



Algorithms 演算法

Foundations ***— Introduction —***

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Outline

- Introduction, CH1
- Getting Started, CH2
 - ♦ Insertion Sort
 - ♦ Merge Sort
- Growth of Functions, CH3
- Divide and Conquer, CH4

Introduction

- What is an **Algorithm**?
 - ♦ well-defined procedure to transform some *input* to desired *output*
- What is a **Problem**?
 - ♦ A statement specify the desired input/output relationship
- What is a *good* algorithm?
 - ♦ An algorithm is *correct*
 - * For every input instance, it halts with a correct output
 - ♦ An algorithm is *efficient*
 - * Runs very fast (low **time complexity**)
 - * Needs little storage space (low **space complexity**)



Good Algorithm: Correct & Efficient



Al-Khwārizmī (780-850, Persian)

- Al-Khwārizmī, Persian astronomer and mathematician, wrote a treatise in 825 AD, On “**Calculation with Arabic Numerals**”.
- It was translated into Latin in the 12th century as “*Algoritmi de numero Indorum*”, whose title was likely intended to mean “*Algoritmi on the numbers of the Indians*”,
 - ♦ where “Algoritmi” was the author's name
- But people misunderstanding the title treated Algoritmi as a Latin plural and this led to the word “algorithm” (Latin *algorismus*) coming to mean “**calculation method**”



**Food For Thoughts:
Why Arabs are Good at Math?**





History of Algorithms

- Euclid invented the first algorithm to find GCD (300 BC)
- Formalized by *Church-Turing Thesis* in 1936
- New Algorithms still being found recently, even by student like you



Euclid
(300BC)



Alonzo Church
(1903 – 1995)



Alan Turing
(1912 – 1954)

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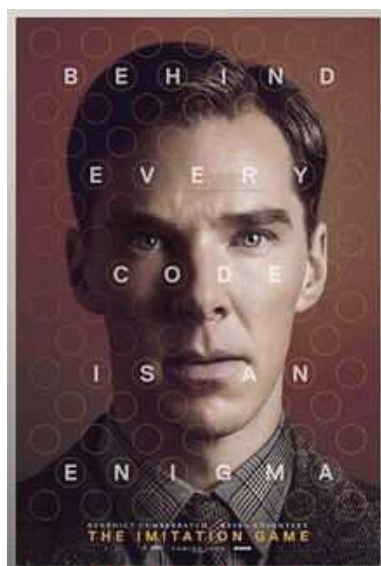
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Why Study Algorithms?

- Top 3 reasons to study Algorithm:



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Complexity Comparison



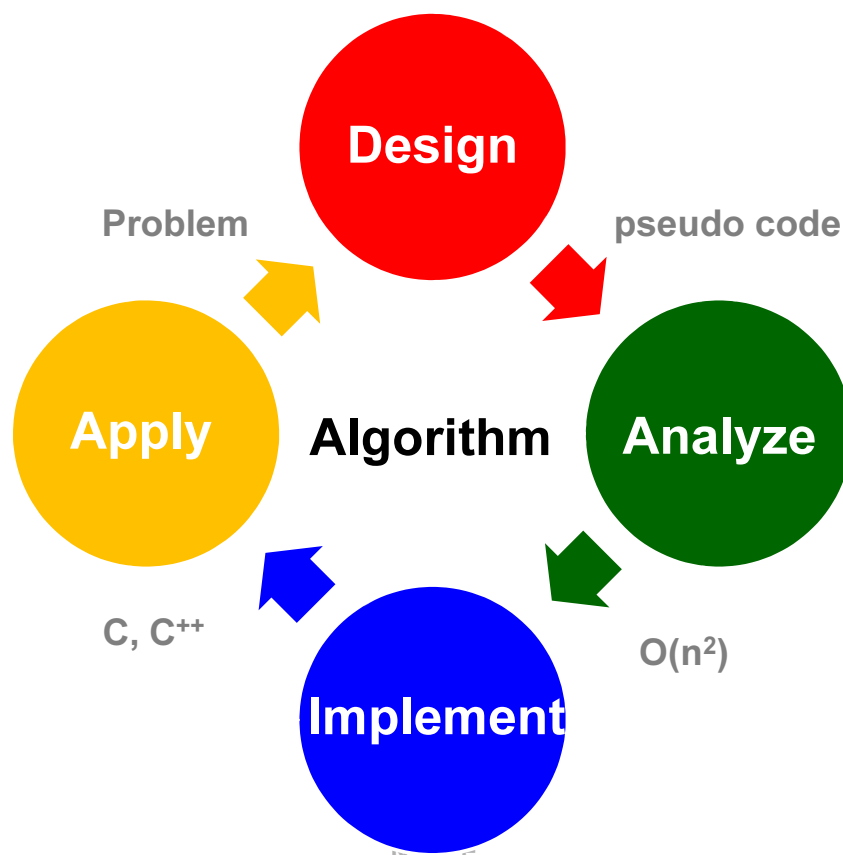
- Smart algorithm could make *huge* difference
 - n = input size; $lg = \log_2$

| Order | Name | $n = 10$ | $n = 100$ | $n = 10^3$ | $n = 10^6$ |
|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | constant | 1×10^{-9} sec | 1×10^{-9} sec | 1×10^{-9} sec | 1×10^{-9} sec |
| $lg n$ | logarithmic | 3×10^{-9} sec | 7×10^{-9} sec | 1×10^{-8} sec | 2×10^{-8} sec |
| \sqrt{n} | square root | 3×10^{-9} sec | 1×10^{-8} sec | 3×10^{-8} sec | 1×10^{-6} sec |
| n | Linear | 1×10^{-8} sec | 1×10^{-7} sec | 1×10^{-6} sec | 0.001 sec |
| $n lg n$ | linearithmic | 3×10^{-8} sec | 2×10^{-7} sec | 3×10^{-6} sec | 0.006 sec |
| n^2 | quadratic | 1×10^{-7} sec | 1×10^{-5} sec | 0.001 sec | 16.7 min |
| n^3 | cubic | 1×10^{-6} sec | 0.001 sec | 1 sec | 3×10^5 cent. |
| 2^n | exponential | 1×10^{-6} sec | 3×10^{17} cent. | ∞ | ∞ |
| $n!$ | factorial | 0.003 sec | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ |

1 million instruction per second (MIPS)



What Do We Learn?





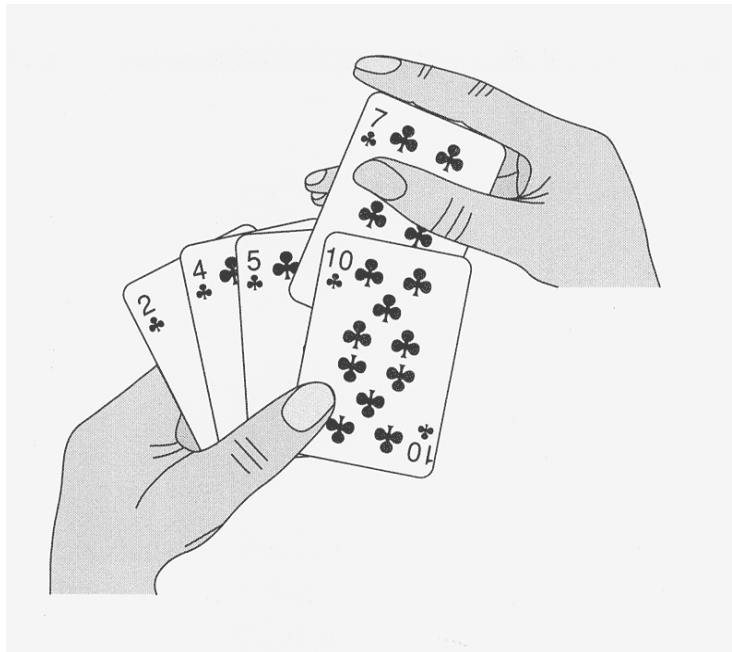
Sorting Problem

- Input: sequence of n numbers $\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$
- Output: permutation (reordered) $\langle a_1', a_2', \dots, a_n' \rangle$ such that
 - ♦ $a_1' \leq a_2' \leq \dots \leq a_n'$
- Example:
 - ♦ Input: $\langle 8, 6, 9, 7, 5, 2, 3 \rangle$
 - ♦ Output: $\langle 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 \rangle$
- Any good algorithm?
 - ♦ incremental approach: **insertion sort**
 - ♦ divide and conquer approach: **merge sort**



How Do You Sort Cards?

- Simple idea:
 - ♦ keep left cards sorted, right cards unsorted
 - ♦ each time insert a new card to left cards, **in sorted order**
 - ♦ repeat until all cards inserted





Insertion Sort

- $A.length$ = number of elements in array A



INSERTION-SORT(A)

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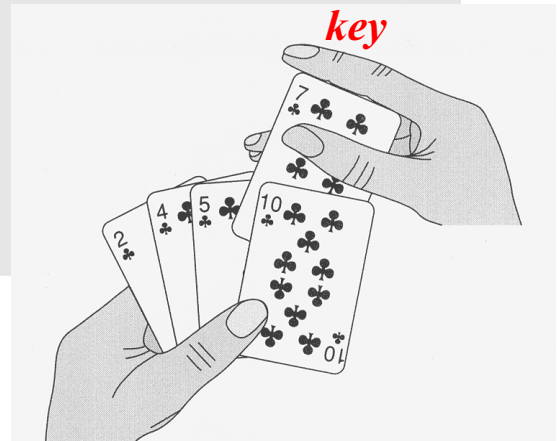
1  for  $j = 2$  to  $A.length$ 
2       $key = A[j]$ 
3      // Insert  $A[j]$  into the sorted sequence  $A[1 \dots j - 1]$ .
4       $i = j - 1$ 
5      while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$ 
6           $A[i + 1] = A[i]$ 
7           $i = i - 1$ 
8       $A[i + 1] = key$  // insert here

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comment

while loop

for loop



* see last page for more details about
pseudo code convention

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Operation of Insertion Sort (1)

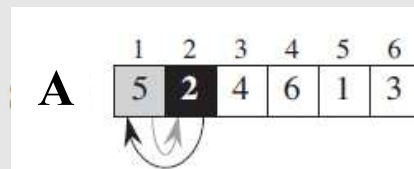
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$j=2, key=2$



$i = 1$

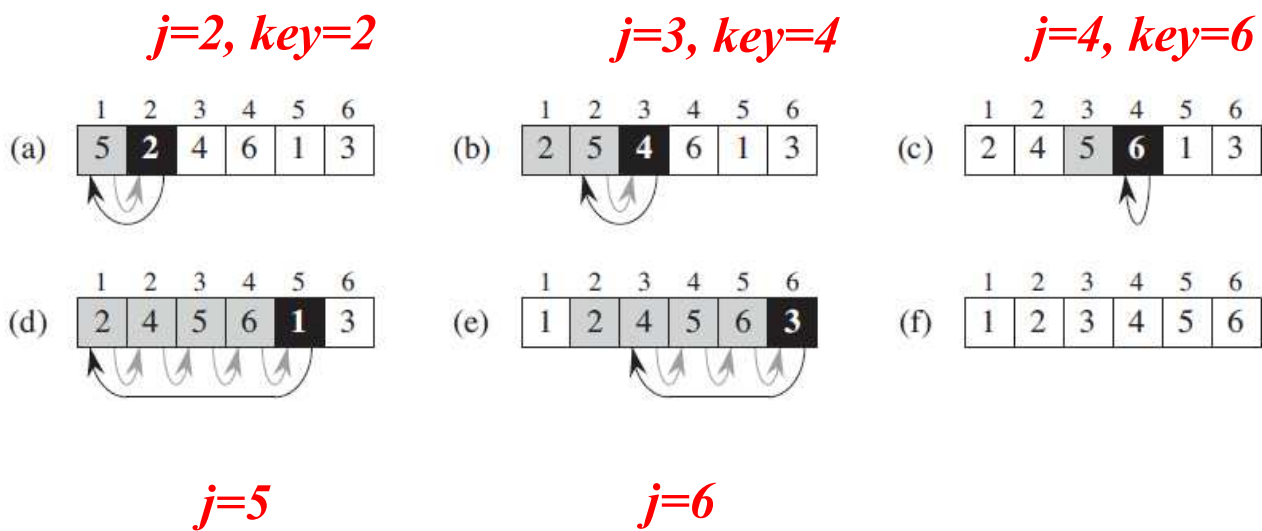
$A[1+1] = A[1]$

$i = 0$

$A[0+1] = 2$

Operation of Insertion Sort (2)

• Fig 2.2



Q1: Insertion Sort Correct ?

- Use **Loop Invariant** to prove following property always true,



- ♦ Example:

At start of each iteration of for loop, subarray $A[1 \dots j-1]$ consists of elements originally in $A[1 \dots j-1]$ but in sorted order.



- To use loop invariant, we must show three things:
 - ♦ **Initialization:**
 - * Property is true before **first iteration**
 - ♦ **Maintenance:**
 - * Property remains true before **every iteration**
 - ♦ **Termination:**
 - * When loop terminates, invariant gives us a useful property to show that algorithm is correct

LI is like Math Induction

Prove Insertion Sort Correct

- **Loop Invariant property:**

At start of each iteration of for loop, subarray $A[1 \dots j-1]$ consists of elements originally in $A[1 \dots j-1]$ but in **sorted** order.

- Initialization: $j = 2$
 - ♦ $A[1 \dots j-1]$ has only one element $A[1]$, which is trivially sorted
- Maintenance: $2 < j < n+1$
 - ♦ moving $A[j-1], A[j-2], A[j-3], \dots$ by one position to the right until proper position for key is found
 - ♦ $A[1 \dots j]$ consists of original elements in sorted order
- Termination: $j = n+1$
 - ♦ $A[1 \dots n]$ consists of elements originally in $A[1 \dots n]$ in sorted order.
 - ♦ So **entire array is sorted!** QED



```
for  $j = 2$  to  $A.length$ 
   $key = A[j]$ 
   $i = j - 1$ 
  while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$ 
     $A[i + 1] = A[i]$ 
     $i = i - 1$ 
   $A[i + 1] = key$ 
```

Q2: Insertion Sort Efficient?

- Given input size n , find running time of insertion sort
 - ♦ **Running time** = number of **primitive operations** executed
 - * Primitive operations: arithmetic, compare ...
 - ♦ **Input size, n** = number of items in input
 - * e.g. n = size of array being sorted
- We will show 3 **time complexity analysis** for IS
 - ♦ **Exact analysis**: very tedious
 - ♦ **Worst-case/best-case/average-case analysis**: slow
 - ♦ **Asymptotic analysis**: good for large n

Time Complexity Measures
Algorithm Efficiency, esp. for Large n

Exact Analysis

- Let $T(n)$ = running time of insertion sort given input size $n=A.length$

$$T(n) = c_1n + c_2(n-1) + c_4(n-1) + c_5 \sum_{j=2}^n t_j + c_6 \sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1) + c_7 \sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1) + c_8(n-1)$$

- t_j = number of times the “while” loop execution for value j



| INSERTION-SORT (A) | cost | times |
|---|-------|--------------------------|
| 1 for $j = 2$ to $A.length$ | c_1 | n |
| 2 $key = A[j]$ | c_2 | $n - 1$ |
| 3 // Insert $A[j]$ into the sorted sequence $A[1..j - 1]$. | 0 | $n - 1$ |
| 4 $i = j - 1$ | c_4 | $n - 1$ |
| 5 while $i > 0$ and $A[i] > key$ | c_5 | $\sum_{j=2}^n t_j$ |
| 6 $A[i + 1] = A[i]$ | c_6 | $\sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$ |
| 7 $i = i - 1$ | c_7 | $\sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$ |
| 8 $A[i + 1] = key$ | c_8 | $n - 1$ |

Why different?

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BC/WC/AC Analysis



- Best-case:** if array already sorted

- ♦ $t_j=1$; $T(n)$ is a linear function of n , or called **linear time**

$$T(n) = c_1n + c_2(n-1) + c_4(n-1) + c_5(n-1) + c_8(n-1) = (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)$$

- Worst-case:** if array is in reverse sorted order

- ♦ $t_j=j$; $T(n)$ is a **quadratic function** of n

$$T(n) = c_1n + c_2(n-1) + c_4(n-1) + c_5 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1 \right) + c_6 \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) + c_7 \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) + c_8(n-1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{c_5}{2} + \frac{c_6}{2} + \frac{c_7}{2} \right) n^2 + \left(c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + \frac{c_5}{2} - \frac{c_6}{2} - \frac{c_7}{2} + c_8 \right) n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)$$

$$\sum_{j=2}^n j = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$$

- Average-case:** random order

- ♦ half elements are less than $A[j]$
- ♦ $t_j \approx j/2$, $T(n)$ is still a **quadratic function** of n

Asymptotic Analysis

- **Asymptotic analysis** looks at growth of $T(n)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
 - ♦ Easier than exact, BC/WC/AC analysis
- **Θ notation: drop low-order terms and ignore coefficients**
 - ♦ e.g. $5n^2+3n+4 = \Theta(n^2)$
- Worst case: input reverse sorted, while loop is $t_j = \Theta(j)$

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=2}^n t_j = \sum_{j=2}^n \Theta(j) = \Theta(n^2)$$

- Average case: all permutations equally likely, while loop is $t_j = \Theta(j/2)$

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=2}^n t_j = \sum_{j=2}^n \Theta(j/2) = \Theta(n^2)$$

- Both WC and AC are **asymptotically $\Theta(n^2)$**

Insertion Sort is $\Theta(n^2)$

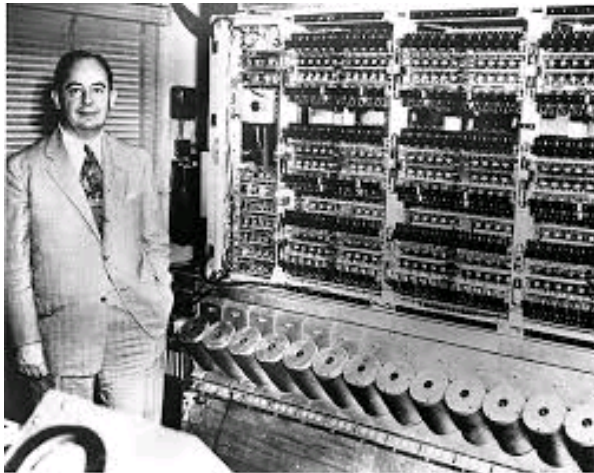
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John von Neumann (1903-1957, USA)

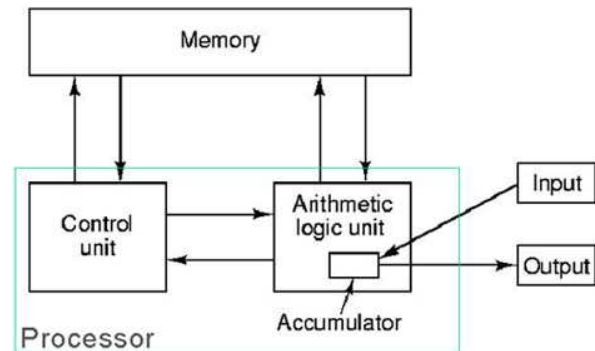
- Hungarian and American mathematician. He worked on one of earliest electronic computers (EDVAC), where he invented
 - ♦ **Merge Sort** (world's first non-trivial algorithm on computer)
 - ♦ **Von Neumann architecture** (still used by today's computers)

“If people do not believe that mathematics is simple, it is only because they do not realize how complicated life is.” J. von Neumann



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First Draft of a Report on EDVAC, 1945

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Divide and Conquer Approach

- Insertion sort uses **incremental approach**
 - ♦ first sort subarray $A[1..j-1]$ then insert a single $A[j]$
 - ♦ too slow for large problems
 - ♦ how can we do better?
- **Divide and conquer** approach
 - ♦ **Divide** problem into a number of smaller subproblems
 - * **recursive case**: when subproblems are large, solve recursively
 - ♦ **Conquer** subproblems by solving them recursively
 - * **base case**: when subproblems are small, solve by brute force
 - ♦ **Merge** subproblem solutions to total solution

If $T(n)=n^2$, $n \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$, $T(n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}$

Merge Sort: Idea

- Divide array into left and right halves
- Sort each halves
- Merge together

input

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

sort left

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
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sort right

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
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merge

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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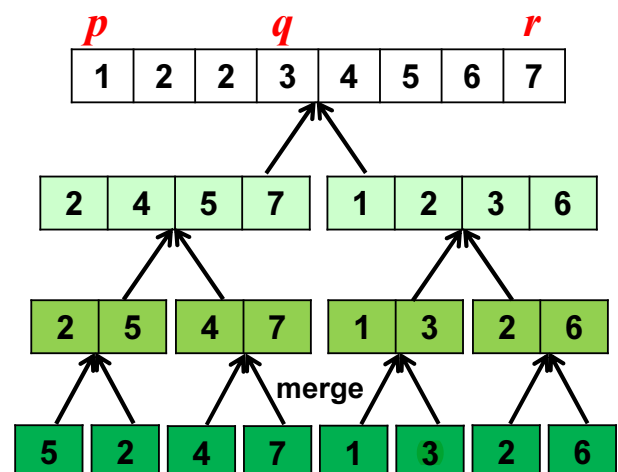
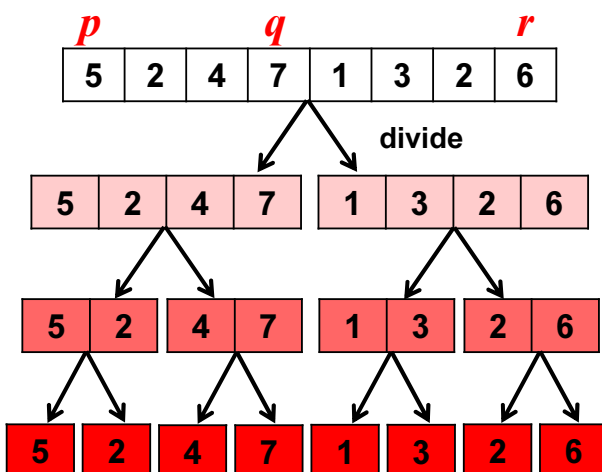


But Each Halves Still Too Large...

Merge Sort: Top-down Recursion



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MERGE-SORT( $A, p, r$ )  
1  if  $p < r$   
2    then  $q \leftarrow \lfloor (p + r)/2 \rfloor$   
3         MERGE-SORT( $A, p, q$ )  
4         MERGE-SORT( $A, q + 1, r$ )  
5         MERGE( $A, p, q, r$ )
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MERGE (1)

MERGE(A, p, q, r)

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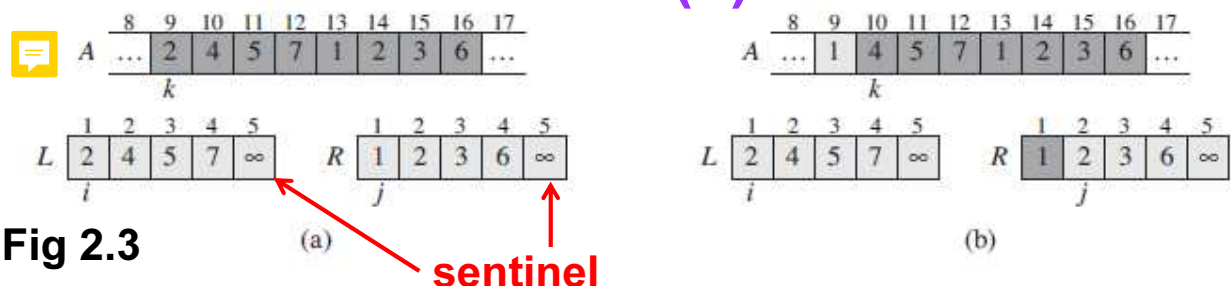
1   $n_1 = q - p + 1$ 
2   $n_2 = r - q$ 
3  let  $L[1..n_1 + 1]$  and  $R[1..n_2 + 1]$  be new arrays
4  for  $i = 1$  to  $n_1$ 
5       $L[i] = A[p + i - 1]$ 
6  for  $j = 1$  to  $n_2$ 
7       $R[j] = A[q + j]$ 
8   $L[n_1 + 1] = \infty$ 
9   $R[n_2 + 1] = \infty$ 
10  $i = 1$ 
11  $j = 1$ 
12 for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
13     if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
14          $A[k] = L[i]$ 
15          $i = i + 1$ 
16     else
17          $A[k] = R[j]$ 
18          $j = j + 1$ 

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MERGE (2)



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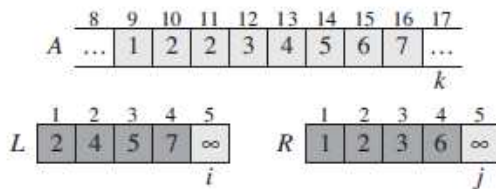
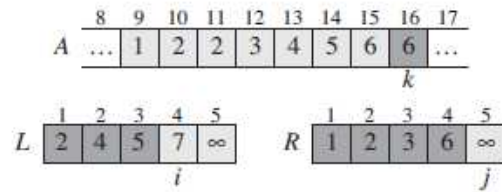
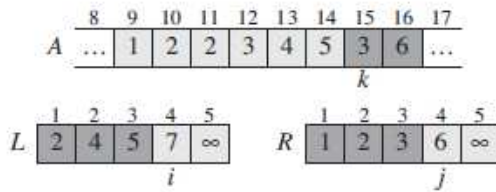
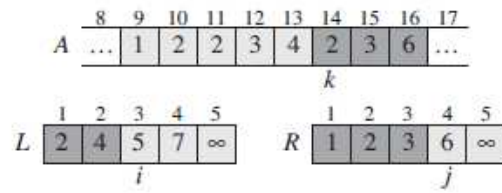
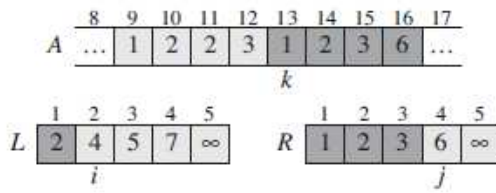
8   $L[n_1 + 1] = \infty$  // add sentinel at end
9   $R[n_2 + 1] = \infty$ 
10  $i = 1$ 
11  $j = 1$ 
12 for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
13     if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$  // left is smaller
14          $A[k] = L[i]$  // copy to A
15          $i = i + 1$ 
16     else
17          $A[k] = R[j]$  // right is smaller
18          $j = j + 1$  // copy to A

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MERGE (3)



Q1: What is sentinel for?
Q2: What is time complexity?
 $\Theta(1)$? $\Theta(n)$? $\Theta(n^2)$?

Time Complexity of MERGE

- n cards into two piles
 - ♦ Each pile is sorted and placed face-up
 - ♦ We will merge them into a single sorted pile
- Repeat following basic steps: (at most n iterations)
 - ♦ Choose **smaller** of the two top cards, remove it from its pile
 - ♦ Place the chosen card face-down onto output pile
 - ♦ Repeat until one input pile is empty
- Each basic step should take constant time
 - ♦ Each card is removed **only once**

Merge is Linear Time

Time Complexity of Merge-Sort

- Merge-Sort is a **recursive function**
 - ♦ describe function in terms of itself

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|---|-------------|
| MERGE-SORT(A, p, r) | $T(n)$ |
| 1 if $p < r$ | $\Theta(1)$ |
| 2 then $q \leftarrow \lfloor (p + r)/2 \rfloor$ | $\Theta(1)$ |
| 3 MERGE-SORT(A, p, q) | $T(n/2)$ |
| 4 MERGE-SORT($A, q + 1, r$) | $T(n/2)$ |
| 5 MERGE(A, p, q, r) | $\Theta(n)$ |

- $T(n)$ can be calculated **recursively**

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) + 2\Theta(1) & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

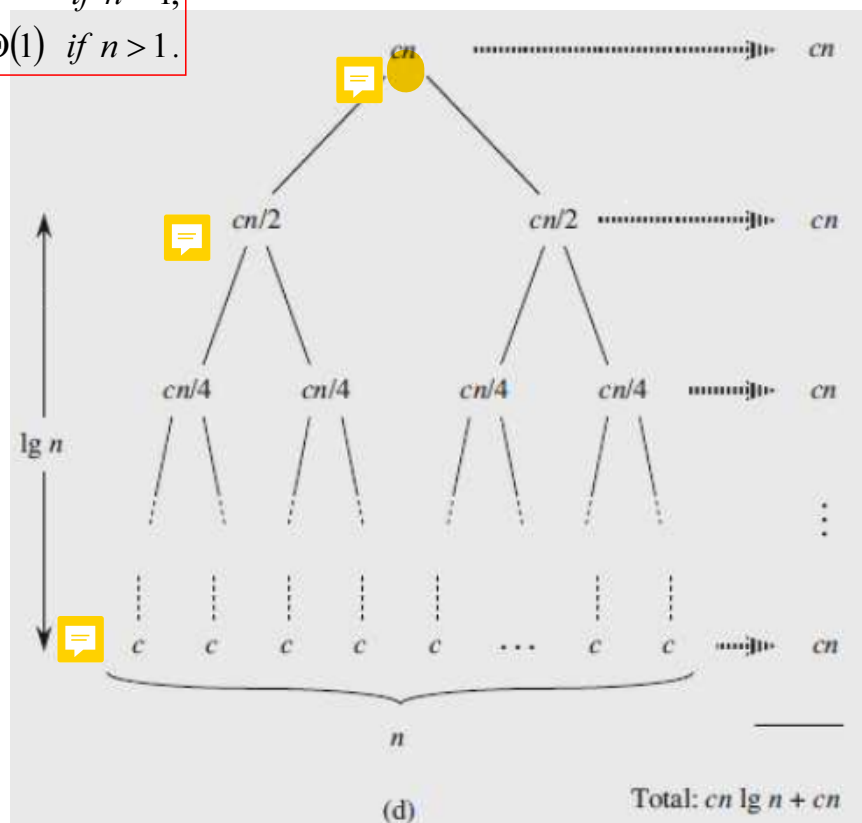
Recursion Tree

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- $c = \text{constant}$

- Each level is cn
- Height is $\lg n$
- $(\lg n) + 1$ levels of cn
- $T(n) = cn[(\lg n) + 1]$
 $= \Theta(n \lg n)$
 - ♦ \lg means \log_2

- More details
 - ♦ See 1.4



Food for Thoughts (FFT)



- $\Theta(n \lg n)$ is smaller than $\Theta(n^2)$
 - ♦ merge sort is faster than insertion sort
- Q: merge sort is weaker than insertion sort in one thing. Can you point it out?
 - ♦ hint: why don't we use merge sort when we sort card
 - ♦ no free lunch 😊