

Merge Sort a Linked List

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

Time to
sort Linked
List from
[head to tail]

$$T(n) = 2 \times T$$

$$[T(n/2) = 2 \times T$$

$$[T(n/4) = 2 \times T$$

$$[T(1) = 2 \times T$$

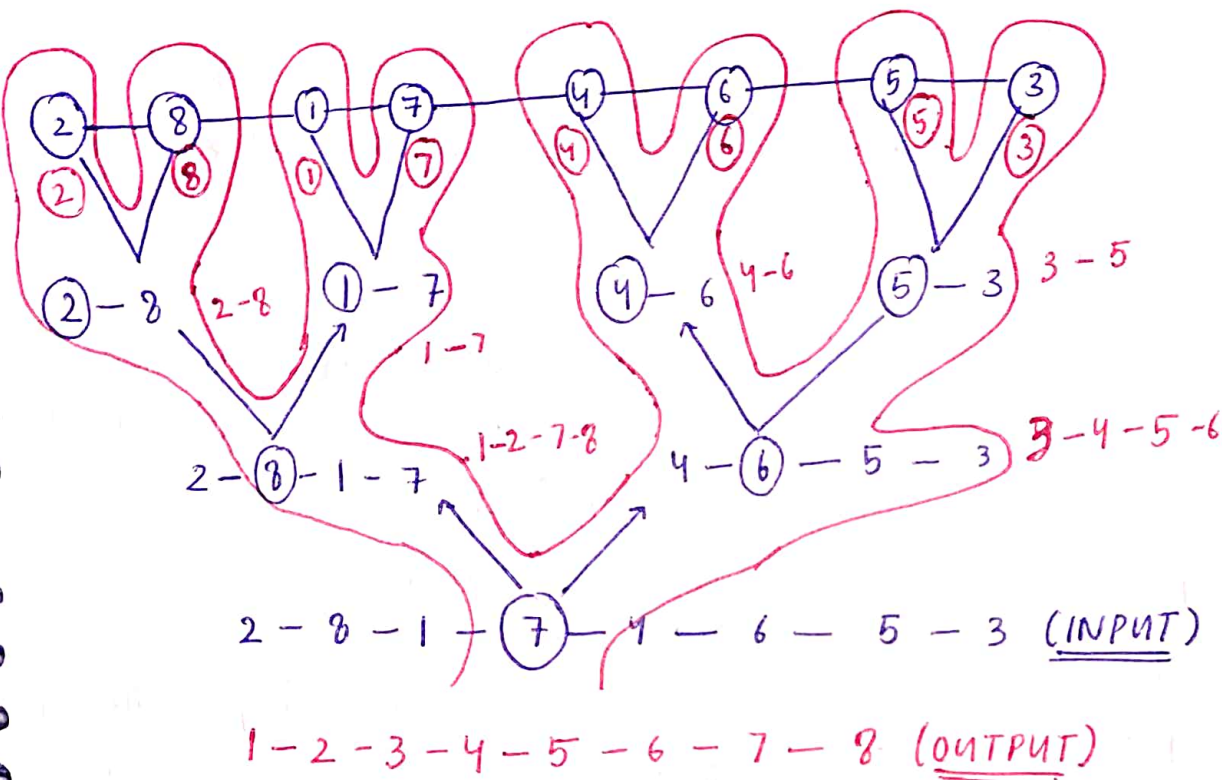
$$T(n) = 2^{\log_2 n} \times$$

$$T(n) = 2 \times n$$

$$T(n) = 2n +$$

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

Best
Time



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public static Node midNode (Node head, Node tail) {
    Node f = head;
    Node s = head;
    while (f != tail && f.next != tail) {
        f = f.next.next;
        s = s.next;
    }
    return s;
}
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public static LinkedList mergeSort (Node head, Node tail) {
    if (head == tail) {
        LinkedList br = new LinkedList();
        br.addLast(head.data);
        return br;
    }
    Node mid = midNode (head, tail);
    LinkedList fsh = mergeSort (head, mid);
    LinkedList ssh = mergeSort (mid.next, tail);
    LinkedList sl = mergeTwoSortedLists (fsh, ssh);
    return sl;
}
```

$$T(n) = O(n) + T(n/2) + T(n/2) + O(n)$$

Time to sort Linked List from [head to tail]

Time to ~~sort~~ Find mid node of linked list

Time to sort [head, mid] & [mid-next, tail] respectively

Time to merge 2 sorted linked list

$$T(n) = 2 * T(n/2) + 2 * O(n)$$

$$[T(n/2) = 2 * T(n/4) + 2 * O(n/2)] * 2$$

$$[T(n/4) = 2 * T(n/8) + 2 * O(n/4)] * 4$$

$$[T(1) = 2 * T(0) + 2 * O(1)] * 2^{\log_2 n}$$

$$T(n) = 2^{\log_2 n} * (2T(0)) + \left\{ 2n + \frac{4n}{2} + \frac{8n}{4} + \dots 2 \cdot 2^{\log_2 n} \right\}$$

$$T(n) = 2 * n + \{ 2n + 2n + \dots (\log_2 n) \text{ times} \}$$

$$T(n) = 2n + \{ 2n * \log_2 n \}$$

$$T(n) = O(n \log_2 n + n) \approx \boxed{O(n \log_2 n)}$$

Best & average & worst case
Time Complexity of Merge Sort
Linked list.