General Instructions:

- The design mark distribution for each function is given next to it. Write the design only for those functions.
- The floating point values in the output should be limited to two decimal places.
- 2. John has collected the prices of the laptops from different stores and prepared a list of prices. To select a laptop, he decided to sort the list in the **non-decreasing** order of price. He observed that in the list there were sequences of prices in non-decreasing order. He wanted to prepare the final sorted list of prices as follows:
 - 1. Find the longest sorted sequence (**non-decreasing** order) of prices from the list.
 - 2. Consider the 3 parts of the list as,
 - Left sub-array the prices to the left of the longest sorted sequence (if any).
 - Middle sub-array the longest sorted sequence.
 - Right sub-array the prices to the right of the longest sorted sequence (if any).

Sort the left sub-array (if any) and the right sub-array (if any) separately.

- 3. Merge the three sorted sub-arrays using *3-way merge* into a single sorted list as described below.
 - Select the smallest price from the three sub-arrays and add it to the sorted list, until all the prices are added to the sorted list.

Write a C program to help John to prepare the final sorted list. Your program should implement the following functions as per the given function prototypes:

- *main()*:
 - Read the number of laptops and their prices, and store the prices in an array A.
 - Repeatedly read a character 'p', 'f', 'l', 'r', 'm', or 't' from the console and call
 the corresponding functions as described in Input/Output Format section, until
 character 't' is encountered.
- $print_prices(A, i, j)$: Given an array A containing the prices of n laptops, and two indices i and j such that $0 \le i \le j < n$, print the prices in the array A from index i to index j, separated by space. [0.5 Marks]
- $longest_sorted_sequence(A, n)$: Given the prices of n laptops in the array A, find the longest sorted sequence (**non-decreasing** order) of prices. If there are more than one longest sorted sequence, consider the rightmost one in the array A.
 - *Note:* You may use **two global variables** start and end to store the starting and the ending positions of the longest sorted sequence of prices in the array A.

[1 Mark]

• $sort_prices(A, n)$: Given the prices of n laptops in the array A, sort the prices in non-decreasing order.

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• $three_way_merge(A, d_1, d_2, n)$: Given the prices of n laptops in the array A, and two indices d_1 and d_2 such that $0 \le d_1 \le d_2 < n$. The left sub-array A[0 .. d_1], the middle sub-array A[d_1+1 .. d_2], and the right sub-array A[d_2+1 .. n-1] are sorted. Merge the three sub-arrays to form a single list sorted in **non-decreasing order**, that replaces the array A.

- In each step, let pr be the price selected for 3-way merge from the three sub-arrays.
 If there are more than one price eligible for selection, out of them select the price from the left most sub-array as pr.
- If *pr* is selected from the left sub-array, print 1; if it is selected from the middle sub-array, print 2; otherwise, print 3.

[1.5 Marks]

Input/Output Format

- The first line contains an integer $n \in [1, 10^3]$ corresponding to the number of laptops.
- The second line contains *n* space separated floating point values corresponding to the prices (between 0 and 100, both inclusive) of the *n* laptops.

Each of the subsequent lines contains a character from $\{p, f, l, r, m, t\}$. For each of the characters, perform the tasks as specified below.

- Character 'p': Print the prices of the laptops stored in the list, using print_prices() function.
- Character 'f':
 - 1. Find the longest sorted sequence of prices from the list using *longest_sorted_sequence()* function.
 - 2. Print the prices in the longest sorted sequence, using *print_prices()* function.
- Character 'l':
 - 1. Find the longest sorted sequence of prices from the list using *longest_sorted_sequence()* function.
 - 2. Sort the left sub-array (if any) using $sort_prices()$ function.
- Character 'r':
 - 1. Find the longest sorted sequence of prices from the list using *longest_sorted_sequence()* function.
 - 2. Sort the right sub-array (if any) using *sort_prices*() function.
- Character 'm':
 - 1. Find the longest sorted sequence of prices from the list using $longest_sorted_sequence()$ function.
 - 2. Sort the left sub-array (if any) and the right sub-array (if any), using $sort_prices()$ function.
 - 3. Merge the three sorted sub-arrays into a single sorted list using $three_way_merge()$ function.
- Character t': Terminate the program.

Sample Input and Output

Note:

- The floating point values in the output should be printed with two decimal places (using the format specifier %0.2f).
- The sample input and output are colored ONLY for your better understanding.

- In the input, the colored elements represent the longest sorted sequence.
- In the output, the colored elements represent the sorted sub-array in that step.

Input 1

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15
2.2 4.23 1.6523 5.3 1 2.5 3.584 3.96 6.25 7 5.063 1.45 4.9 2.2 7.451 f
1
p
r
p
m
p
t
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Output 1

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1.00 2.50 3.58 3.96 6.25 7.00

1.65 2.20 4.23 5.30 1.00 2.50 3.58 3.96 6.25 7.00 5.06 1.45 4.90 2.20 7.45

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2 3 1 1 3 2 2 2 1 3 3 1 2 2 3

1.00 1.45 1.65 2.20 2.20 2.50 3.58 3.96 4.23 4.90 5.06 5.30 6.25 7.00 7.45
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Input 2

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15
2.25 1.26 7 9.13 8.25 3.25 5.68 6.36 6.87 5.9 5.36 4.1 2.3 4.6 3.36 p
f
r
p
1
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Output 2

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2.25 1.26 7.00 9.13 8.25 3.25 5.68 6.36 6.87 5.90 5.36 4.10 2.30 4.60 3.36 3.25 5.68 6.36 6.87 2.25 1.26 7.00 9.13 8.25 3.25 5.68 6.36 6.87 2.30 3.36 4.10 4.60 5.36 5.90 1.26 2.25 3.25 5.68 6.36 6.87 7.00 8.25 9.13 2.30 3.36 4.10 4.60 5.36 5.90
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