

# Quicksort and Mergesort

## This week

- Quicksort algorithm
- Quicksort performance
- Quicksort analysis
- Mergesort algorithm
- Mergesort analysis

**Further Reading**  
**Chapters 1 and 8**  
**from Textbook**

## Quicksort

- The worst case running time of Quicksort algorithm is  $O(n^2)$
- However, its expected running time is  $O(n \log n)$
- Three-step divide-and-conquer process for sorting a subarray  $A[l..r]$

**Divide** : partition the array  $A[l..r]$  into two nonempty subarrays  $A[l..q]$  and  $A[q+1..r]$  such that each element of  $A[l..q]$  is less than or equal to each element of  $A[q+1..r]$

**Conquer** : sort the two subarrays  $A[l..q]$  and  $A[q+1..r]$  by recursive calls to Quicksort

**Combine** : the subarrays are already sorted in place. No work is needed to combine them



Procedure **PARTITION(A,l,r)**

**Input** : Array A(l .. r)

**Output** : A and q such that  $A[i] \leq A[q]$  for all  $i \leq q$  and  $A[j] > A[q]$  for all  $j > q$ .

$x \leftarrow A[l]$ ;  $i \leftarrow l$ ;  $j \leftarrow r$ ;

**while**  $i < j$  **do**

**while**  $A[i] \leq x$  and  $i \leq r$  **do**  $i \leftarrow i + 1$ ;

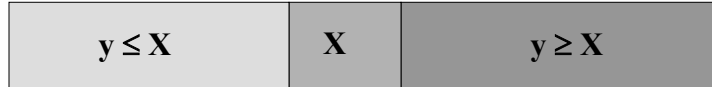
**while**  $A[j] > x$  and  $j \geq l$  **do**  $j \leftarrow j - 1$ ;

**if**  $i < j$  **then**

        exchange  $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$ ;

$q \leftarrow j$ ;

    exchange  $A[l] \leftrightarrow A[q]$ ;



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## Running Time of Quicksort

$$T(n) = n-1 + T(i-1) + T(n-i)$$

It takes  $n-1$  comparisons for the partition

Then we sort smaller sequences of size  $i-1$  and  $n-i$

Each element has the same probability of being selected as the pivot,

The average running time is given by,

$$T(n) = n-1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T(i-1) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T(n-i)$$

$$T(n) = n-1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n T(i) = O(n \log n)$$

[Detailed Analysis in the Class](#)

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# Mergesort

Like Quicksort, Mergesort algorithm also is based on the divide-and-conquer principle.

**Divide:** This step computes the middle of the array, takes constant time,  $\Theta(1)$

**Conquer :** Two subproblems, each of size  $n/2$  are recursively solved.  
Each subproblem contributes  $2T(n/2)$  to the running time.

**Combine:** Two sorted sequences are merged, this takes  $\Theta(n)$  time

# Example

13	02	18	26	76	87	98	11	93	77	65	43	38	09	65	06
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**Procedure MERGESORT(A,l,r)**

**Input :** A an array in the range 1 to n.

**Output:** Sorted array A.

```
    if l < r
        then q ← ⌊(l+r)/2⌋;
            MERGESORT(A,l,q)
            MERGESORT(A,q+1, r)
            MERGE (A,l,q,r)
```

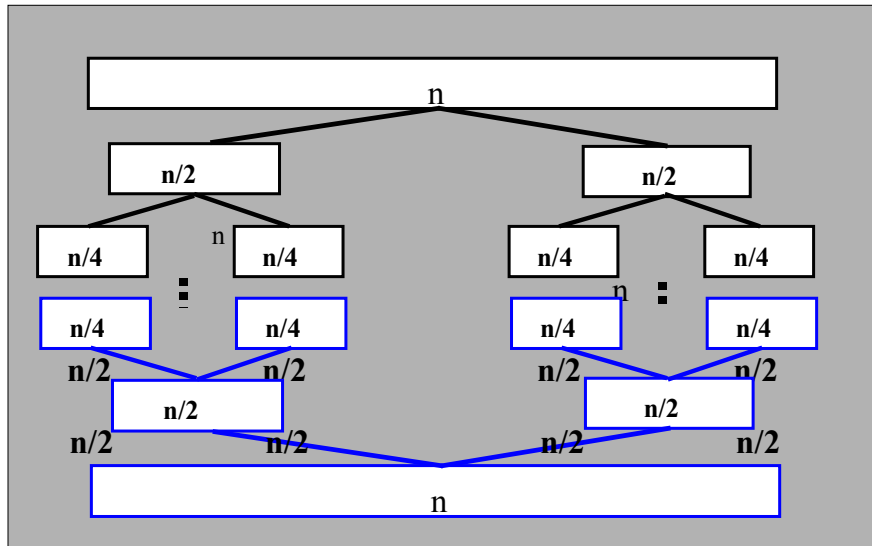
**Procedure MERGE(A,l,q,r)**

**Inputs:** two sorted subarrays A(l, q) and A(q+1, r)

**Output :** Merged and sorted array A(l, r)

```
    i ← l;
    j ← q+1;
    k ← 0;
    while (i ≤ q) and (j ≤ r) do
        k ← k+1;
        if A[i] ≤ A[j] then
            TEMP[k] ← A[i];
            i ← i +1;
        else
            TEMP[k] ← A[j];
            j ← j +1;
    if j > r then
        for t ← 0 to q - i do
            A[r-t] ← A[q-t];
    for t ← 0 to k-1 do
        A[l +t] ← TEMP[t];
```

## Runtime Complexity of Mergesort



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## Runtime Complexity of Mergesort

$$T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

$$T(n/2) = 2 T(n/4) + n/2$$

$$T(n/4) = 2 T(n/8) + n/4$$

$$T(n) = 2\{2 T(n/4) + n/2\} + n = 4 T(n/4) + 2 n$$

$$T(n) = 2^3 T(n/2^3) + 3n$$

...

$$T(n) = 2^k T(n/2^k) + k n \text{ If } n = 2^k \text{ then , } k = \log n$$

$$\text{Therefore, } T(n) = 2^k T(1) + n \log n$$

$$= n \Theta(1) + n \log n$$

$$T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

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## Questions

- What is a pivot element?
- Do you understand divide-and-conquer?
- What is running time if pivot element is at the center of the array?
- How is Mergesort different from Quicksort?
- Trace the algorithm with the help of an example?
- What is the use of TEMP array?
- Do you know why we execute steps 13 and 14 in the MERGE algorithm?
- What happens if  $i > q$  after the while loop (4-11)?

- Find applications for selection sort, heapsort, quicksort, and mergesort sorting algorithms?
- Which of these problems are suitable for different types of sorting operations?
- Identify applications for which each sorting algorithm works best

- Insertion Sort
- Counting Sort
- Find the Maximum
- Find the Minimum

## The Odd-Even Mergesort problem

### Porcedure PARALLEL ODD-EVEN MERGE SORT

1. for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $\lceil N/2 \rceil$ ;  $N =$  number of data elements
  2.     for all  $PE_j$  such that  $j$  is odd and  $1 \leq j \leq N-1$
  3.         if  $[PE_j].a > [PE_{j+1}].a$
  4.             swap( $[PE_j].a, [PE_{j+1}].a$ )
  5.     for all  $PE_j$  such that  $j$  is even and  $1 \leq j \leq N-1$
  6.         if  $[PE_j].a > [PE_{j+1}].a$
  7.             swap( $[PE_j].a, [PE_{j+1}].a$ )
- }





## Bitonic Mergesort

A bitonic sequence is a sequence of numbers,

$a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$  such that for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$

$a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i$  is in ascending order and

$a_{i+1}, a_{i+2}, \dots, a_{n-1}$  is in descending order

let,  $n = 2^k$ , and  $i = n/2 - 1$ .

$a_0 \leq a_1 \leq a_2, \dots, a_{n/2-2} \leq a_{n/2-1} \dots$  and

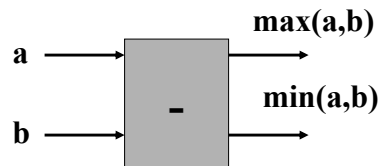
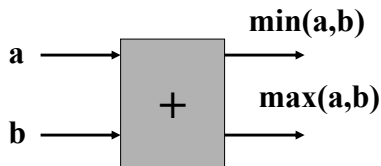
$a_{n/2} \geq a_{n/2+1} \geq a_{n/2+2} \geq a_{n/2+3} \dots a_{n-2} \geq a_{n-1}$

Consider,  $\min(a_0, a_{n/2}), \min(a_1, a_{n/2+1}), \dots, \min(a_{n/2-1}, a_{n-1})$

$\max(a_0, a_{n/2}), \max(a_1, a_{n/2+1}), \dots, \max(a_{n/2-1}, a_{n-1})$

Both are bitonic sequences!!

## Sorting Networks



`compare_exchange_min(j);`    `compare_exchange_max(j);`

Compare  $a_0$  with  $a_{n/2}$

$a_1$  with  $a_{n/2+1}$

⋮

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$a_{n/2-1}$  with  $a_{n-1}$

Compare data elements

$i$  and  $2^{k-1}+i$  and put the

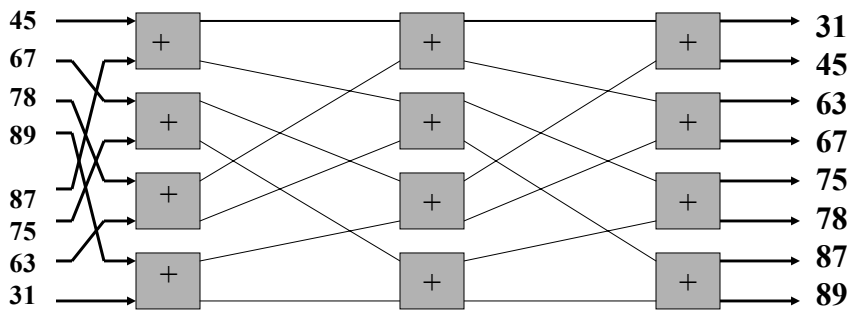
min in position  $2i$

and the max in position

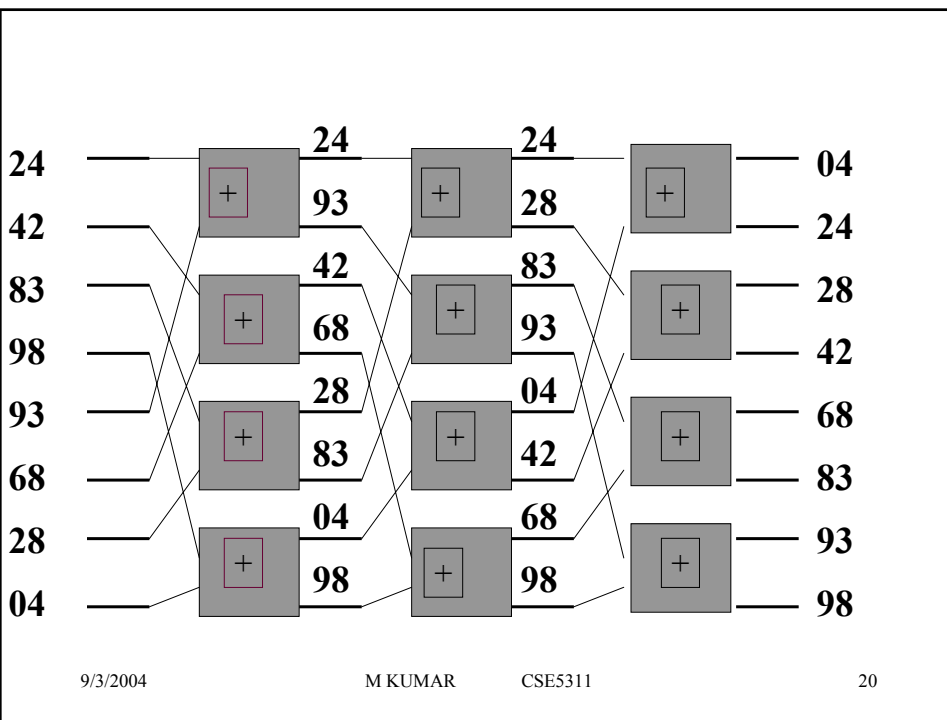
$2i+1$

# Shuffle-Exchange Network

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$n/2$  switches per stage  
 $\log n$  stages



## Parallel Bitonic Sort Algorithm

1. Compare  $[PE(i)].a$  with  $[PE(i+2^{k-1})].a$   
 $PE[2i] \leftarrow \text{MIN} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-1})].a \}$   
 $PE[2i+1] \leftarrow \text{MAX} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-1})].a \}$
  2. Compare  $[PE(i)].a$  with  $[PE(i+2^{k-1})].a$   
 $PE[2i] \leftarrow \text{MIN} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-1})].a \}$   
 $PE[2i+1] \leftarrow \text{MAX} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-2})].a \}$
  - ...
  - k. Compare  $[PE(i)].a$  with  $[PE(i+2^{k-1})].a$  and  
 $PE[2i] \leftarrow \text{MIN} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-1})].a \}$   
 $PE[2i+1] \leftarrow \text{MAX} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-2})].a \}$
- for  $j = 1$  to  $k$
- Compare  $[PE(i)].a$  with  $[PE(i+2^{k-1})].a$   
 $PE[2i] \leftarrow \text{MIN} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-1})].a \}$   
 $PE[2i+1] \leftarrow \text{MAX} \{ [PE(i)].a, [PE(i+2^{k-1})].a \}$

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## Given Unsorted list :

98 24 42 83 68 04 93 28

98 24 42 and 83 in ascending order and

68 04 93 and 28 in descending order

98	24	42	83	68	04	93	28
98	24	42	83	68	04	93	28
24	98	83	42	68	04	28	93
24	42	83	98	68	93	28	04
24	42	83	98	93	68	28	04

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