

# MERGE SORT

MergeSort is a Divide and Conquer algorithm. It divides input array in two halves, calls itself for the two halves and then merges the two sorted halves.

Two functions are involved in this algorithm

- The merge() function is used for merging two halves.

- The Mergesort() function recursively calls itself to divide the array till size becomes one.

l = left index r = right index

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After dividing the array into smallest units merging starts, based on comparison of elements.

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3	27	38	43		9	10	82
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