



5. DIVIDE AND CONQUER I

merge and count demo

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Given two sorted lists A and B ,

- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
- Merge A and B into sorted list C .

sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
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compare minimum entry in each list: copy 2 and add x to inversion count

sorted list C

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$x = 5$
inversions = 0

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sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
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5



compare minimum entry in each list: copy 3 and decrement x

sorted list C

2									
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$x = 5$
inversions = 5

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sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
---	----	----	----	----

5



compare minimum entry in each list: copy 7 and decrement x

sorted list C

2	3								
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$x = 4$
inversions = 5

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- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
- Merge A and B into sorted list C .

sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
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compare minimum entry in each list: copy 10 and decrement x

sorted list C

2	3	7							
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$x = 3$
inversions = 5

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Given two sorted lists A and B ,

- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
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sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
---	----	----	----	----

5



compare minimum entry in each list: copy 11 and add x to increment count

sorted list C

2	3	7	10						
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$x = 2$
inversions = 5

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- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
- Merge A and B into sorted list C .

sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
---	----	----	----	----

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compare minimum entry in each list: copy 14 and decrement x

sorted list C

2	3	7	10	11					
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$x = 2$
inversions = 7

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- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
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sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
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2



compare minimum entry in each list: copy 16 and add x to increment count

sorted list C

2	3	7	10	11	14				
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x = 1

inversions = 7

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sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
---	----	----	----	----

5

2

1



compare minimum entry in each list: copy 17 and add x to increment count

sorted list C

2	3	7	10	11	14	16			
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x = 1

inversions = 8

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Given two sorted lists A and B ,

- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
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sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
---	----	----	----	----

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2

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1



compare minimum entry in each list: copy 18 and decrement x

sorted list C

2	3	7	10	11	14	16	17		
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x = 1

inversions = 9

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- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
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sorted list A

3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
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2

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list A exhausted: copy 23

sorted list C

2	3	7	10	11	14	16	17	18	
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x = 0

inversions = 9

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- Count number of inversions (a, b) with $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.
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3	7	10	14	18
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sorted list B

2	11	16	17	23
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2

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0



done: return 9 inversions

sorted list C

2	3	7	10	11	14	16	17	18	23
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x = 0

inversions = 9