

# Count the Reverse Pair

Given an integer array `nums`, return the number of **reverse pairs** in the array.

A **reverse pair** is a pair `(i, j)` where:

- `0 ≤ i < j < nums.length` and
- `nums[i] > 2 * nums[j]`.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `nums = [1,3,2,3,1]`

**Output:** 2

**Explanation:** The reverse pairs are:

`(1, 4) → nums[1] = 3, nums[4] = 1, 3 > 2 * 1`

`(3, 4) → nums[3] = 3, nums[4] = 1, 3 > 2 * 1`

`arr[] = { 1, 3, 2, 3, 1 }`  
           $\downarrow$   
           $\leftarrow 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \rightarrow$

→ reverse pair →  $arr[i] > 2 * arr[j]$

Ques  $\{3, 1\}$   $\{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}$   
Ans-

$$\text{arr}[1] = 3$$

$$\text{arr}[4] = 1$$

$$3 > 2 * 1$$

$$3 > 2$$

So, first approach is Brute force approach.

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Brute force approach:

Cond<sup>n</sup>  $i < j$  &  $a[i] > 2 \times a[j]$

- We generate all pairs and check the condition.

$i = 0 \longrightarrow n$

for ( $j = 0 \longrightarrow n$ )

if ( $a[i] > 2 \times a[j]$ )

count++.

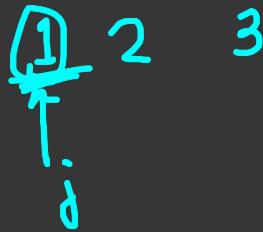
T.C. =  $O(N^2)$

↘ nearly  $O(N^2)$

## Optimized Approach:

- So, idea is to use logic and intuition of count inversion.

we used merge sort



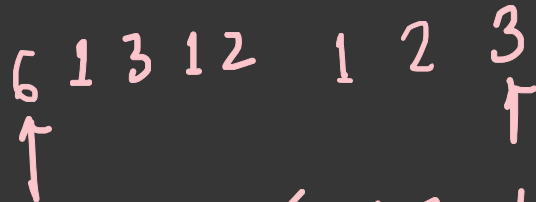
$$i < j \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{a[i] > a[j]}$$

Logic was that if  $a[i] > a[j]$   
then for every  $i+1$  the  
cond<sup>n</sup> will be true  
and count added to the  
count.

- But we cannot use it in the cond<sup>n</sup> as

$$\hookrightarrow a[i] > \underline{2 * a[j]}$$

Let say for example,



$6 \not> 2 * 3$  but  $13 > 2 * 3$   $\rightarrow$  we miss this

eg:

{ 6 13 21 25 }      { 1 2 3 4 4 5 6 9 11 13 }

Idea  
↓  
is to compare

$6 > 1 \times 2$   
 $6 > 2 \times 2$   
 $6 < 3 \times 2$

iterate and find the element which is greater  
(cond<sup>n</sup> → how are sorted)

Because the if the  
6 > some value  
as array is sorted  
following element  
in array is  
no greater.

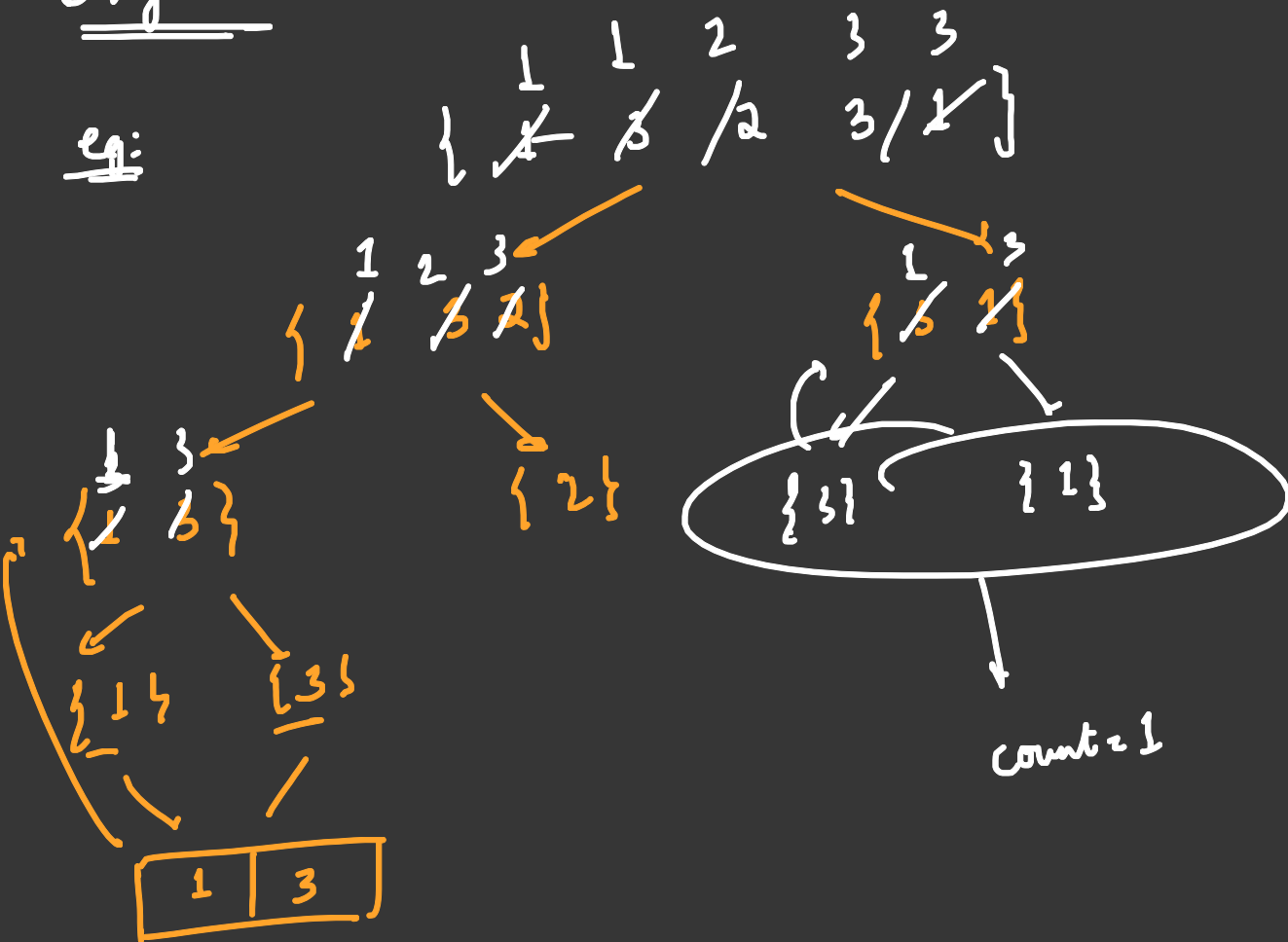
$6 \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$   
 $13 \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5\}$   
 $21 \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 9\}$   
 $25 \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 9, 11\}$

Observe  
pattern

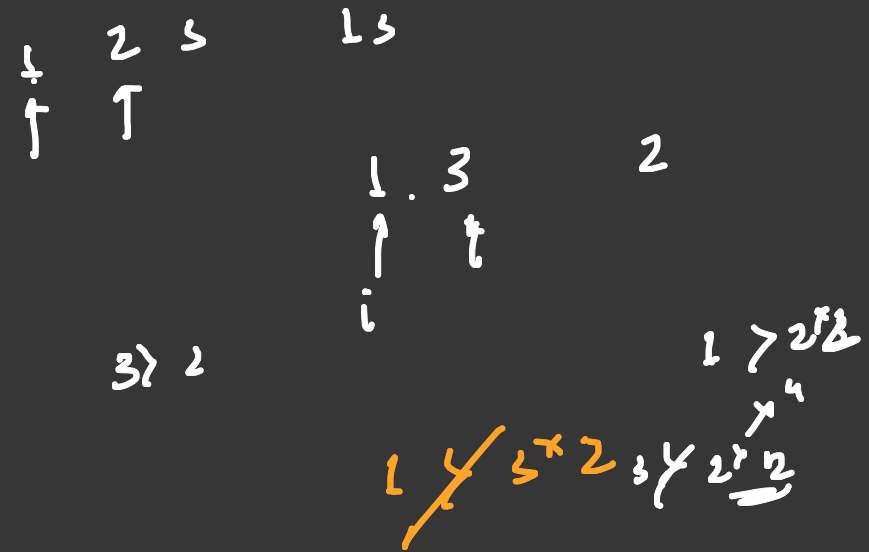
There are repeating no.

Dry Run:

eg:



We perform merge sort  
To divide and conq.



Count = 1 + 1 = 2  
Ans.

## Pseudo code

### Mergesort fun c

f(i, j, arr)  
int count = 0;

if (i < j)  
int mid = (i + j) / 2;  
count += mergeSort(i, mid, arr);  
count += mergeSort(mid + 1, j, arr);  
count += merge(i, j, mid, arr);

### merge func

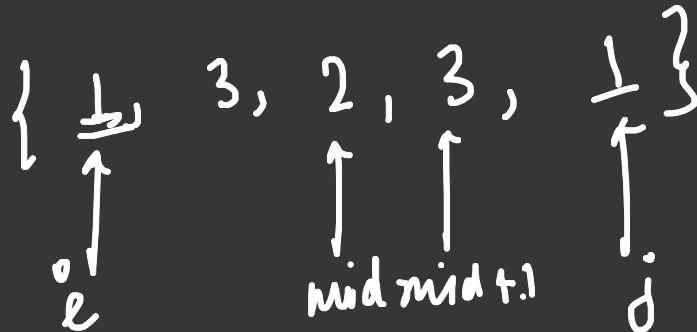
f(i, j, mid, arr)

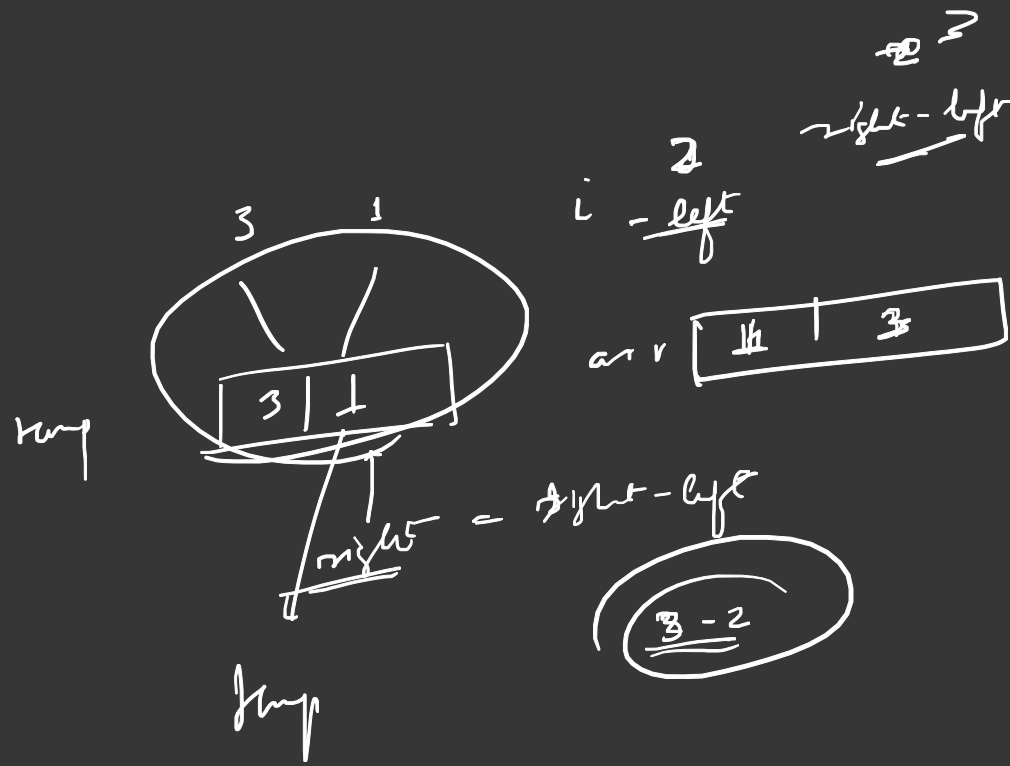
for (i = 0 → mid)

while (r < n & a[i] <= a[r])

r++;

count += (r - mid - 1);





$$T.C. = O(\log N (N + N))$$

$$O(2 \log N (2N))$$

$$O(2N \log N)$$

Important:

→ We will have to distort or reorder the array

We can take duplicate array if we have not to change the array.