

Merge Sort Algorithm  
Pre-Lab #3

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## 1. Problem Specification

The goal of this pre-lab assignment is to rearrange elements from a list using the Merge Sort algorithm. The list is {38,27,43,3,9,82,10}.

## 2. Program Design

For a Merge Sort we first need to split the big list into separated elements in a recursive way and then build the array in the inverse way again but with all the elements sorted.

The following steps were required to develop this algorithm:

- a) Discover the middle element
- b) Split the array into two new arrays: one with the elements from the right side and another with the elements from the left side
- c) Do this recursively until get only separated elements
- d) Starts doing the inverse building new small arrays until reach the original size, but with all the elements sorted

## 2. Results

1) {38 | 27 | 43 | 3 | 9 | 82 | 10}

2) {38 | 27 | 43 | 3} and {9 | 82 | 10}

3) {38, 27}, {43 | 3}, {9 | 82} and {10}

4) {38}, {27}, {43}, {3}, {9}, {82} and {10}

5) {27, 38}, {3, 43}, {9, 82} and {10}

6) {3, 27, 38, 43} and {9, 10, 82}\*

7)  $\{3, 9, 10, 27, 38, 43, 82\}^{**}$