

Q12. Merge 2 sorted arrays in $O(1)$ space.

i/p \rightarrow arr1[] = {1, 3, 5, 7}

arr2[] = {0, 2, 6, 8, 9}

o/p \rightarrow arr1[] = {0, 1, 2, 3}

arr2[] = {5, 6, 7, 8, 9}

Now here we need to merge 2 sorted arrays in the constant space. In merge sort, we merged arrays by taking 2 extra arrays. So let's jump on to the approach & dry run.

Let's say $i = n-1$ where n is the size of the 1st array and $j = 0$ where j is pointer to 0th index of 2nd array & the size of 2nd array is m .

Just traverse until any one of the array finishes. If while traversing we found $\text{arr1}[i] > \text{arr2}[j]$, then we need to swap as arr1 will have lower elements whereas arr2 will have larger / bigger elements. Simply decrement i & increment j after the swapping is done.

Now if $\text{arr1}[i] < \text{arr2}[j]$, we simply need to exit as for further i we won't get any i such that $\text{arr1}[i] > \text{arr2}[j]$ as we are given sorted array, so simply break in the else part.

Dry run

1) $\text{arr1} \rightarrow \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ $\text{arr2} \rightarrow \{0, 2, 6, 8, 9\}$

$\text{arr1}[i] > \text{arr2}[j] \rightarrow$ Simply Swap & we get updated arrays. Also decrement i & increment j .

2) $\text{arr1} \rightarrow \{1, 3, 5, 0\}$ $\text{arr2} \rightarrow \{7, 2, 6, 8, 9\}$

$\text{arr1}[i] > \text{arr2}[j] \rightarrow \text{True}$ & hence swap & then decrement i & increment j .

3) $\text{arr1} \rightarrow \{1, 3, 2, 0\}$ $\text{arr2} \rightarrow \{7, 5, 6, 8, 9\}$

$\text{arr1}[i] > \text{arr2}[j] \rightarrow \text{False}$ & hence break.

Now final step is that sort both the arrays.

$\text{arr1} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

$\text{arr2} \rightarrow \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

Hence we have got the final answer.

Code

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void merge (long long arr1[], long long arr2[],
            int n, int m) {
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    int i = n - 1; // Start from last index of arr1
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    int j = 0; // Start from 0th index of arr2
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    // Traverse until any one array or both finishes
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    while (i >= 0 & j < m) {
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        if (arr1[i] > arr2[j]) {
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            swap(arr1[i], arr2[j]);
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            i--; // Decrement i
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            j++; // Increment j
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        }
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        else {
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            break; // We are given sorted arrays.
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    }
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}

// Final step

sort(arr1, arr1 + n);

sort(arr2, arr2 + n);

}

→ Final step sorting

Time complexity = $O((n+m) \log(n+m))$ Space complexity = $O(1)$