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Did you know?

Merge Sort follows the Divide and Conquer approach. It works by recursively dividing the input array into two halves, recursively sorting the two halves and finally merging them back together to obtain the sorted array.



Explanation

Step by step
explanation

Divide: Divide the list or array recursively into two halves until it can no more be divided.



Conquer: Each subarray is sorted individually using the merge sort algorithm.

Merge: The sorted subarrays are merged back together in sorted order. The process continues until all elements from both subarrays have been merged.

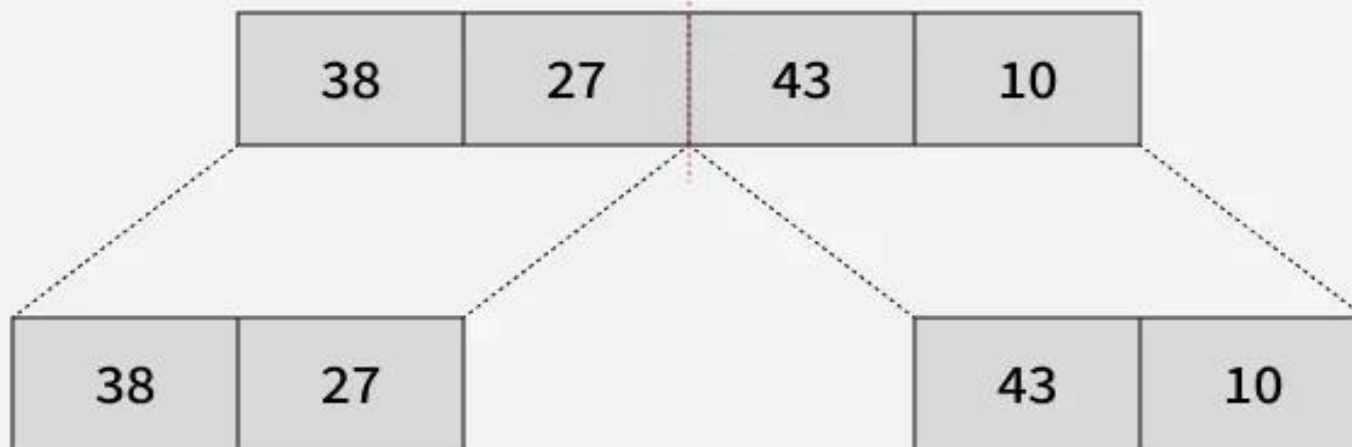


Step 1

01
Step

Splitting the Array into two equal halves

Divide

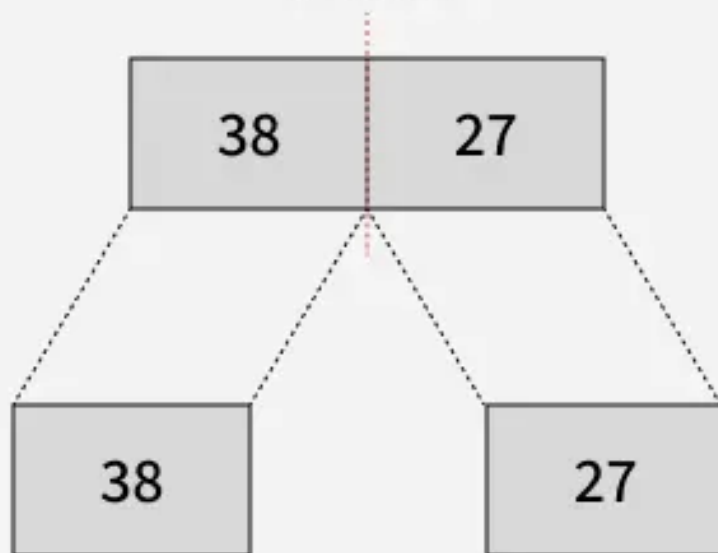


Step 2

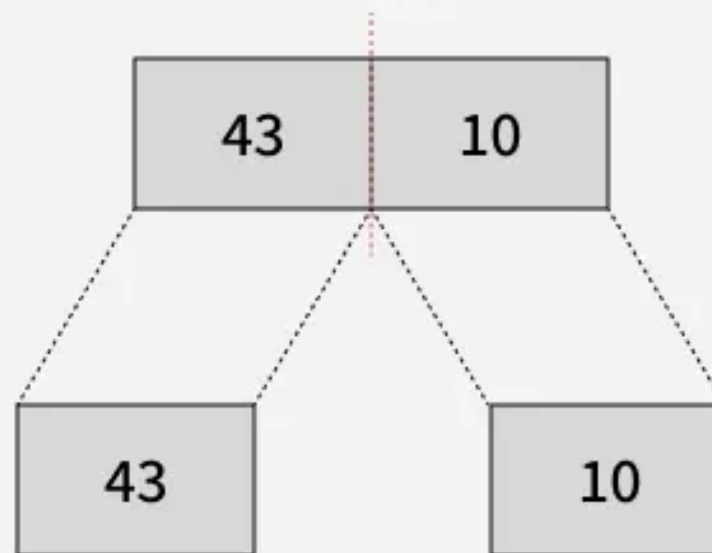
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Splitting the subarrays into two halves

Divide



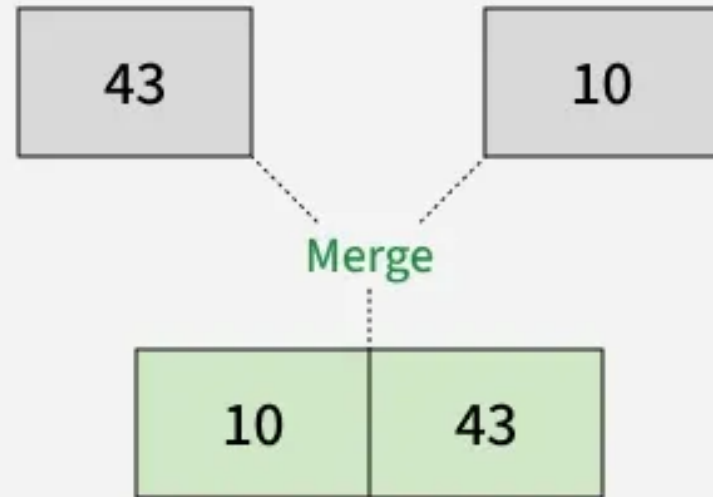
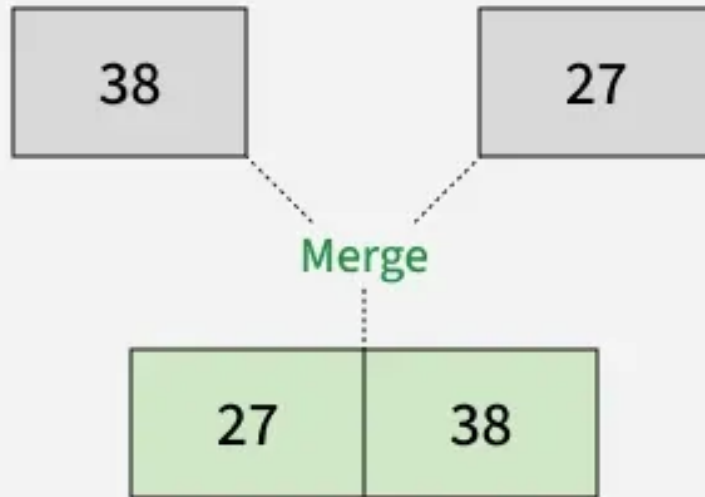
Divide



Step 3

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Step

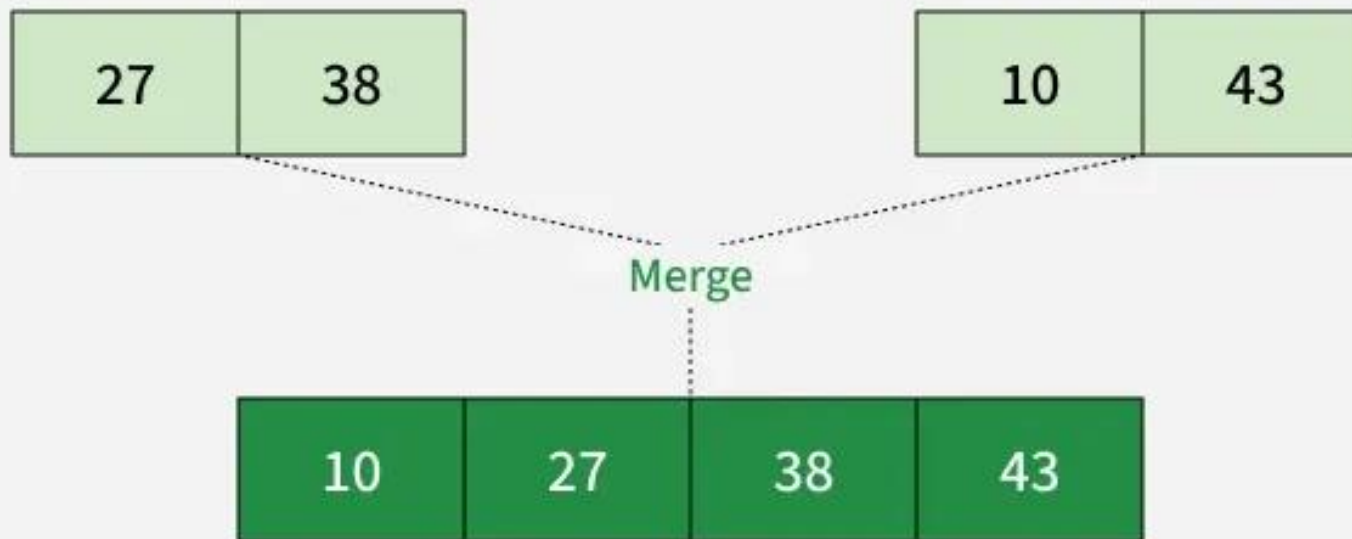
Merging unit length cells into sorted subarrays



Step 4

04
Step

Merging sorted subarrays into the sorted array





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Advantages of Merge Sort



Stable Sorting Algorithm

Simple To
Implement

Performs well on
large datasets



★ Disadvantages of Merge Sort ★

Not an in-place Algorithm

Space Complexity

Slower than Quicksort





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Quick
Sort

Did you know?

QuickSort is a sorting algorithm based on the Divide and Conquer that picks an element as a pivot and partitions the given array around the picked pivot by placing the pivot in its correct position in the sorted array. It works on the principle of divide and conquer, breaking down the problem into smaller sub-problems.

Explanation

Step by step
explanation

Choose a Pivot: Select an element from the array as the pivot. The choice of pivot can vary (e.g., first element, last element, random element, or median).

Partition the Array: Rearrange the array around the pivot. After partitioning, all elements smaller than the pivot will be on its left, and all elements greater than the pivot will be on its right. The pivot is then in its correct position, and we obtain the index of the pivot.

Recursively Call: Recursively apply the same process to the two partitioned sub-arrays (left and right of the pivot).

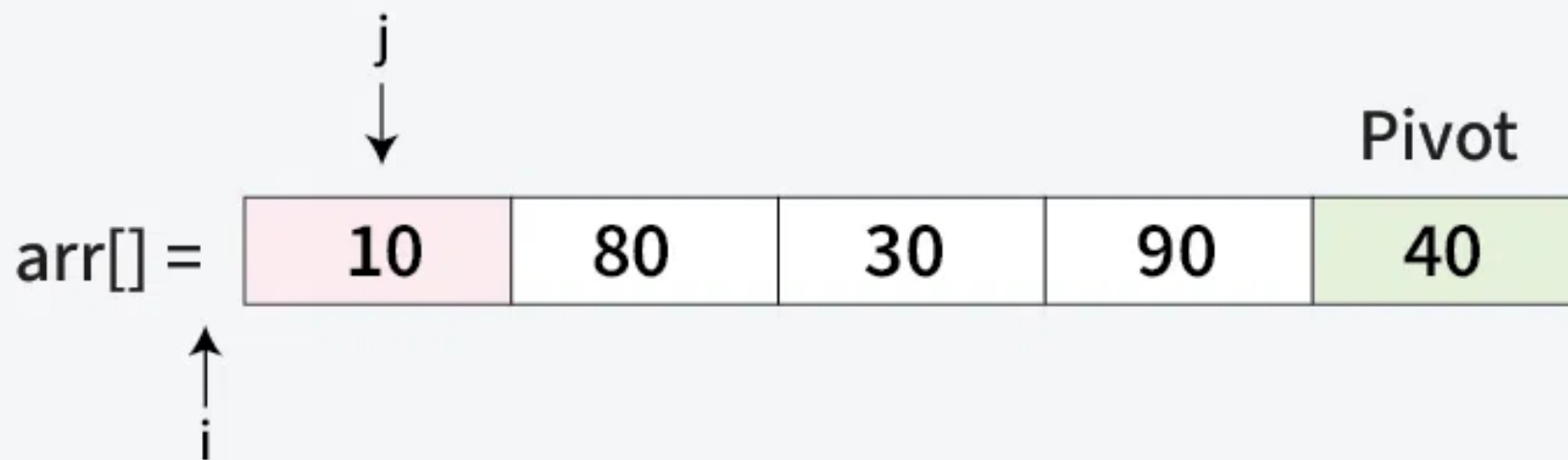
Base Case: The recursion stops when there is only one element left in the sub-array, as a single element is already sorted.



Step 1

01
Step

Pivot Selection: The last element $\text{arr}[4] = 40$ is chosen as the pivot.
Initial Pointers: $i = -1$ and $j = 0$.



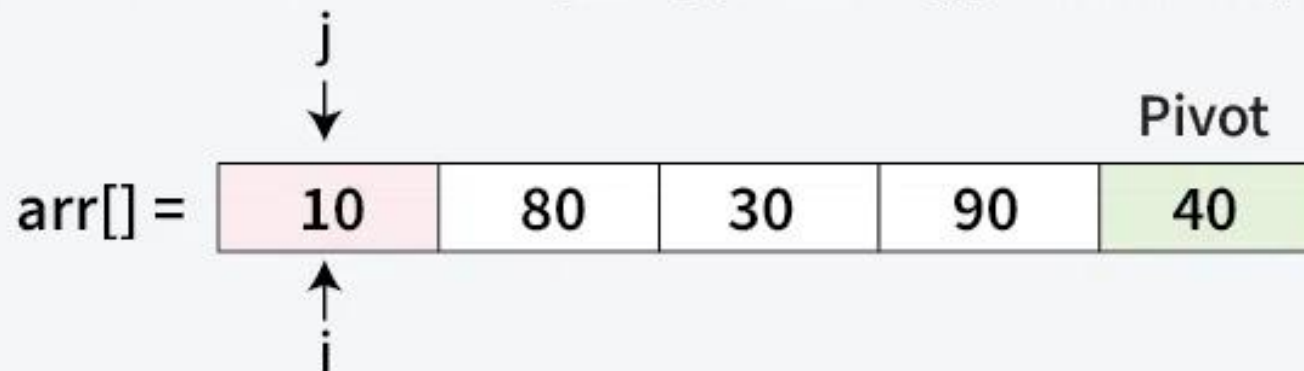
Quick sort



Step 2

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Step

Since, $\text{arr}[j] < \text{pivot}$ ($10 < 40$)
Increment i to 0 and swap $\text{arr}[i]$ with $\text{arr}[j]$. Increment j by 1



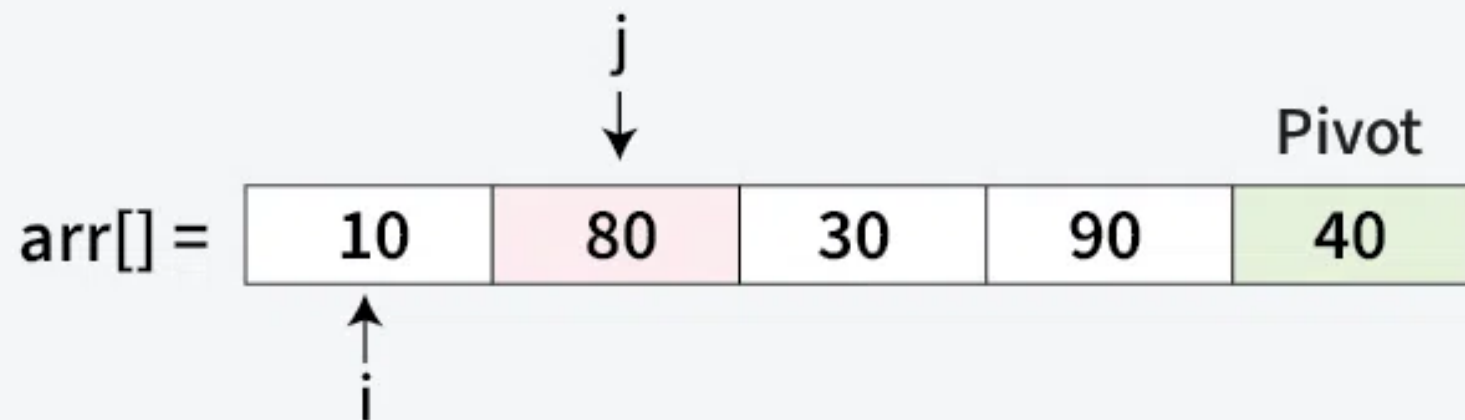
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Step 3

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Since, $\text{arr}[j] > \text{pivot}$ ($80 > 40$)
No swap needed. Increment j by 1



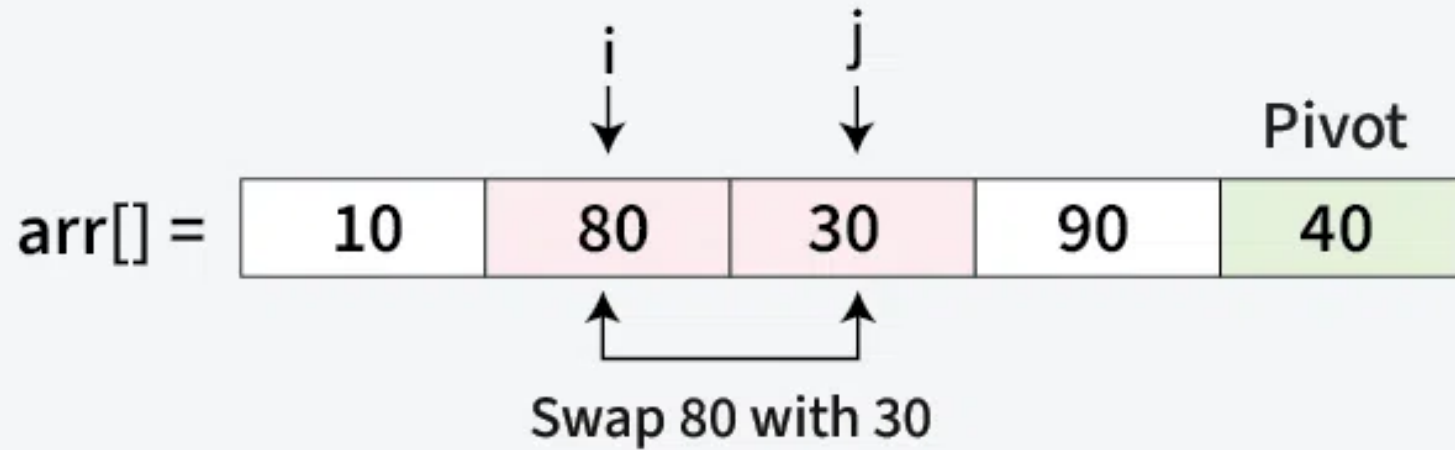
Quick sort



Step 4

04
Step

Since, $\text{arr}[j] < \text{pivot}$ ($30 < 40$)
Increment i by 1 and swap $\text{arr}[i]$ with $\text{arr}[j]$. Increment j by 1



Quick sort



Step 5

05

Step

Since, $\text{arr}[j] > \text{pivot}$ ($90 > 40$)
No swap needed. Increment j by 1

		i		j	
		↓		↓	
arr[] =	10	30	80	90	40
					Pivot

Quick sort





Advantages of Quick Sort



Efficient on large dataset

Cache friendly

Doesn't require a lot of memory





Disadvantages of Quick Sort



not a good choice for small data sets.

$O(N^2)$
Complexity

Not a stable sort





Thank you!