

Design & Analysis of Algorithms

Lecture 16

Divide & Conquer

Merge Sort Algorithm

Divide & Conquer

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1  Algorithm DAndC( $P$ )
2  {
3      if Small( $P$ ) then return  $S(P)$ ;
4      else
5      {
6          divide  $P$  into smaller instances  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ;
7          Apply DAndC to each of these subproblems;
8          return Combine(DAndC( $P_1$ ), DAndC( $P_2$ ), ..., DAndC( $P_k$ ));
9      }
10 }
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} g(n) & n \text{ small} \\ T(n_1) + T(n_2) + \dots + T(n_k) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Divide & Conquer

- Its complexity can be shown by recurrence relation of the form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & n = 1 \\ aT(n/b) + f(n) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

where a and b are known constants.

We assume that $T(1)$ is known and n is a power of b (i.e., $n = b^k$).

Merge Sort

- **Mergesort** is a perfect example of a successful application of the divide-and-conquer technique.
- It sorts a given array $A[0..n - 1]$ by **dividing** it into two halves $A[0..\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1]$ and $A[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor..n - 1]$, **sorting** each of them **recursively**, and then **merging** the two smaller sorted arrays into a single sorted one.

Merge Sort

ALGORITHM *Mergesort*($A[0..n - 1]$)

//Sorts array $A[0..n - 1]$ by recursive mergesort

//Input: An array $A[0..n - 1]$ of orderable elements

//Output: Array $A[0..n - 1]$ sorted in nondecreasing order

if $n > 1$

 copy $A[0..\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1]$ to $B[0..\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1]$

 copy $A[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor..n - 1]$ to $C[0..\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1]$

Mergesort($B[0..\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1]$)

Mergesort($C[0..\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1]$)

Merge(B, C, A) //see below

Merge Sort

ALGORITHM *Merge*($B[0..p-1]$, $C[0..q-1]$, $A[0..p+q-1]$)

//Merges two sorted arrays into one sorted array

//Input: Arrays $B[0..p-1]$ and $C[0..q-1]$ both sorted

//Output: Sorted array $A[0..p+q-1]$ of the elements of B and C

$i \leftarrow 0$; $j \leftarrow 0$; $k \leftarrow 0$

while $i < p$ **and** $j < q$ **do**

if $B[i] \leq C[j]$

$A[k] \leftarrow B[i]$; $i \leftarrow i + 1$

else $A[k] \leftarrow C[j]$; $j \leftarrow j + 1$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

if $i = p$

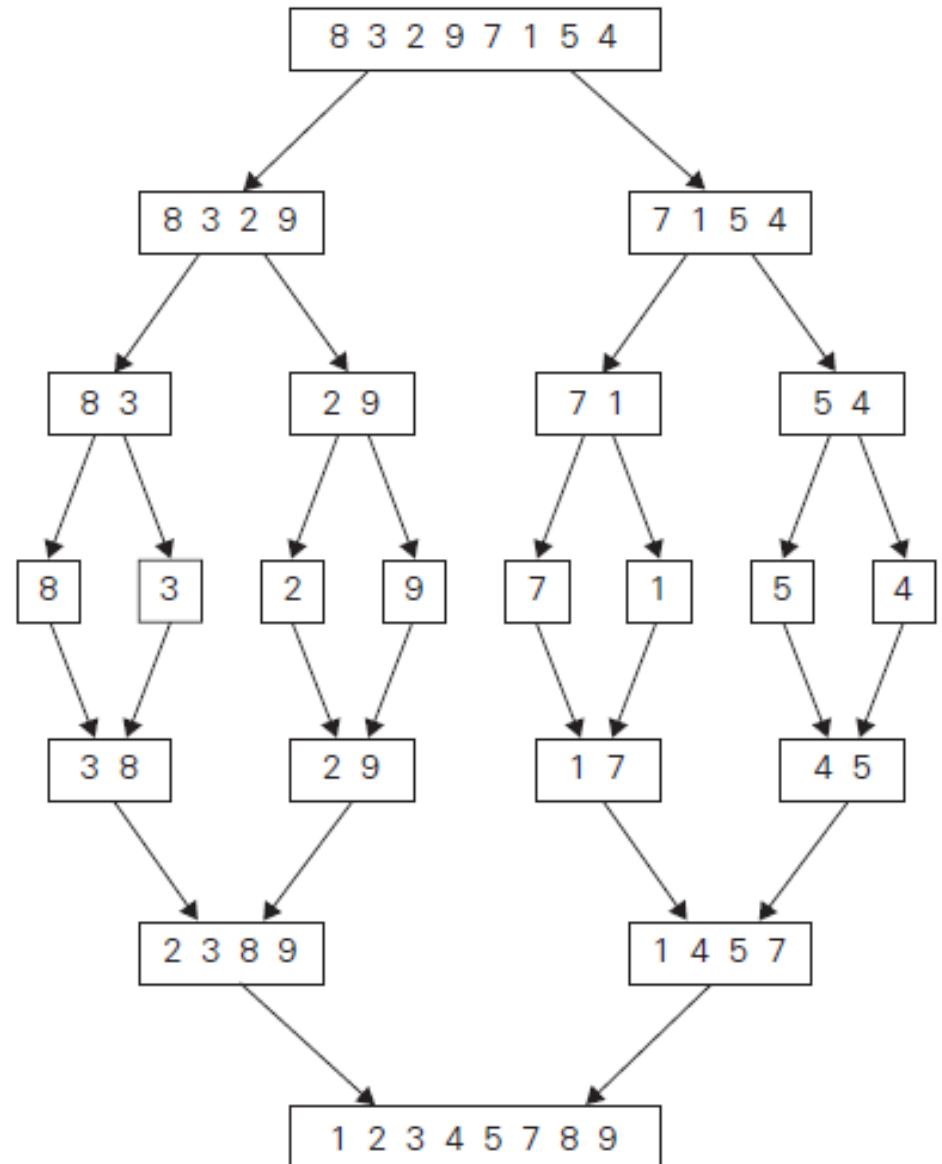
 copy $C[j..q-1]$ to $A[k..p+q-1]$

else copy $B[i..p-1]$ to $A[k..p+q-1]$

Merge Sort

■ Example

{8, 3, 2, 9, 7, 1, 5, 4}



Merge Sort

```
1  Algorithm MergeSort(low, high)
2  // a[low : high] is a global array to be sorted.
3  // Small(P) is true if there is only one element
4  // to sort. In this case the list is already sorted.
5  {
6      if (low < high) then // If there are more than one element
7      {
8          // Divide P into subproblems.
9          // Find where to split the set.
10         mid :=  $\lfloor (low + high) / 2 \rfloor$ ;
11         // Solve the subproblems.
12         MergeSort(low, mid);
13         MergeSort(mid + 1, high);
14         // Combine the solutions.
15         Merge(low, mid, high);
16     }
17 }
```

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Merge Sort

```
1  Algorithm Merge(low, mid, high)
2  // a[low : high] is a global array containing two sorted
3  // subsets in a[low : mid] and in a[mid + 1 : high]. The goal
4  // is to merge these two sets into a single set residing
5  // in a[low : high]. b[ ] is an auxiliary global array.
6  {
7      h := low; i := low; j := mid + 1;
8      while ((h ≤ mid) and (j ≤ high)) do
9      {
10         if (a[h] ≤ a[j]) then
11         {
12             b[i] := a[h]; h := h + 1;
13         }
14         else
15         {
16             b[i] := a[j]; j := j + 1;
17         }
18         i := i + 1;
19     }
```

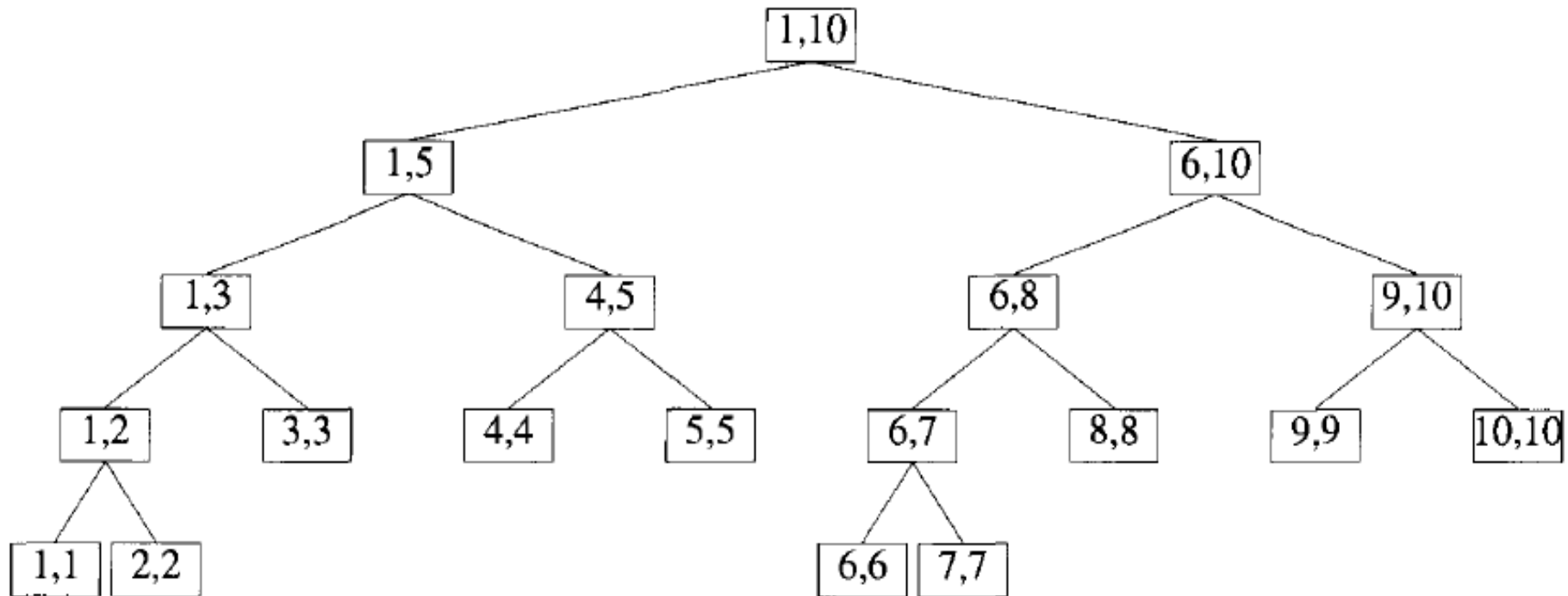
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Merge Sort

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20      if ( $h > mid$ ) then
21          for  $k := j$  to  $high$  do
22              {
23                   $b[i] := a[k]; i := i + 1;$ 
24              }
25      else
26          for  $k := h$  to  $mid$  do
27              {
28                   $b[i] := a[k]; i := i + 1;$ 
29              }
30      for  $k := low$  to  $high$  do  $a[k] := b[k];$ 
31  }
```

Merge Sort

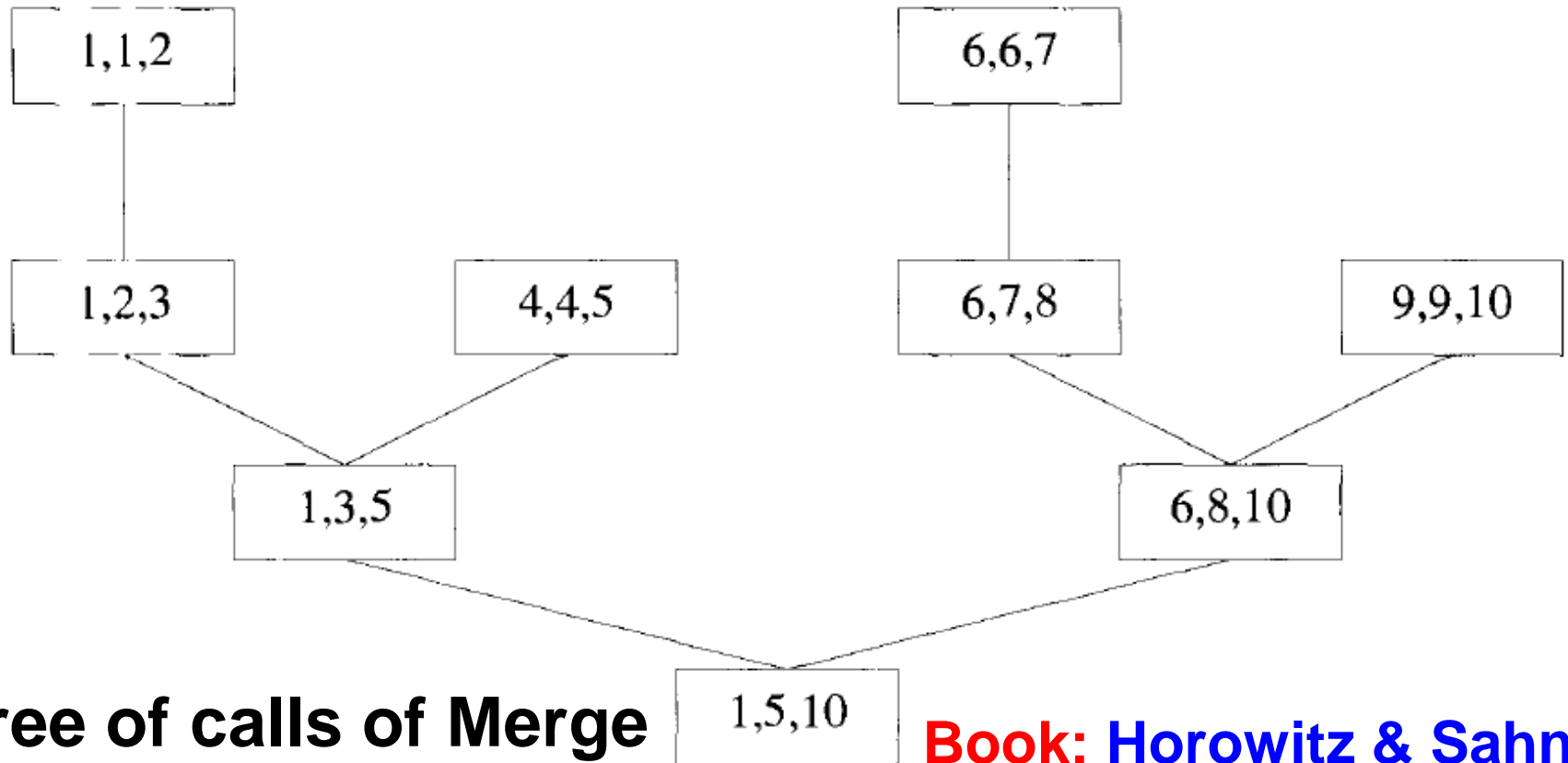
- **Example 2: Sort the following 10 elements**
(179, 254, 285, 310, 351, 423, 450, 520, 652, 861)



Tree of calls of MergeSort(1,10)

Merge Sort

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Merge Sort

- **Time Complexity**

$$C(n) = 2C(n/2) + C_{merge}(n) \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad C(1) = 0.$$

for the worst case, $C_{merge}(n) = n - 1$

$$C_{worst}(n) = 2C_{worst}(n/2) + n - 1 \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad C_{worst}(1) = 0.$$

$$C_{worst}(n) = n \log_2 n - n + 1$$

- **multiway mergesort? 3 or 4 parts.**

Merge Sort

■ Time Complexity

If the time for the merging operation is proportional to n , then the computing time for merge sort is described by the recurrence relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} a & n = 1, a \text{ a constant} \\ 2T(n/2) + cn & n > 1, c \text{ a constant} \end{cases}$$

Merge Sort

■ Time Complexity

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2(2T(n/4) + cn/2) + cn \\ &= 4T(n/4) + 2cn \\ &= 4(2T(n/8) + cn/4) + 2cn \\ &\vdots \\ &= 2^k T(1) + kcn \\ &= an + cn \log n \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that if $2^k < n \leq 2^{k+1}$,
then $T(n) \leq T(2^{k+1})$. Therefore

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

References

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Homework

■ Matrix Multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{11} = A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21}$$

$$C_{12} = A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22}$$

$$C_{21} = A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21}$$

$$C_{22} = A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22}$$

Recurrence Relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & n \leq 2 \\ 8T(n/2) + cn^2 & n > 2 \end{cases}$$

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$$P = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$Q = (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11}$$

$$R = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$S = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$T = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22}$$

$$U = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12})$$

$$V = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22})$$

Homework

■ Matrix Multiplication

$$C_{11} = P + S - T + V$$

$$C_{12} = R + T$$

$$C_{21} = Q + S$$

$$C_{22} = P + R - Q + U$$

Recurrence Relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & n \leq 2 \\ 7T(n/2) + an^2 & n > 2 \end{cases}$$