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Counting Inversions Lab
Pseudo code
// Input: Array of comparable items
// Output: Number of inversions in the array
CountInversionsAndSort( array[0..n-1] )
  numInversions = 0
  A = array[0.. \frac{n-1}{2}]
  B = array[\frac{n-1}{2}..n-1]
  add CountInversionsAndSort( A ) to numInversions
  add CountInversionsAndSort( B ) to numInversions
  add MergeAndCount( A, B, => array ) to numInversions
  return numInversions
// Merge the two halves of the array together
MergeAndCount( leftHalf[0.. \frac{n-1}{2}], rightHalf[0.. \frac{n-1}{2}], => destination )
  numInversions = 0
  left = 0, right = 0
  while left < \frac{n-1}{2} and right < \frac{n-1}{2}
     if leftHalf[left] > rightHalf[right]
        // Since the left half has a larger number, that's (the value of right) inversions
        add right to numInversions
        destination[left + right] = leftHalf[left]
        left = left + 1
     else
        destination[left + right] = rightHalf[right]
        right = right + 1
  retun numInversions
Recurrence Relation
CI(n) = 2 * CI(\frac{n}{2}) + n
According to the Master Theorem (a = 2, b = 2, d = 1):
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CI $\varepsilon \theta(n \log n)$