

CSE 250

Data Structures

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Day 13: Expected Runtime

Announcements

- WA2 due Sunday 9/29 @ 11:59PM
- Midterm next Friday. More details coming next week, but content on WA2 is definitely relevant for the midterm!

Recap - Merge Sort

Divide: Split the sequence in half

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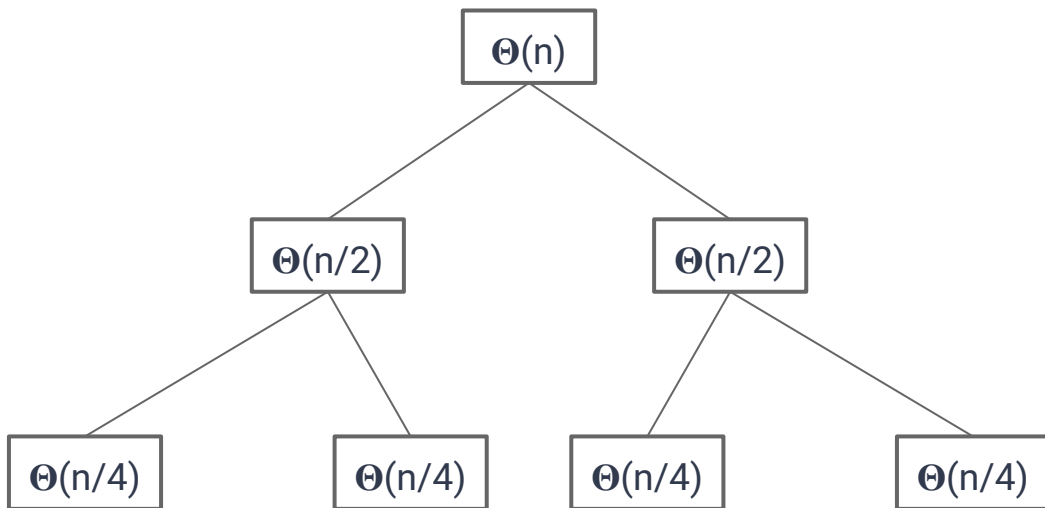
Conquer: Sort the left and right halves

$$a = 2, b = 2, c = 1$$

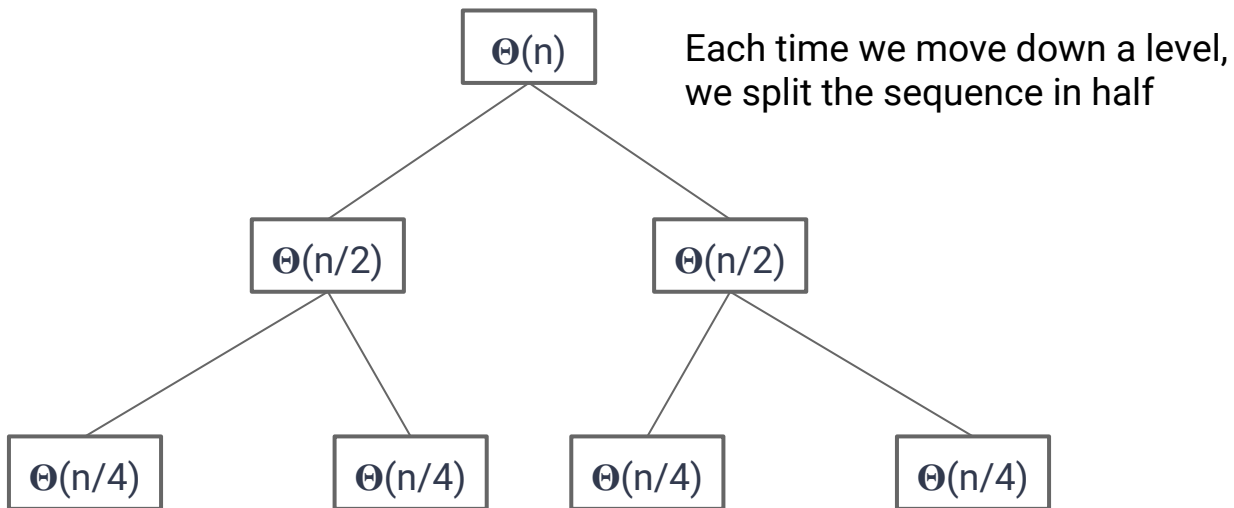
Combine: Merge halves together

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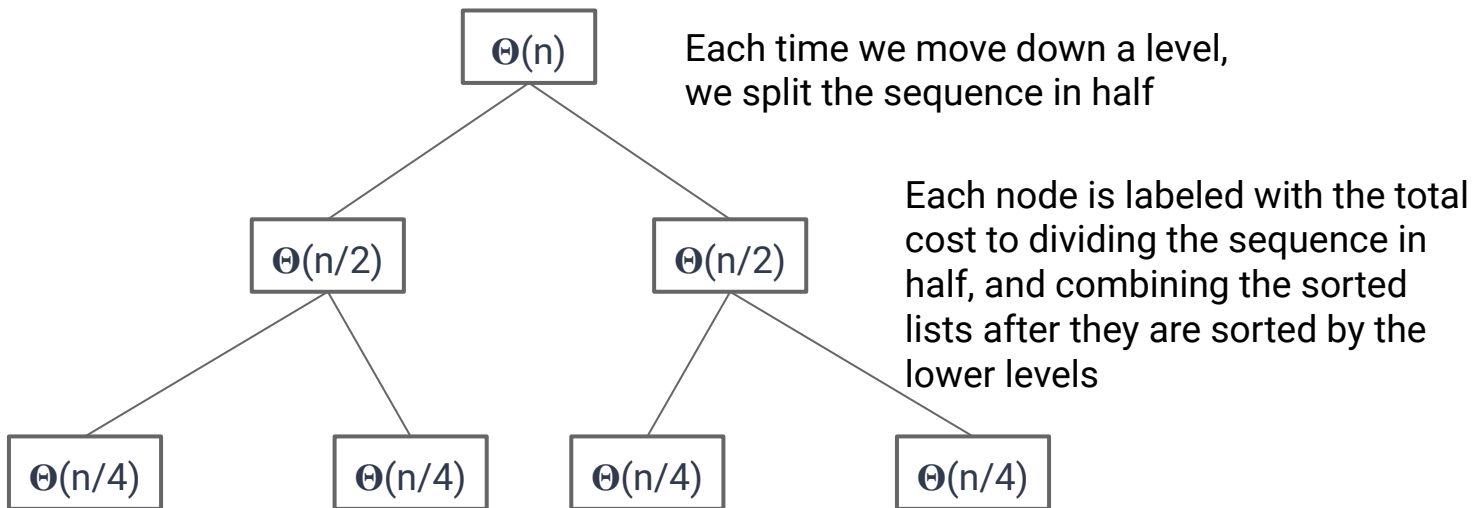
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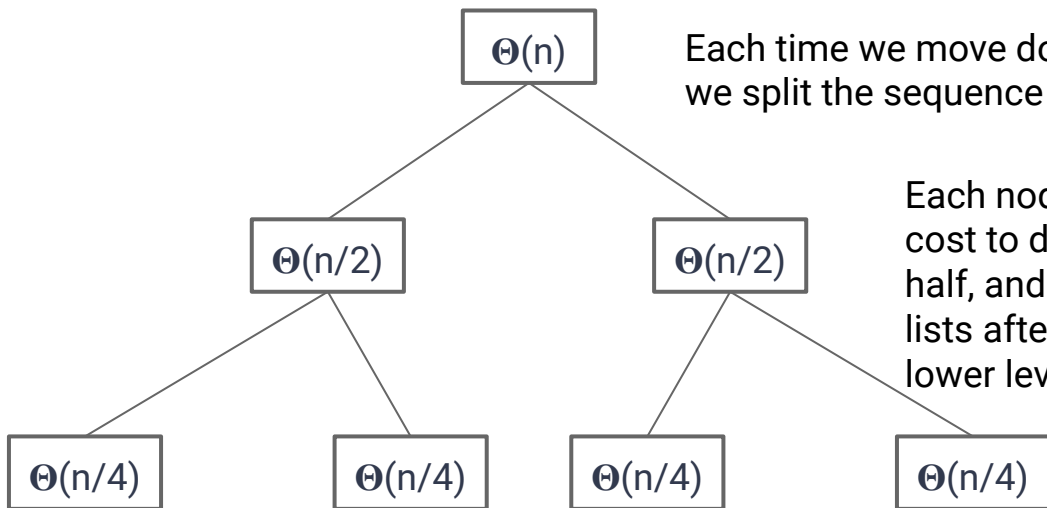
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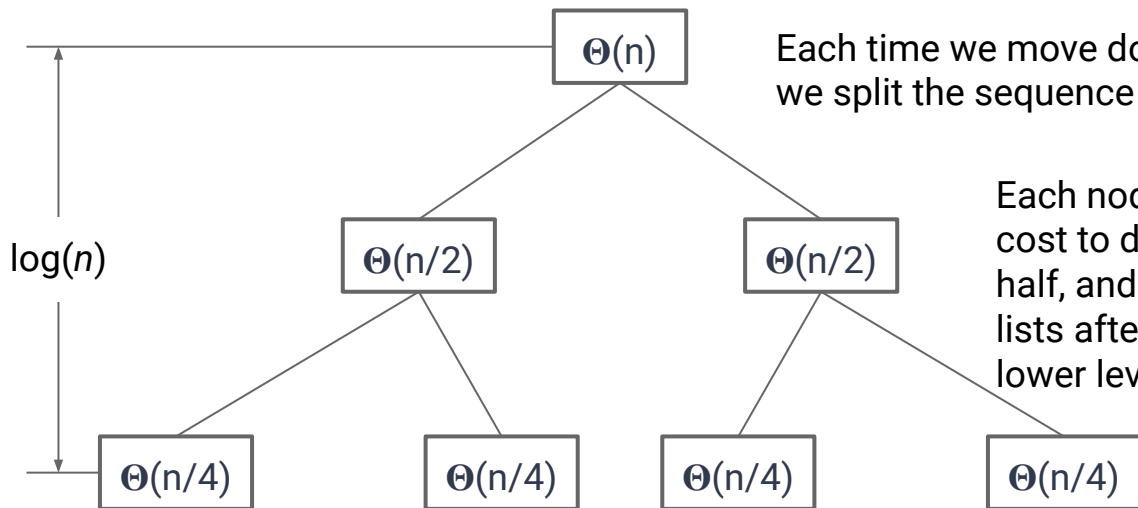
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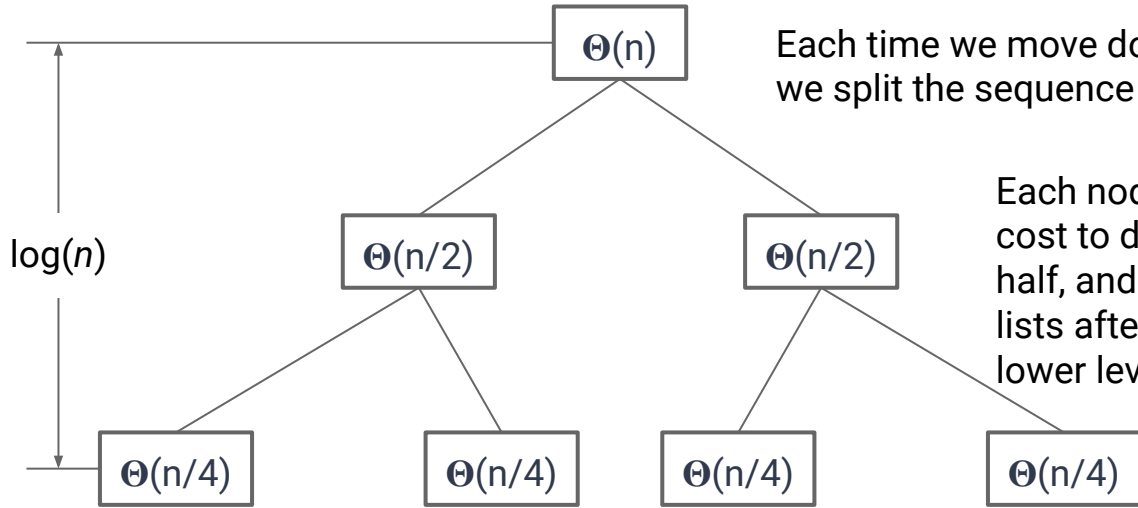
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Hypothesis: The cost of merge sort is $n \log(n)$

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Base Case: $T(1) \leq c \cdot 1 \log(1)$

$$e_0 \leq \theta$$

$$T(2) \leq c \cdot 2 \log(2)$$

$$2c_0 + c_1 + 2c_2 \leq 2c$$

True when $c = c_0 + c_1 + c_2$

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Which is true for any

$$n_0 \geq \frac{c_1}{\log(2)} \quad \text{and} \quad c > \frac{c_2}{\log(2)} + 1$$

Benefits of a Sorted List

So in $O(n \log(n))$ we can sort a list using the merge sort algorithm...

But how does that benefit us?

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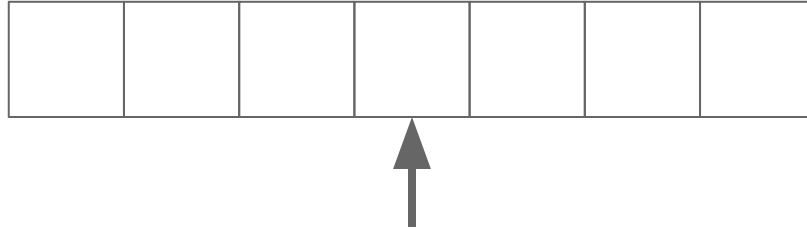
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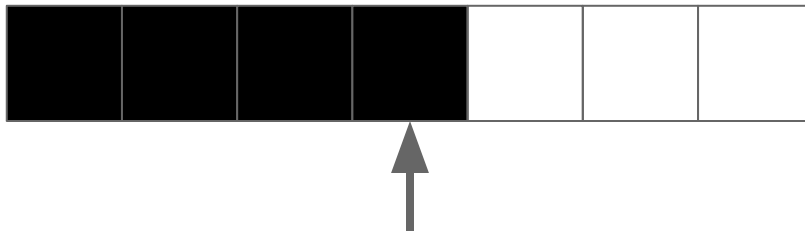
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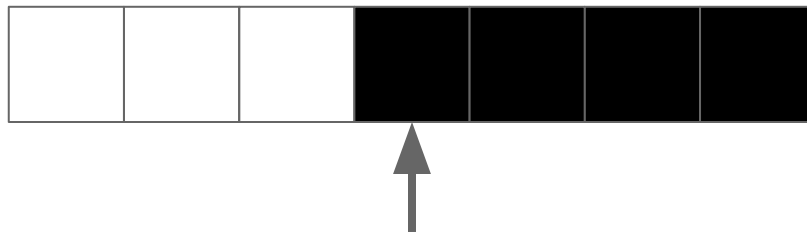
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Linear search:

- Removes one element from consideration each step, $O(n)$
- Does not require list to be sorted
- Does not require constant time random access

Binary search:

- Removes half of the elements from consideration each step, $O(\log(n))$
- Requires list to be sorted
- Requires constant time random access

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If we pick 8, the median value, we'll end up dividing our list in half during the divide step

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If our pivot was the median value, then our list would be split in half by the divide step, resulting in the same structure as MergeSort...

QuickSort: Idealized Algorithm

To sort an array of size n :

1. Pick a *pivot* value (median?)
2. Swap values until:
 - a. elements at $[1, n/2)$ are \leq pivot
 - b. elements at $[n/2, n)$ are $>$ pivot
3. Recursively sort the lower half
4. Recursively sort the upper half

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Finding the median takes
 $O(n \log(n))$ for an unsorted array :(

**** Actually...it can be done in $O(n)$ but with prohibitively high constant factors*

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Compare to Merge Sort:

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Idea: Pick it randomly! On average, half the values will be lower.

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To sort an array of size n :

1. Pick a value at random as the *pivot*
2. Swap values until the array is subdivided into:
 - a. *low*: array elements $<$ *pivot*
 - b. *pivot*
 - c. *high*: array elements $>$ *pivot*
3. Recursively sort *low*
4. Recursively sort *high*

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Remember: This is called the unqualified runtime...we don't take any extra context into account

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There are n possible outcomes, ranging from picking the ideal (median) to the worst case (biggest or smallest)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} T(0) + T(n - 1) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } X = 1 \\ T(1) + T(n - 2) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } X = 2 \\ T(2) + T(n - 3) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } X = 3 \\ \dots & \\ T(n - 2) + T(1) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } X = n - 1 \\ T(n - 1) + T(0) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } X = n \end{array} \right.$$

Probabilities







How likely are we to pick $X = k$ for any specific k ?

Probability Theory (Great Class...)

If I roll a d6 (6-sided die) x times,
what is the average roll over all possible outcomes?

A single die roll

If I rolled a d6 1 time...

Roll	Probability	Outcome
	1/6	1
	1/6	2
	1/6	3
	1/6	4
	1/6	5
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We refer to the expected value of a random variable as **$E[X]$**

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If I roll a 20-sided die, the probability of a particular side being rolled is $1/20$

If X is a random variable representing this die roll, then the expected value of X is:

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{20} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{20} \cdot 2 + \dots + \frac{1}{20} \cdot 20 = \sum_{i=1}^{20} \frac{1}{20} i$$

Expected Value

If I roll an n -sided die, the probability of a particular side being rolled is $1/n$

If X is a random variable representing this die roll, then the expected value of X is:

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{n} \cdot 2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \cdot n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} i$$

$$E[X] = \sum_i P_i \cdot X_i$$

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If X and Y are independent then:

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If we roll a d6 twice, does one roll affect the other?

No. They are independent events.

If X and Y are independent then:

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If X and Y are our dice rolls, then $E[X+Y] = E[X] + E[Y] = 3.5 + 3.5 = 7$

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$$P[X = k] = 1/n$$

...Picking a pivot is like rolling an n -sided die

QuickSort Runtime

Now we can write our runtime function in terms of random variables:

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...and convert it to the expected runtime over the variable X

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How are these two terms related?

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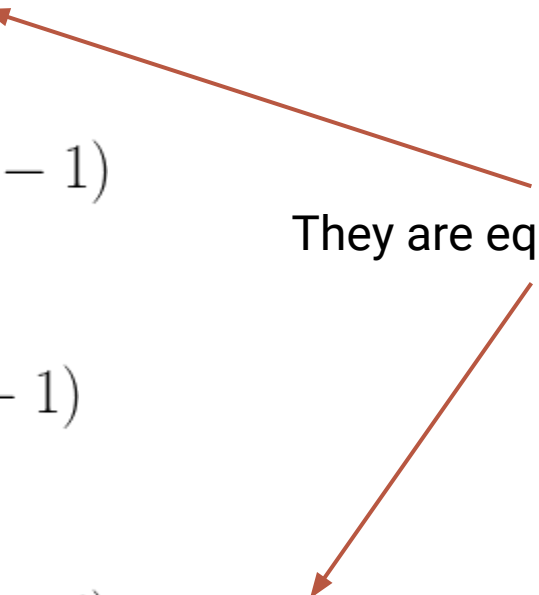
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They are equivalent!!



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Each $T(X-1)$ is independent, so the expected values can be split out

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Back to Induction

Hypothesis: $E[T(n)] \in O(n \log(n))$

Note that our hypothesis is now about the EXPECTED runtime...that is what we are trying to prove

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True for any $c \geq c_0 + c_1$

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Our i here is always less than n , so we can use our assumption to substitute

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$$c_1 \leq c \log(n)$$

QuickSort

So...is QuickSort $O(n \log(n))$...?

No! It is expected to be, but that is not a guarantee

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← Unqualified runtime

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