

Graduate Algorithms

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Sorting I

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04-0: Divide & Conquer

- Divide a problem into 2 or more smaller subproblems
- Recursively solve each subproblem
- Combine the solutions of the subproblems

04-1: Divide & Conquer

- Mergesort:
 - Divide the list in half
 - Recursively sort each half of the list
 - Merge the sorted lists together
- Dividing the list is easy (no real work required)
- Combining solutions harder

04-2: Divide & Conquer

- Quicksort:
 - Pick a pivot element
 - Divide the list into elements $<$ pivot, elements $>$ pivot
 - Recursively sort each of these two segments
 - No work required after recursive step
- Dividing the list is harder
- Combining solutions is easy (no real work required)

04-3: Quicksort

```
Quicksort(A, low, high)
  if (low < high) then
    pivotindex  $\leftarrow$  Partition(A, low, high)
    Quicksort(A, low, pivotindex - 1)
    Quicksort(A, pivotindex + 1, high)
```

04-4: Quicksort

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04-5: Quicksort

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- Method 1:
 - Maintain two indices, i and j
 - Everything to left of $i \leq \text{pivot}$
 - Everything to right if $j \geq \text{pivot}$
 - Start i at beginning of the list, j at the end of the list, move them in maintaining the conditions above

04-6: Quicksort

- How can we efficiently partition the list?
- Method 2:
 - Maintain two indices, i and j
 - Everything to left of $i \leq \text{pivot}$
 - Everything between i and $j \geq \text{pivot}$
 - Start both i and j at beginning of the list, increase them while maintaining the conditions above

04-7: Partition

```
Partition(A, low, high)
    pivot = A[high]
    i  $\leftarrow$  low - 1
    for j  $\leftarrow$  low to high - 1 do
        if (A[j]  $\leq$  pivot) then
            i  $\leftarrow$  i + 1
            swap A[i]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[j]
    swap A[i+1]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[high]
```

04-8: Partition

Partition example:

5 7 1 3 6 2 8 4

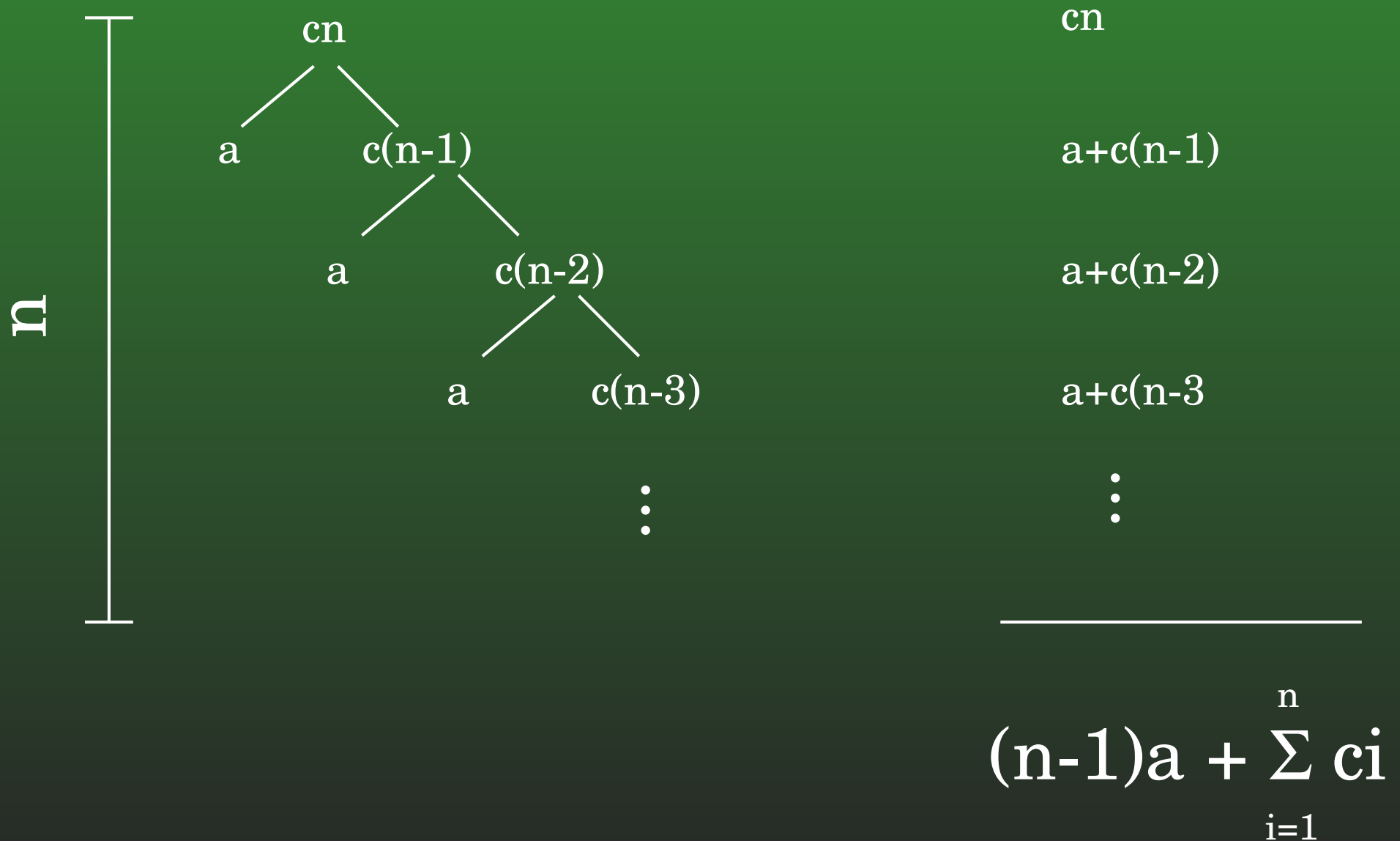
04-9: Quicksort

- Running time for Quicksort: Intuition
 - Worst case: list is split into size 0, size (n-1)

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n-1) + T(0) + \Theta(n) \\ &= T(n-1) + \Theta(n)\end{aligned}$$

Recursion Tree

04-10: Quicksort



04-11: Quicksort

Confirm $O(n^2)$ with substitution method:

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + c * n$$

04-12: Quicksort

Confirm $O(n^2)$ with substitution method:

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n-1) + c * n \\&\leq c_1 * (n-1)^2 + c * n \\&\leq c_1 * (n^2 - 2n + 1) + c * n \\&\leq c_1 * n^2 + (c - 2 * c_1 + 1/n) * n \\&\leq c_1 * n^2\end{aligned}$$

(if $c_1 > (c + 1/n)/2$)

04-13: Quicksort

Confirm $\Omega(n^2)$ with substitution method:

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n-1) + c * n \\&\geq c_1 * (n-1)^2 + c * n \\&\geq c_1 * (n^2 - 2n + 1) + c * n \\&\geq c_1 * (n^2 - 2n) + c * n \\&\geq c_1 * n^2 + (c - 2 * c_1) * n \\&\geq c_1 * n^2\end{aligned}$$

(if $c_1 > c/2$)

04-14: Quicksort

- Running time for Quicksort: Intuition
 - Best case: list is split in half

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c * n \\ &\in \Theta(n \lg n) \end{aligned}$$

(Using the master theorem)

04-15: Quicksort

- Running time for Quicksort: Intuition
 - Average case:
 - What if we split the problem into size $(1/9)n$ and $(8/9)n$
 - What if we split the problem into size $(1/100)n$ and $(99/100)n$

(Show recursion trees)

04-16: Quicksort

- Worst Case:

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Guess $T(n) \in O(n^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} c_1 q^2 + c_1 (n - q - 1)^2 + c_2 * n \\ &\leq c_1 * \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (q^2 + (n - q - 1)^2) + c_2 * n \end{aligned}$$

Maximizing $q^2 + (n - q - 1)^2$ over range $0 \leq q \leq n - 1$

04-18: Quicksort

Maximizing $q^2 + (n - q - 1)^2$ over range $0 \leq q \leq n - 1$

- 2nd derivative with respect to q is positive
- Maximim value needs to occur at the endpoints:
 $q = 0$ or $q = n - 1$

04-19: Quicksort

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} c_1 q^2 + c_1 (n - q - 1)^2 + c_2 * n \\&\leq c_1 * \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (q^2 + (n - q - 1)^2) + c_2 * n \\&\leq c_1 (n - 1)^2 + c_2 * n \\&\leq c_1 n^2 - 2c_1 n + c_1 + c_2 * n \\&\leq c_1 n^2\end{aligned}$$

(if $c_1 > c_2/2$)

04-20: Quicksort

- Average case:
 - What is the average case?
 - We can *assume* that all permutations of the list are equally likely (is this a good assumption?)
 - What else can we do?

04-21: Partition

```
Partition(A, low, high)
    pivot = A[high]
    i  $\leftarrow$  low - 1
    for j  $\leftarrow$  low to high - 1 do
        if (A[j]  $\leq$  pivot) then
            i  $\leftarrow$  i + 1
            swap A[i]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[j]
    swap A[i+1]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[high]
```

04-22: Randomized Partition

```
Partition(A, low, high)
    swap A[high]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[random(low,high)]
    pivot = A[high]
    i  $\leftarrow$  low - 1
    for j  $\leftarrow$  low to high - 1 do
        if (A[j]  $\leq$  pivot) then
            i  $\leftarrow$  i + 1
            swap A[i]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[j]
    swap A[i+1]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[high]
```


04-23: Quicksort Analysis

- OK, we can assume that all permutations are equally likely (especially if we randomize partition)
- How long does quicksort take in the average case?

04-24: Quicksort Analysis

- Time for quicksort dominated by time spent in partition procedure
- Partition can be called a maximum of n times (why)?
- Time for each call to partition is $\Theta(1) + \#$ of times through for loop
- Total number of times the test $(A[j] \leq \text{pivot})$ is done is proportional to the time spent for the loop
- Therefore, the total $\#$ of times the test $(A[j] \leq \text{pivot})$ is a bound on the time for the entire algorithm

04-25: Quicksort Analysis

Some definitions:

- Define z_i to be the i th smallest element in the list
- Define Z_{ij} to be the set of elements z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_j

So, if our array $A = \{3, 4, 1, 9, 10, 7\}$ then:

- $z_1 = 1, z_2 = 3, z_3 = 4$, etc
- $Z_{35} = \{4, 7, 9\}$
- $Z_{46} = \{7, 9, 10\}$

04-26: Quicksort Analysis

- Each pair of elements can be compared at most once (why)?
- Define an indicator variable $X_{ij} = I\{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\}$

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}$$

$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}\right]$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}]$$

04-27: Quicksort Analysis

- Calculating $E[X_{ij}]$:
 - When will element z_i be compared to z_j ?
- $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$
- If pivot = 6
 - 6 will be compared to every other element
 - 1-5 will never be compared to anything in 7-10

04-28: Quicksort Analysis

- Calculating $E[X_{ij}]$:
 - Given any two elements z_i, z_j , if we pick some element x as a pivot such that $z_i < x < z_j$, then z_i and z_j will never be compared to each other
 - z_i and z_j will be compared with each other when the first element chosen Z_{ij} is either z_i or z_j

04-29: Quicksort Analysis

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\} &= \Pr\{z_i \text{ or } z_j \text{ is first pivot selected from } Z_{ij}\} \\ &= \Pr\{z_i \text{ is first from } Z_{ij}\} + \Pr\{z_j \text{ is first from } Z_{ij}\} \\ &= 1/(j-i+1) + 1/(j-i+1) \\ &= 2/(j-i+1)\end{aligned}$$

04-30: Quicksort Analysis

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} \frac{2}{k+1} \\ &< \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} \frac{2}{k} \\ &< \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 2 \ln(n-i) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

04-31: Quicksort Analysis

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &< \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 2 \ln(n - i) + 1 \\ &< \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 2 \ln(n) + 1 \\ &< 2 * n \ln(n) + 1 \\ &\in O(n \lg n) \end{aligned}$$

04-32: Alternate Partition strategy

```
Partition(A, low, high)
    pivot = A[high]
    i = low
    j = high - 1
    while (i < j)
        while (A[i] < pivot)
            i++
        while (A[j] > pivot)
            j--
        if (i < j)
            swap A[i]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[j]
            i++
            j--
    swap A[i]  $\leftrightarrow$  A[high]
```

04-33: Alternate Partition strategy

```
Partition(A, low, high)
    pivot = A[high]
    i = low
    j = high - 1
    while (i < j)
        while (A[i] ≤ pivot)
            i++
        while (A[j] ≥ pivot)
            j--
        if (i < j)
            swap A[i] ↔ A[j]
            i++
            j--
    swap A[i] ↔ A[high]
```

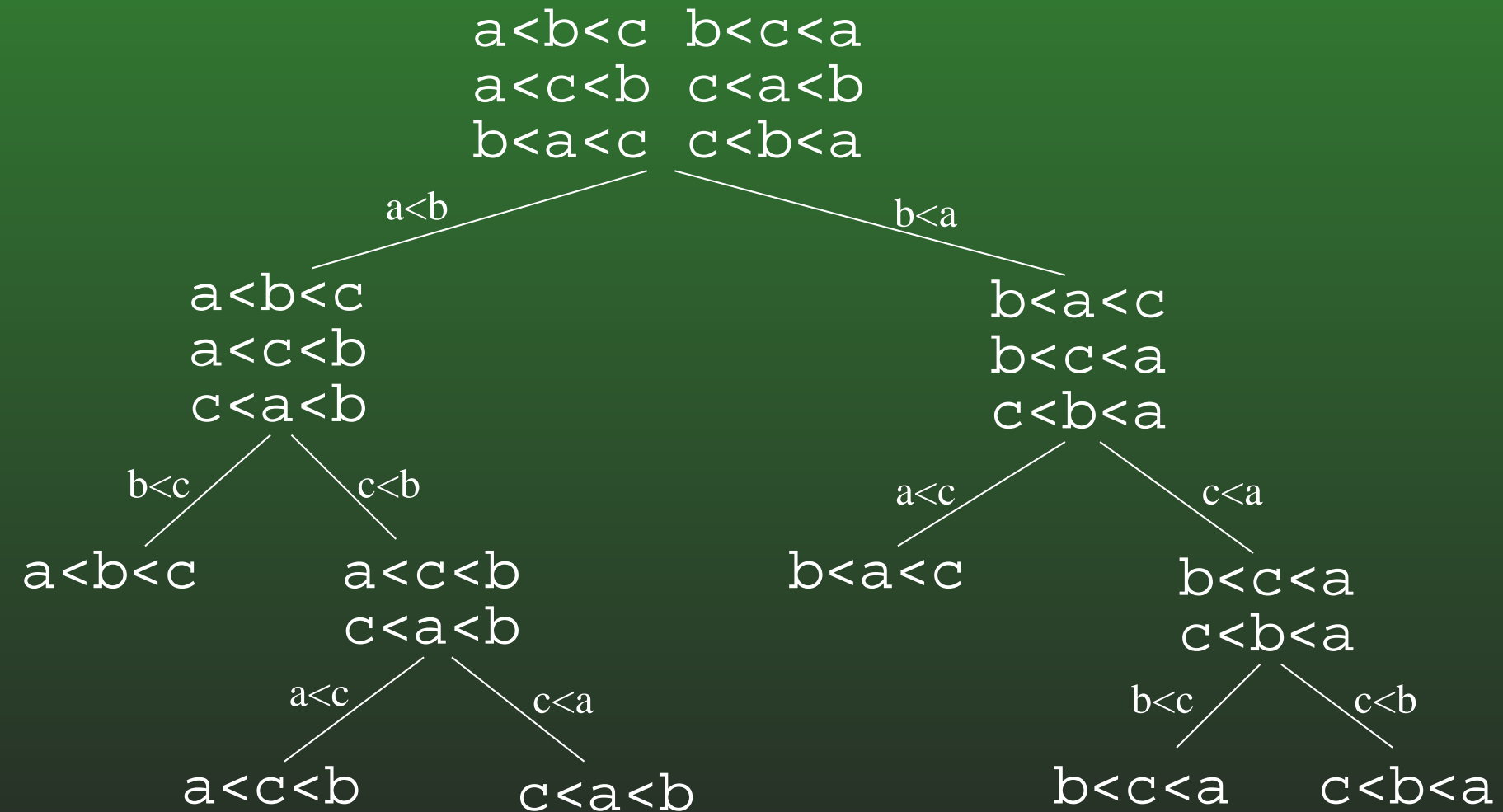
What happens if we change $<$ to \leq ?

04-34: Comparison Sorting

- Comparison sorts work by comparing elements
 - Can only compare 2 elements at a time
 - Check for $<$, $>$, $=$.
- All the sorts we have seen so far (Insertion, Quick, Merge, Heap, etc.) are comparison sorts
- If we know nothing about the list to be sorted, we need to use a comparison sort

04-35: Decision Trees

Insertion Sort on list $\{a, b, c\}$



04-36: **Decision Trees**

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 - The height of the tree – (depth of the deepest leaf) + 1

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 - $\lg n$
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 - $n!$
- What is the minimum height, for a decision tree for sorting n elements?
 - $\lg n!$

04-44: $\lg(n!) \in \Omega(n \lg n)$

$$\begin{aligned}\lg(n!) &= \lg(n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 2 * 1) \\&= (\lg n) + (\lg(n-1)) + (\lg(n-2)) + \dots \\&\quad + (\lg 2) + (\lg 1) \\&\geq \underbrace{(\lg n) + (\lg(n-1)) + \dots + (\lg(n/2))}_{n/2 \text{ terms}} \\&\geq \underbrace{(\lg n/2) + (\lg(n/2)) + \dots + \lg(n/2)}_{n/2 \text{ terms}} \\&= (n/2) \lg(n/2) \\&\in \Omega(n \lg n)\end{aligned}$$

04-45: Sorting Lower Bound

- All comparison sorting algorithms can be represented by a decision tree with $n!$ leaves
- Worst-case number of comparisons required by a sorting algorithm represented by a decision tree is the height of the tree
- A decision tree with $n!$ leaves must have a height of at least $n \lg n$
- All comparison sorting algorithms have worst-case running time $\Omega(n \lg n)$