

COT 6405 Introduction to Theory of Algorithms

Topic 8. Quicksort

Quicksort

- Sorts “in place”
 - Only a constant number of elements stored outside the sorted array
- Sorts $O(n \lg n)$ in the average case
- Sorts $O(n^2)$ in the worst case
- So why people use it instead of merge sort?
 - Merge sort does not sort “in place”

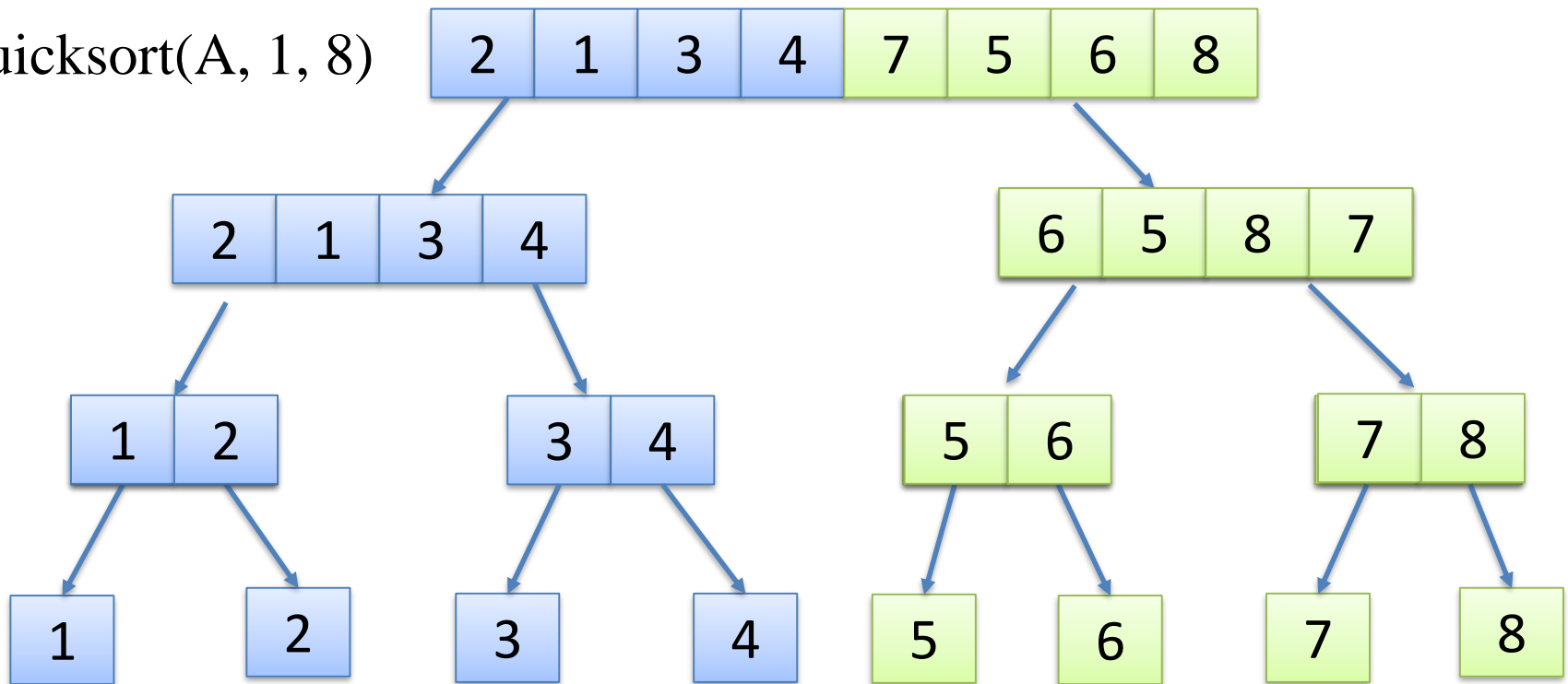
Quicksort: divide and conquer

- **Divide:** Array $A[p..r]$ is partitioned into two non-empty subarrays $A[p..q]$ and $A[q+1..r]$
 - All elements in $A[p..q]$ are less than all elements in $A[q+1..r]$
- **Conquer:** The subarrays are recursively sorted by calls to quicksort
- **Combine:** No work is needed to combine the subarrays, because they are sorted in place.

An example of Quicksort

2	8	7	1	3	5	6	4
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Quicksort(A, 1, 8)



Quicksort Code

```
Quicksort(A, p, r)
{
    if (p < r)
    {
        q = Partition(A, p, r);
        Quicksort(A, p, q-1);
        Quicksort(A, q+1, r);
    }
} // what is the initial call?
```

Partition

- Clearly, all the actions take place in the **partition()** function
 - Rearranges the subarray “in place”
 - End result:
 - Two subarrays
 - All values in 1st subarray $<$ all values in 2nd
 - Returns the index of the “pivot” element separating the two subarrays
- How do we implement this function?

Partition array $A[p..r]$

PARTITION(A, p, r)

$x \leftarrow A[r]$ // select the pivot

$i \leftarrow p - 1$

for $j \leftarrow p$ to $r - 1$

if $A[j] \leq x$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

exchange $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$

// move the pivot between the two subarraies

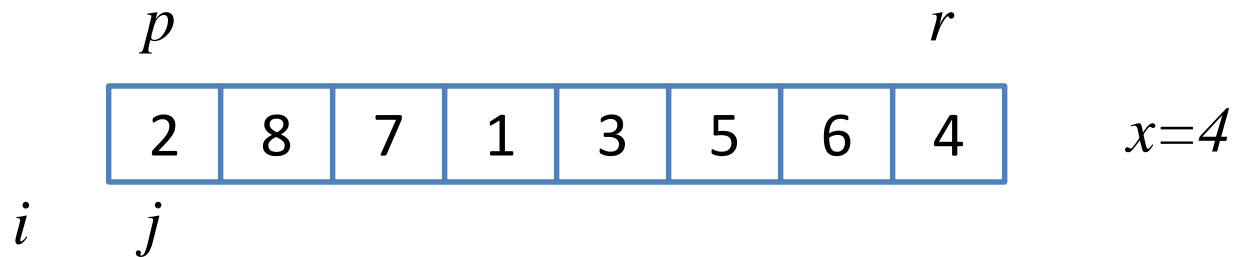
exchange $A[i + 1] \leftrightarrow A[r]$

// return the pivot

return $i + 1$

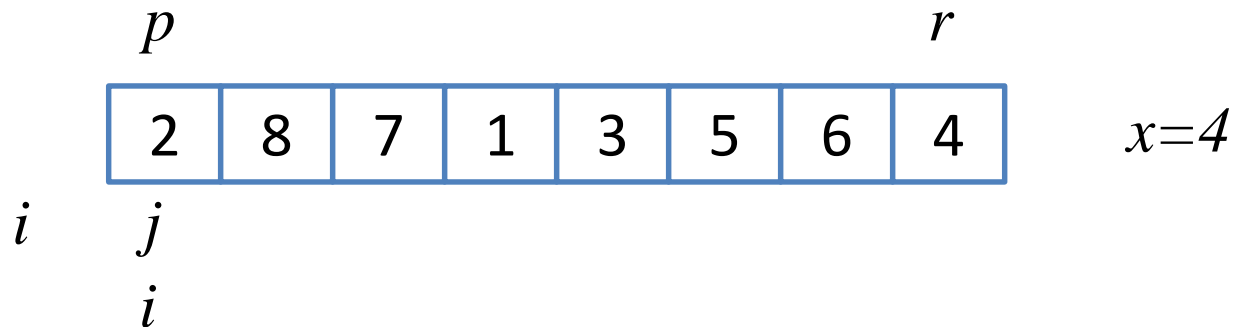
What is the running time of `partition()` ?

An example of Partition



```
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  return  $i + 1$ 
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An example of Partition (cont'd)



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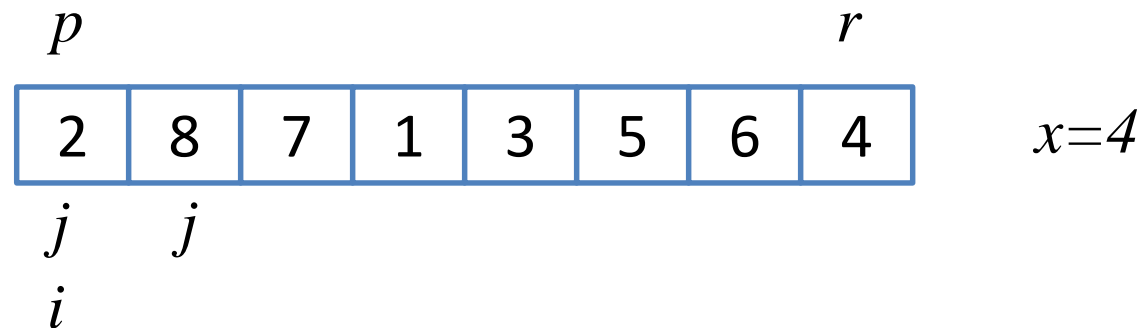
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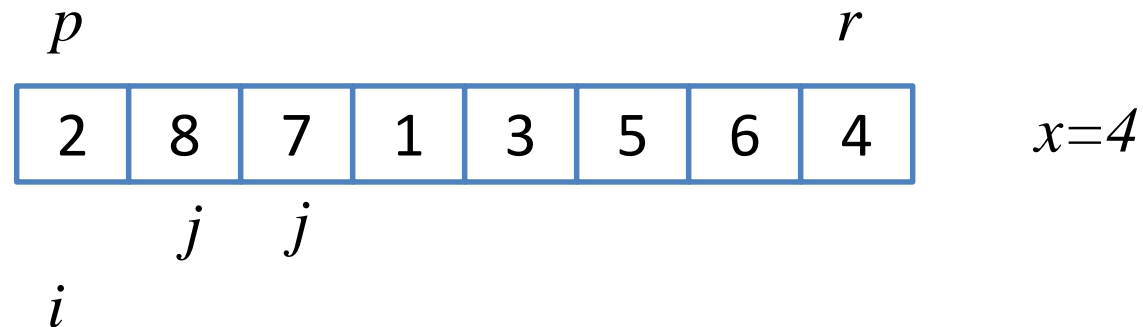
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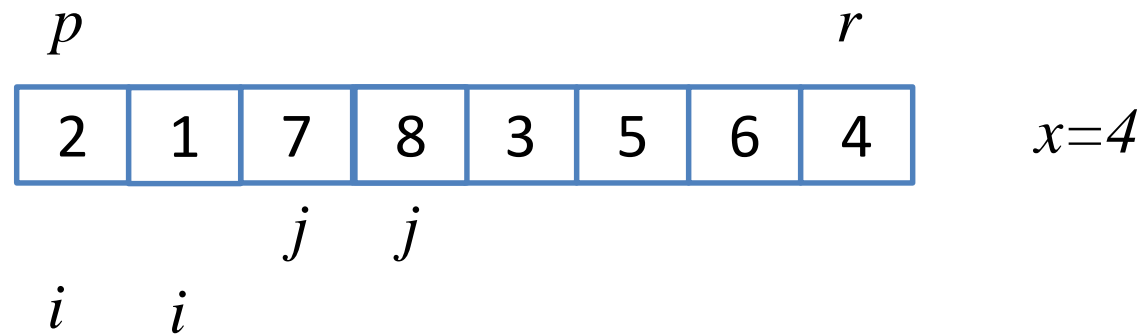
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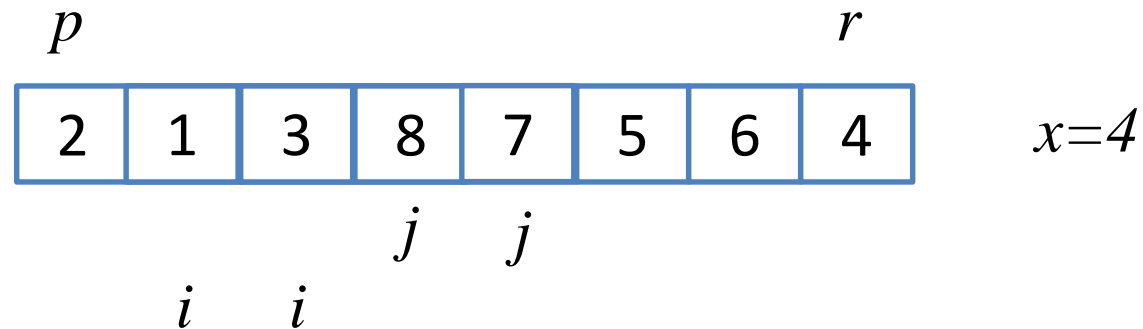
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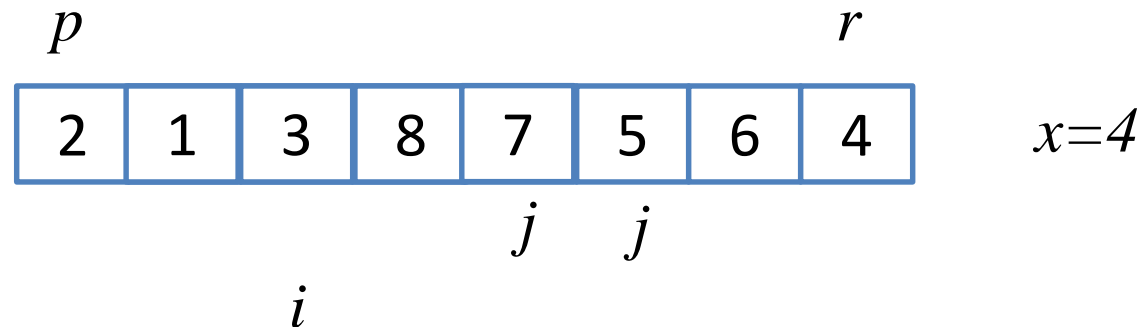
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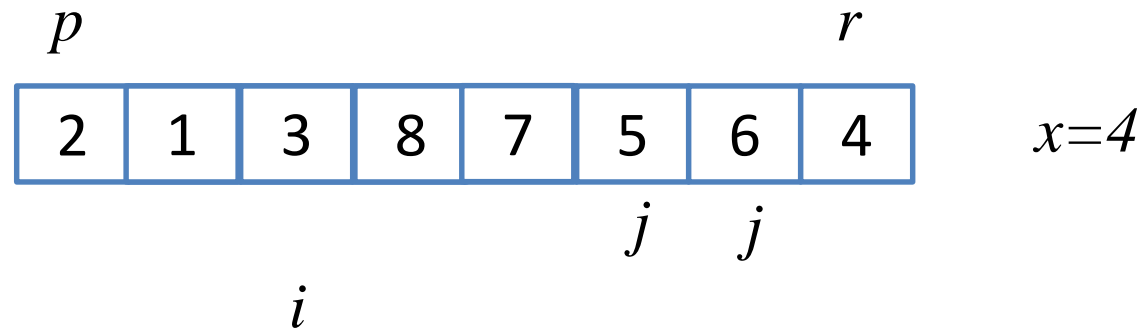
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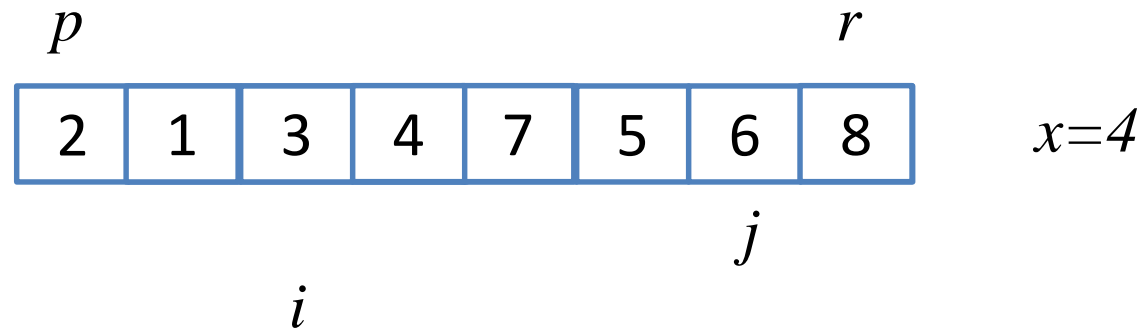
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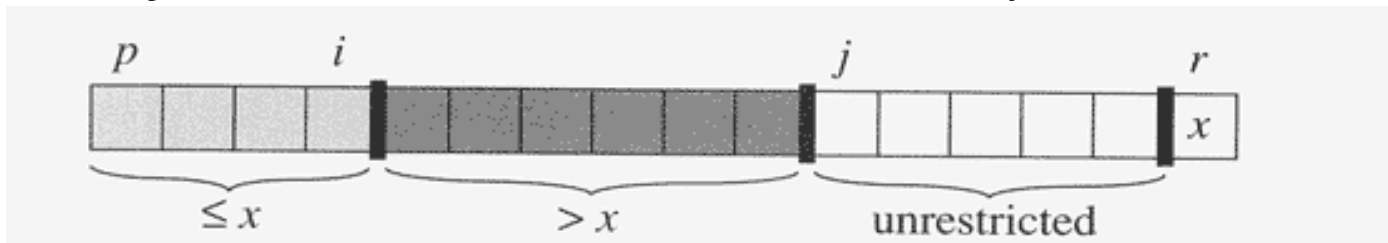
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Partitioning

- PARTITION first selects the **pivot** (How?)
 - the last element $A[r]$ in the subarray $A[p \dots r]$
- The array is partitioned into four regions
 - some of which may be empty
- Loop invariant:
 1. All entries in $A[p \dots i]$ are \leq pivot.
 2. All entries in $A[i + 1 \dots j - 1]$ are $>$ pivot.
 3. $A[r] =$ pivot.
 4. It's not needed as part of the loop invariant, but the fourth region is $A[j \dots r-1]$, whose entries have not yet been examined.



Analyzing Quicksort

- Worst-case performance
 - The worst-case behavior for quicksort occurs when the partitioning routine produces with $n-1$ elements and one with 0 elements
- The recurrence is
 - $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(0) + \Theta(n)$
 $= T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$

Exercise

- For $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$, use substitution method to show that the $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$.

Exercise (cont'd)

- $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$

- Basis: $n = 1, T(1) = \Theta(1)$

Inductive step: suppose $T(k) \leq ck^2$ for all $k < n$, then

$$T(n) \leq c(n-1)^2 + c'n$$

$$= cn^2 - 2cn + c + c'n$$

$$= cn^2 - (2c - c')n + c$$

$$\leq cn^2 - (2c - c')n + cn \quad (n > 1)$$

$$\leq cn^2 \text{ when } -(2c - c')n + cn \geq 0 \rightarrow n_0 = 1 \text{ and } c' \geq c$$

Thus, $T(n) = O(n^2)$

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$$\geq cn^2 \text{ if } -2cn + c'n \geq 0 \text{ (} c \leq c'/2 \text{)}$$

A question

- Will any particular input elicit the worst case?
 - Yes, the array is already sorted in the reverse order
 - Or it is already sorted

15	14	11	9	6	5	3	1
1	3	5	6	9	11	14	15

```
PARTITION(A, p, r)
  x ← A[r]           // select the pivot
  i ← p - 1
  for j ← p to r - 1
    if A[j] ≤ x
      i ← i + 1
      exchange A[i] ↔ A[j]
  exchange A[i + 1] ↔ A[r]
  return i + 1
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Best-case performance

- The best-case behavior occurs when Partition() produces two sub-problems of equal size, the total size of two sub-problems is $n-1$.
- The recurrence for the running time is
 - $T(n) = 2T(n-1/2) + \Theta(n)$
 - By case 2 of the master theorem, $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$

Performance of quicksort

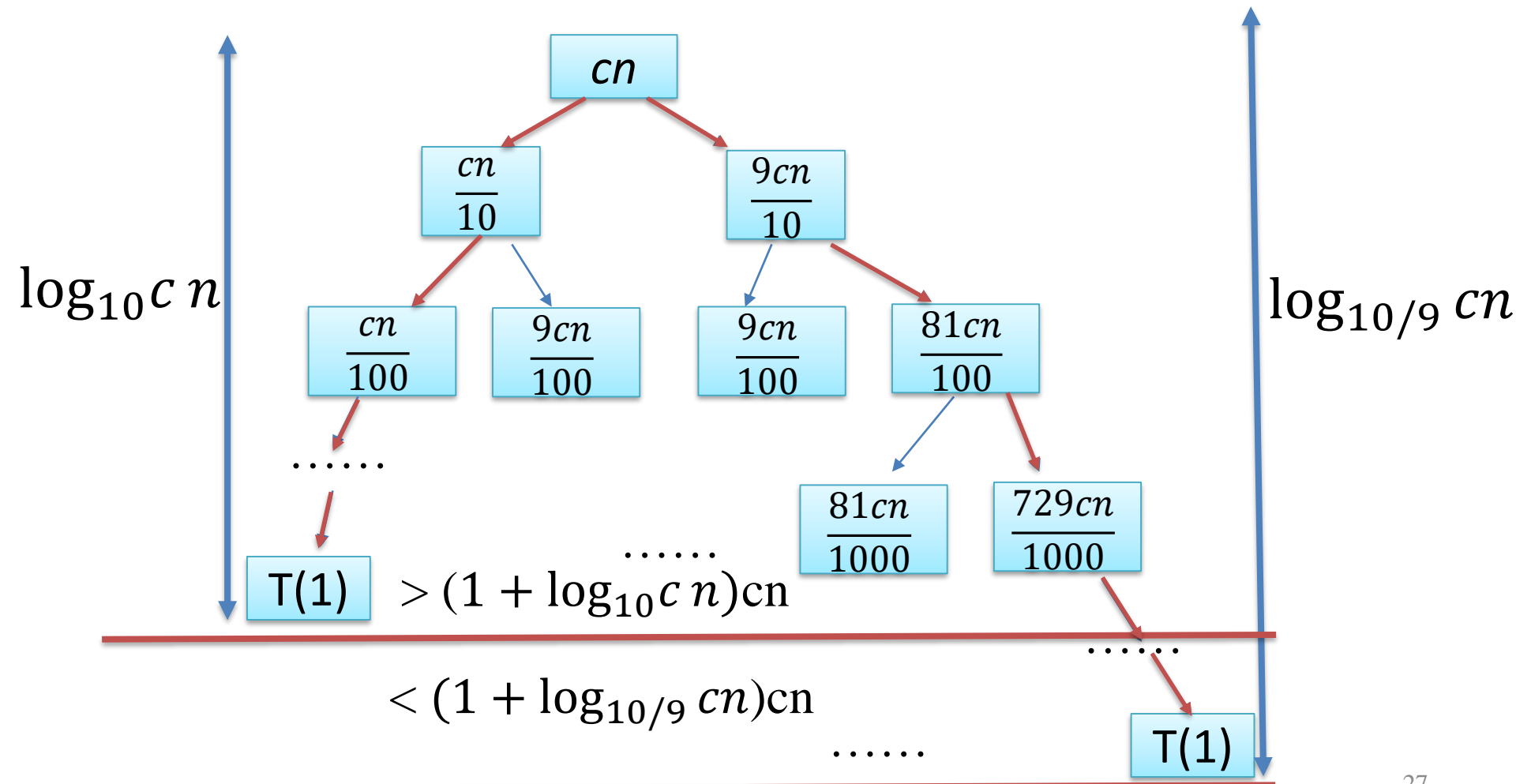
- The running time of quicksort depends on the partitioning of the subarrays:
 - If the subarrays are balanced, then quicksort can run as fast as mergesort.
 - If they are unbalanced, then quicksort can run as slowly as insertion sort.

Analyzing Quicksort: Average Case

- Assuming random input \rightarrow average-case running time is much closer to $O(n \lg n)$ than $O(n^2)$
- First, a more intuitive explanation/example:
 - Suppose that `partition()` always produces a 9-to-1 split. This looks quite unbalanced!
 - The recurrence is thus:
$$T(n) = T(9n/10) + T(n/10) + cn$$
 - How deep will the recursion go? (draw it)

Average Case (cont'd)

- $T(n) = T(9n/10) + T(n/10) + cn$



Average Case (cont'd)

- For shortest path for the root to the leaf
 - The subproblem size for a node at depth i is $(\frac{1}{10})^i cn$
 - The subproblem size hits $T(1)$, when $(\frac{1}{10})^i cn = 1$, or $i = \log_{10} cn$
 - Thus, the length of the shortest path is $\log_{10} cn$

Average Case (cont'd)

- For longest path for the root to the leaf
 - The subproblem size for a node at depth i is $(\frac{9}{10})^i cn$
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Average Case (cont'd)

- Notice that every level of the tree has a cost of cn , until the recursion reaches a boundary condition at depth $\log_{10} cn = \Theta(\lg n)$
- Then, the levels have cost at most cn
- The recursion terminates at depth $\log_{10/9} n = \Theta(\lg n)$

Average Case (cont'd)

- The total cost of quicksort $T(n)$
 $T(n) > (1 + \log_{10} cn)cn \rightarrow \Omega(n \lg n)$
 $T(n) < (1 + \log_{10/9} cn)cn \rightarrow O(n \lg n)$
 $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$

Analyzing Quicksort: Average Case

- Intuitively, a real-life run of quicksort will produce a mix of “bad” and “good” splits
 - Randomly distributed among the recursion tree
 - Pretend for intuition that they alternate between best-case ($n-1/2 : n-1/2$) and worst-case ($n-1 : 0$)
 - What happens if we bad-split root node, then good-split the resulting size $(n-1)$ node?
 - We end up with 3 subarrays, size 0, $(n-1)/2-1$, $(n-1)/2$
 - Combined cost of splits = $n + n - 1 = 2n - 1 = \Theta(n)$
 - No worse than if we had good-split the root node!
 - Good-split: $T(n) = 2T(n-1/2) + \Theta(n)$
 - Mix-split: $T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1/2) + T((n-1)/2-1) + \Theta(n)$
 $\leq 2T(n-1/2) + \Theta(n) \rightarrow$ good split complexity

Partition cost in Elliptical Shading

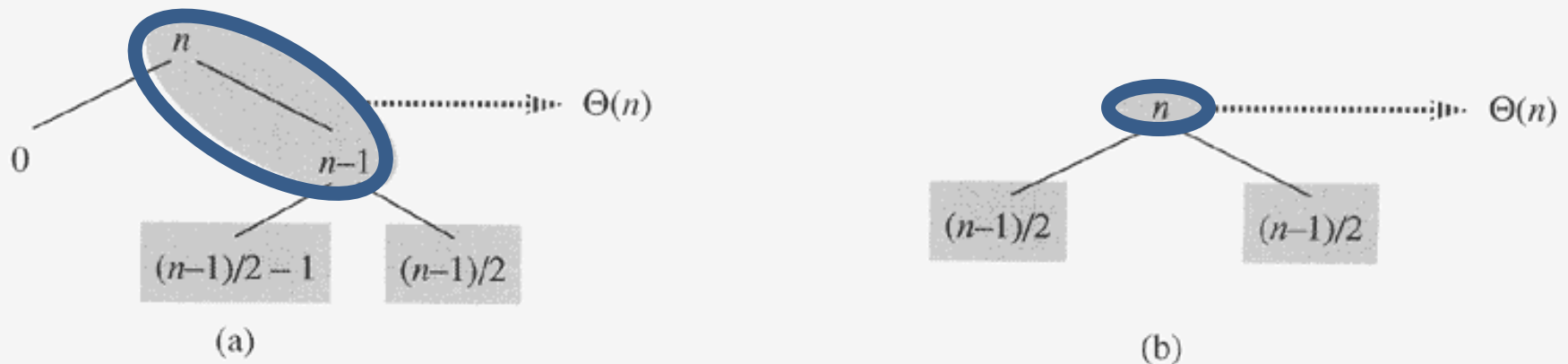


Figure 7.5 (a) Two levels of a recursion tree for quicksort. The partitioning at the root costs n and produces a “bad” split: two subarrays of sizes 0 and $n - 1$. The partitioning of the subarray of size $n - 1$ costs $n - 1$ and produces a “good” split: subarrays of size $(n - 1)/2 - 1$ and $(n - 1)/2$. (b) A single level of a recursion tree that is very well balanced. In both parts, the partitioning cost for the subproblems shown with elliptical shading is $\Theta(n)$. Yet the subproblems remaining to be solved in (a), shown with square shading, are no larger than the corresponding subproblems remaining to be solved in (b).

Analyzing Quicksort: Average case

- Intuitively, the $O(n)$ cost of a bad split (or 2 or 3 bad splits) can be absorbed into the $O(n)$ cost of each good split
- Thus running time of alternating bad and good splits is still $O(n \lg n)$, with slightly higher constants
- How can we be more rigorous?

Analyzing Quicksort: Average case

- For simplicity, assume:
 - All inputs distinct (no repeats)
- Partition around a random element
 - all splits ($0:n-1$, $1:n-2$, $2:n-3$, ... , $n-1:0$) are equally likely
 - In general, a split can be represented by $(k : n-1-k)$
- What is the probability of a particular split happening?
- Answer: $1/n$

Analyzing Quicksort: Average case

- So partition generates splits
(0:n-1, 1:n-2, 2:n-3, ... , n-2:1, n-1:0)
each with probability $1/n$
- $T(n)$ is the expected running time, $T(n) = ?$

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T(k) + T(n-1-k) + \Theta(n)$$

- What is each term under the summation for?
- What is the $\Theta(n)$ term for?

Average case

- $T(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T(k) + T(n-1-k) + \Theta(n)$
- We can rewrite the above equation as
- $T(n) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T(k) + \Theta(n)$

Why?

- $T(n) = \frac{1}{n} (T(0) + T(n-1) + T(1) + T(n-2) + \dots + T(n-1) + T(0))$

Average case (cont'd)

- We can solve this recurrence using the dreaded substitution method
 - Guess the answer
 - $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$
 - Assume that the inductive hypothesis holds
 - What's the inductive hypothesis?
 - $T(k) \leq a k \lg k + b$ for some constants $a > 0$ and $b > 0$ and $k < n$

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved
 - $T(n) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T(k) + \Theta(n)$
- What next?
 - Plug in the inductive hypothesis
 - $T(n) \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (ak \lg k + b) + \Theta(n)$

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved
 - $T(n) \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) + \Theta(n)$
- What next?
 - Expand out the $k=0$ case
 - For simplicity, when $n = 0$, we define
 - $anlg n = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} anlg n = 0$
 - $T(n) \leq \frac{2}{n} \left[b + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) \right] + \Theta(n)$

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved

$$\begin{aligned} - T(n) &\leq \frac{2}{n} \left[b + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) \right] + \Theta(n) \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) \right] + \frac{2b}{n} + \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

- $2b/n$ is just a constant, so fold it into $\Theta(n)$

$$- T(n) \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) + \Theta(n)$$

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved
 - $T(n) \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) + \Theta(n)$
- What next?
 - Distribute the summation
 - $T(n) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} aklgk + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b + \Theta(n)$

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved

$$- T(n) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a k \lg k + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b + \Theta(n)$$

- What next?

- Evaluate the summation

$$\begin{aligned} - T(n) &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a k \lg k + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b + \Theta(n) \\ &= \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + \frac{2b}{n} (n-1) + \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved
 - $T(n) = \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + \frac{2b}{n} (n-1) + \Theta(n)$
- What next?
 - Since $n-1 < n$, $2b(n-1)/n < 2b$
 - $T(n) \leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + 2b + \Theta(n)$

Average case (cont'd)

$$T(n) \leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + 2b + \Theta(n)$$

It can be proved that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2$$

This summation gets its own set of slides later

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved
 - $T(n) \leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + 2b + \Theta(n)$
- What next?
 - Substitute $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2$
 - $T(n) \leq \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + 2b + \Theta(n)$

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- What next?
 - Distribute the $(2a/n)$ term
 - $T(n) \leq a n \lg n - \frac{an}{4} + 2b + \Theta(n)$

Average case (cont'd)

- The recurrence to be solved
 - $T(n) \leq a n \lg n - \frac{an}{4} + 2b + \Theta(n)$
- What is our goal?
 - Our goal is to get $T(n) \leq a n \lg n + b$
 - We rewrite $T(n)$ as

$$T(n) \leq a n \lg n + b + [\Theta(n) + b - \frac{an}{4}]$$

Average case (cont'd)

- $T(n) \leq an \lg n + b + [\Theta(n)+b - \frac{an}{4}]$
- What next?
 - $\Theta(n)+b - \frac{an}{4} \leq 0$
 - $\Theta(n)+b - \frac{an}{4} \leq \Theta(n) + bn - \frac{an}{4} \leq c'n + bn - \frac{an}{4} \leq 0$,
when $a \geq 4(c' + b)$.
 - Thus, pick a large enough that $an/4$ dominates $\Theta(n)+b$
 - Then, $T(n) \leq an \lg n + b$

Average case summary

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T(k) + \Theta(n) \\&\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) + \Theta(n) \\&= \frac{2}{n} \left[b + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) \right] + \Theta(n) \\&= \frac{2}{n} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) \right] + \frac{2b}{n} + \Theta(n) \\&= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) + \Theta(n) \\&\text{(when } n \rightarrow \infty, \frac{2b}{n} \rightarrow 0)\end{aligned}$$

Average case summary(cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (aklgk + b) + \Theta(n) \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} aklgk + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b + \Theta(n) \\ &= \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} klgk + \frac{2b}{n} (n-1) + \Theta(n) \\ &\leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} klgk + 2b + \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

Average case summary (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + 2b + \Theta(n) \\&\leq \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + 2b + \Theta(n) \\&= an \lg n - \frac{an}{4} + 2b + \Theta(n) \\&= an \lg n + b + \Theta(n) + b - \frac{an}{4} \\&\leq an \lg n + b\end{aligned}$$

Pick a large enough that $an/4$ dominates $\Theta(n)+b$

Average case (cont'd)

- So $T(n) \leq an \lg n + b$ for certain a and b
 - Thus the induction holds
 - Thus $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$
 - Thus quicksort runs in $O(n \lg n)$ time on average
- Now let's prove the summation

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2$$

Tightly Bounding

- Prove $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2$
- Split the summation for a tighter bound

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k = \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k \lg k + \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k \lg k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} klgk = \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} klgk + \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{k=n-1} klgk$
- The lgk in the second term is bounded by $lg n$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} klgk \leq \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} klgk + \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{k=n-1} klg n$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k \lg k + \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{k=n-1} k \lg n$
- Move the $\lg n$ outside the summation

$$\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k \lg k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{k=n-1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k \lg k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$
- What next?

The $\lg k$ in the first term is bounded by $\lg n/2$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k \lg \frac{n}{2} + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k \lg \frac{n}{2} + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$

- What next?

$$\lg n/2 = \lg n - 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k (\lg n - 1) + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k (\lg n - 1) + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$
- What next?
 - Move $(\lg n - 1)$ outside the summation

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq (\lg n - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq (\lg n - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$
- What next?
 - Distribute the $(\lg n - 1)$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \lg n \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k \leq \lg n \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{k=n-1} k$
- What next?
 - The summations overlap in range; combine them

$$\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k \leq \lg n \sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \lg n \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k$
- What next?
 - The Gaussian series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \lg n \left(\frac{(n-1)n}{2} \right) - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \lg n \left(\frac{(n-1)n}{2} \right) - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k$

- What next?

- Rearrange first term, place upper bound on second

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1)] \lg n - \sum_{k=1}^{n/2-1} k$$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1)] \lg n - \sum_{k=1}^{k=n/2-1} k$
- What next?
 - The Gaussian series
 - $\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1)] \lg n - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)$

Tightly Bounding (cont'd)

- $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1)] \lg n - \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{2} \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1 \right)$

- What next?

- Multiply it all out

- $$\begin{aligned} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k &\leq \frac{1}{2} (n^2 \lg n - n \lg n) - \frac{1}{8} n^2 + \frac{n}{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 - \frac{1}{2} n \lg n + \frac{n}{4} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \text{ when } n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Done !!!!

Tightly Bounding Summary

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k &= \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k \lg k + \sum_{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{k=n-1} k \lg k \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k \lg \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \sum_{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{k=n-1} k \lg n \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k (\lg n - 1) + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{k=n-1} k \\ &= (\lg n - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{k=n-1} k\end{aligned}$$

Tightly Bounding Summary (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k &\leq (\lg n - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{k=n-1} k \\&= \lg n \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{k=n-1} k \\&= \lg n \sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k \\&= \lg n \left(\frac{(n-1)n}{2} \right) - \sum_{k=1}^{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k \\&\leq \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1)] \lg n - \sum_{k=1}^{k=n/2-1} k\end{aligned}$$

Tightly Bounding Summary(cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{k=n-1} k \lg k &\leq \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1)] \lg n - \sum_{k=1}^{k=n/2-1} k \\&= \frac{1}{2} [n(n-1)] \lg n - \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{2} \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1 \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} (n^2 \lg n - n \lg n) - \frac{1}{8} n^2 + \frac{n}{4} \\&= \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 - \frac{1}{2} n \lg n + \frac{n}{4} \\&\leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \text{ when } n \geq 2\end{aligned}$$

Done !!!!