

Merge Sort

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Definition -

Merge Sort is a sorting algorithm that use a divide and conquer technique. by dividing array into half sort them sort them individually and then merge them,

How it works-

this method works by dividing the given array/list into half recursively means we will keep dividing it until we hit the base-case (i.e. length == 1) and when we hit the base case we will simply merge the elements while going back in recursion(backtracking).

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void merge(std::vector<int>& vec, int start, int mid, int end){
    std::vector<int> temp(end-start+1, 0);
    int i = start;
    int j = mid+1;
    int k = 0;
    while(i <= mid && j <= end){
        if(vec[i] < vec[j]) temp[k++] = vec[i++];
        else if(vec[j] < vec[i]) temp[k++] = vec[j++];
        else {
            temp[k++] = vec[j++];
            temp[k++] = vec[i++];
        }
    }
    while(i <= mid){
        temp[k++] = vec[i++];
    }
}
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        while(j <= end){
            temp[k++] = vec[j++];
        }
        for(auto&& x:temp){
            vec[start++] = x;
        }
    }

void sort(std::vector<int>& vec,int start,int end){
    if(start>=end) return; // base-case
    int mid = (start+end)/2;
    sort(vec,start,mid);//recursive call 1
    sort(vec,mid+1,end);//recursive call 2
    merge(vec,start,mid,end); // backtracking
}

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