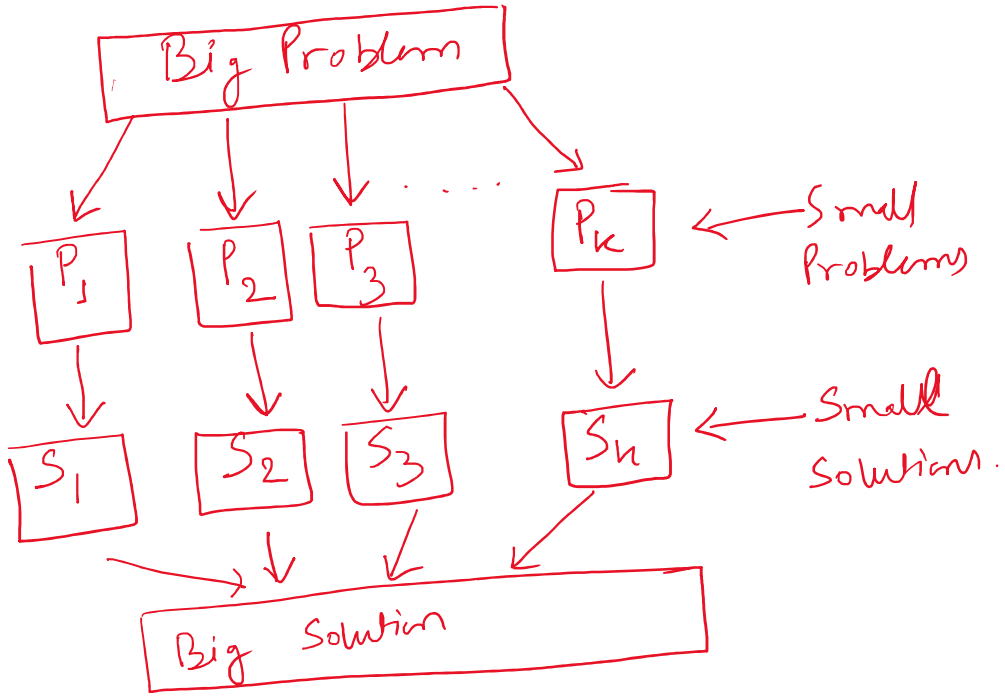
Divide and Conquer Technique — Technique to design an algorithm



Eg —

$1 + 2 + 3 + 4$

$= 10$

P: $1 + 2 + 3 + 4$

$P_1 = 1+2 \rightarrow S_1 = 3$

$P_2 = 3+4 \rightarrow S_2 = 7$

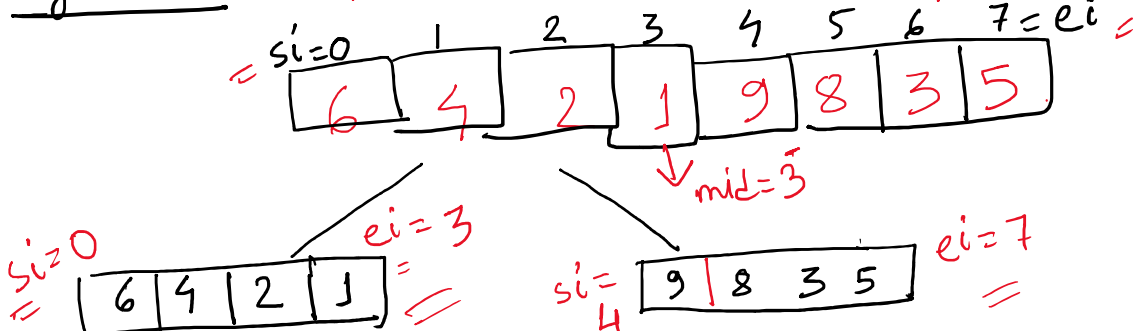
$S_1 \quad S_2$

$3 + 7 = 10$

$mid = \left(\frac{si + ei}{2}\right)$

$= \left(\frac{0+7}{2}\right) = 3.5$

Merge Sort — Based on Divide & Conquer Technique.

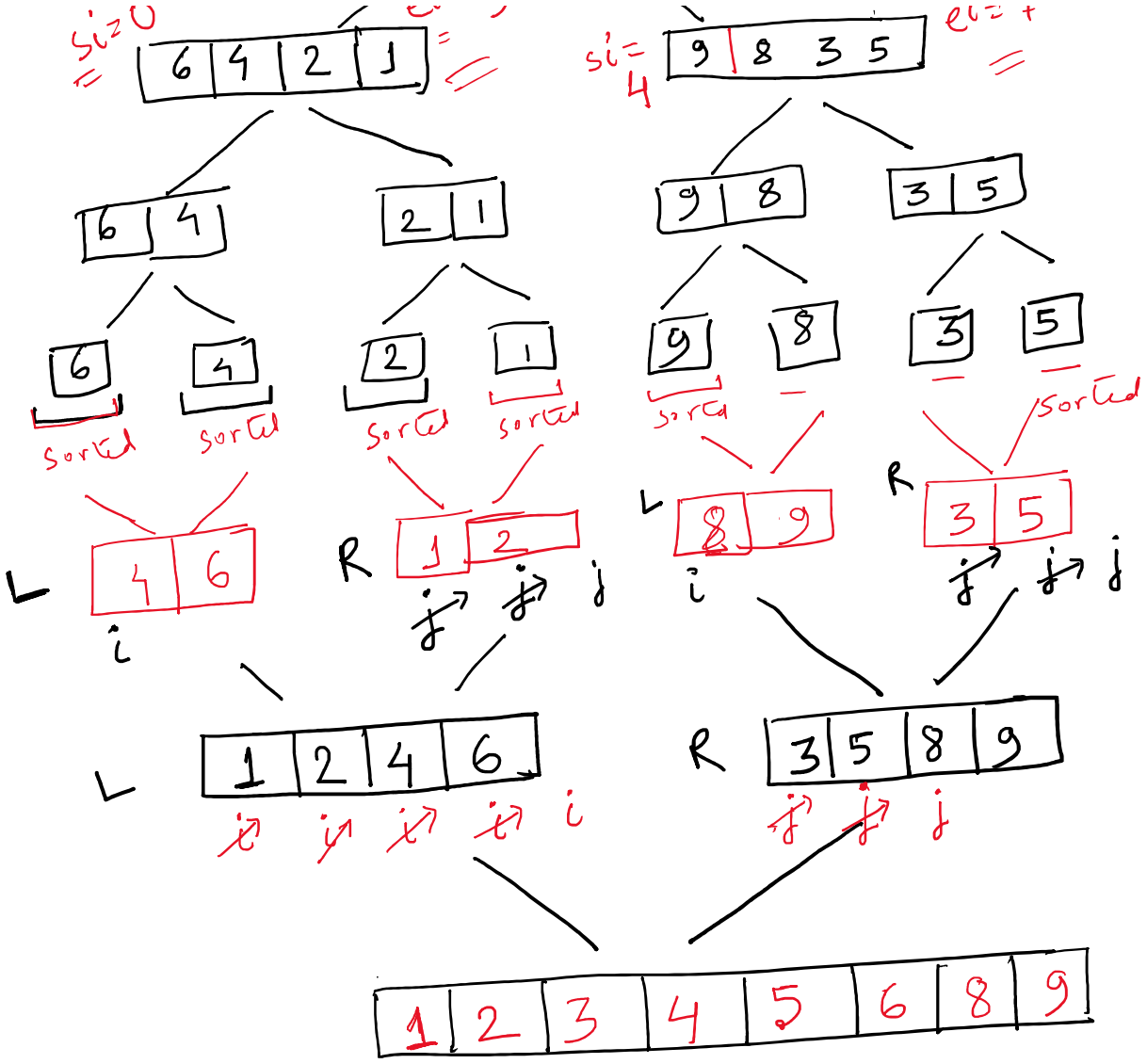


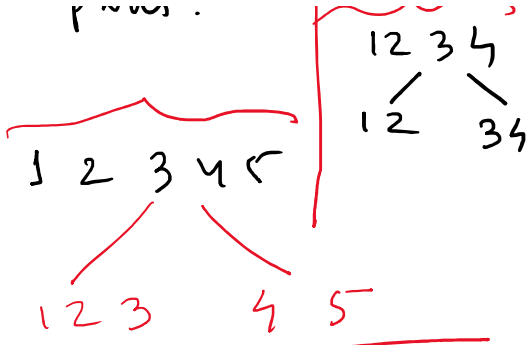
Note —

mid = 3

① Repeatedly divide the array into 2 equal parts.

1 2 3 4





② Combine 2 sorted arrays into 1 sorted array.

L[i] > R[j]

L (si, m) R (m+1, ei)

Code:

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main() {
    divide(arr, si=0, ei=n-1);
}

divide (arr, si, ei) {
    if(si<ei) {
        mind = (si+ei)/2;
        divide(arr, si, m); // left array.
        divide(arr, m+1, ei); // Right array
        merge(arr, si, m, ei); // left array → si, m
                               // Right array → m+1, ei);
    }
}

merge (arr, si, m, ei) { // Left sorted Array
                         // Right sorted Array
                         // ... into 1 sorted array.
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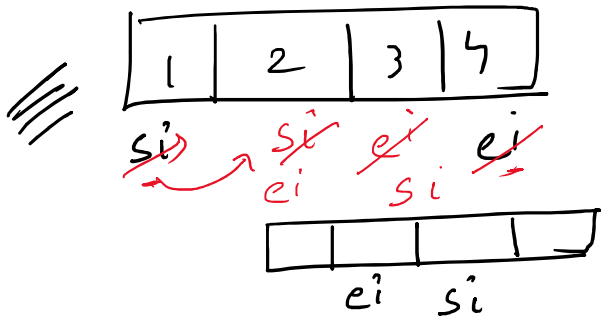

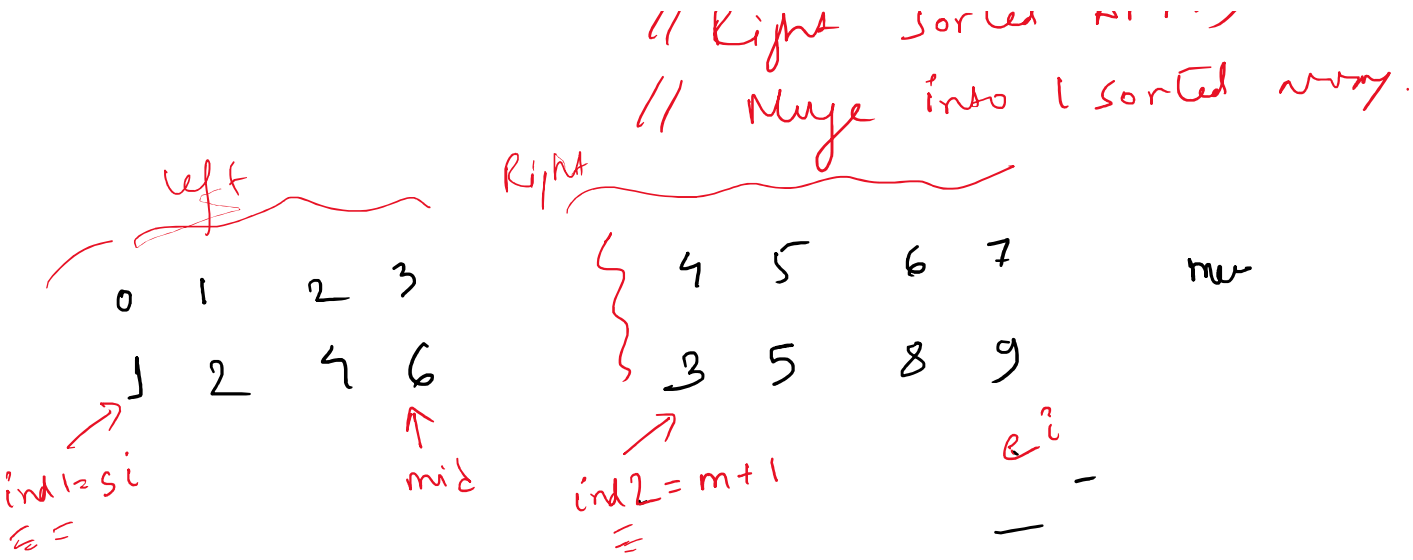


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int merged[] = new int[ei - si + 1];
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