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Fundamental Algorithms

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Example 1

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5	31264
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35	1264
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135	264
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1235	64
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12356	4
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     $r := i$   
     $pos := \lfloor (\ell + r)/2 \rfloor$   
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    unsigned  $j := m + 1$  // pointer into the right half
    unsigned  $k := \ell$  // pointer into B[]
    while  $k \leq r$  do
        if  $(j > i) \vee (i \leq m \wedge A[i] \leq A[j])$  then
            // if 2nd half exhausted or elt from 1st half smaller
             $B[k++] := A[i++]$ 
        else
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    for  $(i := \ell$  to  $r)$  do
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Consider the recurrence relation for the real-valued parameter x

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(Proof omitted)

Lemma 3

Moreover, it holds that

$$c'(n) = \Theta(n \log n).$$

(Proof: homework)

Theorem 4

The MergeSort algorithm shown above takes $O(n \log n)$ comparisons between key values to sort n numbers.

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