

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Unit - II

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Divide and Conquer

Syllabus

UNIT - II: DIVIDE AND CONQUER

General Method - Binary Search - Finding the Maximum and Minimum - Merge Sort - Quick Sort - Selection Sort - Strassen's Matrix Multiplications.

TEXT BOOK

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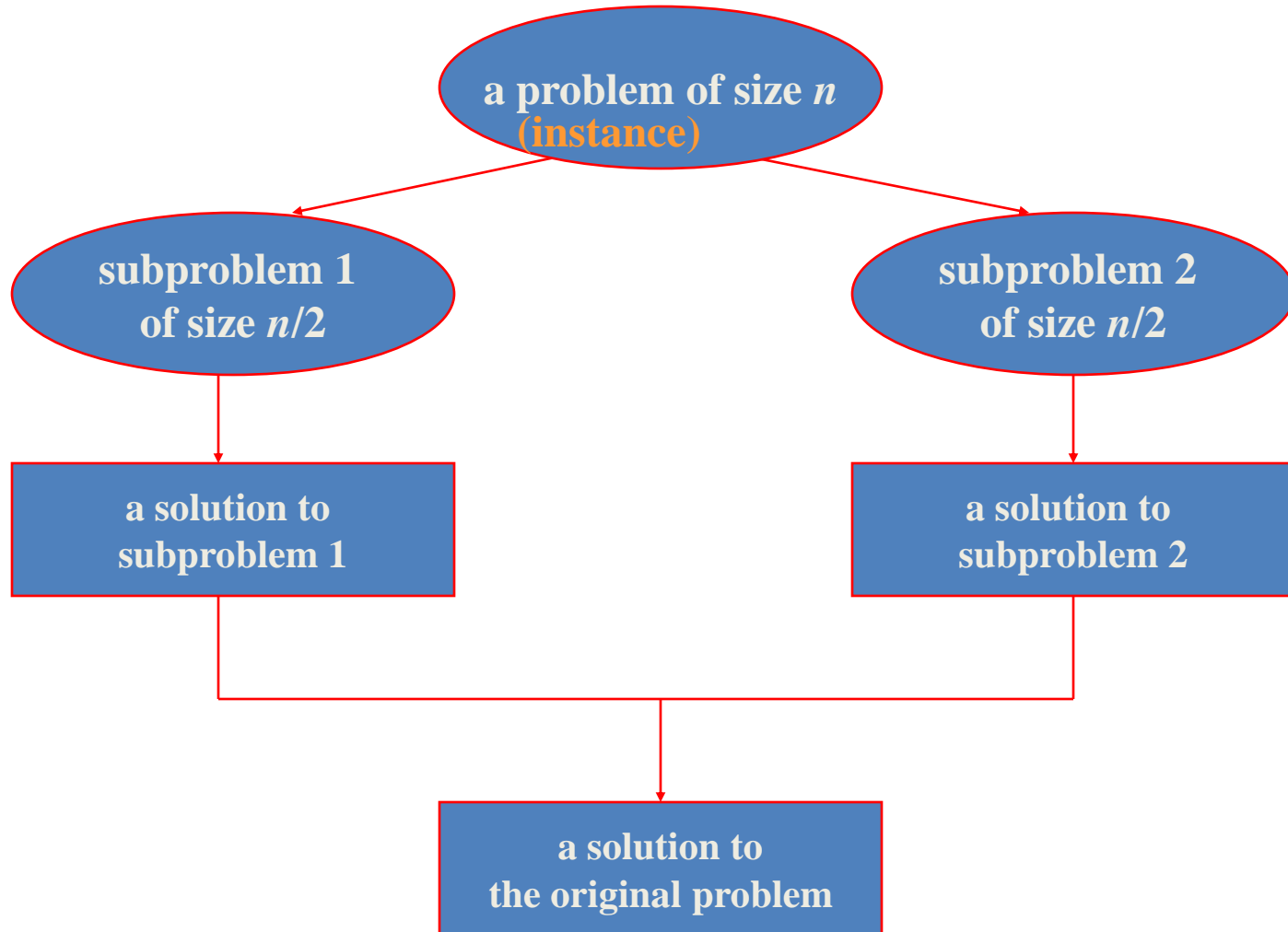
Divide and Conquer

General Method:

- Given a function to compute on 'n' inputs, divide-and-conquer strategy suggests splitting the inputs into 'k' distinct subsets, $1 < k \leq n$, yielding 'k' **subproblems**.
- These subproblems must be solved, and then a method must be found to combine sub solutions into a solution of the whole.
- If the subproblems are still relatively large, then the divide-and-conquer strategy can possibly be reapplied.
- For those cases the re-application of the divide-and-conquer principle is naturally expressed by a recursive algorithm.



Divide and Conquer



Divide and Conquer

Control Abstraction of Divide and Conquer

Algorithm DAndC(P)

```
{  
if small(P) then  
    return S(P);  
else  
{  
    divide P into smaller instance P1, P2....., Pk,  $k \geq 1$ ;  
    apply DAndC to each of these subproblems;  
    return combine(DAndC(P1), DAndC(P2), ....., DAndC(Pk));  
}  
}
```



Divide and Conquer

Computing time of DAndC is:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} g(n) & n \text{ small} \\ T(n_1) + T(n_2) + \dots + T(n_k) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

$T(n)$ is the time for DAndC on any input of size n

$g(n)$ is the time to compute the answer directly for small inputs

$f(n)$ is the time for dividing P and combining the solutions to subproblems



Binary Search

The following concept is used to search an element in the given array:

- Find the middle element
- Check the middle element with the element to be found.
- If the middle element is equal to that element, then it will provide the output.
- If the value is not same, then it will check whether the middle element value is less than or greater than the element to be found.
- If the value is less than that element, then the search will start with the elements next to the middle element.
- If the value is high than that element, then the search will start with the elements before the middle element.
- This process continues, until that particular element has been found.



Binary Search

- Let a_i be a list of elements that are in non-decreasing order. $1 \leq i \leq n$.
- It is a problem of determining whether a given element x is present in the list.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

$$\text{mid} = \lfloor (\text{low} + \text{high}) / 2 \rfloor$$

$$x = 60$$

1. $\text{low} = 1, \text{high} = 10$
 $\text{mid} = (1+10)/2 = 5, 60 > 50, \text{low} = 6$
2. $\text{low} = 6, \text{high} = 10$
 $\text{mid} = (6 + 10)/2 = 8, 60 < 80, \text{high} = 7$
3. $\text{low} = 6, \text{high} = 7$
 $\text{mid} = (6 + 7)/2 = 6$

1. $(x < a[\text{mid}])$ then
 $\text{high} = \text{mid} - 1$
2. else if $(x > a[\text{mid}])$ then
 $\text{low} = \text{mid} + 1$
3. else return mid ;



Binary Search

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Algorithm BinSearch(a,n,x)

//Given an array a[1:n] of elements in

//nondecreasing order, $n \geq 0$

```
{
  low = 1; high = n;
  while (low ≤ high) do
  {
    mid := ⌊(low+high)/2⌋;
    if (x < a[mid]) then high = mid-1;
    else if (x > a[mid]) then low := mid+1;
    else return mid;
  }
  return 0;
}
```

mid = (low+high)/2 **x = 30**

1. low = 1, high = 10

mid = (1+10)/2 = 5, 30 < 50, high = 4

2. low = 1, high = 4

mid = (1 + 4)/2 = 2, 30 > 20, low = 3

3. low = 3, high = 4

mid = (3 + 4)/2 = 3



Binary Search using recursion

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Algorithm BinSrch(a,i,l,x)

```
{
if (l = i) then
{
  if (x = a[i]) then return i;
  else return 0;
}
else
{
  mid =  $\lfloor (i+l)/2 \rfloor$ ;
  if (x = a[mid]) then return mid;
  else if (x < a[mid]) then return BinSrch(a,i,mid-1,x);
  else return BinSrch(a,mid+1,l,x);
}
}
```

mid = $(i+l)/2$ **x = 30**

- i = 1, l = 10
mid = $(1+10)/2 = 5$, $30 < 50$, l = 4
- i = 1, l = 4
mid = $(1 + 4)/2 = 2$, $30 > 20$, i = 3
- i = 3, l = 4
mid = $(3 + 4)/2 = 3$



Binary Search

Time Complexity

1. If the search element is the middle element of the array, **in this case, time complexity will be $O(1)$, the best case.**
2. Otherwise, binary search algorithm breaks the array into half in each iteration.

The array is divided by 2 until the array has only one element:

$$\frac{n}{2^k} = 1$$

we can rewrite it as:

$$n = 2^k$$

by taking log both side, we get

$$\log_2^n = \log_2 2^k$$

$$\log_2^n = k \log_2 2$$

$$k = \log_2^n \text{ (since } \log_a^a = 1 \text{)}$$

The time complexity of binary search is \log_2^n



Finding the maximum and minimum

- The problem to find the maximum and minimum items in a set of n elements.

Algorithm StraightMaxMin(a, n, \max, \min)

// set max to maximum and min to the

// minimum of $a[1:n]$

```
{
  max := min := a[1];
  for i := 2 to n do
  {
    if (a[i] > max) then max := a[i];
    if (a[i] < min) then min := a[i];
  }
}
```

- StraightMaxMin requires $2(n-1)$ element comparisons in the best, average and worst cases.

1	2	3	4	5
37	78	45	12	92

```
max = min = 37
i = 2
max = 78; min = 37
i = 3
max = 78; min = 37
i = 4
max = 78; min = 12
i = 5
max = 92; min = 12
```



Finding the maximum and minimum

- An immediate improvement is possible by realizing that the comparison $a[i] < \min$ is necessary only when $a[i] > \max$ is false. Hence we can replace the contents of the for loop by

```
if (a[i] > max) then max := a[i];
else if (a[i] < min) then min := a[i];
```
- When the elements are in the increasing order the number of element comparisons is $n-1$.
- When the elements are in the decreasing order the number of element comparisons is $2(n-1)$.



Finding the maximum and minimum

Divide and Conquer Algorithm

- Let $P = (n, a[i], \dots, a[j])$ denote an arbitrary instance of the problem.
- Here 'n' is the no. of elements in the list $(a[i], \dots, a[j])$ and we are interested in finding the maximum and minimum of the list.
- If the list has more than 2 elements, P has to be divided into smaller instances.
- We divide 'P' into the 2 instances,
 - $P1 = ([n/2], a[1], \dots, a[n/2])$ and
 - $P2 = (n - [n/2], a[[n/2] + 1], \dots, a[n])$
- After having divided 'P' into 2 smaller sub problems, we can solve them by recursively invoking the same divide-and-conquer algorithm.
- $\max(P)$ is the maximum of $\max(P1)$ and $\max(P2)$
- $\min(P)$ is the minimum of $\min(P1)$ and $\min(P2)$



Finding the maximum and minimum

Algorithm MaxMin(i,j,max,min)

//a[1:n] is a global array.

```
{
if (i = j) then max = min = a[i];
else if (i = j-1) then
{
  if (a[i] < a[j]) then
  {
    max = a[j]; min = a[i];
  }
  else
  {
    max = a[i]; min = a[j];
  }
}
else
```

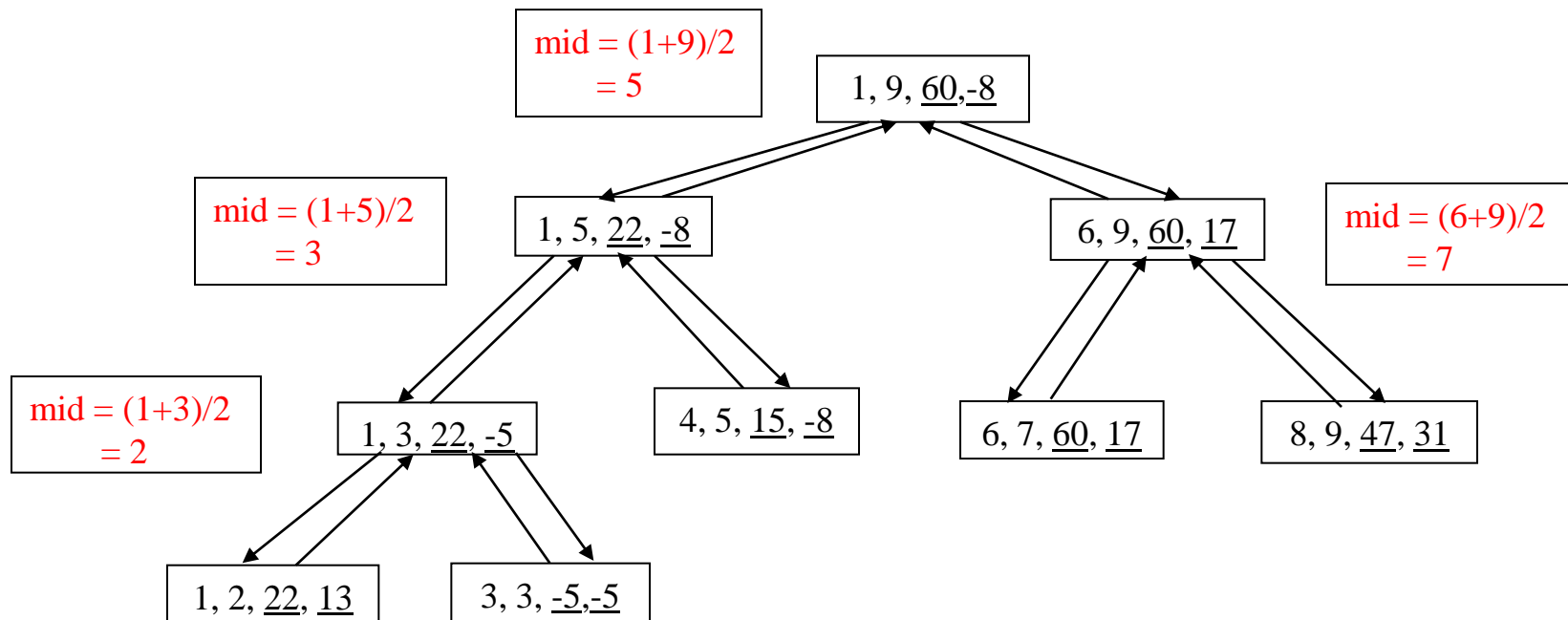
```
{
  mid =  $\lfloor (i+j)/2 \rfloor$ ;
  MaxMin(i,mid,max,min);
  MaxMin(mid+1,j,max1,min1);
  if(max < max1) then max = max1;
  if (min > min1) then min = min1;
}
}
```

Finding the maximum and minimum

Example: find max and min in the array:

22, 13, -5, -8, 15, 60, 17, 31, 47 (n = 9)

Index:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Array:	22	13	-5	-8	15	60	17	31	47



Finding the maximum and minimum

The number of element comparisons $T(n)$ is represented as recurrence relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2 & n > 2 \\ 1 & n = 2 \\ 0 & n = 1 \end{cases}$$

When n is a power of two, $n = 2^k$ for some positive integer k , then

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + 2 \\ &= 2(2T(n/4) + 2) + 2 \\ &= 4T(n/4) + 4 + 2 \\ &= 4(2T(n/8) + 2) + 4 + 2 \\ &= 8T(n/8) + 8 + 4 + 2 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &= 2^k T(n/2^k) + 2^k + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2} + \dots\dots\dots + 2 \end{aligned}$$



Finding the maximum and minimum

Taking $T(2) = 1$

$$\text{ie. } \frac{n}{2^k} = 2$$

$$T(n) = 2^k + 2^k + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2} + \dots + 2$$

$$= 2^k + \sum_{j=1}^k 2^j$$

$$= 2^k + 2 * \frac{(2^k - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} + 2 * \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} + n - 2$$

$$= \frac{3n}{2} - 2$$

$$\text{Since, } \sum_{j=1}^n x^j = x * \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}$$

Therefore, $3n/2 - 2$ is the best, average and worst case number of comparisons where n is power of 2.

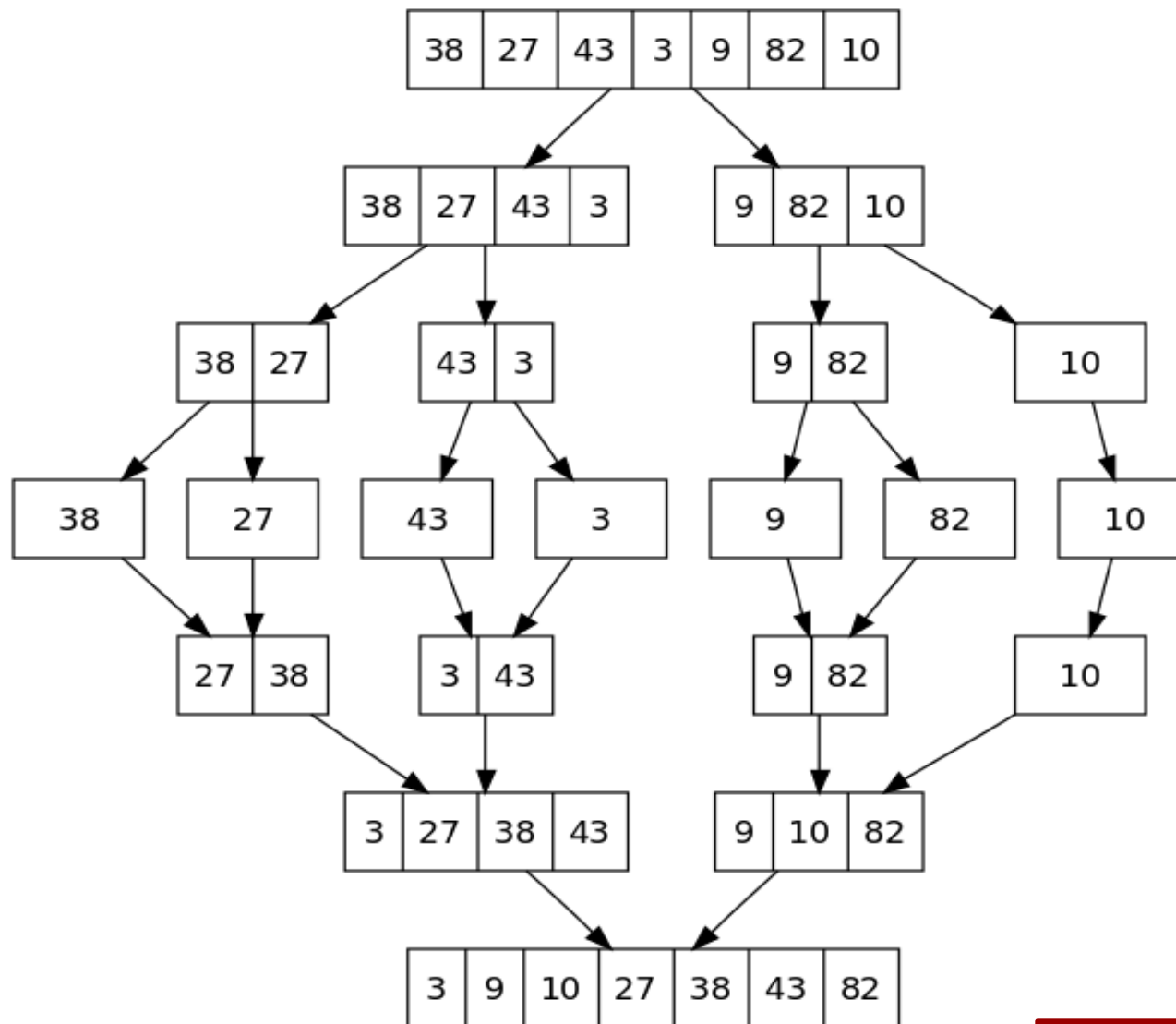


Merge Sort

- **Sort** a sequence of n elements into non-decreasing order.
- Merge sort is a sorting technique based on divide and conquer technique.
- Merge sort first divides the unsorted list into two equal halves.
- Sort each of the two sub lists recursively until we have list size of length 1, in which case the list itself is returned.
- Merge the two sorted sub lists back into one sorted list.



Merge Sort

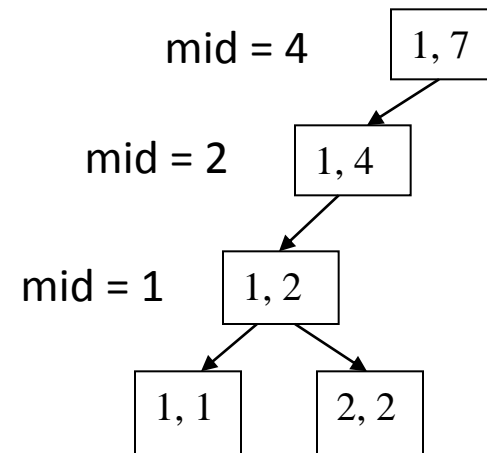


Merge Sort

Algorithm MergeSort(low,high)

```
{  
  If (low < high) then  
  {  
    mid =  $\lfloor (low+high)/2 \rfloor$ ;  
    MergeSort(low,mid);  
    MergeSort(mid+1,high);  
    Merge(low,mid,high);  
  }  
}
```

38	27	43	3	9	82	10
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Merge Sort

```
Algorithm Merge(low,mid,high)
//b[] is an auxiliary global array.
{
  h=low; i=low; j=mid+1;
  while((h≤mid) and (j≤high)) do
  {
    if(a[h] ≤ a[j]) then
    {
      b[i] = a[h]; h = h+1;
    }
    else
    {
      b[i] = a[j]; j = j+1;
    }
    i = i+1;
  }
}
```

```
if(h > mid) then
{
  for k = j to high do
  {
    b[i] = a[k]; i = i+1;
  }
}
else
{
  for k = h to mid do
  {
    b[i] = a[k]; i = i+1;
  }
}
for k = low to high do
  a[k] = b[k];
}
```

Merge Sort

Computing time for merge sort is described by the recurrence relation,

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} a & n = 1, a \text{ is a constant} \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn & n > 1, c \text{ is a constant} \end{cases}$$

when $n = 2^k$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + cn \\ &= 2[2T(n/4) + cn/2] + cn \\ &= 4T(n/4) + cn + cn \\ &= 4T(n/4) + 2cn \\ &= 4[2T(n/8) + cn/4] + 2cn \\ &= 8T(n/8) + cn + 2cn \\ &= 8T(n/8) + 3cn \\ &\quad \dots\dots\dots \\ &= 2^k T(n/2^k) + kcn \\ &= 2^k T(1) + kcn \\ &= an + cn \log n \end{aligned}$$

Since,
 $T(n/2^k = 1)$
 $n = 2^k$
 $\log_2 n = \log_2 2^k$
 $= k \log_2 2$
 $= k$



Quick Sort

- In merge sort, the array $a[1:n]$ was divided at its midpoint into sub arrays which were independently sorted and later merged.
- In quick sort, the division into 2 sub arrays is made so that the sorted sub arrays do not need to be merged later.
- This is accomplished by rearranging the elements in $a[1:n]$ such that $a[i] \leq a[j]$ for all i between 1 and m and all j between $(m+1)$ and n for some m , $1 \leq m \leq n$.
- Thus the elements in $a[1:m]$ and $a[m+1:n]$ can be independently sorted.
- No merging is needed.
- This rearranging is referred to as partitioning.



Quick Sort

- Quick sort picks an element as pivot element and partitions the given array around the picked pivot.
- There are many different versions of quick sort that pick pivot in different ways.
 - pick first element as pivot.
 - pick last element as pivot.
 - Pick a random element as pivot.
 - Pick median as pivot.
- The role of the pivot value is to assist with splitting the list.
- The actual position where the pivot value belongs in the final sorted list, commonly called the **split point**, will be used to divide the list for subsequent calls to the quick sort.



Quick Sort Example

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	i	j
65	70	75	80	85	60	55	50	45	+ ∞	2	9
65	45	75	80	85	60	55	50	70	+ ∞	3	8
65	45	50	80	85	60	55	75	70	+ ∞	4	7
65	45	50	55	85	60	80	75	70	+ ∞	5	6
65	45	50	55	60	85	80	75	70	+ ∞	6	5
60	45	50	55	65	85	80	75	70	+ ∞		



Quick Sort

Algorithm Quicksort(p,q)

```
{
if (p<q) then
  {
    j:= Partititon (a,p,q+1);
    Quicksort(p,j-1);
    Quicksort(j+1,q);
  }
}
```

Algorithm Partition(a,m,p)

```
{
v:=a[m]; i:=m; j:=p;
repeat
{
  repeat
    i:=i+1;
  until (a[i] ≥ v);
```

repeat

```
  j := j-1;
  until (a[j] ≤ v);
  if (i < j) then Interchange(a, i, j);
}until ( i ≥j);
a[m] := a[j];
a[j] := v;
return j;
}
```

Algorithm Interchange(a, i, j)

```
{
p := a[i];
a[i] := a[j];
a[j] := p;
}
```



Quick Sort

Computing time for Quick sort

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \text{ for } n > 1,$$

$$T(1) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + n \\ &= 2[2T(n/4) + n/2] + n \\ &= 4T(n/4) + n + n \\ &= 4T(n/4) + 2n \\ &= 4[2T(n/8) + n/4] + 2n \\ &= 8T(n/8) + n + 2n \\ &= 8T(n/8) + 3n \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ &= 2^k T(n/2^k) + kn \\ &= nT(1) + kn \\ &= n \log n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since,} \\ T(n/2^k = 1) \\ n = 2^k \\ \log_2 n = \log_2 2^k \\ &= k \log_2 2 \\ &= k \end{aligned}$$

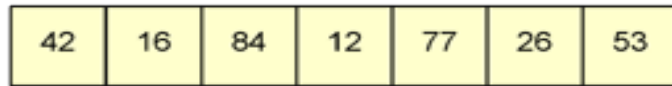


Selection Sort

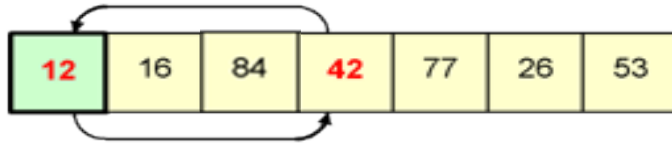
- Selection sort is the most simplest sorting algorithm.
- Following are the steps involved in selection sort(for sorting a given array in ascending order):
 - Starting from the first element, search the smallest element in the array, and replace it with the element in the first position.
 - Then move on to the second position, and look for smallest element present in the subarray, starting from index 2 till the last index.
 - Replace the element at the **second** position in the original array with the second smallest element.
 - This is repeated, until the array is completely sorted.



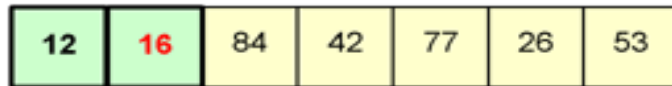
Selection Sort Example



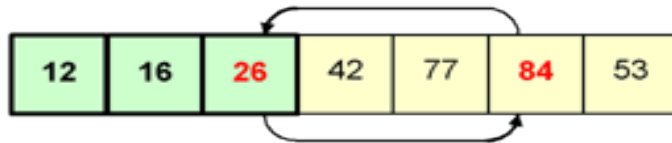
The array, before the selection sort operation begins.



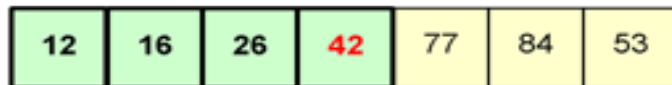
The smallest number (**12**) is swapped into the first element in the structure.



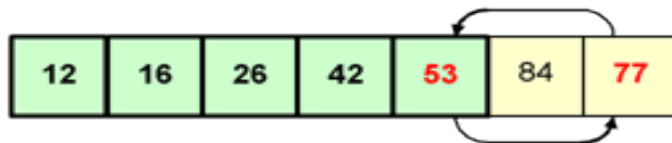
In the data that remains, **16** is the smallest; and it does not need to be moved.



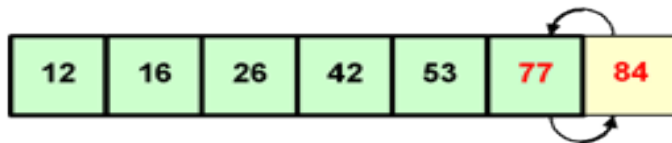
26 is the next smallest number, and it is swapped into the third position.



42 is the next smallest number; it is already in the correct position.



53 is the smallest number in the data that remains; and it is swapped to the appropriate position.



Of the two remaining data items, **77** is the smaller; the items are swapped. *The selection sort is now complete.*



Selection Sort

```
Algorithm Selection(a, n)
{
  for i := 1 to n-1 do
  {
    min := a[i];
    loc := i;
    for j := i+1 to n do
    {
      if (min > a[j] ) then
      {
        min := a[j];
        loc :=j;
      }
    }
    temp := a[i]; a[i] := a[loc]; a[loc] := temp;
  }
}
```



Selection Sort

Number of comparisons in selection sort:

$$(n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) + \dots + 2 + 1$$

$$n(n-1)/2 \text{ comparisons}$$



Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

- Let A and B be two $n \times n$ matrices.
- The product matrix $C = AB$ is also an $n \times n$ matrix whose i, j^{th} element is formed by taking the elements in the i^{th} row of A and j^{th} column of B and multiplying them to get

$$C(i, j) = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} A(i, k)B(k, j) \quad \text{for all } i \text{ and } j \text{ between } 1 \text{ and } n.$$

- To compute $C(i, j)$ using this formula, we need n multiplications.
- As the matrix C has n^2 elements, the time for the resulting matrix multiplication algorithm is $O(n^3)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{11} = A_{11} * B_{11} + A_{12} * B_{21}$$

$$C_{12} = A_{11} * B_{12} + A_{12} * B_{22}$$

$$C_{21} = A_{21} * B_{11} + A_{22} * B_{21}$$

$$C_{22} = A_{21} * B_{12} + A_{22} * B_{22}$$

8 multiplications and 4 additions



Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

- Divide and conquer method suggests another way to compute the product of two $n \times n$ matrices.
- We assume that n is a power of 2.
- If n is not a power of two, then enough rows and columns of zeros can be added to both A and B so that the resulting dimensions are power of 2.
- If $n = 2$, conventional matrix multiplication is performed.
- If $n > 2$, then the elements are partitioned into sub matrix $n/2 \times n/2$.
- Since n is power of 2, these matrix products can be recursively computed by the same algorithm we are using for the $n \times n$ case.
- The overall computing time $T(n)$ of the resulting divide-and-conquer algorithm is given by the recurrence

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & n \leq 2 \\ 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn^2 & n > 2 \end{cases}$$

where b and c are constants.



Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

- Strassen showed that 2×2 matrix multiplication can be done in 7 multiplications and 18 additions or subtractions.
- This reduce can be done by divide and conquer approach.

$$P = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$Q = (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11}$$

$$R = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$S = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$T = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22}$$

$$U = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12})$$

$$V = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22})$$

$$C_{11} = P + S - T + V$$

$$C_{12} = R + T$$

$$C_{21} = Q + S$$

$$C_{22} = P + R - Q + U$$

The resulting recurrence relation for $T(n)$ is

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & n \leq 2 \\ 7T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + an^2 & n > 2 \end{cases}$$

where a and b are constants. $T(n) = O(n^{2.81})$

