

Merge Sort (Time Complexity)

best, average and worst case time complexity of the merge sort algorithm (Reading time: under 1 minute)

T I M E			S P A C E
Best	Average	Worst	Worst
$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$

Best, average and worst:

Each partitioning takes $O(n)$ operations, and every partitioning splits the array $O(\log(n))$. This results in $O(n \log(n))$.

Worst space:

We save three variables for each element in the array.