

# Algorithms HW1

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## Problem 1.

a) let A & B be two sorted arrays of length n elements each.

1. Find median  $m_a$  of array A and Median  $m_b$  of array B. call every element in A less than  $m_a$   $A_1$  and everything greater than  $m_a$   $A_2$ . Call everything in B less than  $m_b$   $B_1$  and everything greater than  $m_b$   $B_2$ .

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Sort the 4 elements (which is constant time) add throw  $A_1 + B_1$  and add throw  $A_2 + B_2$ .

throw away two elements either from the left end, right end or one from each end such that the addition of  $A_1 + B_1 =$  Addition of  $A_2 + B_2$   
There are only 2 items remaining, return the smaller of the two.

3. Else if  $m_a < m_b$

Then the median can't be in  $A_1$  or  $B_2$  so recurse on  $A' =$  from  $m_a$  to the end of A. And  $B' =$  from the beginning of B to  $m_b$ . Add the size of  $A_1$  to throw  $A_1$  and size of  $B_2$  to throw  $B_2$

4. Else if  $m_b < m_a$

Then the median can't be in  $A_2$  or  $B_1$  so recurse on  $A' =$  from the beginning of A up to  $m_a$ . And  $B' =$  from  $m_b$  to the end of B. Add the size of  $A_2$  to throw  $A_2$  and size of  $B_1$  to throw  $B_1$ .

On every recursion of the algorithm, on each of the two arrays we are throwing away half of the array which means that we can represent this by the recurrence relation

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

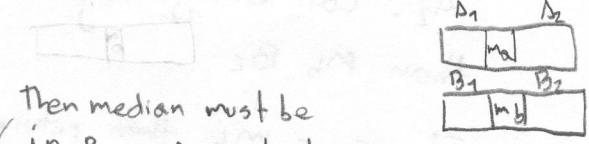
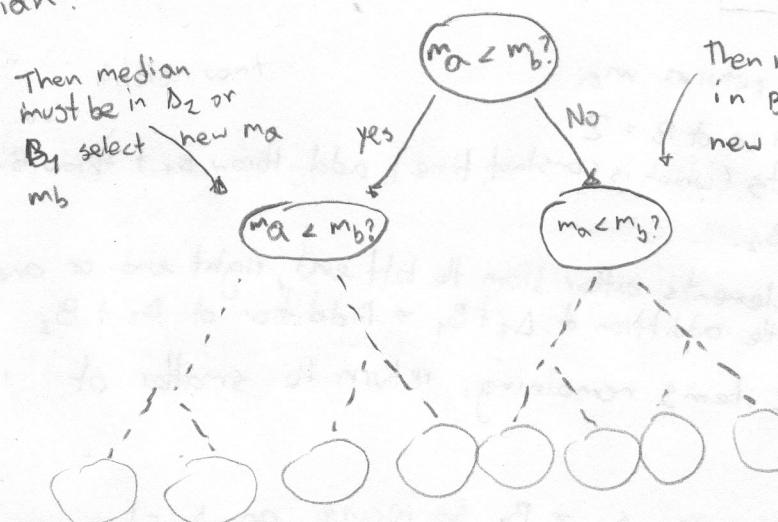
{finding  $m_a$  and  $m_b$ }

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

b) This problem can be represented by the idea of we are trying to find a specific element in  $2n$  possible elements.

So lets suppose our algorithm gives us the median of array A and of array B and we compare them, this comparison enables us to reduce the number of possible elements and then ask the question again.

At the end of the decision tree we will have found a single element. Moreover, based on the problem this tree has  $2n$  leaves, that is all the possibilities for our median.



Then median must be in  $B_2$  or  $A_1$  select new  $ma$  and  $mb$

The leaves are numbers, that could be the medians and by following one path of the tree we get to one answer.

there are  $2n$  leaves because each original array has  $n$  elements

This is a binary tree so depth of tree is  $\geq \log(\# \text{leaves})$

Therefore at the very least we have to make  $\log(2n)$  comparisons to get to any given leaf.

$$\text{Number of steps for finding the median of two arrays} \geq \log(2n) = \Omega(\log(n))$$

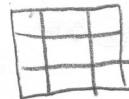
Problem 2. Let us have an array  $A$  of size  $n^2$  that is unsorted want to build an  $n \times n$  matrix in which all rows and columns are sorted.

if we have an unsorted array:



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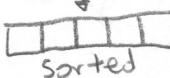
$\downarrow k$  comparisons



$\downarrow$   $n \times n$  matrix

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$\downarrow \alpha$  comparisons



sorted

This can be interpreted as sorting an array w/

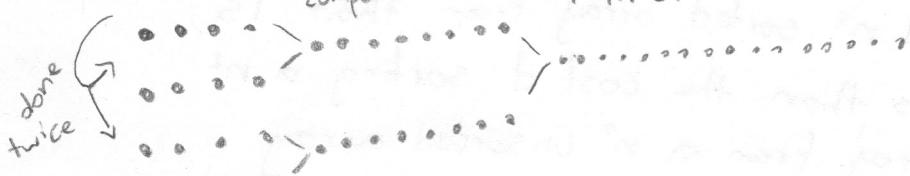
① We want to show that getting from the unsorted array to the matrix takes  $\Omega(n^2 \log n)$ , it is given by the problem that this process is  $O(n^2 \log n)$  time. That is, to show  $\Omega$  we could show that the process CANT be  $o(n^2 \log n)$

that is showing that  $o(n^2 \log n) + \alpha$  would imply that we can sort the array in less than the lower bound for sorting making it clear that assuming  $\alpha = o(n^2 \log n)$  led us to a contradiction.

② Thus we need to calculate the number of comparisons needed in  $\alpha$  we can merge two arrays of size  $n$  using  $2n-1$  comparisons.

so for a  $4 \times 4$  matrix  
in the first step  $2(n)-1$  comparisons  $2(2)n-1$  comparisons  
 $\downarrow$  1 time.

$n=4$



the process is  
done 2 times.

so at the  $i$ th level we are merging  $n/2^{i+1}$  times. and we are performing  $2(2^i)n-1 = 2^{i+1}n-1$  comparisons.

that is, to merge an  $n \times n$  matrix into a sorted  $n^2$  array it takes

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log n - 1} (n/2^{i+1})(2^{i+1}n - 1)$$

comparisons.

altogether assume  $k$  is  $O(n^2 \log n)$  show that

$$O(n^2 \log n) + \sum_{i=0}^{\log n - 1} (n/2^{i+1})(2^{i+1}n - 1) < \text{lower bound of sorting} = O(n^2 \log n)$$

expanding the sum      an  $n^2$  array

$$O(n^2 \log n) + (1 - n + n^2 \log n) < \text{lower bound of sorting}$$

an array.

This term will always be less than  $O(n^2 \log n)$  for  $n > n_0$ .

so we can state

$$O(n^2 \log n) + O(n^2 \log n) < \text{lower bound of sorting} = O(n^2 \log n)$$

an  $n^2$  array

and from the identities & little  $O$ .

$$O(f) + O(f) = O(f)$$

so,

It must be that the cost of creating the  $h \times n$  matrix and then creating the  $n^2$  sorted array from that is less than the cost of sorting a  $n^2$  array from a  $n^2$  unsorted array

$\Rightarrow \angle$

Because if  $k + \alpha < \text{the lower bound of sorting}$  then it must be that we can sort an array of size  $n^2$  in less than the lower bound for the

Comparison based model.

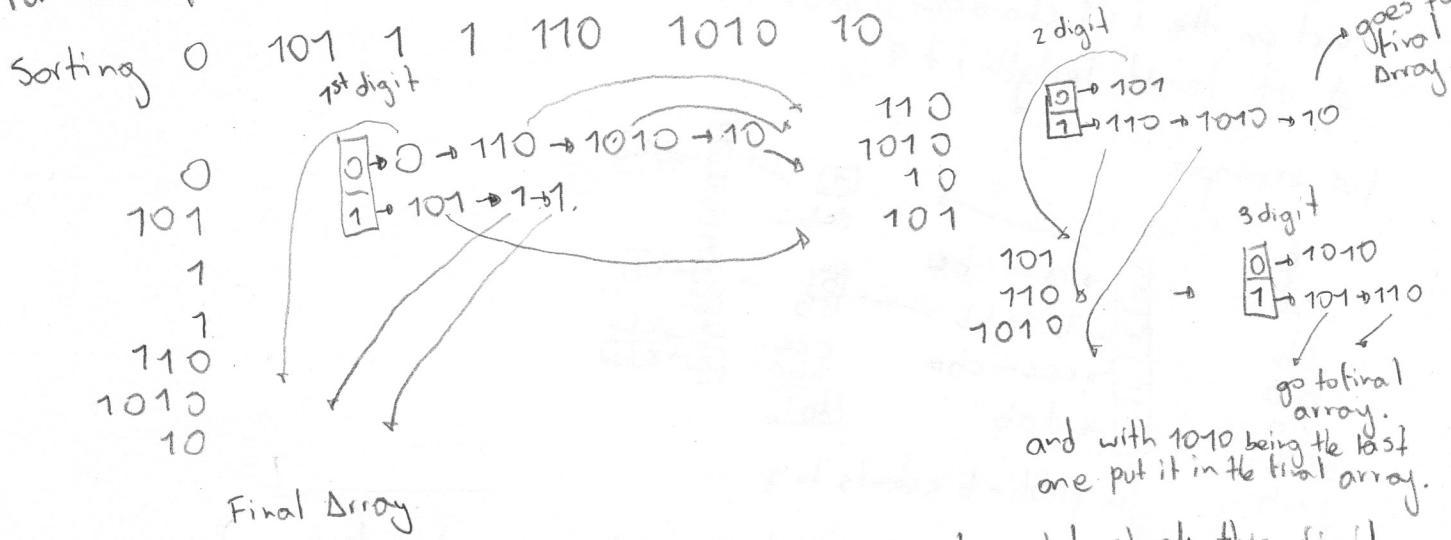
Thus it must be that  $K$  can't be done in  $\Theta(n^2 \log n)$  time so it must be that  $K = \Omega(n^2 \log n)$

## Problem 3

o) Here we can use a modified version of Least Significant radix sort to sort this array of integers in  $O(n)$  time where  $n$  is the total number of bits over all integers.

- o. Starting at  $i=1$
1. Perform a stable sort on the  $i$ th bit of all integers with at least  $i$  bits.
2. Increase  $i$  and perform the same sort.

So for example,



$0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 101 \rightarrow 110 \rightarrow 1010$  did not need to check this digit.

So it is the case with this algorithm that the worst case is where all of the integers have the same number of digits in which case we would need to perform max number of digits stable sorts. Thus we would need to inspect  $\text{max number of digits} \cdot \text{number of entries} = \text{total number of bits}$  that is in the worst case this algorithm makes  $O(n)$  inspections to sort the array.

b) At first glance this problem seems fairly similar to the problem in part a). However the root of the difference is that while with numbers any given i-bit integer is < any given j-bit integer if  $i < j$ , this is not the same for strings in lexicographic order because  $a < ab < b$

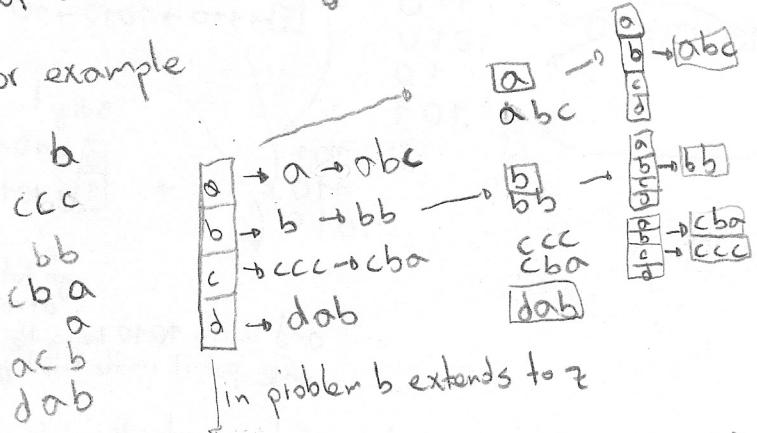
Therefore it is reasonable to attack this problem from the most significant character.

Start at  $i = 1$

For any given set of words order them by a stable sort them by their  $i^{th}$  most significant character if the word is of at least length  $i$

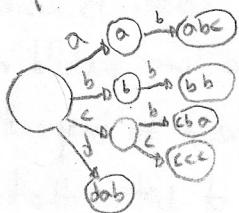
Sort on the  $i+1$  character words that have the same  $i$  character and are of at least length  $i+1$

for example



In problem b extends to z

so this process could be imagined as a lexicographic trie



so inspired by the trie representation it is not hard to see that the maximum number of connections in the trie is the amount of all the characters over all strings in the original array, because if there were more we would end up with a word that was not in the original array. So in the worst case we need to inspect all the characters in all the strings of the array making this algorithm run in  $O(n)$  time.