

Recursive Sorting Algorithms

- A4 due tonight
- Submit to "A4 SmokeTest"
- Slip days

Last time: quadratic-time sorting

- insertion sort
- selection sort

+ lower bound proof: sorting takes at least:

Are there actual $O(n \lg n)$ algorithms?
Yes!

A: $O(n)$

B: $\Omega(n)$

C: $O(n \lg n)$

D: $\Omega(n \lg n)$

E: $\Omega(n^2)$

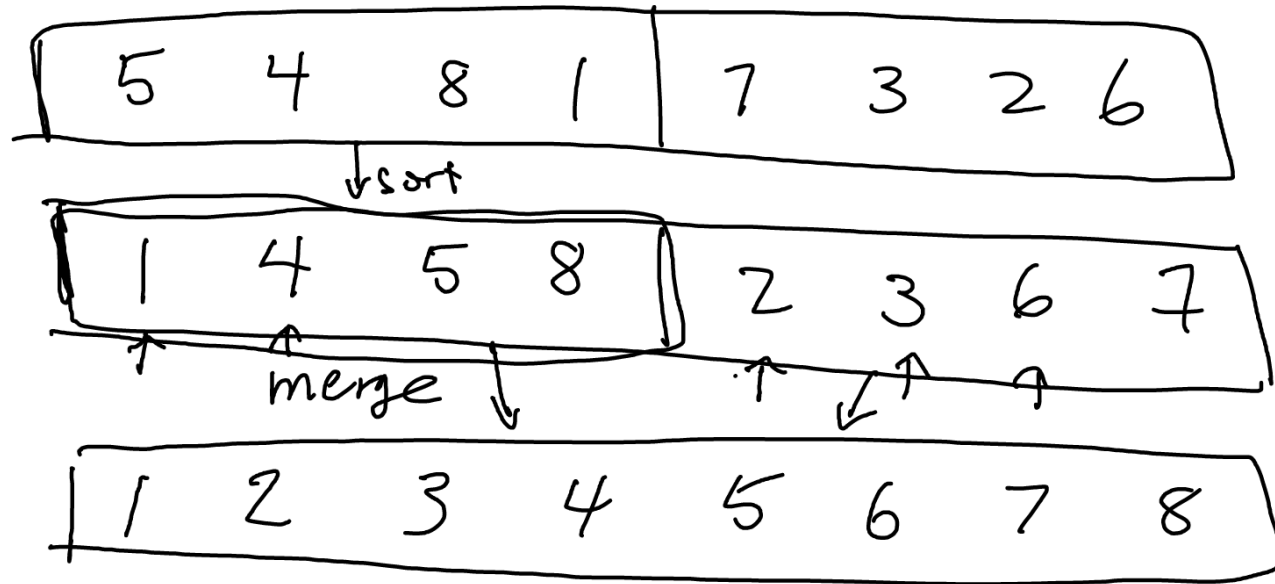
O : upper bound
 Ω : lower bound

Mergesort

recursive : "divide and conquer"

To sort 2 arrays:

1. Divide it into 2 halves
2. Sort subarrays recursively
3. Merge results



**** Effect:** sort $a[l..r)$, modifies tmp .

*** Requires:** $l < r$, $tmp.length \geq a.length$ */

```
void sort(int[] a, int l, int r, int[] tmp) {
```

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    if (r - l == 1) return;
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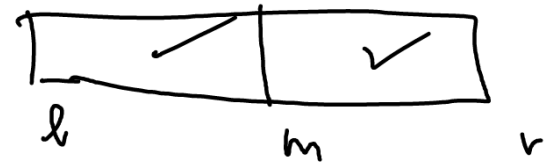
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    int m = (l + r) / 2;    // Note:  $l < m < r$ 
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    sort(a, l, m, tmp);
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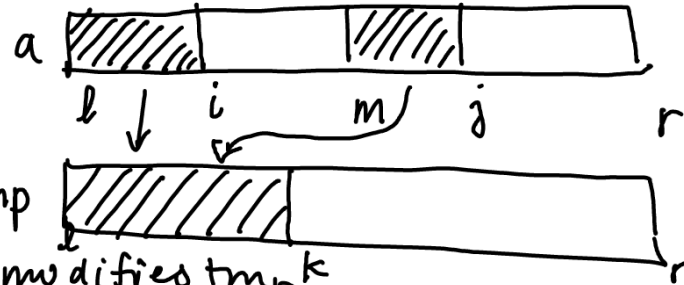
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    sort(a, m, r, tmp);
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    merge(a, l, m, r, tmp);
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}
```

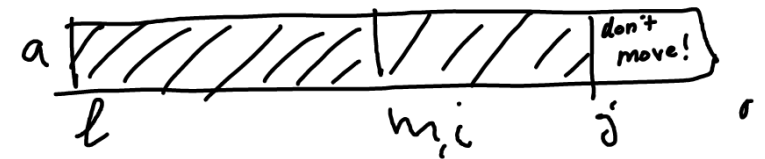


Real work: merge.



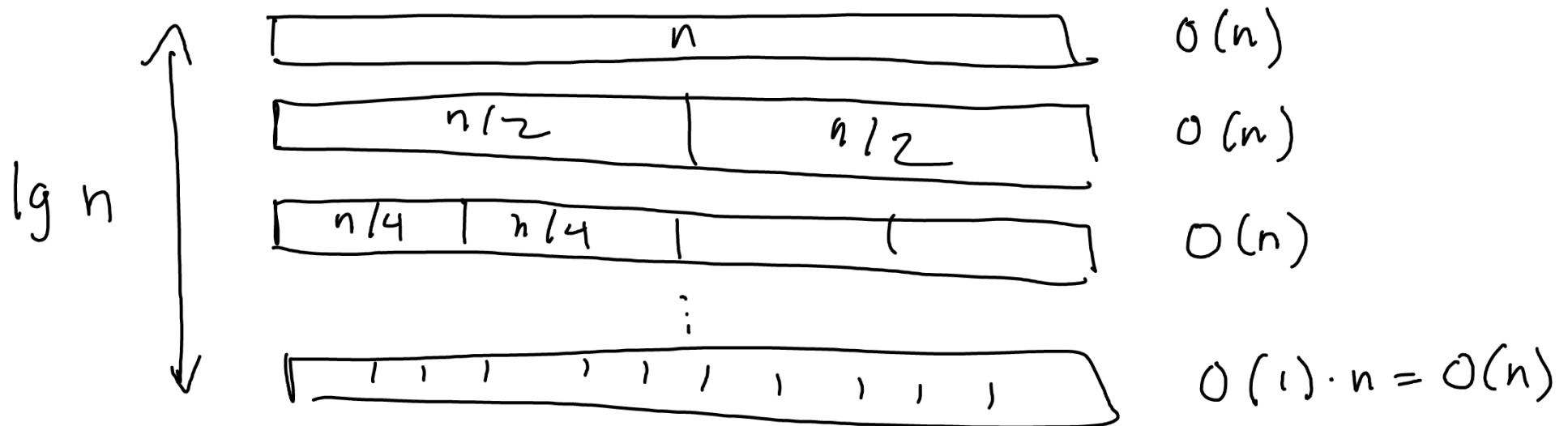
** Effect: sort $a[l..r]$, modifies tmp
 Requires: $a[l..m]$, $a[m..r]$ sorted, $l < m < r$

```
void merge(int[] a, int l, int m, int r, int[] tmp) {
    int i = l, j = m, k = l;
    while (i < m && j < r) {
        if (a[i] < a[j]) {
            tmp[k] = a[i]; i++; k++;
        } else {
            tmp[k] = a[j]; j++; k++;
        }
    }
    System.arraycopy(a, i, tmp, k, m - i);
    System.arraycopy(tmp, l, a, l, j - l);
}
```



Performance

$$\text{work} = \text{merging} = O(r-l)$$



Total work: $O(n \lg n)$

- + stable sort
- + reliable worst case
- uses double space

Quicksort

mergesort : split $\rightarrow$ recurse $\rightarrow$ merge $O(n)$

Quicksort : partition $\rightarrow$ split $\rightarrow$ recurse $O(n)$

Partition does work. Goal: 
for some pivot value p

/* Effect: sort $a[l..r)$. */

```
void quicksort(int[] a, int l, int r) {  
    if (r - l == 1) return;  
    int k = partition(a, l, r);  
    quicksort(a, l, k);  
    quicksort(a, k, r);  
}
```

(** Returns k where $l < k < r$. Effect: permute a so $a[l..k) \leq p$
 $a[k..r) \geq p$ *)
 int partition(int [] a, int l, int r)

int p = a[l]; // better: random

int i = l-1, j = r;

while (true) { // for (i,j)

i++; while (a[i] < p) i++;

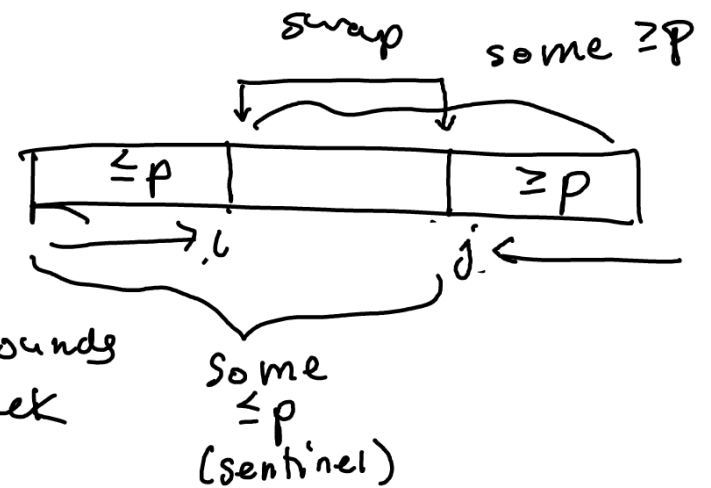
j--; while (a[j] > p) j--;

if (i >= j) break;

swap a[i], a[j]

}

return j+1;



}

Ex/

		5	2	6	7	1	9	3	8		$p=5$
	i	↑						↑		j	
≤ 5										≥ 5	

	i						j
	3	2	6	7	1	9	5 8
	i						j
≤ 5							≥ 5

3	2	1	7	6	9	5	8
≤ 5		j	i			≥ 5	

↑
 $j+1=k$