

Introduction to Algorithms

L3. Divide & Conquer

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Course Overview

- Algorithmic Analysis
- **Divide and Conquer**
- Randomized Algorithms
- Tree Algorithms
- Graph Algorithms
- Dynamic Programming
- Greedy Algorithms
- Advanced Algorithms

Today's Outline

- Comparison sorting algorithms: selection sort, bubble sort
- Divide and Conquer I
 - Proving correctness with induction
 - Proving runtime with **recurrence relations**
 - How do we measure the runtime of a recursive algorithm?
 - *Problems: Comparison-sorting*
 - *Algorithms: Mergesort*
 - Reading: CLRS 2.3, 4.3-4.6

Comparison sortings

Overview

- Insertion sort (삽입정렬)
 - It finds a proper (sorted) position, and insert an element into there.
- Selection sort (선택정렬)
 - It picks a min/max element from the unsorted list, and put the element into the front/end of the sorted list.
- Bubble sort (버블정렬)
 - It pushes higher values to the end of the list. The highest element in the list will float toward the end of the list.
- Today, we will briefly cover the concept/intuition of them.

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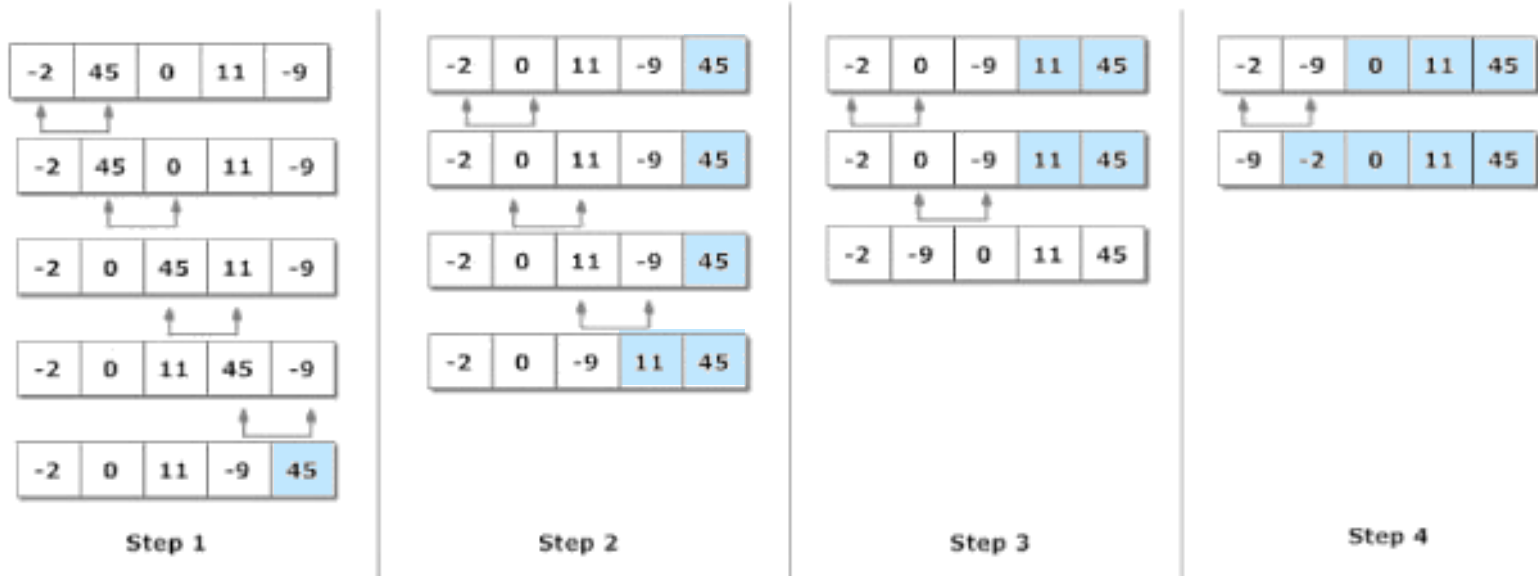


Figure: Working of Bubble sort algorithm

Correctness and Efficiency

- Identical to the insertion sort case:
 - Loop invariants
 - Count the number of operations and conduct the asymptotic analysis
 - *Leave it as homework*

Mergesort

Recall

- Insertion sort

- Does this actually work? **Yes!**

- We talked about loop invariants and proofs by induction.

- Is it fast? **Eh, nah.**

- We talked about worst-case, best-case, and average case analysis.

- We talked about Big-O, Big- Ω and Big- Θ notation to describe upper-bounds, lower-bounds, and tight-bounds.

- Upper-bound for worst-case runtime **$O(n^2)$**

- Lower-bound for best-case runtime **$\Omega(n)$**

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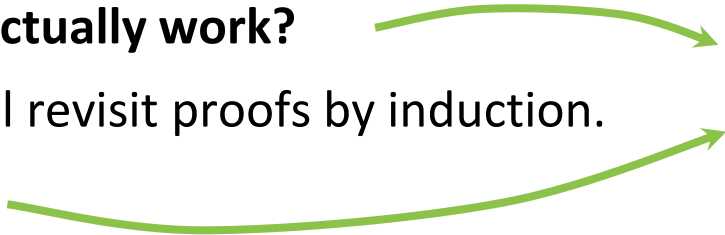
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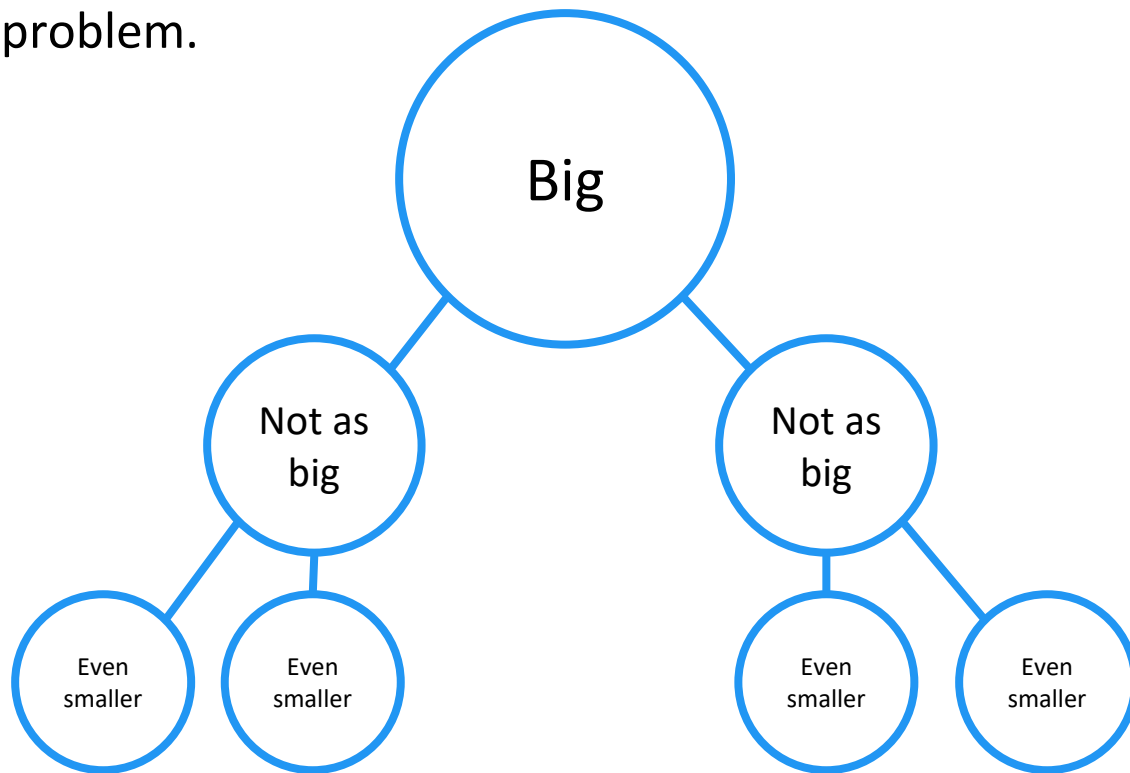
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These are the same questions we asked about insertion sort!

Divide and Conquer

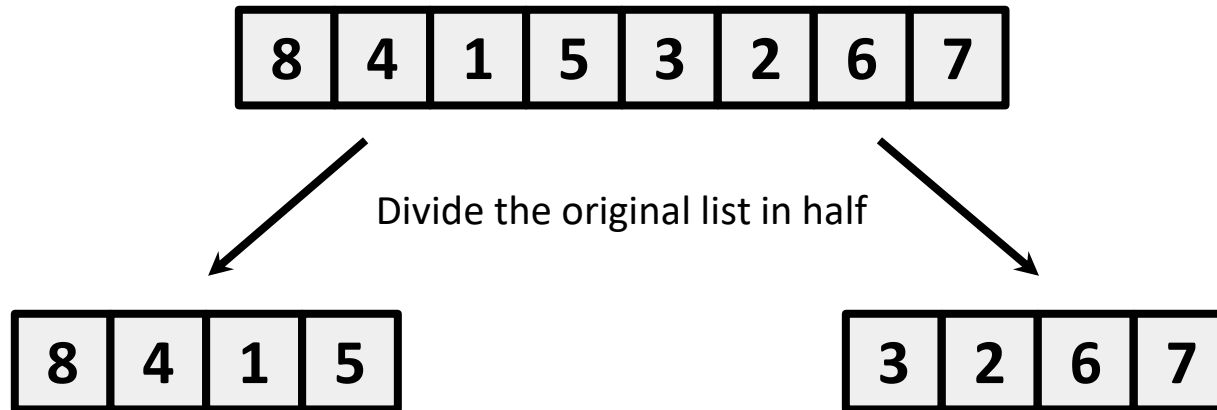
- 분할정복법
- A sort of algorithmic paradigms
- **Divide** Break the current problem into smaller (easier) sub-problems.
- **Conquer** Solve the smaller problems and collect the results to solve the current problem.



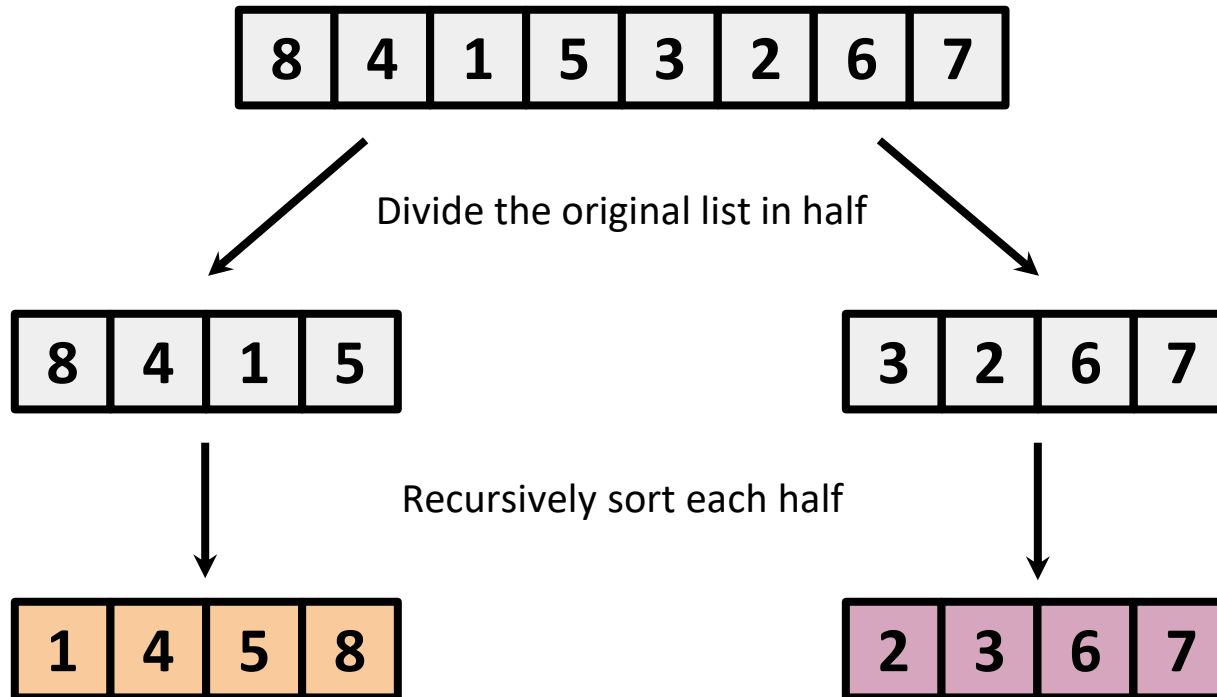
Mergesort (병합정렬)

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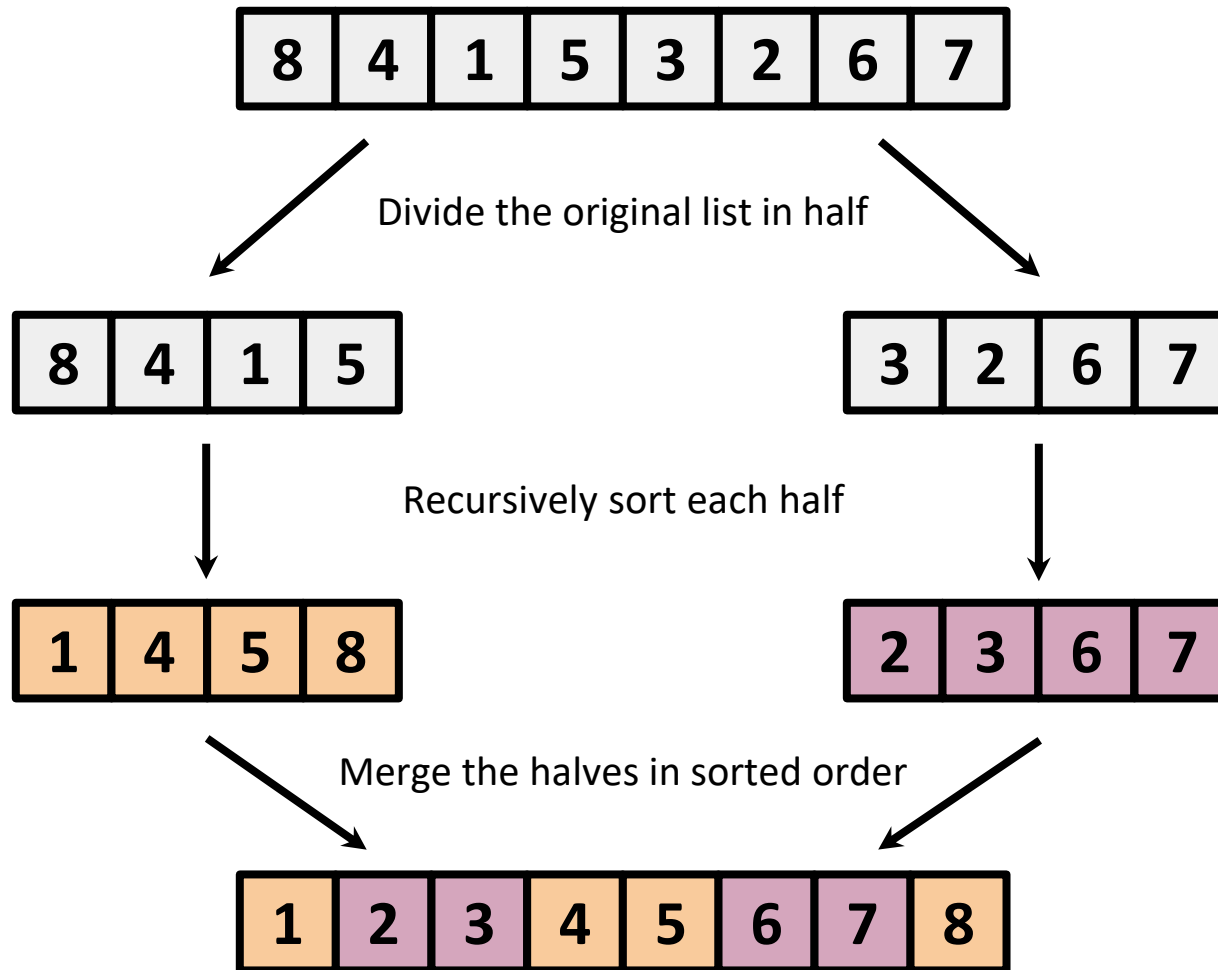
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    int n1 = m - l + 1;
    int n2 = r - m;

    /* create temp arrays */
    int L[n1], R[n2];
    for (i = 0; i < n1; i++)
        L[i] = arr[l + i];
    for (j = 0; j < n2; j++)
        R[j] = arr[m + 1 + j];

    /* Merge the temp arrays back into arr[l..r]*/
    i = 0; // Initial index of first subarray
    j = 0; // Initial index of second subarray
    k = l; // Initial index of merged subarray

    /* ..... */
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/* ... Continued ... */
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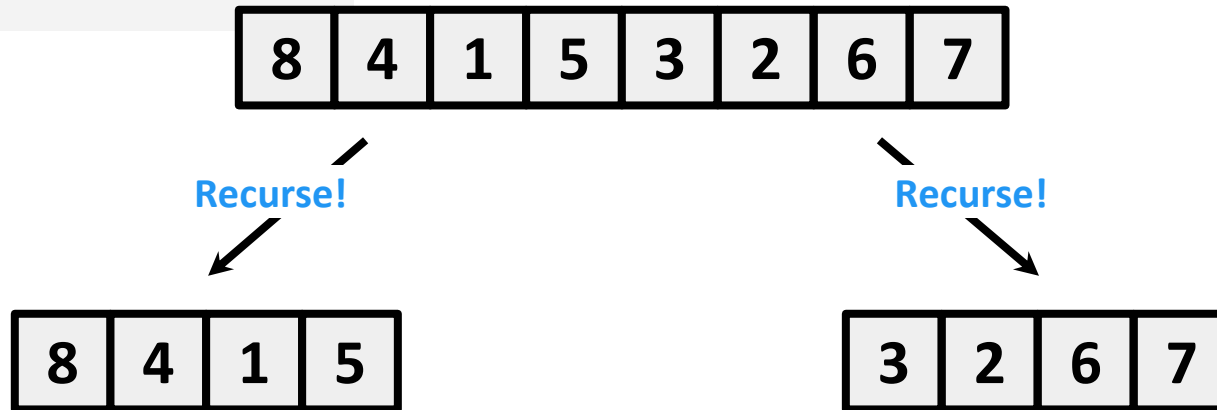
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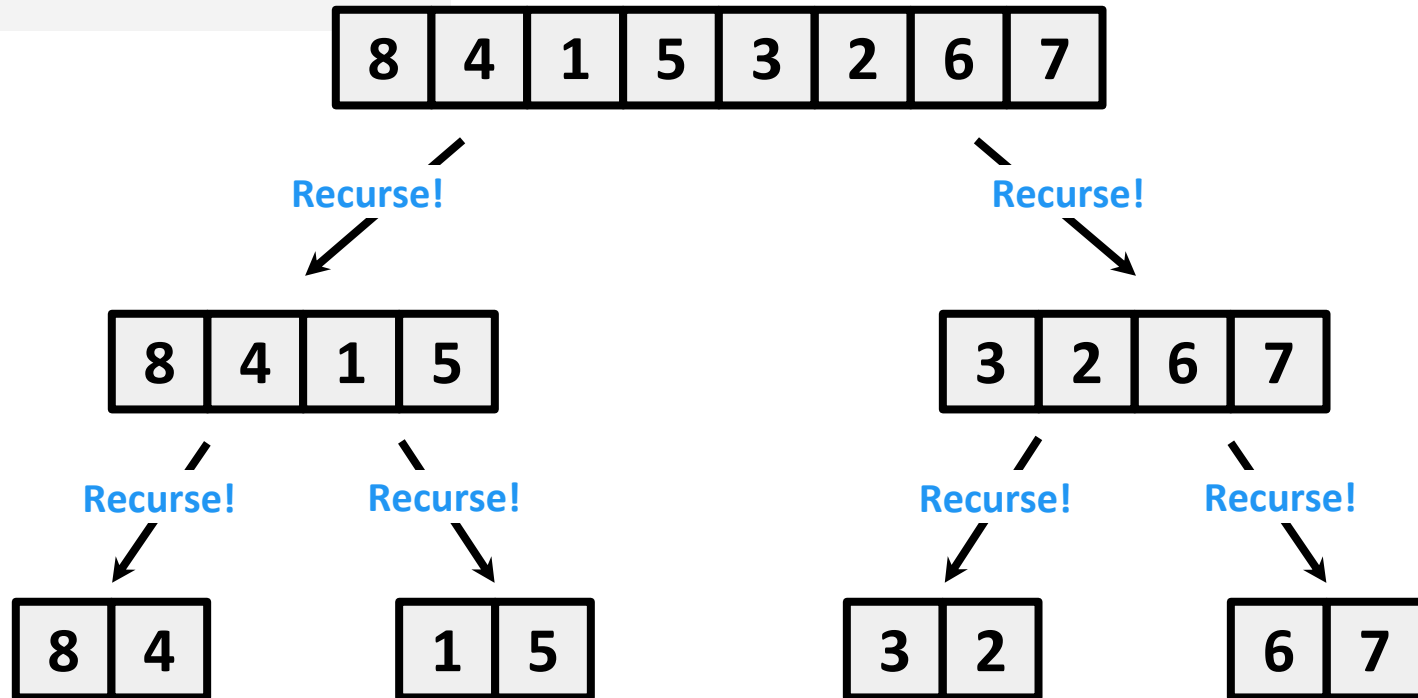
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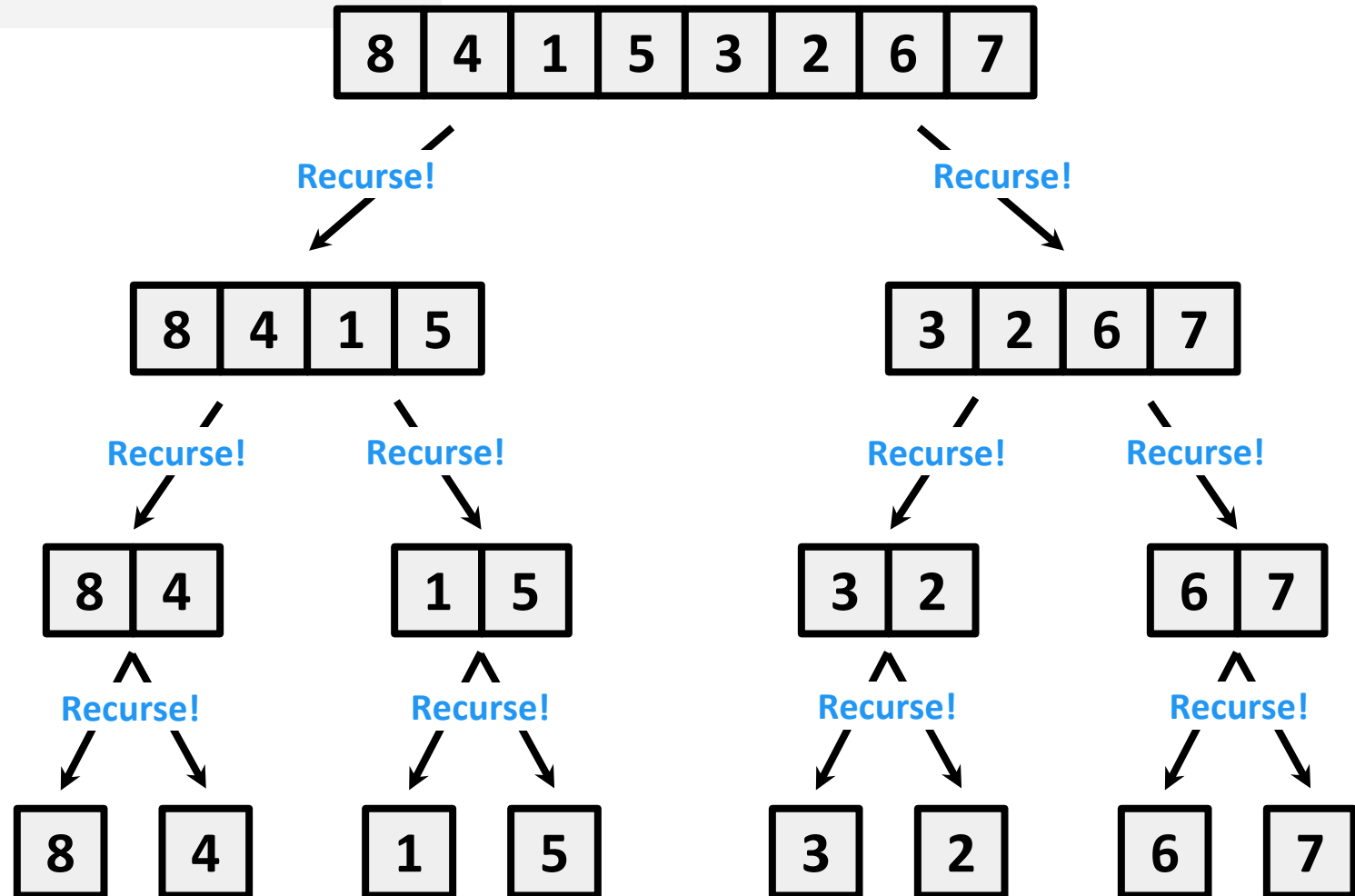
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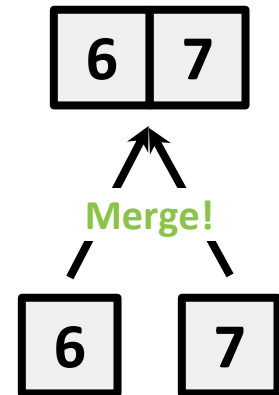
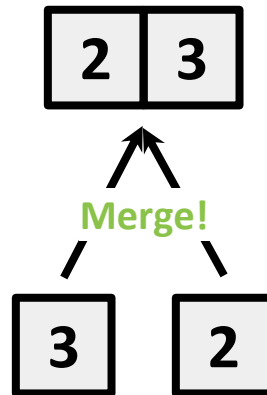
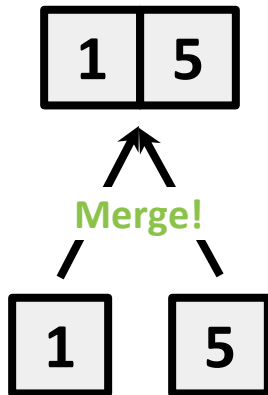
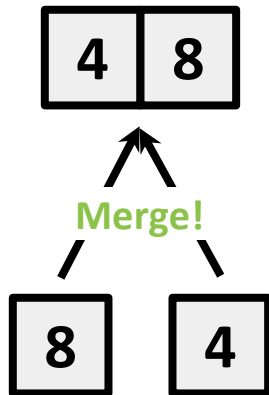
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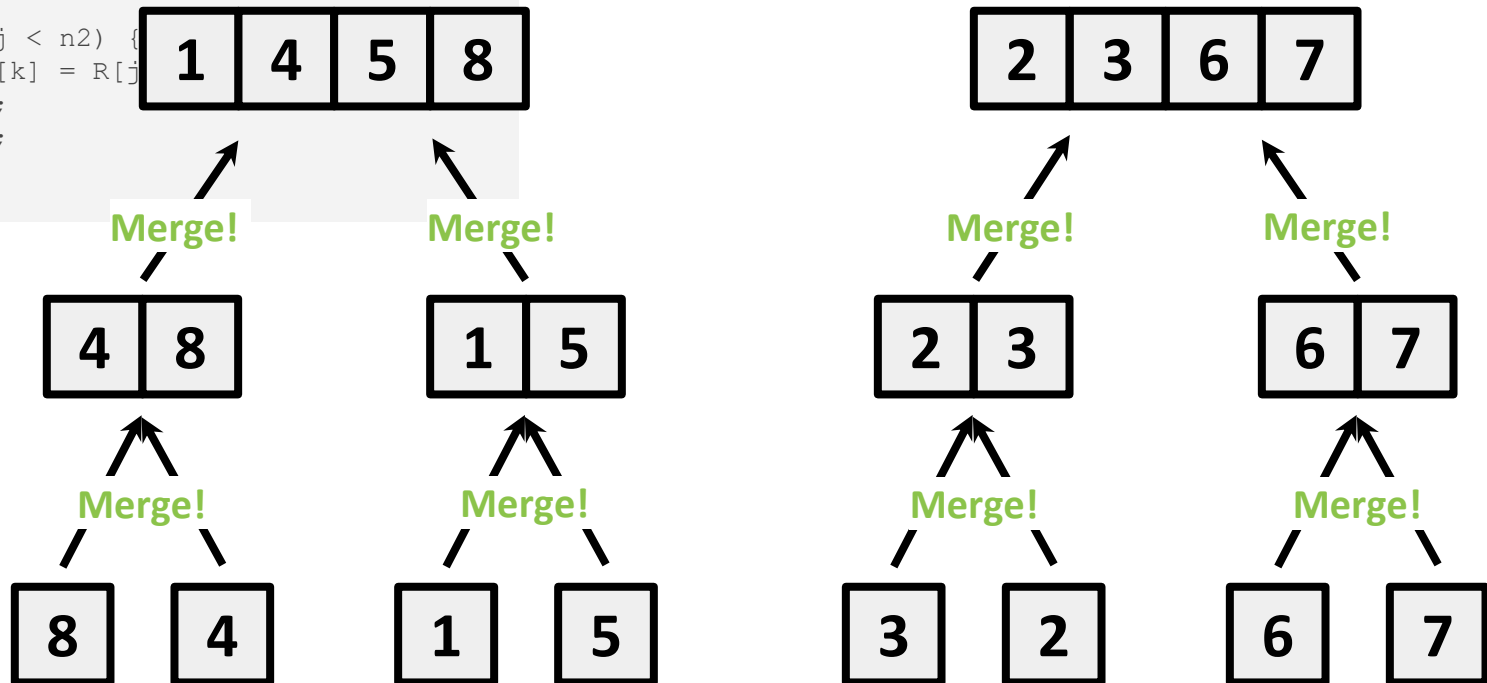
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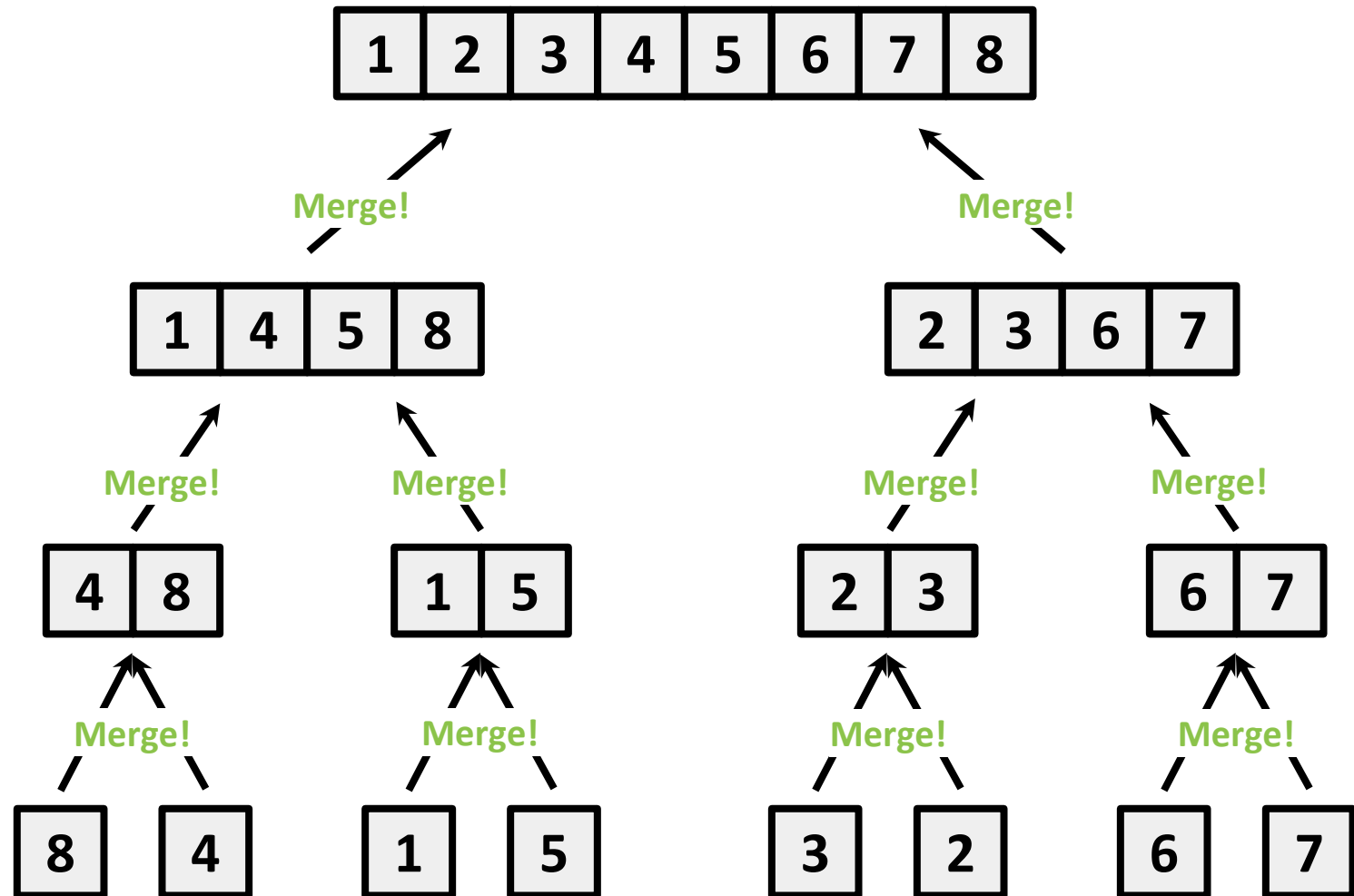
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1. Does this actually work? We've already seen an example!

- Formally, similar to last time, we proceed by induction. However, rather than inducting on the loop iteration, we **induct on the length of the input list**.

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- Recall, there are four components in a proof by induction.
 - **Inductive Hypothesis** The algorithm works on input lists of length 1 to i .
 - **Base case** The algorithm works on input lists of length 1.
 - **Inductive step** If the algorithm works on input lists of length 1 to i , then it works on input lists of length $i+1$.
 - **Conclusion** If the algorithm works on input lists of length n , then it works on the entire list.

Proving Correctness

● Formally, for **mergesort**...

- **Inductive Hypothesis** **mergesort** correctly sorts input lists of length i .
(In every recursive call, **mergesort** returns a sorted list.)
- **Base case** ($i=1$) **mergesort** correctly sorts input lists of length 1; it returns a 1-element list, which is trivially sorted.
- **Inductive step** Suppose the algorithm works on input lists of length 1 to i . Calling **mergesort** on an input list of length $i+1$ recursively calls **mergesort** on the left and right halves, which have lengths between 1 and i ; therefore, **left** and **right** contain the elements originally in the left and right halves of the list, but sorted. Given two sorted lists, **merge** returns a single sorted list with all of the elements from the original two lists.
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- **Base case ($i=1$) mergesort** 는 길이가 1인 리스트를 정렬한다. 길이가 1인 리스트는 자체적으로 정렬되어있음이 자명하다
- **Inductive step** mergesort가 길이가 1 부터 i 인 모든 리스트를 정렬할 수 있다고 하자. 이 때, 길이가 $i+1$ 인 리스트에 대해 mergesort 를 실행하면, mergesort는 좌측 부분과 우측 부분의 부분 리스트를 매개변수로하는 merge sort를 재귀호출하고, 이 때 좌측/우측 부분 리스트의 길이는 1부터 i 사이이다. 따라서, 앞선 가정에 따라 좌측 부분과 우측 부분 리스트는 정렬되어 있는 상태이며, 정렬된 두 리스트에 대하여 merge 함수는 항상 정렬된 리스트를 만들어낸다. 곧, 길이가 $i+1$ 인 리스트에 대해서도 mergesort는 정렬된 리스트를 만든다.
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Proving this statement requires another proof by induction, with a loop invariant!

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- ☐ Proving the Master method
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- Here's our first **recurrence relation**! (점화식)
 - $T(0) = \Theta(1)$
 - $T(1) = \Theta(1)$
 - $T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(n)$

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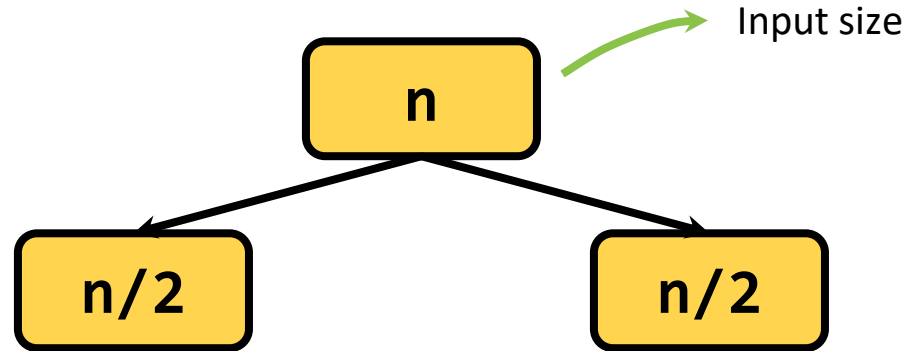
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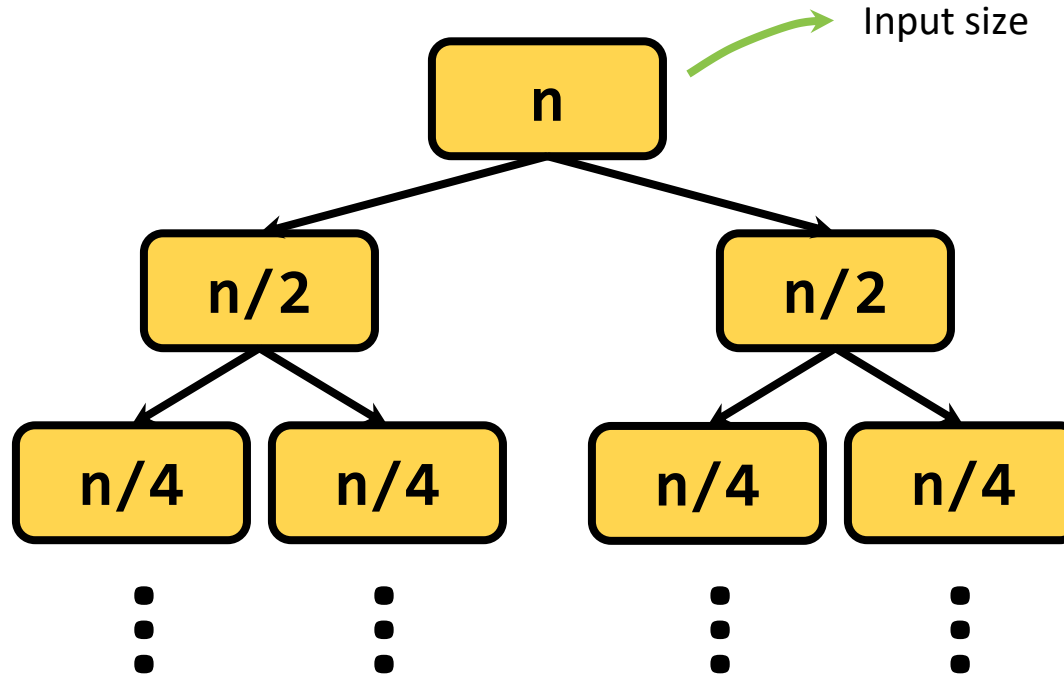
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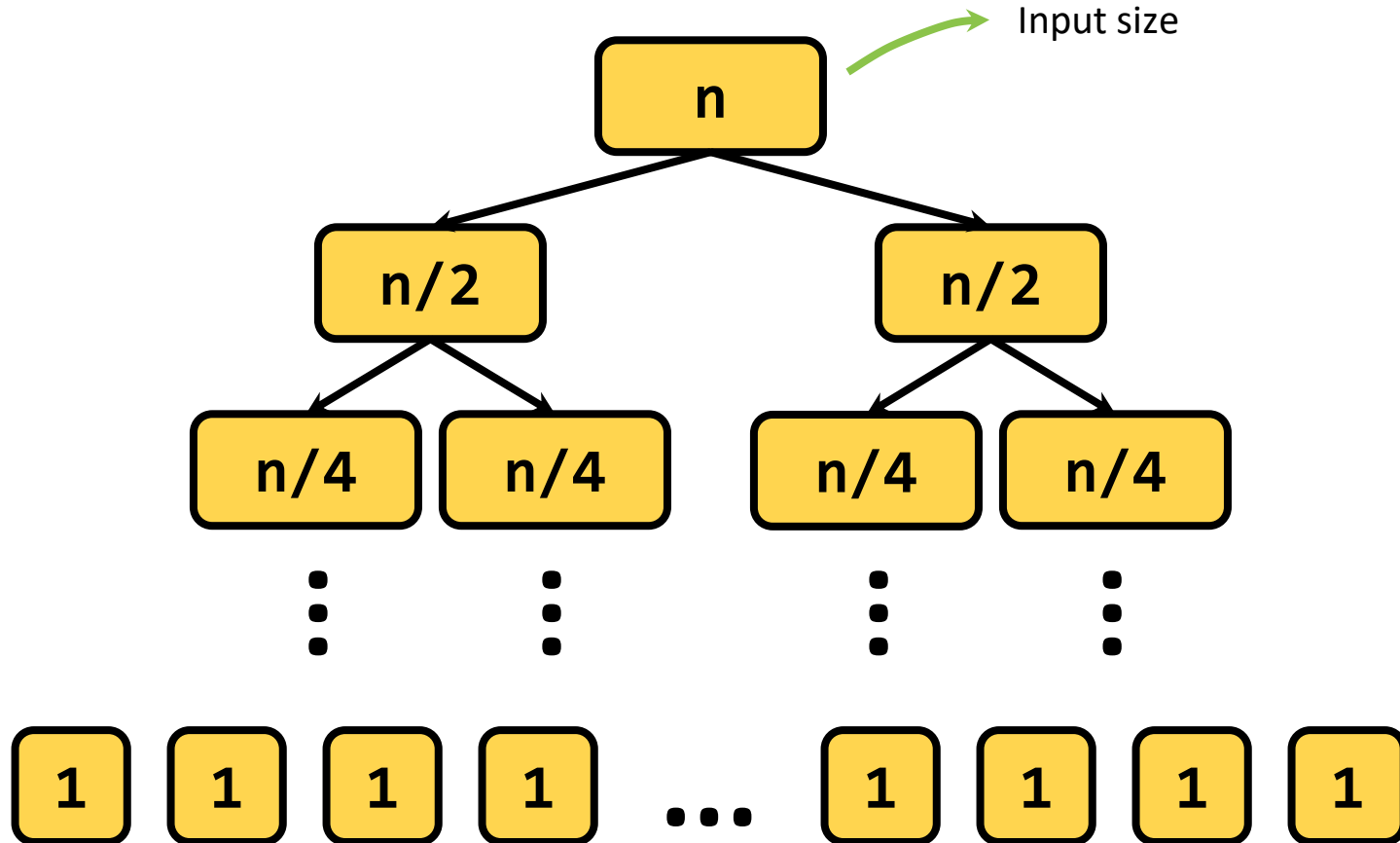
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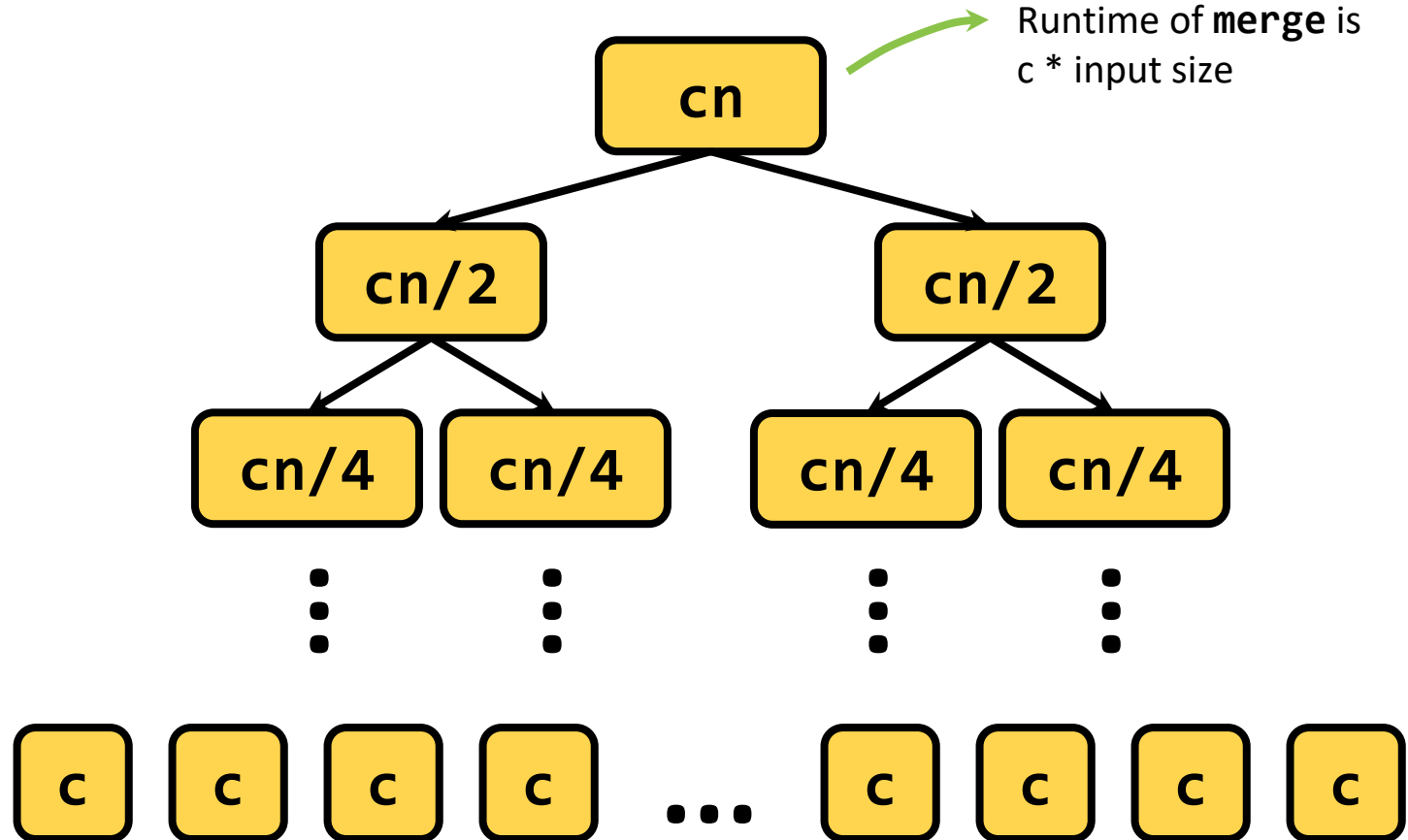
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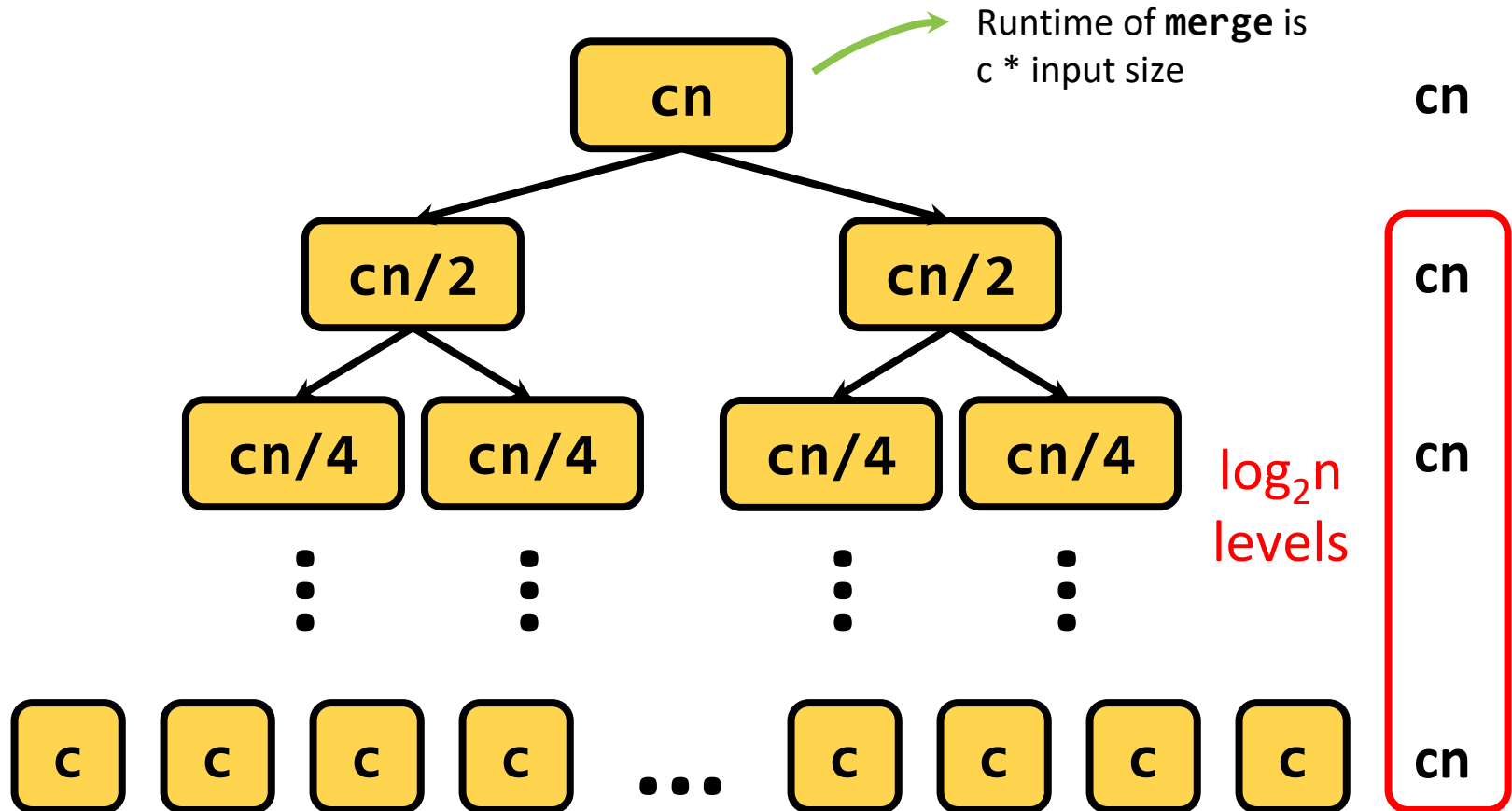
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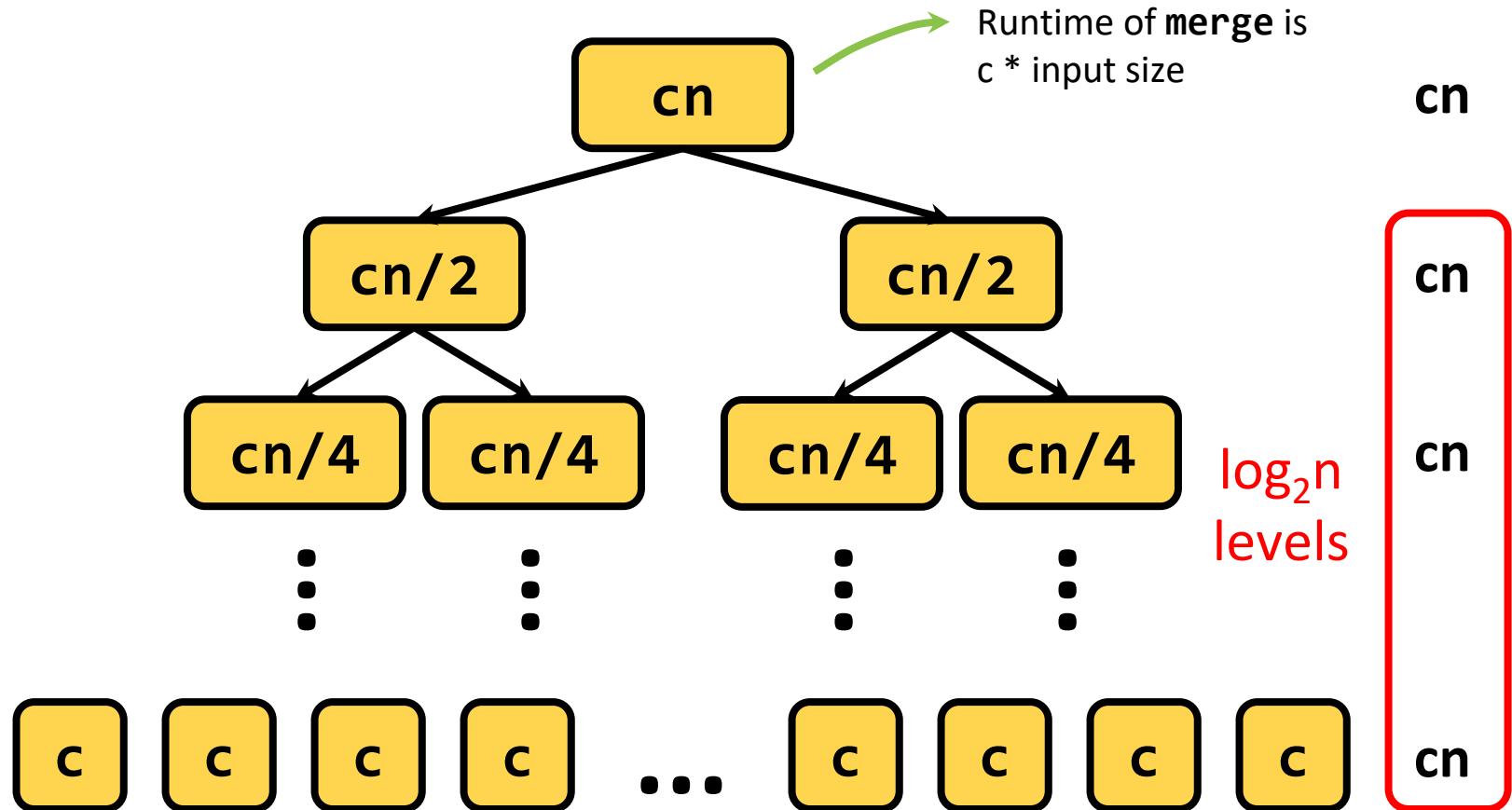
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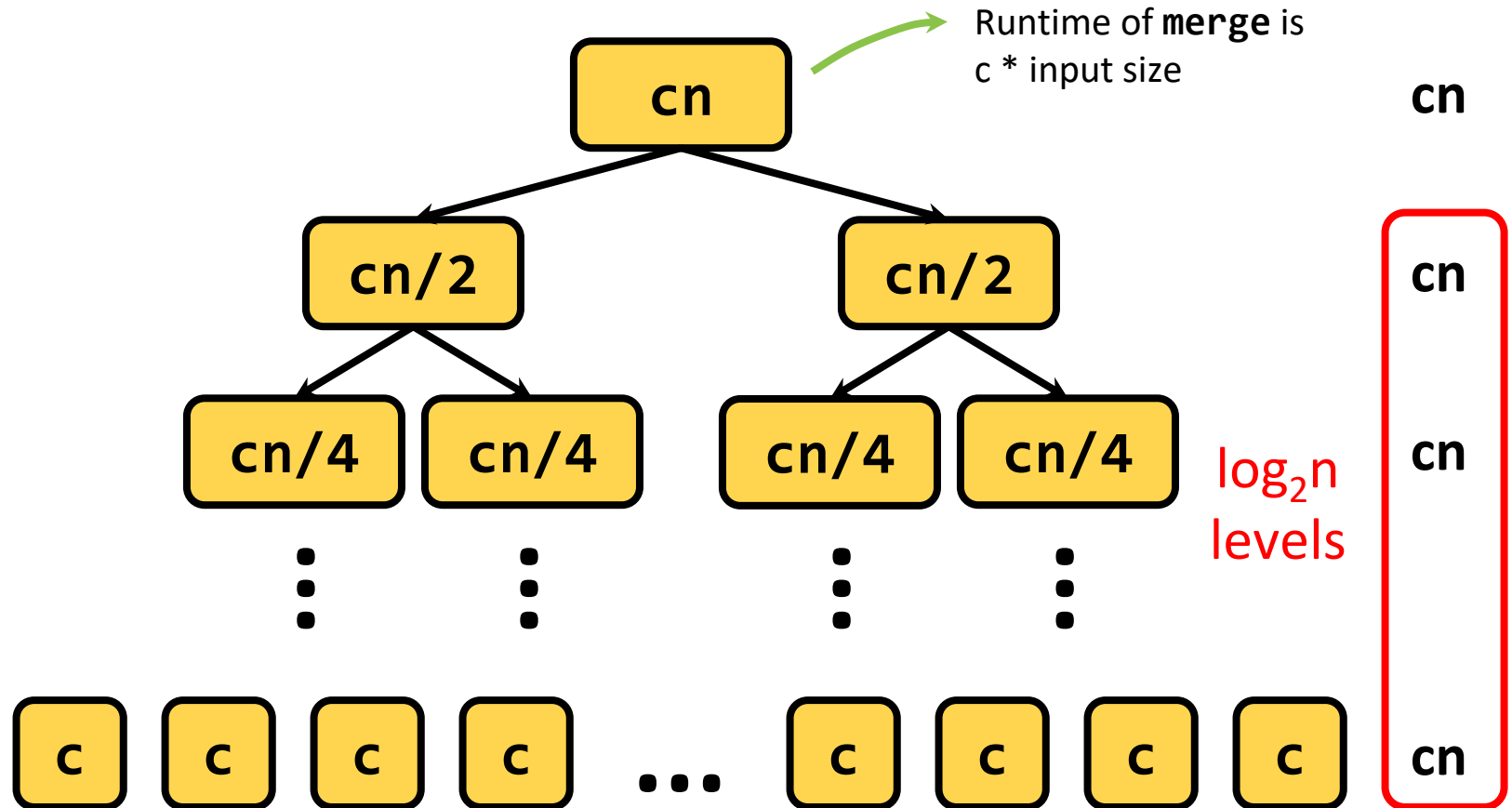


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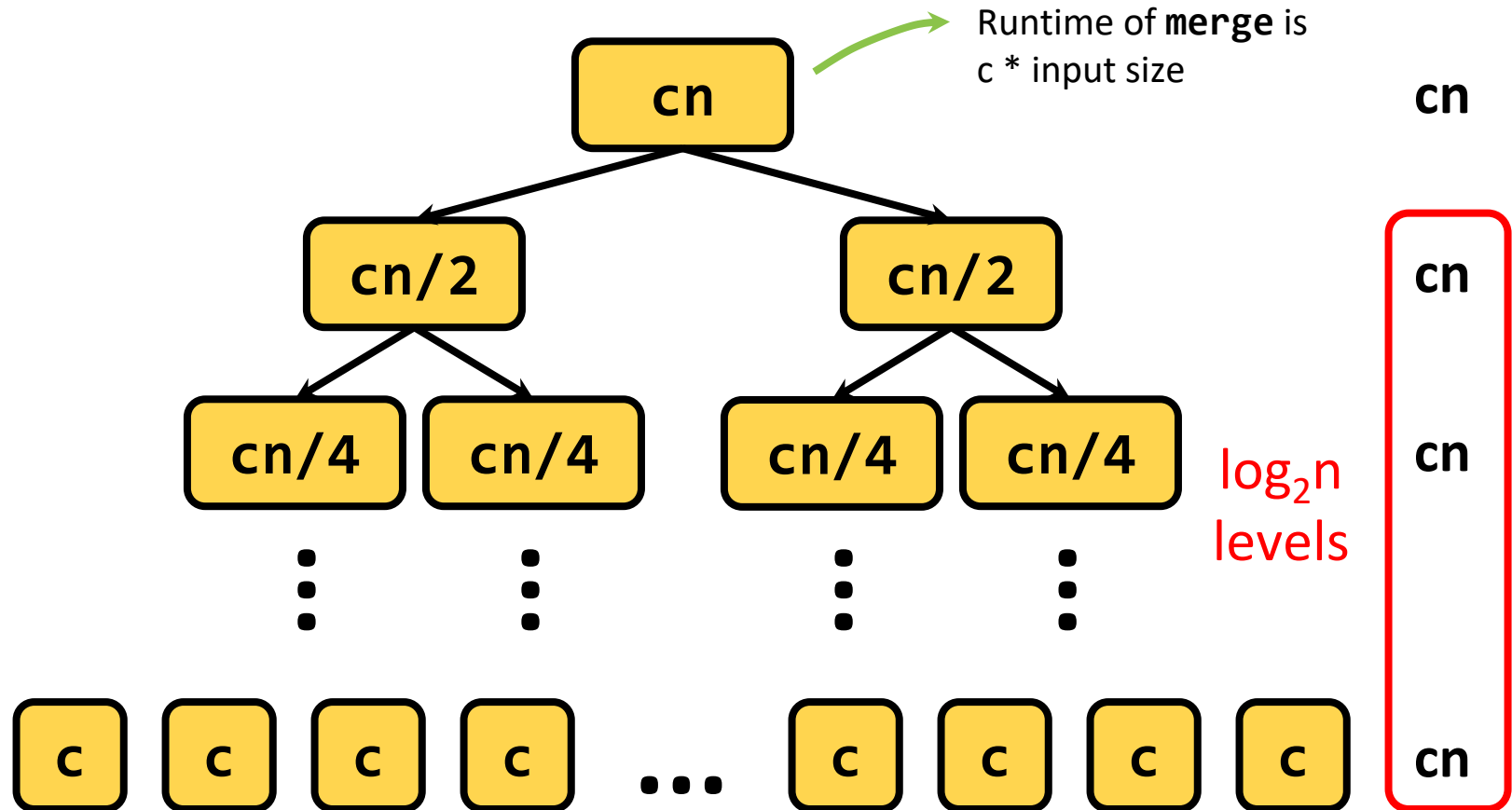
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More examples

- Needlessly recursive integer multiplication
 - $T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + O(n)$
- Karatsuba integer multiplication
 - $T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + O(n)$
- MergeSort
 - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$
- Another example
 - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n^2)$

What's the pattern?!?!?!?!?

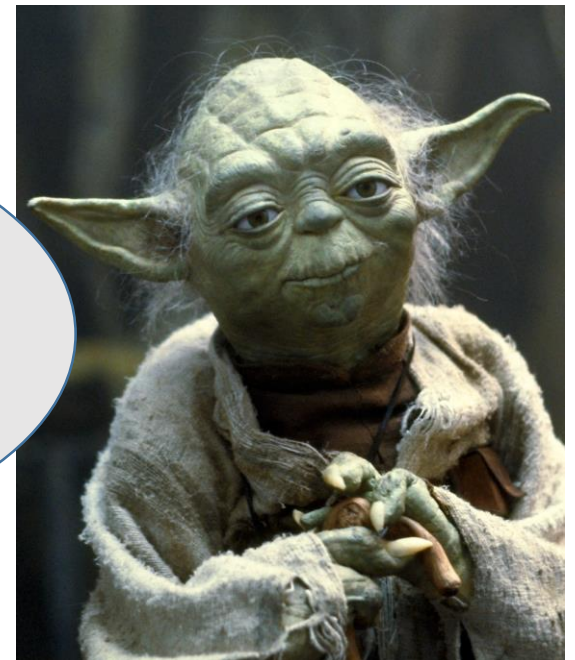
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- A **formula** that solves recurrences **when all of the sub-problems are the same size**
 - We will see an example later when not all problems are the same size.

A useful
formula it is.
You should know
why it works.



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Master Method

- Suppose $T(n) = a \cdot T(n/b) + f(n)$.
 - $a \geq 1$ and $b > 1$ are constant
 - $f(n)$ is an asymptotically-positive (>0) function
- Compare $f(n)$ with $n^{\log_b a}$ (polynomially):
 - $n^{\log_b a}$ = number of leaves in the recursion tree

The Master method states:

Case	Condition	Regularity condition	Solution
1	$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$		$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$
2	$f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for a constant $\epsilon > 0$	$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq cf(n)$ for a constant $c < 1$	$T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$
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$$\log_b a = d$$



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(n^d – subproblem들의 결과를 합치기 위한 runtime)

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The Eternal Struggle



Branching causes the number
of problems to explode!
**The most work is at the
bottom of the tree!**

The problems lower in
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**The most work is at
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Consider Examples

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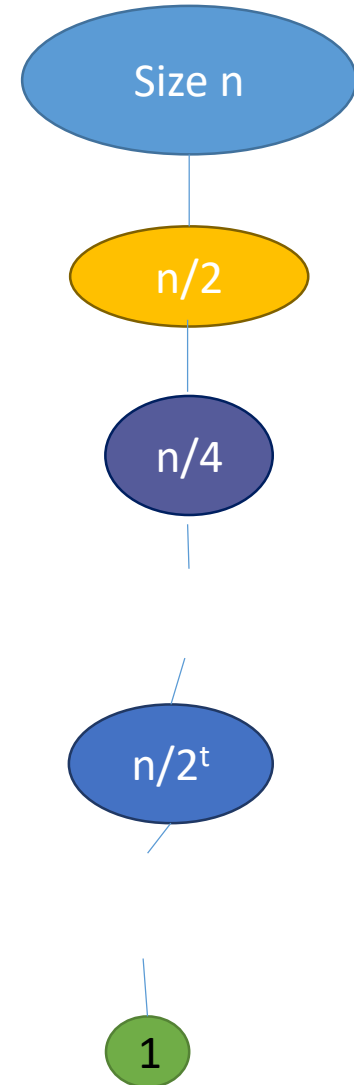
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First example: tall and skinny tree

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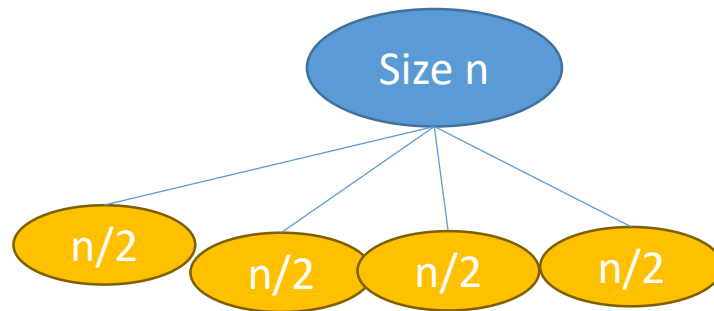
- The amount of work done at the top (the biggest problem) swamps the amount of work done anywhere else.

- $T(n) = O(\text{work at top}) = O(n)$

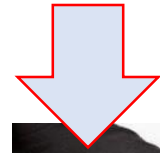


Third example: bushy tree

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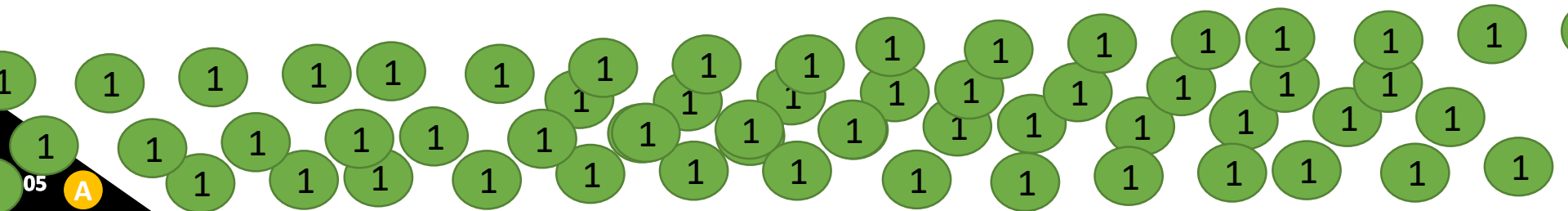


WINNER



**Most work at
the bottom
of the tree!**

- There are a HUGE number of leaves, and the total work is dominated by the time to do work at these leaves.
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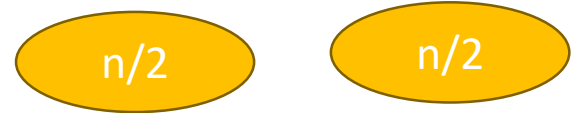


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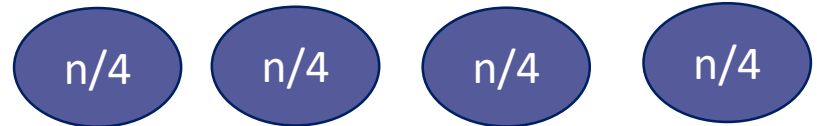
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- The branching **just** balances out the amount of work.



- The same amount of work is done at every level.



- $T(n) = (\text{number of levels}) * (\text{work per level})$
- $= \log(n) * O(n) = O(n \log(n))$



Master Method

- We can prove the Master Method by writing out a generic proof using a recursion tree.
 - Draw out the tree.
 - Determine the work per level.
 - Sum across all levels.
 - Details on ch 4.6.
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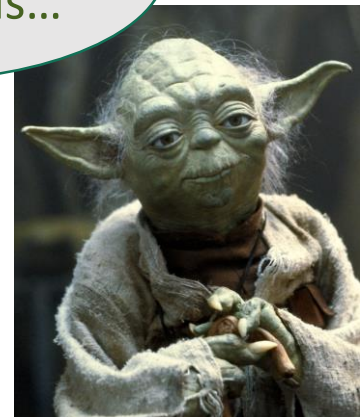
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Guess and verify

1. Guess what the answer is.
 2. Formally prove that's what the answer is.
- Let's try it out with an example recurrence from last time:
 - $T(1) \leq 1$
 - $T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + n$

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Substitution Method

1. Guess what the answer is.

- Try solving it...

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

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$$T(n) = 8T(n/8) + 3n$$

...

- Following the pattern...

$$T(n) = nT(1) + n \log(n) = n (\log(n) + 1)$$

$$T(1) \leq 1$$

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + n$$

Substitution Method

2. Formally prove that's what the answer is.

- **Inductive hypothesis** $T(k) \leq k(\log(k) + 1)$ for all $1 \leq k < n$.
- **Base case** $T(1) = 1 = 1(\log(1) + 1)$.
- **Inductive step**
 - Support that the hyp. holds when $k/2$
 - $T(k) = 2T(k/2) + k$ Substitute $n/2$ into inductive hyp.
 $\leq 2((k/2)(\log(k/2) + 1)) + k$
 $= 2((k/2)(\log(k) - 1 + 1)) + k$
 $= 2((k/2) \log(k)) + k$
 $= k(\log(k) + 1)$
- **Conclusion** By induction, $T(n) \leq n(\log(n) + 1)$ for all $n > 0$.

Substitution Method

- So far, just seems like a different way of doing the same thing.
- But, let's try it out with a new recurrence:
 - $T(n) = 10n$, when $1 \leq n \leq 10$
 - $T(n) = 3n + T(n/5) + T(n/2)$, otherwise

Substitution Method

$$T(n) = 10n, \text{ when } 1 \leq n \leq 10$$

$$T(n) = 3n + T(n/5) + T(n/2), \text{ otherwise}$$

1. Guess what the answer is.

- Try solving it

[Whiteboard] – Gets gross fast

- Try plotting it → Guess $O(n)$

- What else do we know?

- $$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 3n + T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\ &\leq 3n + 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\ &= O(n \log(n)) \end{aligned}$$

- $$T(n) \geq 3n$$

- So the right answer is somewhere between $O(n)$ and $O(n \log(n))$.

- Let's guess $O(n)$



Substitution Method

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Guess $O(n)$

2. Formally prove that's what the answer is.

● **Inductive hypothesis** $T(k) \leq Ck$ for all $1 \leq k < n$.

● **Base case** $T(k) \leq Ck$ for all $k \leq 10$.

C is some constant we'll have to fill in later!

● **Inductive step**

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcirc \quad T(n) &= 3n + T(n/5) + T(n/2) \\ &\leq 3n + C(n/5) + C(n/2) \\ &= 3n + (C/5)n + (C/2)n \\ &\leq Cn \end{aligned}$$

C must be ≥ 10 since the recurrence states $T(k) = 10k$ when $1 \leq k \leq 10$

Solve for C to satisfy the inequality. $C = 10$ works.

● **Conclusion** There exists some C such that for all $n > 1$, $T(n) \leq Cn$.
Therefore, $T(n) = O(n)$.

Substitution Method

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Pretend like we knew it

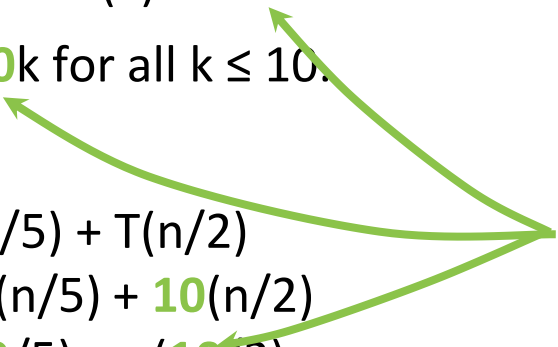
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Pretend we knew $C = 10$
all along.



● **Conclusion** For all $n > 1$, $T(n) \leq 10n$. Therefore, $T(n) = O(n)$.

Substitution Method

- What have we learned?
 - The substitution method can work when the master theorem doesn't.
 - For example with different-sized sub-problems
 - Step 1: generate a guess
 - Step 2: try to prove that your guess is correct
 - Might need to leave some constants unspecified until the end
 - Then see what they need to be for the proof to work
 - Step 3: profit
 - Pretend you didn't do Steps 1 and 2 and write down a nice proof

Today's Outline

- Divide and Conquer I
 - ~~Proving correctness with induction~~ **Done!**
 - ~~Proving runtime with **recurrence relations**~~ **Done!**
 - How do we measure the runtime of a recursive algorithm?
 - ~~Proving the **Master method**~~ **Done!**
 - A useful theorem (do not have to answer the runtime from scratch)
 - ~~Learn the **Substitution method**~~ **Done!**
 - It can be used when the master method doesn't work
 - *Problems: Comparison-sorting*
 - *Algorithms: Mergesort*
 - Reading: CLRS 2.3, 4.3-4.6

Introduction to Algorithms

L3. Divide & Conquer. III

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 - *Problems: k^{th} number selection*
 - *Algorithms: Linear-time selection*
 - Reading: CLRS 9.2 9.3

Linear-Time Selection

Linear-Time Selection

- **Task** Find the k^{th} smallest element in an unsorted list in $O(n)$ -time.

1	64	9	49	16	4	0	25	36	81
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SELECT(A,k): return the k^{th} smallest element in A

SELECT(A,0)=0

SELECT(A,1)=1

SELECT(A,2)=4

SELECT(A,4)=16

SELECT(A,9)=81

SELECT(A,0)=MIN(A)

SELECT(A,n/2-1)=MEDIAN(A)

SELECT(A,n-1)=MAX(A)

- Such an algorithm could find the **min** in $O(n)$ -time if $k=0$ or the **max** if $k=n-1$.
- Such an algorithm could find the **median** in $O(n)$ -time if $k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1$ (this definition allows the median of lists of even-length to always be elements of the list, as opposed to the average of two elements).

Linear-Time Selection

- **Finding the min and max**

Iterate through the list and keep track of the smallest and largest elements.
Runtime $O(n)$.

- **Finding the k^{th} smallest element (naive)**

Sort the list and return the element in index k of the sorted list.

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$k=3$



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Not Quite Linear-Time Selection

```
def naive_select(A, k):  
    A = mergesort(A)  
    return A[k]
```

Worst-case runtime
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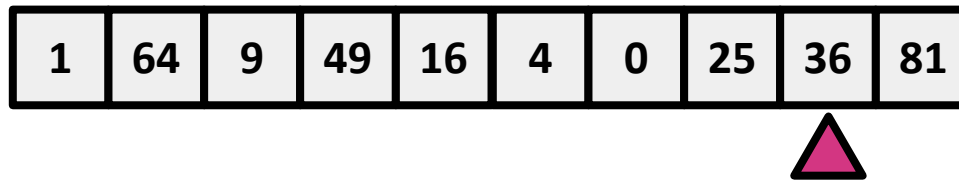
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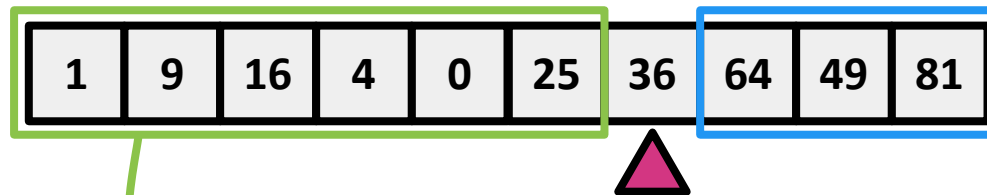
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Partition around the pivot, such that all elements to the left are less than it and all elements to the right are greater than it
(Notice that the halves remain unsorted.)

Find element $k=3$ in this half since 36 occupies index 6 and $k=3 < 6$.

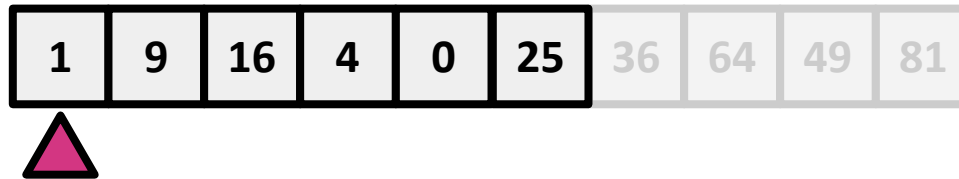
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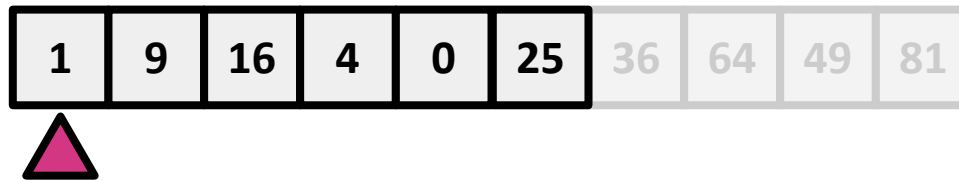
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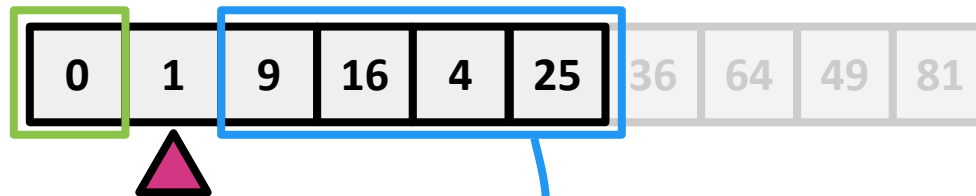
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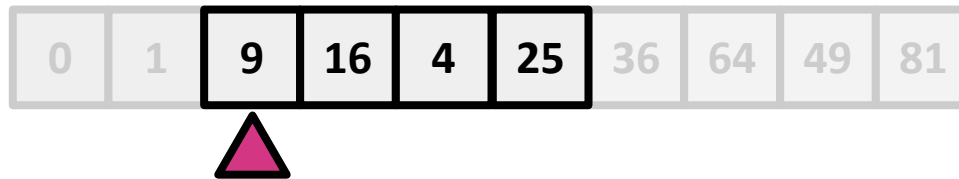


Partition around the pivot

Find element $k=3-(1+1)$ in this half since 1 occupies index 1 and $k=3 > 1$.

Linear-Time Selection

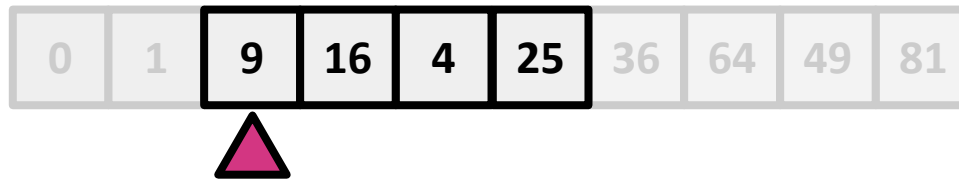
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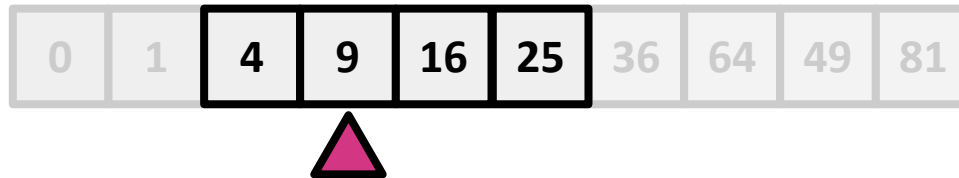
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Partition around the pivot
We found the element!

Linear-Time Selection

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{
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Note: this is different from the “worst-case” we saw for insertion sort (we’ll revisit during Randomized Algs).

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Linear-Time Selection

```
// It searches for x in arr[l..r], and partitions the array around x.
int partition(int arr[], int l, int r, int x)
{
    // Search for x in arr[l..r] and move it to end
    int i;
    for (i=l; i<r; i++)
        if (arr[i] == x)
            break;
    swap(&arr[i], &arr[r]);

    // Standard partition algorithm
    i = l;
    for (int j = l; j <= r - 1; j++)
    {
        if (arr[j] <= x)
        {
            swap(&arr[i], &arr[j]);
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        }
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    swap(&arr[i], &arr[r]);
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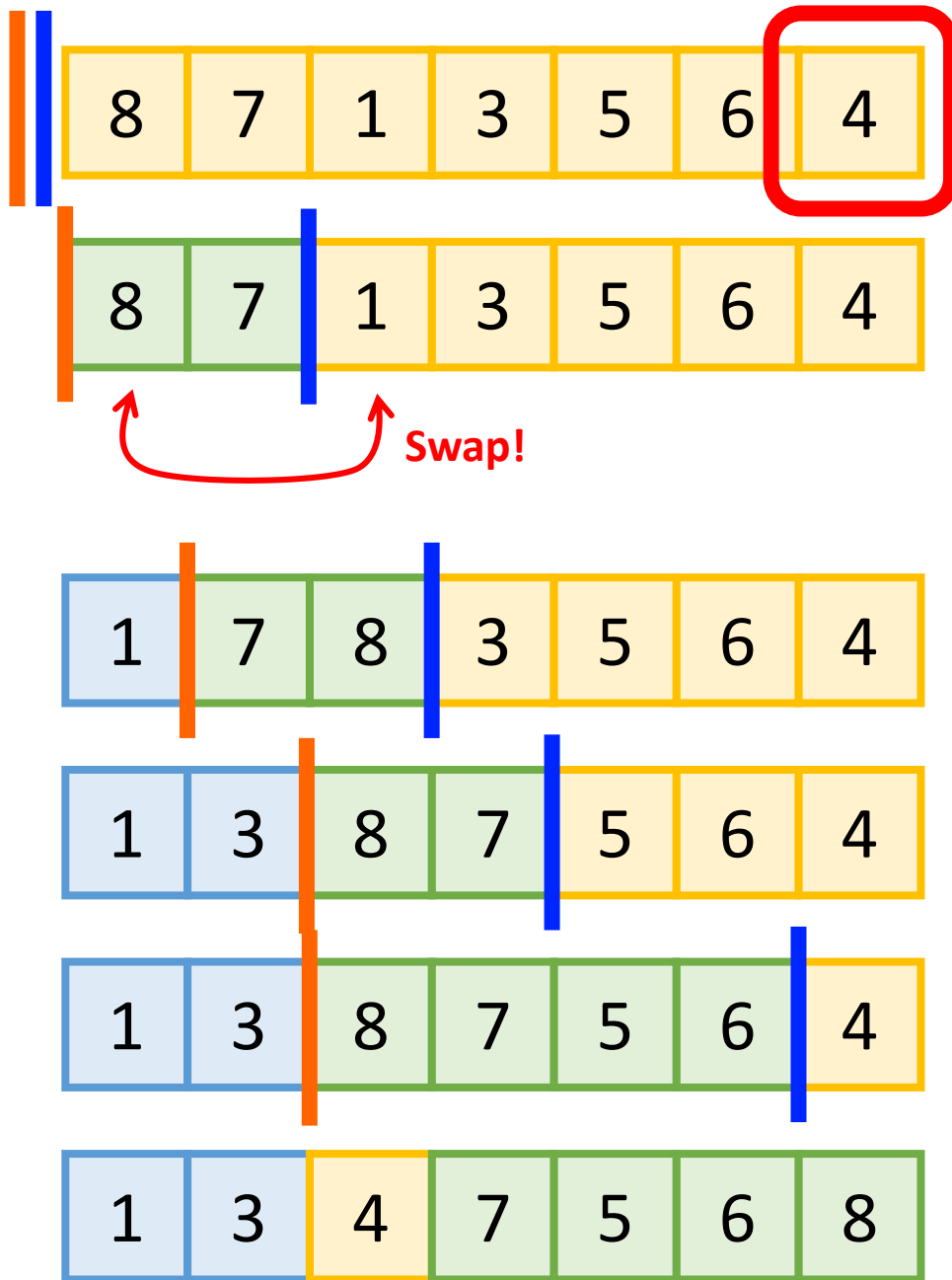
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A better way to do Partition




Pivot

Choose it randomly, then swap it with the last one, so it's at the end.

Initialize  and 

Step  forward.

When  sees something smaller than the pivot, **swap** the things ahead of the bars and increment both bars.

Repeat till the end, then put the pivot in the right place.

See CLRS

Linear-Time Selection

- **Intuition** Partition the list about a pivot selected at random, either return the pivot itself or recurse on the left or right sublists (but not both).
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1. Does this actually work? We've already seen an example!

- Formally, similar to last time, we proceed by induction, inducting on the length of the input list.

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Proving Correctness

```
def proof_of_correctness_helper(algorithm):  
    if algorithm.type == "iterative":  
        # 1) Find the loop invariant  
        # 2) Define the inductive hypothesis  
        #     (internal state at iteration i)  
        # 3) Prove the base case (i=0)  
        # 4) Prove the inductive step (i => i+1)  
        # 5) Prove the conclusion (i=n => correct)  
    elif algorithm.type == "recursive":  
        # 1) Define the inductive hypothesis  
        #     (correct for inputs of sizes 1 to i)  
        # 2) Prove the base case (i < small constant)  
        # 3) Prove the inductive step (i => i+1 OR  
        #     {1,2,...,i} => i+1)  
        # 4) Prove the conclusion (i=n => correct)  
    # TODO
```

Proving Correctness

- Recall, there are four components in a proof by induction.
 - **Inductive Hypothesis** The algorithm works on input lists of length 1 to i .
 - **Base case** The algorithm works on input lists of length 1.
 - **Inductive step** If the algorithm works on input lists of length 1 to i , then it works on input lists of length $i+1$.
 - **Conclusion** If the algorithm works on input lists of length n , then it works on the entire list.

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- **Conclusion** The inductive hypothesis holds for all i . In particular, given an input list of any length n , **select(A,k)** correctly finds the k^{th} -smallest element!

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 - Linear-time selection
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 - *Problems: selection*
 - *Algorithms: Select*
 - Reading: CLRS 9

Analyzing Runtime

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n) & \text{len(left) == k} \\ T(\text{len(left)}) + O(n) & \text{len(left) > k} \\ T(\text{len(right)}) + O(n) & \text{len(left) < k} \end{cases}$$

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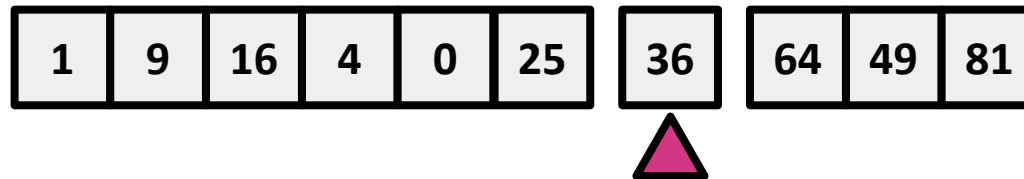
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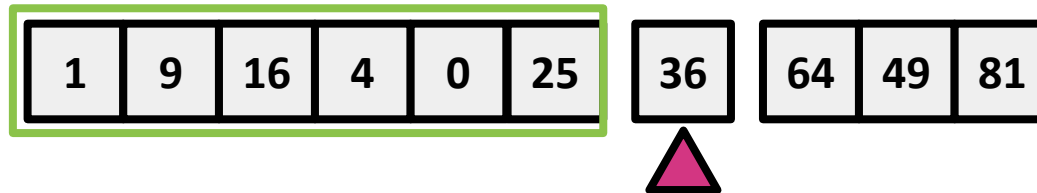


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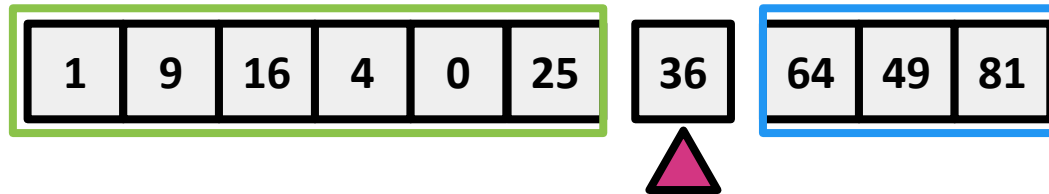


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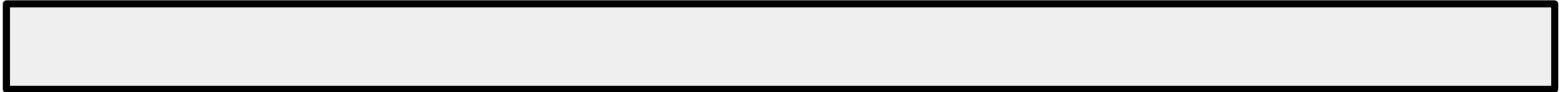
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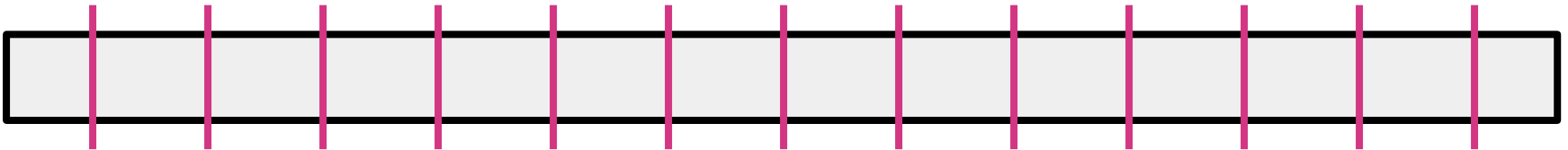
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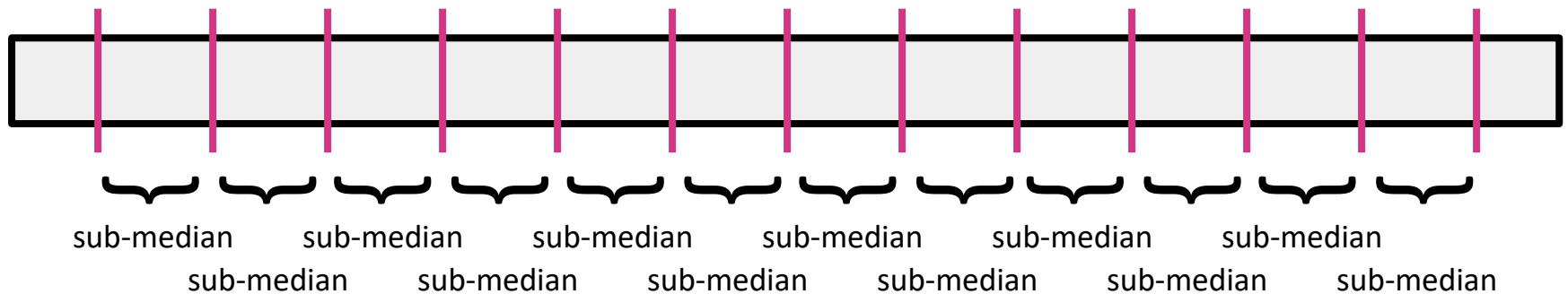
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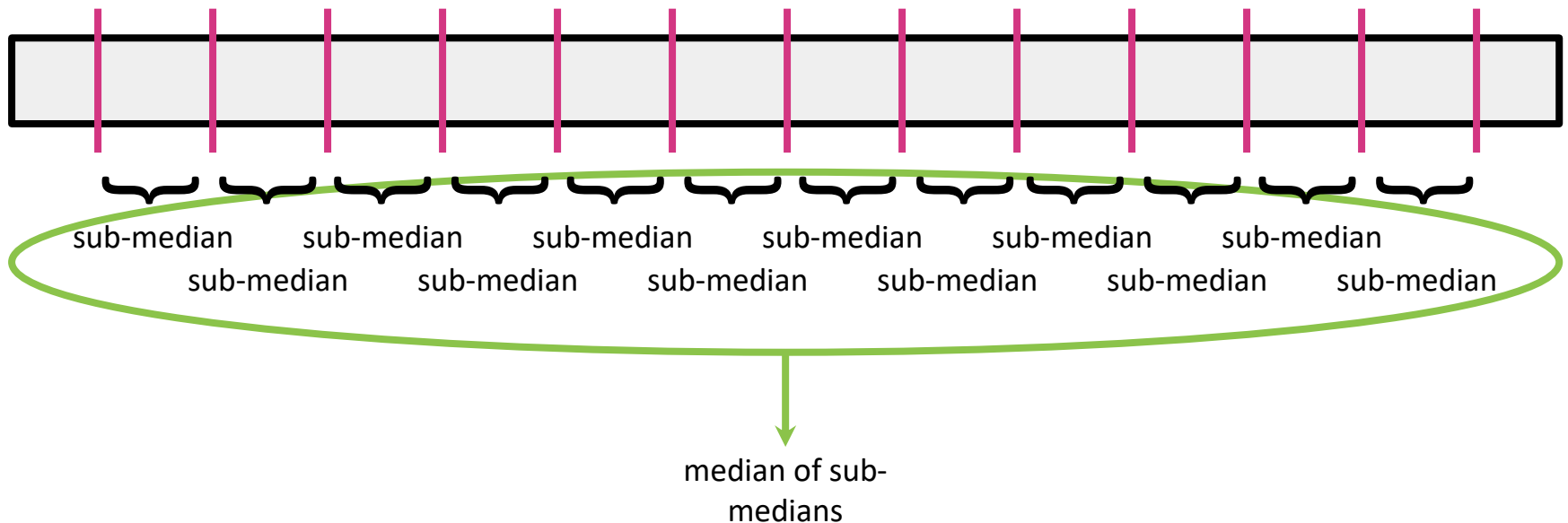
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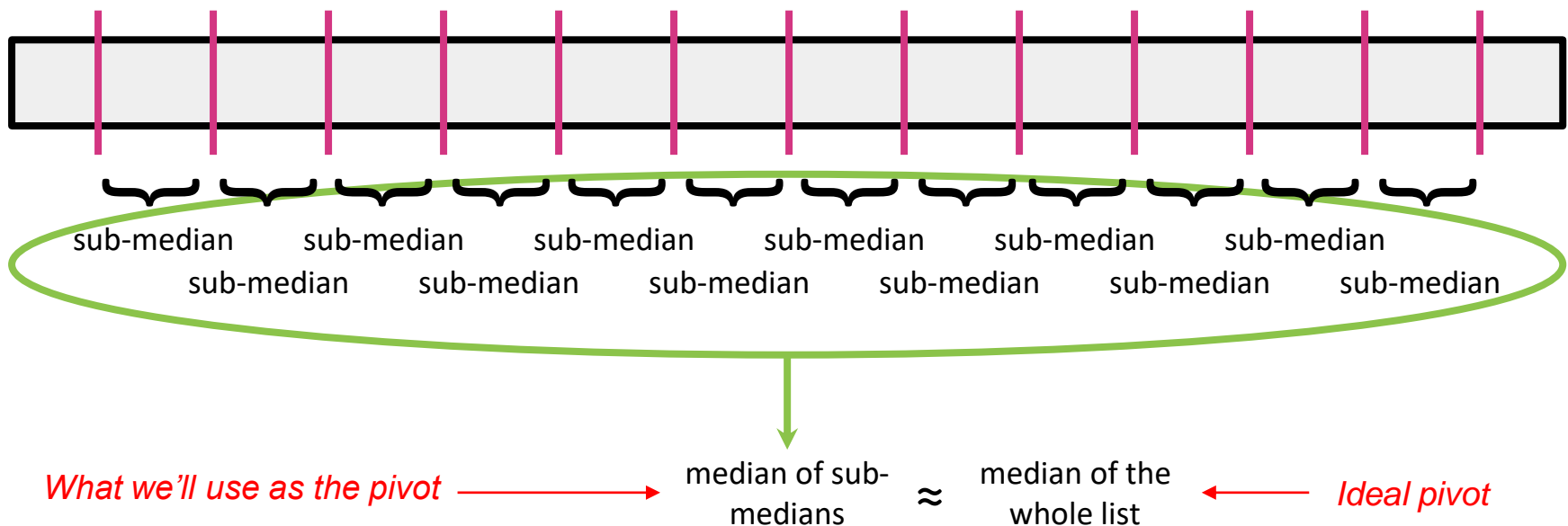
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 - Find the median within the i 'th group, call it p_i
 - $p = \text{SELECT}([p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_m], m/2)$
 - **return** p

8

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This takes time $O(1)$, for each group, since each group has size 5. So that's $O(m)$ total in the for loop.

Pivot is $\text{SELECT}([8, 4, 5, 6, 12], 3) = 6$:

6

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PARTITION around that 6:

1

A

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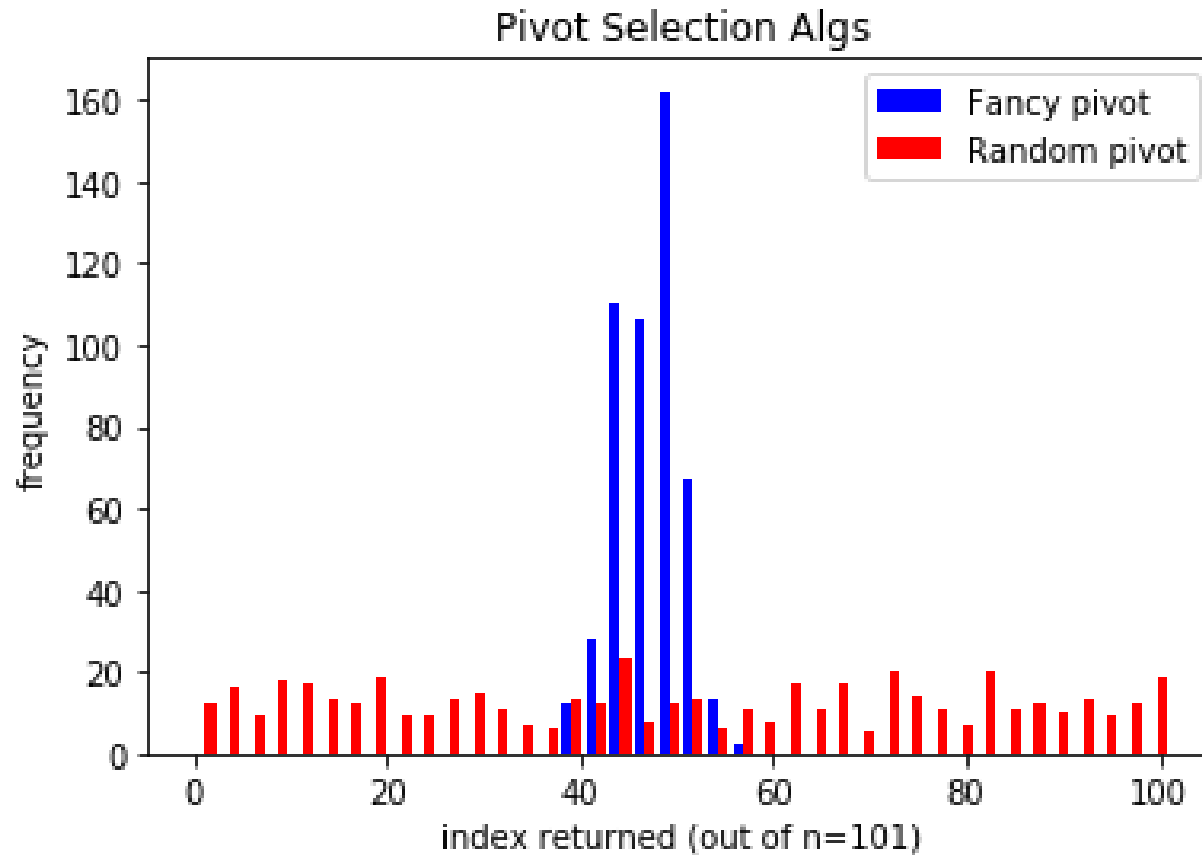
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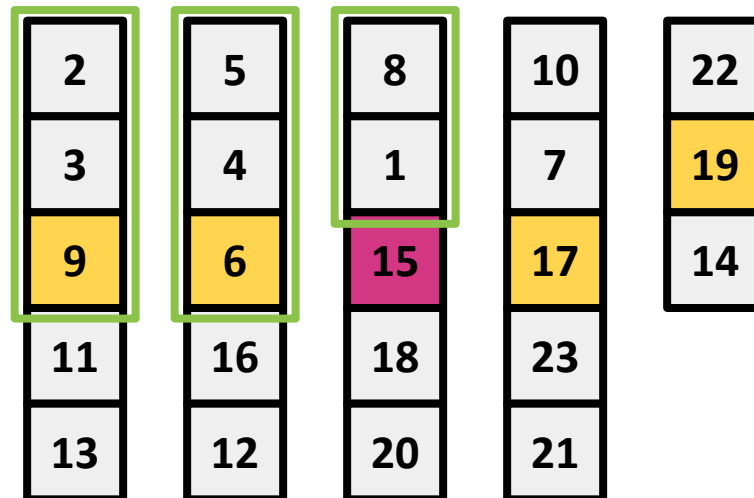
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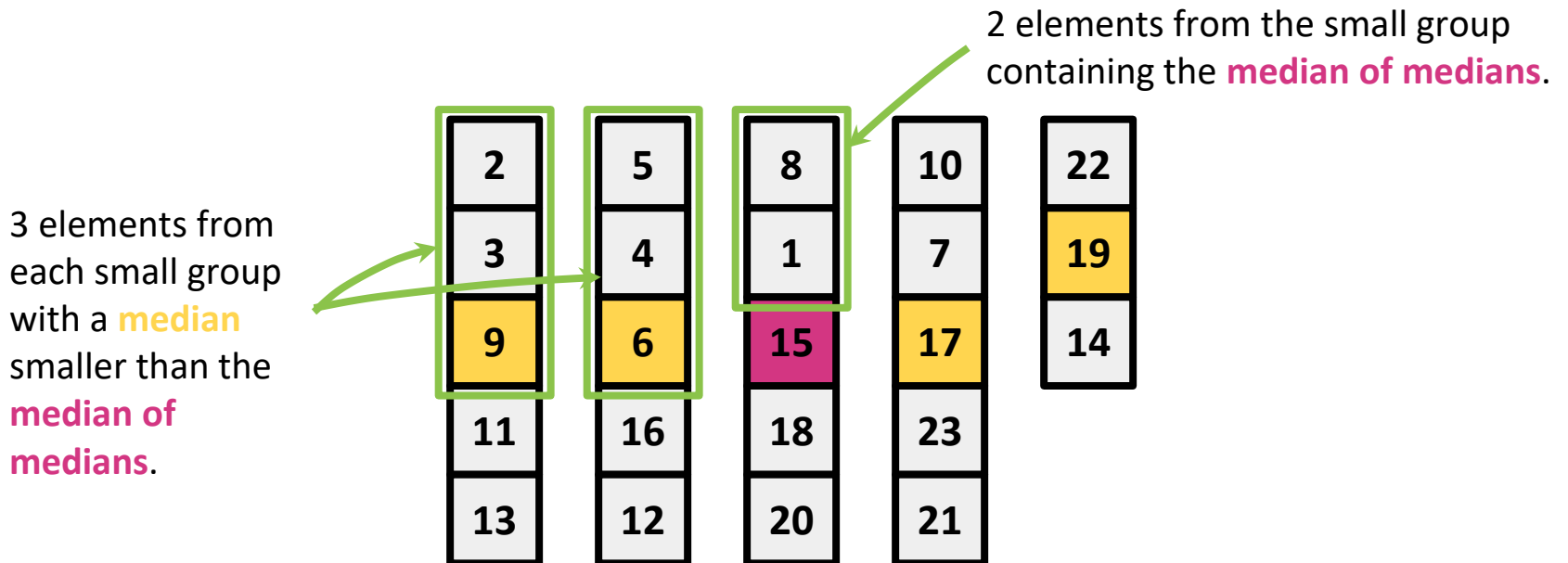
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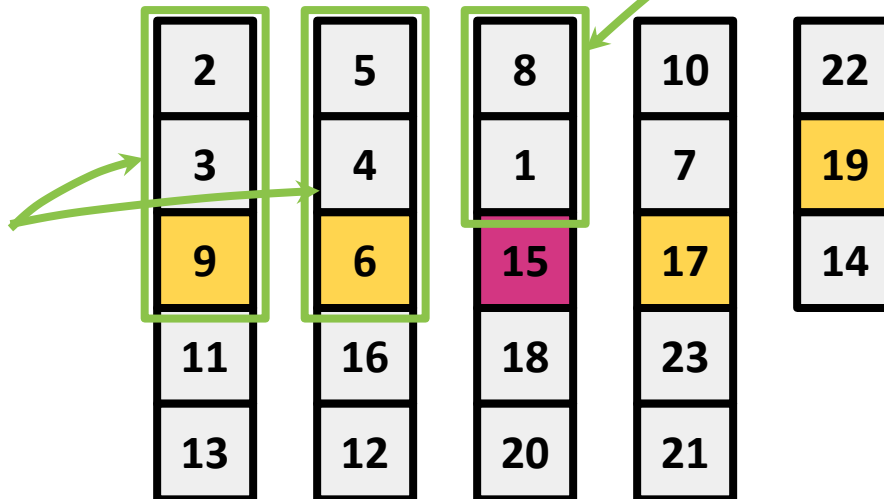
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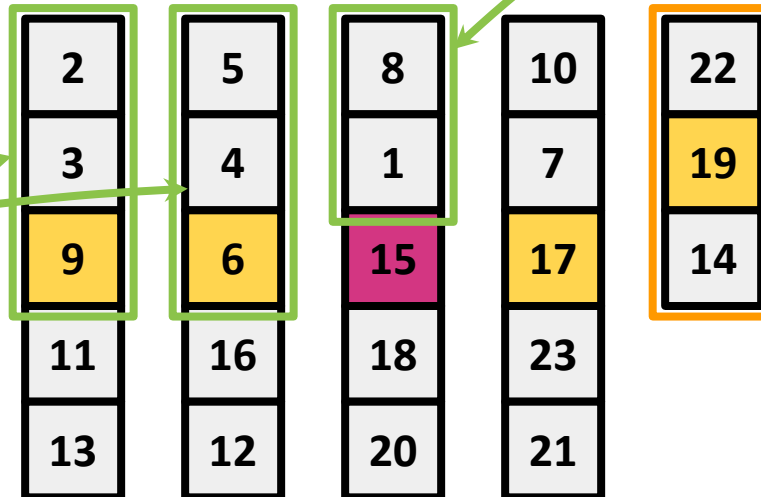
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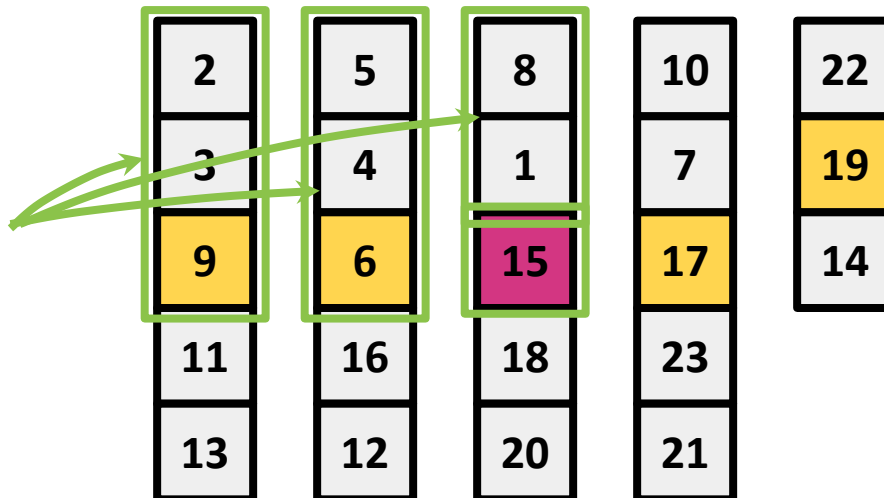
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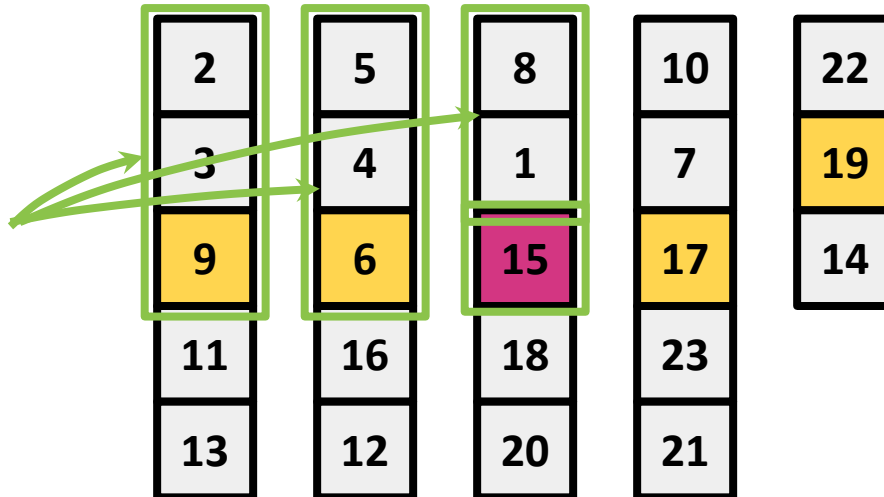
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- We can just as easily show the inverse.

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Linear-Time Selection

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// Returns k'th (k = 0, 1, ..) smallest element in arr[l..r] in worst case
// linear time. ASSUMPTION: ALL ELEMENTS IN ARR[] ARE DISTINCT
int select(int arr[], int l, int r, int k)
{
    // If k is smaller than number of elements in array
    if (k >= 0 && k < r - l + 1)
    {
        int n = r-l+1; // Number of elements in arr[l..r]
        int pivot = Median_of_median(arr, l, r);
        // Partition the array around a random element and
        // get position of pivot element in sorted array
        int pos = partition(arr, l, r, pivot);

        // If position is same as k
        if (pos-l == k)
            return arr[pos];
        if (pos-l > k) // If position is more, recur for left
            return select(arr, l, pos-1, k);
        else // Else recur for right subarray
            return select(arr, pos+1, r, k-pos+1-1);
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1. Guess what the answer is.

- **Linear-time** select
- Comparing to mergesort recurrence, less than $n \log(n)$

→ Guess $O(n)$

Substitution Method

$$T(n) = n \log(n) \text{ when } n \leq 100$$

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2. Formally prove that's what the answer is.

● **Inductive hypothesis** $T(k) \leq Ck$ for all $1 \leq k < n$.

● **Base case** $T(k) \leq Ck$ for all $k \leq 100$.

C is some constant we'll have to fill in later!

● **Inductive step**

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcirc \quad T(n) &= T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + dn \\ &\leq C(n/5) + C(7n/10) + dn \\ &= (C/5)n + (7C/10)n + dn \\ &\leq Cn \end{aligned}$$

C must be $\geq \log(n)$ for $n \leq 100$, so $C \geq 7$.

Solve for C to satisfy the inequality. $C \geq 10d$ works.

● **Conclusion** There exists some $C = \max\{7, 10d\}$ such that for all $n > 1$, $T(n) \leq Cn$. Therefore, $T(n) = O(n)$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \bigcirc \quad T(n) &= T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + dn \\ &\leq \max\{7, 10d\}(n/5) + \max\{7, 10d\}(7n/10) + dn \\ &= (\max\{7, 10d\}/5)n + (7\max\{7, 10d\}/10)n + dn \\ &\leq \max\{7, 10d\}n \end{aligned}$$

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Substitution Method

1. Guess what the answer is.
1. Formally prove that's what the answer is.
 - Might need to leave some constants unspecified until the end and see what they need to be for the proof to work.

Today's Outline

- Divide and Conquer II

- Linear-time selection

- ~~Proving correctness~~ Done!

- ~~Proving runtime with recurrence relations~~ Done!

- *Problems: selection*

- *Algorithms: Select*

- Reading: CLRS 9

Linear-Time Selection

- **Finding the min and max**

Iterate through the list and keep track of the smallest and largest elements.

Runtime $O(n)$.

- **Finding the k^{th} smallest element (naive)**

Sort the list and return the element in index k of the sorted list.

Runtime $O(n \log(n))$.

1	64	9	49	16	4	0	25	36	81
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$k=3$



0	1	4	9	16	25	36	49	64	81
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Linear-Time Selection

- **Key Insight** Select a pivot, partition around it, and recurse.
- Suppose we want to find element $k=3$.

1	64	9	49	16	4	0	25	36	81
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Select a pivot at random (for now)

1	9	16	4	0	25	36	64	49	81
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Partition around the pivot, such that all elements to the left are less than it and all elements to the right are greater than it
(Notice that the halves remain unsorted.)

Find element $k=3$ in this half since 36 occupies index 6 and $k=3 < 6$.

Analyzing Runtime

- Writing a recurrence relation for **select** gives:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n) & \text{len(left) == k} \\ T(\text{len(left)}) + O(n) & \text{len(left) > k} \\ T(\text{len(right)}) + O(n) & \text{len(left) < k} \end{cases}$$

len(left) and len(right)
depend on how we
pick the pivot!

```
int select(int arr[], int l, int r, int k)
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    {
        int n = r-l+1;
        int pivot = median_of_medians(arr, l, r);
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            return select(arr, l, pos-1, k);
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How to pick the pivot?

- **Idea #1: choose a random pivot**

- Unlucky case: $\text{len}(\text{left}) = n - 1$ and $\text{len}(\text{right}) = 1$ or vice versa
- $T(n) \leq T(n-1) + O(n)$
- Worst-case runtime $\Theta(n^2)$

- **Idea #2: choose a pivot that divides the input list in half (the median)**

- $\text{len}(\text{left}) = \text{len}(\text{right}) = (n-1)/2$
- $T(n) \leq T(n/2) + O(n)$
- Worst-case runtime $\Theta(n)$
- We do not know how to find the median in linear time

- **Idea #3: find a pivot “close enough” to median**

- $3n/10 < \text{len}(\text{left}), \text{len}(\text{right}) < 7n/10.$
- $T(n) \leq T(7n/10) + O(n)$
- Worst-case runtime $\Theta(n)$

Today's Outline

- Divide and Conquer I
 - ~~Proving correctness with induction~~ Done!
 - ~~Proving runtime with recurrence relations~~ Done!
 - ~~Proving the Master method~~ Done!
 - ~~Learn the Substitution method~~ Done!
- Divide and Conquer II
 - *Problems: k^{th} number selection*
 - ~~Algorithms: Linear-time selection~~ Done!
 - Reading: CLRS 9.2 9.3