



① Intro: We've seen divide and conquer solve the maximum contiguous sum,  
Can we use D.A.C. to sort?

② Idea: Some observations!

(A) A list of length 1 is sorted!

(B) So if we have two sorted lists. We can merge them  
together to create one big sorted list!

Ex    1 2 4 10              }  
          3 5 6 9 11              1 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11

These two ideas form the basis of merge sort!

Add'l: If our two sorted lists have a combined total length of  $n$   
then we can merge them in  $\Theta(n)$ , by simply  
picking the smallest from each list to build our new list,  
emptying out those lists as we go. If one list empties  
completely, just go through the rest of the other list.

③ All of this  $\uparrow$  becomes this pseudocode:

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\\" PRE: A is a list of integers.
function mergesort(A)
    if len(A) > 1
        m = len(A) // 2
        L = A[0,...,m-1]
        R = A[m,...,len(A)-1]
        L = mergesort(L)
        R = mergesort(R)
    \\" Merge L and R back on top of A.
    Lind = 0
    Rind = 0
    Aind = 0
    while Lind < len(L) and Rind < len(R)
        if L[Lind] <= R[Rind]:
            A[Aind] = L[Lind]
            Lind ++
            Aind ++
        else:
            A[Aind] = R[Rind]
            Rind ++
            Aind ++
    end
    while Lind < len(L)
        A[Aind] = L[Lind]
        Lind ++
        Aind ++
    end
    while Rind < len(R)
        A[Aind] = R[Rind]
        Rind ++
        Aind ++
    end
```

↳ cut in half to make NEW LISTS L and R  $\Theta(n)$

↳ sort those halves recursively!  $\leftrightarrow$  via recursion!

also note the base case,  
when  $\text{len}(A)=1$ , is  $\Theta(1)$

} merging two lists

together as  
discussed!

$\Theta(n)$  where

$n$  = combined lengths

$\leftrightarrow$  note, L, R are merged  
back on top of A.

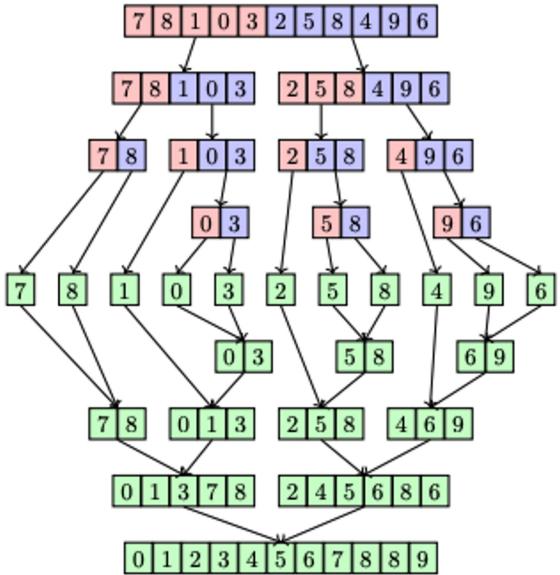
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        Aind ++
    end
    while Rind < len(R)
        A[Aind] = R[Rind]
        Rind ++
        Aind ++
    end
end
return(A)

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\ \ POST: A is sorted.

#### (4) Fun Picture!



$n = \text{Combined lengths}$   
of L, R

Recursive Splitting!

merging!

#### (5) Time Complexity: Let's use the Master Theorem!

Sps  $T(n)$  = time required to sort a list of length  $n$ .  
looking at the pseudocode:

$$T(n) = \underbrace{2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}_{\substack{\hookrightarrow \text{Rec. calls of lists of half the length} \\ \hookrightarrow \text{some fctn which is } \Theta(n)}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\substack{\hookrightarrow \text{creation of L and R} \\ \text{and merging process.}}}$$

and  $T(1) = \text{some Constant!}$

Master Theorem!  $T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$

Case 1?  $f(n) = O(n^c)$  so  $c=1$  and  $\log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1 > 1 = c$

Case 2?  $f(n) = \Theta(n^c)$  so  $c=1$  and  $\log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1 \underset{=} 1 = c$

NO

YES

$$\text{So } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

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Note: this is best, worst, and avg case!

⑥ Aux Space: B/c we create L and R each time,  
the aux space is not  $\Theta(1)$ . What is it?!

Sps  $S(n) = \text{aux space required to sort a list of length } n$ .  
Observe that:

- (A) We create L, R and that's  $\Theta(n)$  more space.
- (B) We have some indices, that's  $\Theta(1)$ .
- (C) We have two rec. calls to lists of length  $\frac{n}{2}$ .

So maybe:

$$S(n) = 2S\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) ?$$

(Wrong b/c first rec. call ends, and its aux mem freed,  
before the second rec. call.  $\leftarrow f(n)$ )

$$\text{So } S(n) = S\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n)$$

M.T.! Case 1:  $O(n)$  so  $C=1$  and  $\log_2 1 = 0 \neq 1 = C$

Case 2:  $\Theta(n)$  so  $C=1$  and  $\log_2 1 = 0 \neq 1 = C$

Case 3:  $\Omega(n)$  so  $C=1$  and  $\log_2 1 = 0 < 1 = C$  Case 3!

$$\text{So } S(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n).$$

⑦ To finish

(A) Aux Space:  $\Theta(n)$

(B) In-Place: No.

(C) Stable: Yes b/c if the:

$$\text{if } L[\text{Lind}] \leq R[\text{Rmd}]:$$

