CS60020: Foundations of Algorithm Design and Machine Learning

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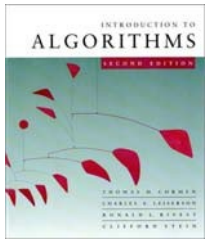

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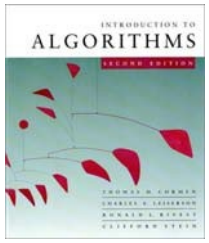
Key subroutine: **MERGE**



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13	11
7	9
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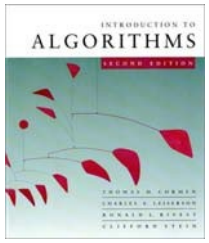

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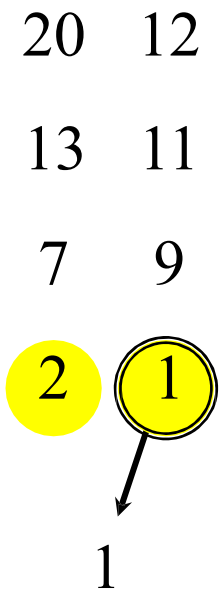

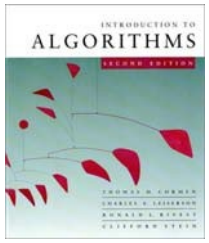

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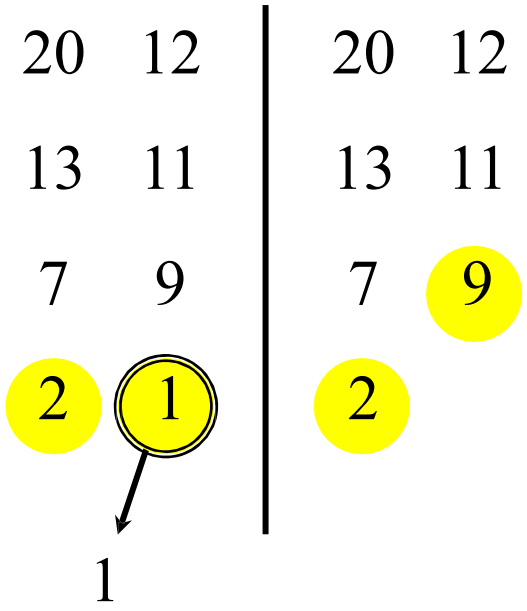

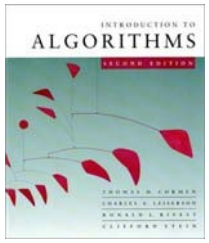

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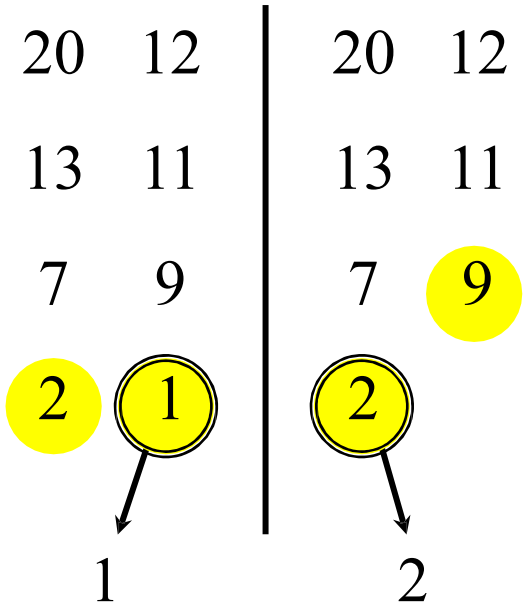

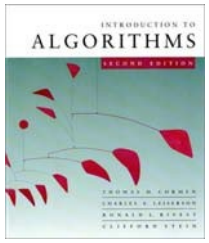

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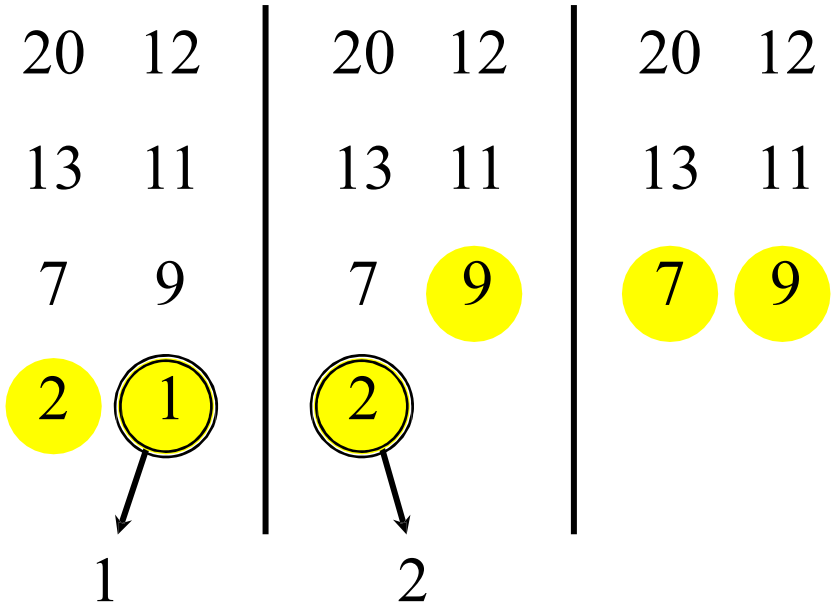

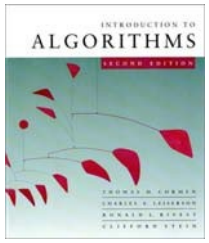

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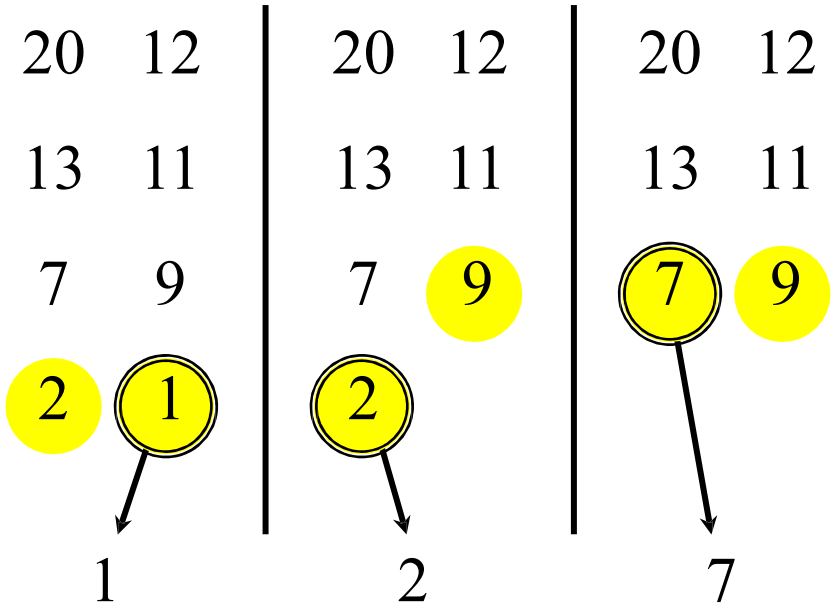

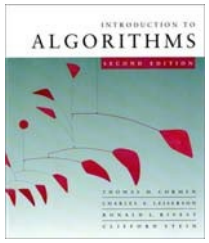

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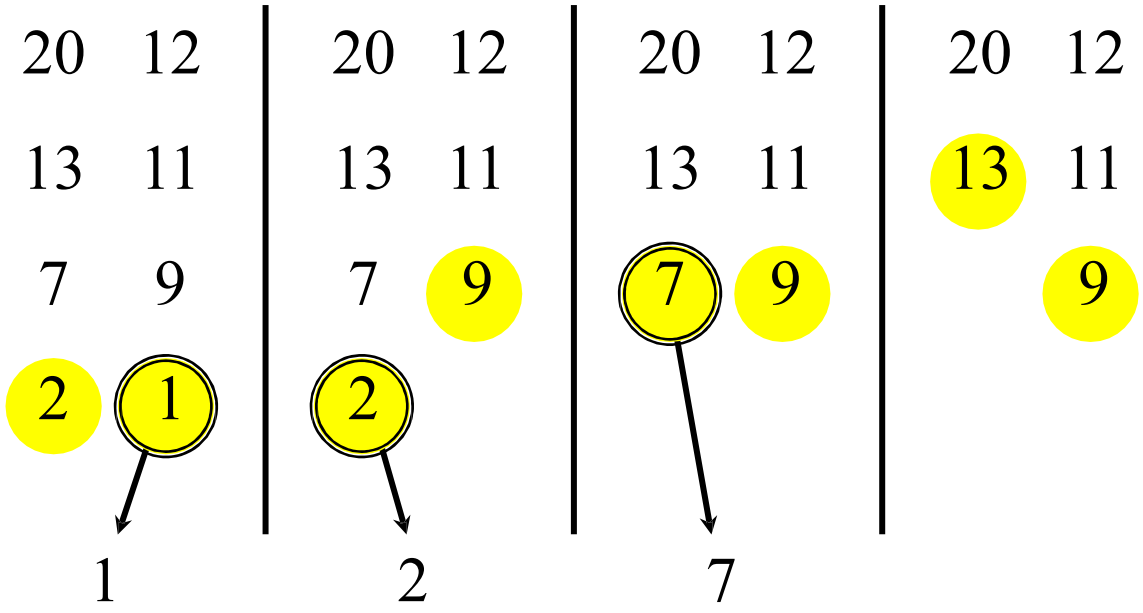

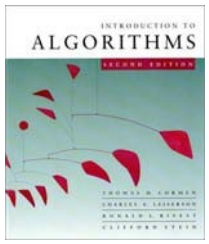

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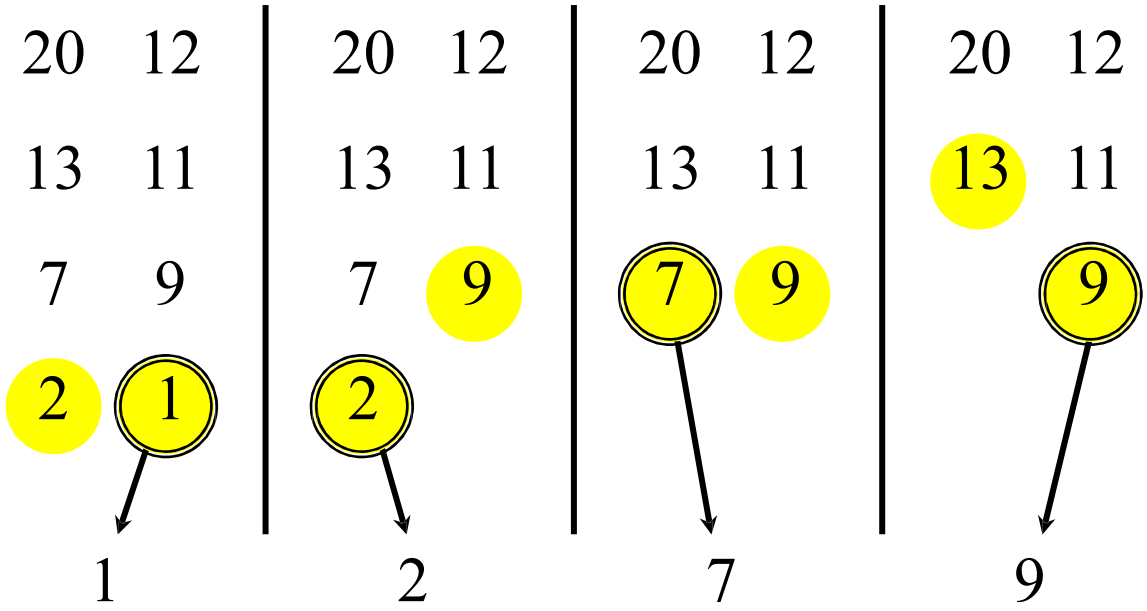

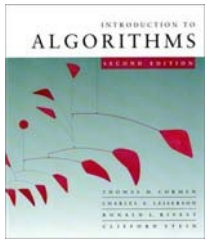

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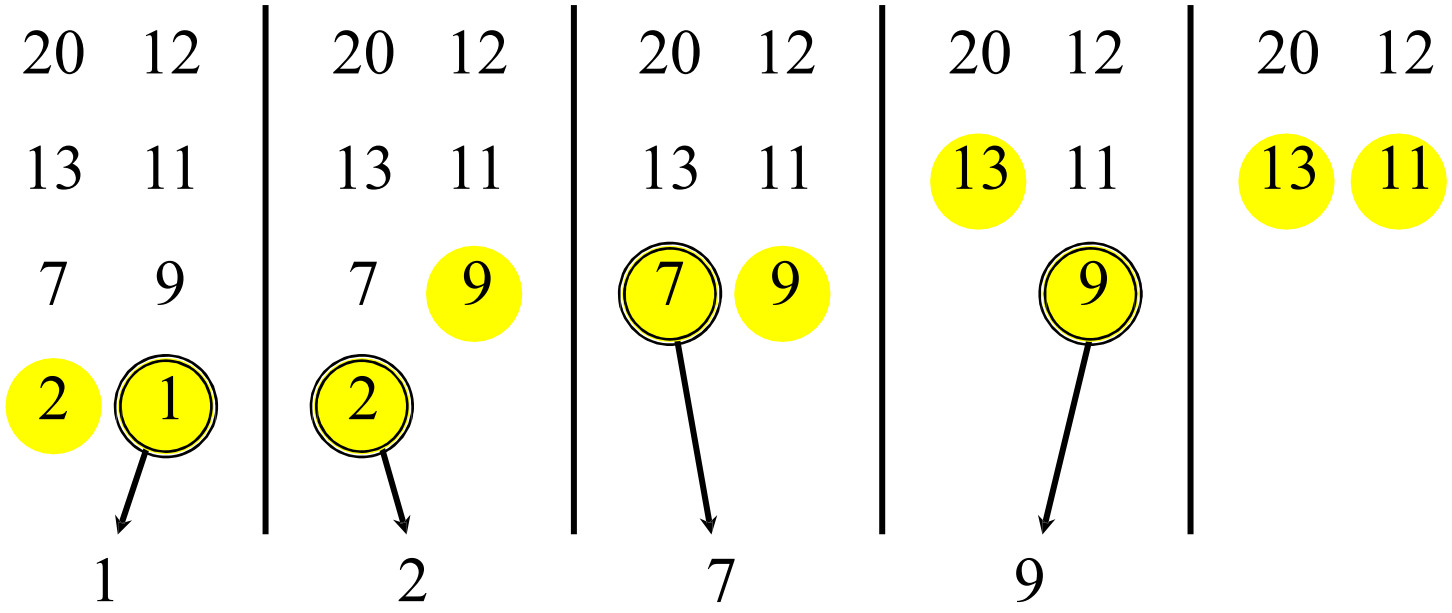

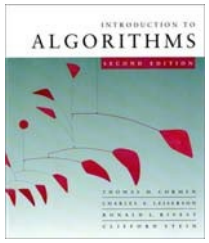

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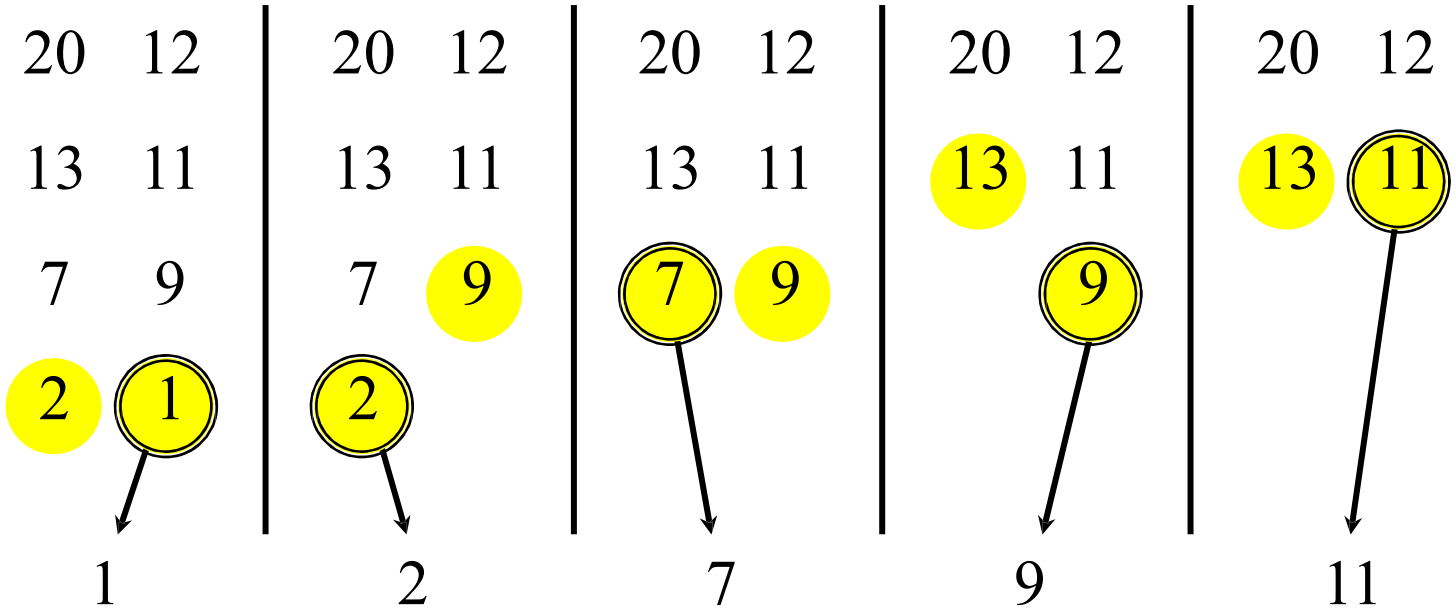

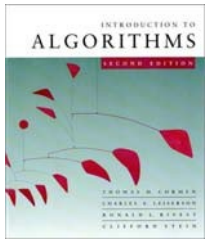

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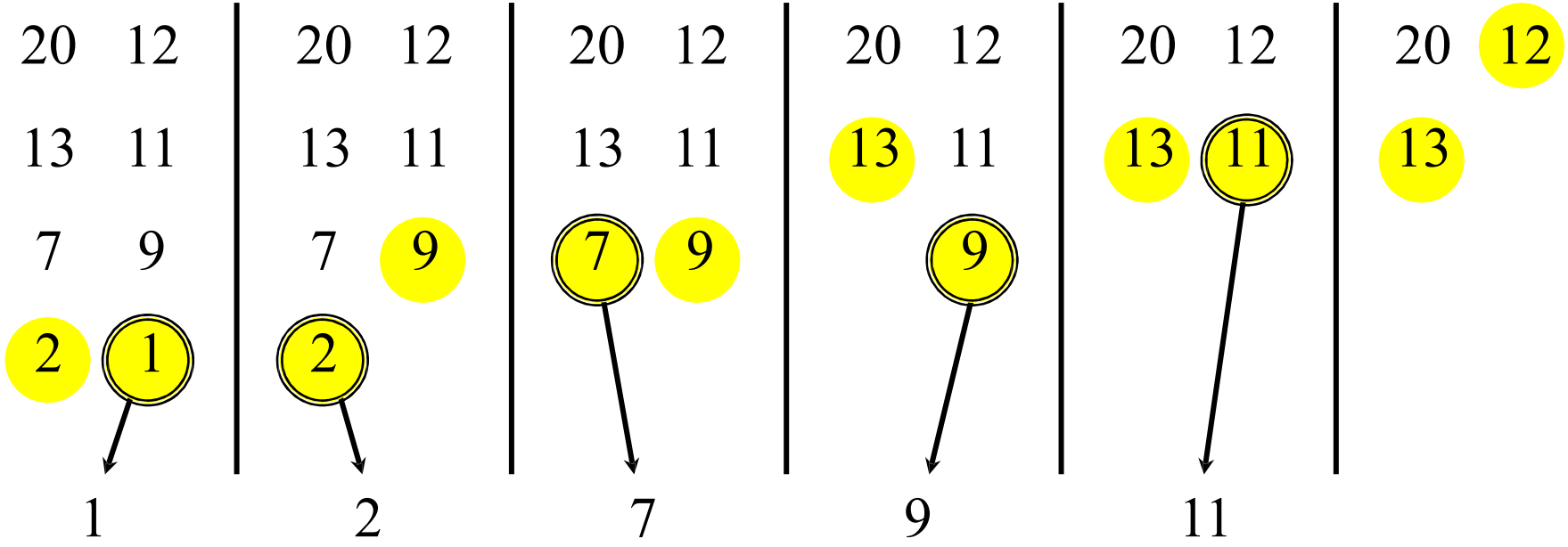

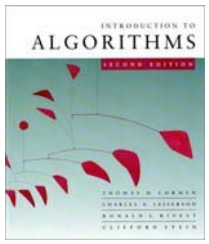

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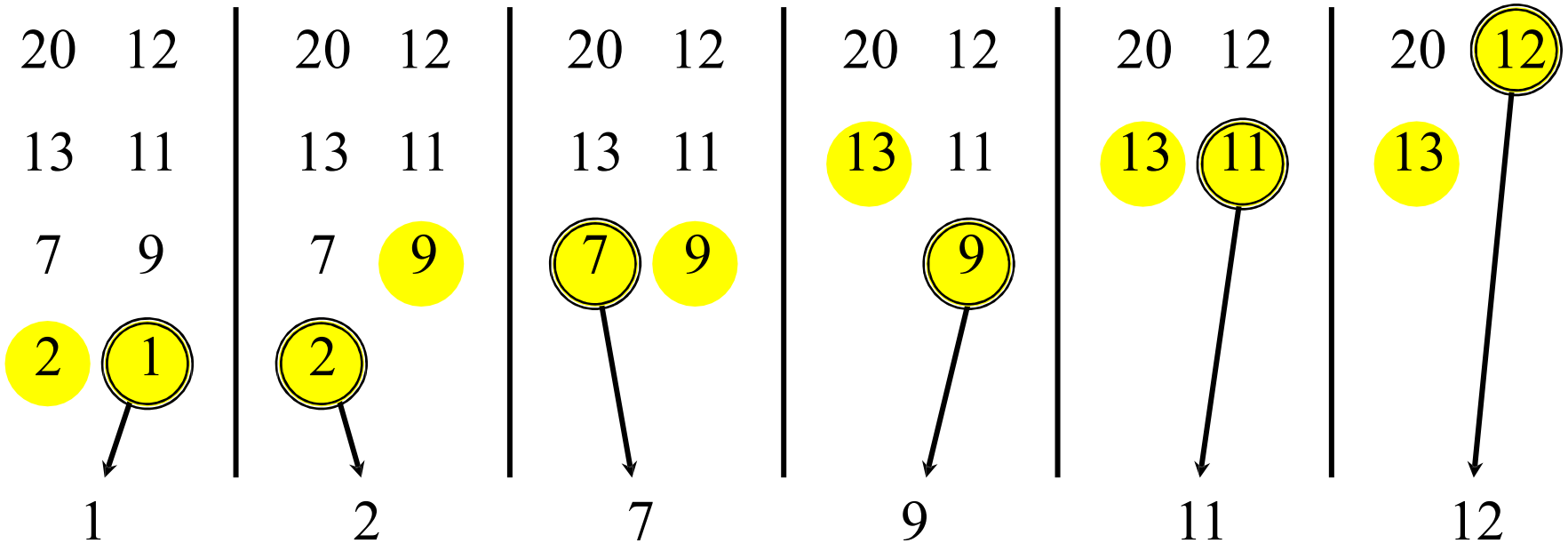

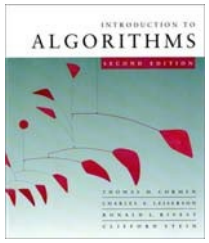

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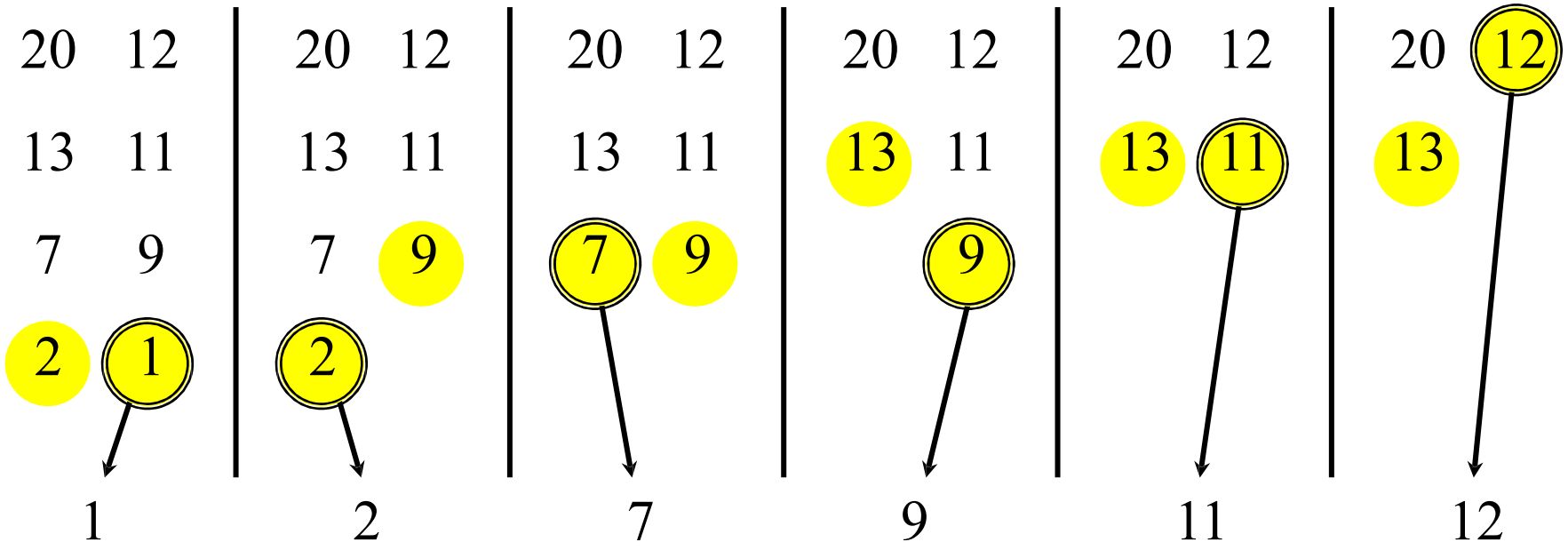

Time = $\Theta(n)$ to merge a total of n elements (linear time).

Merge

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MERGE(A, p, q, r)
 1  n_1 = q − p + 1
 2  n_2 = r − q
 3  let L[1 .. n_1 + 1] and R[1 .. n_2 + 1] be new arrays
 4  for i = 1 to n_1
 5      L[i] = A[p + i − 1]
 6  for j = 1 to n_2
 7      R[j] = A[q + j]
 8  L[n_1 + 1] = ∞
 9  R[n_2 + 1] = ∞
10  i = 1
11  j = 1
12  for k = p to r
13      if L[i] ≤ R[j]
14          A[k] = L[i]
15          i = i + 1
16      else A[k] = R[j]
17          j = j + 1
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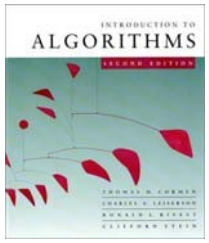

Analyzing merge sort

$T(n)$

$\Theta(1)$

$2T(n/2)$

Abuse

$\Theta(n)$

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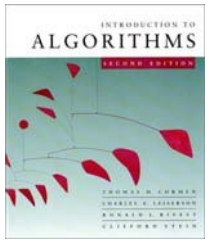
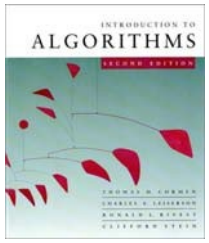
Sloppiness: Should be $T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$, but it turns out not to matter asymptotically.



Recurrence for merge sort

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) \text{ if } n = 1; \\ 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \text{ if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

- We shall usually omit stating the base case when $T(n) = \Theta(1)$ for sufficiently small n, but only when it has no effect on the asymptotic solution to the recurrence.
- CLRS and Lecture 2 provide several ways to find a good upper bound on $T(n)$.



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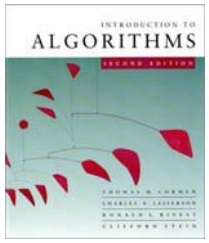

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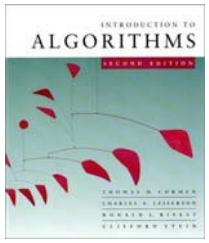

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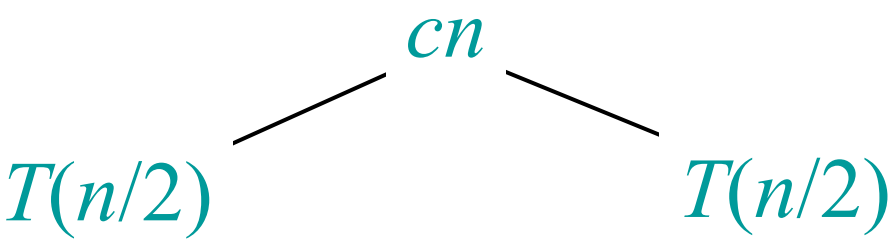

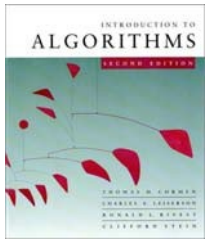

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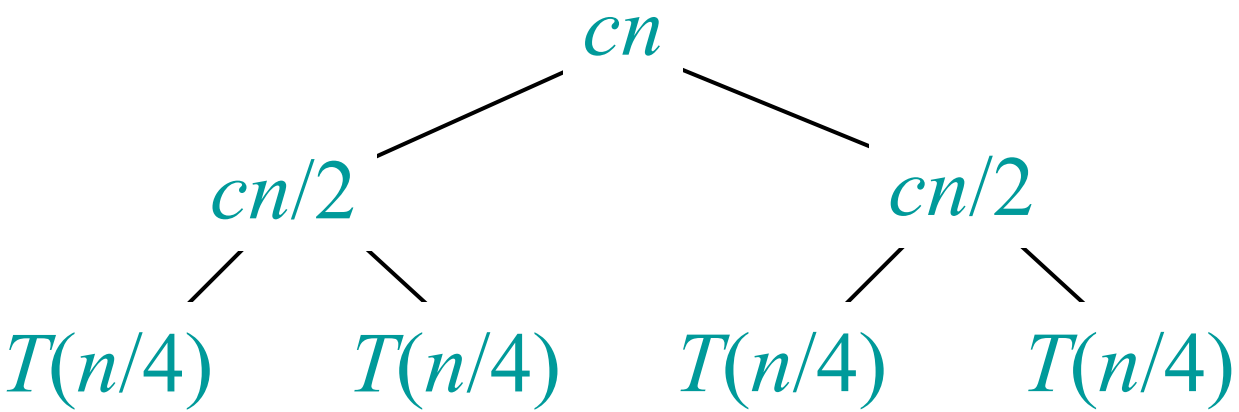

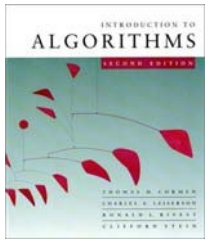

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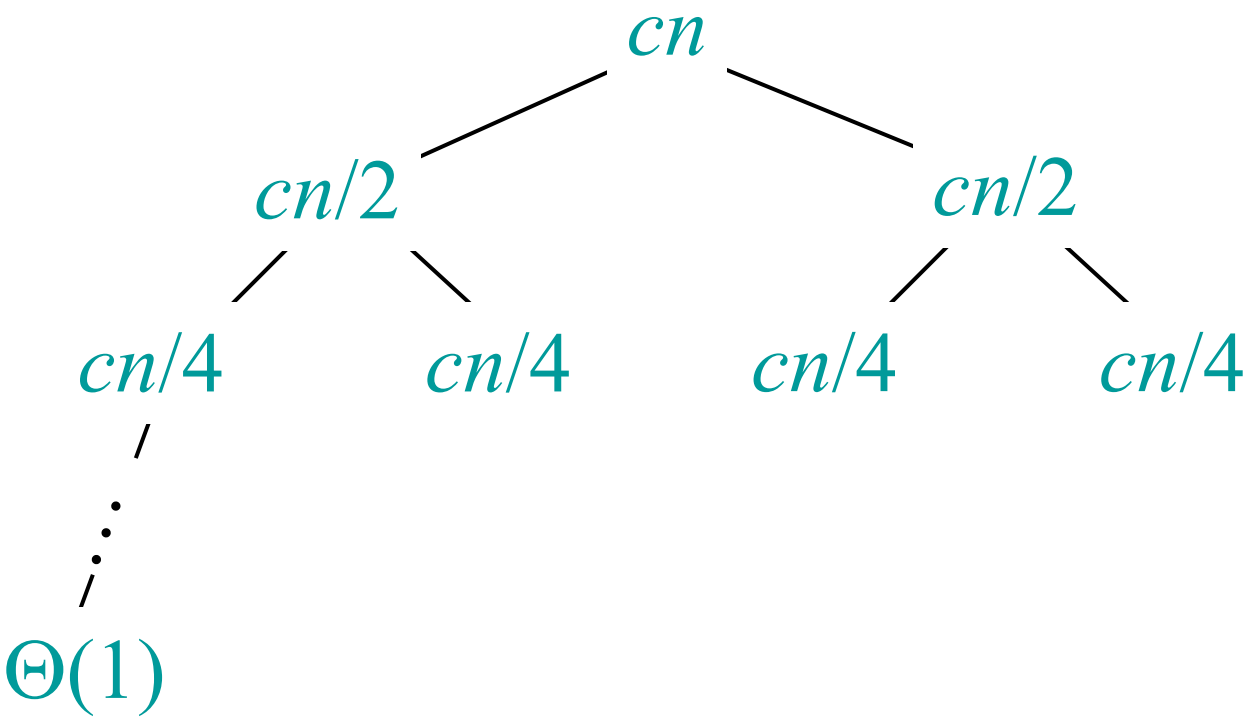

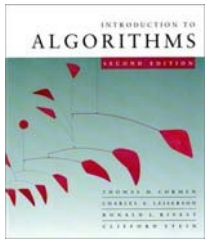

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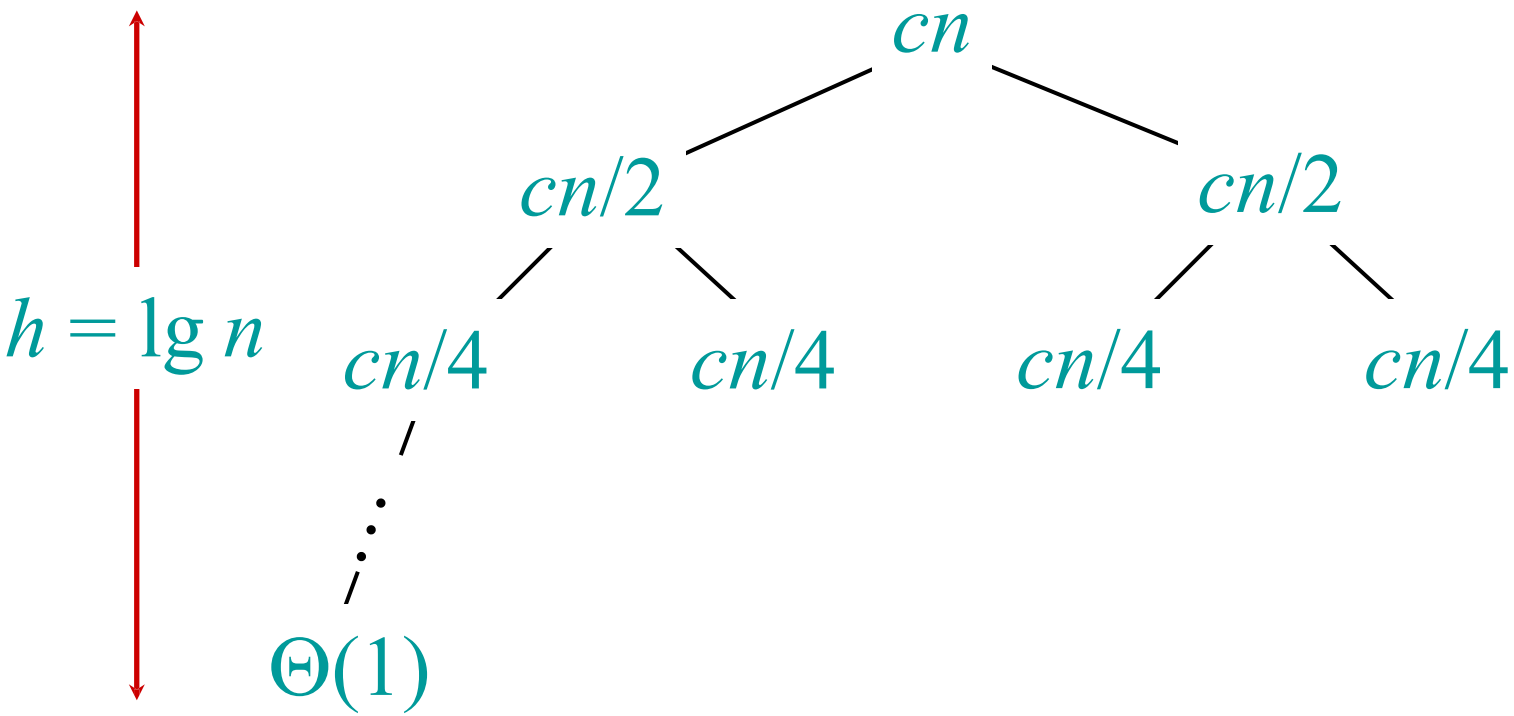

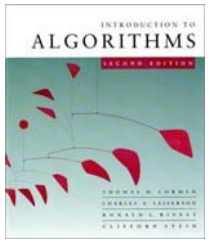

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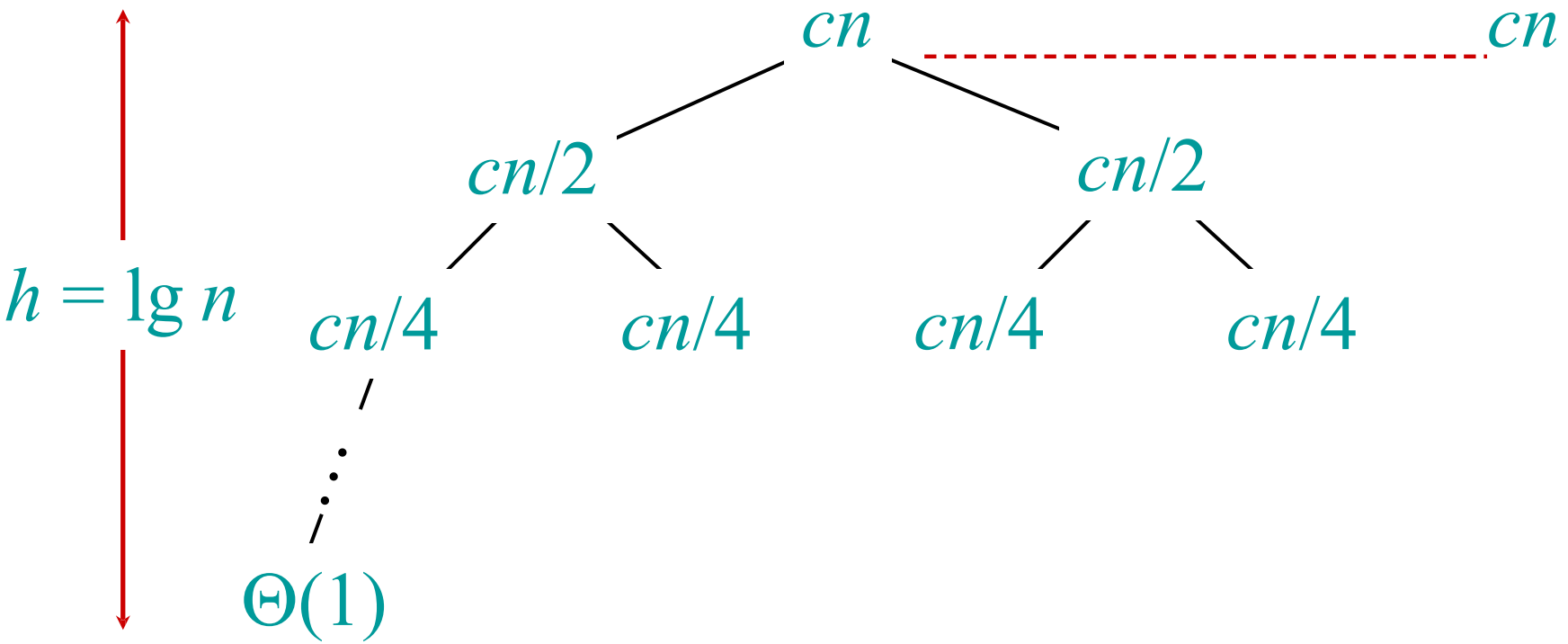

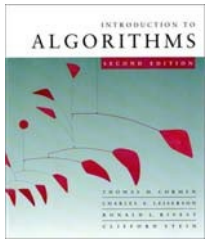

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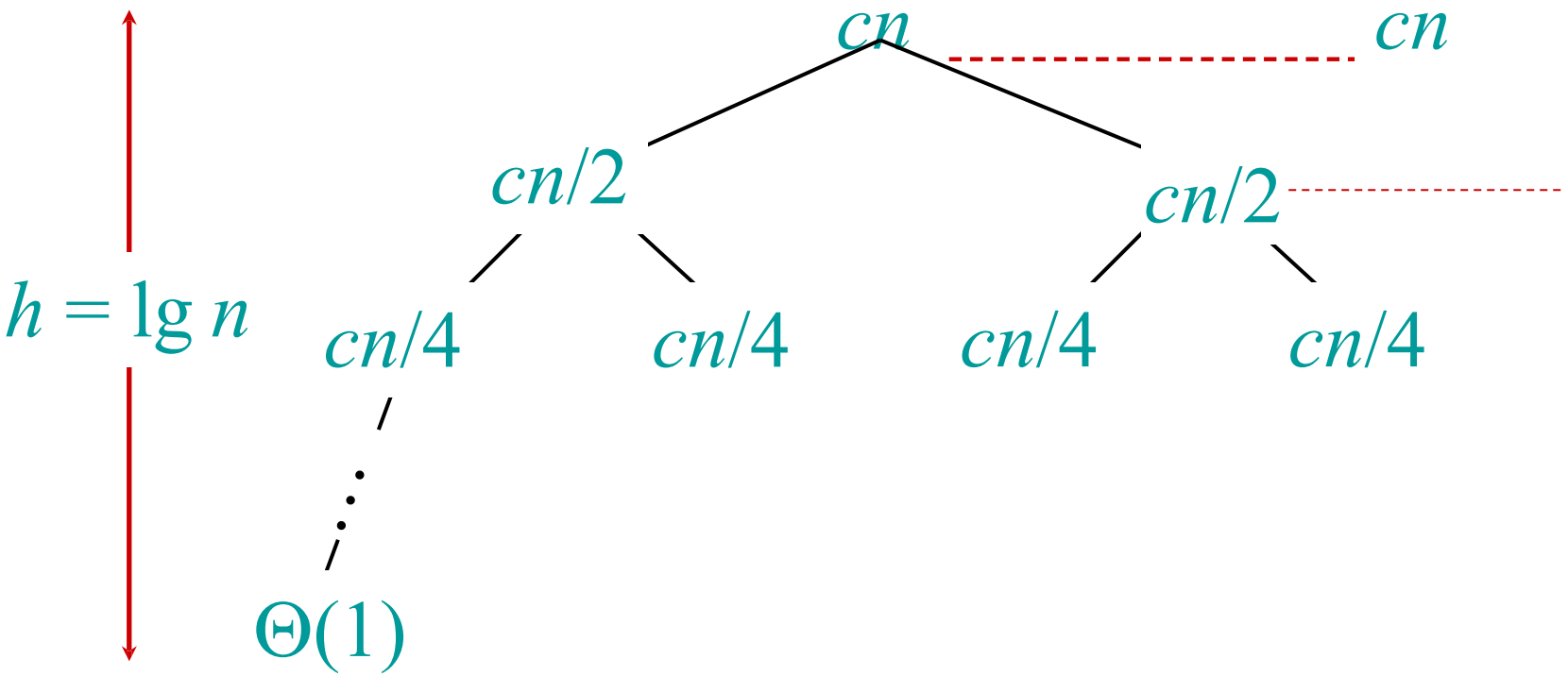

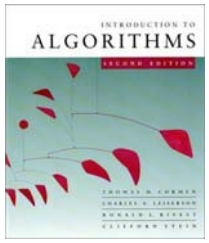

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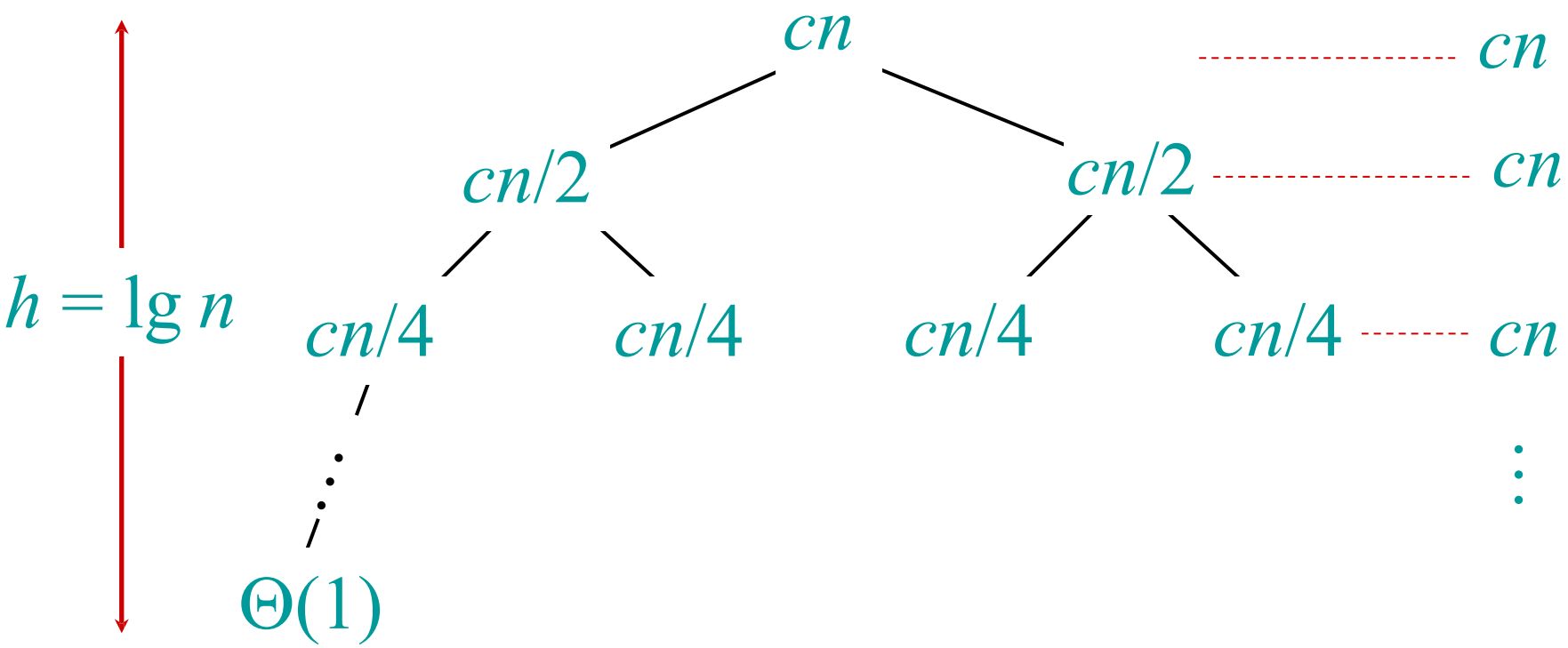

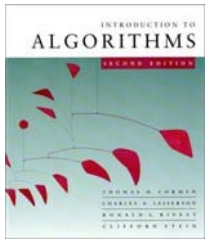

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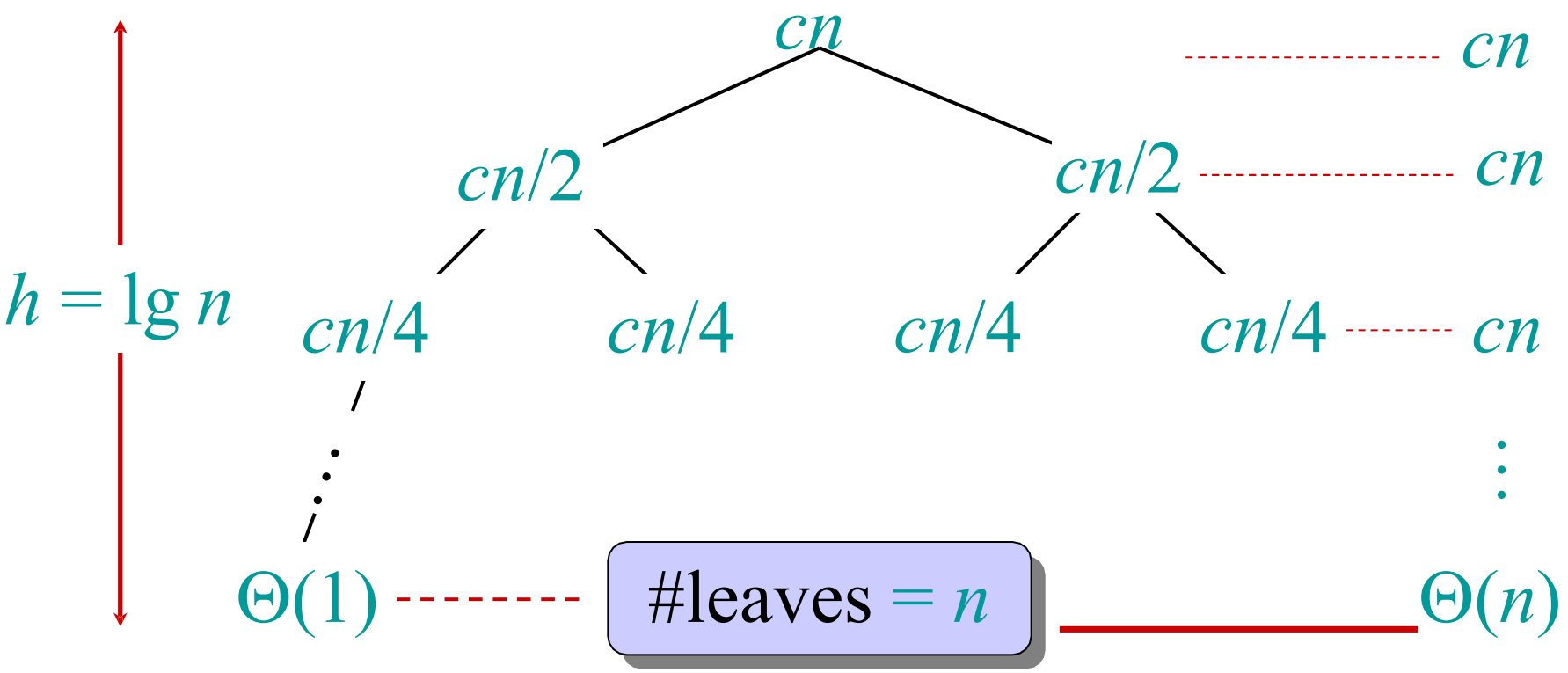

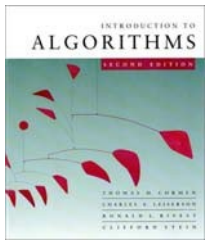

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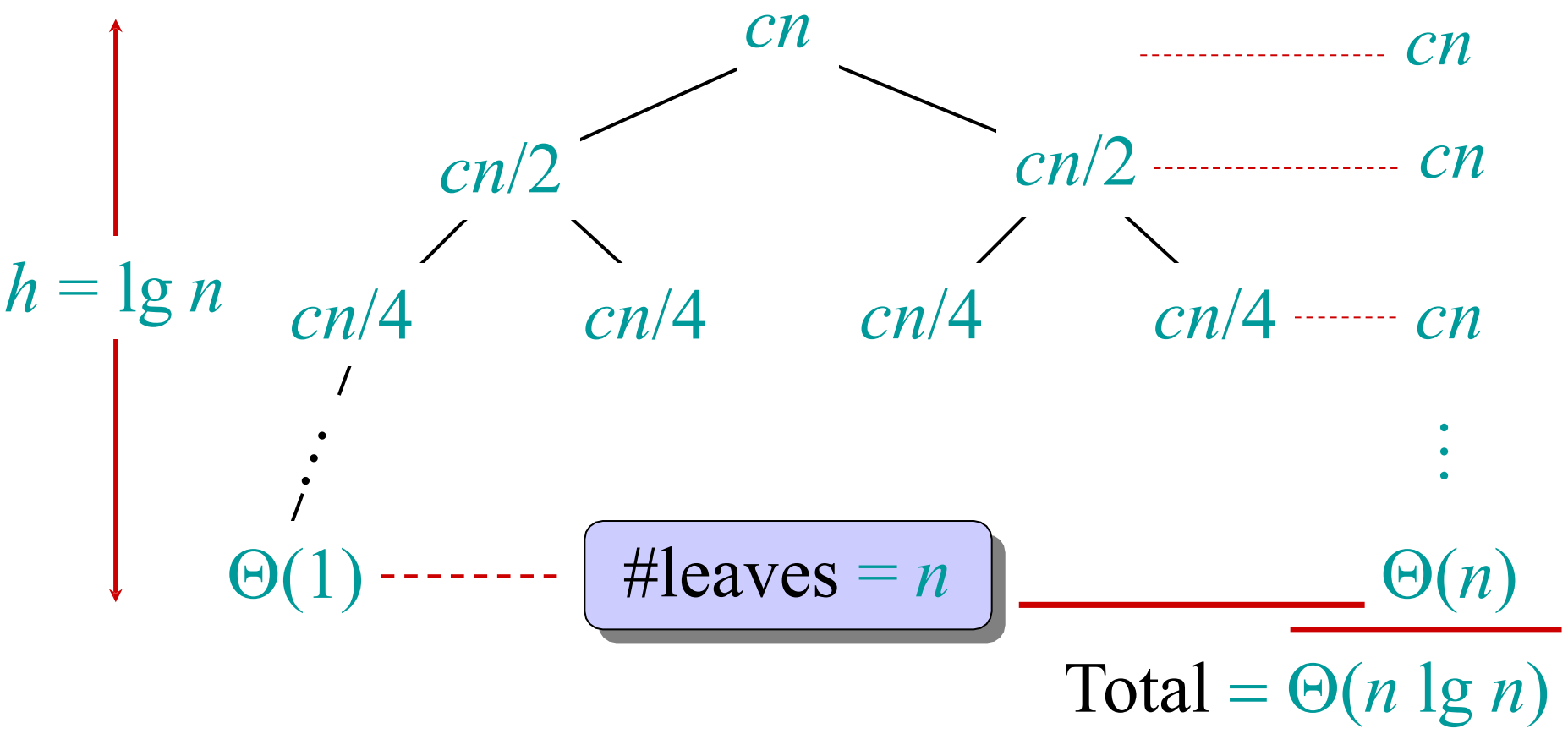
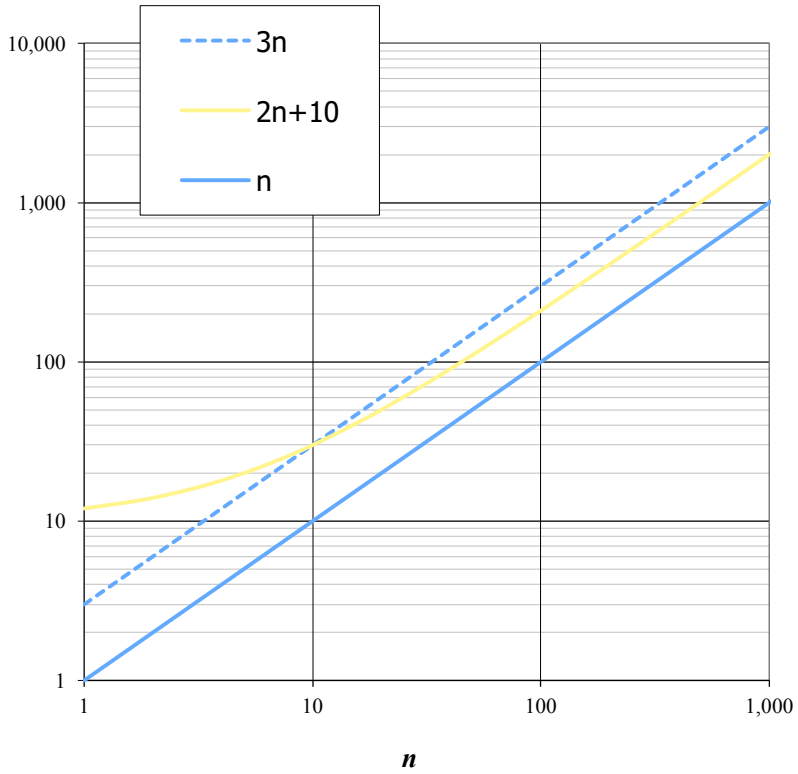


Big-Oh Notation

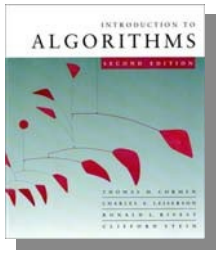
- Given functions $f(n)$ and $g(n)$, we say that $f(n)$ is $O(g(n))$ if there are positive constants c and n_0 such that

  $f(n) \leq cg(n)$ for $n \geq n_0$

- Example: $2n + 10$ is $O(n)$
  - $2n + 10 \leq cn$

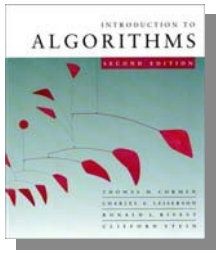


$$\Omega(g(n)) = \{f(n) : \text{there exist positive constants } c \text{ and } n_0 \text{ such that } 0 \leq cg(n) \leq f(n) \text{ for all } n \geq n_0\}.$$



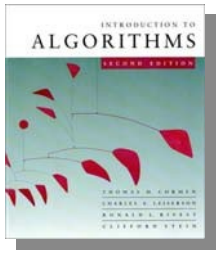
The divide-and-conquer design paradigm

1. ***Divide*** the problem (instance) into subproblems.
2. ***Conquer*** the subproblems by solving them recursively.
3. ***Combine*** subproblem solutions.



Merge sort

1. ***Divide:*** Trivial.
2. ***Conquer:*** Recursively sort 2 subarrays.
3. ***Combine:*** Linear-time merge.



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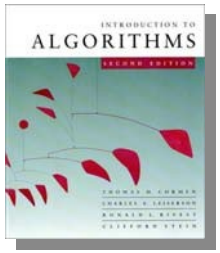

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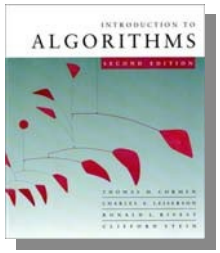

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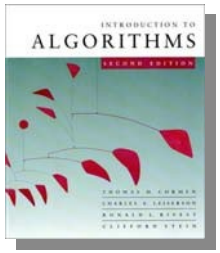

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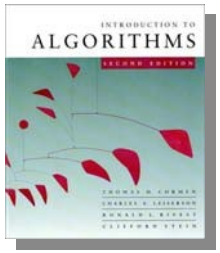

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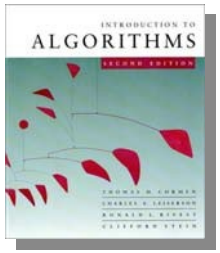

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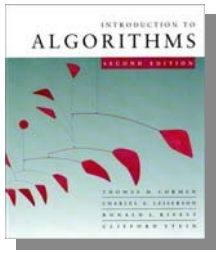

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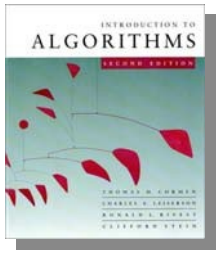

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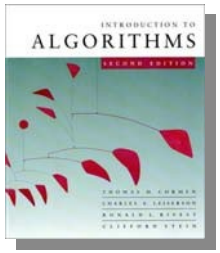

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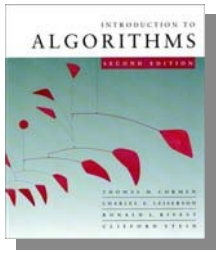

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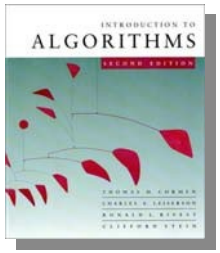

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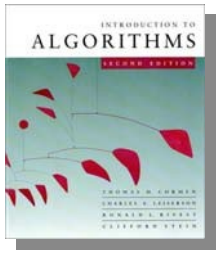

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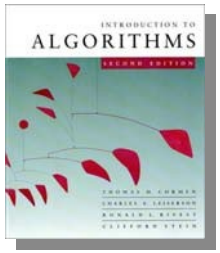

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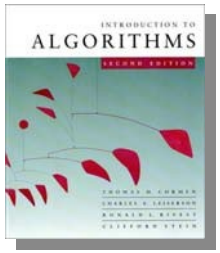

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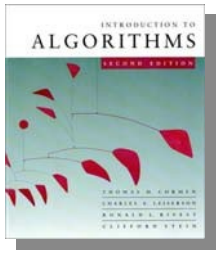

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