

Time complexity of Small Large Merge Sort Algorithm

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$$T(n) = T(2) + T(n-2) + n \quad - (i)$$

sub n with $n-2$:

$$T(n-2) = T(2) + T(n-4) + n-2 \quad - (ii)$$

sub $T(n-2)$ with (i) in (i)

$$T(n) = T(2) + T(2) + T(n-4) + n-2 + n$$

$$T(n) = 2T(2) + T(n-4) + 2n-2 \quad - (iii)$$

sub $n-4$ in place of n in (i)

$$T(n-4) = T(2) + T(n-6) + n-4 \quad (iv)$$

so (iii) becomes -

$$T(n) = 3T(2) + T(n-6) + 3n-6$$

$$\vdots$$
$$\begin{aligned} & 4T(2) + T(n-8) + 4n-8 \\ & 5T(2) + T(n-10) + 5n-10 \\ & 6T(2) + T(n-12) + 6n-12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$iT(2) + T(n-2i) + in-2i$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$\text{Let } n-2i = 1$$

$$n = 1 + 2i$$

$$\log n \approx \log(1+2i)$$

$$i = \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n-1}{2} (T(2)) + T(1) + \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)n - 2\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$$

$$T(2) = 4$$

$$= \left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) 4 + 1 + \frac{n^2 - n}{2} - \frac{2n + 2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4n - 4 + 2 + n^2 - n - 2n + 2}{2}$$

$$T(n) = \frac{n^2 + n}{2}$$