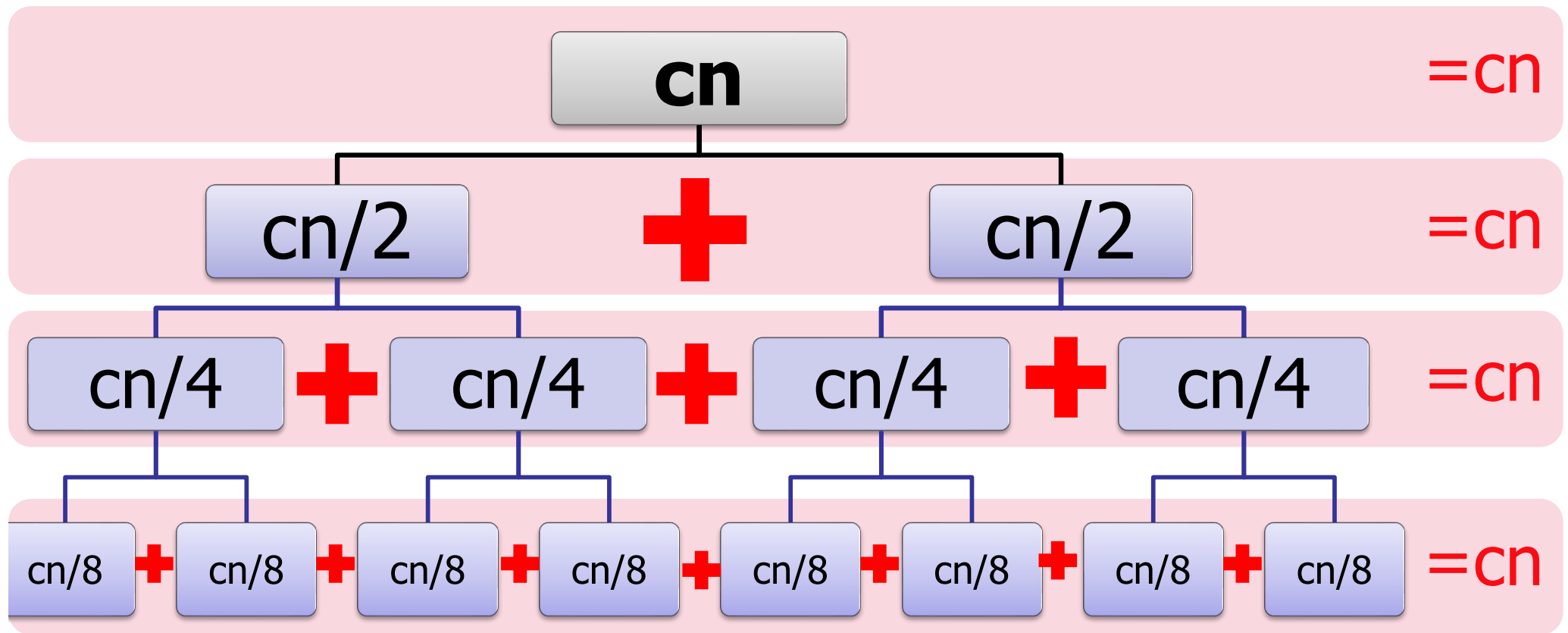


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Key question: how many levels?

# MergeSort Analysis

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

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level	number
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
...	...
<i>h</i>	??

$$\text{number} = 2^{\text{level}}$$

# MergeSort Analysis

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...	...
$h$	$n$

$$\text{number} = 2^{\text{level}}$$

$$n = 2^h$$

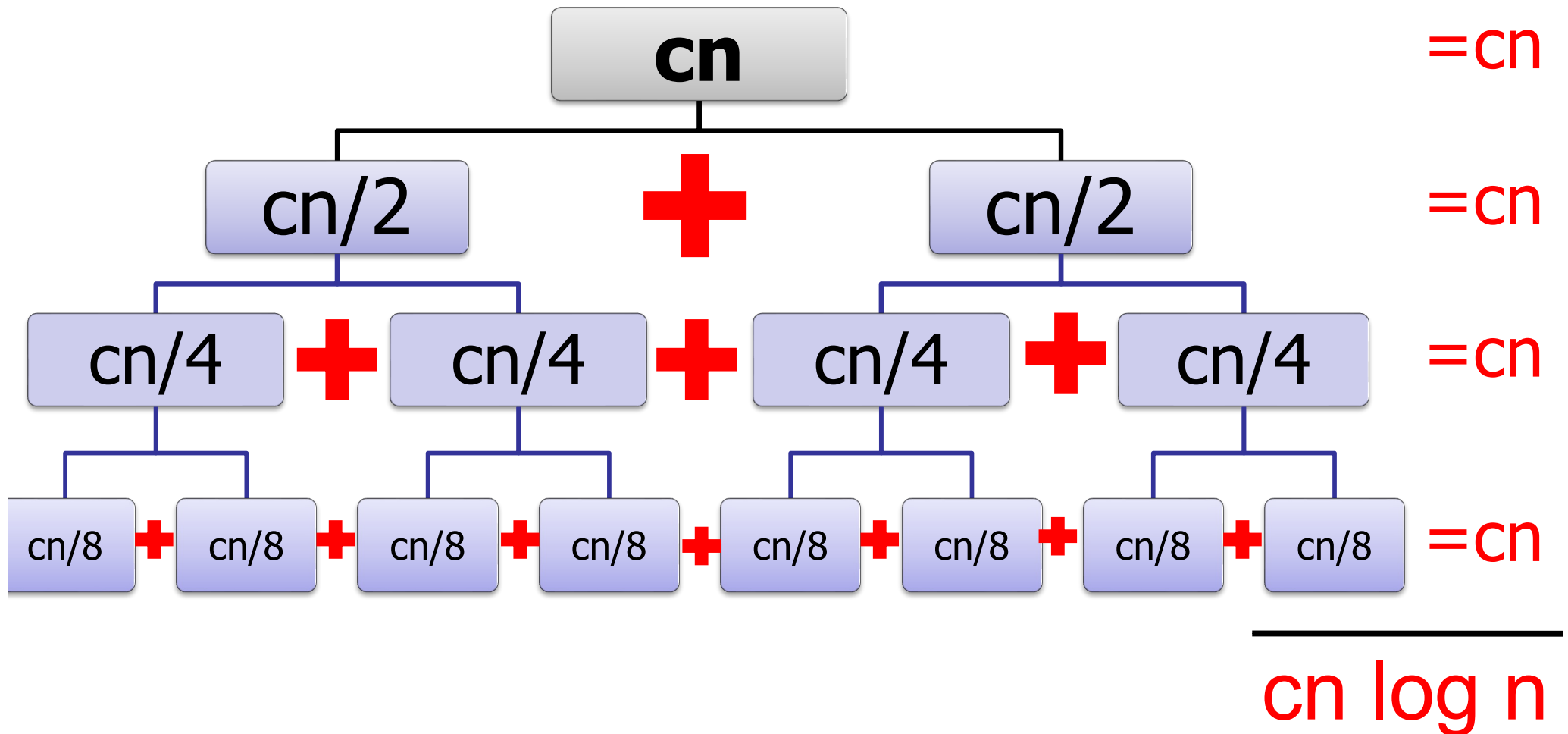
$$\log n = h$$

# MergeSort Analysis

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

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# MergeSortAnalysis

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$$T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

MergeSort(A, n)

**if** (n=1) **then return;**

**else:**

$X \leftarrow \text{MergeSort}(\dots);$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MergeSort}(\dots);$

**return Merge** (X,Y, n/2);

# Techniques for Solving Recurrences

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1. Guess and verify (via induction).
2. Draw the recursion tree.
3. Use the Master Theorem (see CS3230) or the Akra–Bazzi Method, or other advanced techniques.



Guess:  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

Recurrence being analyzed:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

$$T(1) = c$$

Guess:  $T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$

More precise guess:  
Fix constant  $c$ .

Recurrence being analyzed:

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Guess:  $T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$

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Induction:  
Base case

$$T(1) = c$$

Recurrence being analyzed:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

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Guess:  $T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$

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$$T(1) = c$$

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$$T(x) = c \cdot x \log x \text{ for all } x < n.$$

Induction:  
Assume true for all smaller values.

Recurrence being analyzed:

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Guess:  $T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$

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Induction:  
Prove for  $n$ .

$$T(1) = c$$

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Induction:  
It works!

Recurrence being analyzed:

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# Top-Down vs. ...

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Step 1:  
Divide array into two pieces.

MergeSort(A, n)

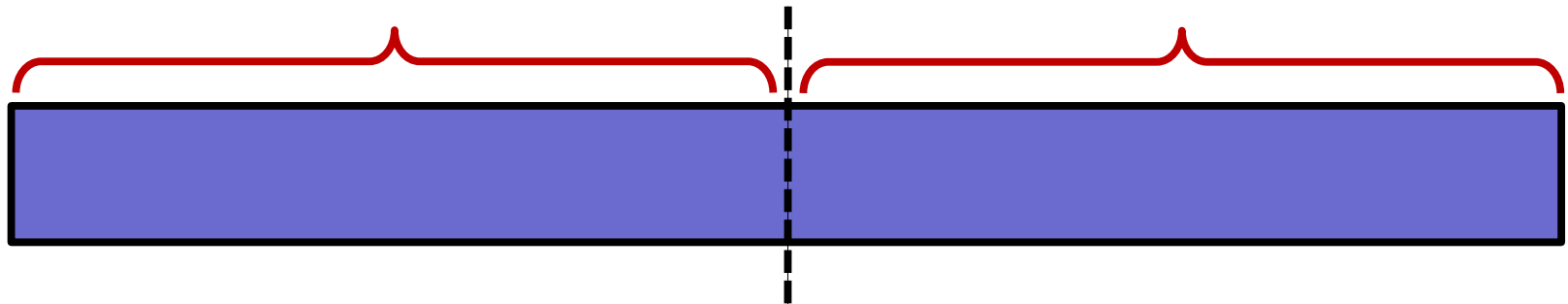
**if** (n=1) **then return;**

**else:**

$X \leftarrow \text{MergeSort}(A[1..n/2], n/2);$

$Y \leftarrow \text{MergeSort}(A[n/2+1, n], n/2);$

**return Merge** (X,Y, n/2);



# Top-Down vs. ...

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Step 2:  
Recursively sort the two halves.

MergeSort(A, n)

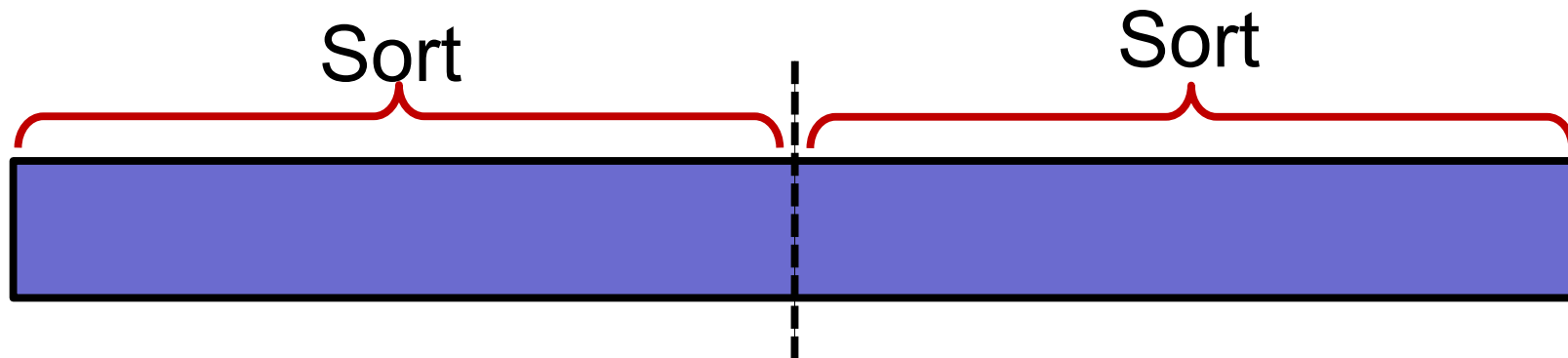
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# Top-Down vs. ...

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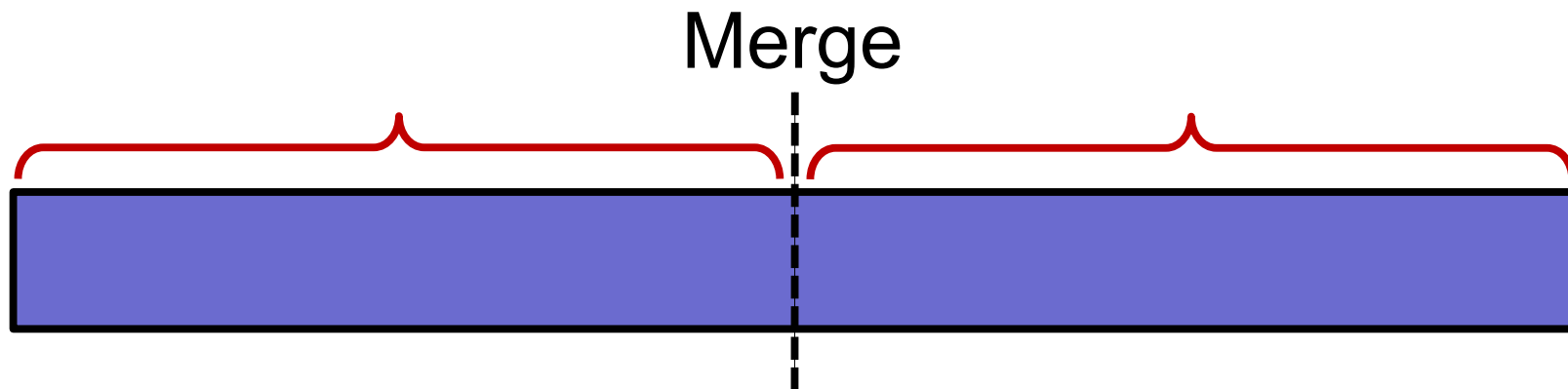
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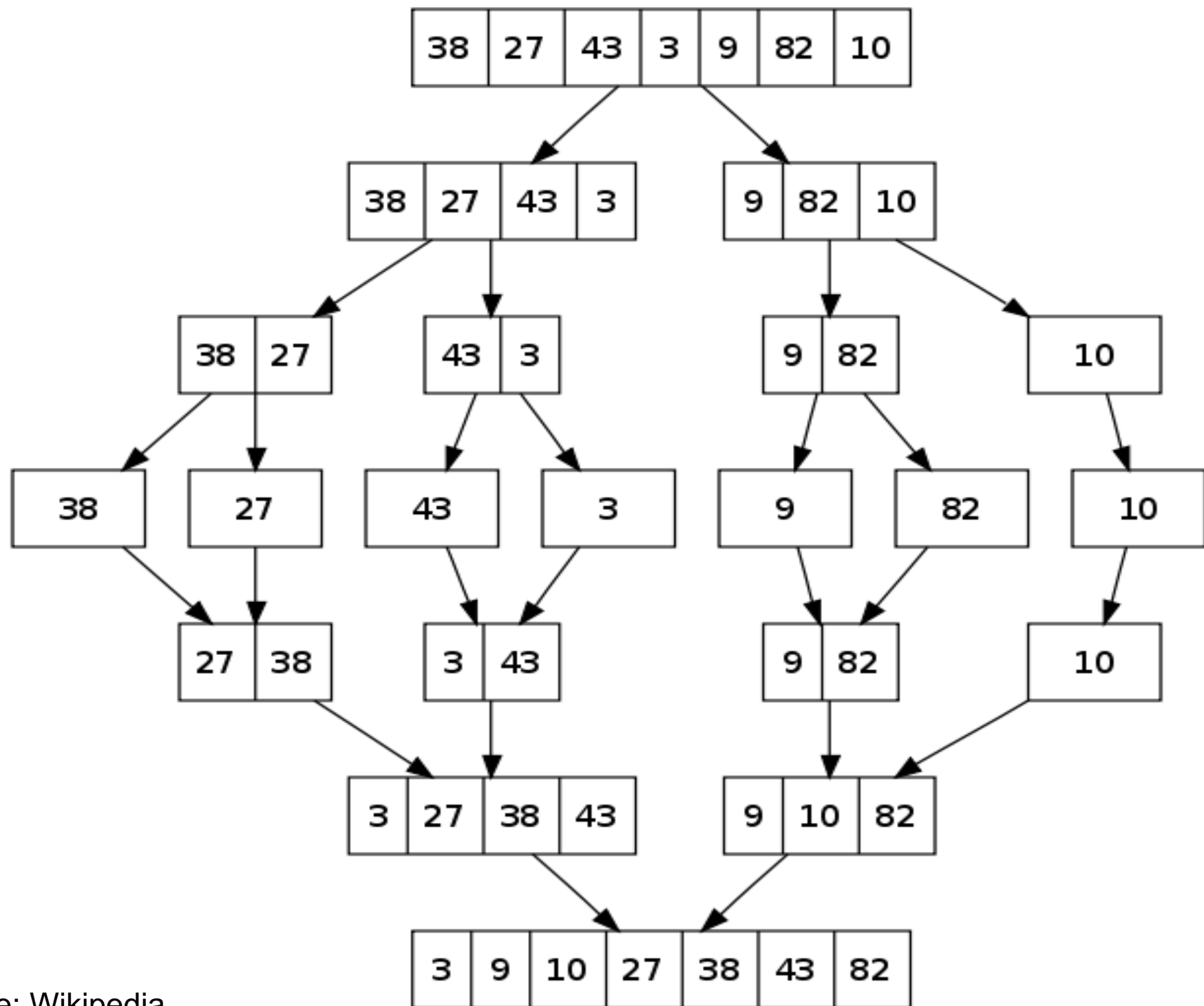
$Y \leftarrow \text{MergeSort}(A[n/2+1, n], n/2);$

**return Merge** (X,Y, n/2);

Step 3:

Merge the two halves into one sorted array.





Source: Wikipedia

# MergeSort, Bottom Up

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15	7	9	2	6	12	13	4	1	8	10	5	3	14	11	16
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# How much does it matter?

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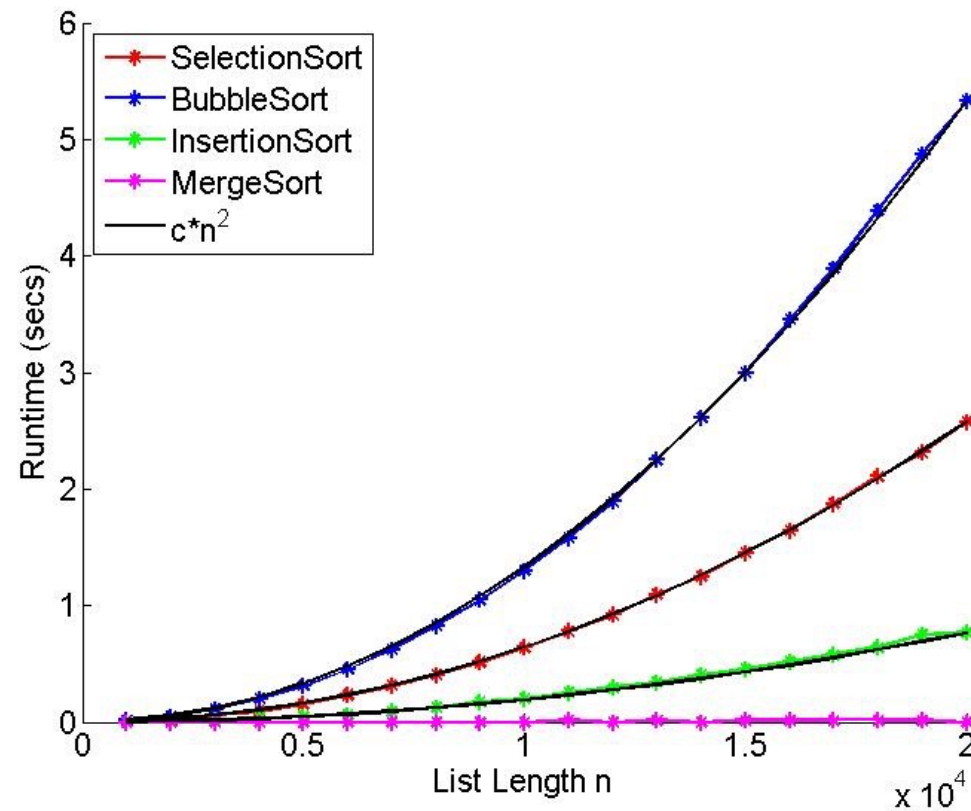
Comparing words in two files:

Version	Change	Running Time
Version 1		4,311.00s
Version 2	Better file handling	676.50s
Version 3	Mergesort replaces SelectionSort	6.59s
Version 4	Hashing replaces sorting	2.35s

## Algorithm:

1. Read all text in both files.
2. Sort words.
3. Count how many times each word appears in each file.

# real world performance



When is it better to use InsertionSort instead of MergeSort?

- A. When there is limited space?
- B. When there are a lot of items to sort?
- C. When there is a large memory cache?
- D. When there are a small number of items?
- E. When the list is mostly sorted?
- F. Always
- G. Never

# MergeSort

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When the list is mostly sorted:

- InsertionSort is fast!
- MergeSort is  $O(n \log n)$

How “close to sorted” should a list be for InsertionSort to be faster?

How would you check?

# MergeSort

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Small number of items to sort:

- MergeSort is slow!
- Caching performance, branch prediction, etc.
- Use InsertionSort for  $n < 1024$ , say.

Base case of recursion:

- Use slower sort.

Run an experiment  
and post on the forum  
what the best switch-over  
point is for your machine.



# MergeSort

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## Space usage...

- Need extra space to do merge.
- Merge copies data to new array.

# Space Complexity

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## Question:

How much space is allocated during a call to MergeSort?

### Note:

Measure total allocated space.  
We will not model *garbage collection* or other Java details.

# Space Complexity

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How much space is allocated during a call to MergeSort?

Key subroutine: Merge

# Merging Two Sorted Lists

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20	12	20	12	20	12	20	12
13	11	13	11	13	11	13	11
7	9	7	9	7	9		9
2	1	2					

1	2	7	9				
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Need temporary array of size n.

# Space Analysis

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Let  $S(n)$  be the worst-case space allocated for an array of  $n$  elements.

MergeSort( $A, n$ )

**if** ( $n=1$ ) **then return;**  $\leftarrow \theta(1)$

**else:**

$X \leftarrow$  Merge-Sort(...);  $\leftarrow S(n/2)$

$Y \leftarrow$  Merge-Sort(...);  $\leftarrow S(n/2)$

**return** Merge ( $X, Y, n/2$ );  $\leftarrow n$

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

$$S(n) = ?$$

- A.  $O(\log n)$
- B.  $O(n)$
- ✓ C.  $O(n \log n)$
- D.  $O(n^2)$
- E.  $O(n^2 \log n)$
- F.  $O(2^n)$

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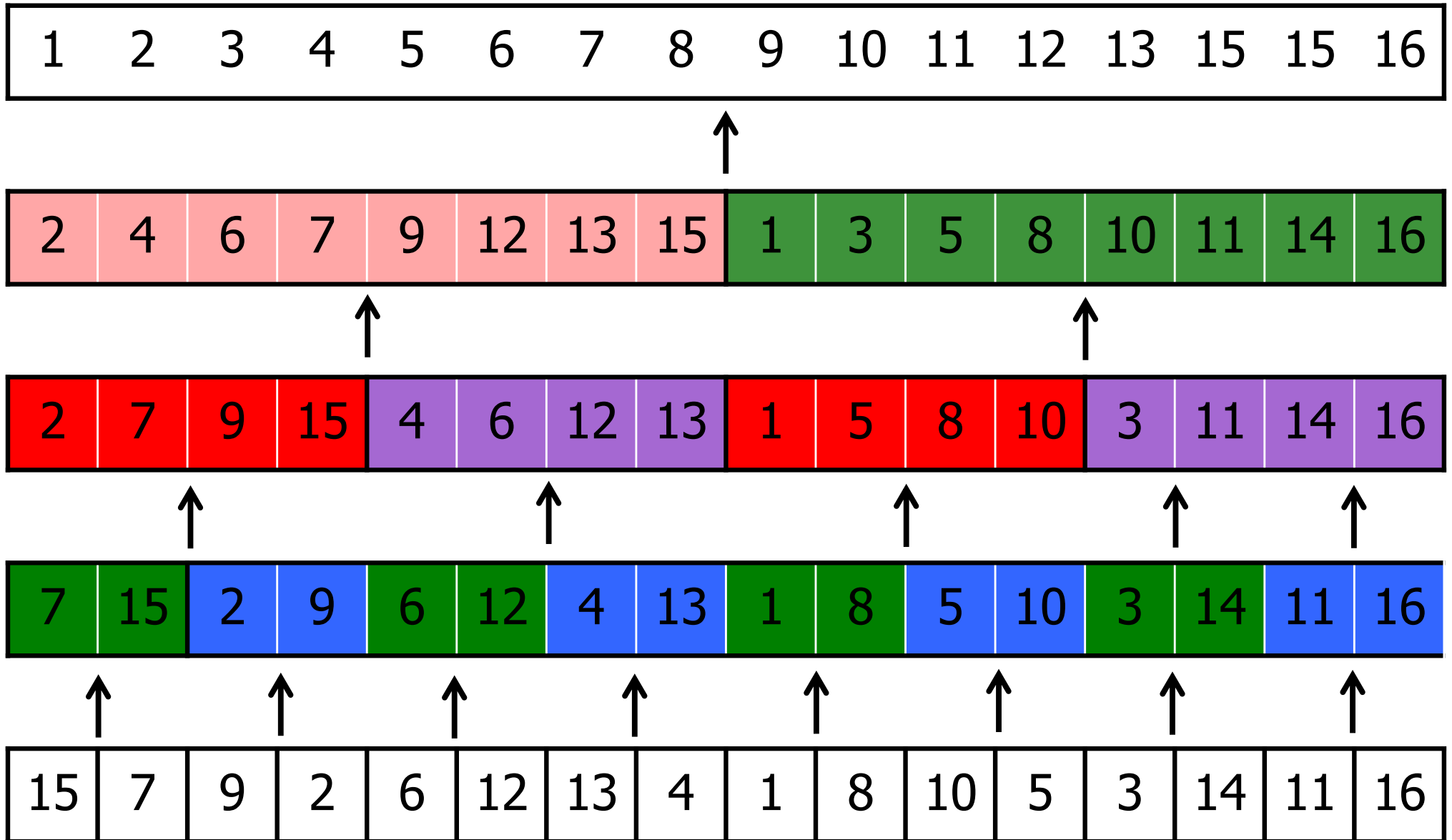
$$S(n) = \theta(1) \quad \text{if } (n=1)$$

$$= 2S(n/2) + n \quad \text{if } (n>1)$$

$$= O(n \log n)$$

# MergeSort

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# Challenge of the Day:

Design a version of MergeSort that minimizes the amount of extra space needed.

Hint: Do not allocate any new space during the recursive calls!

# Stability

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Is MergeSort stable?

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# MergeSort

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## Stability:

- MergeSort is stable if “merge” is stable.
- Merge is stable if properly implemented.

# Sorting Analysis

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## Summary:

BubbleSort:  $O(n^2)$

SelectionSort:  $O(n^2)$

InsertionSort:  $O(n^2)$

MergeSort:  $O(n \log n)$

## Also:

The power of  
divide-and-conquer!

How to solve recurrences...

Properties: time, space, stability

# Sorting, continued

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## QuickSort

- Divide-and-Conquer
- Paranoid QuickSort
- Randomized Analysis

(Warning: PS3 opens today and depends on QuickSort, but you can get started without that.)

# Summary

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Name	Best Case	Average Case	Worst Case	Extra Memory	Stable?
Bubble Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	No
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes
Merge Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	Yes

# QuickSort

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## History:

- Invented by C.A.R. Hoare in 1960
  - Turing Award: 1980
- Visiting student at Moscow State University
- Used for machine translation (English/Russian)

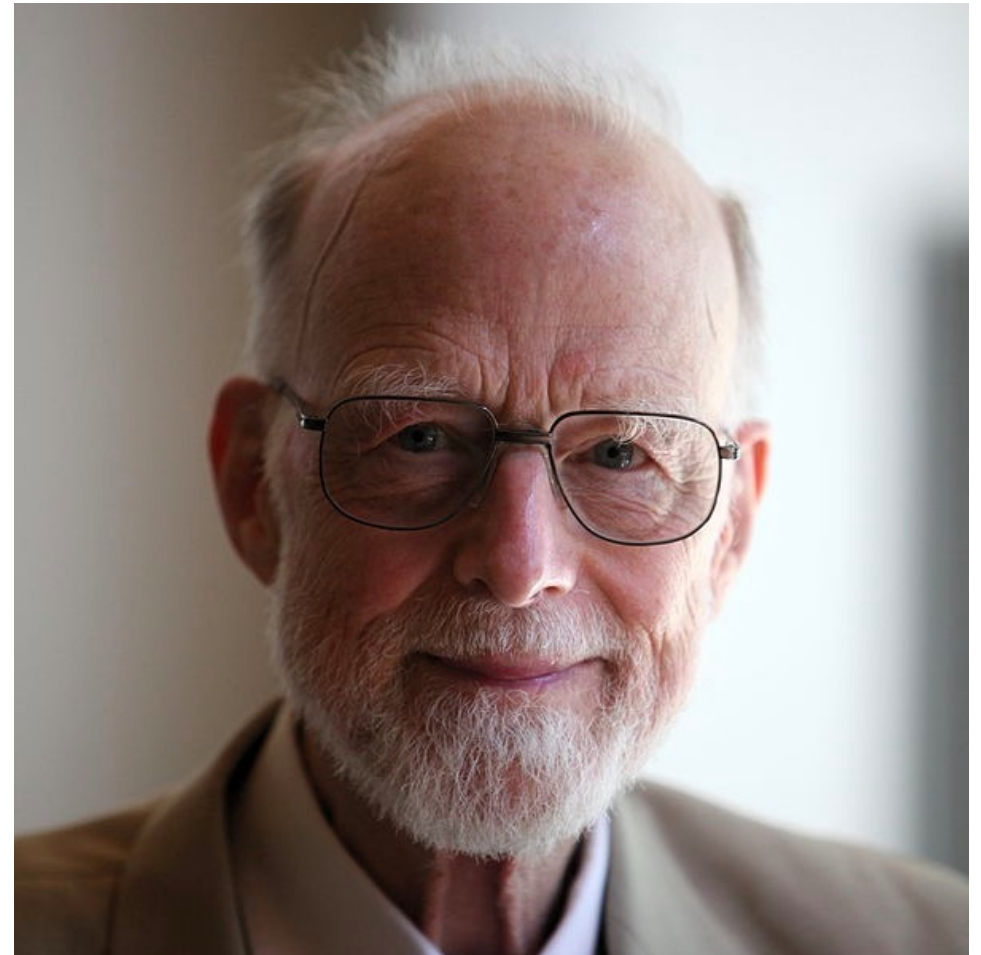


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# Hoare

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Quote:

“There are two ways of constructing a software design:

One way is to make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies, and the other way is to make it so complicated that there are no obvious deficiencies.

The first method is far more difficult.”



# QuickSort

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## History:

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## In practice:

- Very fast
- Many optimizations
- In-place (i.e., no extra space needed)
- Good caching performance
- Good parallelization

# QuickSort Today

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1960: Invented by Hoare

1979: Adopted everywhere (e.g., Unix qsort)

1993: Bentley & McIlroy improvements

## “Engineering a sort function”

*Yet in the summer of 1991 our colleagues Allan Wilks and Rick Becker found that a qsort run that should have taken a few minutes was chewing up hours of CPU time. Had they not interrupted it, it would have gone on for weeks. They found that it took  $n^2$  comparisons to sort an ‘organ-pipe’ array of  $2n$  integers: 123..nn.. 321.*

# QuickSort Today

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”Ok, QuickSort is done,” said everyone.



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Punk in the front row:

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In 2009:

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Punk in the front row:

“Huh... let me try it. Wait a sec, it’s faster!”

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2012: Sebastian Wild and Markus E. Nebel

- “Average Case Analysis of Java 7’s Dual Pivot...”
- Best paper award at ESA



## Moral of the story:

- 1) Don't just listen to me. Go try it!
- 2) Even “classical” algorithms change.  
QuickSort in 5 years may be different  
than QuickSort I am teaching today.

# QuickSort

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In class:

- **Easy** to understand! (divide-and-conquer...)
- **Moderately hard** to implement correctly.
- **Harder** to analyze. (Randomization...)
- **Challenging** to optimize.

# Recall: MergeSort

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MergeSort( $A[1..n]$ ,  $n$ )

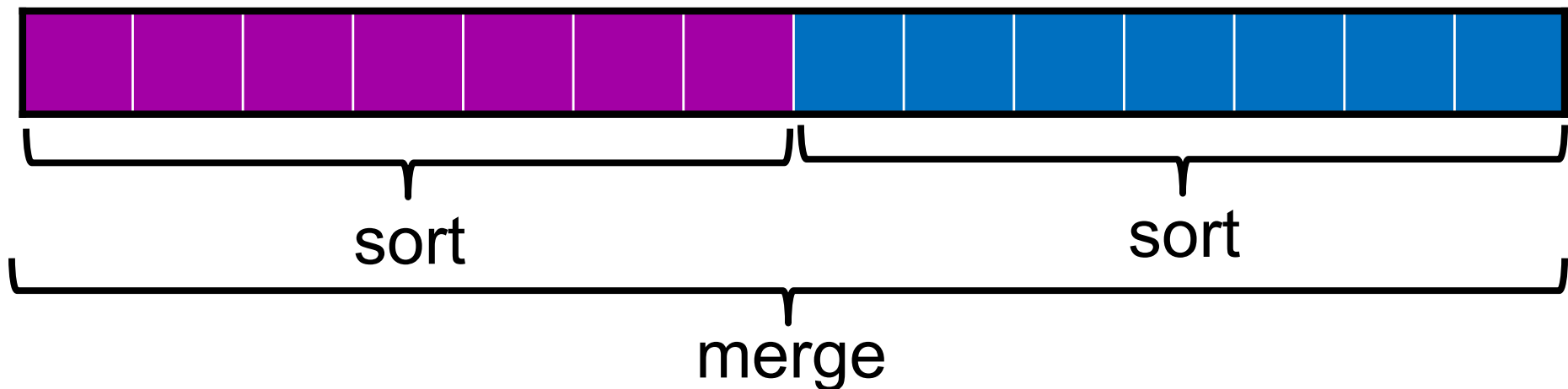
**if** ( $n==1$ ) **then** return;

**else**

$x = \text{MergeSort}(A[1..n/2], n/2)$

$y = \text{MergeSort}(A[n/2+1..n], n/2)$

return merge( $x, y, n/2$ )



# QuickSort

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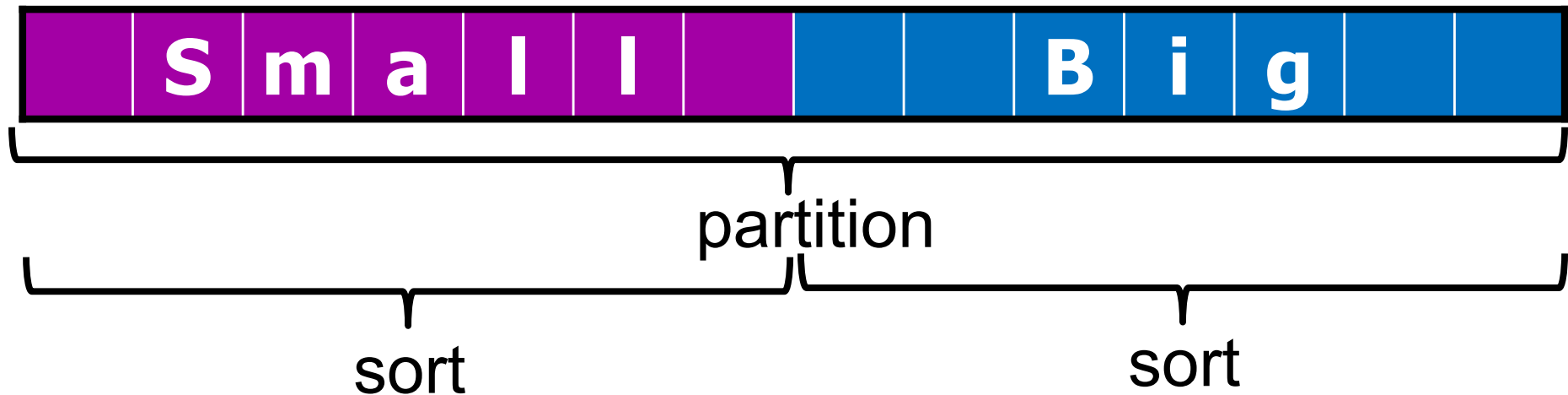
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**else**

$p = \text{partition}(A[1..n], n)$

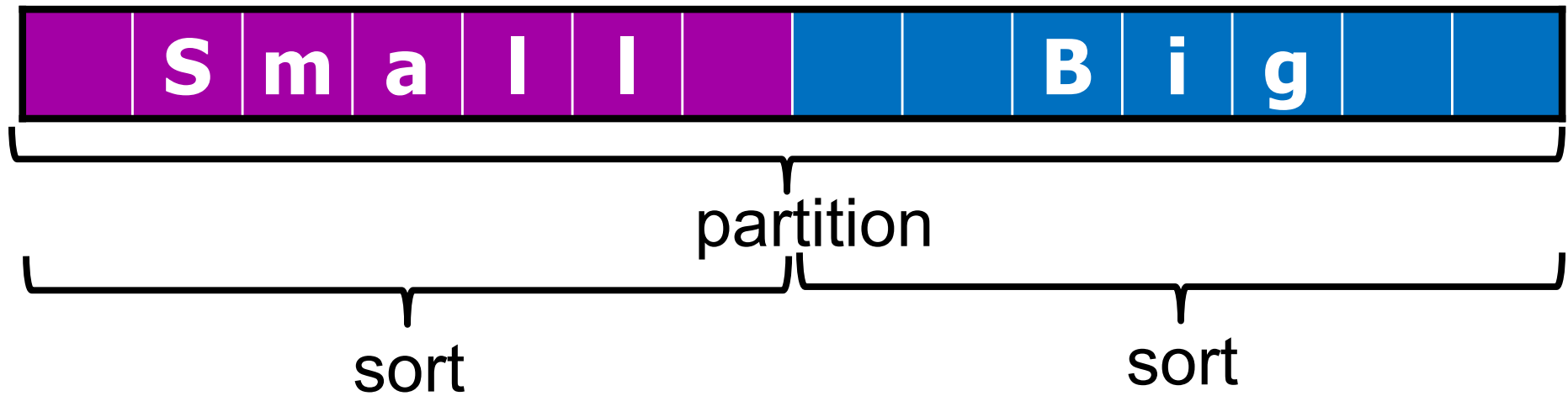
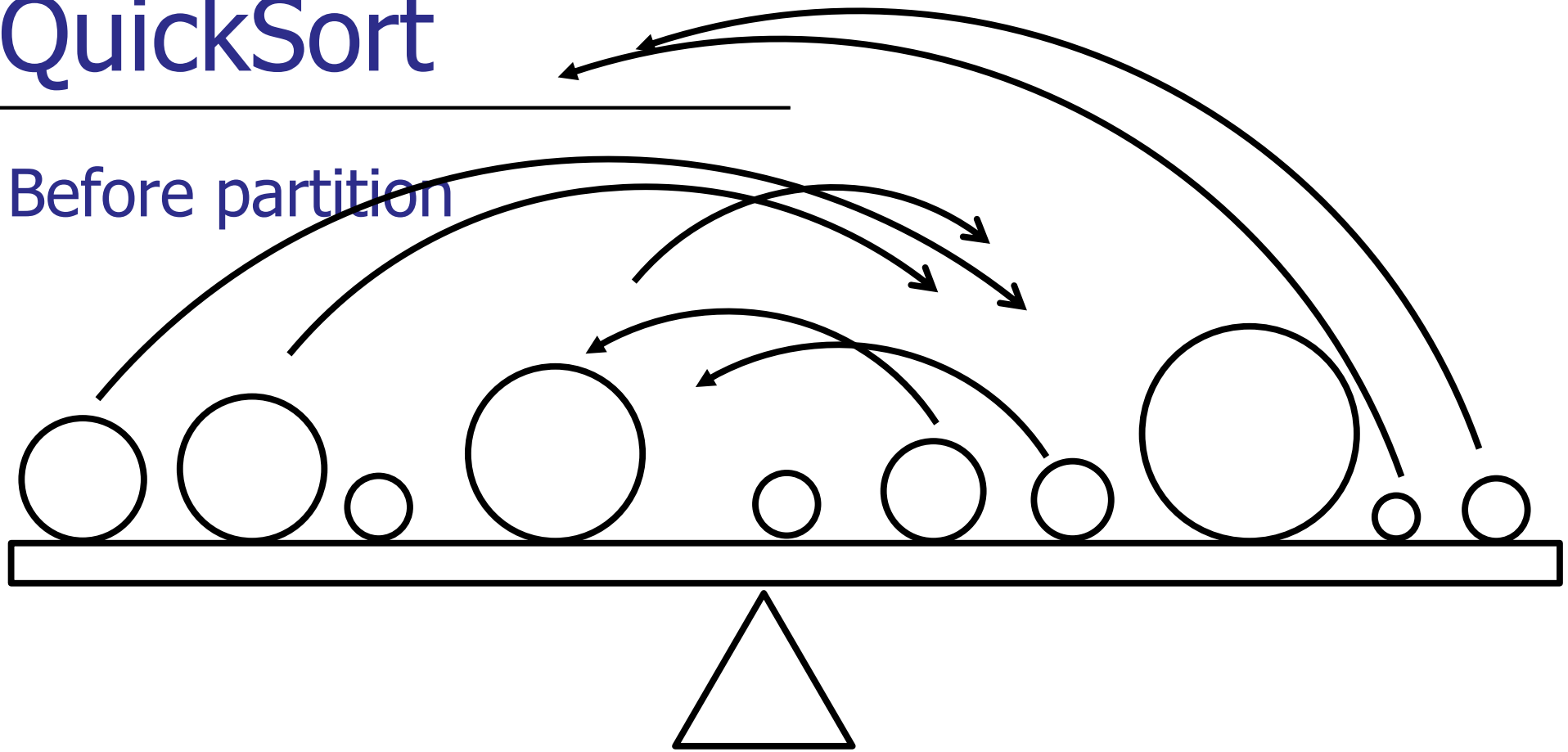
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$y = \text{QuickSort}(A[p+1..n], n-p)$



# QuickSort

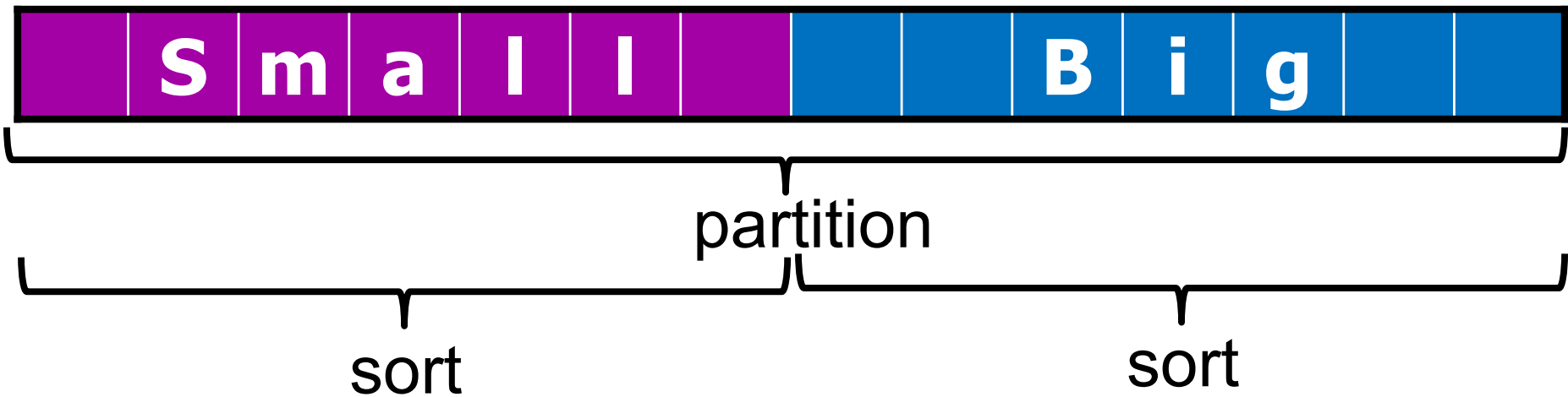
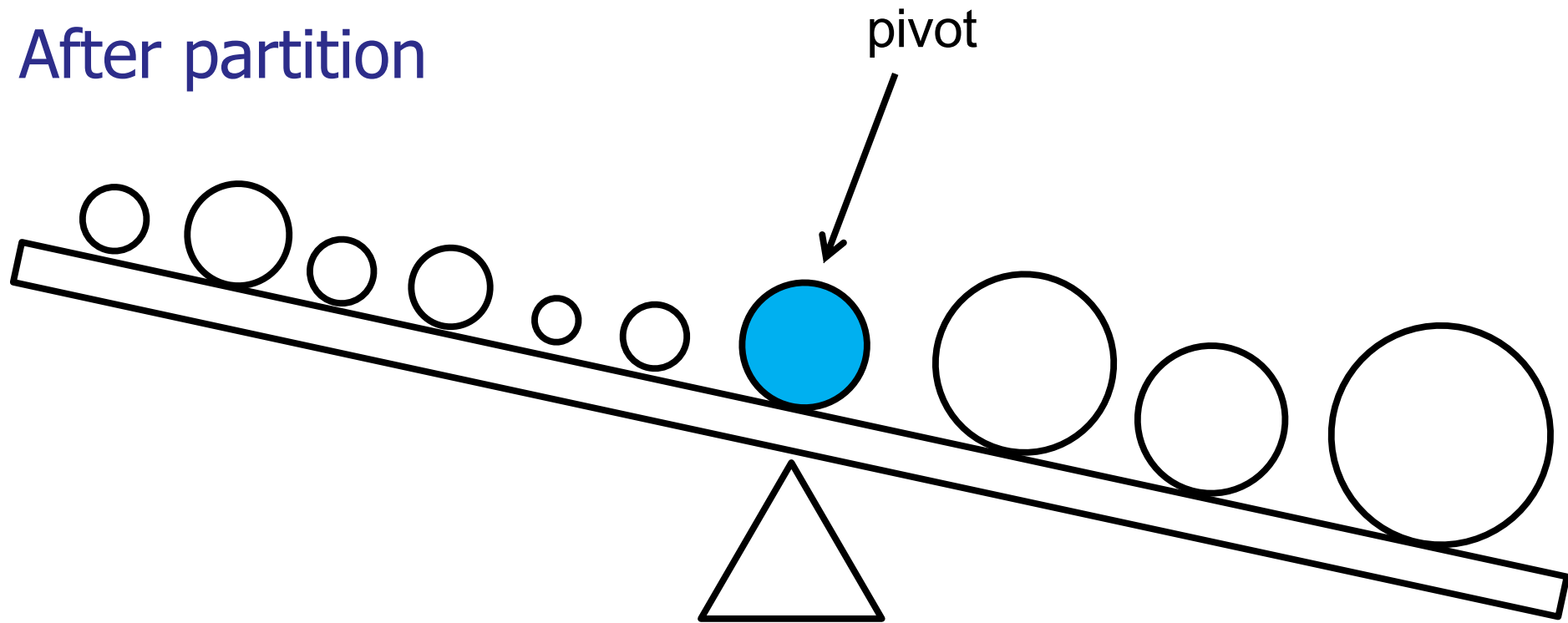
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# QuickSort

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After partition



# QuickSort

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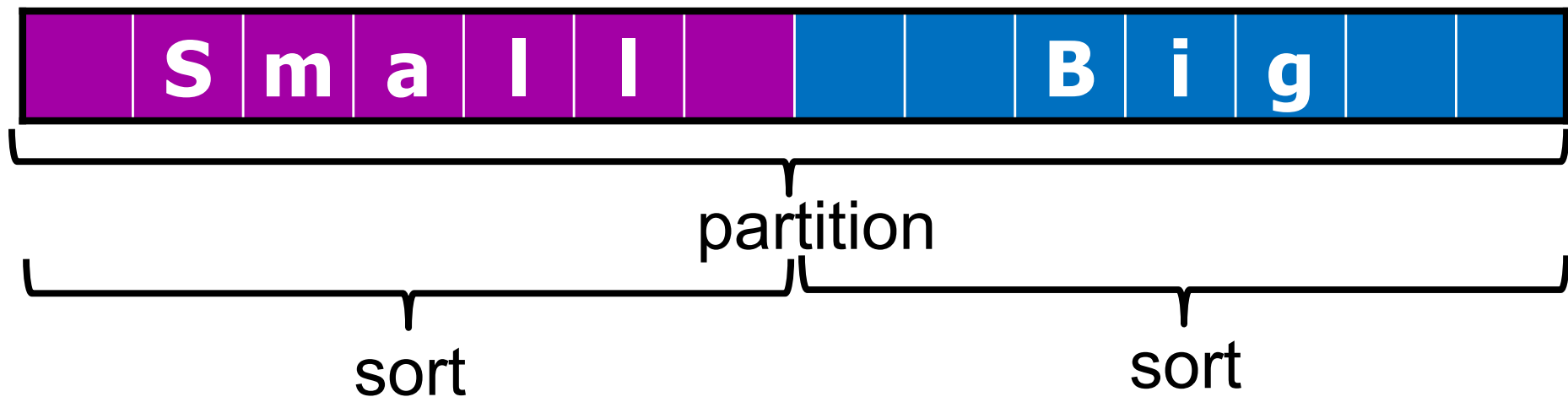
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# QuickSort

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Given:  $n$  element array  $A[1..n]$

1. **Divide**: Partition the array into two sub-arrays around a **pivot**  $x$  such that elements in lower subarray  $\leq x \leq$  elements in upper sub-array.



2. **Conquer**: Recursively sort the two sub-arrays.
3. **Combine**: Trivial, do nothing.

Key: efficient *partition* sub-routine



# Partitioning an Array

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Three steps:

1. Choose a pivot.
2. Find all elements smaller than the pivot.
3. Find all elements larger than the pivot.



# Quicksort

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Example:

6 3 9 8 4 2

# Quicksort

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Example:

6	3	9	8	4	2
3	4	2	6	9	8

# Quicksort

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Example:



# Quicksort

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Example:

6	3	9	8	4	2
3	4	2	6	9	8
2	3	4		8	9

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# Quicksort

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The following array has been partitioned around which element?

18	5	6	1	10	22	40	32	50
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- a. 6
- b. 10
- ✓ c. 22
- d. 40
- e. 32
- f. I don't know.

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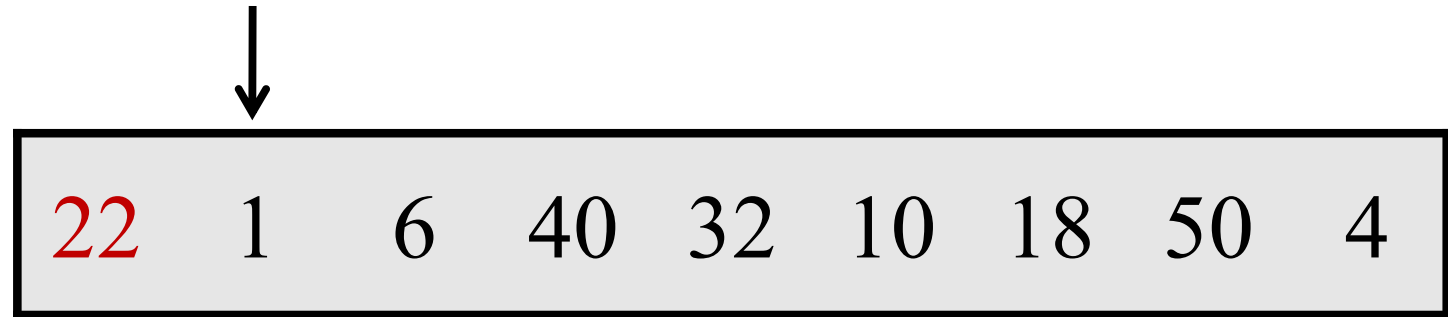
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# Partitioning an Array

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Example: partition around 22



Output array:



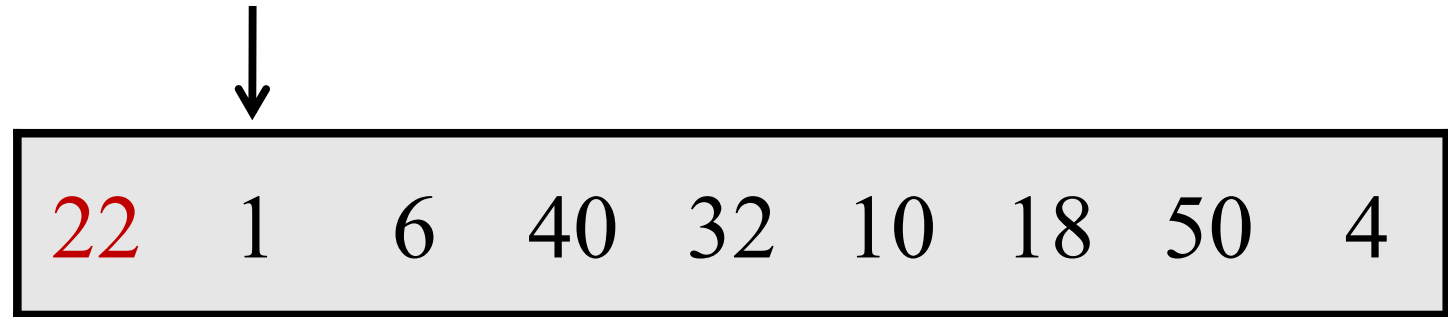
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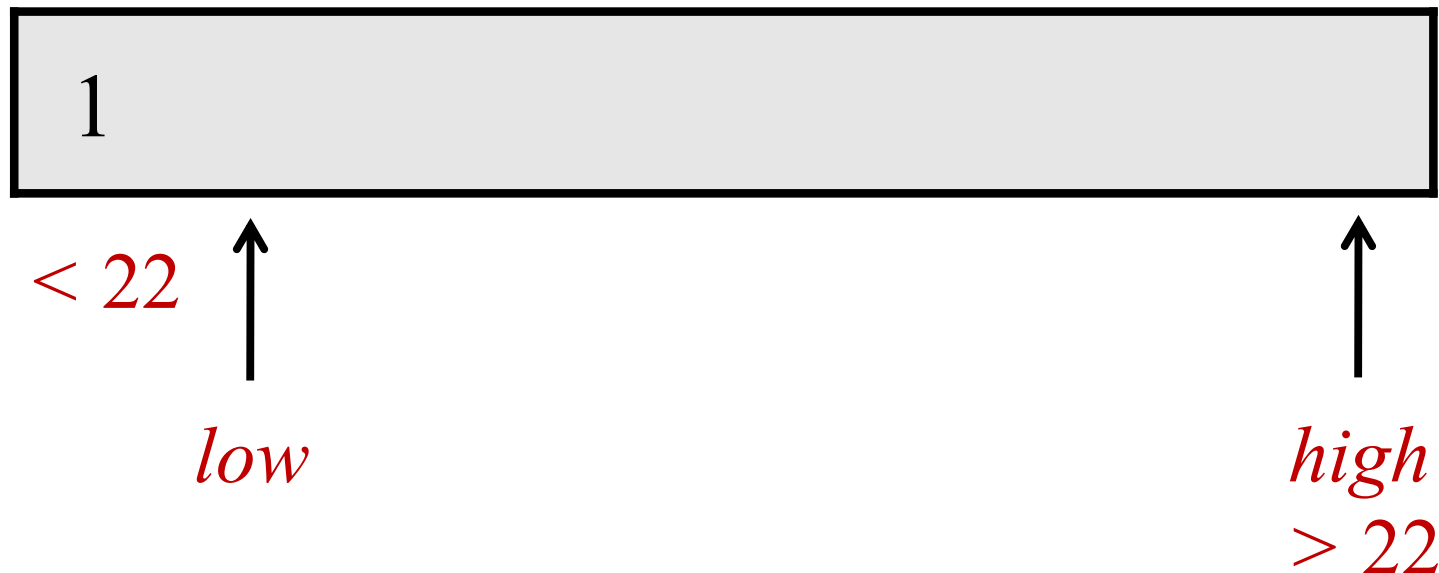
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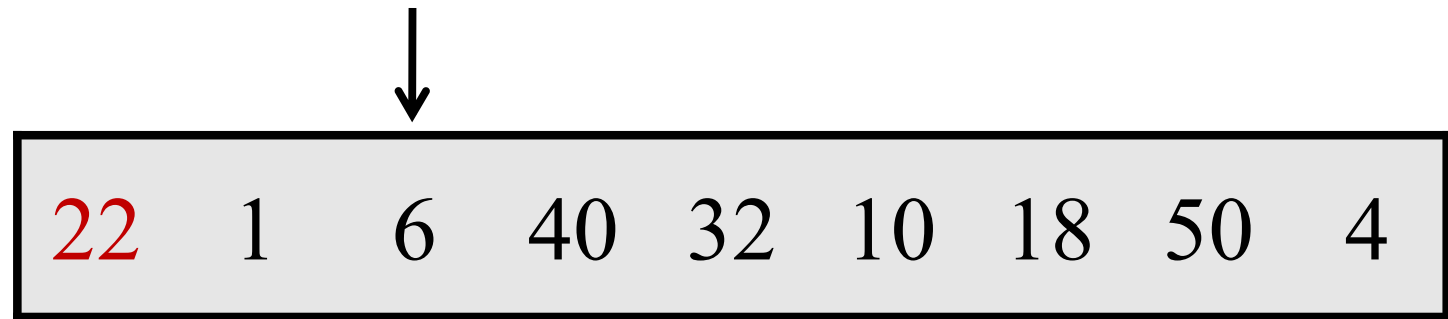
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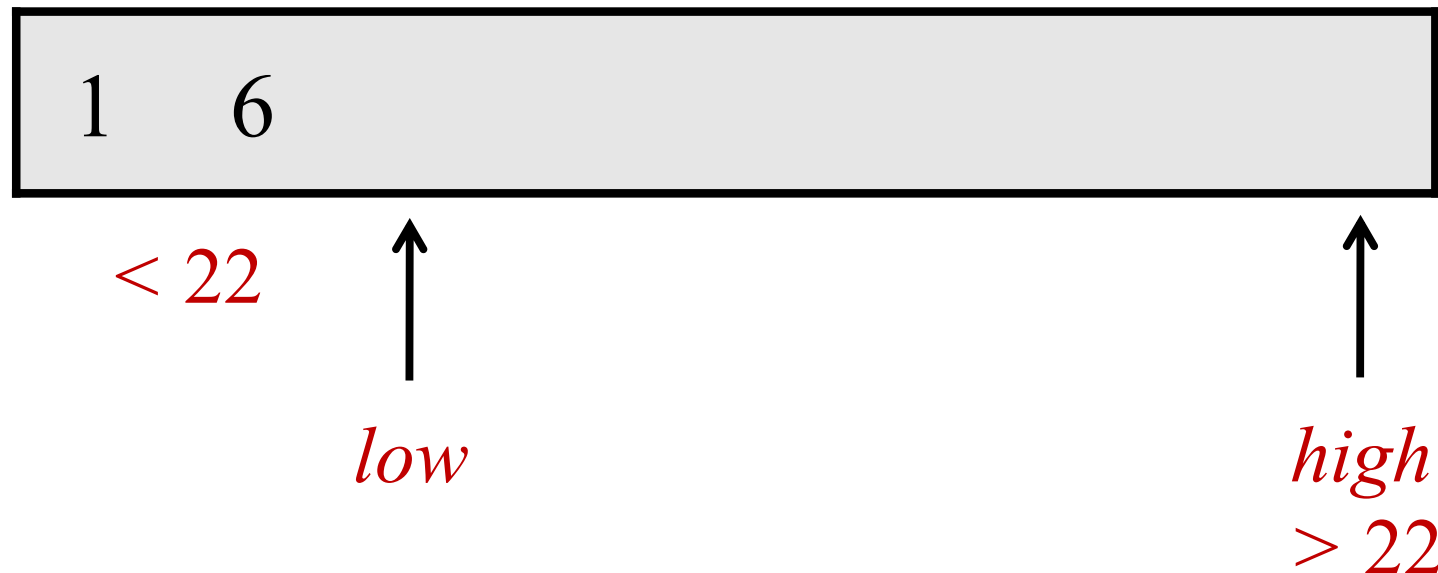
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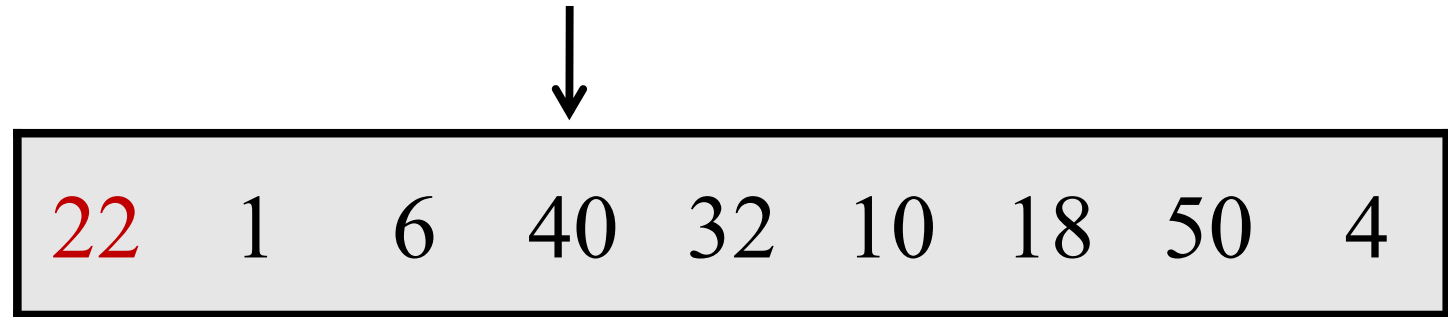
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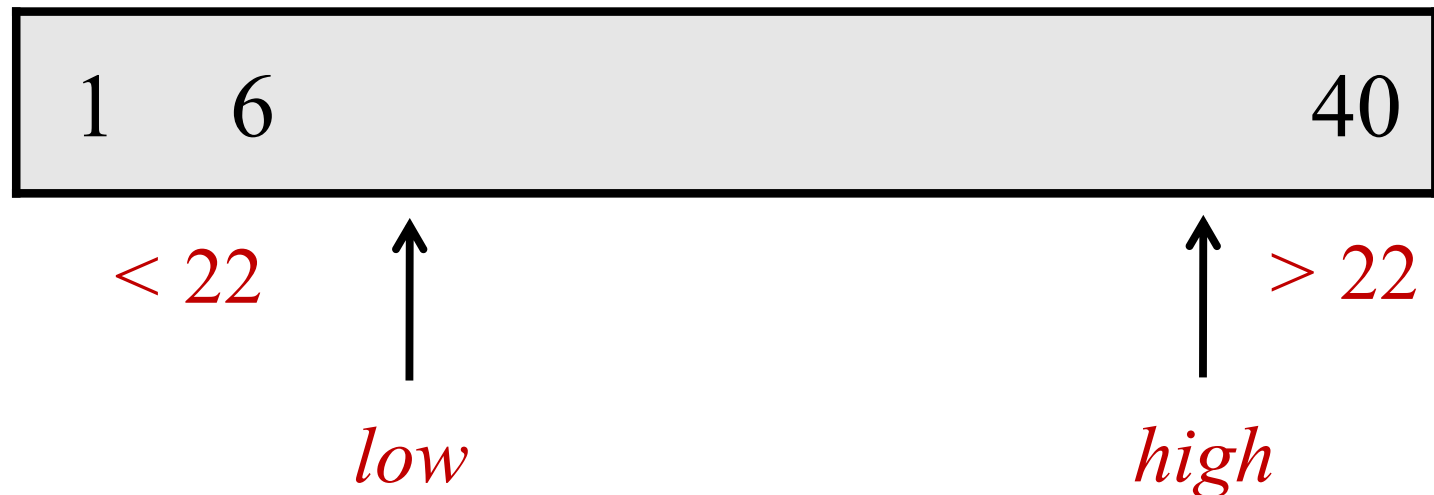
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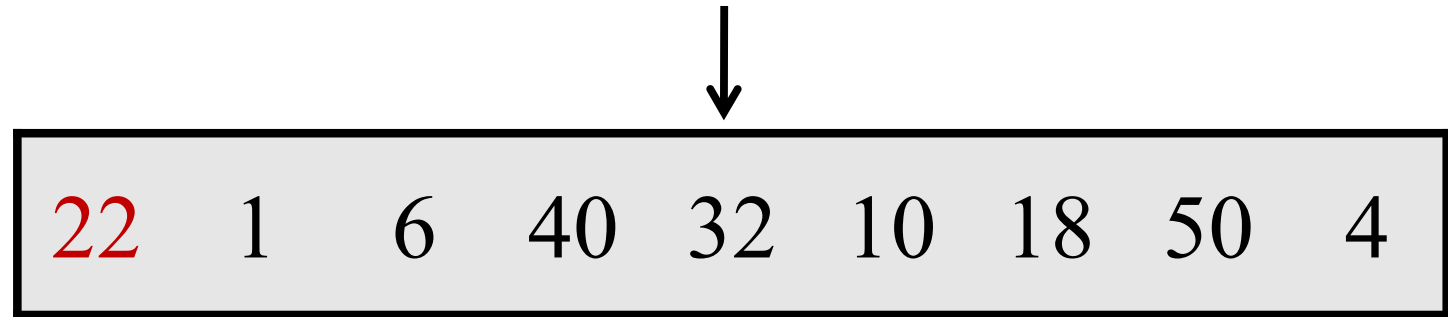
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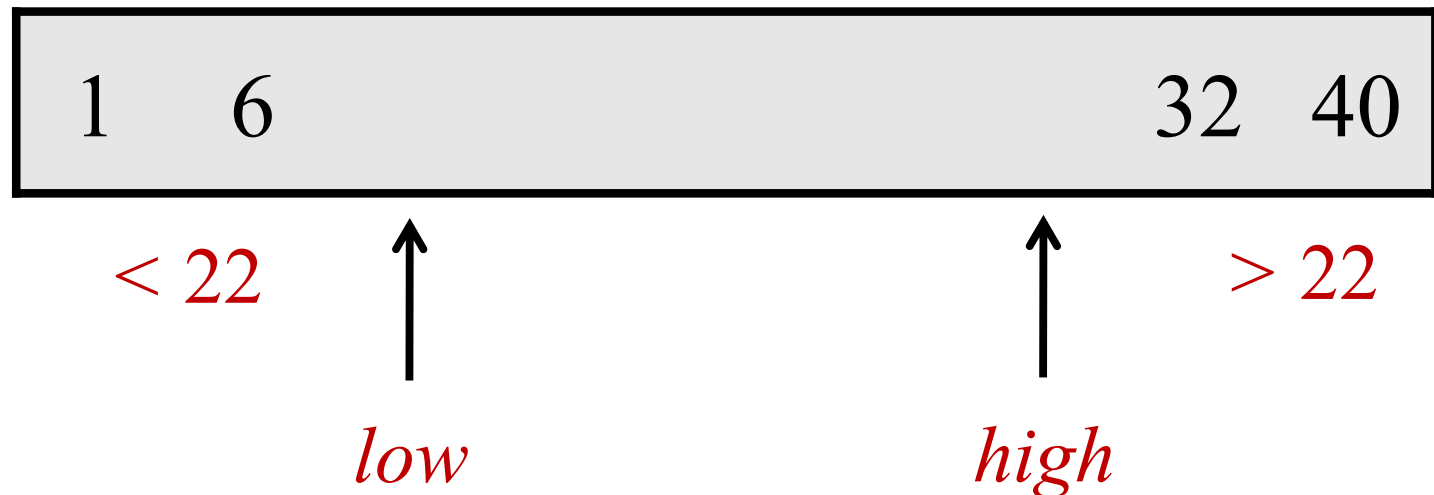
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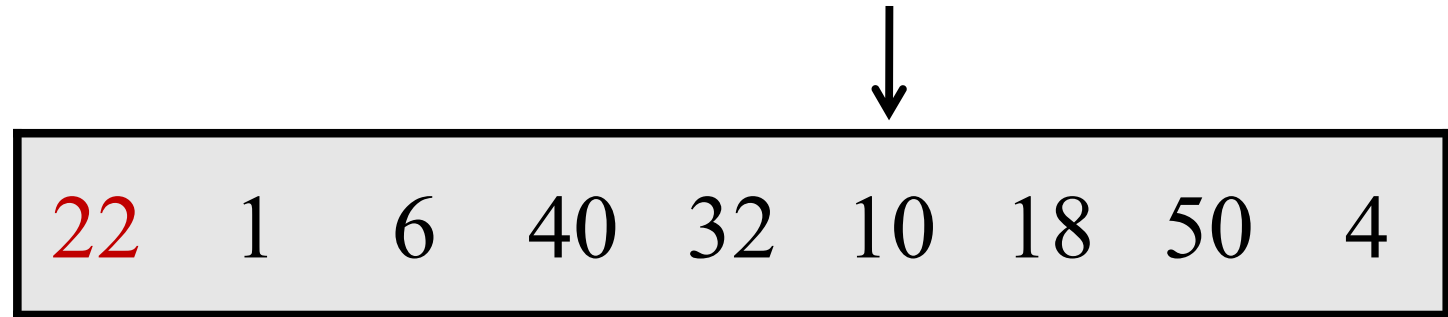
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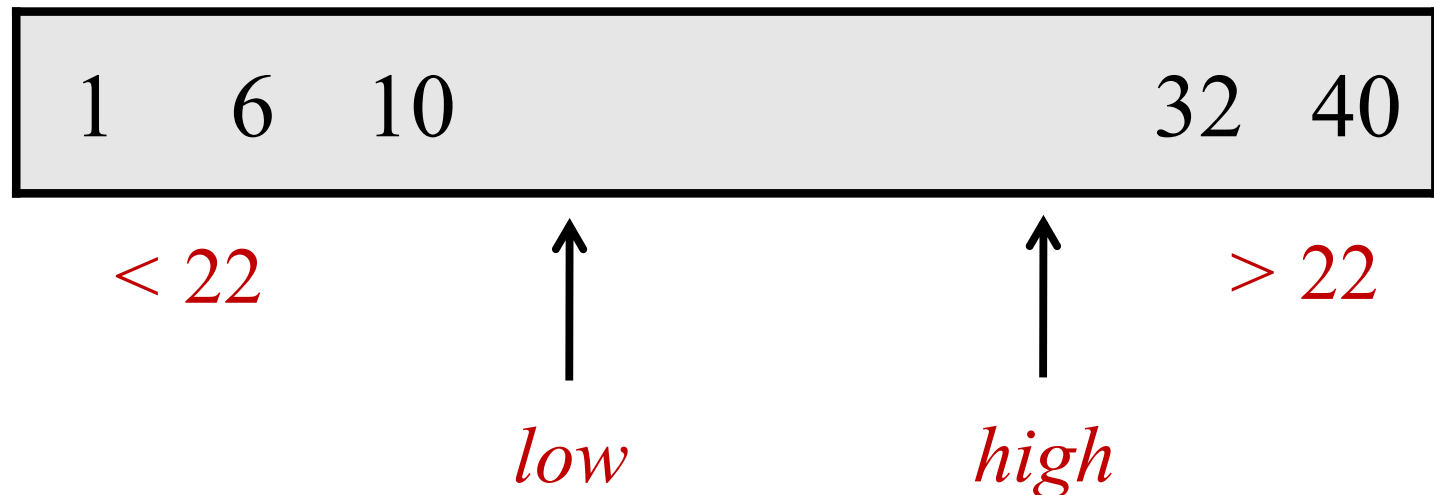
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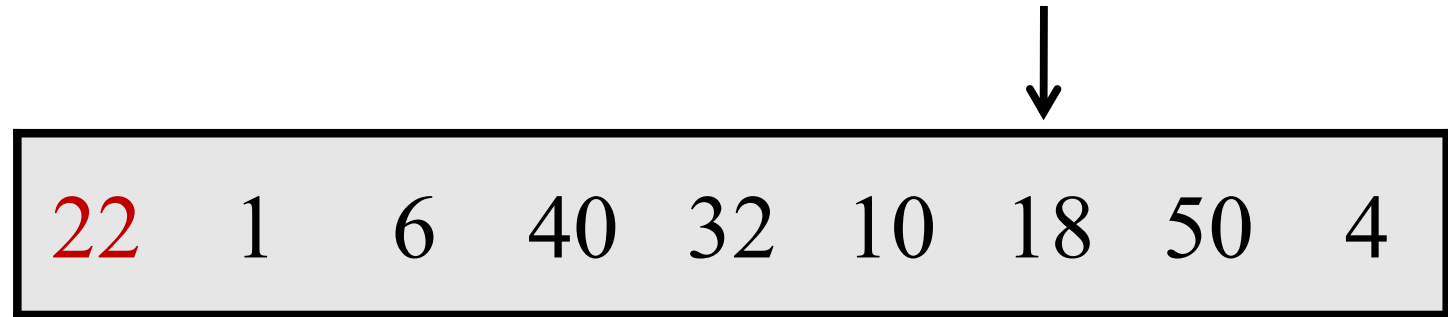
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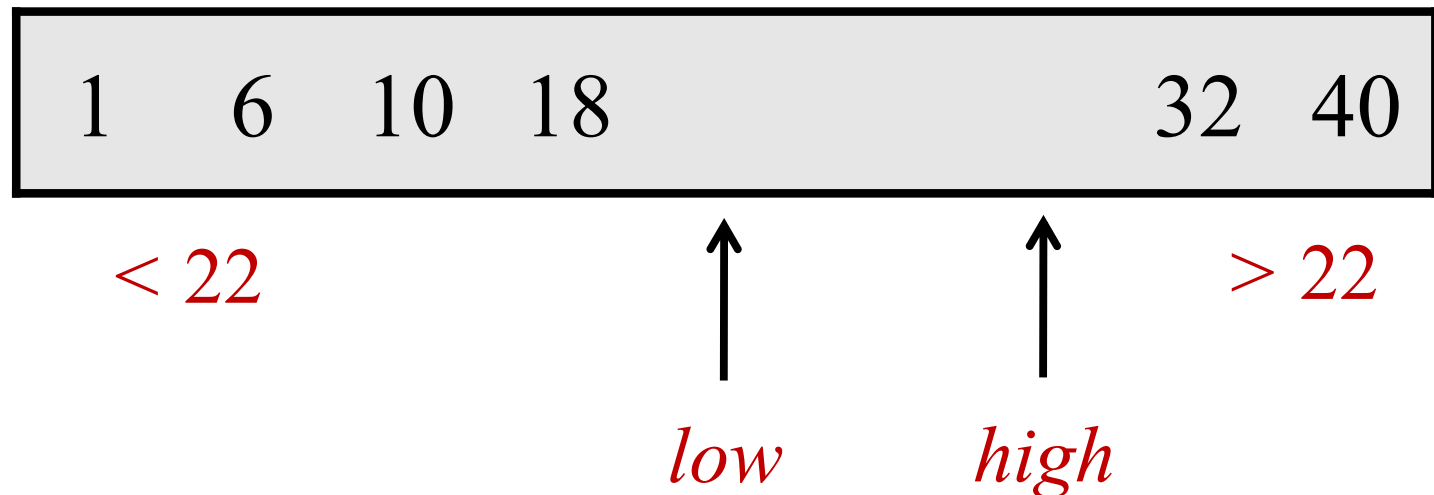
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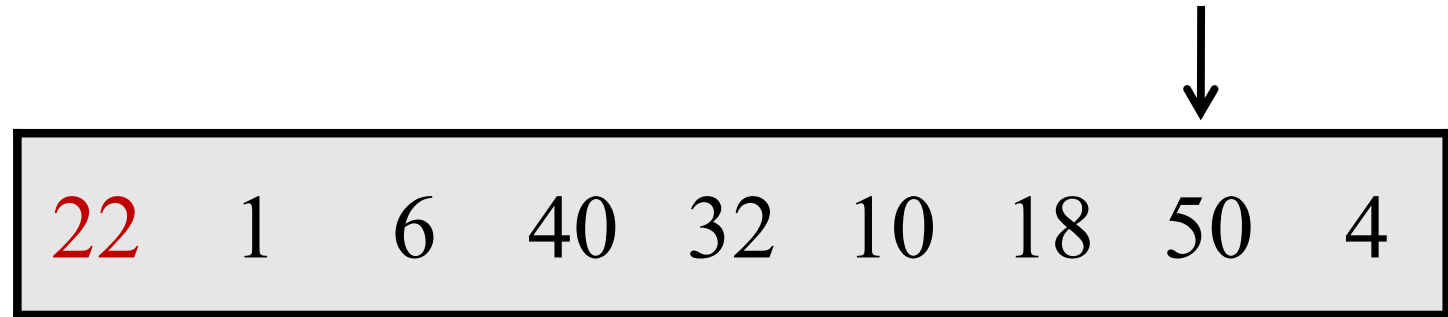
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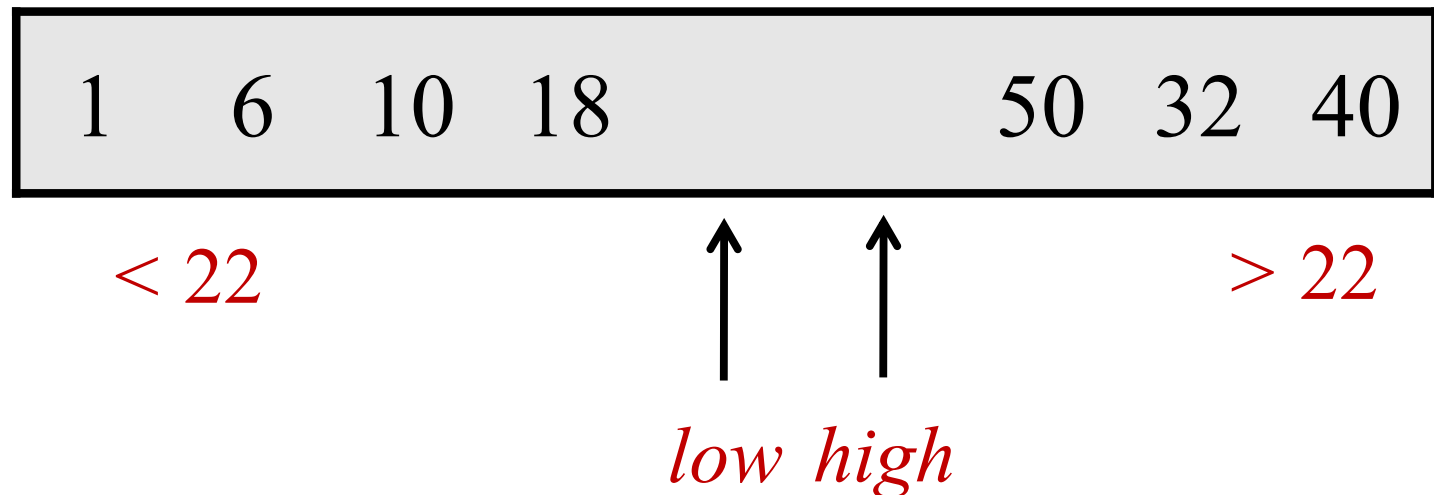
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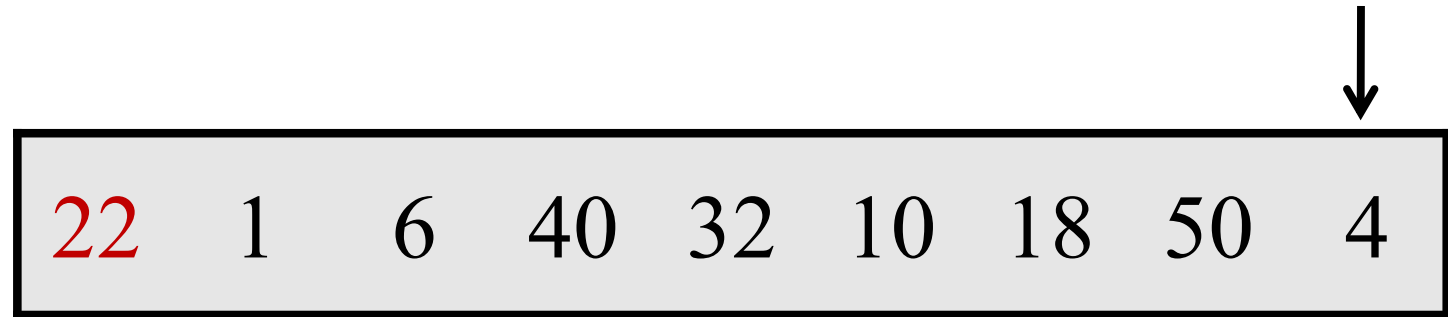
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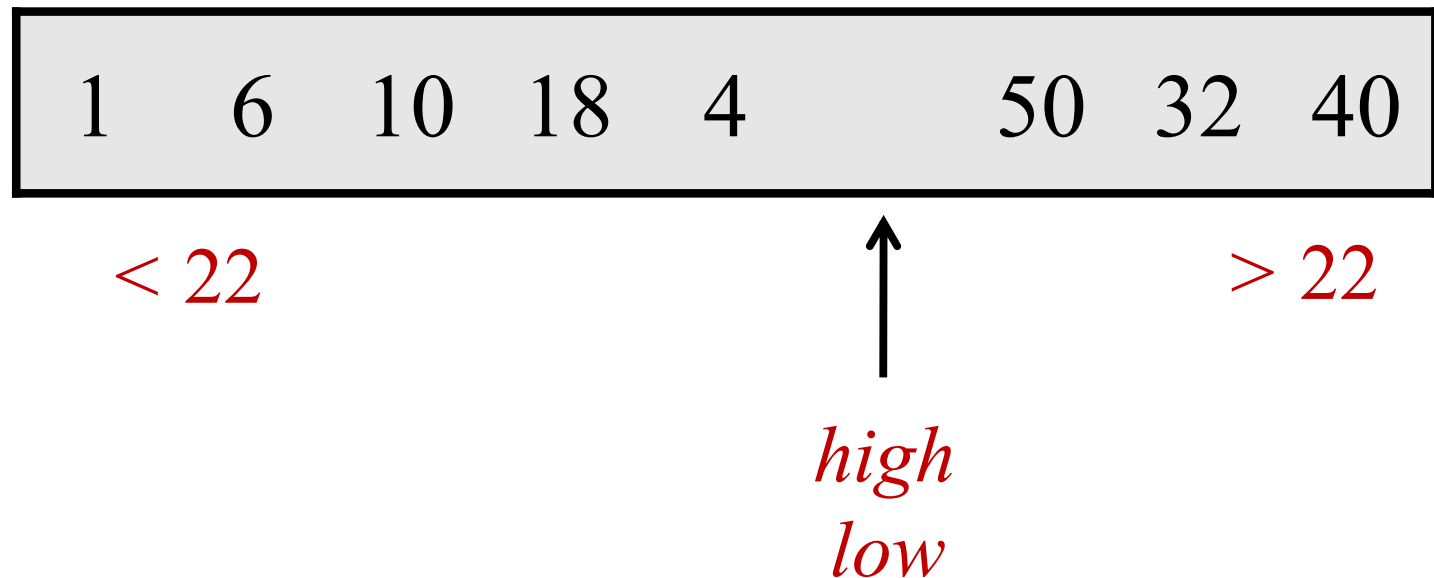


# Partitioning an Array

Example: partition around 22



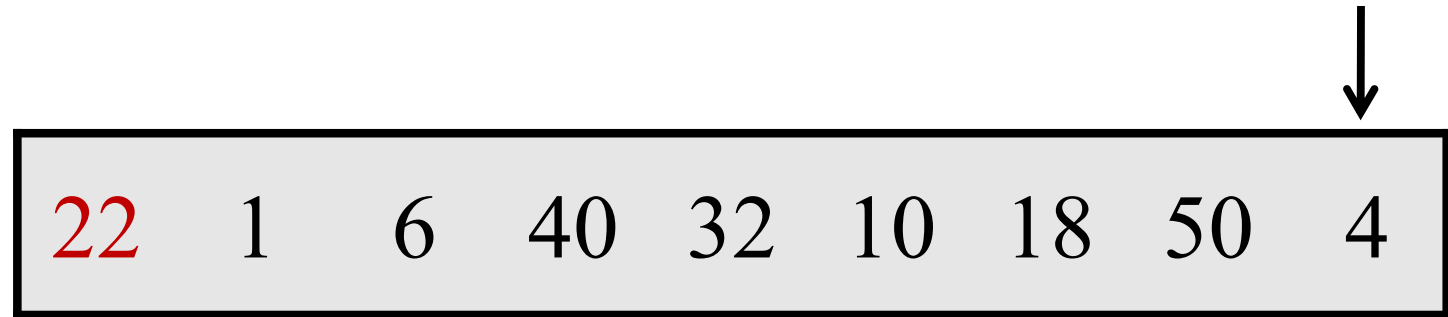
## Output array:



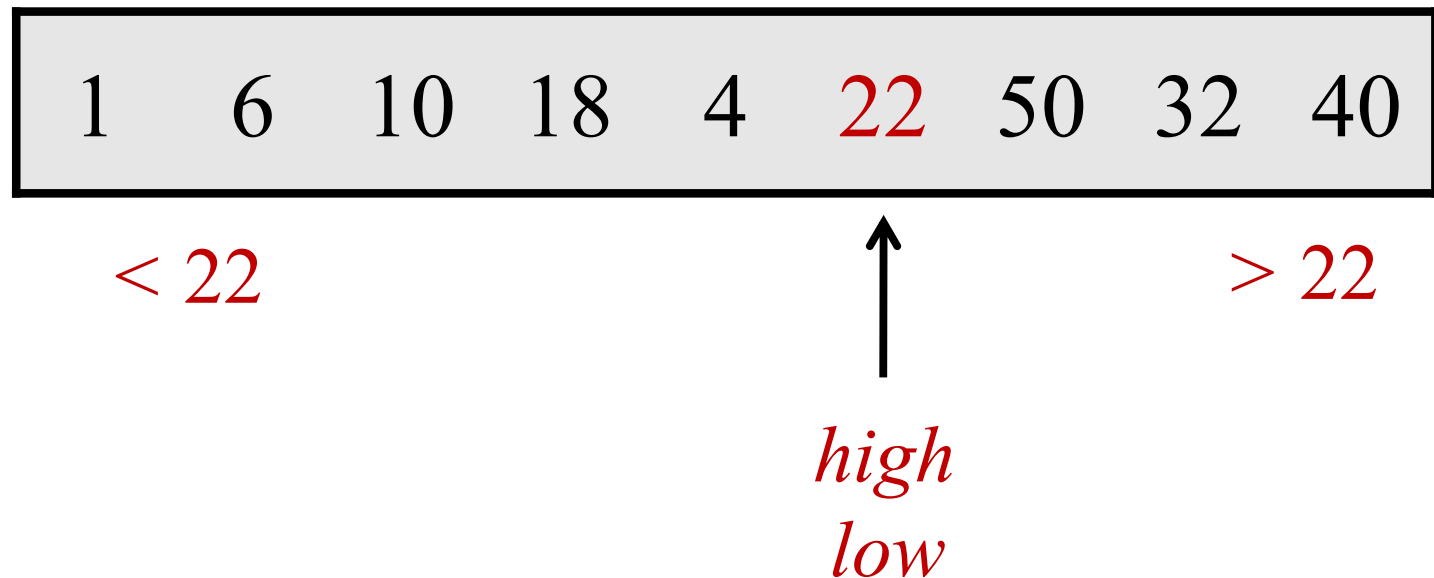
# Partitioning an Array

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Example: partition around 22



Output array:



**partition**(A[2..n], n, pivot)

B = new **n** element array

low = 1;

high = n;

**for** (i = 2; i ≤ n; i++)

**if** (A[i] < pivot) **then**

        B[low] = A[i];

        low++;

**else if** (A[i] > pivot) **then**

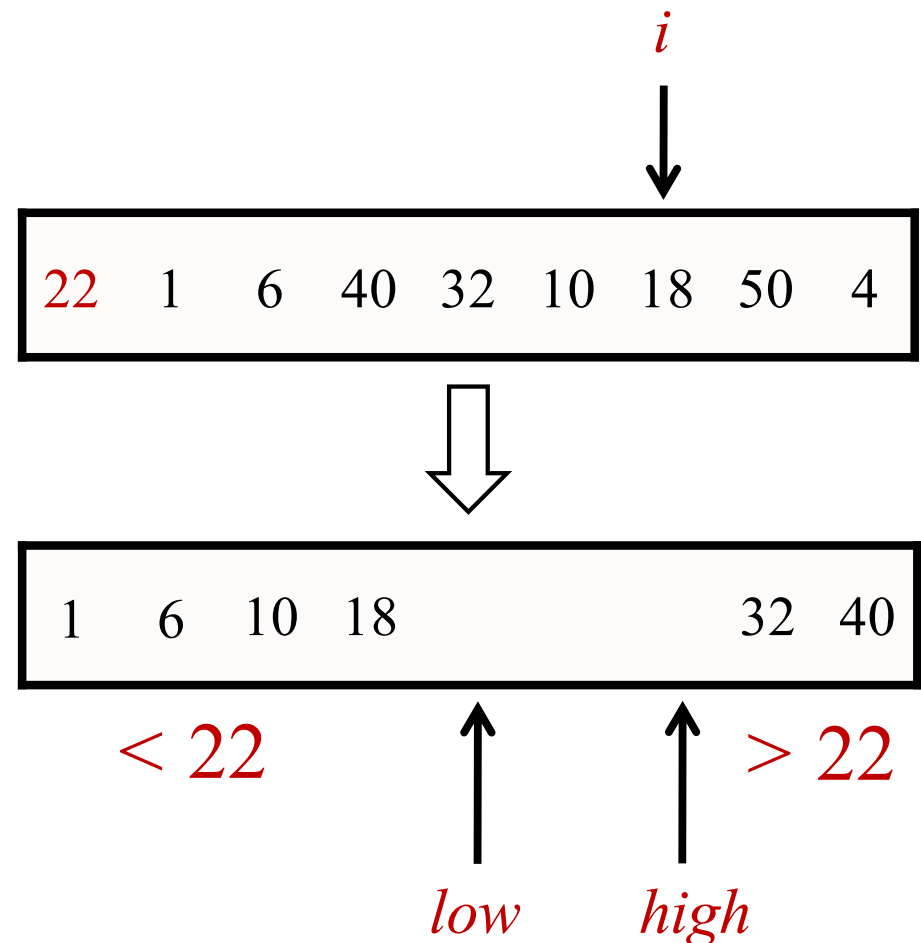
        B[high] = A[i];

        high--;

B[low] = pivot;

**return** < B, low >

// Assume no duplicates



# Partition

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**Claim:** array  $B$  is partitioned around the pivot

**Proof:**

Invariants:

1. For every  $i < low$  :  $B[i] < pivot$
2. For every  $j > high$  :  $B[j] > pivot$

In the end, every element from  $A$  is copied to  $B$ .

Then:  $B[i] = pivot$

By invariants,  $B$  is partitioned around the pivot.

# Partitioning an Array

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Example:

22	1	6	40	32	10	18	50	4
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What is the running time of partition?

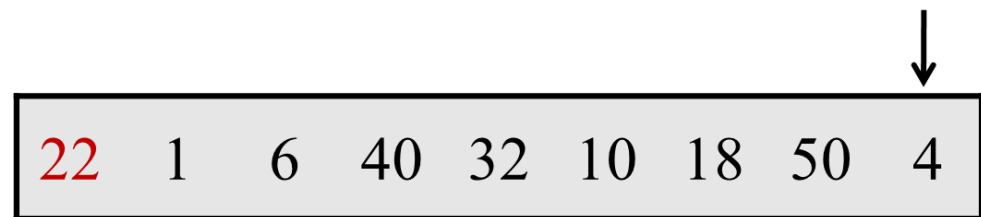
1.  $O(\log n)$
- ✓ 2.  $O(n)$
3.  $O(n \log n)$
4.  $O(n^2)$
5. I have no idea.

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Any bugs?

Anything that can be improved?



< 22

> 22

*high*



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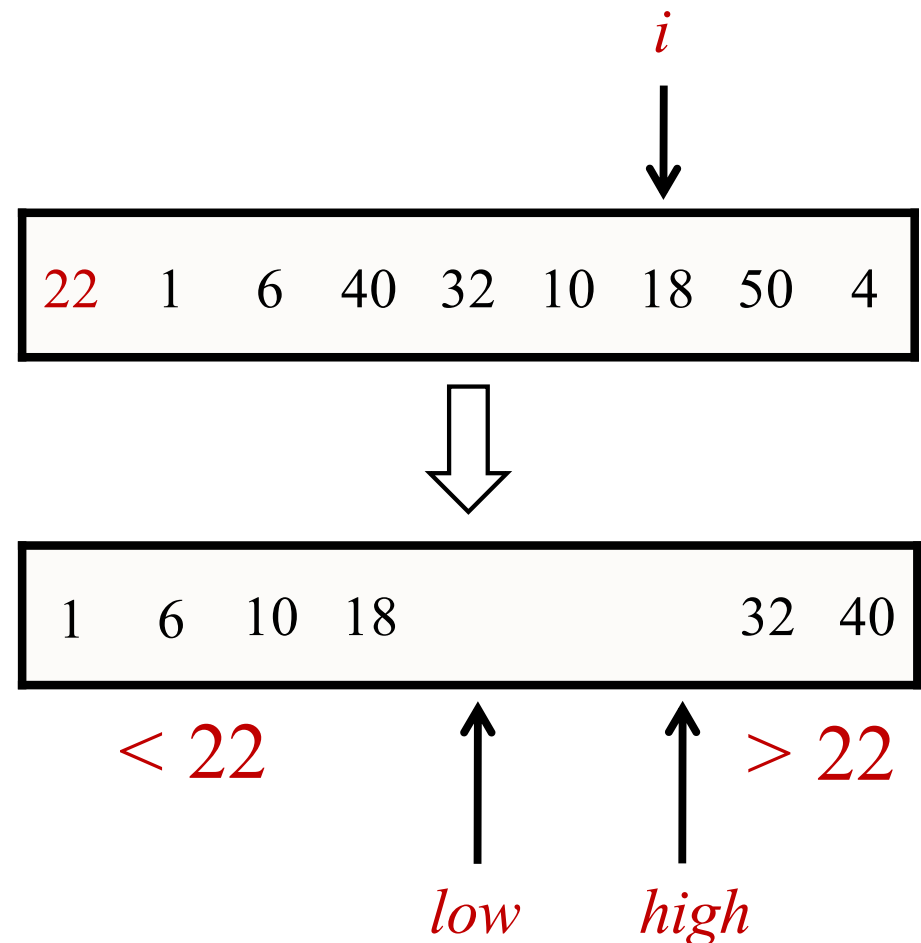
        B[high] = A[i];

        high--;

B[low] = pivot;

**return** < B, low >

// Assume no duplicates



# Partitioning an Array “in-place”

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Example: partition around 22



*low*  
 $< 22$

*high*  
 $> 22$



Move until it's  
bigger than the  
pivot



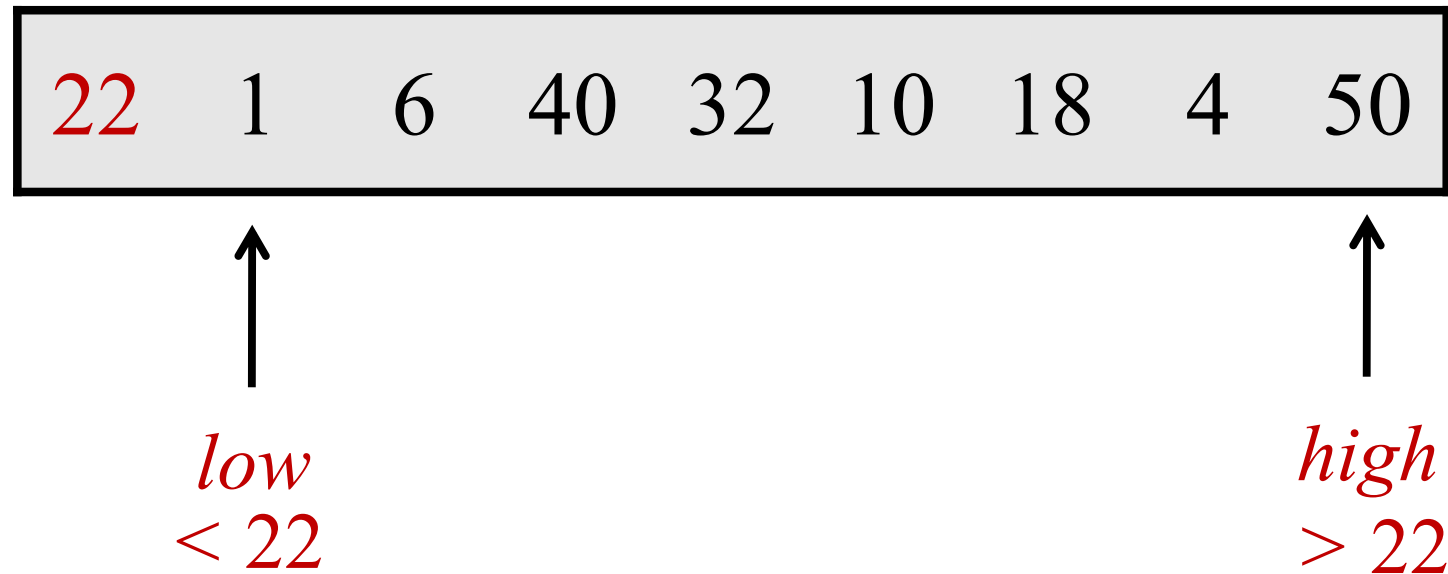
Move until it's  
less than the  
pivot



# Partitioning an Array

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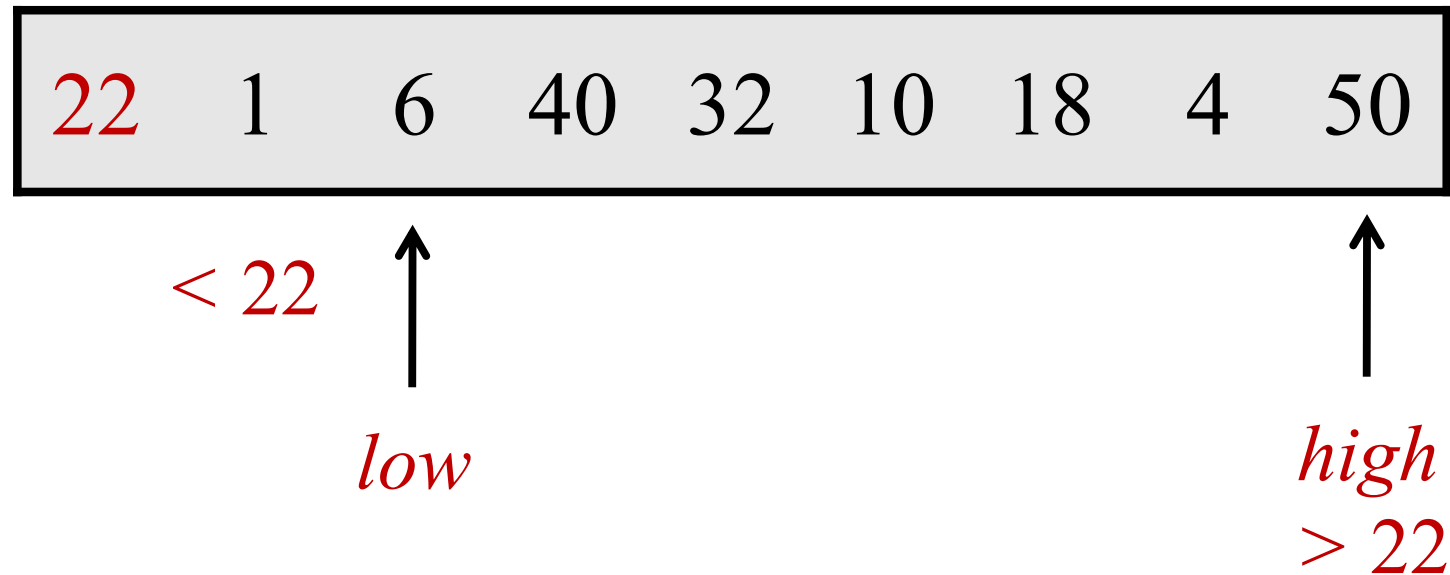
Example: partition around 22



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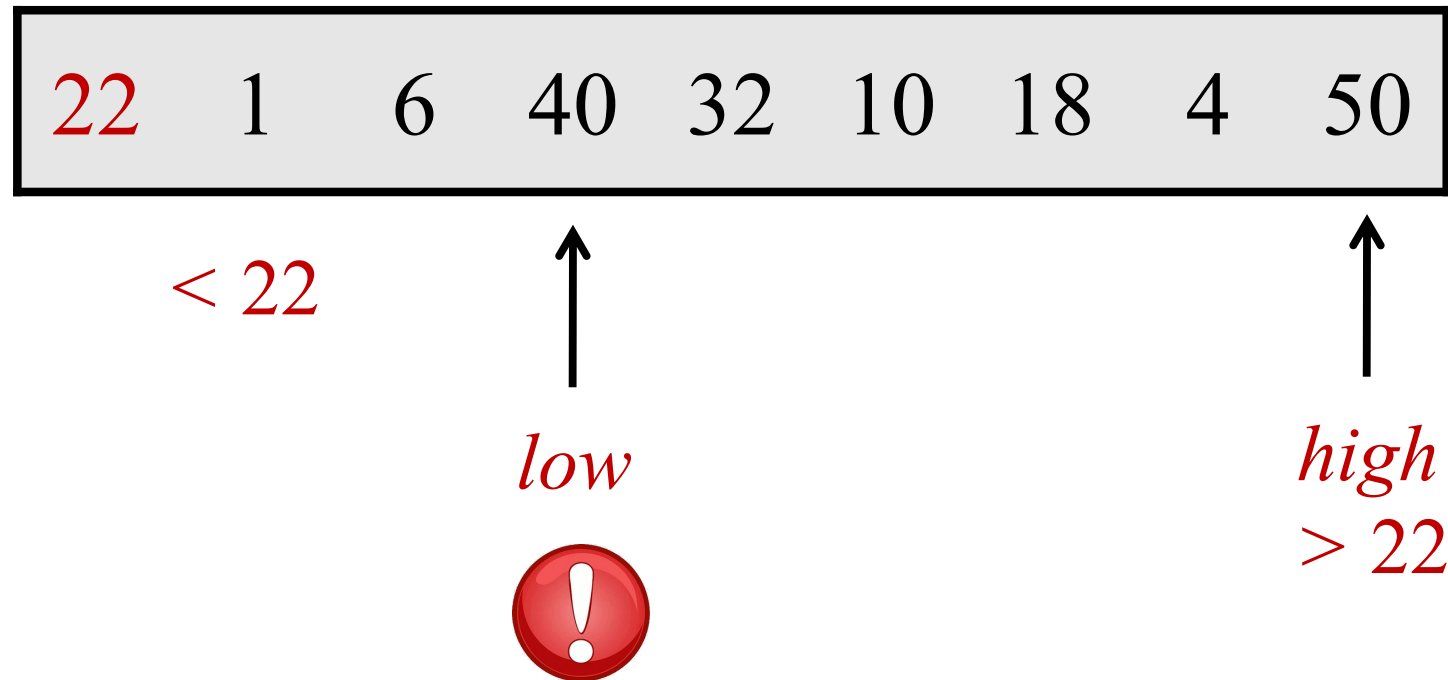
Example: partition around 22



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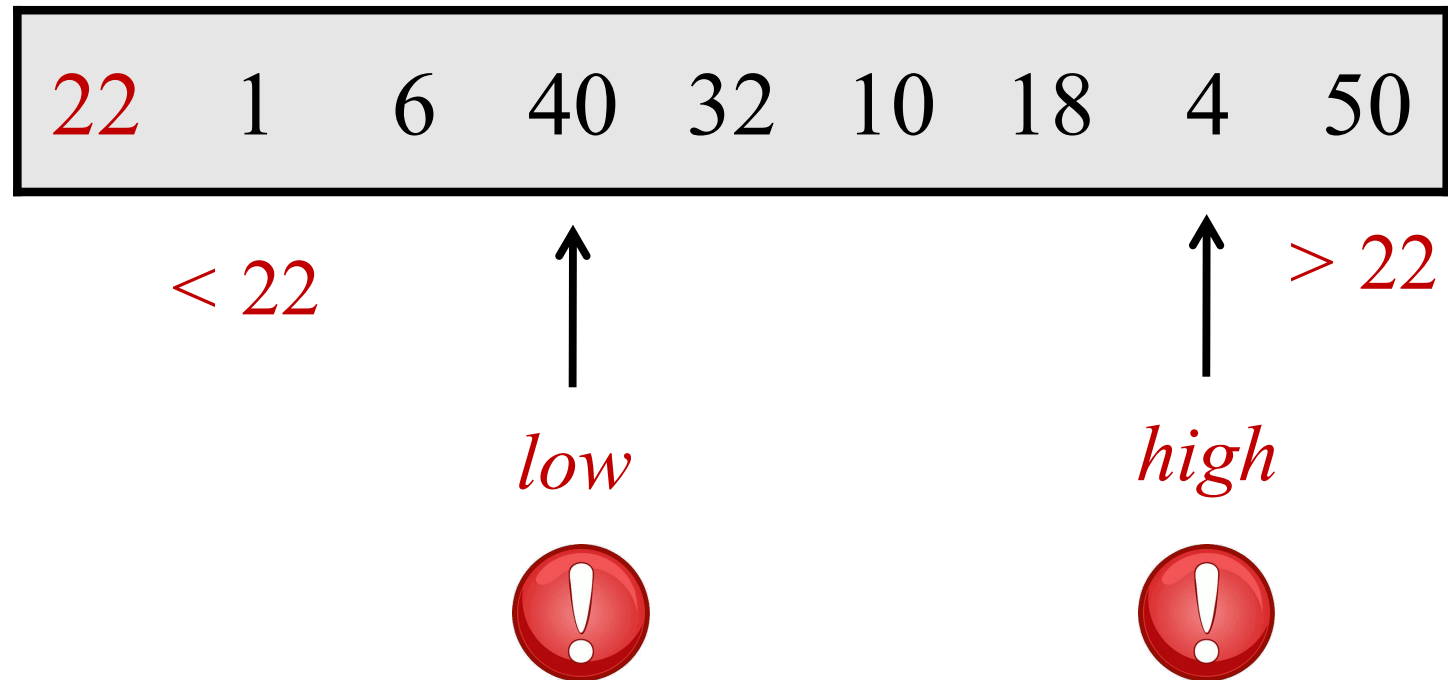
Example: partition around 22



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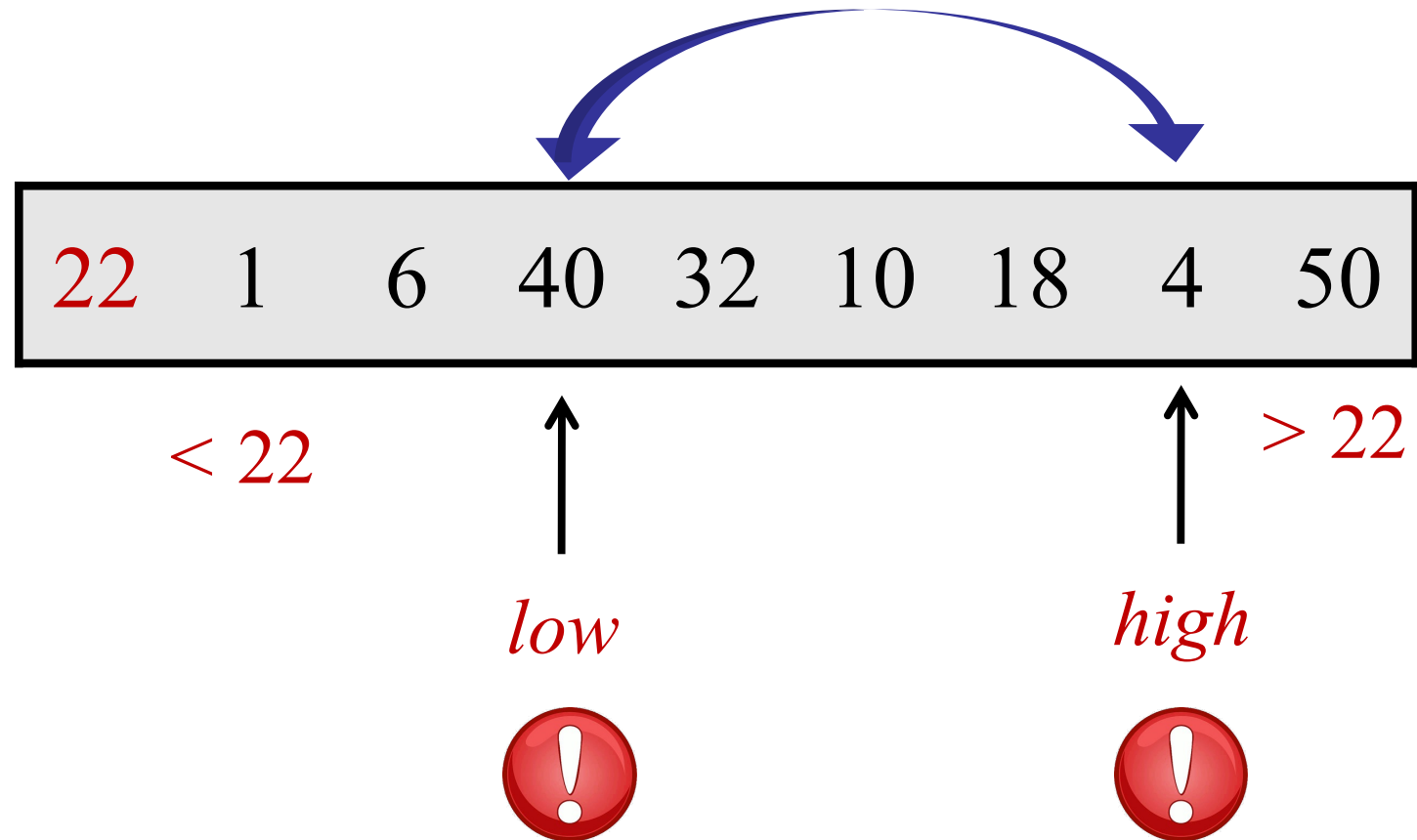
Example: partition around 22



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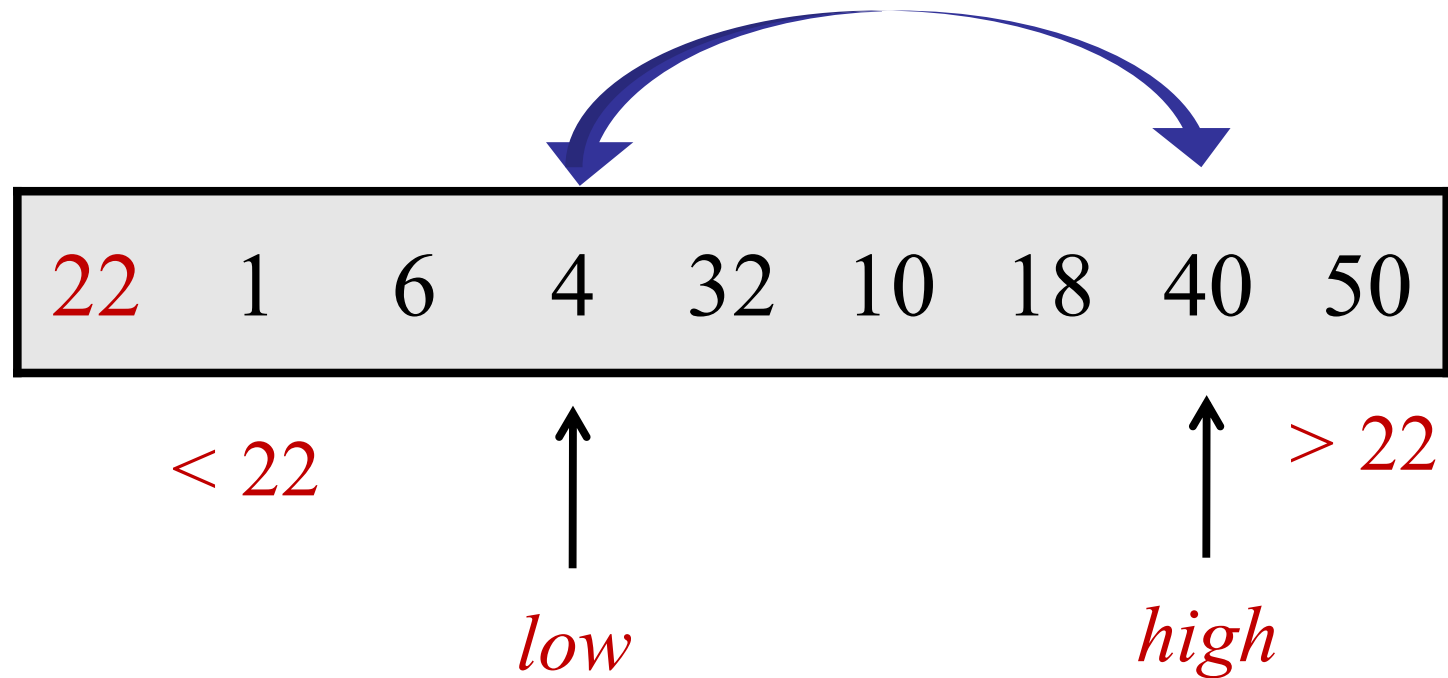
Example: partition around 22



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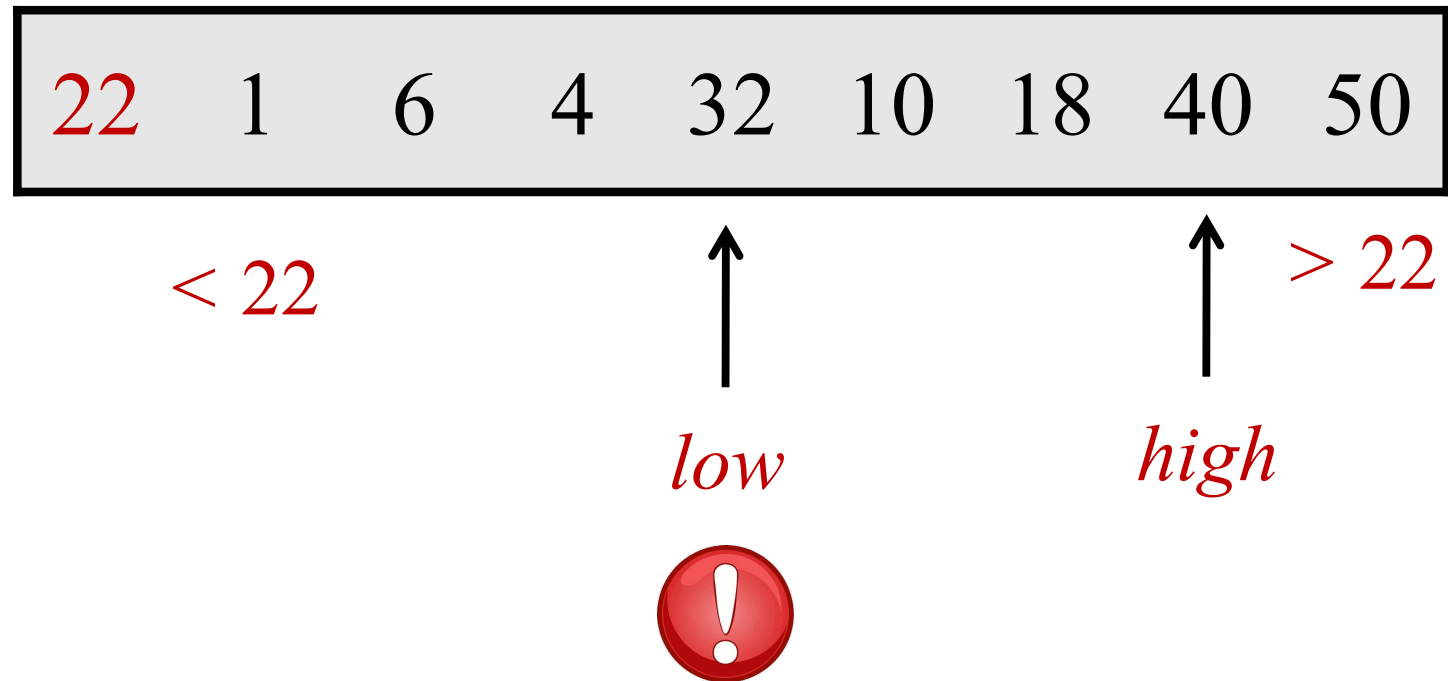
Example: partition around 22



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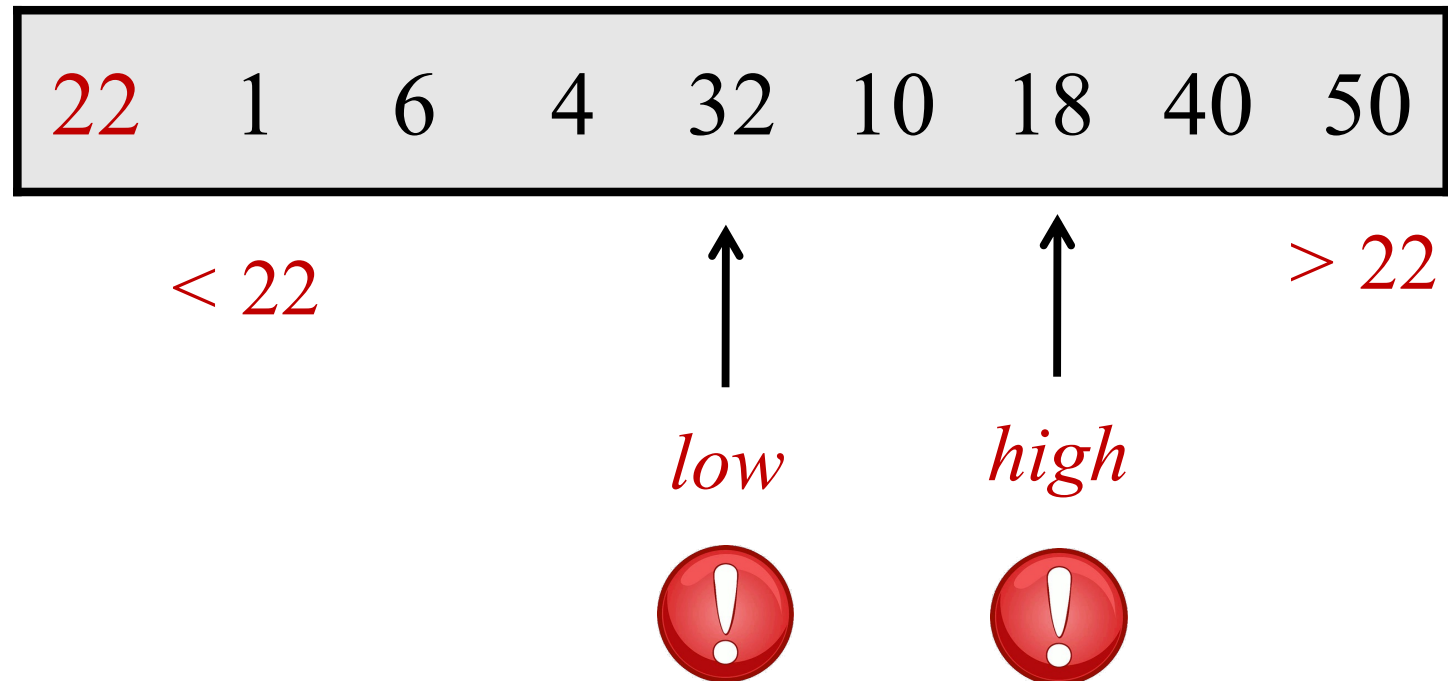
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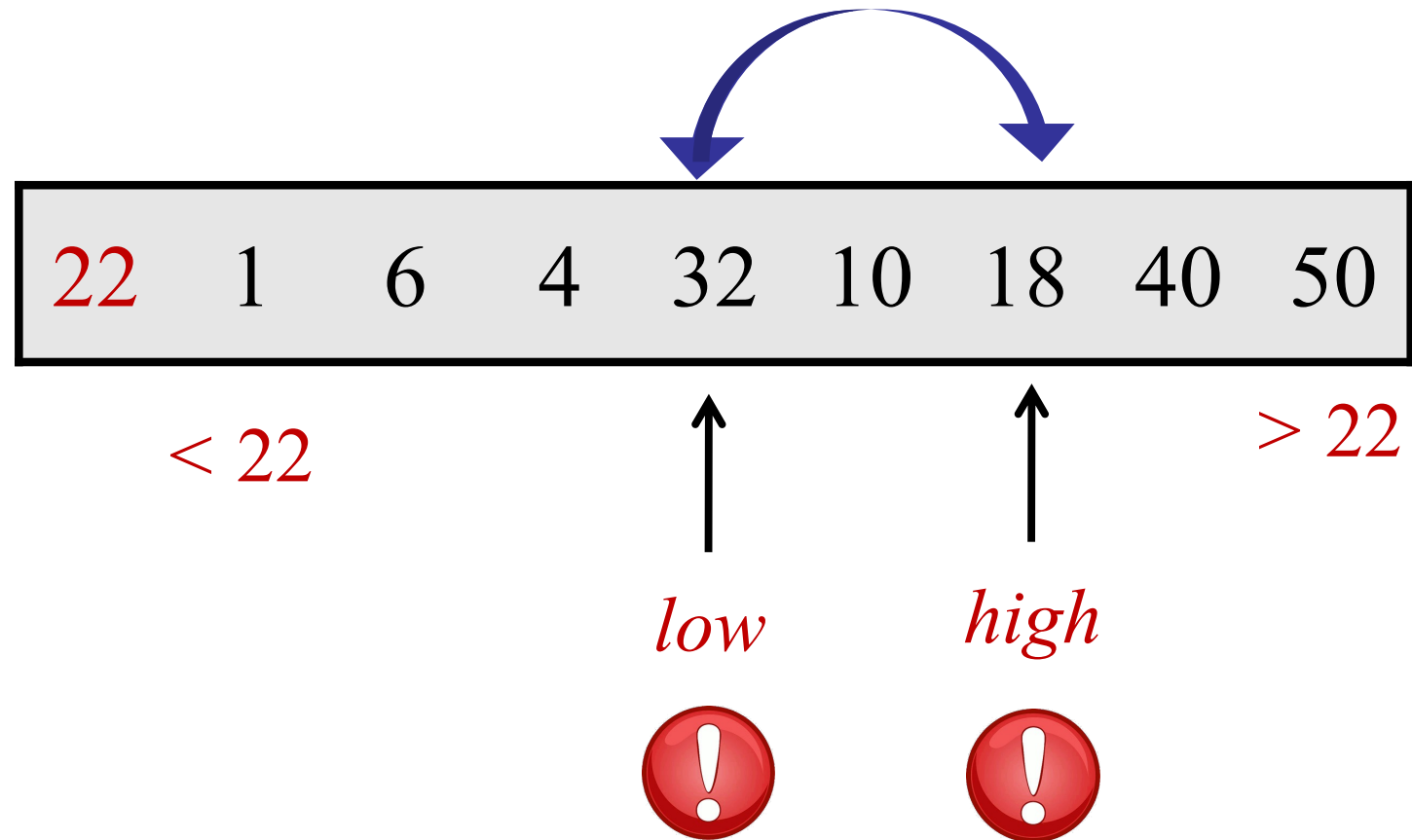




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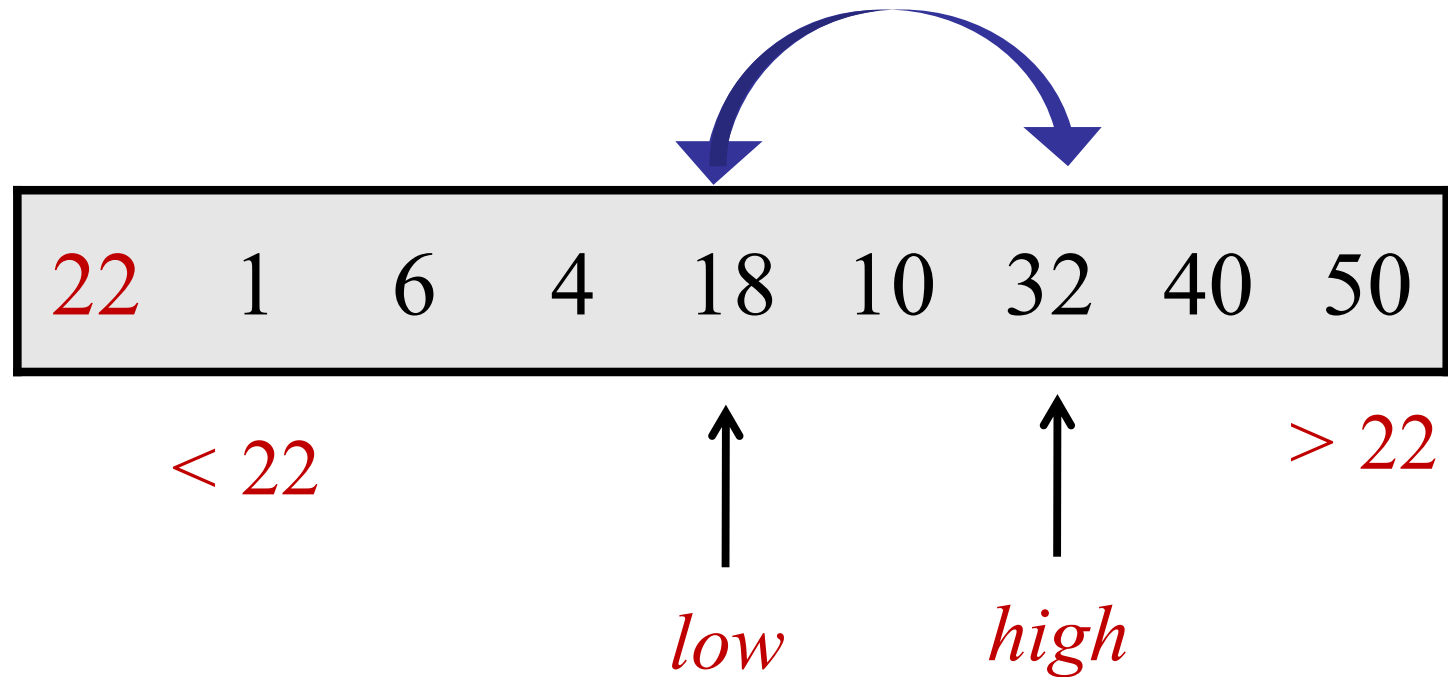
Example: partition around 22



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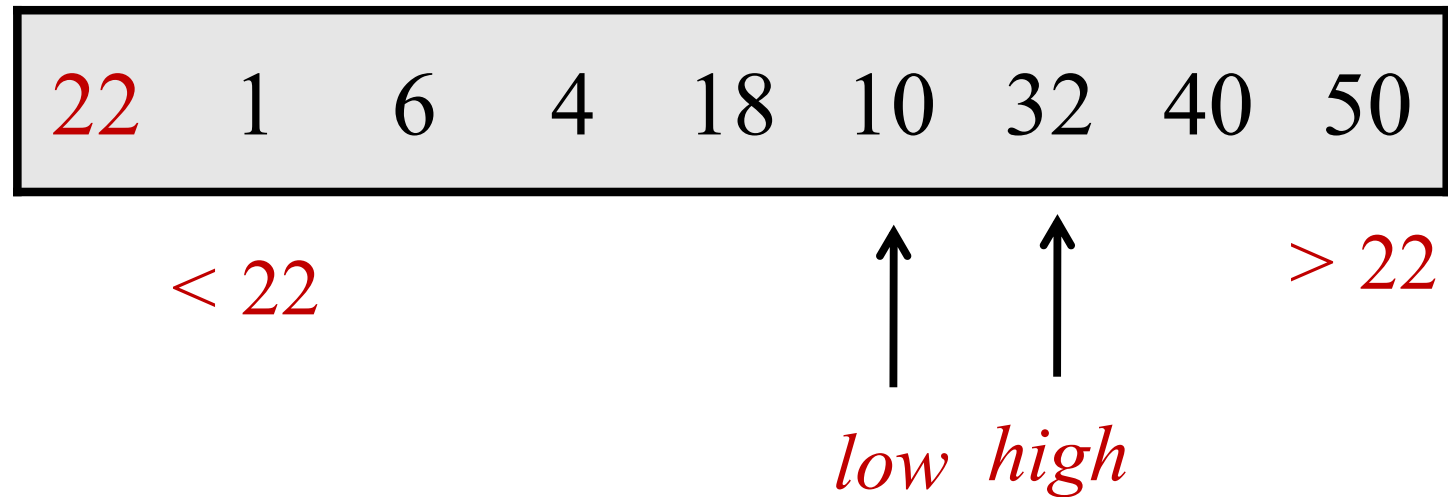
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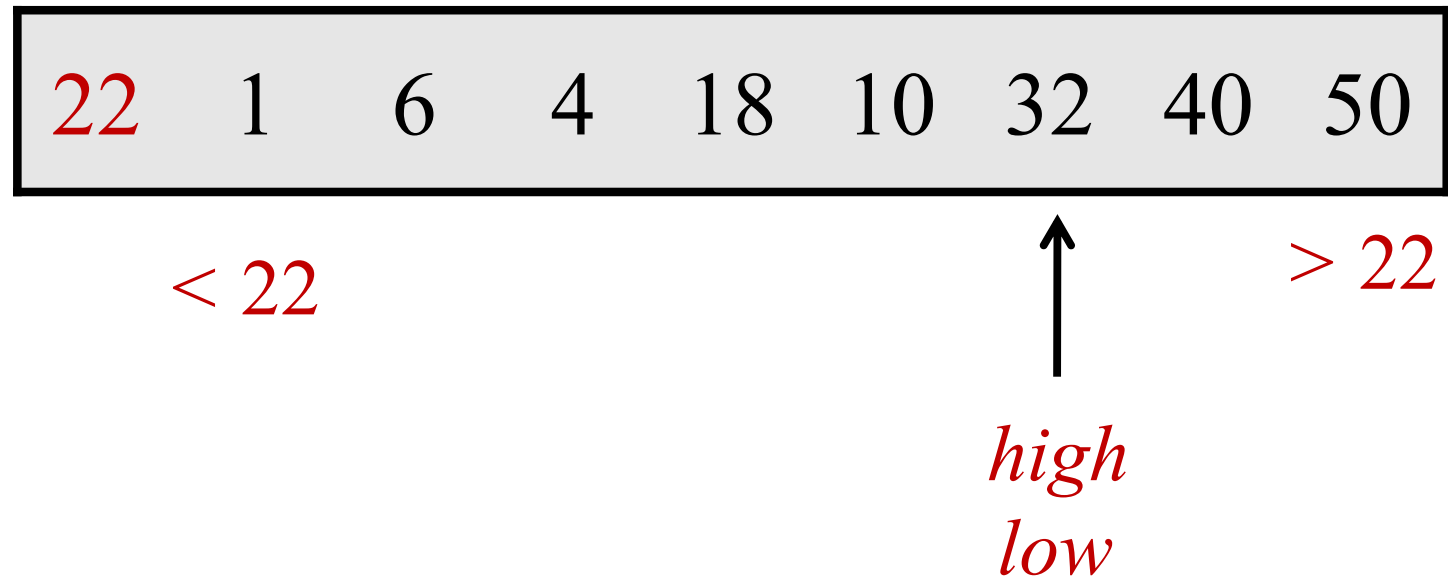
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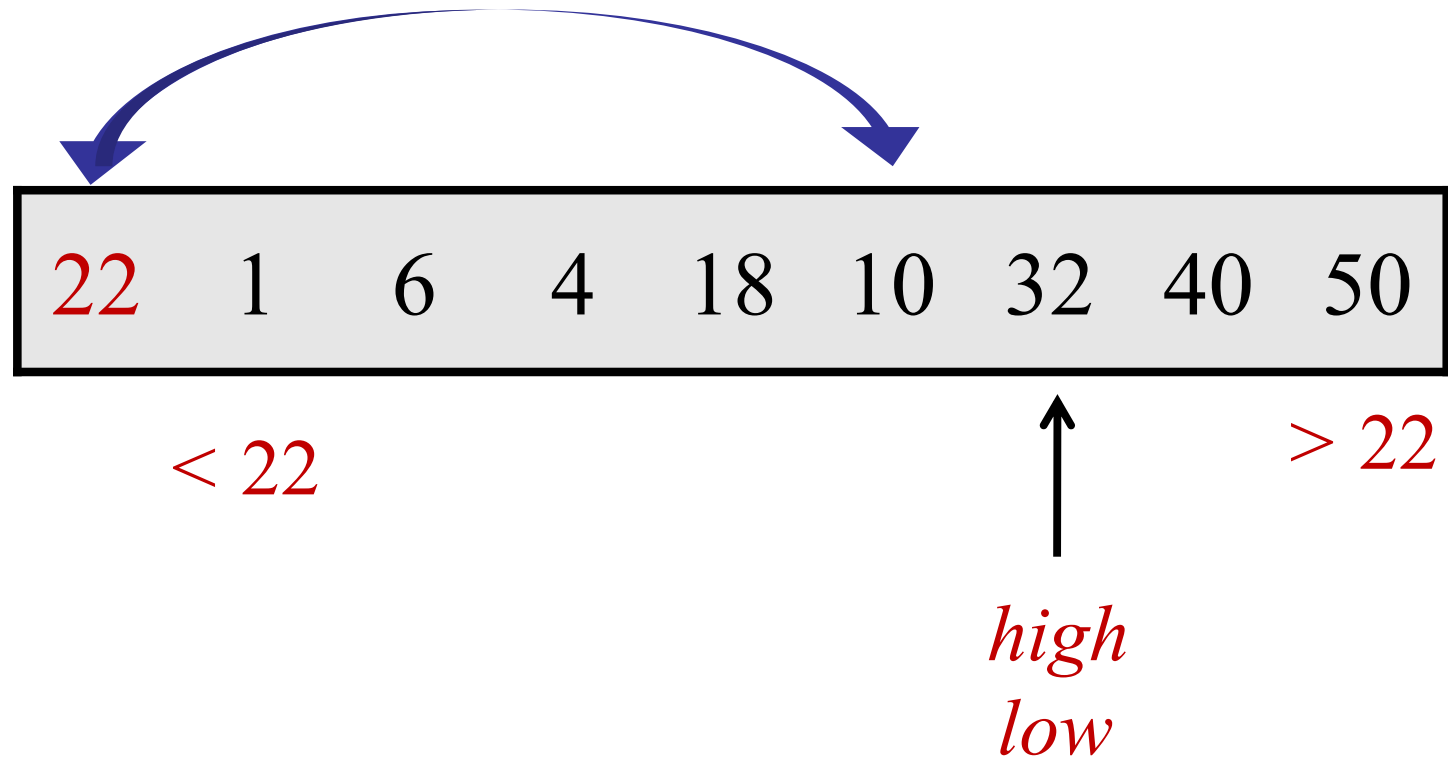
Example: partition around 22



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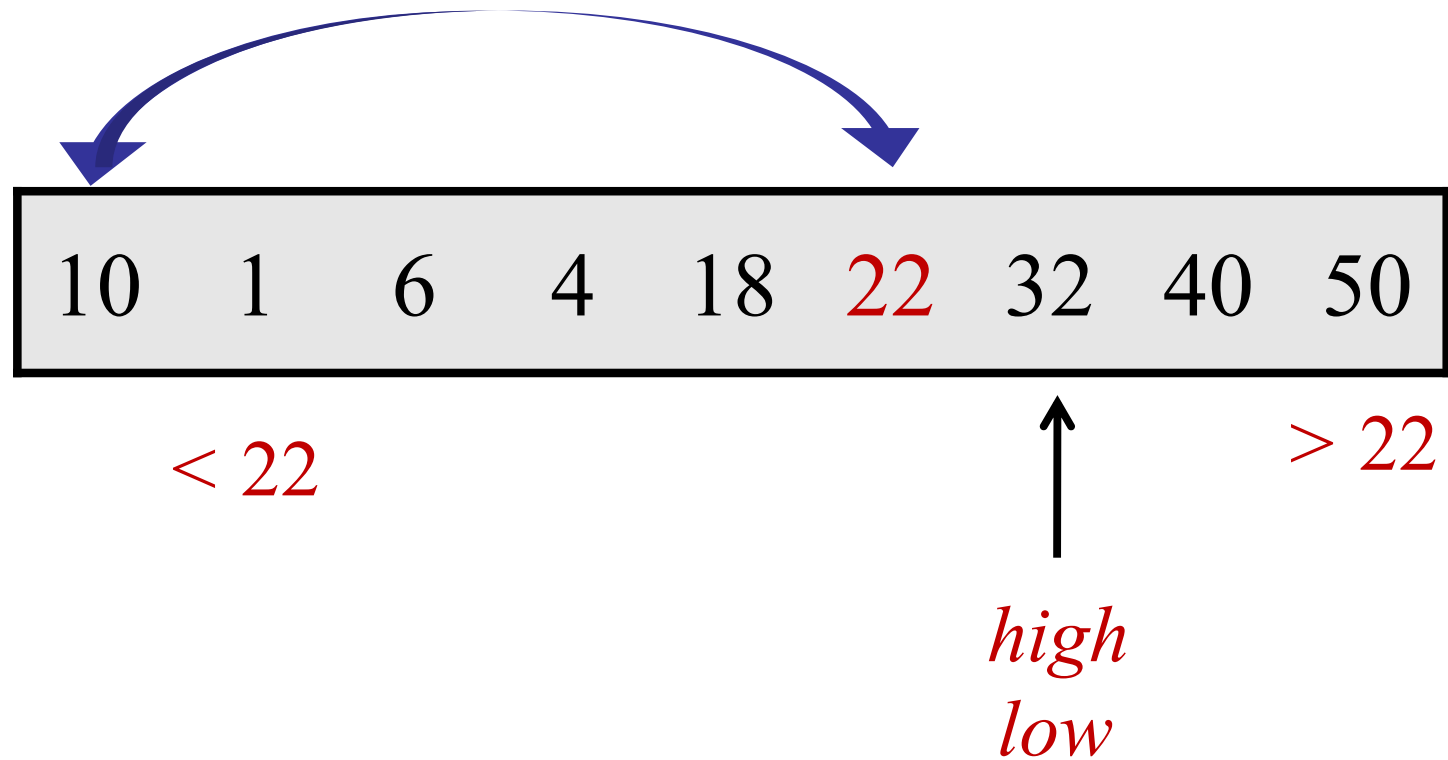
Example: partition around 22



# Partitioning an Array

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Example: partition around 22



<b>partition</b> ( $A[1..n]$ , $n$ , $pIndex$ )	// Assume no duplicates, $n > 1$
$pivot = A[pIndex]$ ;	// $pIndex$ is the index of pivot
<b>swap</b> ( $A[1]$ , $A[pIndex]$ );	// store pivot in $A[1]$
$low = 2$ ;	// start after pivot in $A[1]$
$high = n + 1$ ;	// <b>Define:</b> $A[n+1] = \infty$
<b>while</b> ( $low < high$ )	
<b>while</b> ( $A[low] < pivot$ ) <b>and</b> ( $low < high$ ) <b>do</b> $low++$ ;	
<b>while</b> ( $A[high] > pivot$ ) <b>and</b> ( $low < high$ ) <b>do</b> $high--$ ;	
<b>if</b> ( $low < high$ ) <b>then</b> <b>swap</b> ( $A[low]$ , $A[high]$ );	
<b>swap</b> ( $A[1]$ , $A[low-1]$ );	
<b>return</b> $low-1$ ;	

Pseudocode

vs.

Real Code

QuickSort is notorious for off-by-one errors...



# Partition

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**Invariant:**  $A[high] > pivot$  at the end of each loop.

Proof:

Initially: true by assumption  $A[n+1] = \infty$

# Partition

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**Invariant:**  $A[high] > pivot$  at the end of each iter:

Proof: During loop:

- When exit loop incrementing low:  $A[low] > pivot$   
If ( $low > high$ ), then by **while** condition.  
If ( $low = high$ ), then by inductive assumption.
- When exit loop decrementing high:  
 $A[high] < pivot$  OR  $low = high$
- If ( $high == low$ ), then  $A[high] > pivot$
- Otherwise, swap  $A[high]$  and  $A[low] > pivot$ .

**partition**( $A[1..n]$ ,  $n$ ,  $pIndex$ )      // Assume no duplicates,  $n > 1$   
     $pivot = A[pIndex];$       //  $pIndex$  is the index of pivot  
    **swap**( $A[1]$ ,  $A[pIndex]$ );      // store pivot in  $A[1]$   
     $low = 2;$       // start after pivot in  $A[1]$   
     $high = n + 1;$       // **Define:**  $A[n+1] = \infty$

**while** ( $low < high$ )  
        **while** ( $A[low] < pivot$ ) **and** ( $low < high$ ) **do**  $low++$ ;  
        **while** ( $A[high] > pivot$ ) **and** ( $low < high$ ) **do**  $high--$ ;  
        **if** ( $low < high$ ) **then** **swap**( $A[low]$ ,  $A[high]$ );

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**return**  $low-1$ ;

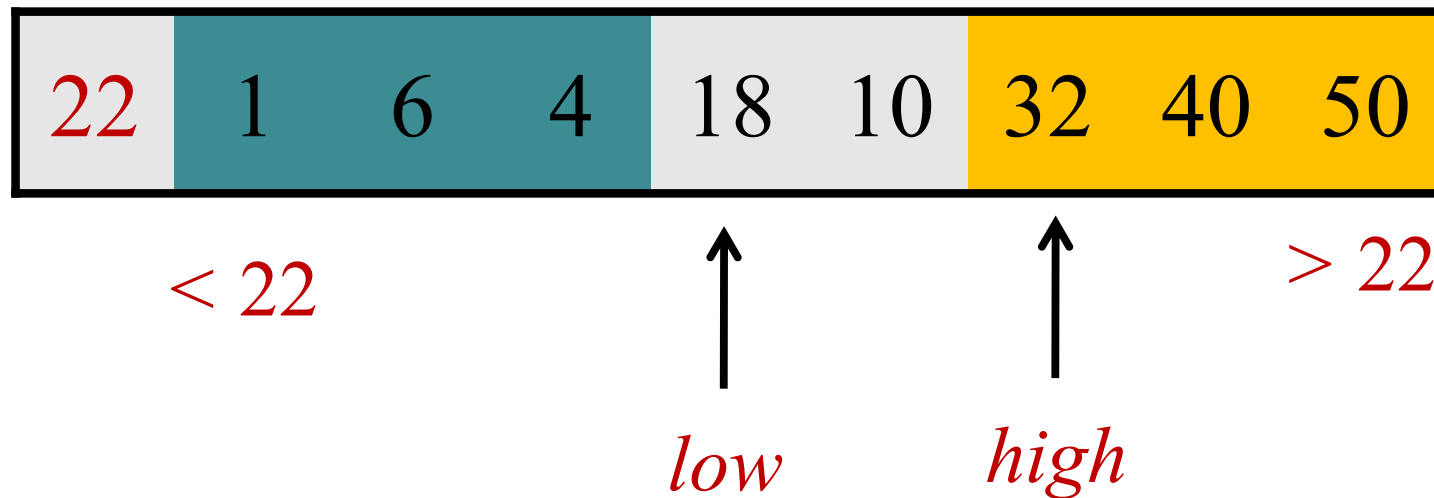
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Invariant: At the end of every loop iteration:

for all  $i \geq high$ ,  $A[i] > pivot$ .

for all  $1 < j < low$ ,  $A[j] < pivot$ .



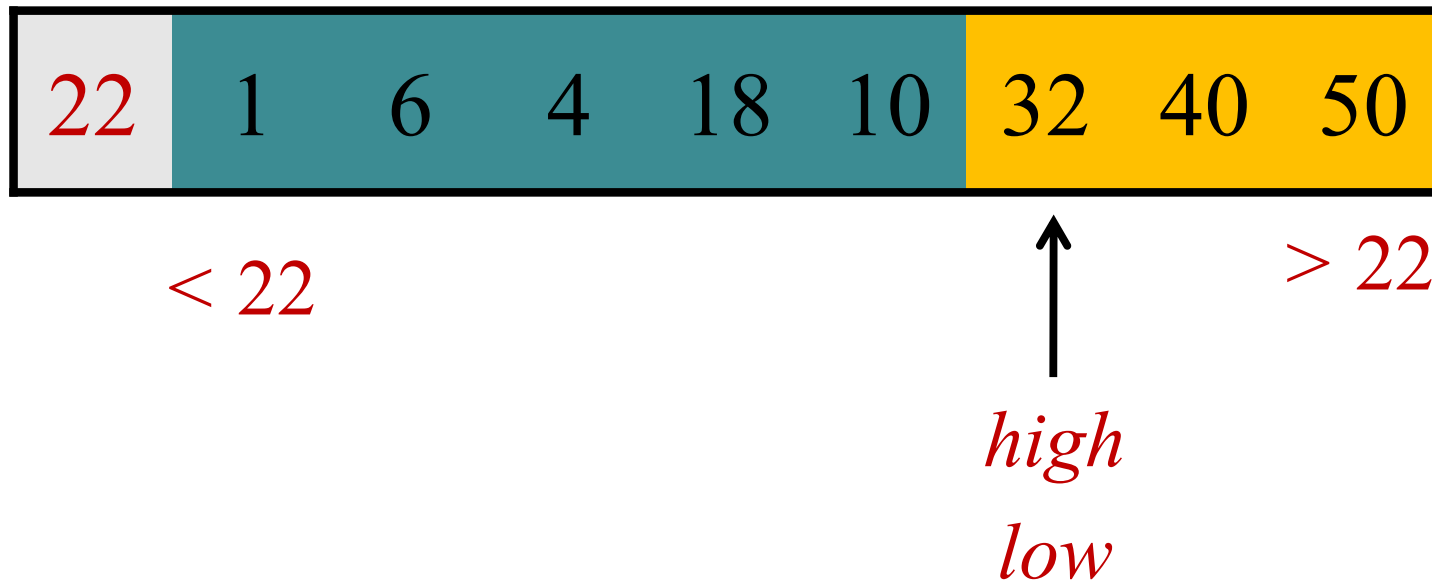
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for all  $1 \leq j < low$ ,  $A[j] < pivot$ .



# Partition

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Claim: At the end of every loop iteration:

for all  $i \geq high$ ,  $A[i] > pivot$ .

for all  $1 \leq j < low$ ,  $A[j] < pivot$ .



Claim: Array  $A$  is partitioned around the pivot

<b>partition</b> ( $A[1..n]$ , $n$ , $pIndex$ )	// Assume no duplicates, $n > 1$
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$low = 2$ ;	// start after pivot in $A[1]$
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**partition**( $A[1..n]$ ,  $n$ ,  $pIndex$ )

$pivot = A[pIndex];$

**swap**( $A[1]$ ,  $A[pIndex]$ );

$low = 2;$

$high = n+1;$

**while** ( $low < high$ )

**while** ( $A[low] < pivot$ ) **and** ( $low < high$ ) **do**  $low++$ ;

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Running time:

$O(n)$



# QuickSort

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**QuickSort**( $A[1..n]$ ,  $n$ )

**if** ( $n == 1$ ) **then** return;

**else**

Choose pivot index  $pIndex$ .

$p = \text{partition}(A[1..n], n, pIndex)$

$x = \text{QuickSort}(A[1..p-1], p-1)$

$y = \text{QuickSort}(A[p+1..n], n-p)$

$< x$

$x$

$> x$

# Sorting, continued

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## QuickSort

- Divide-and-Conquer
- Partitioning
- Duplicates
- Choosing a pivot
- Randomization
- Analysis

# QuickSort

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What happens if there are duplicates?

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# Duplicates

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**QuickSort**( $A[1..n]$ ,  $n$ )

**if** ( $n==1$ ) **then** return;

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Choose pivot index  $pIndex$ .

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$< x$

$x \quad x \quad x$

$> x$

# Quicksort

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Example:

6 6 6 6 6 6

# Quicksort

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Example:

6	6	6	6	6	6
6	6	6	6	6	6

# Quicksort

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Example:



# Quicksort

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Example:

6	6	6	6	6	6
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# Quicksort

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Example:

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## Example:

6 6 6 6 6 6

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The diagram consists of two parts. The left part shows a 2x2 grid of the number 6, where the top-left and bottom-right 6s are red, and the top-right and bottom-left 6s are gray. This grid is enclosed in a black rounded rectangle. The right part shows a 2x4 grid of the number 6, where all 8 6s are red.



# Quicksort

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What is the running time on the all 6's array?

6	6	6	6	6	6
6	6	6	6	6	6
6	6	6	6	6	6
6	6	6	6	6	6
6	6	6	6	6	6
6	6	6	6	6	6



Running  
time:

$O(n^2)$

[illegible]

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