## **Merge Sort**

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MERGE-SORT(A, p, r)
    if p < r
         q = |(p+r)/2|
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         MERGE-SORT(A, p, q)
         MERGE-SORT(A, q + 1, r)
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5
         MERGE(A, p, q, r)
MERGE(A, p, q, r)
   n_1 = q - p + 1
 1
2
   n_2 = r - q
   let L[1...n_1 + 1] and R[1...n_2 + 1] be new arrays
   for i = 1 to n_1
 4
 5
        L[i] = A[p+i-1]
 6
   for j = 1 to n_2
        R[j] = A[q+j]
 7
 8 L[n_1 + 1] = \infty
 9 \quad R[n_2+1] = \infty
10 i = 1
11 j = 1
12 for k = p to r
        if L[i] \leq R[j]
13
            A[k] = L[i]
14
            i = i + 1
15
        else A[k] = R[j]
16
            j = j + 1
17
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## Example: A=[ 2, 4, 5, 7, 1, 2, 3, 6]

## **Time Complexity**

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases}$$