

# MERGE SORT

2	8	5	3	9	4	1	7
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2	8	5	3
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9	4	1	7
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2	8
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5	3
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9	4
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2	8
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3	5
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4	9
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1	7
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2	3	5	8
1	4	7	9



1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
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mergesort (array a)
  if ( n == 1 )
    return a

  arrayOne = a[0] ... a[n/2]
  arrayTwo = a[n/2+1] ... a[n]

  arrayOne = mergesort ( arrayOne )
  arrayTwo = mergesort ( arrayTwo )

  return merge ( arrayOne, arrayTwo )
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merge ( array a, array b )
  array c

  while ( a and b have elements )
    if ( a[0] > b[0] )
      add b[0] to the end of c
      remove b[0] from b
    else
      add a[0] to the end of c
      remove a[0] from a

  // At this point either a or b is empty
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while ( a has elements )  
  add a[0] to the end of c  
  remove a[0] from a  
  
while ( b has elements )  
  add b[0] to the end of c  
  remove b[0] from b  
  
return c
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