

# Merge Sort

## Implementation:

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#include<bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

void Merge(int *arr, int *L, int left, int *R, int right)
{
    int i,j,k;
    i=0;
    j=0;
    k=0;
    while(i<left && j<right){
        if(L[i]<R[j]){
            arr[k] = L[i];
            i++;
        }else{
            arr[k] = R[j];
            j++;
        }
        k++;
    }
    while(i<left){
        arr[k++] = L[i++];
    }
    while(j<right){
        arr[k++] = R[j++];
    }
}

void mergeSort(int *arr, int n)
{
    int mid,i,*L,*R;
    if(n<2) return;

    mid = n/2;

    L = (int*)malloc(mid*sizeof(int));
    R = (int*)malloc((n-mid)*sizeof(int));

    for(i=0; i<mid; i++)
    {
        L[i] = arr[i];
    }
    for(i=mid; i<n; i++)
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{
    R[i-mid] = arr[i];
}
mergeSort(L,mid);
mergeSort(R,n-mid);
Merge(arr,L,mid,R,n-mid);
free(L);
free(R);
}

int main()
{
    int n,i;
    cin>>n;
    int arr[n];
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        cin>>arr[i];
    }
    mergeSort(arr,n);
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        cout<<arr[i]<<" ";
    }
    cout<<endl;
}

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### Analysis:

We start analyzing the Insertion Sort procedure with the time “cost” of each statement and the number of times each statement is executed.

### **pseudo code of merge sort:**

MERGE_SORT (A)		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	n <- length(A)	c1	(1)
2	mid <- n/2		
3	left <- array sizeof(mid)		
4	right <- array sizeof(n-mid)		
5	for i <- 0 to mid-1	c2	n
6	left[i] <- A[i]		
7	for i <- mid to n-1		
8	right[i-mid] <- A[i]		
9	MERGE_SORT(left)		T (n/2)
10	MEGRE_SORT(right)		T (n/2)
11	MERGE (A, left, right)		(c3*n+c4)

After sorting each  $n/2$  elements of the array the merging function will cost asymptotically  $T(n) = c * n + c'$  which can be written as  $an + b$  which is a linear function and it is written in line 11 as follows.

The running time of the algorithm is the sum of running times for each statement executed; a statement that takes  $c_i$  steps to execute and executes  $n$  times will contribute  $c_i * n$  times to the total running time.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + (c_2 + c_3) * n + (c_1 + c_4) \end{cases}$$

This equation can be written as,

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c'n + c'' \quad [\text{where } c' \text{ and } c'' \text{ are some constant}]$$

When the value of  $n$  is greater than 1 then constant  $c''$  becomes negligible ( $n > 1$ )

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c'n$$

We can find out  $T(n/2)$  to substitute  $T(n)$ ,

$$T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + c'\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

Substituting,

$$T(n) = 2 \left\{ 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + c'\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \right\} + c'n$$

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2c'\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c'n$$

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$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2c'n$$

Again,

$$T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{16}\right) + 2c'\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)$$

Substituting,

$$T(n) = 4 \left\{ 4T\left(\frac{n}{16}\right) + 2c'\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) \right\} + 2c'n$$

$$T(n) = 16T\left(\frac{n}{16}\right) + 8c'\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2c'n$$

$$T(n) = 16T\left(\frac{n}{16}\right) + 2c'n + 2c'n$$

$$T(n) = 16T\left(\frac{n}{16}\right) + 4c'n$$

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$$T(n) = 2^k T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + kc'n$$

Assume,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{n}{2^k} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow 2^k &= n \\ \Rightarrow k &= \log_2 n\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 2^{\log_2 n} T(1) + \log_2 n * c'n \\ &= n * c + c'n * \log_2 n \quad [T(1) = c]\end{aligned}$$

If the array is already sorted till the recursive call will be execute and the time function will remain as same.

### **Time Complexity:**

**Worst Case:** The time function we get from the analysis is  $T(n) = n * c + c'n * \log_2 n$   
So the complexity of merge sort in worst case is  $O(n \log n)$

**Best Case:** The time function we get from the analysis is  $T(n) = n * c + c'n * \log_2 n$   
So the complexity of merge sort in best case is  $O(n \log n)$