

# CSE 250

## Data Structures

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**Day 12**  
**Inductive Proofs, Divide and Conquer**  
**Textbook Ch. 15**

# Announcements

- WA1 is Due Wednesday @ 11:59pm

# Recap

- **Recursion:** A big problem made up of one or more instances of a smaller problem
  - Factorial:  $f(n) = n * f(n-1)$
  - Fibonacci:  $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$
  - Towers of Hanoi:  $move(n) = move(n-1), move(1), then\ move(n-1)$  again
- **Inductive Proofs:**
  - Come up with a hypothesis
  - Prove it on the base case
  - Assume it works for  $n' < n$ ; Prove for  $n$  based on that assumption

# Inductive Proof for Towers of Hanoi

- Base case is one ring. I can move one ring.
- Assume I can move  $n-1$  rings; Can I prove that I can move  $n$ ? Yes
  - Move  $n - 1$  (which we can do based on our assumption)
  - Move 1 ring
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  - Therefore, if we can move  $n - 1$ , we can move  $n$ .

# Fibonacci

What is the complexity of `fib(n)`?

```
def fib(n: Int): Long =  
  if(n < 2){ 1 }  
  else { fibb(n-1) + fibb(n-2) }
```

# Fibonacci

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n < 2 \\ T(n-1) + T(n-2) + \Theta(1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Solve for  $T(n)$ ...How?

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**Output:** An array with elements in sorted order.

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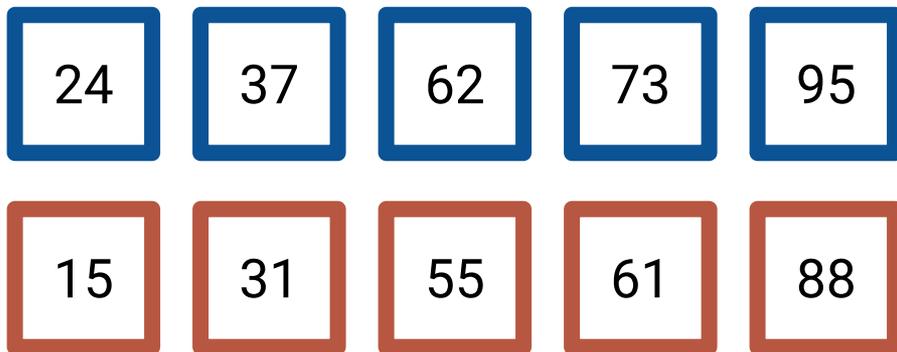
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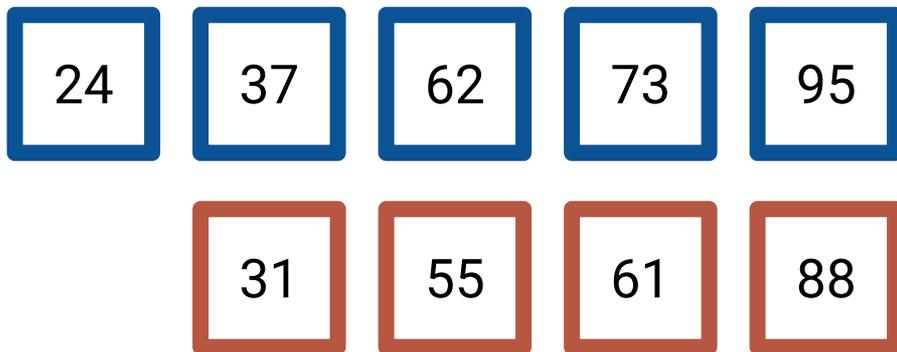
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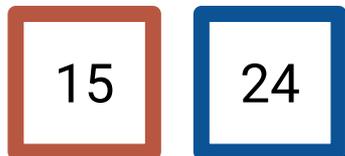
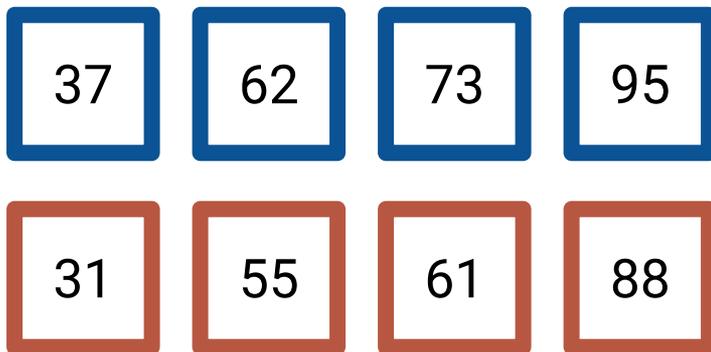


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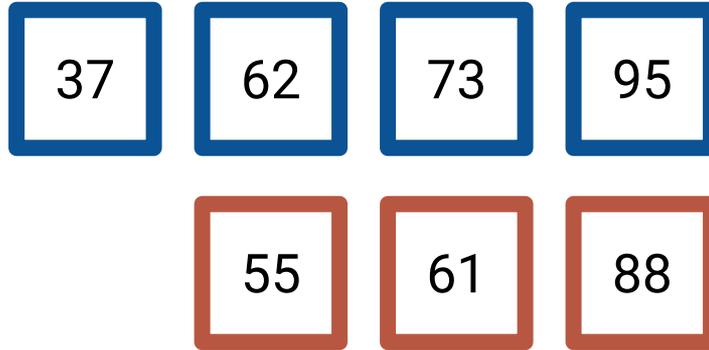


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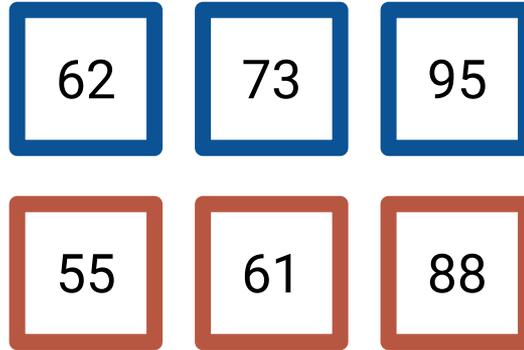
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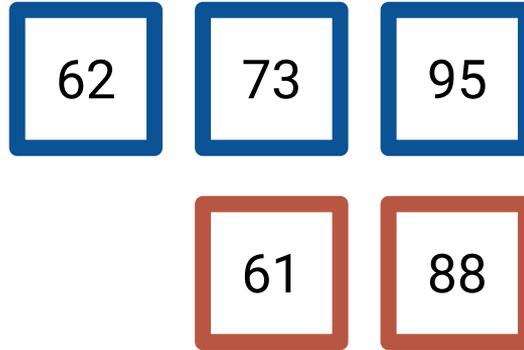
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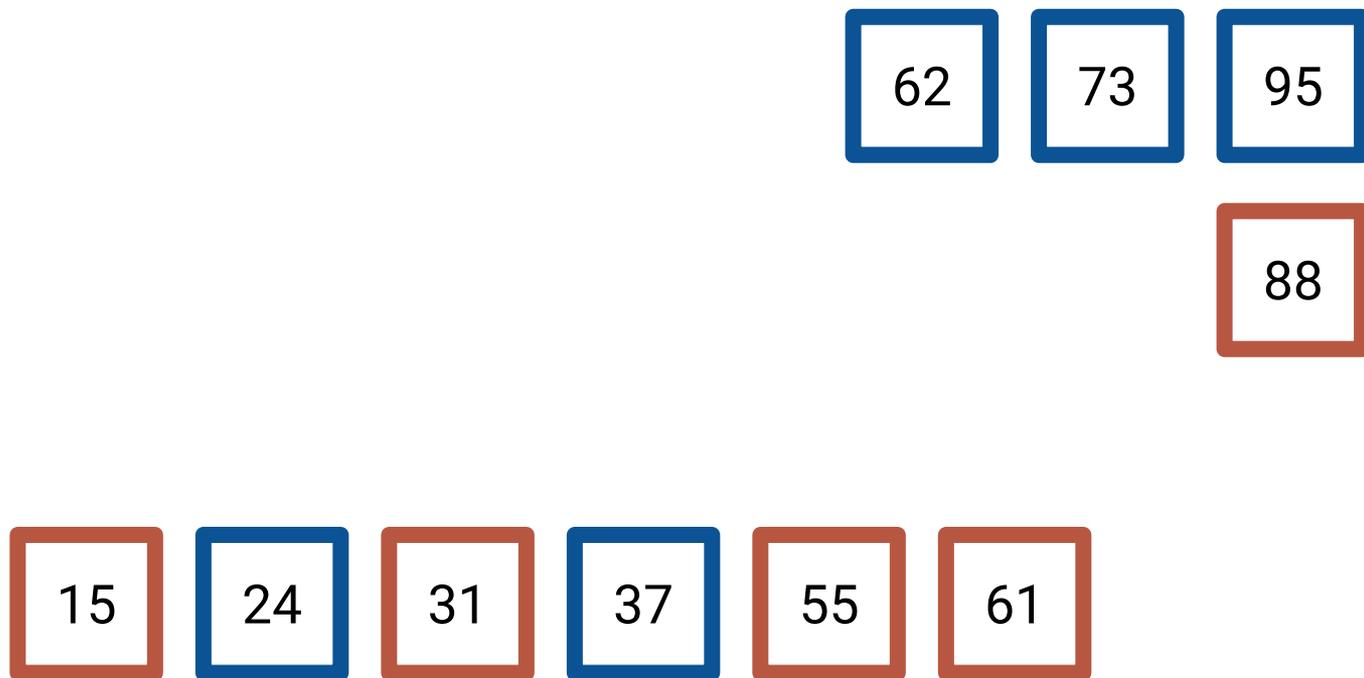
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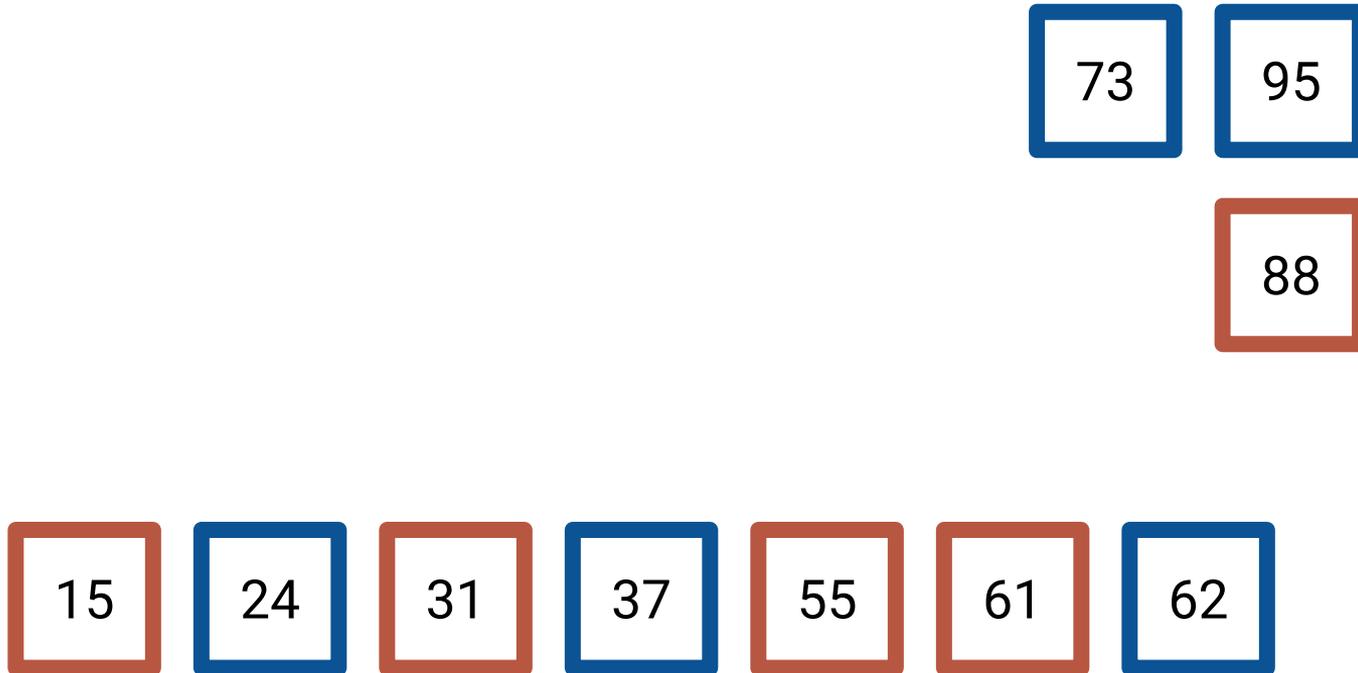
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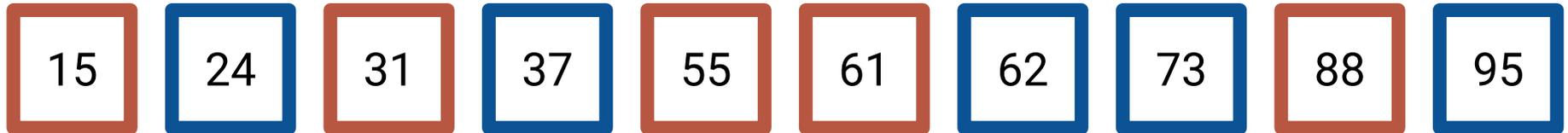
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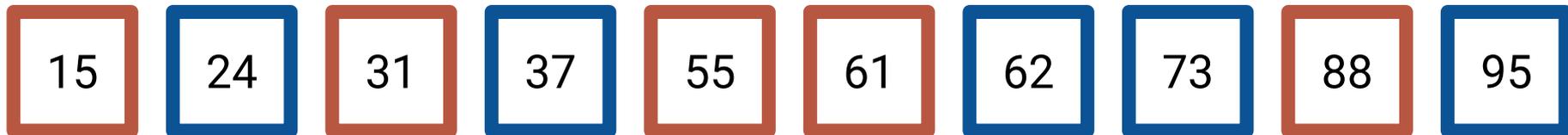


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How many comparisons?  $\Theta(|\text{red}| + |\text{blue}|)$



# Merge Code

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def merge[A: Ordering](left: Seq[A], right: Seq[A]): Seq[A] = {  
  val output = ArrayBuffer[A]()  
  
  val leftItems = left.iterator.buffered  
  val rightItems = right.iterator.buffered  
  
  while(leftItems.hasNext || rightItems.hasNext) {  
    if(!left.hasNext)           { output.append(right.next) }  
    else if(!right.hasNext)     { output.append(left.next) }  
    else if(Ordering[A].lt( left.head, right.head ))  
                                { output.append(left.next) }  
    else                         { output.append(right.next) }  
  }  
  output.toSeq  
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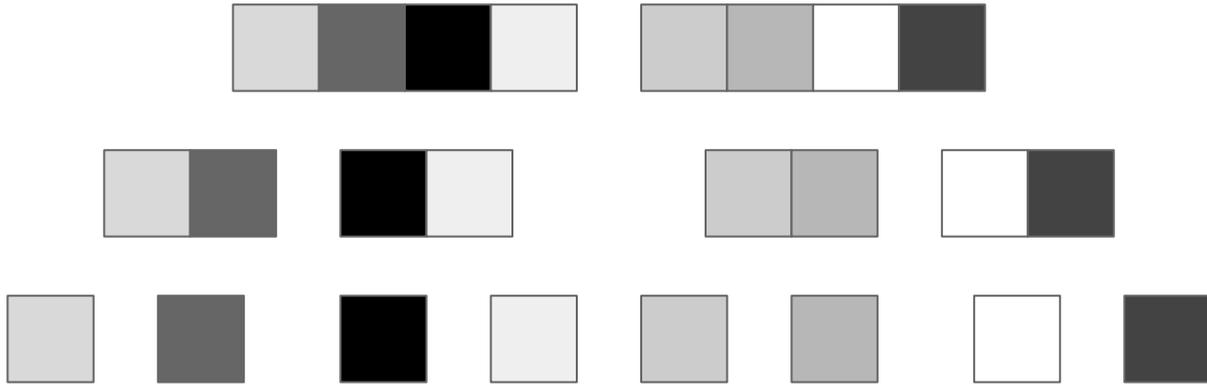
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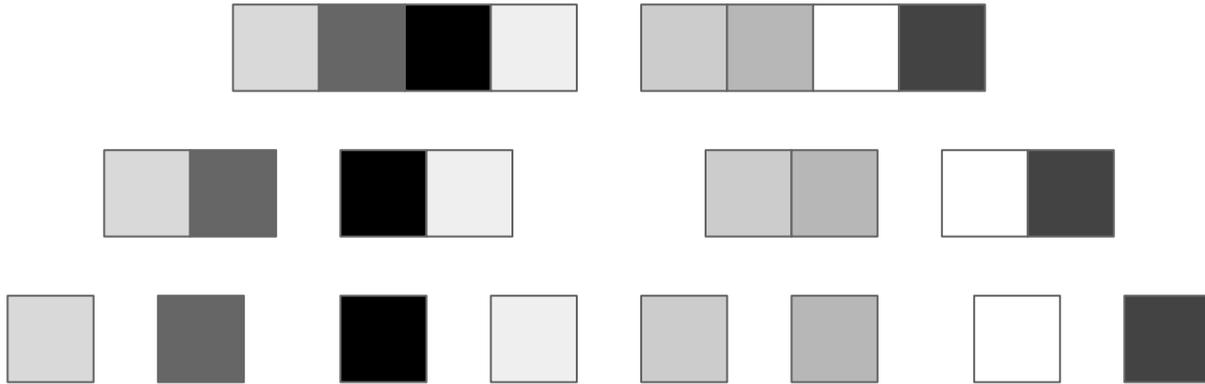
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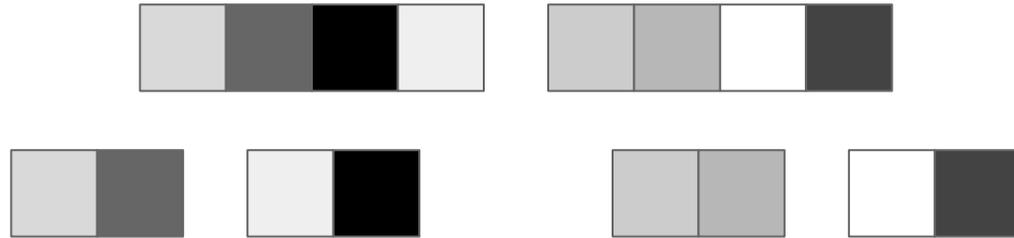
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# Sort Code

```
def sort[A: Ordering](data: Seq[A]): Seq[A] =  
  {  
    if(data.length <= 1) { return data }  
    else {  
      val (left, right) = data.splitAt(data.length / 2)  
      return merge(  
        sort(left),  
        sort(right)  
      )  
    }  
  }
```

# Complexity

If we solve a problem of size  $n$  by:

- Dividing it into  $a$  sub-problems
  - Where each problem is of size  $n/b$  (usually  $b = a$ )
  - ...and stop recurring at  $n \leq c$
  - ...and the cost of dividing is  $D(n)$
  - ...and the cost of combining is  $C(n)$

Then our total cost will be...

# Complexity

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n \leq c \\ a \cdot T(\frac{n}{b}) + D(n) + C(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$a$  subproblems of size  $n/b$ , base case of  $n \leq c$

divide cost of  $D(n)$

and combine cost of  $C(n)$

# For Merge Sort

**Divide:** Split the sequence in half

$$D(n) = \Theta(n) \text{ (can we do it faster?)}$$

**Conquer:** Sort left and right halves

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

**Combine:** Merge halves together

$$C(n) = \Theta(n)$$

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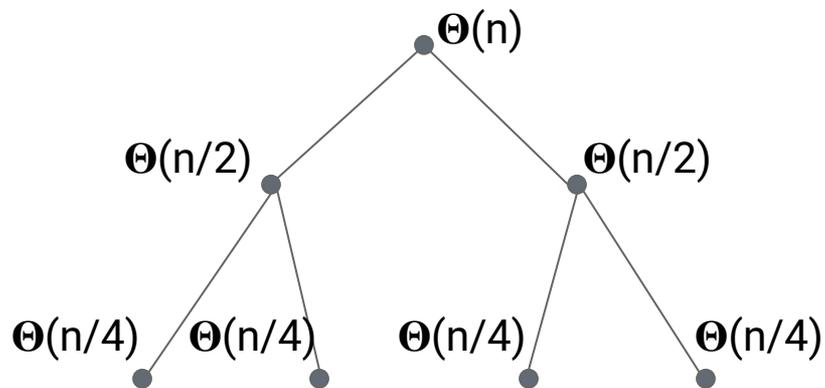
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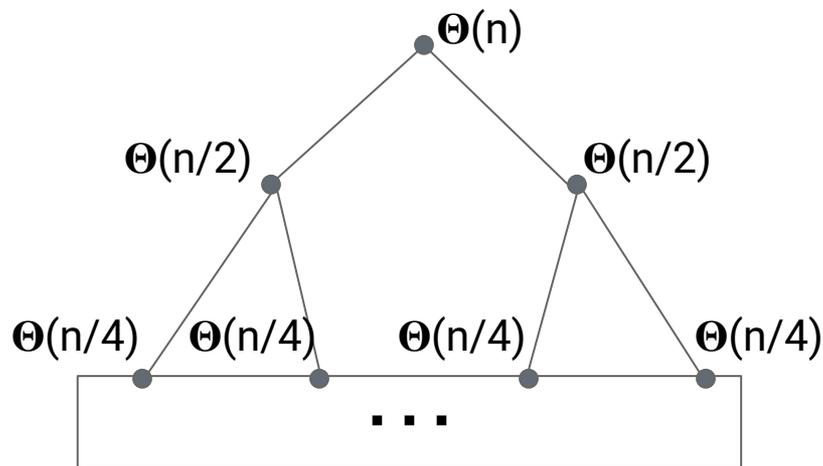
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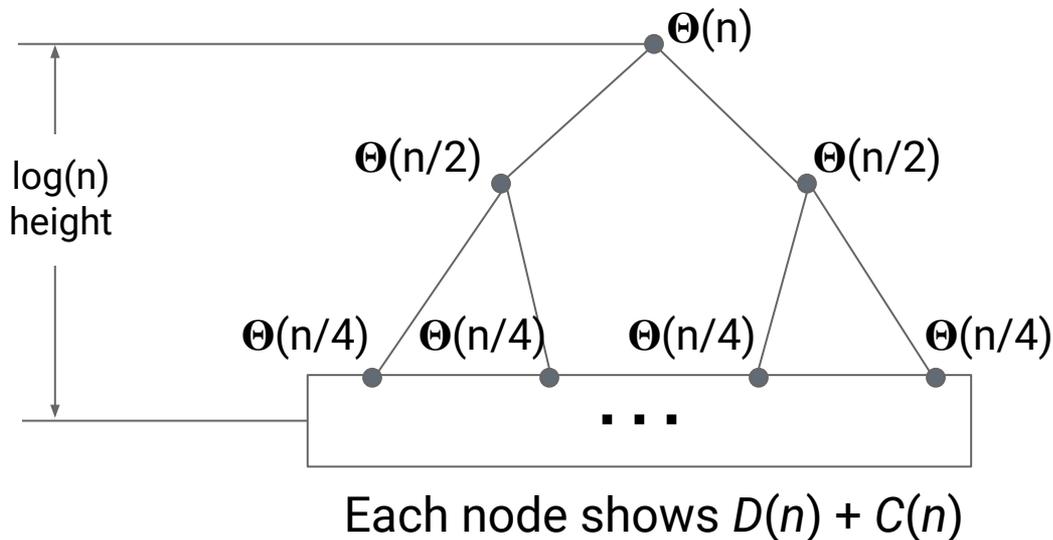
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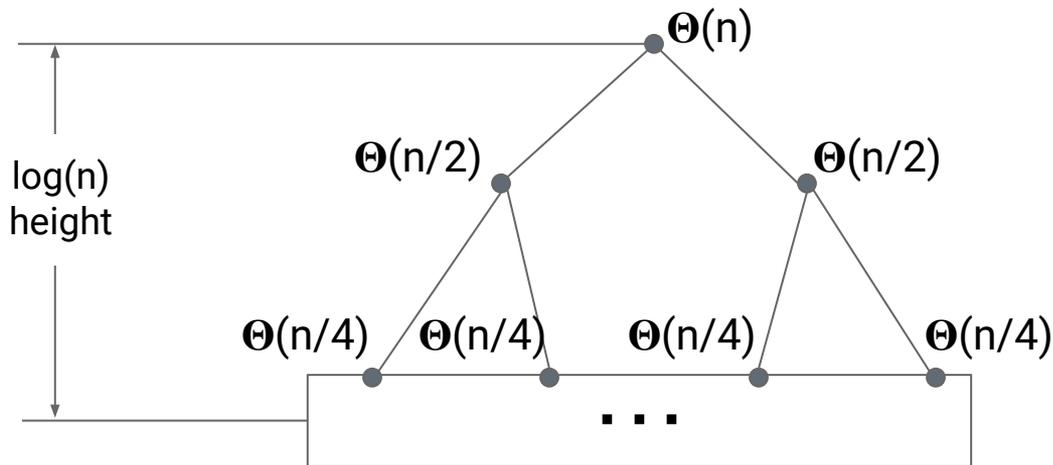
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for any  $n > n_0$

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**Base Case:**  $T(1) \leq c$

$$c_0 \leq c$$

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Which is true for any

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

# Next Time...

Quick Sort

Average Runtime