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REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_MCQ\_Updated\_1

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 20 Marks Obtained : 18

Section 1: MCQ

1. Merge sort is \_\_\_\_\_

Answer

Comparison-based sorting algorithm

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

2. Which of the following modifications can help Quicksort perform better on small subarrays?

Answer

Switching to Insertion Sort for small subarrays

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

3. Consider the Quick Sort algorithm, which sorts elements in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Then which of the following input sequences will require the maximum number of comparisons when this algorithm is applied to it?

#### Answer

52 25 89 67 76

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

4. In a quick sort algorithm, what role does the pivot element play?

#### **Answer**

It is used to partition the array

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

5. Which of the following is not true about QuickSort?

#### Answer

It can be implemented as a stable sort

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

6. Is Merge Sort a stable sorting algorithm?

#### **Answer**

Yes, always stable.

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

7. Which of the following strategies is used to improve the efficiency of Quicksort in practical implementations?

### **Answer**

Choosing the pivot randomly or using the median-of-three method

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

8. Let P be a quick sort program to sort numbers in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Let t1 and t2 be the number of comparisons made by P for the inputs {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} and {4, 1, 5, 3, 2}, respectively. Which one of the following holds?

#### Answer

t1 < t2

Status: Wrong Marks: 0/1

9. Which of the following sorting algorithms is based on the divide and conquer method?

#### Answer

Merge Sort

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

10. What happens when Merge Sort is applied to a single-element array?

#### **Answer**

The array remains unchanged and no merging is required

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

11. In a quick sort algorithm, where are smaller elements placed to the pivot during the partition process, assuming we are sorting in increasing order?

#### Answer

To the left of the pivot

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

12. What is the best sorting algorithm to use for the elements in an array that are more than 1 million in general?

Answer

**Quick sort.** 

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

13. The following code snippet is an example of a quick sort. What do the 'low' and 'high' parameters represent in this code?

```
void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high) {
   if (low < high) {
      int pivot = partition(arr, low, high);
      quickSort(arr, low, pivot - 1);
      quickSort(arr, pivot + 1, high);
   }
}</pre>
```

#### Answer

The range of elements to sort within the array

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

14. What is the main advantage of Quicksort over Merge Sort?

**Answer** 

Quicksort requires less auxiliary space

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

15. Which of the following is true about Quicksort?

Answer

It is an in-place sorting algorithm

Status: Correct Marks: 1/1

16. Which of the following scenarios is Merge Sort preferred over Quick Sort? Answer When sorting linked lists Marks: 1/1 Status: Correct 17. What happens during the merge step in Merge Sort? Answer Two sorted subarrays are combined into one sorted array Status: Correct Marks : 1/1 18. Why is Merge Sort preferred for sorting large datasets compared to **Ouick Sort?** Answer Merge Sort has better worst-case time complexity Status: Correct Marks: 1/1 19. Which of the following statements is true about the merge sort algorithm? Answer It requires additional memory for merging Status: Correct Marks: 1/1 20. Which of the following methods is used for sorting in merge sort? Answer merging Status : Correct Marks: 1

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# NeoColab\_REC\_CS23231\_DATA STRUCTURES

REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_COD\_Question 1

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

### 1. Problem Statement

John and Mary are collaborating on a project that involves data analysis. They each have a set of age data, one sorted in ascending order and the other in descending order. However, their analysis requires the data to be in ascending order.

Write a program to help them merge the two sets of age data into a single sorted array in ascending order using merge sort.

## **Input Format**

The first line of input consists of an integer N, representing the number of age values in each dataset.

The second line consists of N space-separated integers, representing the ages of participants in John's dataset (in ascending order).

The third line consists of N space-separated integers, representing the ages of participants in Mary's dataset (in descending order).

## **Output Format**

The output prints a single line containing space-separated integers, which represents the merged dataset of ages sorted in ascending order.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

## Sample Test Case

```
Input: 5
13579
    108642
    Output: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
    Answer
    #include <stdio.h>
    // You are using GCC
    #include <iostream>
    #include <vector>
    #include <algorithm> // for reverse
    using namespace std;
   void merge(vector<int>& arr, int left, int mid, int right) {
      int n1 = mid - left + 1;
      int n2 = right - mid;
      vector<int> L(n1);
      vector<int> R(n2);
      for (int i = 0; i < n1; i++)
         L[i] = arr[left + i];
      for (int j = 0; j < n2; j++)
        R[i] = arr[mid + 1 + i];
     int i = 0, j = 0, k = left;
      while (i < n1 && j < n2) {
```

```
(if (L[i] < R[j])
           arr[k++] = L[i++];
           arr[k++] = R[j++]; 
      while (i < n1)
        arr[k++] = L[i++];
      while (j < n2)
         arr[k++] = R[i++];
    }
    void mergeSort(vector<int>& arr, int left, int right) {
      if (left < right) {</pre>
        int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
        mergeSort(arr, left, mid);
        mergeSort(arr, mid + 1, right);
        merge(arr, left, mid, right);
      }
    }
    int main() {
      int N;
      cin >> N;
      vector<int> john_ages(N), mary_ages(N);
     for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        cin >> john_ages[i];
      for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        cin >> mary_ages[i];
      // Reverse Mary's array to ascending order
      reverse(mary_ages.begin(), mary_ages.end());
      // Merge the two datasets
      vector<int> combined_ages;
      combined_ages.reserve(2 * N);
      combined_ages.insert(combined_ages.end(), john_ages.begin(),
    john_ages.end());
    combined_ages.insert(combined_ages.end(), mary_ages.begin(),
mary_ages.end());
```

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Sort using merge sort
  mergeSort(combined_ages, 0, combined_ages.size() - 1);
  // Print the sorted combined array
  for (int age : combined_ages) {
     cout << age << " ";
  cout << "\n";
  return 0;
}
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int main() {
int n, m;
  scanf("%d", &n);
  int arr1[n], arr2[n];
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     scanf("%d", &arr1[i]);
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
     scanf("%d", &arr2[i]);
  int merged[n + n];
  mergeSort(arr1, n);
  mergeSort(arr2, n);
  merge(merged, arr1, arr2, n, n);
  for (int i = 0; i < n + n; i++) {
     printf("%d ", merged[i]);
  return 0;
}
```

Status: Correct Marks: 10/10

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# NeoColab\_REC\_CS23231\_DATA STRUCTURES

REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_COD\_Question 2

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

### 1. Problem Statement

Nandhini asked her students to arrange a set of numbers in ascending order. She asked the students to arrange the elements using insertion sort, which involves taking each element and placing it in its appropriate position within the sorted portion of the array.

Assist them in the task.

## **Input Format**

The first line of input consists of the value of n, representing the number of array elements.

The second line consists of n elements, separated by a space.

Output Format

The output prints the sorted array, separated by a space.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

## Sample Test Case

```
Input: 5
    67 28 92 37 59
    Output: 28 37 59 67 92
    Answer
    #include <stdio.h>
   You are using GCC
#include <iostream>
    #include <vector>
    using namespace std;
    void insertionSort(vector<int>& arr) {
      int n = arr.size();
      for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
         int key = arr[i];
         int j = i - 1;
        // Move elements greater than key one position ahead
         while (j >= 0 \&\& arr[j] > key) {
           arr[j + 1] = arr[j];
         arr[j + 1] = key;
    }
    int main() {
      int n;
      cin >> n;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { 50,053
      vector<int> arr(n);
```

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cin >> arr[i];
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        insertionSort(arr);
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
          cout << arr[i] << " ";
        cout << "\n";
        return 0;
     }
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     int main() {
scanf("%d", &n);
int arr<sup>[n].</sup>
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
          scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
        insertionSort(arr, n);
        printArray(arr, n);
        return 0;
     }
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     Status: Correct
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# NeoColab\_REC\_CS23231\_DATA STRUCTURES

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Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

### 1. Problem Statement

You are the lead developer of a text-processing application that assists writers in organizing their thoughts. One crucial feature is a charactersorting service that helps users highlight the most critical elements of their text.

To achieve this, you decide to enhance the service to sort characters in descending order using the Quick-Sort algorithm. Implement the algorithm to efficiently rearrange the characters, ensuring that it is sorted in descending order.

### Input Format

The first line of the input consists of a positive integer value N, representing the number of characters to be sorted.

The second line of input consists of N space-separated lowercase alphabetical characters.

## **Output Format**

The output displays the set of alphabetical characters, sorted in descending order.

Refer to the sample output for the formatting specifications.

## Sample Test Case

```
Input: 5
a d g j k
   Output: k j g d a
   Answer
   #include <stdio.h>
   #include <string.h>
   // You are using GCC
   #include <iostream>
   #include <vector>
   using namespace std;
   // Partition function for descending order quicksort
char pivot = arr[high];
     int i = low - 1;
     for (int j = low; j < high; j++) {
       if (arr[j] > pivot) { // '>' for descending order
          i++:
         swap(arr[i], arr[i]);
     swap(arr[i + 1], arr[high]);
     return i + 1;
```

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    // Quick Sort recursive function
    void quickSort(vector<char>& arr, int low, int high) {
      if (low < high) {
         int pi = partition(arr, low, high);
         quickSort(arr, low, pi - 1);
         quickSort(arr, pi + 1, high);
      }
    }
    int main() {
       int N;
       cin >> N;
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      vector<char> arr(N);
      for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
         cin >> arr[i];
      quickSort(arr, 0, N - 1);
      for (char c : arr) {
         cout << c << " ";
      }
      cout << "\n";
      return 0;
int main() {
       int n;
      scanf("%d", &n);
      char characters[n];
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
         char input;
         scanf(" %c", &input);
         characters[i] = input;
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quicksort(characters, 0, n - 1);
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for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    printf("%c ", characters[i]);
}</pre>
       return 0;
     }
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REC\_DS using C\_Week 6\_COD\_Question 4

Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

### 1. Problem Statement

Kavya, a software developer, is analyzing data trends. She has a list of integers and wants to identify the nth largest number in the list after sorting the array using QuickSort.

To optimize performance, Kavya is required to use QuickSort to sort the list before finding the nth largest number.

## **Input Format**

The first line of input consists of an integer n, representing the size of the array.

The second line consists of n space-separated integers, representing the elements of the array nums.

The third line consists of an integer k, representing the position of the largest

number you need to print after sorting the array.

## **Output Format**

The output prints the k-th largest number in the sorted array (sorted in ascending order).

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

# Sample Test Case

```
Input: 6
     -1 0 1 2 -1 -4
     3
Output: 0
     Answer
     #include <stdio.h>
     #include <stdlib.h>
     // Partition function for QuickSort
     int partition(int arr[], int low, int high) {
       int pivot = arr[high]; // choosing the last element as pivot
       int i = low - 1:
       for (int j = low; j < high; j++) {
          if (arr[i] <= pivot) {</pre>
            // swap arr[i] and arr[i]
            int temp = arr[i];
            arr[i] = arr[i];
            arr[i] = temp;
         }
       }
       // swap arr[i+1] and arr[high] (pivot)
       int temp = arr[i + 1];
arr[high] = temp;
       arr[i + 1] = arr[high];
```

```
return i + 1;
    // QuickSort function
    void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high) {
      if (low < high) {
        int pi = partition(arr, low, high);
        // Recursively sort elements before and after partition
         quickSort(arr, low, pi - 1);
        quickSort(arr, pi + 1, high);
    }
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   // Function to find the k-th largest number
void findNthLargest(int* nums, int n, int k) {
      quickSort(nums, 0, n-1);
      printf("%d\n", nums[n - k]); // k-th largest = (n-k)th in ascending order
    int main() {
      int n, k;
      scanf("%d", &n);
      int* nums = (int*)malloc(n * sizeof(int));
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        scanf("%d", &nums[i]);
      scanf("%d", &k);
      findNthLargest(nums, n, k);
      free(nums);
      return 0;
    }
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```

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Attempt : 1 Total Mark : 10 Marks Obtained : 10

Section 1: Coding

### 1. Problem Statement

Jose has an array of N fractional values, represented as double-point numbers. He needs to sort these fractions in increasing order and seeks your help.

Write a program to help Jose sort the array using the merge sort algorithm.

# **Input Format**

The first line of input consists of an integer N, representing the number of fractions to be sorted.

The second line consists of N double-point numbers, separated by spaces, representing the fractions array.

## Output Format

The output prints N double-point numbers, sorted in increasing order, and rounded to three decimal places.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

```
Sample Test Case
```

```
Input: 4
     0.123 0.543 0.321 0.789
     Output: 0.123 0.321 0.543 0.789
     Answer
     #include <stdio.h>
 #include <stdlib.h>
     // You are using GCC
     #include <iostream>
     #include <vector>
     #include <iomanip> // for setprecision
     using namespace std;
     void merge(vector<double>& arr, int left, int mid, int right) {
        int n1 = mid - left + 1;
        int n2 = right - mid;
       vector<double> L(n1), R(n2);
        for (int i = 0; i < n1; i++)
          L[i] = arr[left + i];
        for (int j = 0; j < n2; j++)
          R[i] = arr[mid + 1 + i];
        int i = 0, j = 0, k = left;
        while (i < n1 \&\& j < n2) {
          if (L[i] <= R[j]) {
arr[k
else {
arr<sup>[r</sup>
}
             arr[k++] = L[i++];
            arr[k++] = R[j++];
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while (i < n1) {
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arr[k++] = L[i++];
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       while (j < n2) {
          arr[k++] = R[i++];
       }
     }
     void mergeSort(vector<double>& arr, int left, int right) {
       if (left < right) {</pre>
          int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
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         mergeSort(arr, left, mid);
          mergeSort(arr, mid + 1, right);
          merge(arr, left, mid, right);
     }
     int main() {
       int N;
       cin >> N;
       vector<double> arr(N);
       for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
          cin >> arr[i];
       mergeSort(arr, 0, N - 1);
       cout << fixed << setprecision(3);</pre>
       for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
          cout << arr[i];
          if (i != N - 1) cout << " ";
       cout << "\n";
       return 0;
     }
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     int main() {
    int n;
       scanf("%d", &n);
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for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    scanf("%lf", &frac+:-
}
          scanf("%lf", &fractions[i]);
        mergeSort(fractions, 0, n - 1);
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
          printf("%.3f ", fractions[i]);
        }
        return 0;
     }
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