

## 9101 Assignment 1

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### Question 3

Step(i): Sort the array A, using Merge Sort, which costs  $O(n \log n)$ . And then an ordered and possibly duplicate array A is obtained.

Step(ii):

Iterating each pair of integers  $(L_i, U_i)$ , which costs  $O(n)$ ;

For every  $L_i$ , do binary search in sorted array A, and find the index\_1 corresponding to  $L_i$  ( $O(\log n)$ );

For every  $U_i$ , do binary search in sorted array A, and find the index\_2 corresponding to  $U_i$  ( $O(\log n)$ );

Then by subtracting between index\_2 and index\_1, we can get the number of elements of A which satisfy  $L_i \leq A[m] \leq U_i$ .

The cost of this step is,  $O(n) * O(2 \log n) = O(n \log n)$ .

Therefore, the total time complexity is,  $O(n \log n) + O(n \log n) = O(n \log n)$