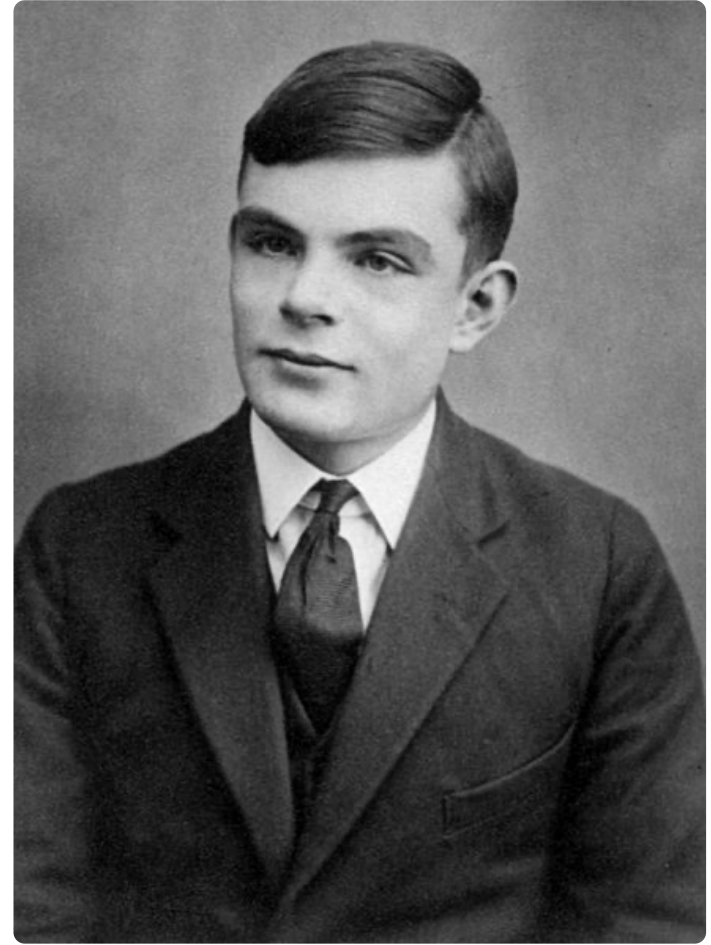




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## Highlights

Awesome TA's

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drop lowest 20% of HW scores

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## Part I.

You already know TCS

- counting
- over/under

# Counting



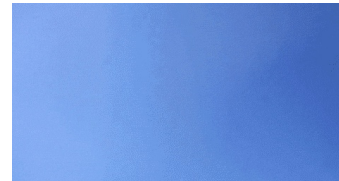
# Counting

$$\text{|||||} \text{|||||} \text{|||||} \text{|||||} \text{|||} = 23$$

RHS much more efficient than LHS  
"unary"

Decimal notation:  $10^k$  #'s w/  $k$  digits

Combinatorial  
explosion!



Over/under

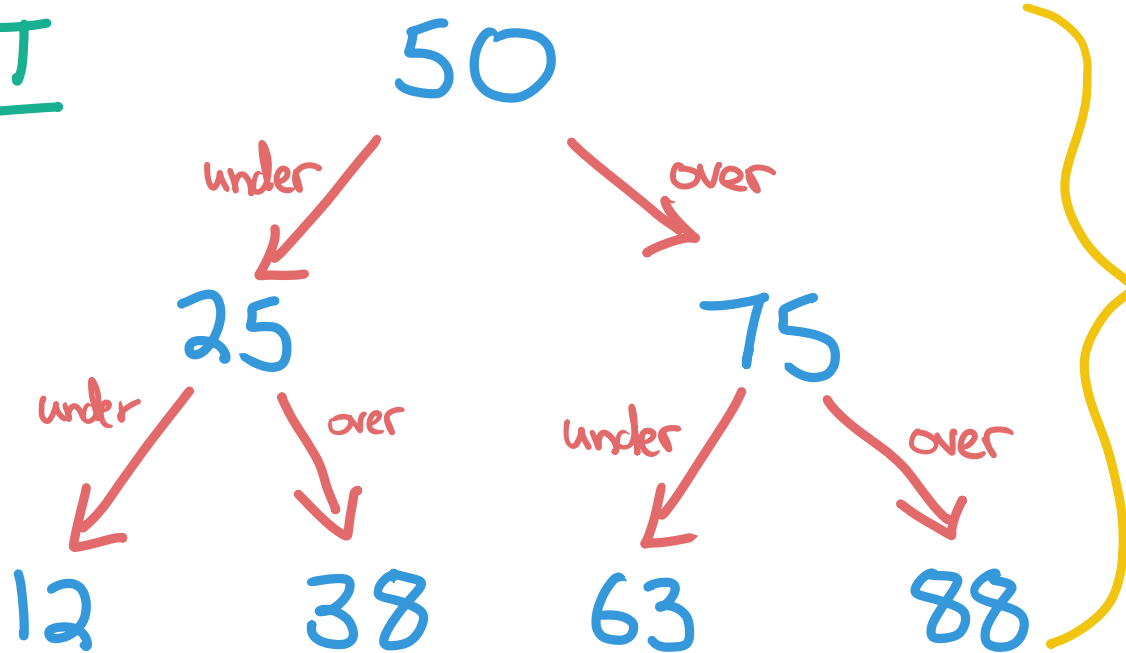
guess # between 1 and 100

Slow algo:

for  $i=1, 2, \dots, 100$ , guess  $i$



FAST



# rounds?

$$\log_2 100 \approx 6.67$$

$\Rightarrow 6$  rounds

## exponentials

$$2^n = \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2}_{n \text{ times}}$$

## logarithms

"logarithm (base 2) of  $n$ "

$$\log_2 n \text{ s.t. } 2^{\log_2 n} = n$$

also:  $\log_e n$  (aka  $\ln$ )

$$\log_{10} n$$

$$\log_b n \text{ for some } b > 1$$

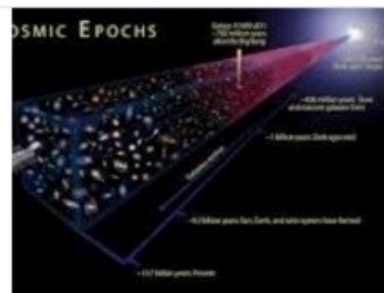
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$$\approx \log_2(272.4)$$

$$\approx 8.~\text{m}$$

$$(2^8 = 256)$$

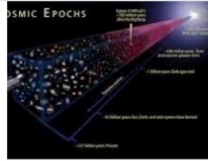
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TCS is about distinguishing

$2^n$ ,  
combinatorial  
explosion

vs

$\log_2 n$ ,  
binary search

# Part II: Sorting

## INEFFECTIVE SORTS

```
DEFINE HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST):  
  IF LENGTH(LIST) < 2:  
    RETURN LIST  
  PIVOT = INT(LENGTH(LIST) / 2)  
  A = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[:PIVOT])  
  B = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[PIVOT:])  
  // UMMMMM  
  RETURN[A,B] // HERE. SORRY.
```

```
DEFINE FASTBOGOSORT(LIST):  
  // AN OPTIMIZED BOGOSORT  
  // RUNS IN  $O(N \log N)$   
  FOR N FROM 1 TO LOG(LENGTH(LIST)):  
    SHUFFLE(LIST):  
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
      RETURN LIST  
  RETURN "KERNEL PAGE FAULT (ERROR CODE: 2)"
```

```
DEFINE JOBSITEINTERVIEWQUICKSORT(LIST):  
  OK SO YOU CHOOSE A PIVOT  
  THEN DIVIDE THE LIST IN HALF  
  FOR EACH HALF:  
    CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S SORTED  
    NO, WAIT, IT DOESN'T MATTER  
    COMPARE EACH ELEMENT TO THE PIVOT  
    THE BIGGER ONES GO IN A NEW LIST  
    THE EQUAL ONES GO INTO, UH  
    THE SECOND LIST FROM BEFORE  
    HANG ON, LET ME NAME THE LISTS  
    THIS IS LIST A  
    THE NEW ONE IS LIST B  
    PUT THE BIG ONES INTO LIST B  
    NOW TAKE THE SECOND LIST  
    CALL IT LIST, UH, A2  
    WHICH ONE WAS THE PIVOT IN?  
    SCRATCH ALL THAT  
    IT JUST RECURSIVELY CALLS ITSELF  
    UNTIL BOTH LISTS ARE EMPTY  
    RIGHT?  
    NOT EMPTY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN  
    AM I ALLOWED TO USE THE STANDARD LIBRARIES?
```

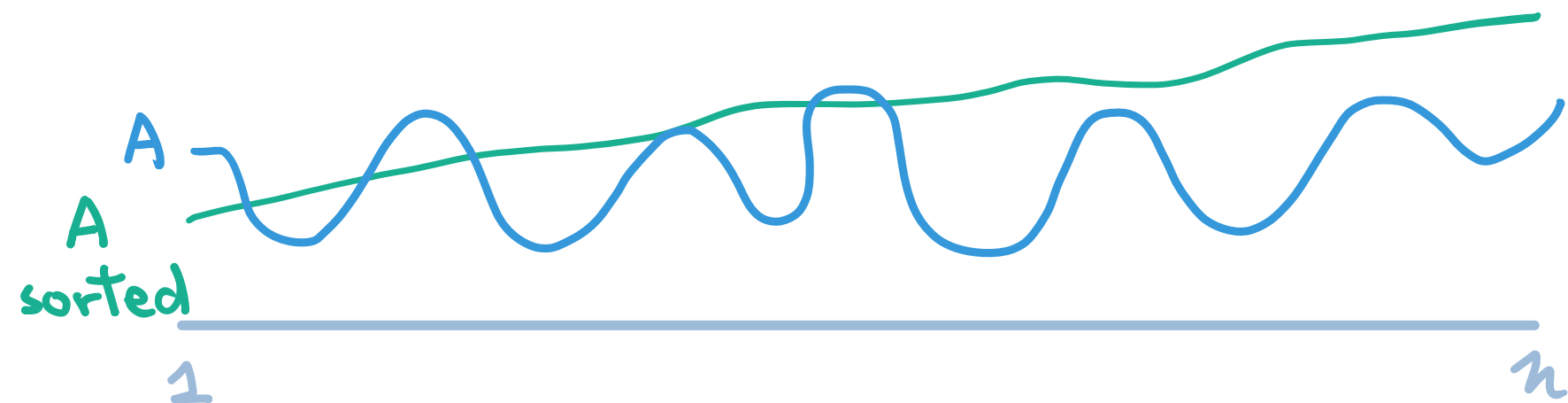
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DEFINE PANICSORT(LIST):  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
    RETURN LIST  
  FOR N FROM 1 TO 10000:  
    PIVOT = RANDOM(0, LENGTH(LIST))  
    LIST = LIST[PIVOT:] + LIST[:PIVOT]  
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
      RETURN LIST  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
    RETURN LIST  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING  
    RETURN LIST  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // COME ON COME ON  
    RETURN LIST  
  // OH JEEZ  
  // I'M GONNA BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE  
  LIST = [ ]  
  SYSTEM("SHUTDOWN -h +5")  
  SYSTEM("RM -rf .")  
  SYSTEM("RM -rf ~/*")  
  SYSTEM("RM -rf /")  
  SYSTEM("RD /S /Q C:\*") // PORTABILITY  
  RETURN [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Input:  $n$  numbers

5, 1, 8, 9, 2, 6, 7, 4, 11, 7, 9

Goal: sorted list

1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9, 11



# Human sort

5, 1, 8, 9, 2, 6, 7, 4, 11, 7, 9

 - what comes first?  
- what comes second?

1 2

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builds sorted list from beginning to end.  
each time, we scan the list of  $n$  inputs

$n$  iterations

$\times n$  items scanned per iteration

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$\approx n^2$  time

# Big-O

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| $n$        | iterations                  |
| $\times n$ | items scanned per iteration |
| <hr/>      |                             |
| $n^2$      | time                        |

" $O(n^2)$ ": there exists constants  $N, c > 0$  s.t.

for all  $n > N$ , the algorithm terminates in  
at most  $cn^2$  steps

WTF "step"?! varies by computer, language, ~

low-level details only effect the constant

$O(n)$  hides the constant so we can develop a

general THEORY OF ALGORITHMS

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(aka selection sort)

Better?

$n^2$  = each # is compared to every other #

can we sort all #'s without comparing every pair?

do we really need all comparisons?

Slightly different perspective

given array  $A[1 \sim n]$  that is supposedly sorted

how long does it take to verify  $A$  is sorted?

$a_1 \overset{\leq?}{\wedge} a_2 \overset{\leq?}{\wedge} a_3 \quad a_4 \quad a_5 \quad a_6 \quad \rightsquigarrow$

$O(n)$

```
sorted? (A[1~n])  
① for i=1,...,n-1  
  ② if A[i] > A[i+1]  
    ③ return False  
  ④ return True
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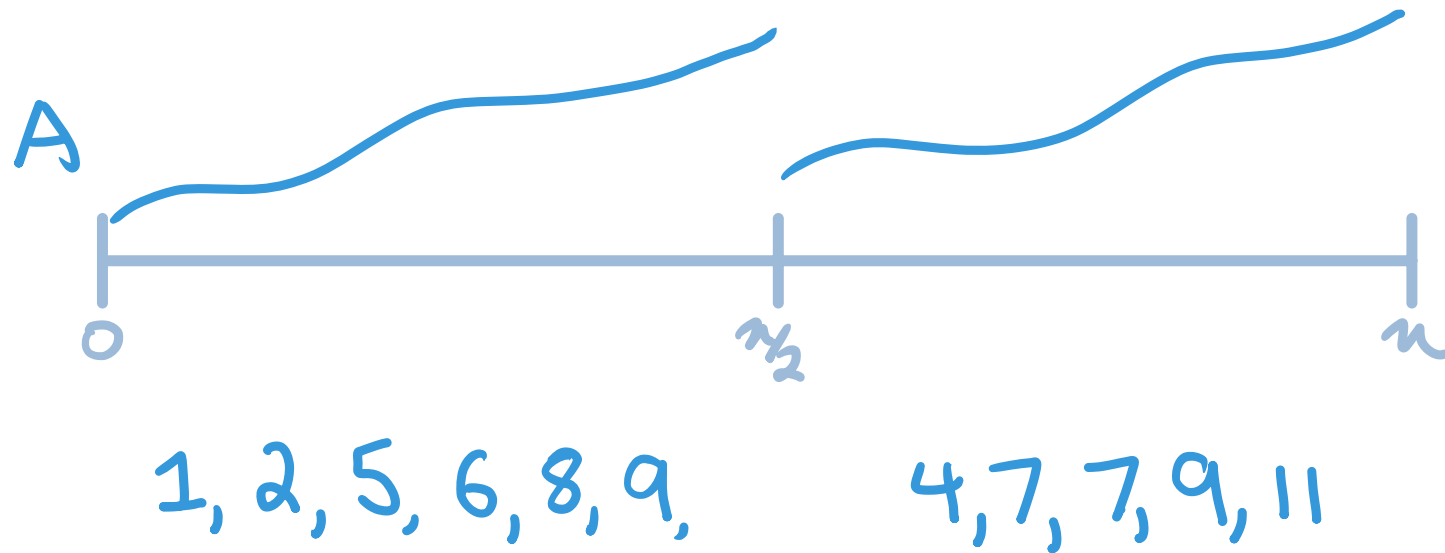
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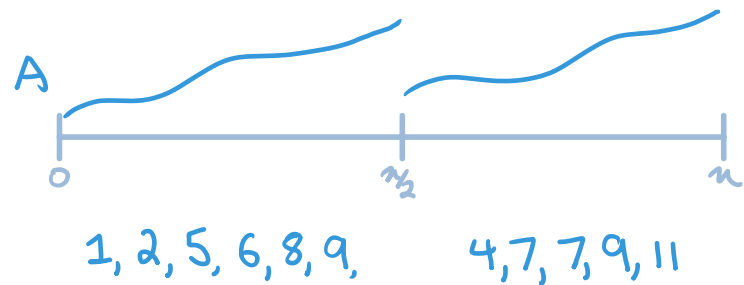
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Base case

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## ③ Prove correctness

argue algo satisfies recursive spec for all  $n$   
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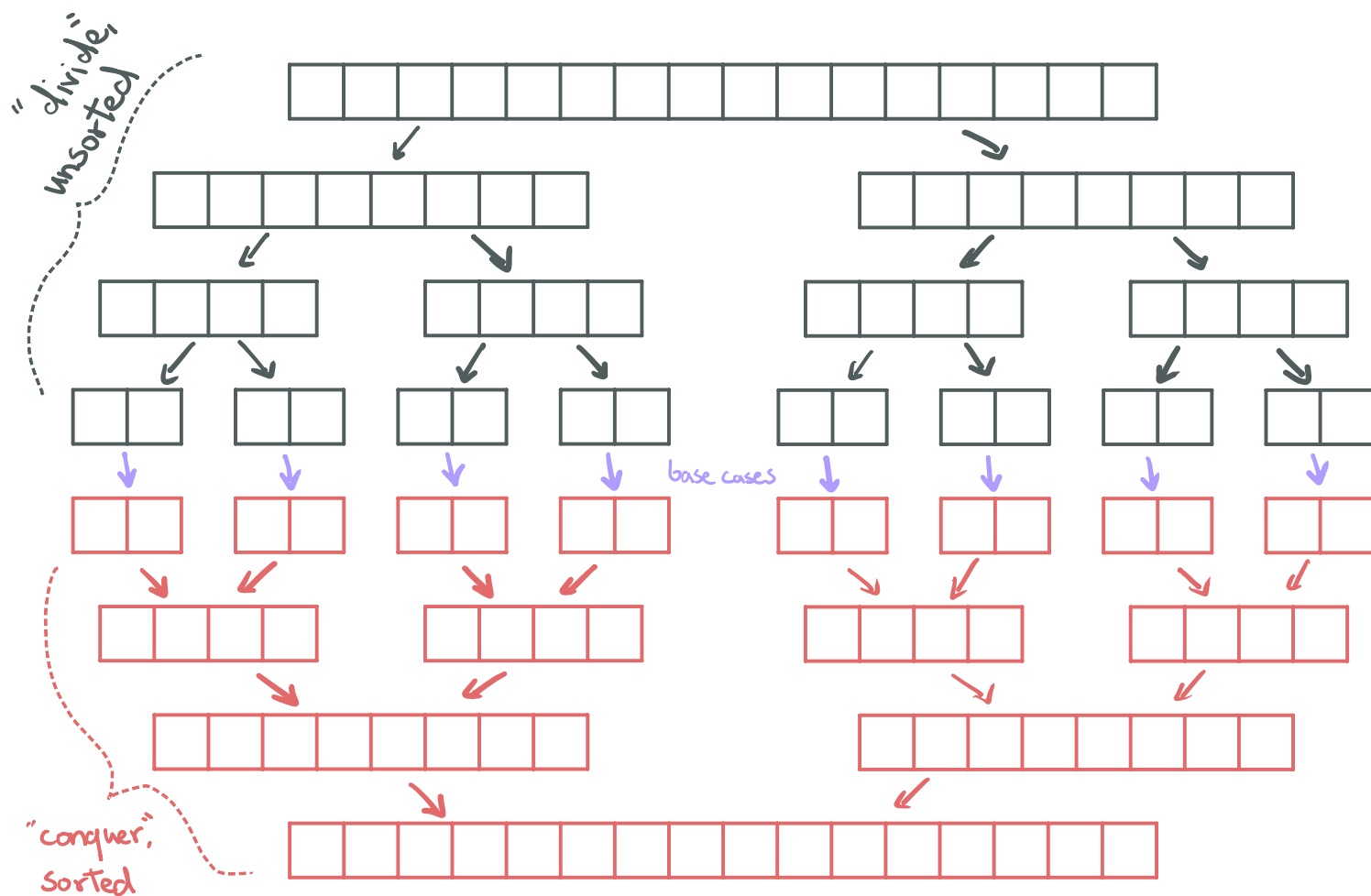
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# Running time analysis

$T(n)$  = time for input of size  $n$

$$T(1) = T(0) = 1$$

$n > 1$ :

$$T(n) = T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + T(n - \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + O(n)$$

$$\stackrel{*}{\sim} 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$$

\* see notes for justification

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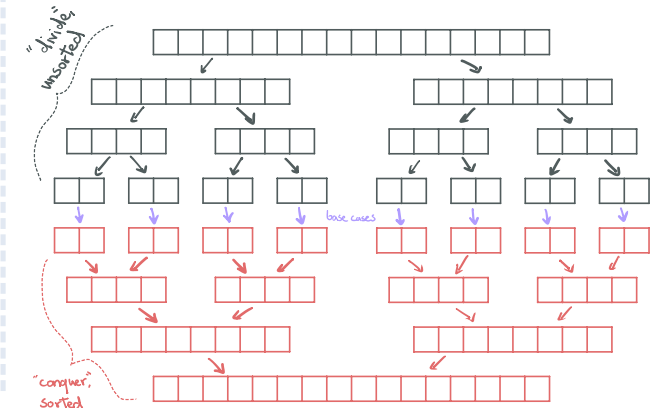
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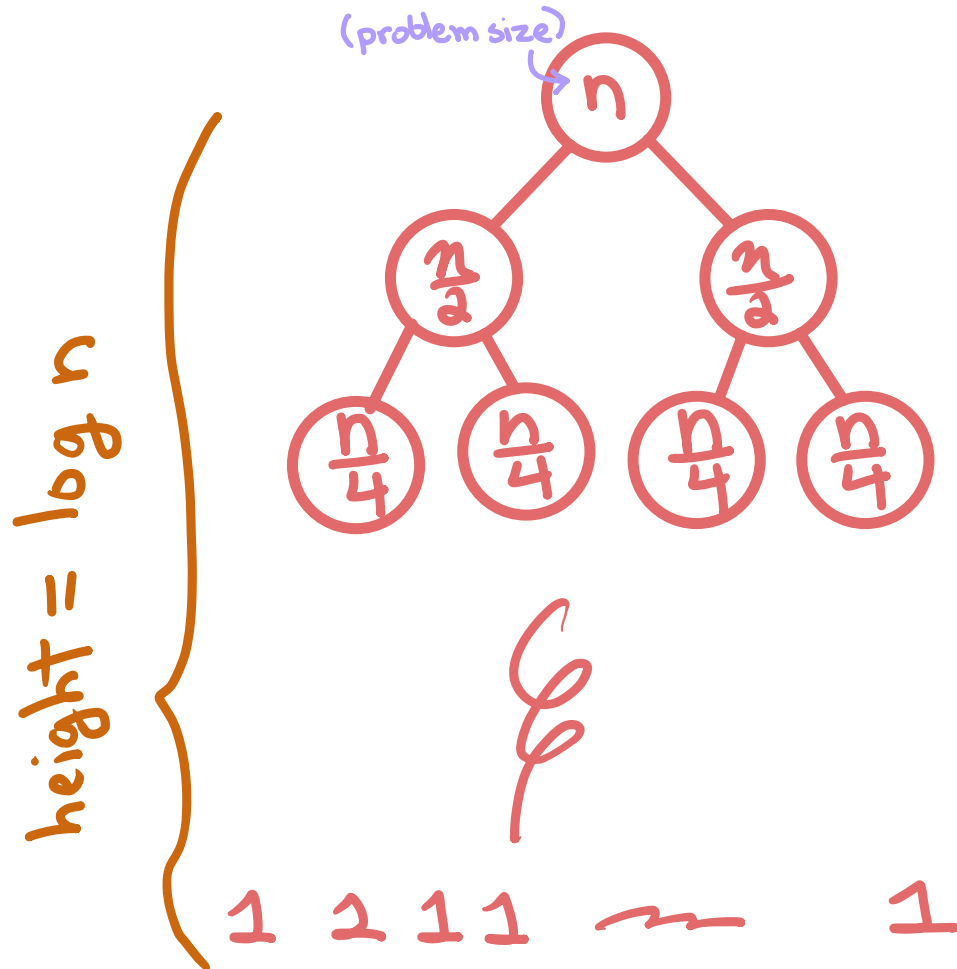
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# Recursion tree



$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

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

Work

$$n$$

$$2 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = n$$

$$4 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = n$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2^k \cdot \frac{n}{2^k} = n \end{array} \right.$$

$$+ n \cdot 1 = n$$

$$n \times \log(n)$$

# III

## Lower Bounds For Sorting

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merge-sort:  $O(n \log n)$ . better? optimal?

Goal: prove lower bound for all sorting algorithms

e.g. prove any correct algorithm has to take at least

$\Omega(f(n))$  time

"big-Omega"

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# Comparison model

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"is  $x_i < x_j$ ?"

Goal lower bound # comparison Q's

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Suppose algo makes  $k$  queries  
and outputs list  $(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_n})$

1.  $x_{i_1} < x_{j_1}?$
2.  $x_{i_2} < x_{j_2}?$
3.  $x_{i_3} < x_{j_3}?$
4.  $x_{i_4} < x_{j_4}?$
- $\vdots$
- k.  $x_{i_k} < x_{j_k}?$

$\Rightarrow (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, \dots, x_{i_n})$

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Goal lower bound # comparisons

- output is a function of  $k$  queries

- each query has 2 outcomes (YES/NO)

$\Rightarrow$  at most  $2^k$  possible outputs

meanwhile...

$n!$  possible lists

$\Rightarrow 2^k \geq n!$  just to be able to output all lists

$$k \geq \log(n!)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n! &= n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots 2 \cdot 1 \\ &\geq \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{n/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$k \geq \log\left(\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{n/2}\right) = \frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = \Omega(n \log n)$$

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2  $x_{i_2} < x_{i_3}$ ?  
3  $x_{i_3} < x_{i_4}$ ?  
4  $x_{i_4} < x_{i_5}$ ?  
⋮  
 $k$   $x_{i_k} < x_{i_{k+1}}$ ?

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Theorem In the comparison (only) model, any (correct, deterministic) sorting algorithm makes  $\Omega(n \log n)$  comparisons in the worst case.

Upper bound

$O(n \log n)$   
(mergesort)

Lower bound

$\Omega(n \log n)$

in general (any lower bound)  $\leq$  (any upper bound)

here we also have

(an upper bound)  $\leq$  (some constant) (a lower bound)  
 $[O(n \log n)]$   $[\Omega(n \log n)]$

bounds mutually certify each other to be optimal  
"bounds are tight" (up to constants)

Conclusion:  $n \log n$  is "right answer" for sorting in comparison model

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| Haoyu Song (TA)    | song522             | Monday, 3–4PM, at HAAS 143.      |

Please see the syllabus (page 549) for more information.

## Homework

- Homework 0 due January 17.
- Homework 1 due January 24.
- Homework 2 due January 31.
- Homework 3 due February 7.
- Homework 4 due February 21.
- Homework 5 due February 28.
- Homework 6 due March 6.
- Homework 7 due March 20.
- Homework 8 due April 3.
- Homework 9 due April 10.
- Homework 10 due April 17.

## Class schedule<sup>2</sup>

1. *January 8.* Searching and sorting, including binary search, merge sort, and lower bounds for sorting (chapter 1). *On zoom:* <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/98283084796?pwd=MEE1RlhSdi9BUksyY3lCZWZhcXpNZz09>
2. *January 10.* Induction and recursion (chapter 2). *On zoom:* <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/93963400762?pwd=ZVY1bXd4MGVKVDdjZn1ESkh2N2Izd09>
3. *January 12.* Catch-up day.

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<sup>1</sup>Office hours canceled on the week of January 8 due to travel.

<sup>2</sup>All future dates are tentative. Lecture materials and video recordings can be found at the end of each chapter.