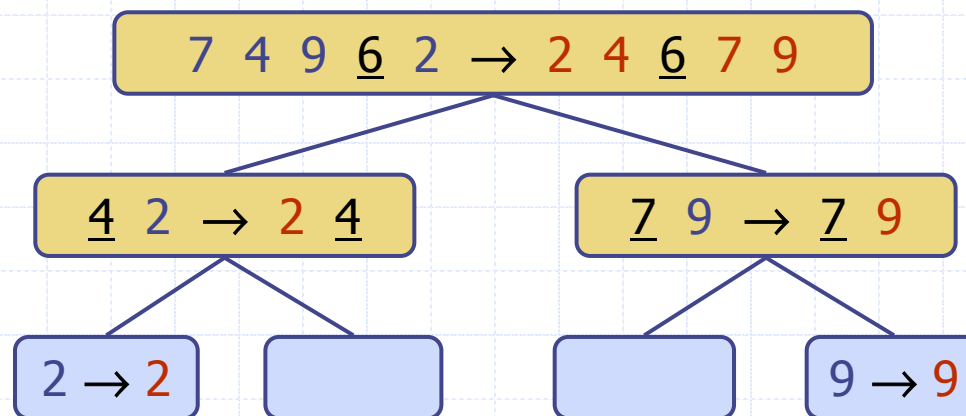


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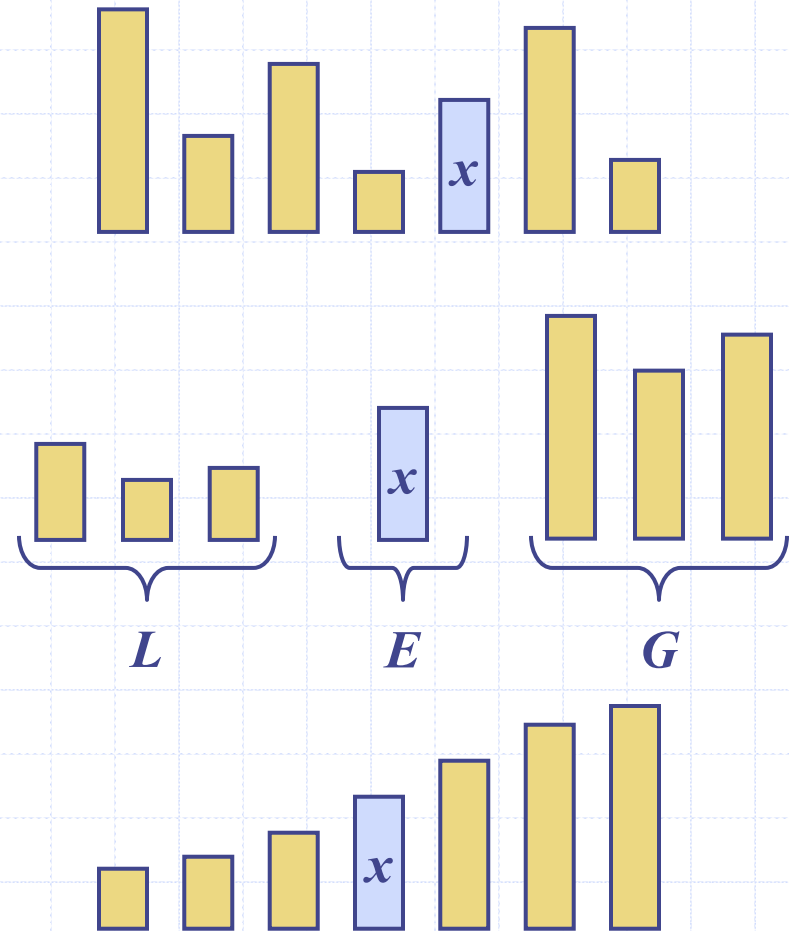
Outline and Reading

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Quick-Sort

◆ Quick-sort is a randomized sorting algorithm based on the divide-and-conquer paradigm:

- **Divide**: pick a random element x (called **pivot**) and partition sequence S into
 - ◆ L elements less than x
 - ◆ E elements equal to x
 - ◆ G elements greater than x
- **Recur**: quicksort L and G
- **Conquer**: join L , E and G



Partition (divide)

- ◆ For each element y of S
 - Remove y from S
 - Compare y with pivot x , depending on result, Insert y at the end of L , E or G .
- ◆ Each insertion and removal is at the beginning or at the end of a sequence, and hence takes $O(1)$ time
- ◆ Thus, the partition step of quick-sort takes $O(n)$ time

Algorithm *partition*(S, p)*

Input sequence S , position p of pivot

Output subsequences L, E, G of the elements of S less than, equal to, or greater than the pivot, resp.

$L, E, G \leftarrow$ empty sequences

$x \leftarrow p.element()$

while $\neg S.isEmpty()$

$y \leftarrow S.remove(S.first())$

if $y < x$

$L.insertLast(y)$

else if $y = x$

$E.insertLast(y)$

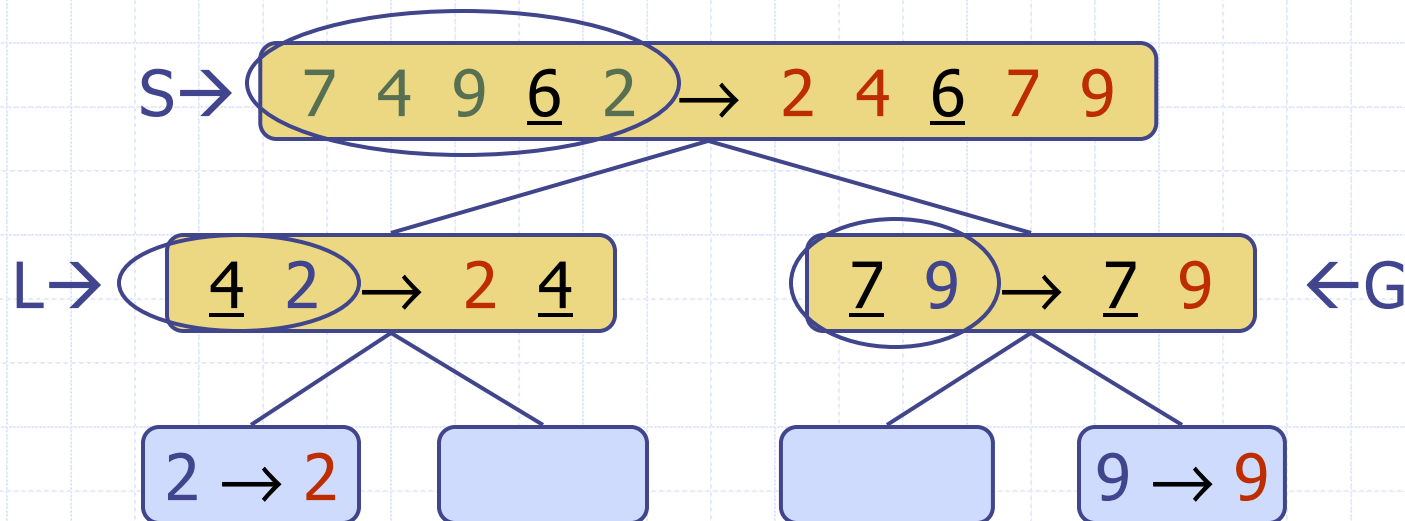
else $\{ y > x \}$

$G.insertLast(y)$

return L, E, G

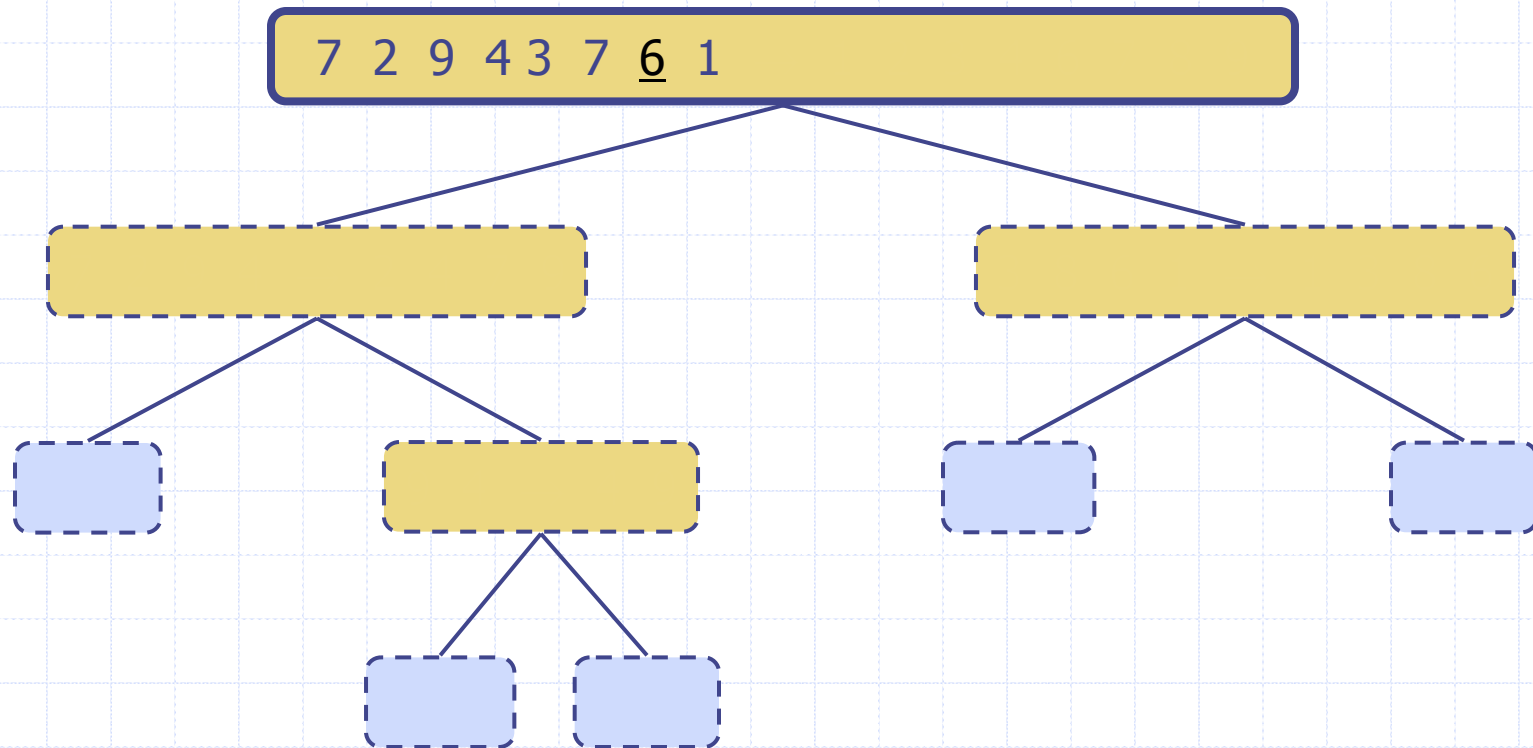
Quick-Sort Tree

- ◆ An execution of quick-sort is depicted by a binary tree
- ◆ Each node represents a recursive call and stores
 - Unsorted sequence before the execution and its pivot
 - Sorted sequence at the end of the execution
- ◆ The root is the initial call (in this case, $S = \{7,4,9,6,2\}$)
- ◆ The leaves are calls on subsequences of size 0 or 1



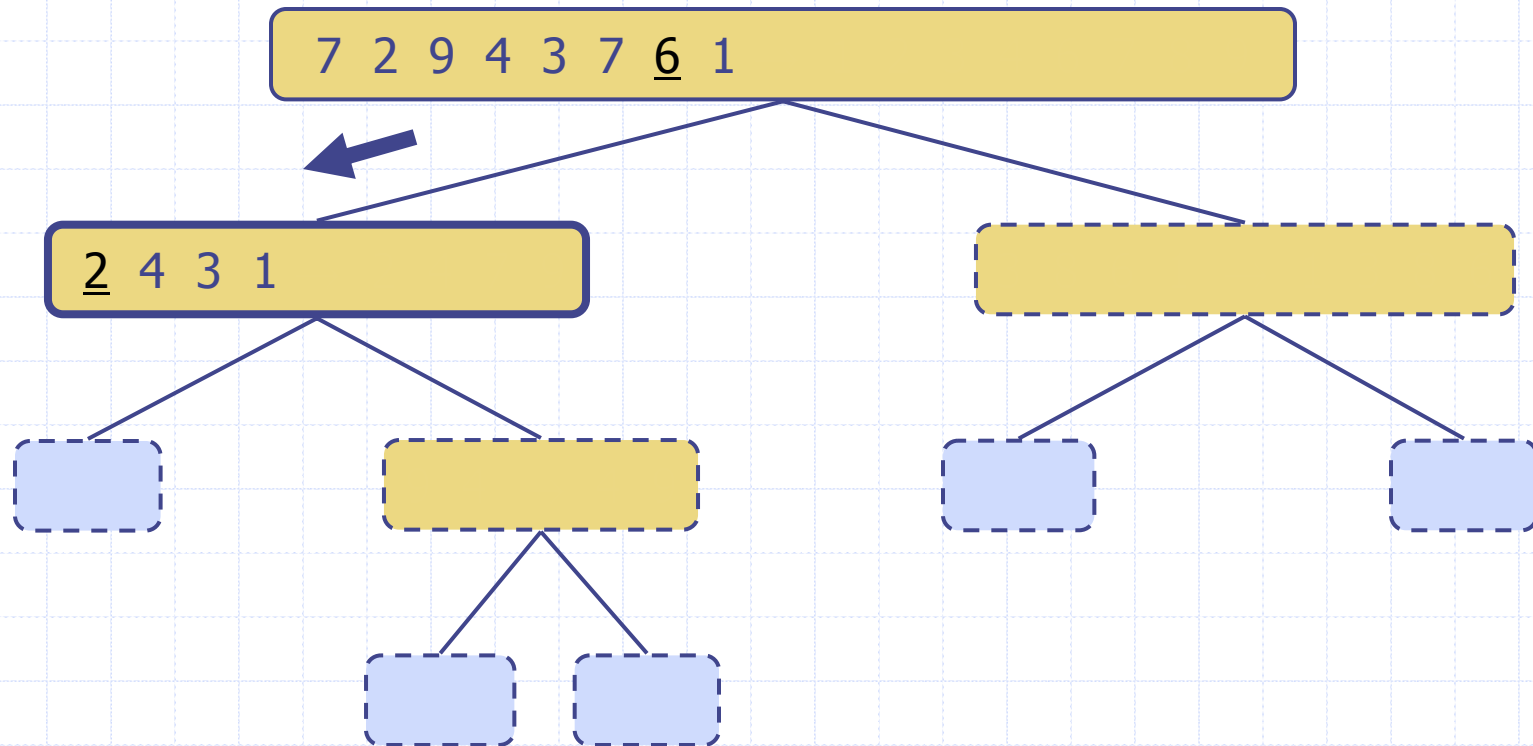
Execution Example

◆ Pivot selection



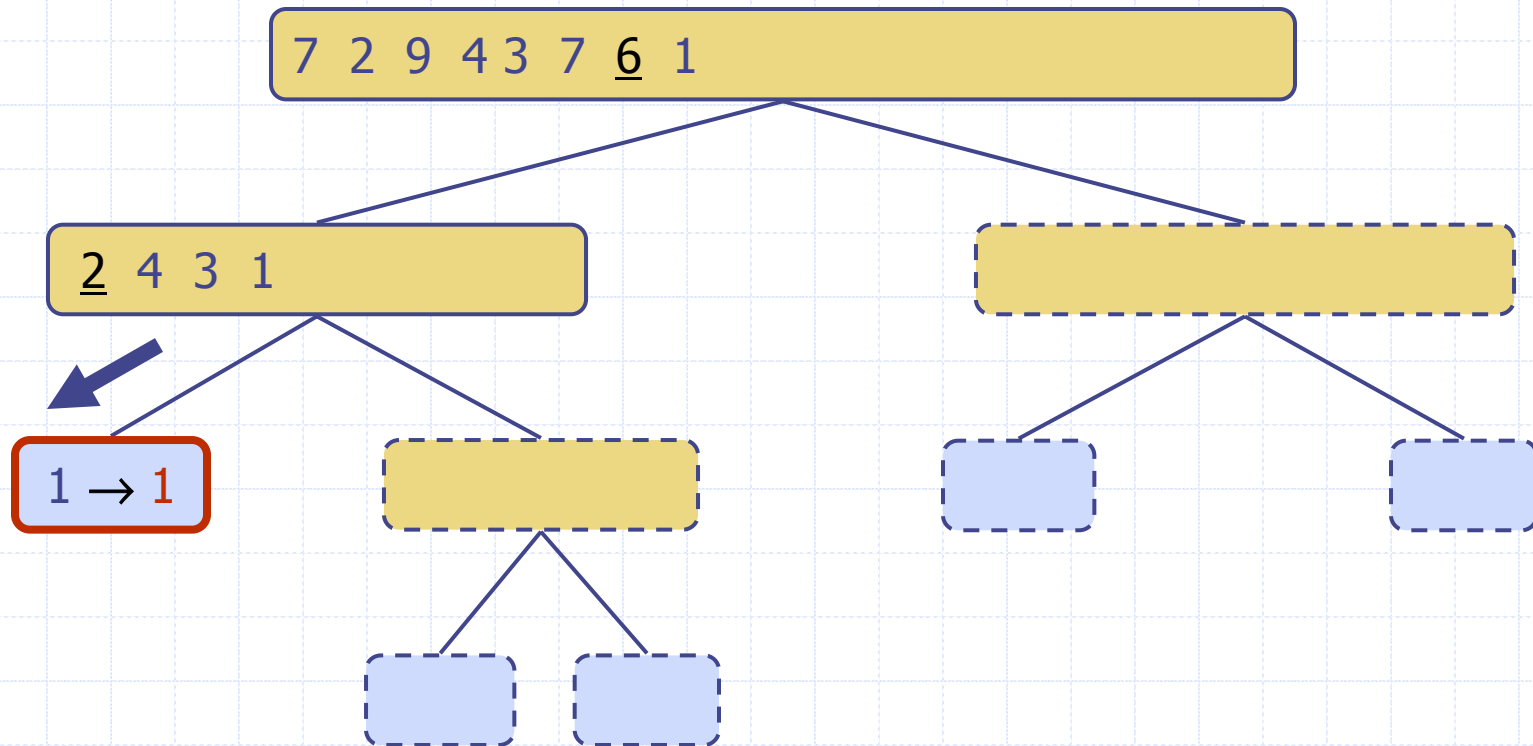
Execution Example (cont.)

◆ Partition, recursive call, pivot selection



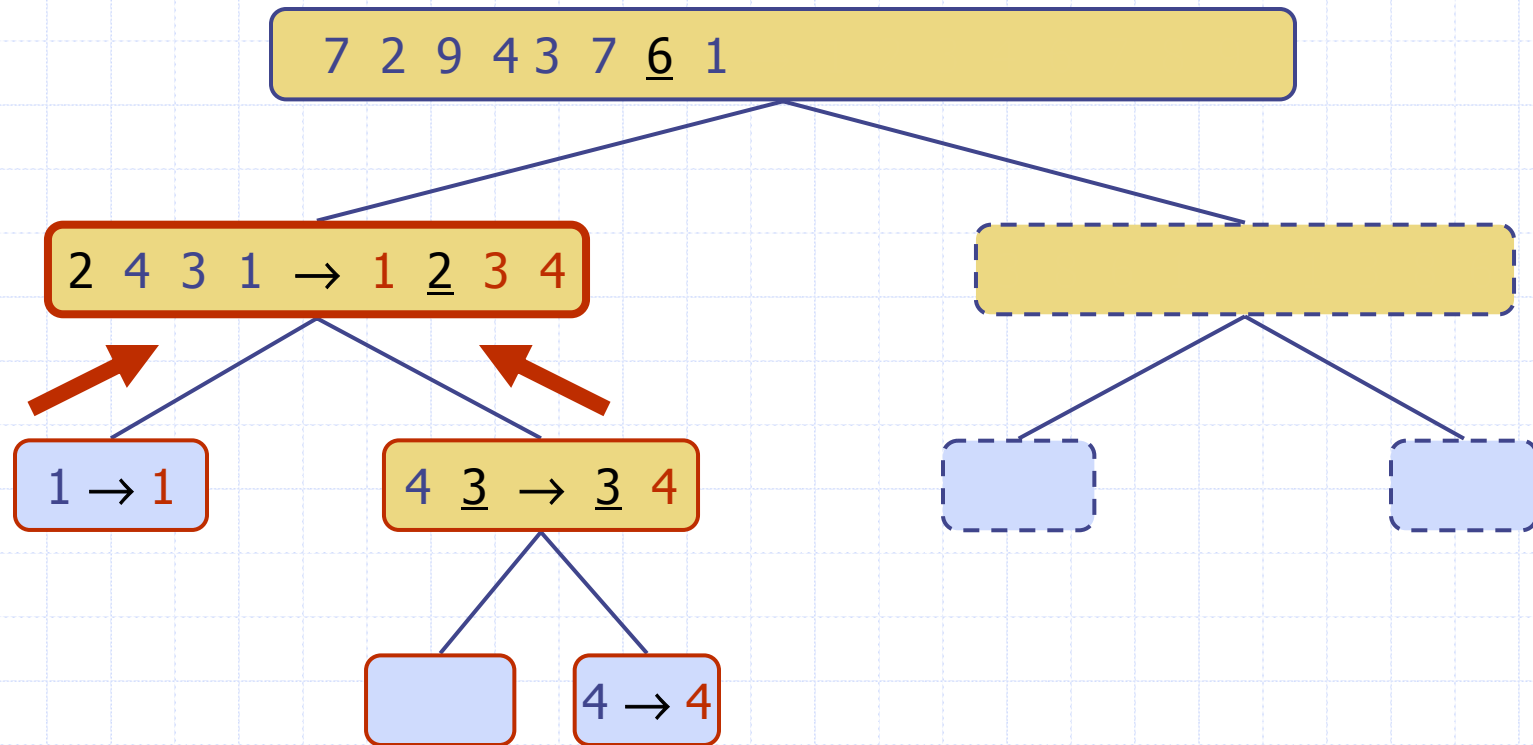
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◆ Partition, recursive call, base case



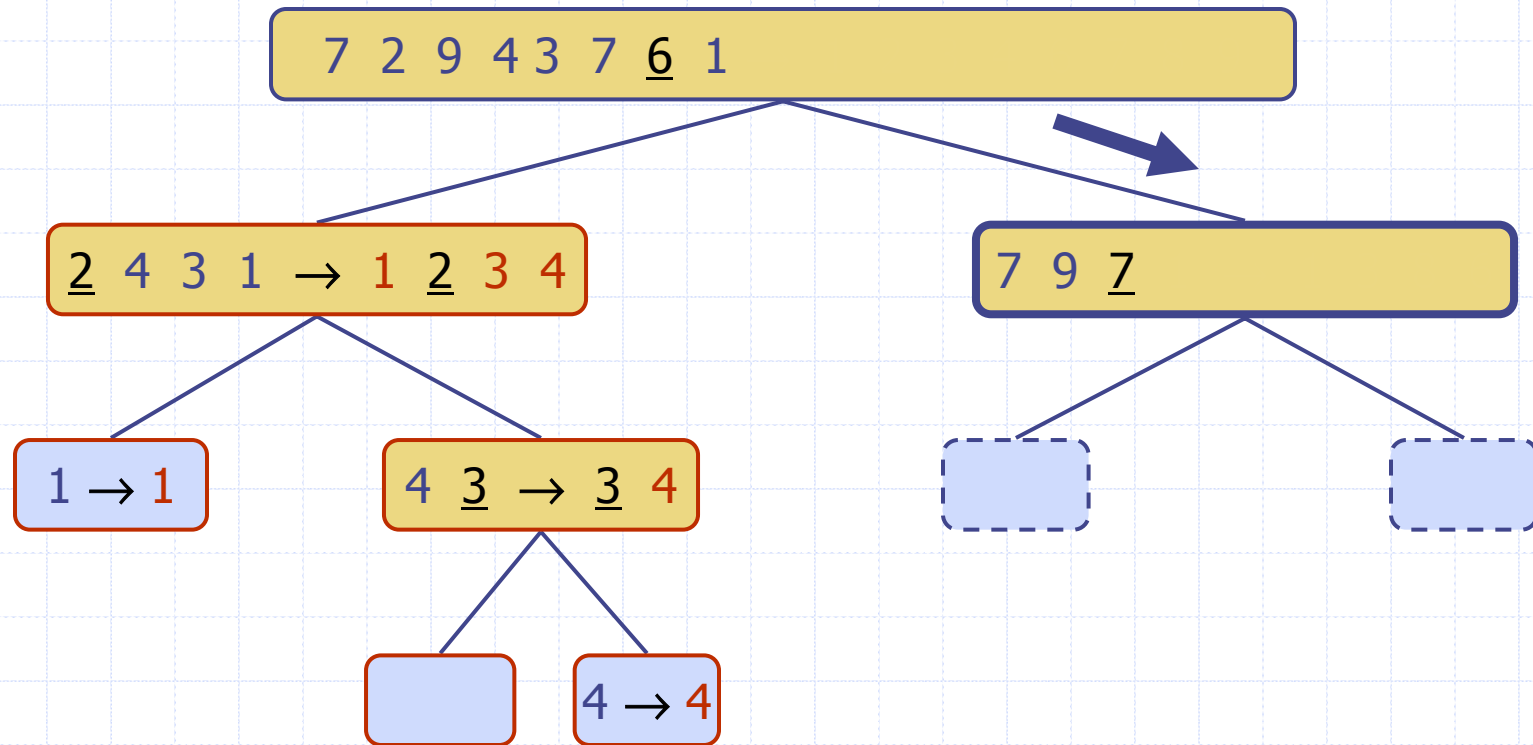
Execution Example (cont.)

◆ Recursive call, ..., base case, join



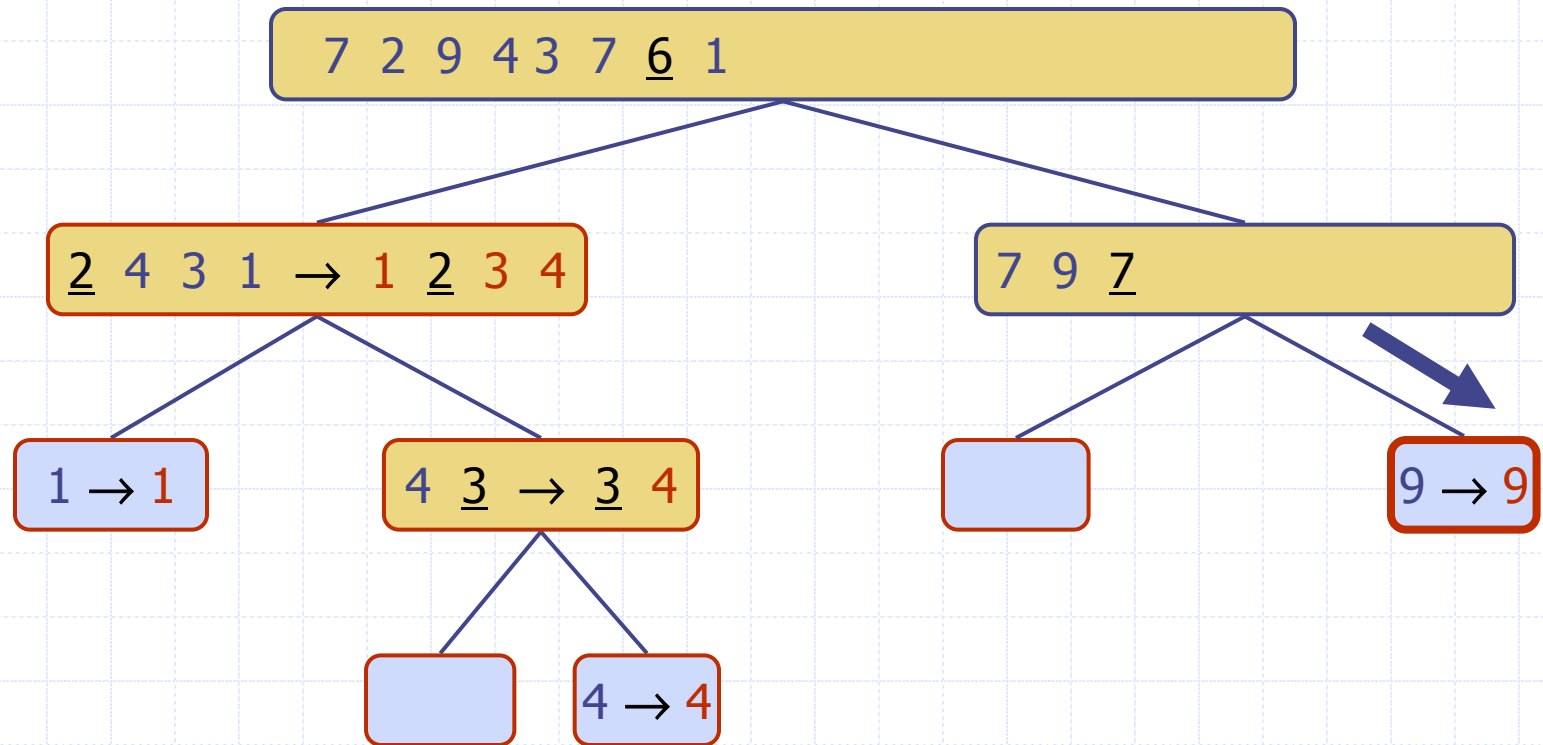
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◆ Recursive call, pivot selection



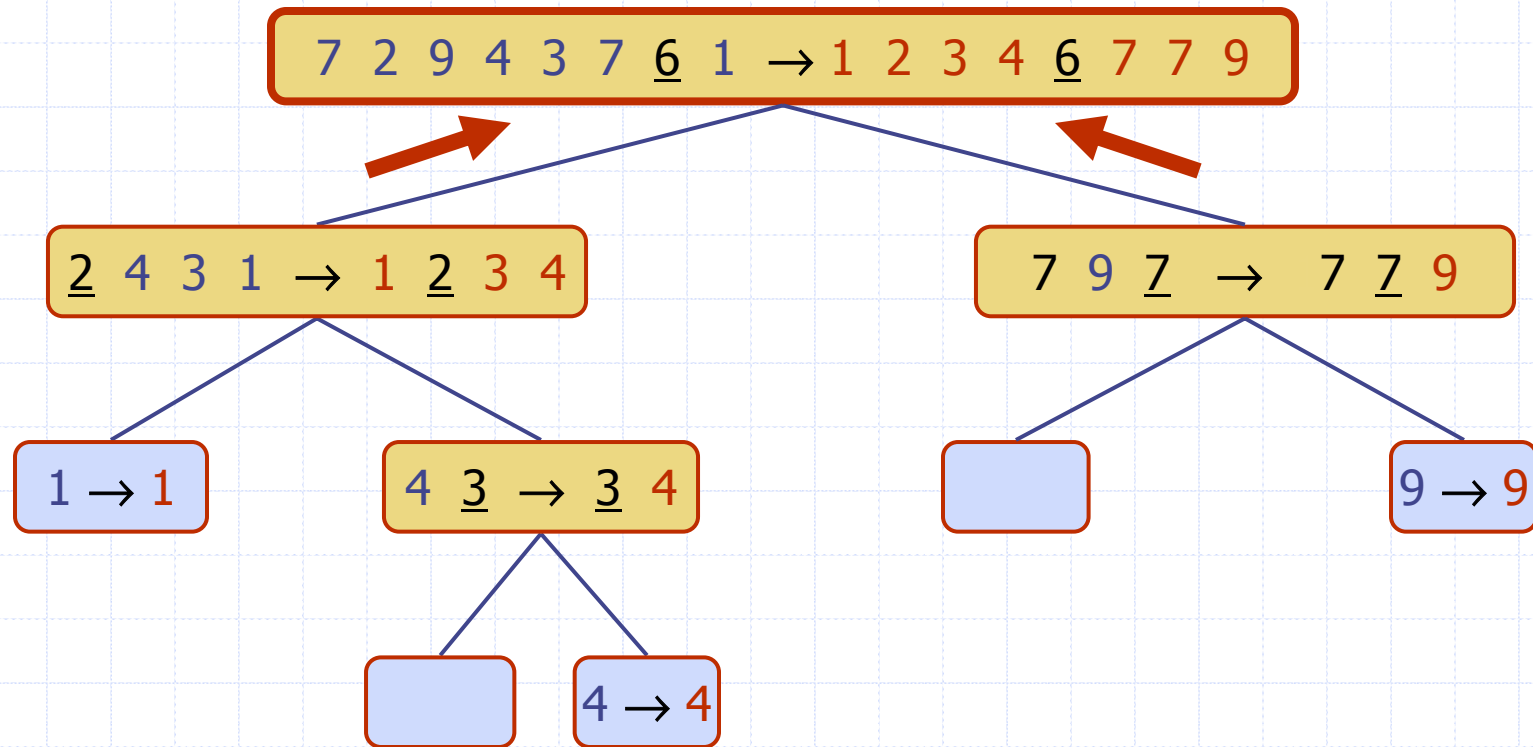
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◆ Partition, ..., recursive call, base case



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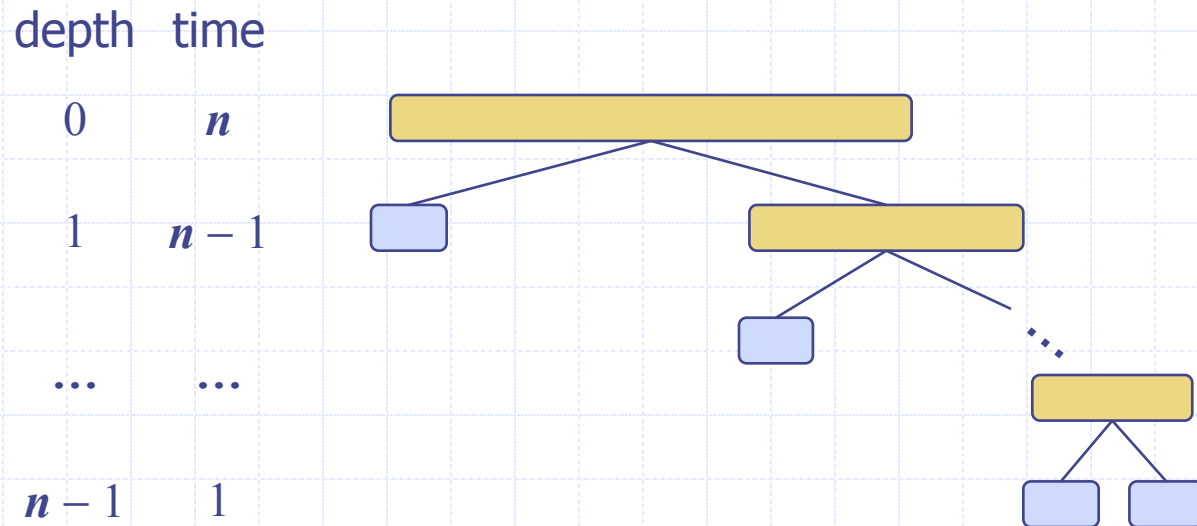
◆ Join, join



Worst-case Running Time

- ◆ The worst case for quick-sort occurs when the pivot is a unique minimum or maximum element
- ◆ One of L and G has size $n - 1$ and the other has size 0
- ◆ The running time is proportional to the sum

$$n + (n - 1) + \dots + 2 + 1$$
- ◆ Thus, the worst-case running time of quick-sort is $O(n^2)$



Expected Running Time

- ◆ Consider a recursive call of quick-sort on a sequence of size s
 - **Good call**: the sizes of L and G are each less than $3s/4$
 - **Bad call**: one of L and G has size greater than $3s/4$
- ◆ A call is good with probability $1/2$
- ◆ **Probabilistic Fact**: The expected number of coin tosses required in order to get k heads is $2k$
- ◆ Hence, for a node of depth i , we expect that
 - $i/2$ parent nodes are associated with good calls
 - the size of the input sequence for the current call is at most $(3/4)^{i/2}n$
- ◆ Thus, we have
 - For a node of depth $2\log_{4/3}n$, the expected size of the input sequence is one
 - The expected height* of the quick-sort tree is $O(\log n)$
- ◆ The overall amount or work done at the nodes of the same depth of the quick-sort tree is $O(n)$
- ◆ Thus, the expected running time of quick-sort is $O(n \log n)$

* this is the key point, if the pivot were always a unique min/max, the height would be n

In-Place Quick-Sort

- ◆ Quick-sort can be implemented to run in-place (i.e. no additional data structures)
- ◆ In the partition step, we use replace operations to rearrange the elements of the input sequence such that
 - the elements less than the pivot have rank less than h
 - the elements equal to the pivot have rank between h and k
 - the elements greater than the pivot have rank greater than k
- ◆ The recursive calls consider
 - elements with rank less than h
 - elements with rank greater than k

Algorithm *inPlaceQuickSort*(S, l, r)

Input sequence S , ranks l and r

Output sequence S with the elements of rank between l and r rearranged in increasing order

if $l \geq r$

return

$i \leftarrow$ a random integer between l and r

$x \leftarrow S.elemAtRank(i)$

$(h, k) \leftarrow inPlacePartition(x)$

inPlaceQuickSort($S, l, h - 1$)

inPlaceQuickSort($S, k + 1, r$)

Summary of Sorting Algorithms

Algorithm	Time	Notes
selection-sort	$O(n^2)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ in-place◆ slow (good for small inputs)
insertion-sort	$O(n^2)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ in-place◆ slow (good for small inputs)
quick-sort	$O(n \log n)$ expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ in-place, randomized◆ fastest (good for large inputs)
heap-sort	$O(n \log n)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ in-place◆ fast (good for large inputs)
merge-sort	$O(n \log n)$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ sequential data access◆ fast (good for huge inputs)