

41. Reverse Pairs | Hard Interview Question

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:

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

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

arr [J] = [40 25 19 12 9 6 2]

find the no of pairs

$$i < j \quad \&\& \quad a[i] \geq 2 * arr[j]$$

left element should be \geq right element

$(6, 2)$ $6 > 2 * 2$
 $(9, 2)$
 $(12, 2)$, $(19, 2)$ $(\cancel{25}, 2)$ $(40, 2)$

no of pairs = 15

1) Brute Force :

i

$$\text{arr}[i] = [40 \quad 25 \quad 19 \quad 12 \quad 9 \quad 6 \quad 2]$$

cnt = 0

for (i = 0 \rightarrow n-1)

{

for (j = i+1 \rightarrow n-1)

{

if (a[i] > 2 * a[j])

cnt++;

}

}

T.C $\Rightarrow O(n^2)$ S.C $\Rightarrow O(1)$

2) Optimal Solution :

$$\boxed{\text{arr}[i] > 2 * \text{arr}[j]}$$

[6 13 21 25]

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

[1 2 3 4 4 5 9 11 13]

$$6 \rightarrow 1, 2$$

$$13 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$21 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9$$

$$25 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11$$

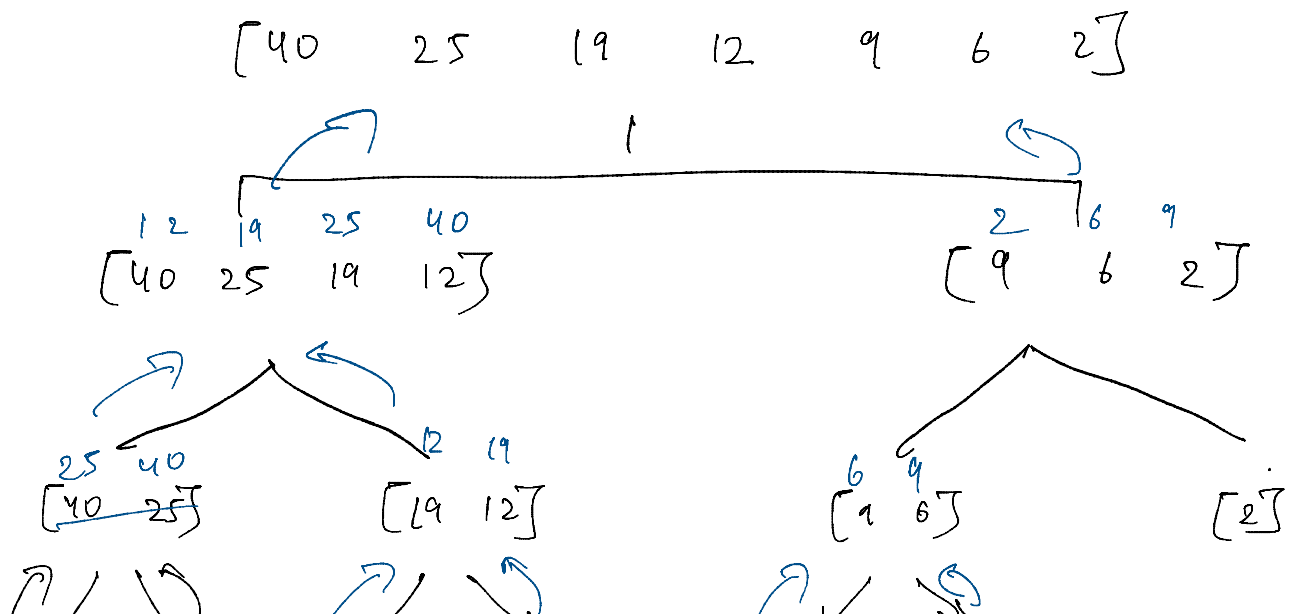


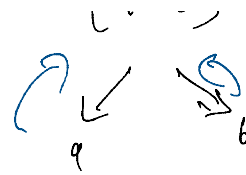
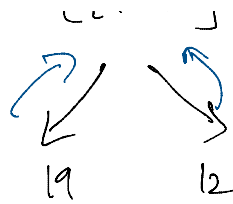
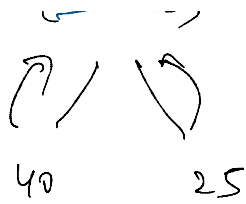
You can see a pattern here, if 1, 2 can form a pair with 6 then it can form pair with 13, 21, 25 the reason is 13 is greater than 6.

As it stored, we will iterative.

$$+2 + 6 + 7 + 8 = 23$$

this we will implement in mergesort.





$$d(40)$$

$$d(25)$$

$$d(19)$$

$$d(12)$$

$$40 > 25 * 2 \quad \times$$

$$19 > 12 * 2 \quad \times$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ ↑

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

$25 > 12 * 2 \quad \checkmark$ (+1) so everything before 12 is possible

$$25 > 19 * 2 \quad \times$$

$$40 > 19 * 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑

$$6 > 2 * 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$9 > \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 19 & 25 & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ ↑ ↑

$$12 > 0 * 2 \quad \checkmark \quad +1$$

$$12 > 2 * 2 \checkmark \quad +1$$

$$12 > 2 * 1 \times$$

$$19 > 2 * 6 \checkmark$$

$$19 > 2 * 9 \checkmark$$

Pseudo Code

[6 13 21 25]

↑
low

↑
mid

[1 2 3 4 4 5 9 11 13]

↑
mid+1

↑
low

cnt = 0, right = mid + 1

for (i = low → mid)

{

while (right ≤ high && $a[i] > 2 * a[right]$)

→ if the cond. is met

{

right ++;

}

cnt = cnt + (right - (mid + 1)) // will give no. of

}

element

```

1 class Solution {
2 public:
3     void merge(vector<int> &arr, int s, int mid, int e) {
4         int left = s;
5         int right = mid + 1;
6         vector<int> temp;
7
8         while (left <= mid && right <= e) {
9             if (arr[left] <= arr[right]) {
10                 temp.push_back(arr[left]);
11                 left++;
12             }
13
14             else {
15                 temp.push_back(arr[right]);
16                 right++;
17             }
18         }
19
20         while (left <= mid) {
21             temp.push_back(arr[left]);
22             left++;
23         }
24
25         while (right <= e) {
26             temp.push_back(arr[right]);
27             right++;
28         }
29
30         for (int i = s; i <= e; i++) {
31             arr[i] = temp[i - s];
32         }
33     }
34
35     int countPairs(vector<int> &arr, int low, int mid, int high) {
36         int right = mid + 1;
37         int cnt = 0;
38         for (int i = low; i <= mid; i++) {
39             while (right <= high && arr[i] > 2LL * arr[right])
40                 right++;
41             cnt += (right - (mid + 1));
42         }
43         return cnt;
44     }
45
46     int mergeSort(vector<int> &nums, int s, int e) {
47         int cnt = 0;
48         if (s >= e)
49             return cnt;
50         int mid = (s + e) / 2;
51         cnt += mergeSort(nums, s, mid);
52         cnt += mergeSort(nums, mid + 1, e);
53         cnt += countPairs(nums, s, mid, e);
54         merge(nums, s, mid, e);
55         return cnt;
56     }
57
58     int reversePairs(vector<int> &nums) {
59         return mergeSort(nums, 0, nums.size() - 1);
60     }
61 };

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$$T.C \Rightarrow O(\log n \times (n + 1))$$

$$= O(2^{\log n})$$

$$S.C \Rightarrow O(n)$$