

## Quiz 6 S18

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## 18 Standard 18: Divide & Conquer

**Problem 18.** Given an array  $A$  of length  $n$ , we say it contains a duplicate if there are two distinct indices  $i$  and  $j$  (with  $i \neq j$ ) such that  $A[i] = A[j]$ . Consider the following divide and conquer algorithm for testing whether an array has a duplicate.

```
1: hasDuplicate(A):
2:   n = len(A)
3:   if n == 2 and A[0] == A[1]:
4:     return true
5:   else if n > 2:
6:     return hasDuplicate(A[0:floor(n/2)]) or hasDuplicate(A[floor(n/2):n])
7:   else:
8:     return false
```

Will the above algorithm correctly return true if  $A$  contains a duplicate and false if  $A$  does not contain a duplicate?

**Explain and justify** your answer. If the algorithm does not correctly decide the presence of duplicates, give an example on which it fails, explain what the algorithm does on that example, and what the correct answer for that example is.

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Consider an array of size 6:

$\{1, 5, 7, 1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow$  return false

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split the array at indexes 0, 2 and 3, 4

$\{1, 5, 7\}$        $\{1, 2, 3\}$

↓                      ↓  
split again as the arrays are of size 3 each (return false for both arrays)

$\{1\}$   $\{5, 7\}$        $\{1\}$   $\{2, 3\}$

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false                  false                  false                  false

• It will fail here because the algorithm only compares the element with one of its neighbours or the element is of size 1.

• The correct answer for my example should be true because within this array there exists a duplicate, as there exists two elements which are valued at 1 which are duplicates.

Answer.