



Data Structures

Lecture 8: Sorting

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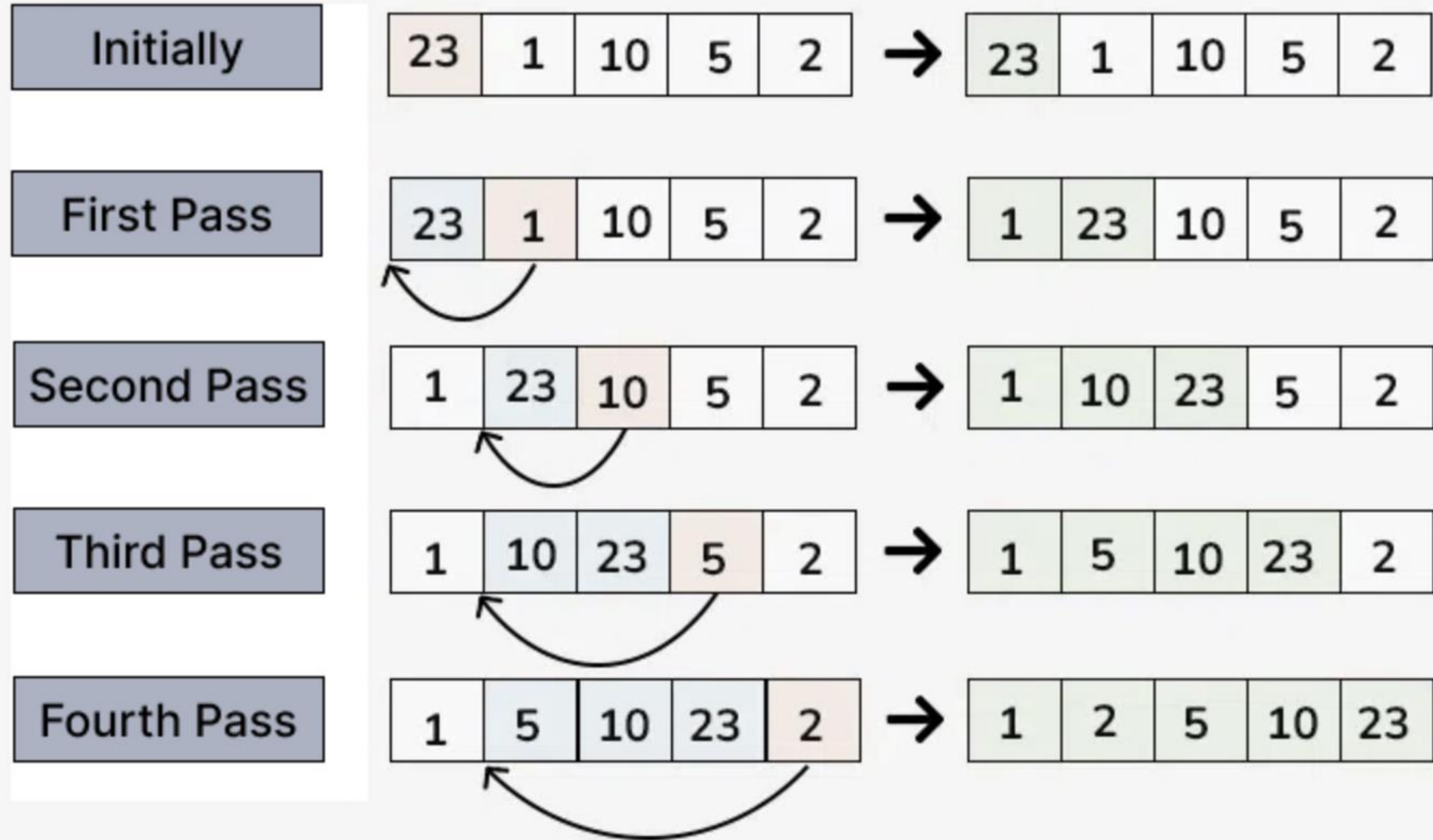
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Insertion Sort

- **Insertion sort** is a simple sorting algorithm that works by iteratively inserting each element of an unsorted list into its correct position in a sorted portion of the list.
- Process of Sorting:
 - We start with the ***second element*** of the array as the first element is assumed to be sorted.
 - Compare the second element with the first element if the second element is smaller then swap them.
 - Move to the third element, compare it with the first two elements, and put it in its correct position
 - Repeat until the entire array is sorted.



Complexity

- Worst case: array is in **reverse order**.
- Number of Iterations: $N-1$
- Number of comparisons in each pass:
 - 1st pass \rightarrow 1 comparison
 - 2nd pass \rightarrow 2 comparisons
 - ...
 - Last pass \rightarrow $n-1$ comparisons
- Total comparisons = $1+2+3 \dots +(n-1) = n(n-1)/2$
- **Worst-case time complexity:** $O(n^2)$

Pseudocode

```
InsertionSort(A, n):  
    for i from 1 to n-1:  
        key = A[i]  
        j = i - 1  
  
        while j >= 0 and A[j] > key:  
            A[j + 1] = A[j]  
            j = j - 1  
  
        A[j + 1] = key
```

Coding

- Write a C program for Insertion sort.

Counting Sort

- Counting Sort is a ***non-comparison-based*** sorting algorithm.
- Instead of comparing elements (like ***bubble, merge, quick***), Counting Sort counts how many times each value appears.
- The basic idea behind Counting Sort is to count the **frequency** of each distinct element in the input array and use that information to place the elements in their correct sorted positions.
- It is super fast when:
 - The range of values is small
 - Data contains integers or integer-like values (grades, ages, IDs, frequencies)

Counting Sort Algorithm

- Declare a count array **cntArr[]** of size **max(arr[])+1** and initialize it with **0**.
- Traverse input array **arr[]** and map each element of **arr[]** as an index of **cntArr[]** array, i.e., execute **cntArr[arr[i]]++** for **0 ≤ i < N**.
- Calculate the prefix sum at every index of **cntArr[]**.
- Create an array **ans[]** of size **N**.
- Traverse array **arr[]** from end and update **ans[cntArr[arr[i]] - 1] = arr[i]**. Also, update **cntArr[arr[i]] = cntArr[arr[i]] - 1**.

01
Step

Find out the maximum element from the given array.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Max
arr[] =	2	5	3	0	2	3	0	3	5

02
Step

Initialize a `cntArr[]` of length `max+1` with all elements as 0. This array will be used for storing the occurrences of the elements of the input array.

	0	1	2	3	4	5
<code>cntArr[] =</code>	0	0	0	0	0	0

03
Step

In the cntArr[], store the count of each unique element of the input array at their respective indices.

	0	1	2	3	4	5
cntArr[] =	2	0	2	3	0	1

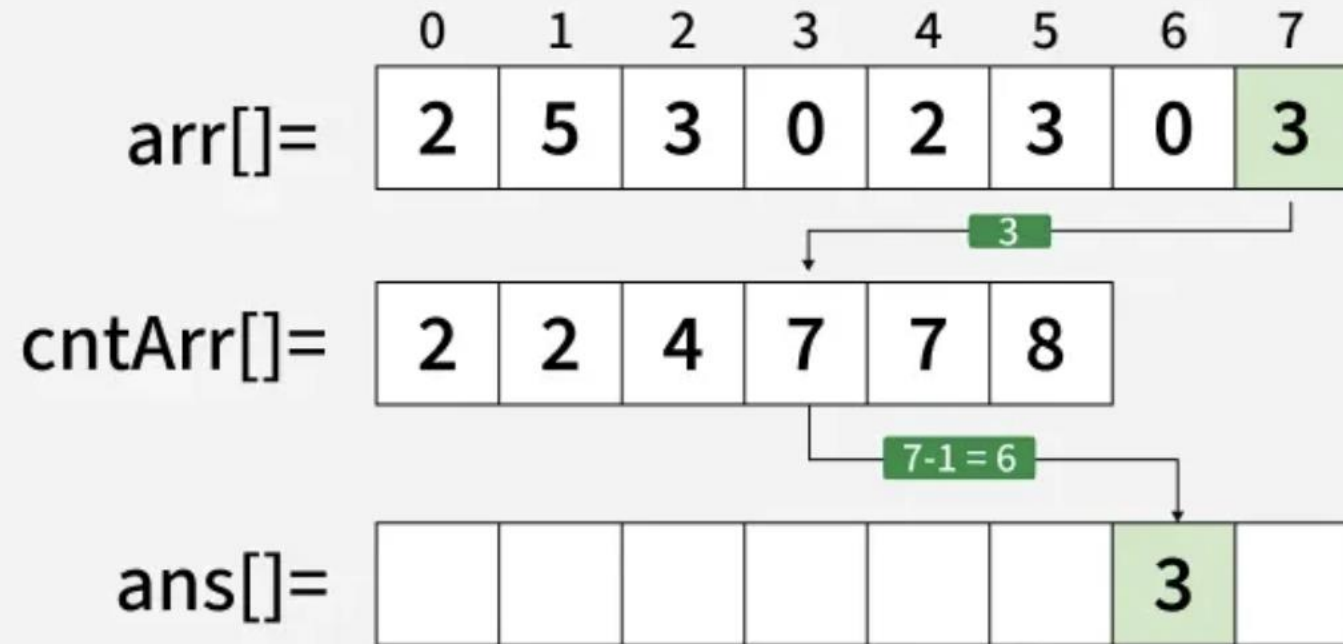
04
Step

Store the cumulative sum or prefix sum of the elements of the cntArr[] by doing $\text{cntArr}[i] = \text{cntArr}[i - 1] + \text{cntArr}[i]$.

	0	1	2	3	4	5
cntArr[] =	2	2	4	7	7	8

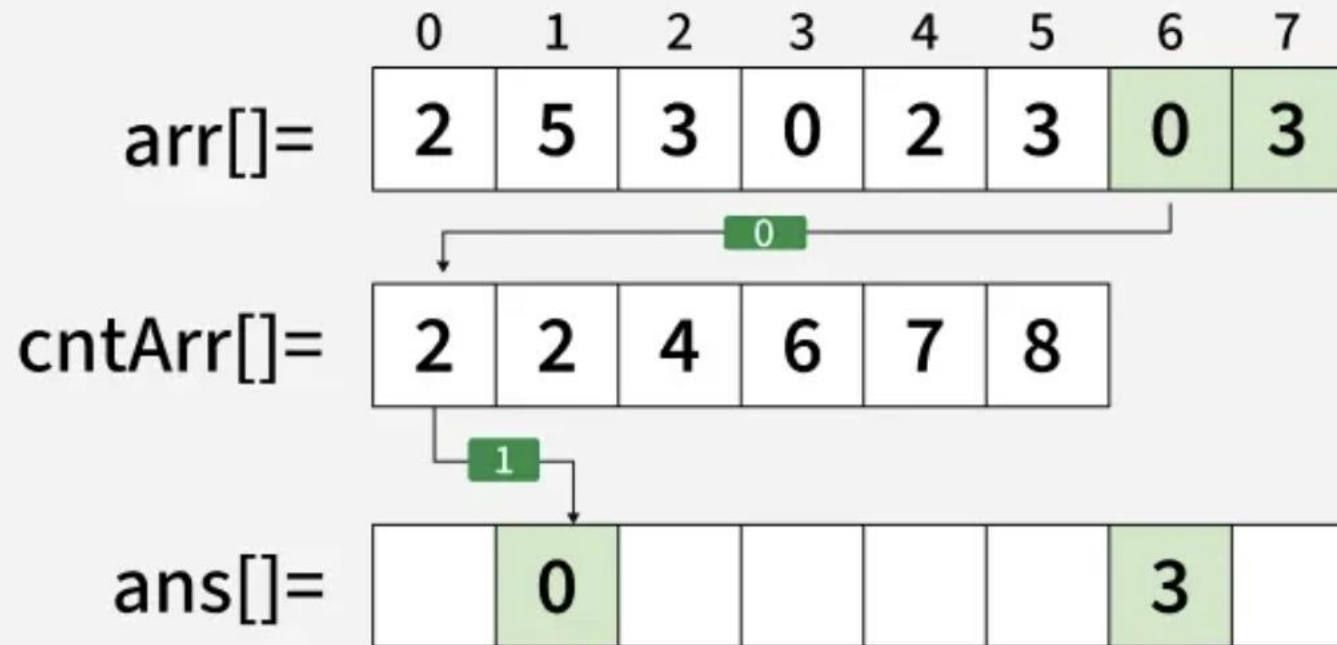
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Step

Update $\text{ans}[\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[i]] - 1] = \text{arr}[i]$ and decrement $\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[i]]$.
Traverse the input array in reverse to maintain the order of equal elements, ensuring the sort remains stable.



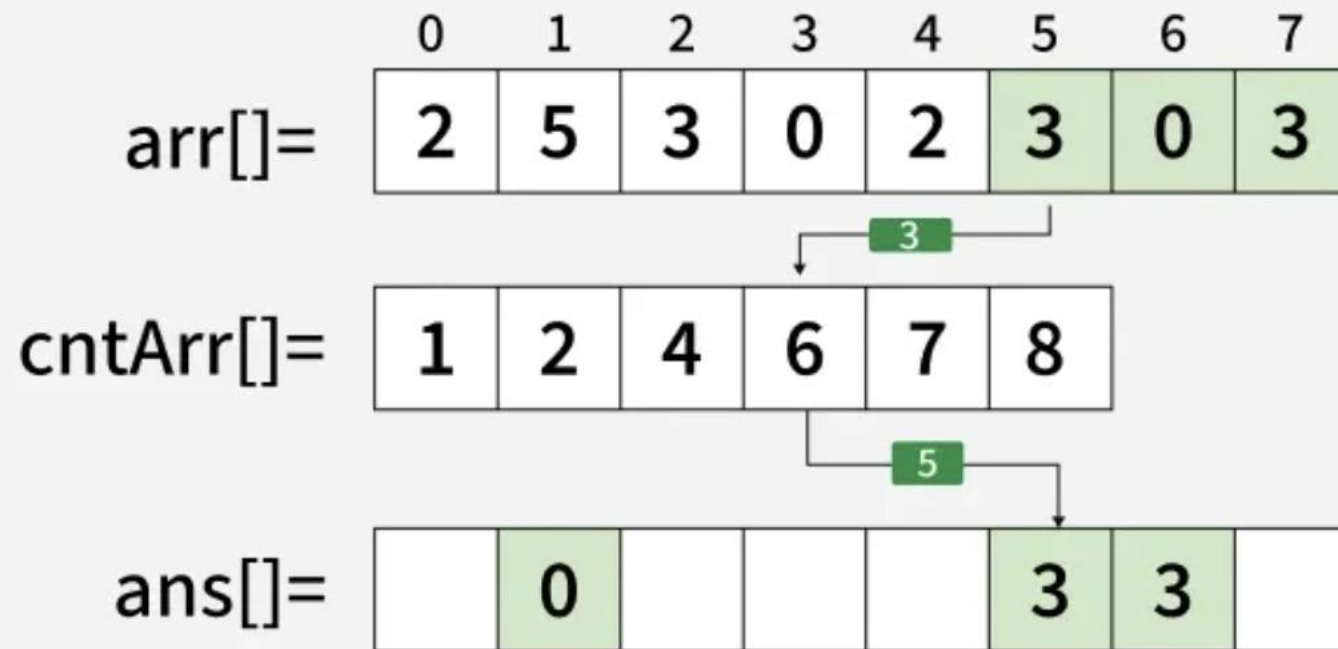
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Step

Update $\text{ans}[\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[6]] - 1] = \text{arr}[6]$
Also, update $\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[6]] = \text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[6]] - -$



07
Step

Update $\text{ans}[\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[5]] - 1] = \text{arr}[5]$
Also, update $\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[5]] = \text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[5]] - 1$



08
step

Update $\text{ans}[\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[4]] - 1] = \text{arr}[4]$
Also, update $\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[4]] = \text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[4]] - 1$

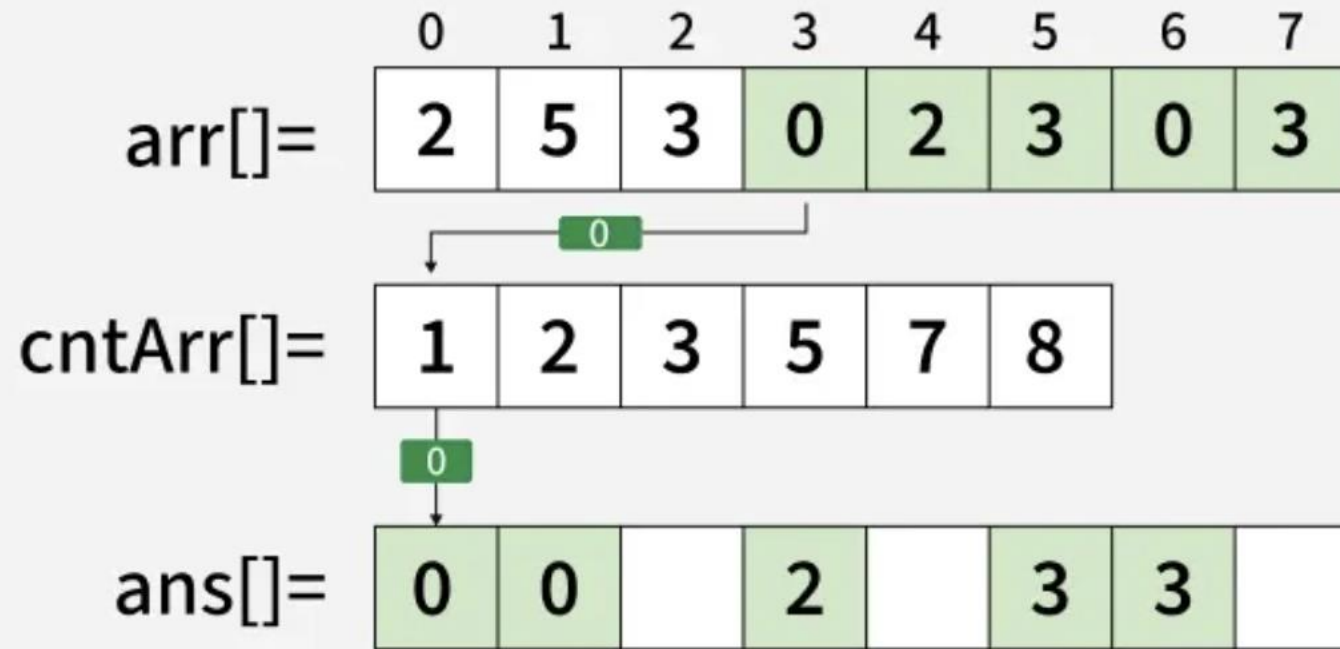
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
arr[] =	2	5	3	0	2	3	0	3

				2				
				↓				
cntArr[] =	1	2	4	5	7	8		

				3				
				↓				
ans[] =		0		2		3	3	

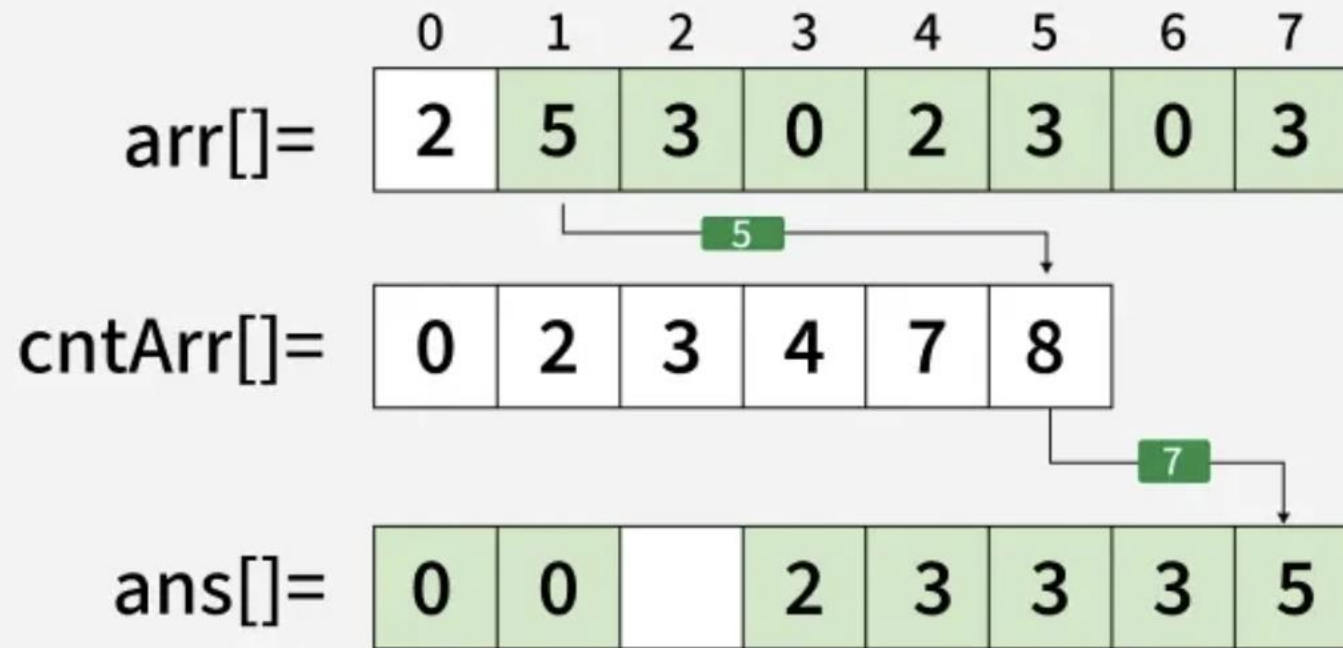
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Step

Update $\text{ans}[\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[3]] - 1] = \text{arr}[3]$
Also, update $\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[3]] = \text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[3]] - 1$



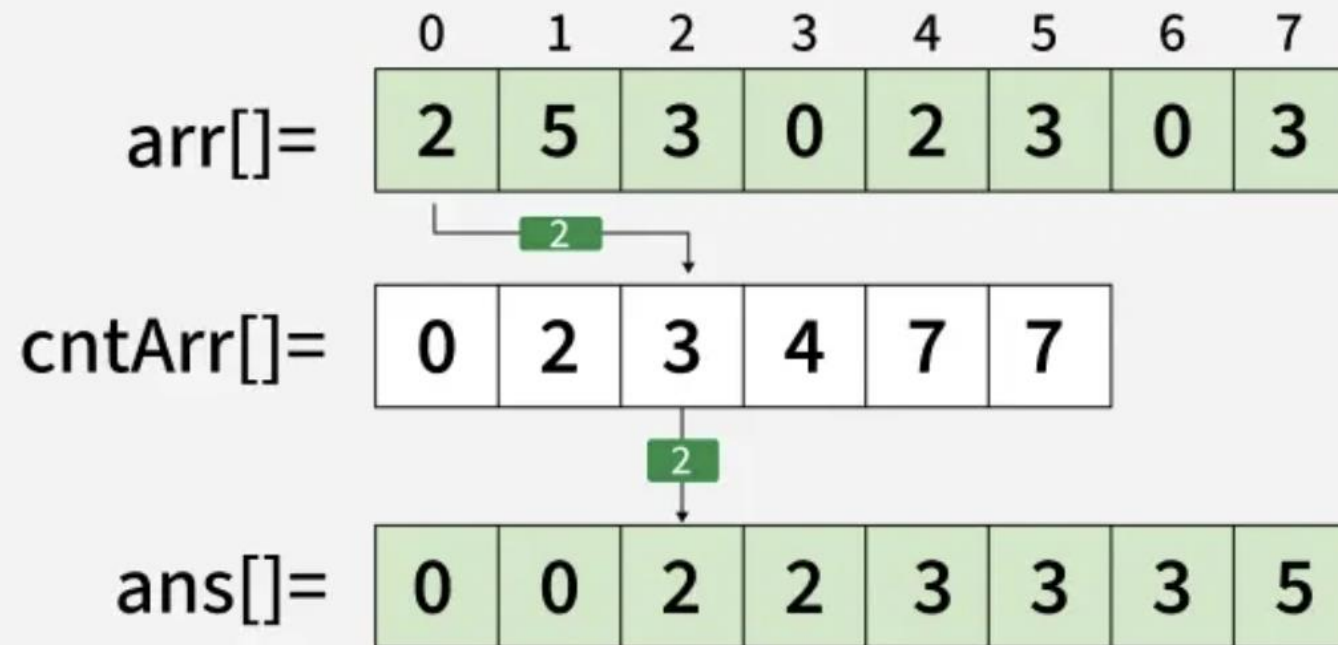
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step

Update $\text{ans}[\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[1]] - 1] = \text{arr}[1]$
Also, update $\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[1]] = \text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[1]] - 1$



12
Step

Update $\text{ans}[\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[0]] - 1] = \text{arr}[0]$
Also, update $\text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[0]] = \text{cntArr}[\text{arr}[0]] - 1$



Complexity

- **Time Complexity:** $O(N+M)$ in all cases, where **N** and **M** are the size of **inputArray[]** and **countArray[]** respectively.
- **Auxiliary Space:** $O(N+M)$, where **N** and **M** are the space taken by **outputArray[]** and **countArray[]** respectively.

```
COUNTING-SORT(A, k)
    // A is the input array
    // k is the maximum value in A

    Create array count[0..k] initialized to 0
    Create array output of same length as A

    // Step 1: Count occurrences
    for i = 0 to length(A)-1
        count[A[i]] = count[A[i]] + 1

    // Step 2: Cumulative count
    for i = 1 to k
        count[i] = count[i] + count[i - 1]

    // Step 3: Build output array (stable)
    for i = length(A)-1 downto 0
        output[count[A[i]] - 1] = A[i]
        count[A[i]] = count[A[i]] - 1

    return output
```


References

- **Chapter 10: Data Structures using C** by E. Balagurusamy
- Visit the site for live visualization: <https://visualgo.net/>

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