



Design and Analysis
of Algorithms I

Introduction

Merge Sort (Pseudocode)

Merge Sort: Pseudocode

- recursively sort 1st half of the input array
 - recursively sort 2nd half of the input array
 - merge two sorted sublists into one
- [ignores base cases]

Pseudocode for Merge:

C = output [length = n]

A = 1st sorted array [n/2]

B = 2nd sorted array [n/2]

i = 1

j = 1

for k = 1 to n

 if A(i) < B(j)

 C(k) = A(i)

 i++

 else [B(j) < A(i)]

 C(k) = B(j)

 j++

end

(ignores end cases)

Merge Sort Running Time?

Key Question : running time of Merge Sort on array of n numbers ?

[running time \sim # of lines of code executed]

Pseudocode for Merge:

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A = 1st sorted array [n/2]

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i = 1
j = 1



2 operations

for k = 1 to n ✓ 4 operations for each k

if A(i) < B(j) ✓

C(k) = A(i) —

i++ —

else [B(j) < A(i)]

C(k) = B(j) —

j++ —

end

(ignores end cases)

Running Time of Merge

Upshot : running time of Merge on array of m numbers is $\leq 4m + 2$
 $\leq 6m$ (Since $m \geq 1$)

一共有 $\log n$ 个 C array 所以最后的
merge sort operations = $6n * \log n + 6n$

Running Time of Merge Sort

Claim : Merge Sort requires
 $\leq 6n \log_2 n + 6n$ operations
to sort n numbers.

Recall : $\log_2 n$ is the #
of times you divide by 2
until you get down to 1

