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REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_MCQ\_Updated\_1

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 20 Marks Obtained : 9

Section 1: MCQ

1. Is Merge Sort a stable sorting algorithm?

### Answer

Yes, always stable.

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

2. In a quick sort algorithm, what role does the pivot element play?

## Answer

It is used to find the largest element in the array

3. Consider the Quick Sort algorithm, which sorts elements in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Then which of the following input sequences will require the maximum number of comparisons when this algorithm is applied to it?

### Answer

22 25 56 67 89

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

4. Which of the following methods is used for sorting in merge sort?

### Answer

merging

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

5. What happens during the merge step in Merge Sort?

#### Answer

Two sorted subarrays are combined into one sorted array

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

6. What is the main advantage of Quicksort over Merge Sort?

### Answer

Quicksort has better worst-case complexity

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

7. Which of the following is true about Quicksort?

## Answer

It always selects the first element as the pivot

8. Which of the following scenarios is Merge Sort preferred over Quick Sort?

## Answer

When sorting in-place without extra space

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

9. What happens when Merge Sort is applied to a single-element array?

#### Answer

The array remains unchanged and no merging is required

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

10. Which of the following statements is true about the merge sort algorithm?

#### Answer

It is not suitable for sorting large datasets

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

11. Which of the following sorting algorithms is based on the divide and conquer method?

### Answer

**Insertion Sort** 

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

12. Let P be a quick sort program to sort numbers in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Let t1 and t2 be the number of comparisons made by P for the inputs {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} and {4, 1, 5, 3, 2}, respectively. Which one of the following holds?

### Answer

t1 = t2

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

13. What is the best sorting algorithm to use for the elements in an array that are more than 1 million in general?

#### Answer

Bubble sort.

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

14. Which of the following modifications can help Quicksort perform better on small subarrays?

#### Answer

Using a stack-based iterative approach instead of recursion

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

15. The following code snippet is an example of a quick sort. What do the 'low' and 'high' parameters represent in this code?

```
void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high) {
   if (low < high) {
      int pivot = partition(arr, low, high);
      quickSort(arr, low, pivot - 1);
      quickSort(arr, pivot + 1, high);
   }
}</pre>
```

#### Answer

The range of elements to sort within the array

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

16. Which of the following is not true about QuickSort?

| Answer   |             |
|--|-------------|
| It can be implemented as a stable sort   |             |
| Status: Correct  | Marks : 1/1 |
| 17 Marga contin  |             |
| 17. Merge sort is  |             |
| Answer   |             |
| Comparison-based sorting algorithm   |             |
| Status: Correct  | Marks : 1/1 |
| 18. Which of the following strategies is used to improve the eff Quicksort in practical implementations? | ficiency of |
| Answer   |             |
| Choosing the pivot randomly or using the median-of-three method  |             |
| Status: Correct  | Marks : 1/1 |
| 19. Why is Merge Sort preferred for sorting large datasets com-<br>Quick Sort?                           | pared to    |
| Answer   |             |
| Merge Sort is an in-place sorting algorithm  |             |
| Status: Wrong  | Marks : 0/1 |

20. In a quick sort algorithm, where are smaller elements placed to the pivot during the partition process, assuming we are sorting in increasing order?

## Answer

The pivot element will be removed

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REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_COD\_Question 1

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

## 1. Problem Statement

John and Mary are collaborating on a project that involves data analysis. They each have a set of age data, one sorted in ascending order and the other in descending order. However, their analysis requires the data to be in ascending order.

Write a program to help them merge the two sets of age data into a single sorted array in ascending order using merge sort.

## **Input Format**

The first line of input consists of an integer N, representing the number of age values in each dataset.

The second line consists of N space-separated integers, representing the ages of participants in John's dataset (in ascending order).

The third line consists of N space-separated integers, representing the ages of participants in Mary's dataset (in descending order).

## **Output Format**

The output prints a single line containing space-separated integers, which represents the merged dataset of ages sorted in ascending order.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

```
Input: 5
13579
108642
Output: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Answer
#include <stdio.h>
// You are using GCC
void merge(int arr[], int left[], int right[], int left_size, int right_size) {
  int i = 0, j = 0, k = 0;
  while (i < left_size && j < right_size)
  if (left[i] <= right[j]){</pre>
     arr[k++] = left[i++];
  } else {
     arr[k++]= right[j++];
while (i < left_size) {
  arr[k++] = left[i++];
while (j < right_size) {
  arr[k++] = right[j++];
void mergeSort(int arr[], int size) {
```

```
if (size < 2) return;
  int mid = size / 2;
  int left[mid], right[size - mid];
  for (int i = 0; i < mid; i++) {
     left[i] = arr[i];
  for (int i = mid; i < size; i++){
     right [i - mid] = arr[i];
  mergeSort(left, mid);
  mergeSort(right, size - mid);
  merge(arr, left, right, mid, size-mid);
}
int main() {
  int n, m;
  scanf("%d", &n);
  int arr1[n], arr2[n];
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     scanf("%d", &arr1[i]);
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     scanf("%d", &arr2[i]);
  int merged[n + n];
  mergeSort(arr1, n);
  mergeSort(arr2, n);
  merge(merged, arr1, arr2, n, n);
  for (int i = 0; i < n + n; i++) {
     printf("%d ", merged[i]);
  }
  return 0;
}
```

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# NeoColab\_REC\_CS23231\_DATA STRUCTURES

REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_COD\_Question 2

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

## 1. Problem Statement

Nandhini asked her students to arrange a set of numbers in ascending order. She asked the students to arrange the elements using insertion sort, which involves taking each element and placing it in its appropriate position within the sorted portion of the array.

Assist them in the task.

## **Input Format**

The first line of input consists of the value of n, representing the number of array elements.

The second line consists of n elements, separated by a space.

## **Output Format**

The output prints the sorted array, separated by a space.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

```
Input: 5
67 28 92 37 59
Output: 28 37 59 67 92
Answer
#include <stdio.h>
// You are using GCC
void insertionSort(int arr[], int n) {
  for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
     int key = arr[i];
     int j = i - 1;
     while (j \ge 0 \&\& arr[j] > key) {
       arr[j + 1] = arr[j];
       j--;
     arr[j + 1] = key;
  }
}
void printArray(int arr[], int n) {
  for ( int i = 0; i < n; i++){
     printf("%d",arr[i]);
     if (i != n - 1) printf(" ");
  }
  printf("\n");
int main() {
  int n;
  scanf("%d", &n);
  int arr[n];
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
```

```
insertionSort(arr, n);
printArray(arr, n);
return 0;
}
```

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REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_COD\_Question 4

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

## 1. Problem Statement

Kavya, a software developer, is analyzing data trends. She has a list of integers and wants to identify the nth largest number in the list after sorting the array using QuickSort.

To optimize performance, Kavya is required to use QuickSort to sort the list before finding the nth largest number.

## **Input Format**

The first line of input consists of an integer n, representing the size of the array.

The second line consists of n space-separated integers, representing the elements of the array nums.

The third line consists of an integer k, representing the position of the largest

number you need to print after sorting the array.

## **Output Format**

The output prints the k-th largest number in the sorted array (sorted in ascending order).

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

```
Input: 6
-1 0 1 2 -1 -4
Output: 0
Answer
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
// You are using GCC
int partition(int arr[], int low, int high)
  int pivot = arr[high];
  int i = low - 1;
  for (int j = low; j <= high - 1; j++) {
     if (arr[i] < pivot) {</pre>
       j++;
       int temp = arr[i];
       arr[i] = arr[i];
       arr[i] = temp;
     }
  int temp = arr[i + 1];
  arr[i + 1] = arr[high];
  arr[high] = temp;
  return i + 1;
}
void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high) {
  if (low < high) {
```

```
int pi = partition(arr , low , high);
    quickSort(arr, low, pi - 1);
    quickSort(arr, pi + 1, high);
  }
}
void findNthLargest(int* nums, int n, int k) {
  quickSort(nums, 0, n - 1);
  printf("%d\n", nums[n - k]);
}
int main() {
  int n, k;
  scanf("%d", &n);
  int* nums = (int*)malloc(n * sizeof(int));
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    scanf("%d", &nums[i]);
  }
  scanf("%d", &k);
  findNthLargest(nums, n, k);
  free(nums);
  return 0;
}
```

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# NeoColab\_REC\_CS23231\_DATA STRUCTURES

REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_COD\_Question 5

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 0

Section 1: Coding

## 1. Problem Statement

Jose has an array of N fractional values, represented as double-point numbers. He needs to sort these fractions in increasing order and seeks your help.

Write a program to help Jose sort the array using the merge sort algorithm.

## Input Format

The first line of input consists of an integer N, representing the number of fractions to be sorted.

The second line consists of N double-point numbers, separated by spaces, representing the fractions array.

## **Output Format**

The output prints N double-point numbers, sorted in increasing order, and rounded to three decimal places.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

```
Input: 4
0.123 0.543 0.321 0.789
Output: 0.123 0.321 0.543 0.789
Answer
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
// You are using GCC
int compare(double a, double b) {
  if (a < b) return -1;
  else if (a > b) return 1;
  else return 0;
}
void merge(double arr[], int I, int m, int r) {
  int n1 = m-1+1;
  int n2 = r-m;
  double *L = (double *)malloc(n1 *sizeof (double));
  double *R = (double *)malloc(n2 *sizeof (double));
  for (int i = 0; i < n1; i++) {
    L[i] = arr[1 + i];
  for (int j = 0; j < n2; j++) {
    R[i] = arr[m + 1 + i];
  }
  int i=0, j=0, k=1;
  while (i < n2 && j<n2){
    if (compare(L[i]),R[i]) <= 0) {
       arr[k++] = L[i++];
       } else{
         arr[k++] = R[j++];
```

```
while (i < n1){
     arr[k++] = L[i++];
  while (j < n2){
     arr[K++] = R[j++];
  free(L);
  free(R);
void mergeSort(double arr[], int I, int r) {
  if (l < r){
    int m = 1 + (r - 1) / 2;
     mergesort(arr,1,m);
     mergesort(arr,m + 1,r);
    merge(arr,1,m,r);
  }
}
int main() {
  int N;
  scanf("%d", &N);
  double arr[n];
  for (int i=0;i< N;i++){
     scanf("If",&arr[i]);
  }
  mergesort(arr, 0 N-1);
  for (int i=0; i< N; i++){
     printf("%.3lf", arr[i]);
    if (i != N-1)
    printf(" ");
  }
  printf("\n");
  return 0;
}
int main() {
  int n;
```

```
scanf("%d", &n);
double fractions[n];
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    scanf("%lf", &fractions[i]);
}
mergeSort(fractions, 0, n - 1);
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    printf("%.3f ", fractions[i]);
}
return 0;
}</pre>
```