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Inventory Management System with Recursive Search and Sorting

Instructions:

- This is an individual test. No collaboration is allowed.
- You have **45 minutes** to complete the test.
- Use a modular design approach, breaking down your solution into distinct functions where possible.
- Clearly comment your code to explain your logic.
- Partial credit will be awarded for correct code components, even if the full program is not completed.

Problem Statement

You are tasked with creating a **Inventory Management System** in C. The system should allow users to manage inventory items using structures, pointers, dynamic memory allocation, and recursion. The following requirements must be met:

1. Define a Structure for Inventory Items (0.5 points)

Define a structure Item with the following fields:

- itemCode: a character array of maximum length 10 to store the item code.
- itemName: a character array of maximum length 50 to store the item name.
- quantity: an integer to store the quantity of the item.
- price: a float to store the price of the item.

2. Dynamic Array for Inventory (1 point)

- Prompt the user to enter the number of items in the inventory.
- Dynamically allocate memory for an array of Item structures of this size.
- Create a function that uses pointers to populate this array with item details (item code, item name, quantity, and price).

3. Recursive Search Function (1 point)

Write a recursive function searchItem that:

- Takes an item code as input.
- Recursively searches for the item with the given code in the inventory array.
- The function should return a pointer to the matching item or NULL if no match is found.

4. Recursive Sorting Function (Quick Sort) (1.5 points)

Implement a recursive Quick Sort function to sort inventory items by price in ascending order. If two items have the same price, they should be sorted alphabetically by itemName.

• The function should take pointers to the start and end of the array and sort the items in place.

5. Display Function (1 point)

Write a function displayInventory to display the sorted inventory in a readable format. The display should include:

- Item Code
- Item Name
- Quantity
- Price

6. Main Menu (1 point)

Implement a menu with the following options:

- 1. Add item details (expand the array if needed).
- 2. Search for an item by code (using the recursive search function).
- 3. Sort and display all items by price (using the recursive sorting function).
- 4. Exit.