
Input: Array $A = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$.

Result: Sorted array A

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procedure MERGE_SORT( $A$ )
  if  $|A| \leq 1$  then return
   $mid \leftarrow \lfloor |A|/2 \rfloor$ 
   $A_l \leftarrow [A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{mid}]$ 
   $A_r \leftarrow [A_{mid+1}, A_{mid+2}, \dots, A_{|A|}]$ 

  Merge_Sort( $A_l$ )
  Merge_Sort( $A_r$ )

  Combine( $A, A_l, A_r$ )
  return
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Input: Original array A , sorted arrays L and R of A corresponding to left and right subarrays of A

Result: L and R combined into A to form a sorted array A

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procedure COMBINE( $A, L, R$ )
   $l \leftarrow 0$  ▷ Here, we use 0-based indexing
   $r \leftarrow 0$ 
   $i \leftarrow 0$  ▷ Index for array  $A$ 

  while  $l < |L|$  OR  $r < |R|$  do
    if  $(l < |L|)$  AND  $(r \geq |R|$  OR  $L[l] \leq R[r])$  then
       $A[i] \leftarrow L[l]$ 
       $l \leftarrow l + 1$ 
    else
       $A[i] \leftarrow R[r]$ 
       $r \leftarrow r + 1$ 
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 

  return
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