

Lower Bounds

INSERTION	$\Theta(n^2)$ W.C./WC
MERGE	$\Theta(n \lg n)$ W.C.
Quicksort	$\Theta(n^2)$ W.C. / $\Theta(n \lg n)$ Avg

What about $\Theta(n \lg n)$? — $\Theta(n)$
Doesn't exist!

$\Omega(n \lg n)$ is a lower bound on sorting W.C./Avg

INFORMATION THEORETIC BOUND

Find one of $n!$ permutations

N possibilities — $\lg N$ bits
 $\lg n! = \Theta(n \lg n)$

What does a comparison get us?

a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

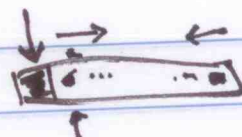
$[a_i : a_j]$

$Q()$

PARTITION ()

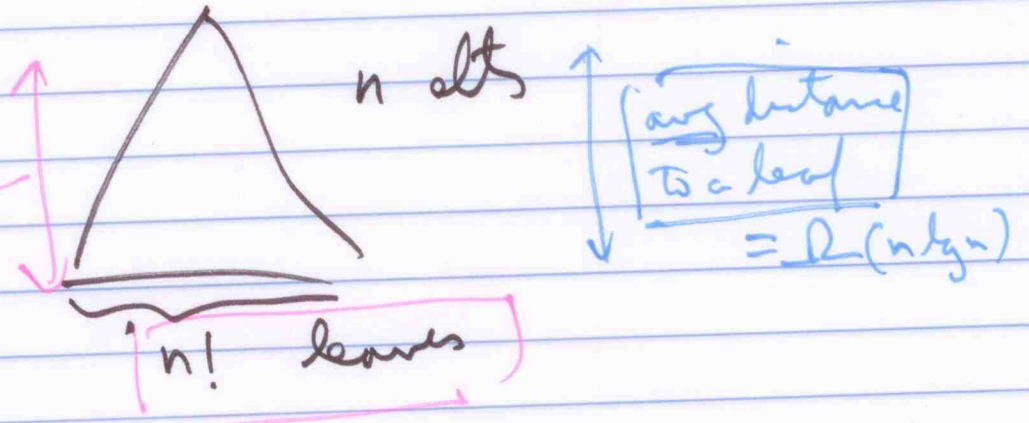
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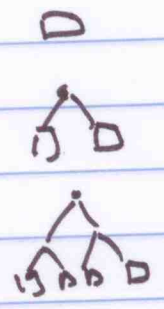
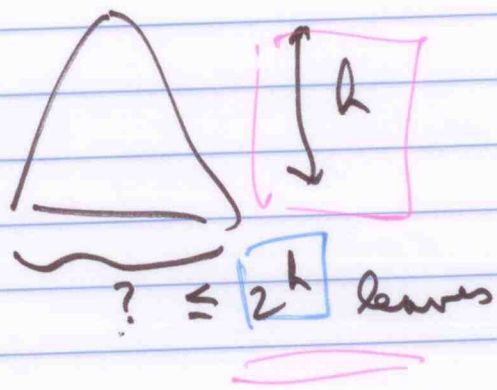


SORTING MC

⇒ DECISION TREE



By induction



$$\geq \lg n! = \lg(1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots n)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \lg i$$

$$\approx \int_1^n \lg x \, dx$$

EULER SUMMATION

$$= \Theta(n \lg n)$$

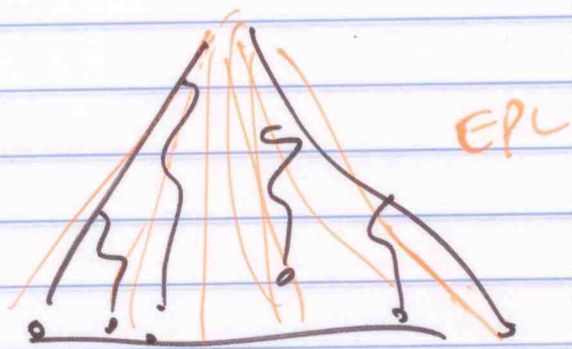
⇒ height is $\Omega(n \lg n)$

⇒ 3 inputs that take $\Theta(n \lg n)$

Quicksort - $\Theta(n^2)$

(MC behavior)

Ave Distance to a leaf in a binary tree



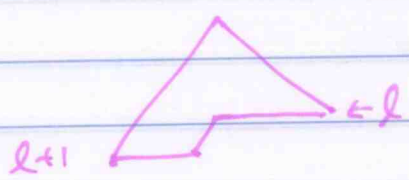
$$\min \left[\frac{1}{\# \text{ of leaves}} \sum_{\text{leaves}} \text{distance to the leaf} \right]$$

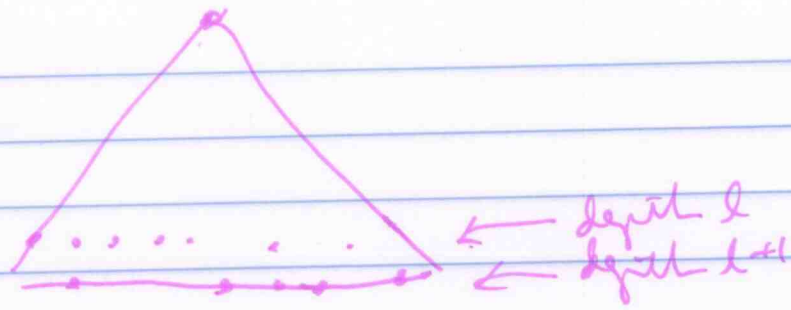
Fix # leaves — find ^{binary} tree w/ least avg dist to a leaf.

$$\min_{\substack{\text{Trees} \\ \text{w/ } l \text{ or} \\ \text{leaves}}} \left[\sum_{\substack{\text{leaves} \\ x \in T}} \text{distance to leaf}(x) \right]$$

(EPL) EXTERNAL PATH LENGTH (T)

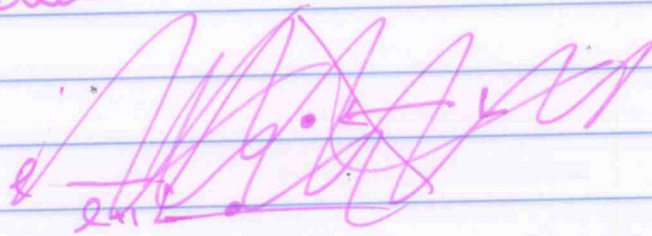
Lemma The binary T w/ min external path length $EPL(T)$ has all of its leaves at some levels l and $l+1$ for some value of l .





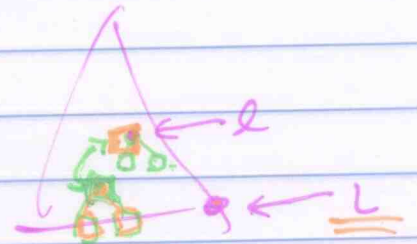
gives min EPL.

By contradiction



Assume
MIN EPL

- deepest leaf at level L
- highest " " " " L



$$\boxed{L < L-1} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{L - L + 1 < 0}}$$

SWAP \Rightarrow $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lose 2 leaves at level } L \quad \checkmark \\ \text{gain 1 leaf at level } L-1 \quad \checkmark \\ \text{gain 2 leaves at level } L+1 \quad \checkmark \\ \text{lose 1 leaf at level } L \quad \checkmark \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Delta \text{EPL} &= -2L + (L-1) + 2(L+1) - L \\ &= -L + L + 1 < 0 \\ &\quad \underline{\underline{\text{NO!}}} \end{aligned}$$

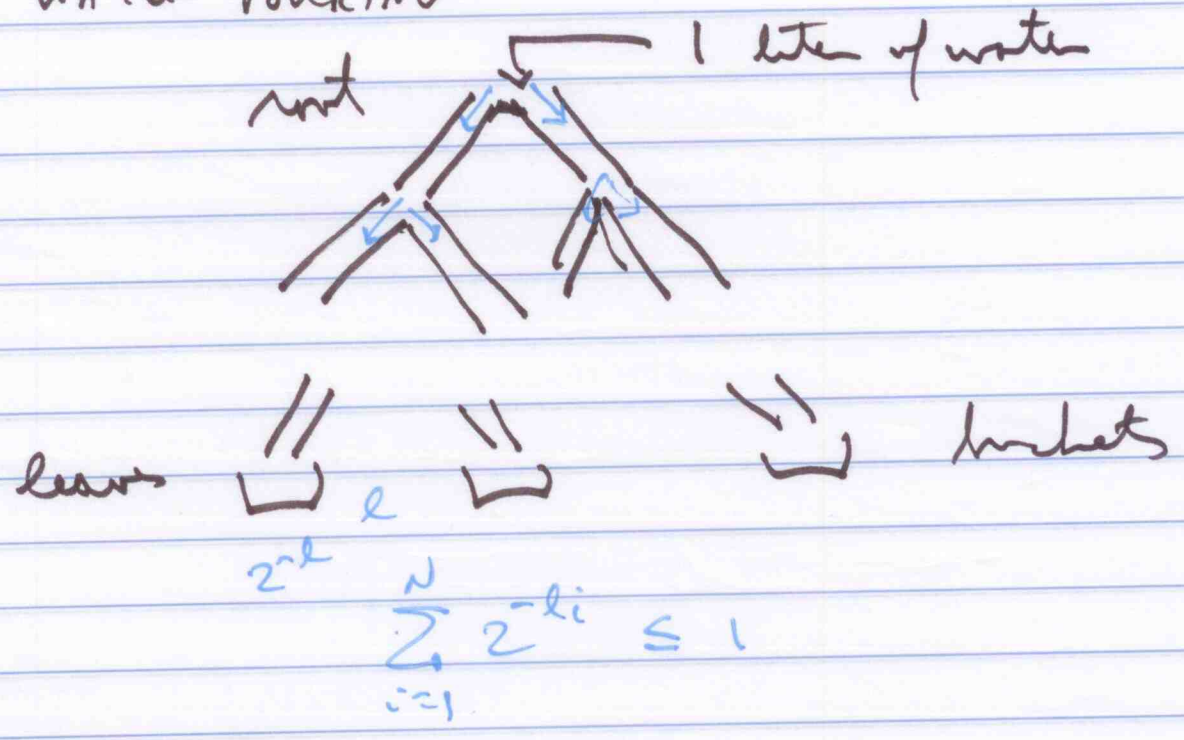
KRAFT'S INEQUALITY

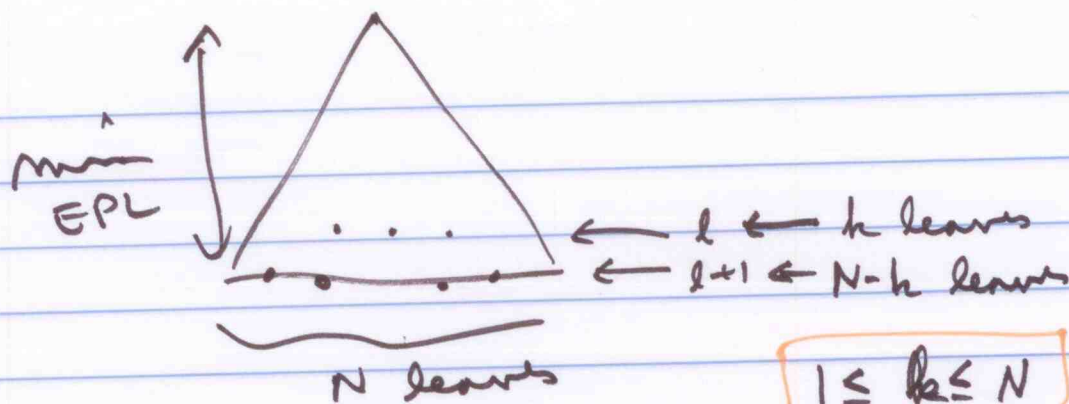
Lemma If $l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_N$ are the depths of the N leaves in a binary tree then

$$\sum_{i=1}^N 2^{-l_i} \leq 1$$

Pf : Induction - HW

WATER POURING





$1 \leq k \leq N$
(all leaves at level l)

Kraft's inequality

$$\Rightarrow h 2^{-l} + (N-h) 2^{-l-1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 2^{l+1} - N \quad k \geq 1$$

$$2^{l+1} - N \geq 1$$

$$2^{l+1} \geq N+1$$

$$l+1 \geq \lceil \lg(N+1) \rceil$$

$$\Rightarrow n! \text{ leaves has } \text{EPL} \geq \lg n! = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

INFO
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LOWER
BOUND

CANNOT SORT IN TIME $\underline{\underline{\Theta(n \lg n)}}$
EITHER WORST-CASE OR AVERAGE

$\Theta(n)$