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

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   $r \leftarrow 0$ 
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   $i \leftarrow 0$ 
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▷ Index for array A

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  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  
       $A[i] \leftarrow R[r]$   
       $r \leftarrow r + 1$   
     $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
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