

### Assignment 3: Divide-and-Conquer

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#### General Instructions (to be followed strictly)

Submit a single C/C++ source file.  
Do not use global variables unless you are explicitly instructed so.  
Do not use Standard Template Library (STL) of C++.  
Use proper indentation in your code and include comments.  
Name your file as `<roll_no>_a1.<extn>`

Write your name, roll number, and assignment number at the beginning of your program.

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CADDIT is an streaming media service that offers a wide range of movies. It tries to match your preferences of movies with those of other users in order to recommend movies to you. Suppose you ‘rank’  $n$  movies. Here, ranking refers to arranging the movies labelled  $1, 2, \dots, n$  in a particular order. For example,  $3, 2, 4, 1$  is a ranking of 4 movies indicating that you like 3 the most and 1 the least. Given your ranking, CADDIT looks up in its database for users with ‘similar’ interests in the hope of recommending movies to you.

Let  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  and  $\mathbf{s} = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$  be two rankings of the  $n$  movies. (These are just permutations of  $1, 2, \dots, n$ ). Then distance between the two rankings  $d(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s})$  is defined as the number of pairs  $(i, j)$  (with  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ ) such that either  $(r_i < r_j) \wedge (s_i > 2s_j)$  or  $(r_i > 2r_j) \wedge (s_i < s_j)$ . By renaming one of the rankings, say,  $\mathbf{s}$  as  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ , the problem of computing  $d(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s})$  boils down to computing  $d'(\mathbf{r})$  – defined as the number of pairs  $i, j$  such that  $i < j$  and  $r_i > 2r_j$ . For example, consider  $n = 6$  and  $\mathbf{r} = (4, 6, 1, 3, 5, 2)$ . We have  $4 = r_1 > 2 * r_3 = 2 * 1$ ,  $6 = r_2 > 2 * r_3 = 2 * 1$ ,  $6 = r_2 > 2 * r_6 = 2 * 2$  and  $65 = r_5 > 2 * r_6 = 2 * 1$ . That is, there are four pairs  $(i, j)$  such that  $i < j$  and  $r_i > 2r_j$ . Therefore,  $d'(\mathbf{r}) = 4$ .

- (a) Write a function *dist1* that takes as input an array  $\mathbf{r}$  and computes  $d'(\mathbf{r})$  in  $O(n^2)$  time, by looking at all pairs  $(i, j)$  and checking whether or not  $r_i > 2r_j$ .
- (b) Write a function *dist2* implementing an  $O(n \log n)$ -time (divide-and-conquer) algorithm computing  $d'(\mathbf{r})$ .

In the *main()* function, read  $n$  and the ranking  $\mathbf{r}$ . Call the two functions and print the corresponding distances computed. Assume that  $\mathbf{r}$  has the right form i.e., it is a permutation of  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .

#### Sample Output

n = 10

Ranking: 4 9 1 7 3 10 6 2 8 5

Distance by Method 1: 8

Distance by Method 2: 8