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# Introduction

## Merge Sort (Overview)

Design and Analysis  
of Algorithms I

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## WHY STUDY MERGE SORT?

- Good introduction to divide & conquer
  - Improves over Selection, insertion, Bubble sorts
- Calibrate your preparation
- Motivates guiding principles for algorithm analysis (worstcase and asymptotic analysis)
- Analysis generalizes to “Master Method”



# The Sorting Problem

Input : array of n numbers, unsorted.

5 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 3

Assume Distinct

Output : Same numbers, sorted in increasing order

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8



# MERGE SORT: EXAMPLE

