


# Sorting Concluded

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## Administrative

- Assignment 1
- Assignment 2 out
- Group sessions?
- Finding a partner



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What does it do?

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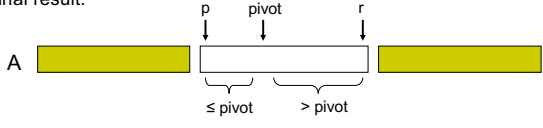
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A[r] is called the **pivot**

Partitions the elements A[p...r-1] in to two sets, those ≤ pivot and those > pivot

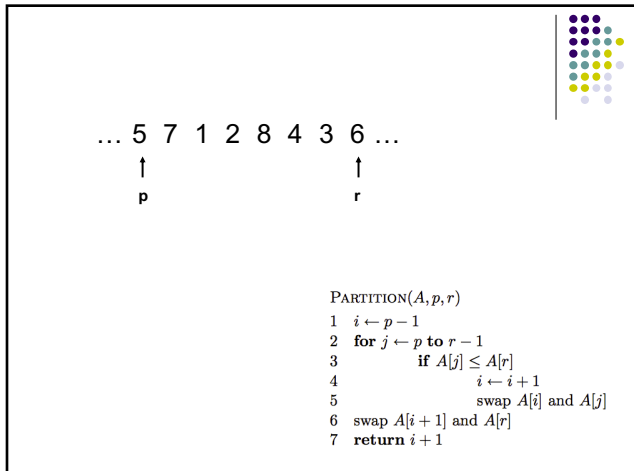
Operates in place

Final result:

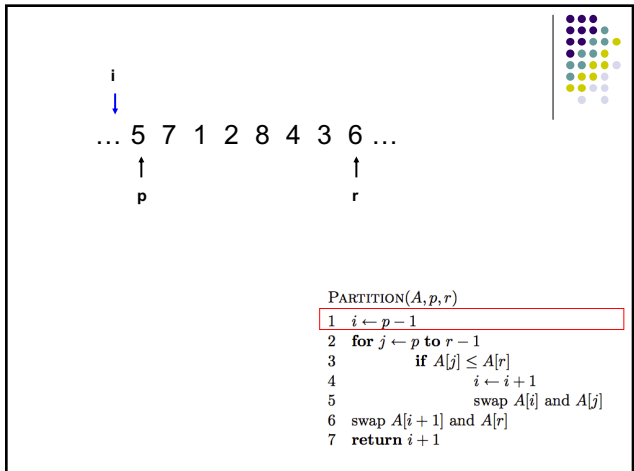


The diagram shows an array A represented as a horizontal bar. A pivot element is located at index r. The array is partitioned into two groups: elements less than or equal to the pivot (≤ pivot) on the left, and elements greater than the pivot (> pivot) on the right. The pivot element itself is shown in a separate box above the array, with arrows pointing to its position in the array.

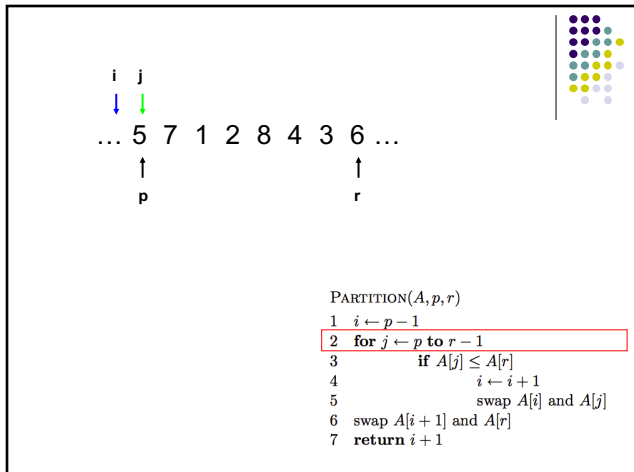
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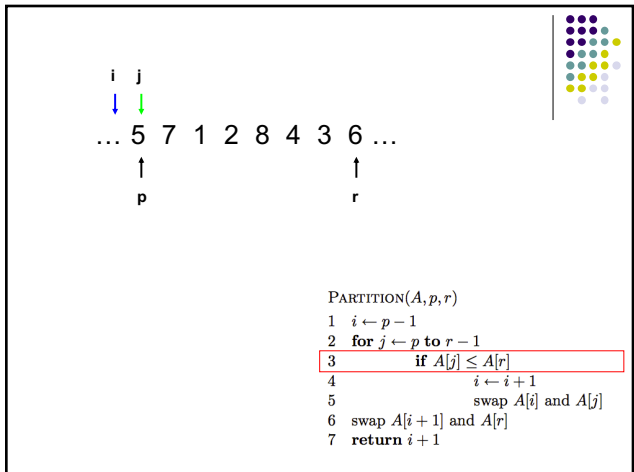
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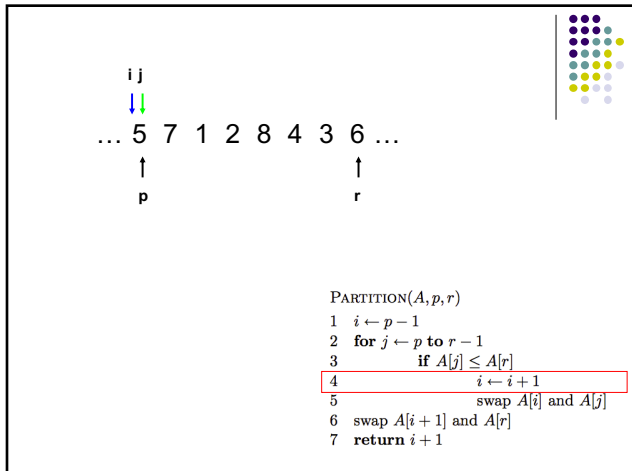
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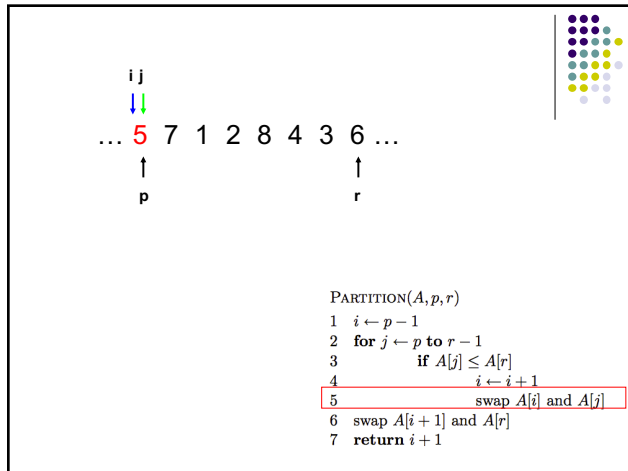
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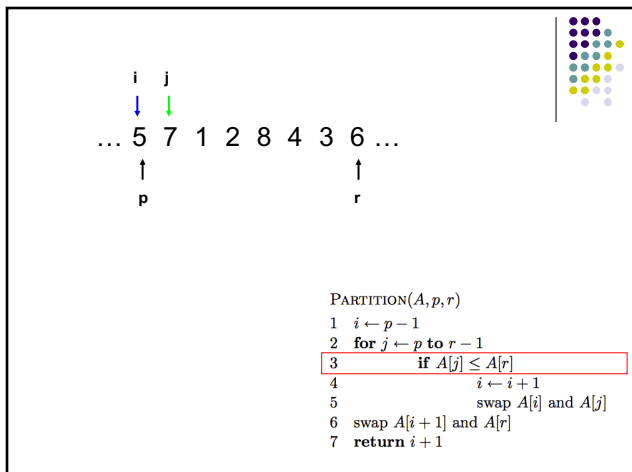
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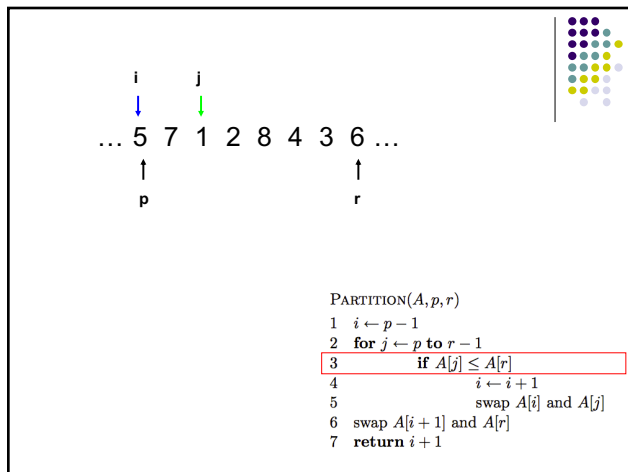
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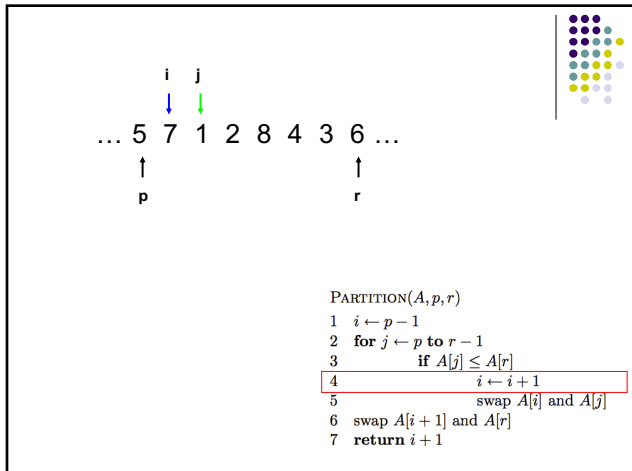
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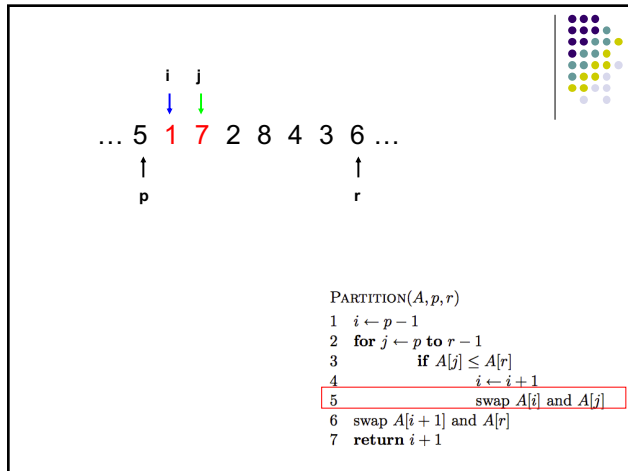
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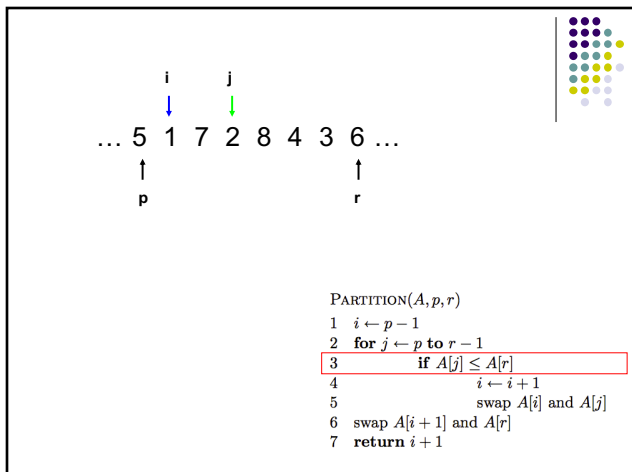
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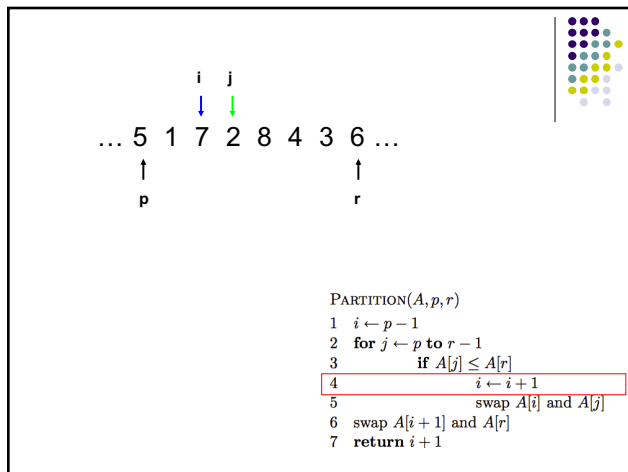
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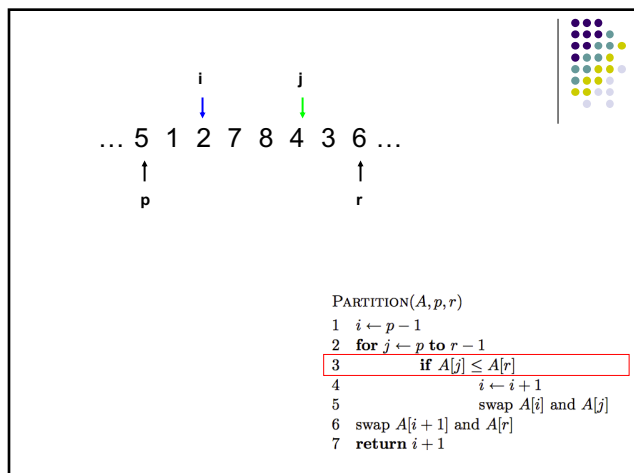
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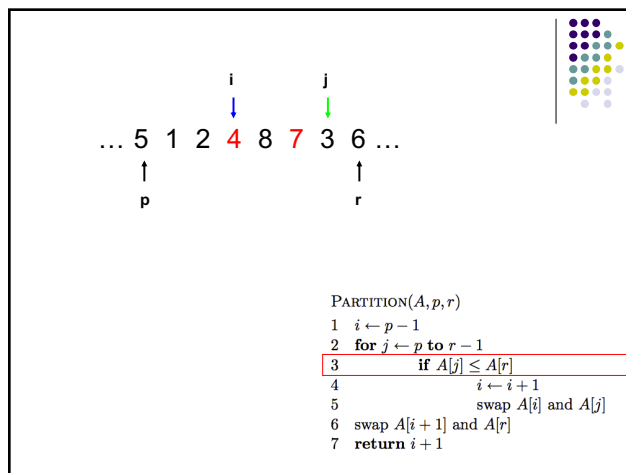
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≤ pivot
> pivot
unprocessed

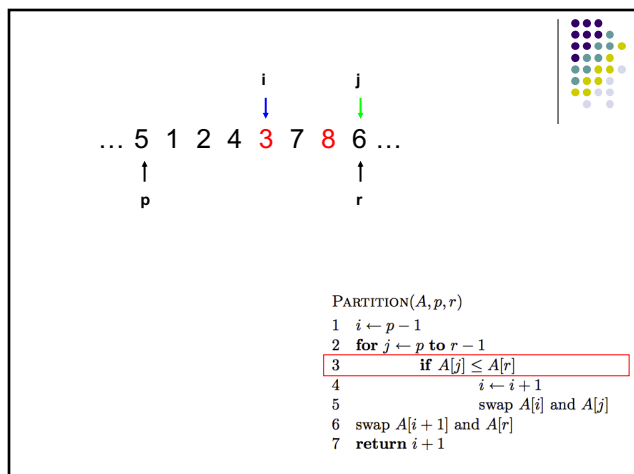
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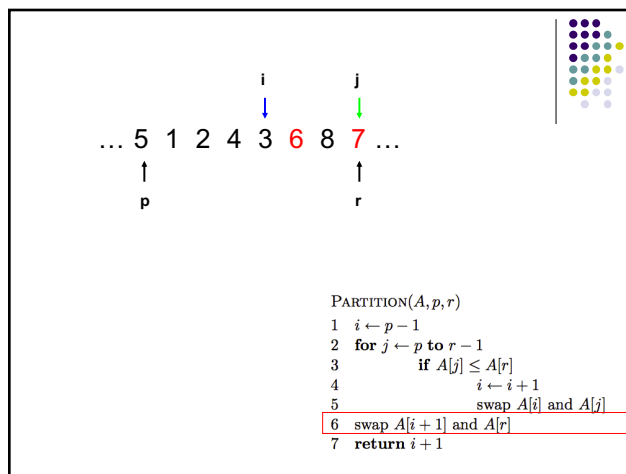
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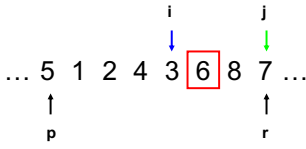
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## Partition running time?

$\Theta(n)$

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## Quicksort

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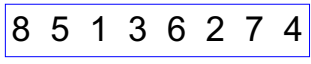
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What happens here?

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### Some observations


Divide and conquer: different than MergeSort – do the work *before* recursing

How many times is/can an element be selected as a pivot?

What happens after an element is selected as a pivot?

1 3 2 4 6 8 7 5

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### Is Quicksort correct?

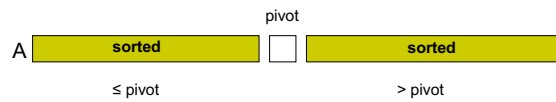
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## Is Quicksort correct?

Assuming Partition is correct

Proof by induction

- Base case: Quicksort works on a list of 1 element
- Inductive case:
  - Assume Quicksort sorts arrays for arrays of smaller  $< n$  elements, show that it works to sort  $n$  elements
  - If partition works correctly then we have:
  - and, by our inductive assumption, we have:



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## Running time of Quicksort?

Worst case?

Each call to Partition splits the array into an empty array and  $n-1$  array



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## Quicksort: Worse case running time

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

Which is?  $\Theta(n^2)$

When does this happen?

- sorted
- reverse sorted
- near sorted/reverse sorted

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## Quicksort best case?

Each call to Partition splits the array into two equal parts

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

$\Theta(n \log n)$

When does this happen?

- random data?

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### Quicksort Average case?

How close to “even” splits do they need to be to maintain an  $\Theta(n \log n)$  running time?

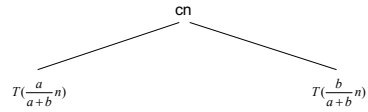
Say the Partition procedure always splits the array into some constant ratio b-to-a, e.g. 9-to-1

What is the recurrence?

$$T(n) \leq T\left(\frac{a}{a+b}n\right) + T\left(\frac{b}{a+b}n\right) + cn$$

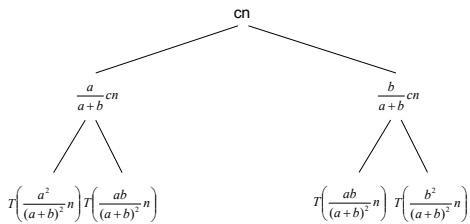
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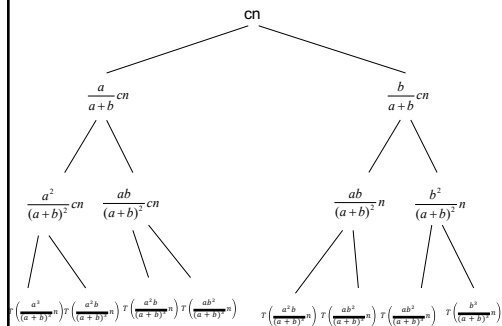
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Level 0:  $cn$

$$\text{Level 1: } = cn\left(\frac{a}{a+b}\right) + cn\left(\frac{b}{a+b}\right) = cn$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Level 2: } &= cn\left(\frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) + cn\left(\frac{ab}{(a+b)^2}\right) + cn\left(\frac{ab}{(a+b)^2}\right) + cn\left(\frac{b^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) \\ &= cn\left(\frac{a^2 + 2ab + b^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) = cn\left(\frac{(a+b)^2}{(a+b)^2}\right) = cn \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Level 3: } &= cn\left(\frac{(a+b)^2 a + (a+b)^2 b}{(a+b)^3}\right) \\ &= cn\left(\frac{(a+b)(a+b)^2}{(a+b)^3}\right) = cn \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Level } d: = cn\left(\frac{(a+b)^d}{(a+b)^d}\right) = cn$$

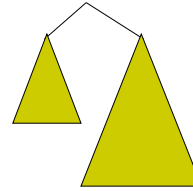


## What is the depth of the tree?

Leaves will have different heights

Want to pick the deepest leaf

Assume  $a < b$



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## What is the depth of the tree?

Assume  $a < b$

$$\left(\frac{b}{a+b}\right)^d n = 1$$

...

$$d = \log_{\frac{a+b}{b}} n$$



## Cost of the tree

Cost of each level  $\leq cn$

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Cost of each level  $\leq cn$   
 Times the maximum depth

$$O(n \log_{\frac{a+b}{b}} n)$$

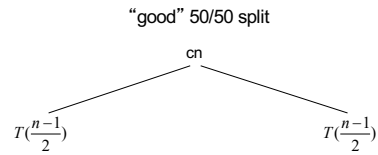
Why not?

$$\Theta(n \log_{\frac{a+b}{b}} n)$$

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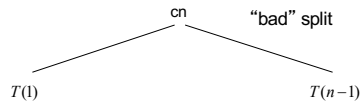
What would happen if half the time Partition produced a "bad" split and the other half "good"?



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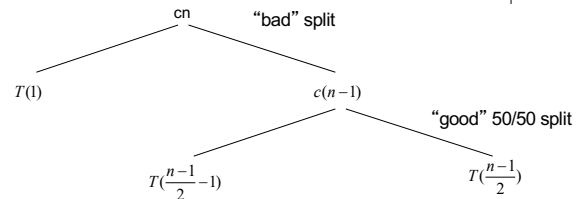
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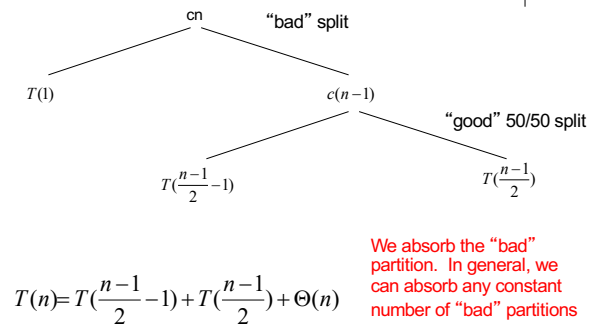


$$T(n) = T(1) + T\left(\frac{n-1}{2} - 1\right) + T\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) + \Theta(n-1)$$

recursion cost
partition cost

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## How can we avoid the worst case?

Inject randomness into the data

`RANDOMIZED-PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )`

- 1  $i \leftarrow \text{RANDOM}(p, r)$
- 2 swap  $A[r]$  and  $A[i]$
- 3 **return** `PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )`

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## What is the running time of randomized Quicksort?

Worst case?

$$\Theta(n^2)$$

Still could get very unlucky and pick "bad" partitions at every step

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## Sorting bounds

Mergsort is  $\theta(n \log n)$

Quicksort is  $O(n \log n)$  on average

Can we do better?

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Do any of the sorting algorithms we've looked at use additional information?

- No
- All the algorithms we've seen are comparison-based sorting algorithms



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- Just compares any two elements
- Useful for comparison-based sorting algorithms



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Can we do better than  $O(n \log n)$  for comparison based sorting approaches?



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### Decision-tree model

Full binary tree representing the comparisons between elements by a sorting algorithm

Internal nodes contain indices to be compared

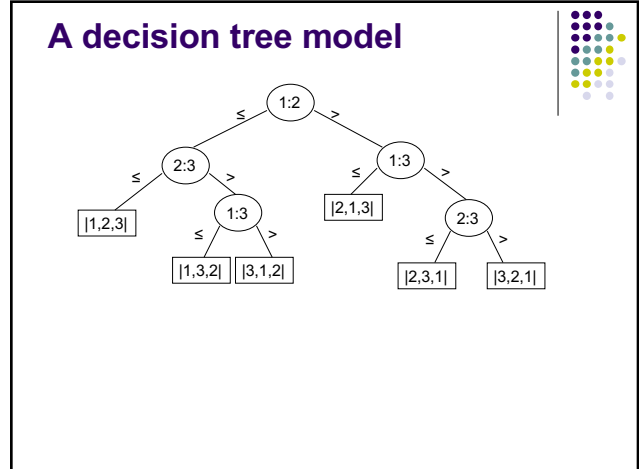
Leaves contain a complete permutation of the input

$\leq$  (1:3)  $>$   
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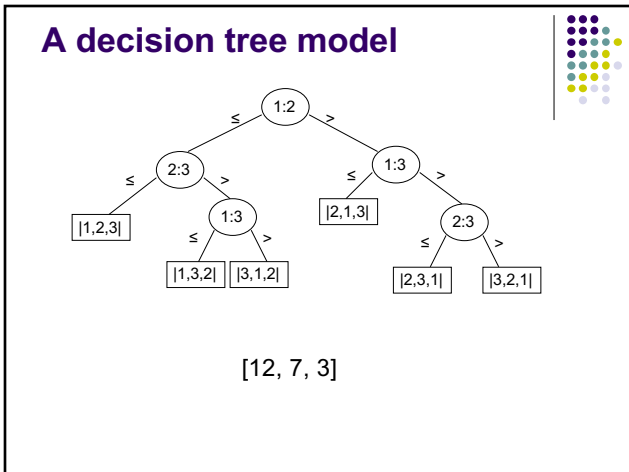
$[3, 12, 7] \Rightarrow [1, 3, 2] \Rightarrow [3, 7, 12]$   
 $[7, 3, 12] \Rightarrow [2, 1, 3] \Rightarrow [3, 7, 12]$

Tracing a path from root to leaf gives the correct reordering/permutation of the input for an input

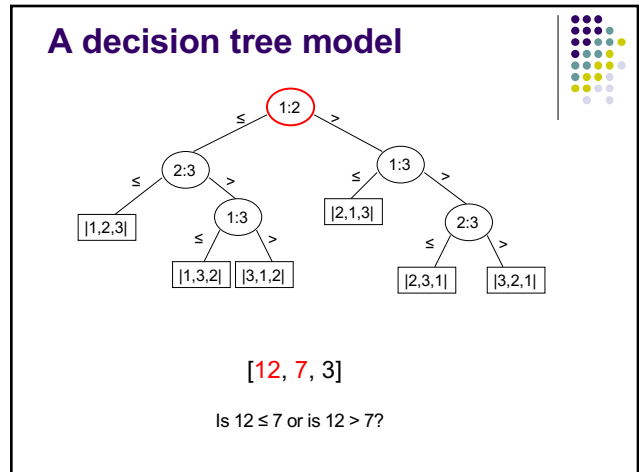
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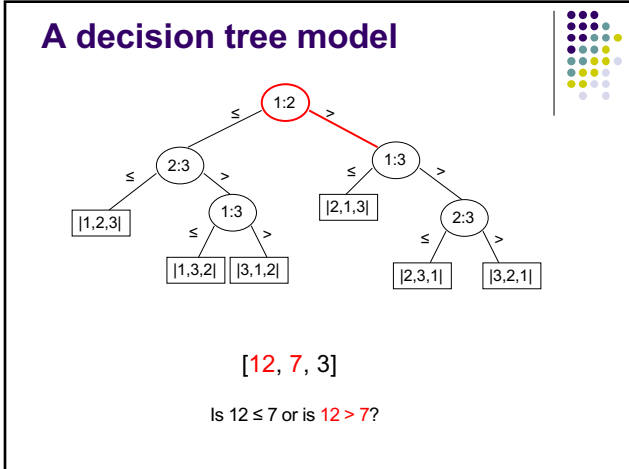
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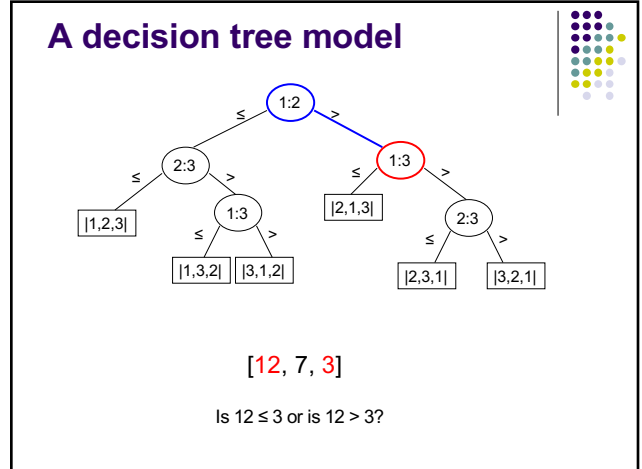
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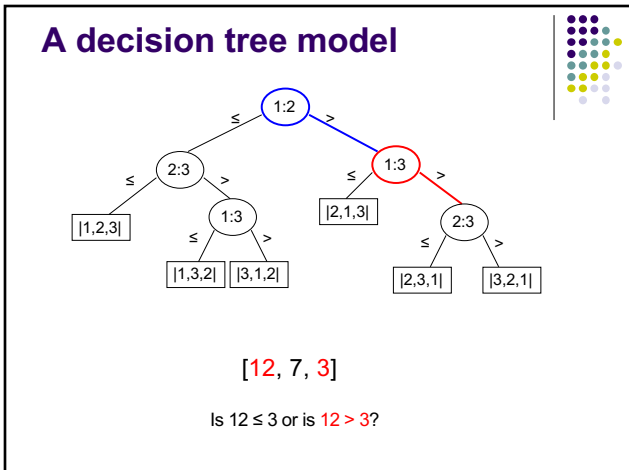
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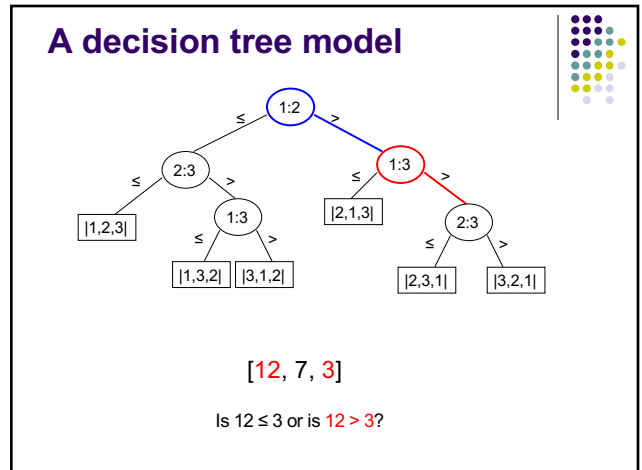
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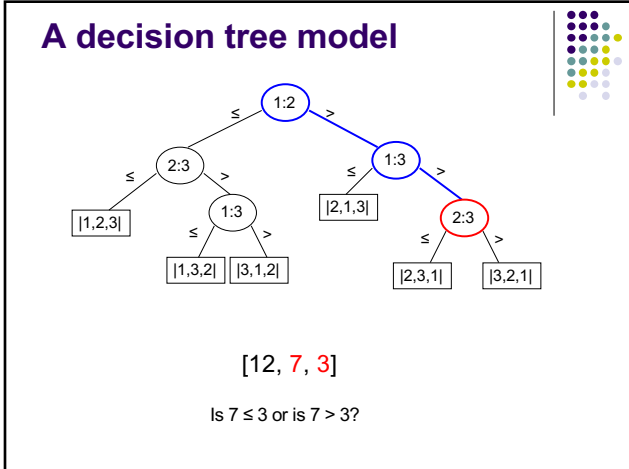
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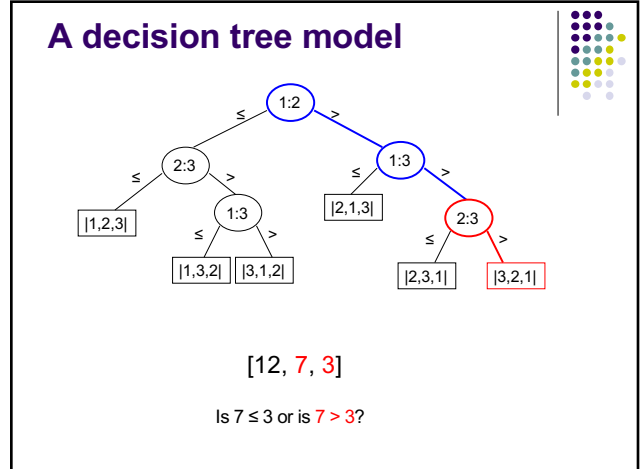
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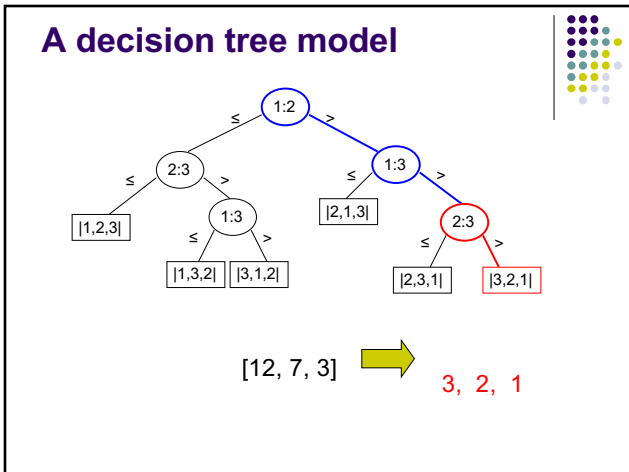
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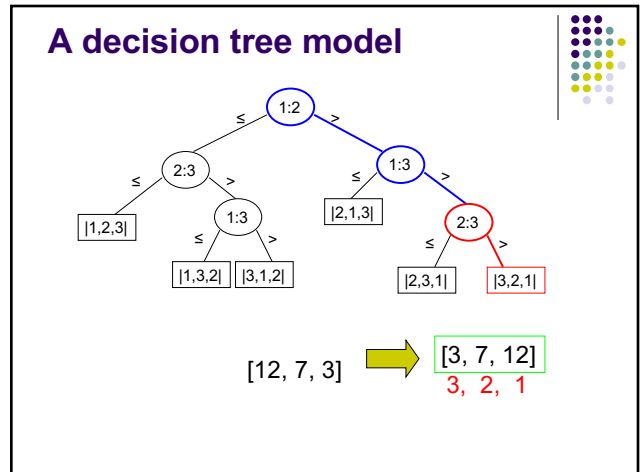
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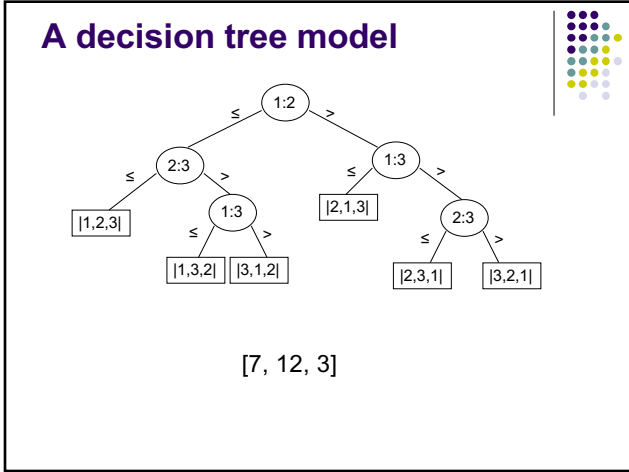
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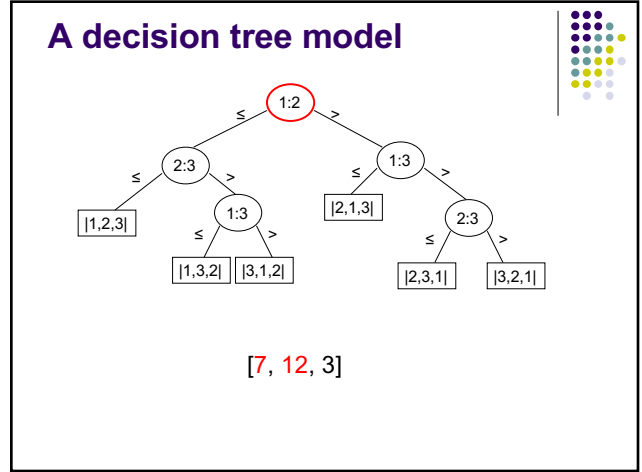
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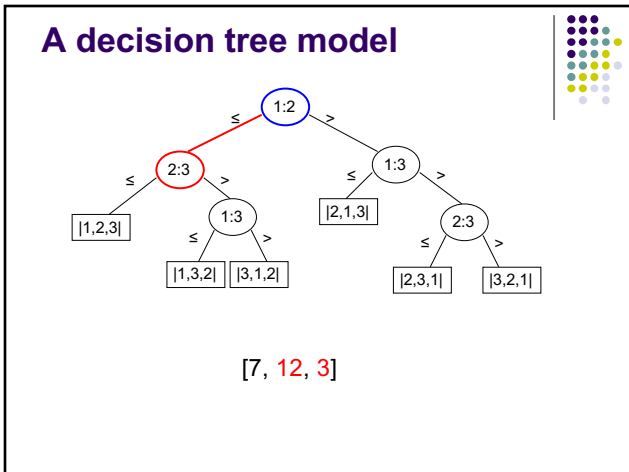
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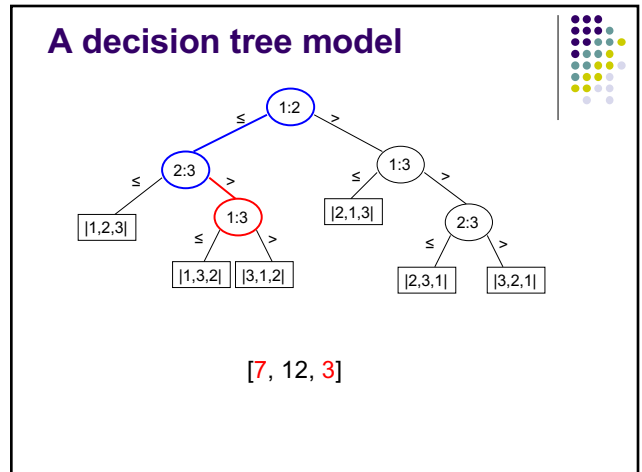
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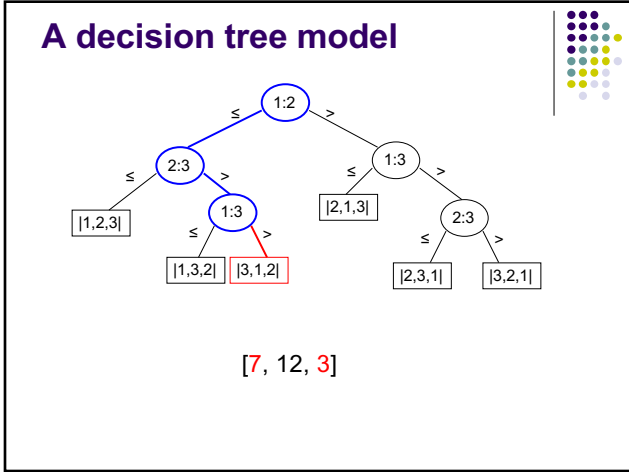
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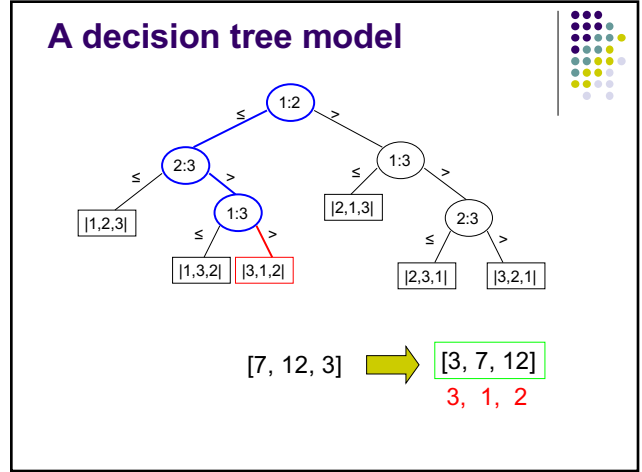
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### How many leaves are in a decision tree?

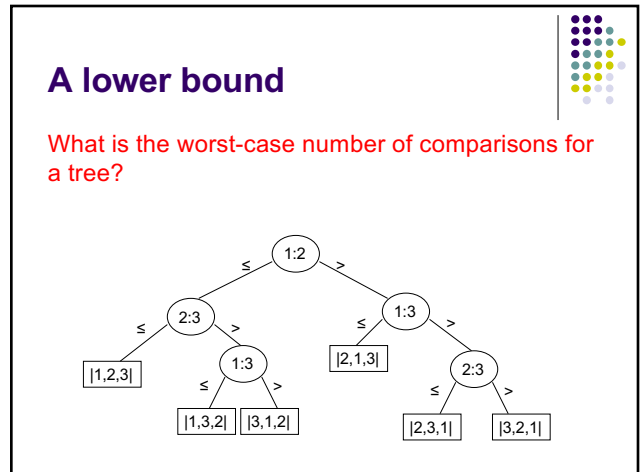
Leaves **must** have all possible permutations of the input

What if decision tree model didn't?

Some input would exist that didn't have a correct reordering

Input of size  $n$ ,  $n!$  leaves

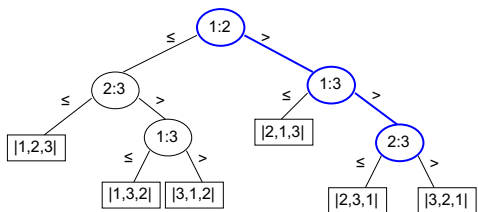
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## A lower bound

The longest path in the tree, i.e. the height



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## A lower bound

What is the maximum number of leaves a binary tree of height  $h$  can have?

A complete binary tree has  $2^h$  leaves

$$2^h \geq n!$$

$$h \geq \log n!$$

$$h = \Omega(n \log n) \quad \text{from group work! } \textcircled{c}$$

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## Can we do better?

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