



Merge Sort



Merge 2 sorted Arrays: Problem 01

You are given two integer arrays **nums1** and **nums2**, sorted in non-decreasing order, and two integers **m** and **n**, representing the number of elements in **nums1** and **nums2** respectively.

Merge **nums1** and **nums2** into a single array **sorted** in non-decreasing order.

The final sorted array should not be returned by the function, but instead be stored inside the array **nums1**. To accommodate this, **nums1** has a length of **m + n**, where the first **m** elements denote the elements that should be merged, and the last **n** elements are set to 0 and should be ignored. **nums2** has a length of **n**.

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Input: `nums1 = [1,2,3,0,0,0]`, `m = 3`, `nums2 = [2,5,6]`, `n = 3`

Output: `[1,2,2,3,5,6]`

Explanation: The arrays we are merging are `[1,2,3]` and `[2,5,6]`.
The result of the merge is `[1,2,2,3,5,6]`

Input: `nums1 = [0]`, `m = 0`, `nums2 = [1]`, `n = 1`

Output: `[1]`

Explanation: The arrays we are merging are `[]` and `[1]`.
The result of the merge is `[1]`.

Note that because `m = 0`, there are no elements in `nums1`. The 0 is only there to ensure the merge result can fit in `nums1`.

|| Solution

```
void merge(vector<int> &nums1, int m, vector<int> &nums2, int n)
{
}
}
```

Solution

```
void merge(vector<int> &nums1, int m, vector<int> &nums2, int n)
{
    int i = 0;
    int j = 0;
    vector<int> arr3;
    while (i < m && j < n){
        if (nums1[i] < nums2[j])
        {
            arr3.push_back(nums1[i]);
            i++;
        }
        else
        {
            arr3.push_back(nums2[j]);
            j++;
        }
    }
    while (i < m){
        arr3.push_back(nums1[i]);
        i++;
    }
    while (j < n){
        arr3.push_back(nums2[j]);
        j++;
    }
    for (int x = 0; x < arr3.size(); x++){
        nums1[x] = arr3[x];
    }
}
```

Sort half sorted Array: Problem 02

You are given one integer array **arr**, it is virtually divided into two sorted arrays, such that from the start to the mid (first part is sorted) and from mid + 1 to the end (second part is sorted).

arr = [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10]

Your goal is to sort this complete array into ascending order.

arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]



Solution

```
void merge(int arr[], int start, int mid, int end)
{
}
}
```

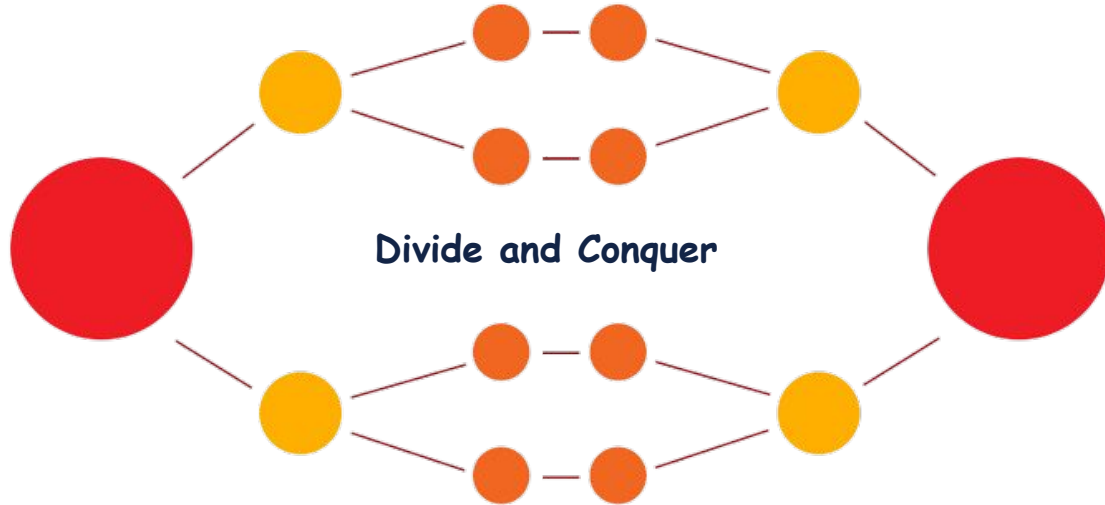
Solution

```
void merge(int arr[], int start, int mid, int end){
    int i = start;
    int j = mid + 1;
    queue<int> tempArr;
    while (i <= mid && j <= end){
        if (arr[i] < arr[j])
        {
            tempArr.push(arr[i]);
            i++;
        }
        else
        {
            tempArr.push(arr[j]);
            j++;
        }
    }
    while (i <= mid){
        tempArr.push(arr[i]);
        i++;
    }
    while (j <= end){
        tempArr.push(arr[j]);
        j++;
    }
    for (int x = start; x <= end; x++){
        arr[x] = tempArr.front();
        tempArr.pop();
    }
}
```


MergeSort: Sorting Algorithm

MergeSort uses the concept of merging two sorted Arrays.

It follows the **Divide and Conquer** Strategy.



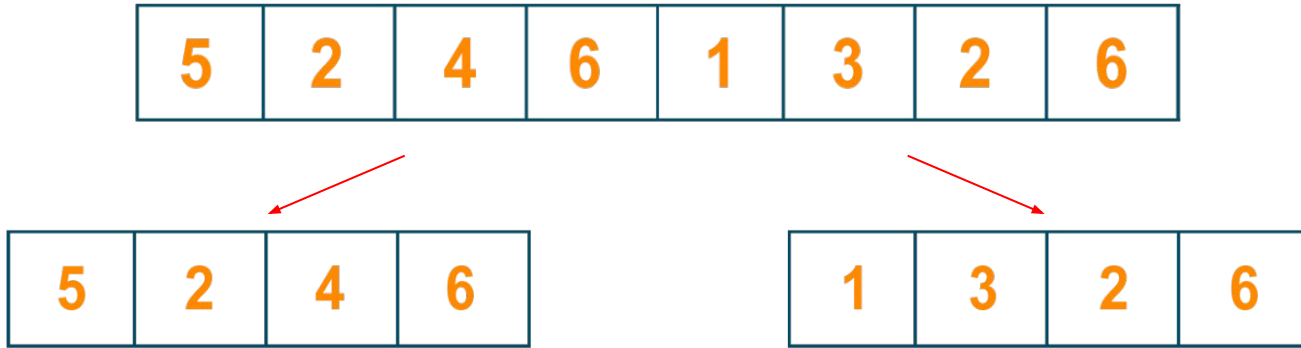
MergeSort: Divide

Consider the following Array to be sorted.

5	2	4	6	1	3	2	6
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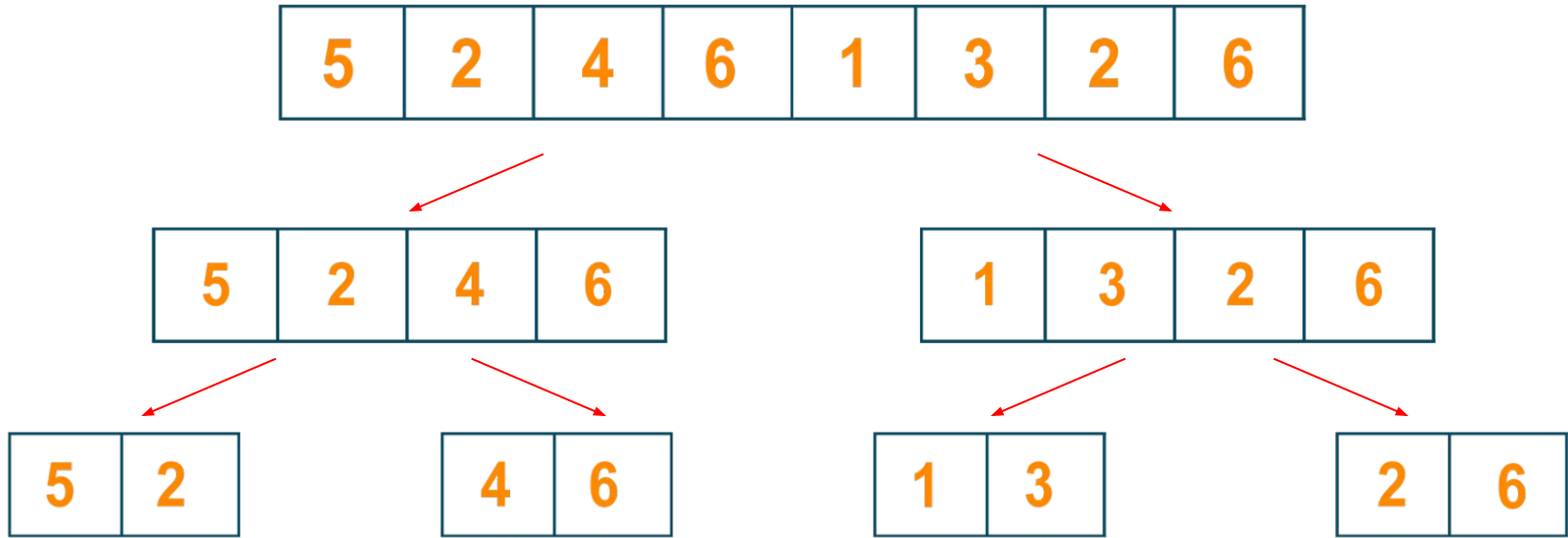
MergeSort: Divide

Let's Divide this Array into 2 halves.



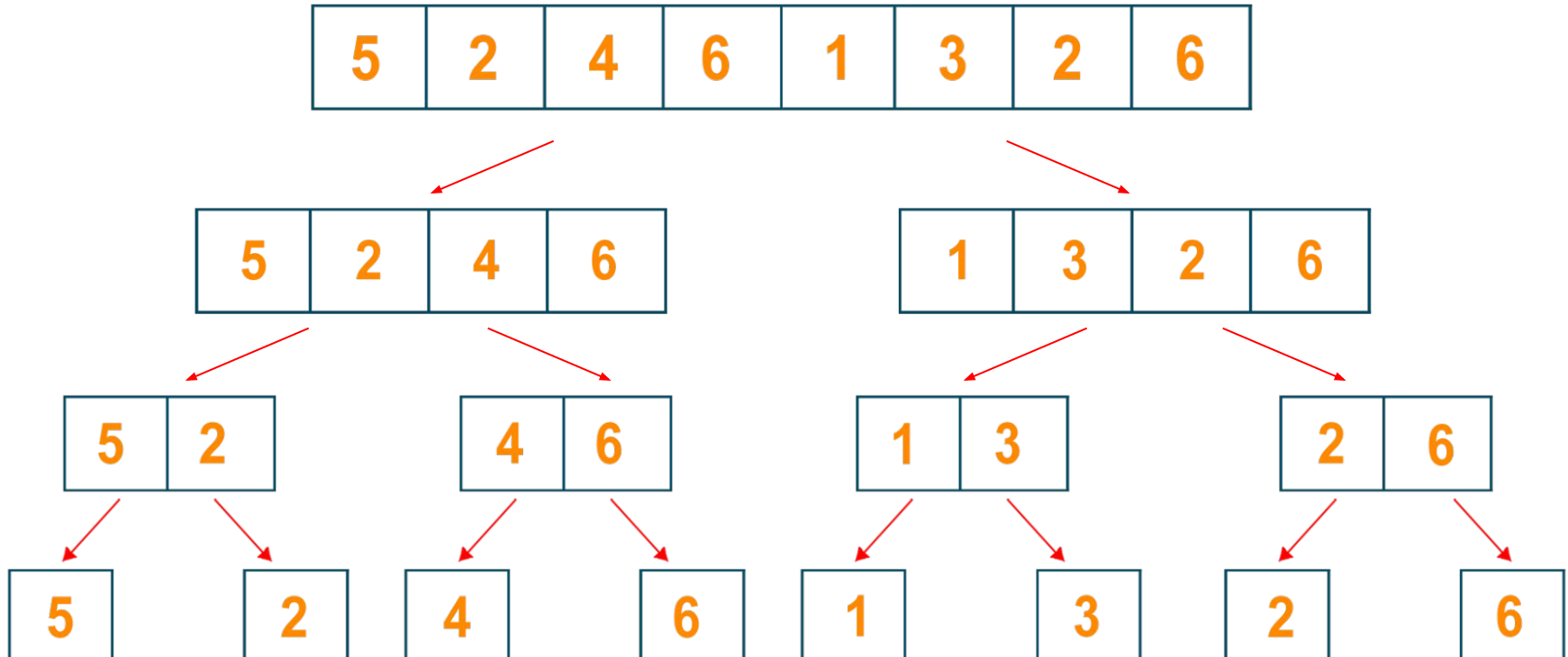
MergeSort: Divide

Let's further divide these 2 halves into 4 halves.



MergeSort: Divide

Let's further divide these 4 halves into 8 halves.



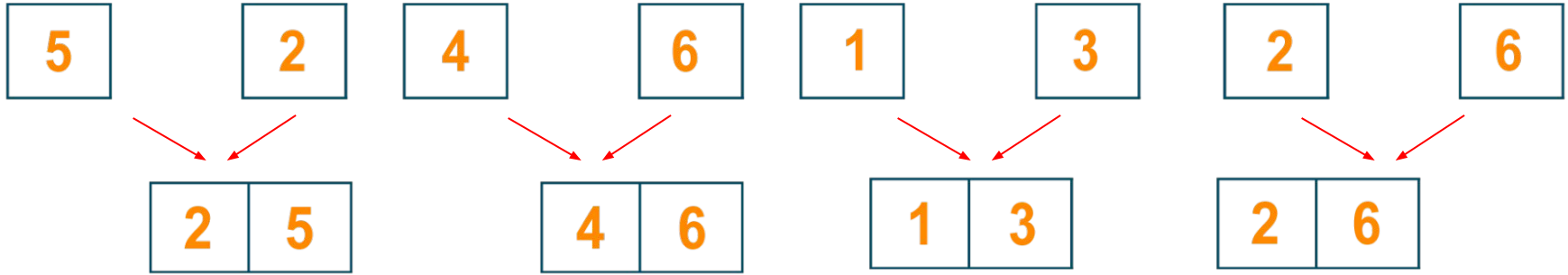
MergeSort: Conquer

Now, we will merge the divided halves into sorted array.



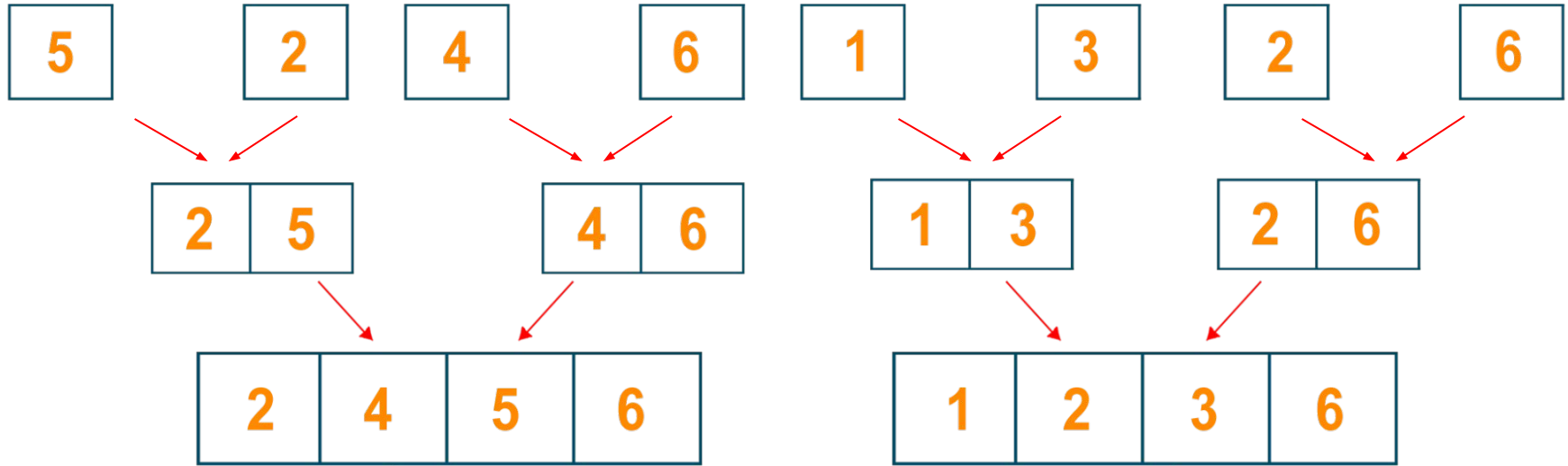
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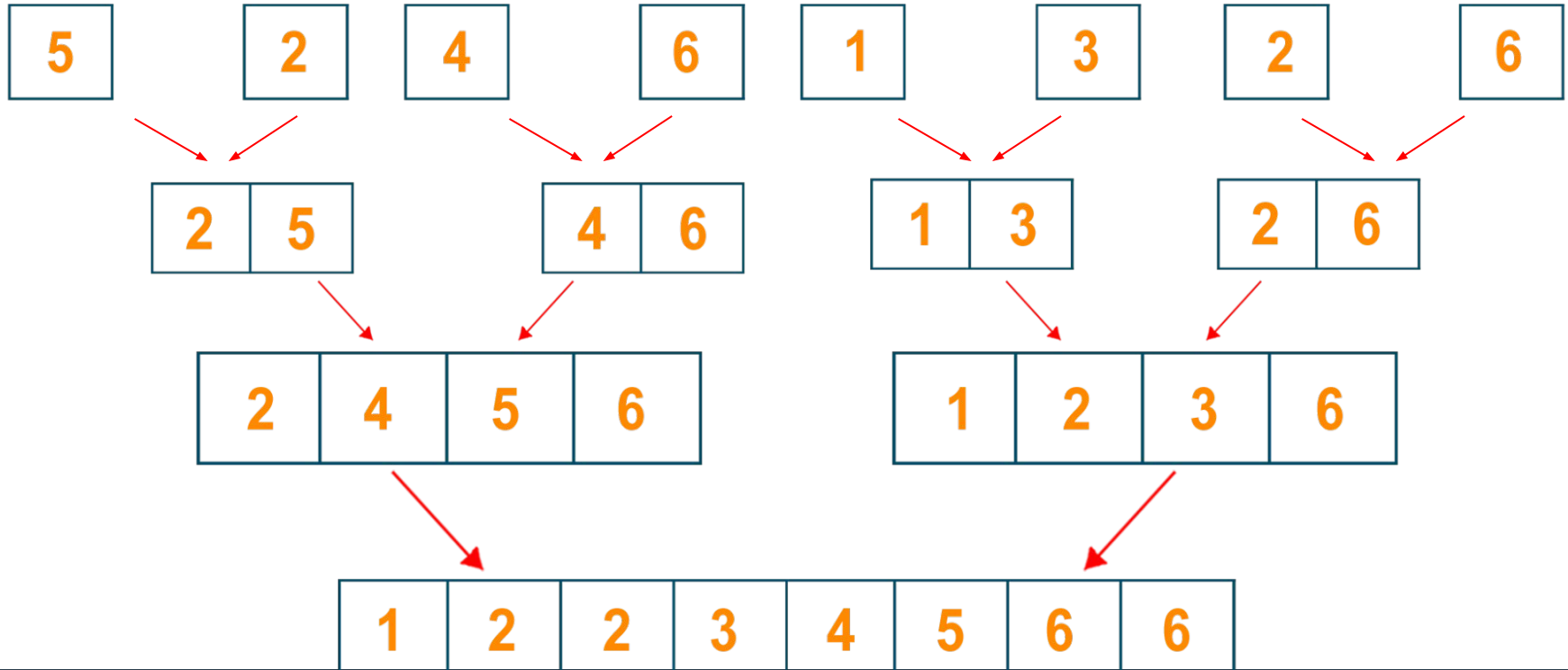
MergeSort: Conquer

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MergeSort: Conquer

Now, we will merge the divided halves into sorted array.



|| MergeSort: Sorting Algorithm

Since, the divide and conquer algorithms are based on dividing the problems into smaller problems, therefore, it is easy to do it with the help of recursion.

|| MergeSort: Implementation

Let's write the code for mergeSort.



MergeSort: Implementation

```
main()
{
    int arr[8] = {5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 2, 6};
    mergeSort(arr, 0, 7);
    for (int x = 0; x < 8; x++)
    {
        cout << arr[x] << " ";
    }
}
```

```
void mergeSort(int arr[], int start, int end)
{
    if (start < end)
    {
        int mid = (start + end) / 2;
        mergeSort(arr, start, mid);
        mergeSort(arr, mid + 1, end);
        merge(arr, start, mid, end);
    }
}
```

MergeSort

```
void merge(int arr[], int start, int mid, int end){
    int i = start;
    int j = mid + 1;
    queue<int> tempArr;
    while (i <= mid && j <= end){
        if (arr[i] < arr[j])
        {
            tempArr.push(arr[i]);
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MergeSort

Now the **important** question is: What is the **Time complexity** of this Algorithm?

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Time required for
Dividing as well as the
Time required for
Conquering

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From the binary search we know that division stages will take $O(\log_2 n)$.

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And the conquering/merging stage takes **$O(n)$** as there is no nested loop.

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Worst Time Complexity
= $O(n \log_2(n))$

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Now another **important** question is: What is the **Space complexity** of this Algorithm?

```
void merge(int arr[], int start, int mid, int end){
    int i = start;
    int j = mid + 1;
    queue<int> tempArr;
    while (i <= mid && j <= end){
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            tempArr.push(arr[i]);
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Sorting Algorithms

Sorting Algorithm	Time Complexity			Space Complexity
	Best Case	Average Case	Worst Case	Worst Case
Bubble Sort	$O(N)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(1)$
Selection Sort	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion Sort	$O(N)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(1)$
Merge Sort	$O(N \cdot \log_2 N)$	$O(N \cdot \log_2 N)$	$O(N \cdot \log_2 N)$	$O(N)$

Sorting Algorithms

Sorting Algorithm	In-Place	Stable
Bubble Sort	Yes	Yes
Selection Sort	Yes	No
Insertion Sort	Yes	Yes
Merge Sort	No	Yes

Learning Objective

Students should be able to **apply** sorting using Merge Sort.



Self Assessment

To visually see the Algorithms Running

<https://visualgo.net/en/sorting>