

# CSE 250: Induction

## Lecture 12

Sept 23, 2024

# Reminders

- WA2 due Sun, Sept 29 at 11:59 PM
- Midterm 1 in class on Fri, Oct 04.
  - Covers: Asymptotics, Sequences/Lists, Arrays, Linked Lists, Recursion
  - Bounds: Tight Upper/Lower, Unqualified vs Amortized

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So how do we get a sorted list?

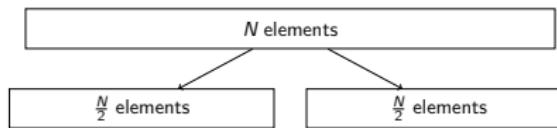
# Bubble Sort

$O(N^2)$

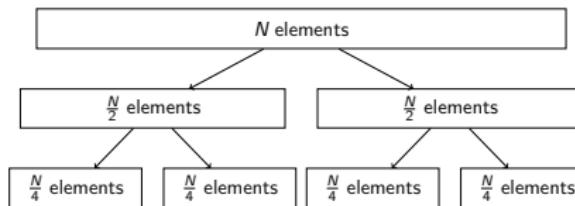
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$N$  elements

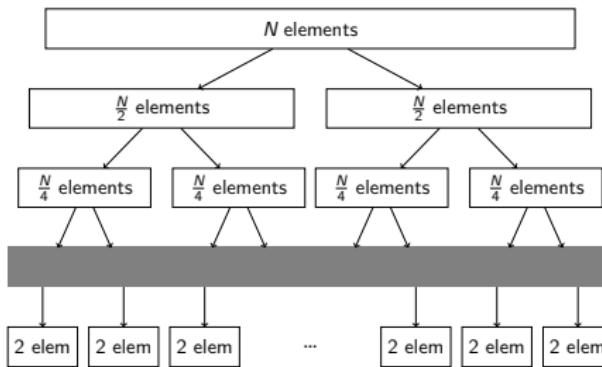
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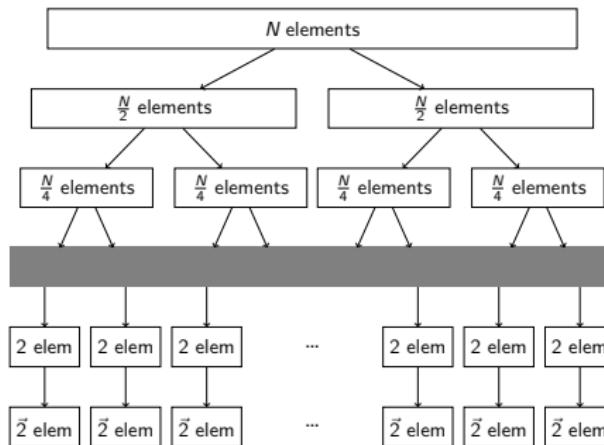
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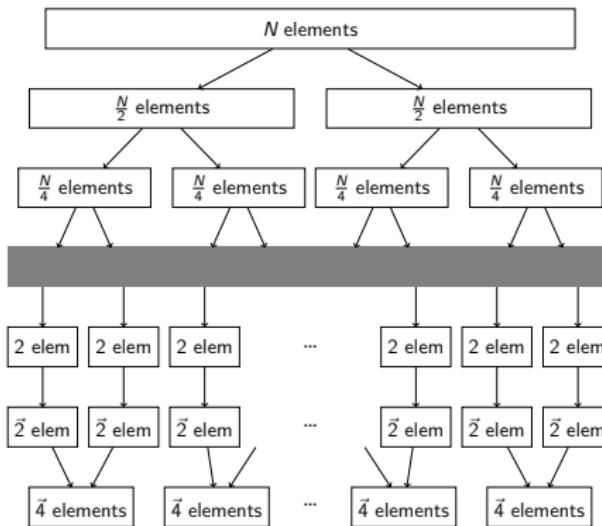
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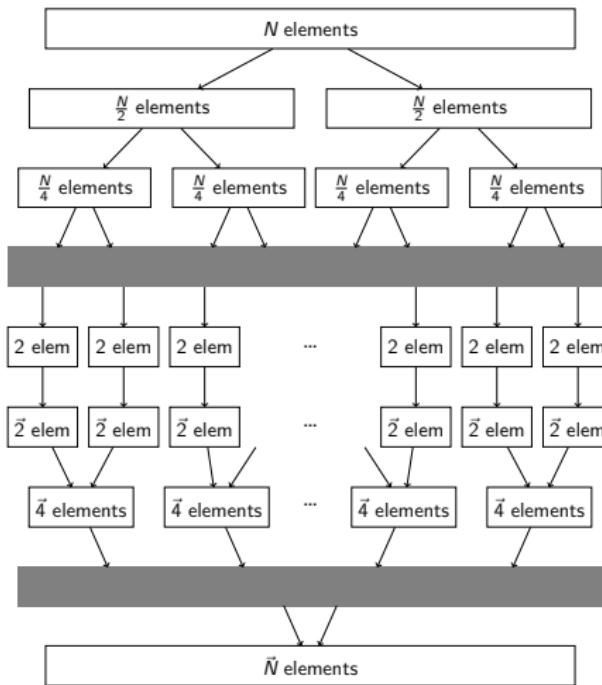
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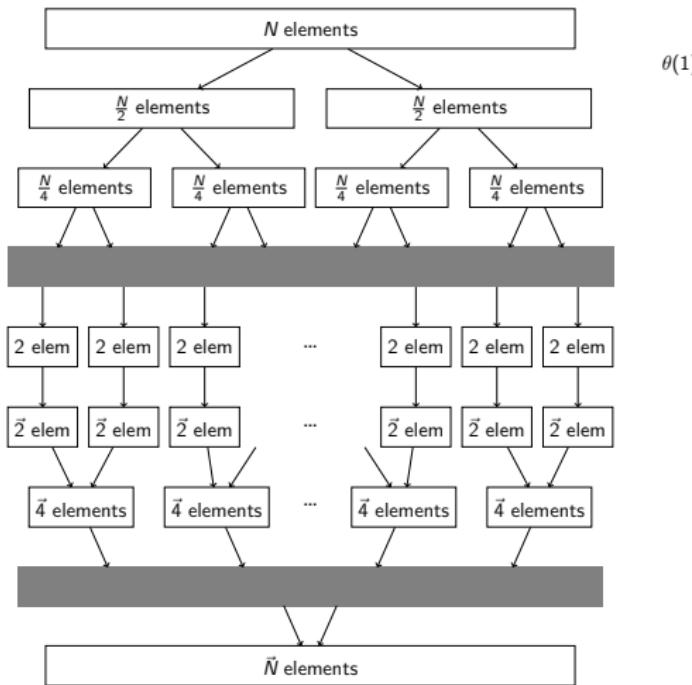
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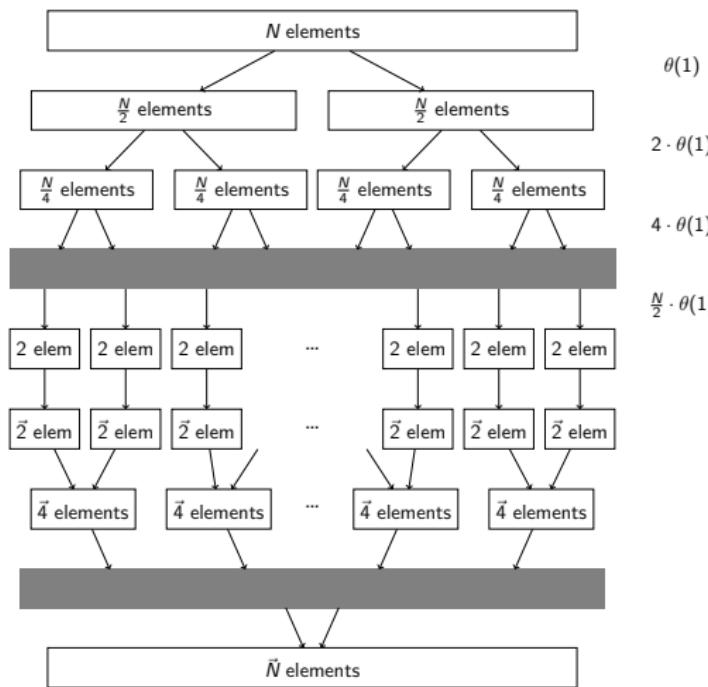
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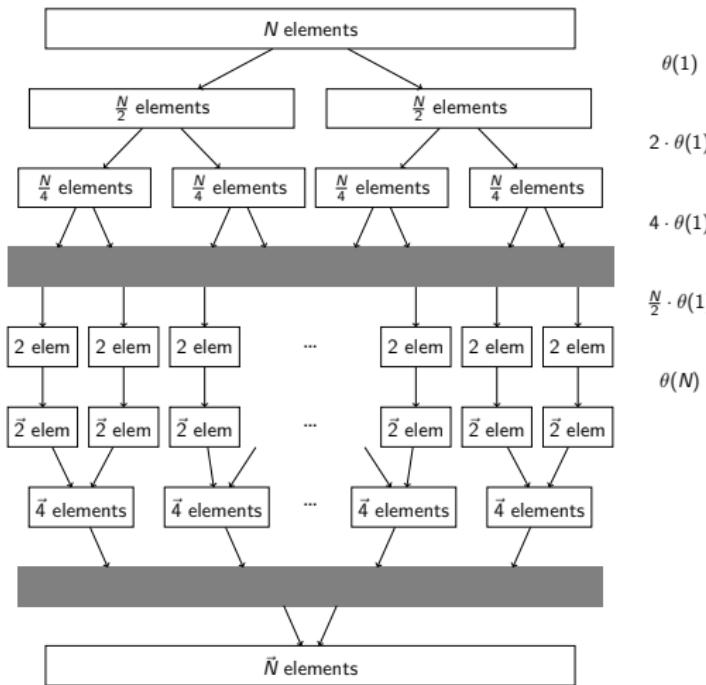
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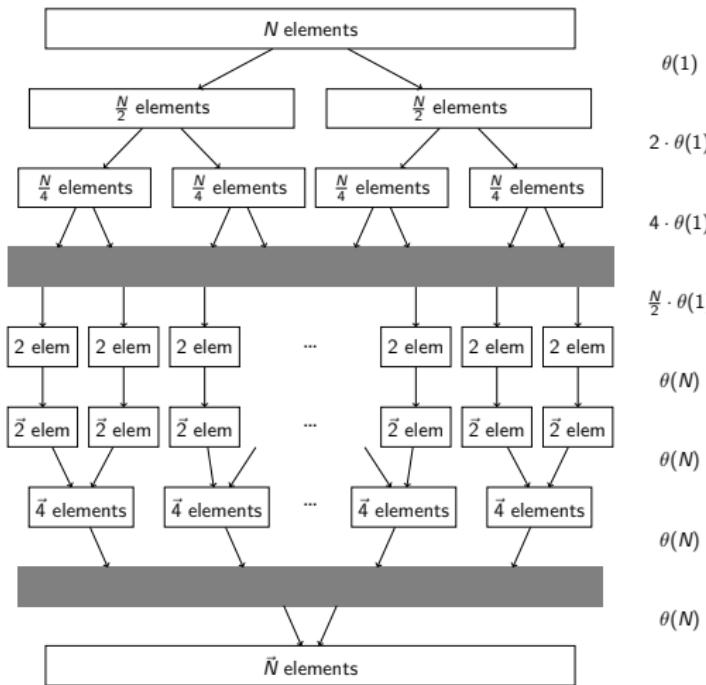
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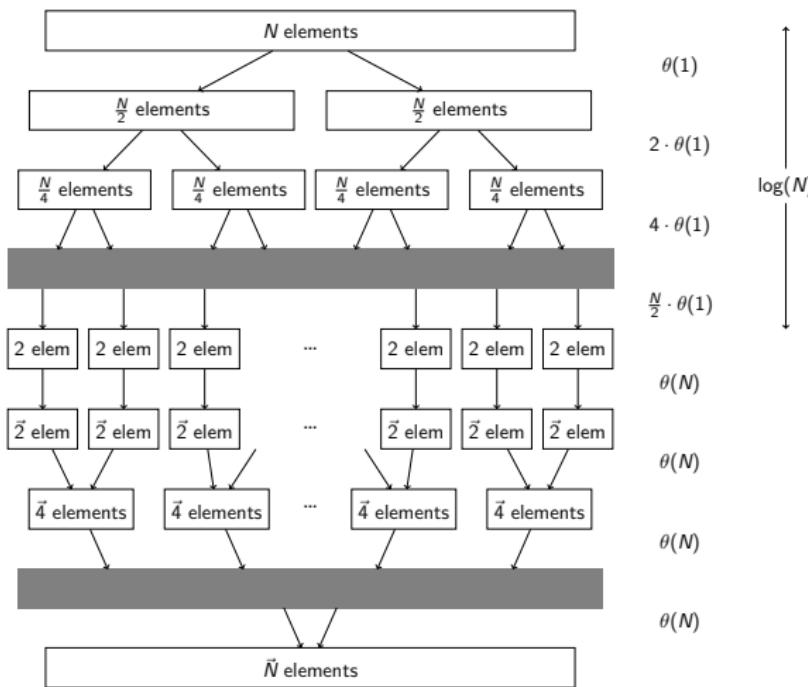
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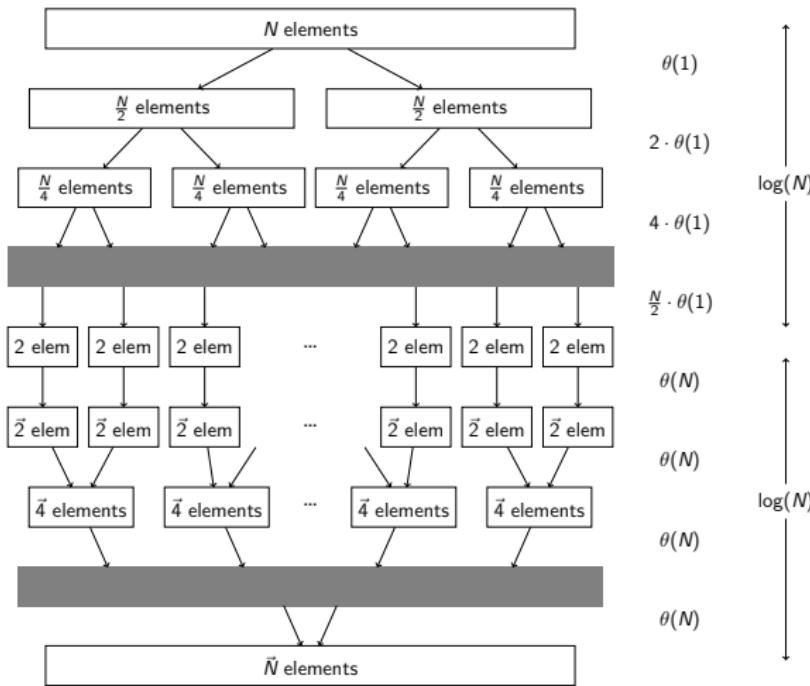
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Can we frame this proof in terms of the code?

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1  public ArrayList<E> mergeSort<E>(ArrayList<E> list)
2  {
3      if(list.size() > 2){
4          int splitIndex = input.size()/2;
5          ArrayList<E> left =
6              mergeSort(list.subList(0, splitIndex));
7          ArrayList<E> right =
8              mergeSort(list.subList(splitIndex, list.size()));
9          return merge(left, right);
10     } else {
11         if((list.size() == 2) && (list.get(0) > list.get(1))){
12             E tmp = list.get(0);
13             list.set(0, list.get(1));
14             list.set(1, tmp);
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  - Prove that it holds for some specific case  $N$
  - You can assume that you've already proved it for  $N - 1$

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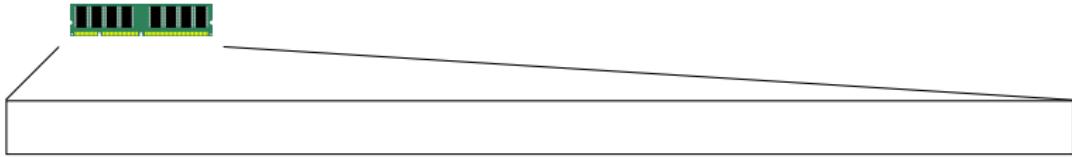
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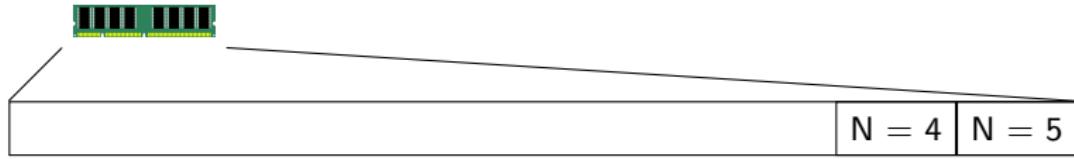
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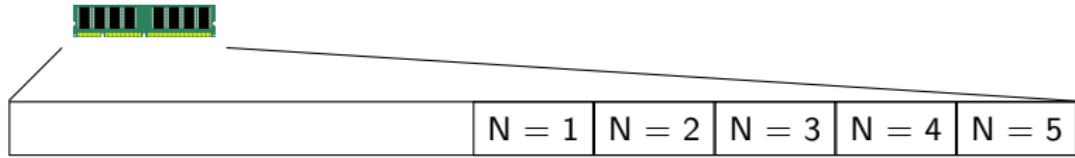
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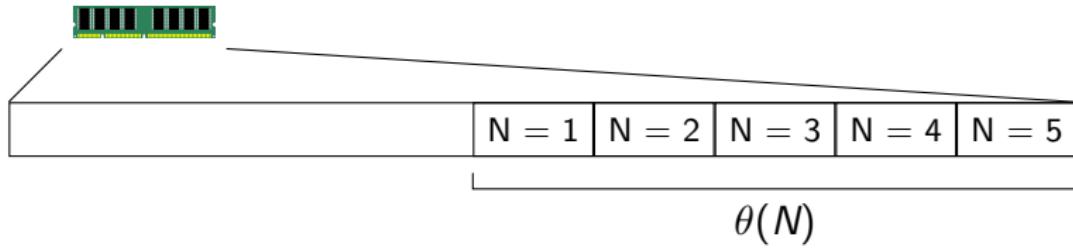
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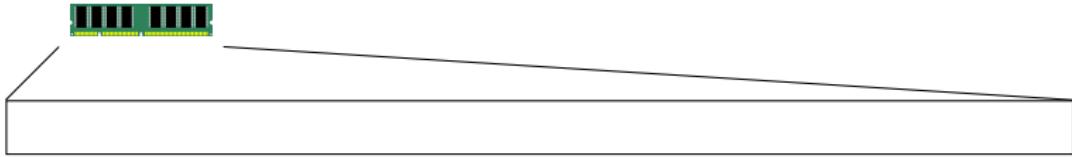
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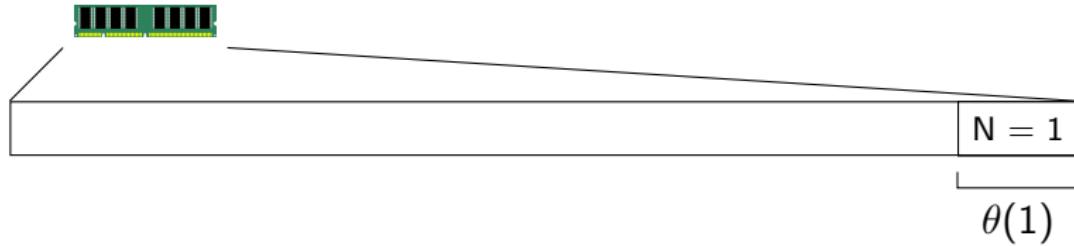
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Time permitting...

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```
1 public long fib(long N)
2 {
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