

# COL351: Analysis and Design of Algorithms

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- Basic graph algorithms
- Algorithm Design Techniques:
  - Greedy Algorithms
  - Divide and Conquer
  - Dynamic Programming
  - Network Flows
- Computational Intractability

## Divide and Conquer

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## Introduction

- You have already seen multiple examples of Divide and Conquer algorithms:
  - Binary Search
  - Merge Sort
  - Quick Sort
  - Multiplying two  $n$ -bit numbers in  $O(n^{\log_2 3})$  time.

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## Main Idea

- Main Idea: *Divide the input into smaller parts. Solve the smaller parts and combine their solution.*

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## Merge Sort

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Given an array of unsorted integers, output a sorted array.

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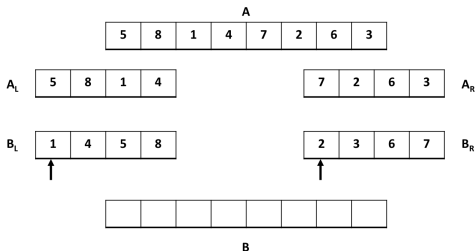
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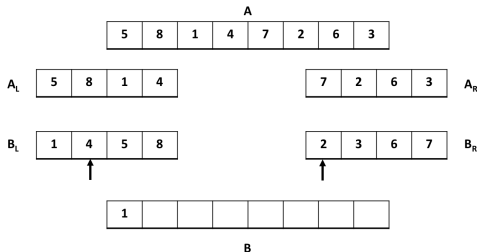
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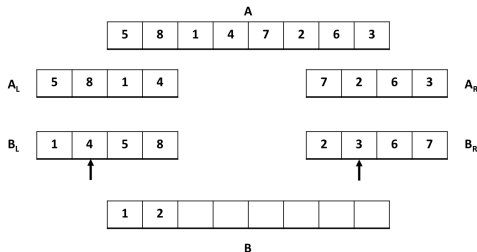
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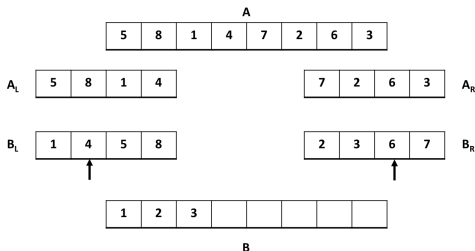
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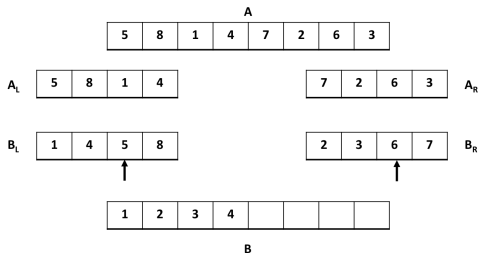
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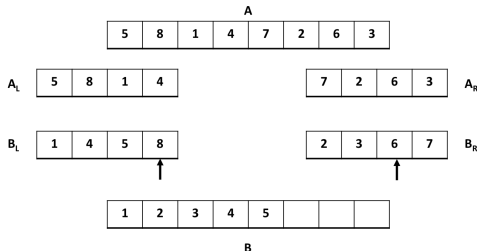
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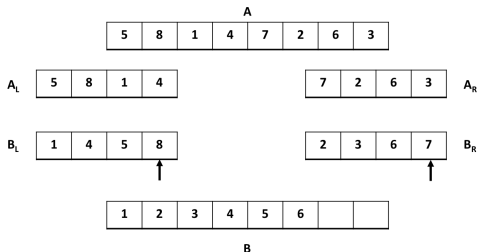
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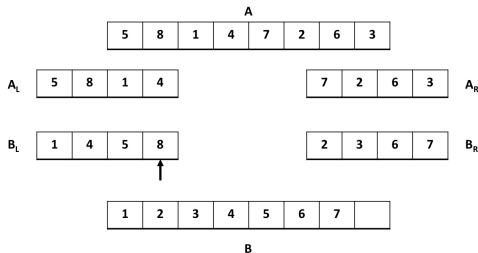
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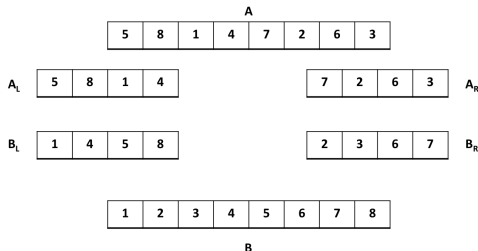
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- Proof of correctness of Divide and Conquer algorithms are usually by induction.
  - Base case: This corresponds to the base cases of the algorithm. For the MergeSort, the base case is that the algorithm correctly sorts arrays of size 1.
  - Inductive step: In general, this corresponds to correctly combining the solutions of smaller subproblems. For MergeSort, this is just proving that the Merge routine works correctly. This may again be done using induction and is left as an exercise.

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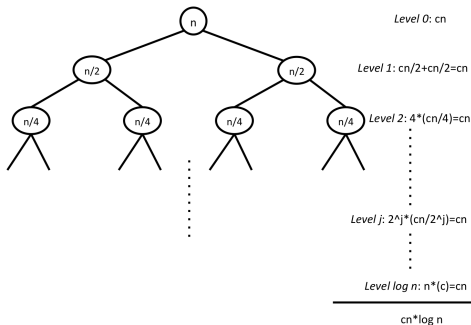
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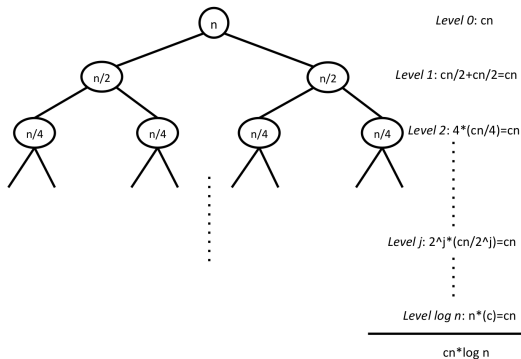
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- So, the running time  $T(n) \leq cn \cdot \log n = O(n \log n)$ .



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## Solving recurrence relations

- Question: Suppose there is a divide and conquer algorithm where the recurrence relation for running time  $T(n)$  is the following:

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + cn^2 \text{ for } n \geq 2, \text{ and } T(1) \leq c.$$

What is the solution of this recurrence relation in big-oh notation?

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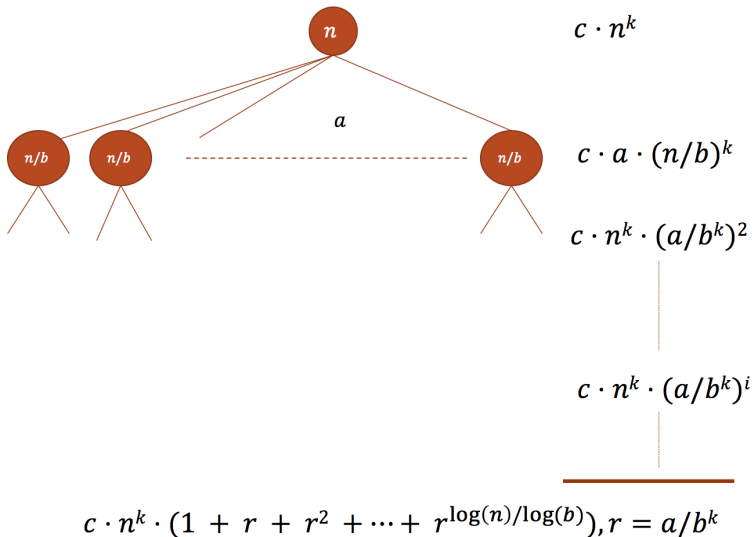
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- Solution 2: (Assume  $n$  is a power of 2)
  - Write  $A = A_L \cdot 2^{n/2} + A_R$  and  $B = B_L \cdot 2^{n/2} + B_R$ .
  - So,  $A \cdot B = (A_L \cdot B_L) \cdot 2^n + (A_L \cdot B_R + A_R \cdot B_L) \cdot 2^{n/2} + (A_R \cdot B_R)$
  - Main Idea: Compute  $(A_L \cdot B_L)$ ,  $(A_R \cdot B_R)$ , and  $(A_L + B_L) \cdot (A_R + B_R) - (A_L \cdot B_L) - (A_R \cdot B_R)$ .

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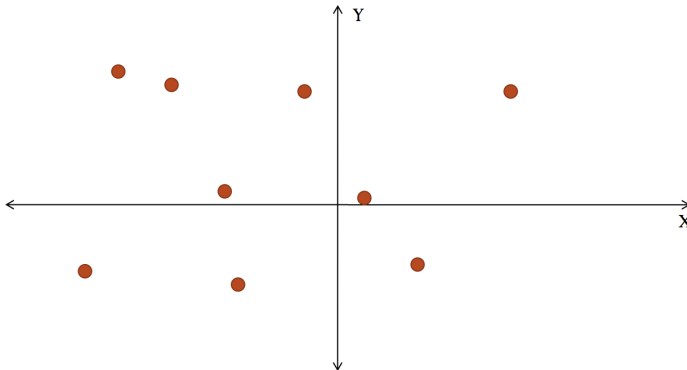
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  - Guess** the bound on  $T(n)$ , and
  - Show that this bound holds using induction.
- Let our guess be  $T(n) \leq cn \log n$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . We will now prove this by induction
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- Do these claims help in improving the running time?

End