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REC_DS using C_Week 6_MCQ_Updated_1

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Section 1 : MCQ

1. Merge sort is _____.

Answer

Comparison-based sorting algorithm

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

2. In a quick sort algorithm, where are smaller elements placed to the pivot during the partition process, assuming we are sorting in increasing order?

Answer

To the left of the pivot

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

3. Which of the following statements is true about the merge sort algorithm?

Answer

It requires additional memory for merging

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

4. Why is Merge Sort preferred for sorting large datasets compared to Quick Sort?

Answer

Merge Sort has better worst-case time complexity

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

5. Which of the following is not true about QuickSort?

Answer

It can be implemented as a stable sort

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

6. What is the main advantage of Quicksort over Merge Sort?

Answer

Quicksort requires less auxiliary space

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

7. Which of the following strategies is used to improve the efficiency of Quicksort in practical implementations?

Answer

Choosing the pivot randomly or using the median-of-three method

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

8. Which of the following modifications can help Quicksort perform better on small subarrays?

Answer

Switching to Insertion Sort for small subarrays

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

9. Which of the following scenarios is Merge Sort preferred over Quick Sort?

Answer

When sorting linked lists

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

10. What happens during the merge step in Merge Sort?

Answer

Two sorted subarrays are combined into one sorted array

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

11. Which of the following methods is used for sorting in merge sort?

Answer

merging

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

12. In a quick sort algorithm, what role does the pivot element play?

Answer

It is used to partition the array

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

13. What is the best sorting algorithm to use for the elements in an array that are more than 1 million in general?

Answer

Quick sort.

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

14. Which of the following sorting algorithms is based on the divide and conquer method?

Answer

Merge Sort

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

15. Which of the following is true about Quicksort?

Answer

It is an in-place sorting algorithm

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

16. Let P be a quick sort program to sort numbers in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Let t1 and t2 be the number of comparisons made by P for the inputs {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} and {4, 1, 5, 3, 2}, respectively. Which one of the following holds?

Answer

t1 > t2

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

17. What happens when Merge Sort is applied to a single-element array?

Answer

The array remains unchanged and no merging is required

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

18. Is Merge Sort a stable sorting algorithm?

Answer

Yes, always stable.

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

19. Consider the Quick Sort algorithm, which sorts elements in ascending order using the first element as a pivot. Then which of the following input sequences will require the maximum number of comparisons when this algorithm is applied to it?

Answer

22 25 56 67 89

Status : Correct ***Marks : 1/1***

20. The following code snippet is an example of a quick sort. What do the 'low' and 'high' parameters represent in this code?

```
void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high) {
    if (low < high) {
        int pivot = partition(arr, low, high);
        quickSort(arr, low, pivot - 1);
        quickSort(arr, pivot + 1, high);
    }
}
```

Answer

The range of elements to sort within the array

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REC_DS using C_Week 6_COD_Question 1

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Section 1 : Coding

1. Problem Statement

John and Mary are collaborating on a project that involves data analysis. They each have a set of age data, one sorted in ascending order and the other in descending order. However, their analysis requires the data to be in ascending order.

Write a program to help them merge the two sets of age data into a single sorted array in ascending order using merge sort.

Input Format

The first line of input consists of an integer N, representing the number of age values in each dataset.

The second line consists of N space-separated integers, representing the ages of participants in John's dataset (in ascending order).

The third line consists of N space-separated integers, representing the ages of participants in Mary's dataset (in descending order).

Output Format

The output prints a single line containing space-separated integers, which represents the merged dataset of ages sorted in ascending order.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

Sample Test Case

Input: 5
1 3 5 7 9
10 8 6 4 2
Output: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Answer

```
#include <stdio.h>

void merge(int arr[], int left[], int right[], int left_size, int right_size) {
    int i = 0, j = 0, k = 0;

    // Merge the two sorted arrays
    while (i < left_size && j < right_size) {
        if (left[i] < right[j]) {
            arr[k++] = left[i++];
        } else {
            arr[k++] = right[j++];
        }
    }

    // If there are remaining elements in left array
    while (i < left_size) {
        arr[k++] = left[i++];
    }

    // If there are remaining elements in right array
    while (j < right_size) {
```

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        arr[k++] = right[j++];
    }
}

// Function to implement merge sort (not really necessary for this problem but
as per prompt)
void mergeSort(int arr[], int size) {
    // Base condition: single element is already sorted
    if (size < 2) return;

    // Find the middle point to divide the array into two halves
    int mid = size / 2;
    int left[mid], right[size - mid];

    // Copy data to left and right arrays
    for (int i = 0; i < mid; i++) {
        left[i] = arr[i];
    }
    for (int i = mid; i < size; i++) {
        right[i - mid] = arr[i];
    }

    // Recursively sort the two halves
    mergeSort(left, mid);
    mergeSort(right, size - mid);

    // Merge the sorted halves
    merge(arr, left, right, mid, size - mid);
}

int main() {
    int n, m;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    int arr1[n], arr2[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        scanf("%d", &arr1[i]);
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        scanf("%d", &arr2[i]);
    }
    int merged[n + n];
    mergeSort(arr1, n);
    mergeSort(arr2, n);
```

```
    merge(merged, arr1, arr2, n, n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n + n; i++) {
        printf("%d ", merged[i]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

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REC_DS using C_Week 6_COD_Question 2

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Section 1 : Coding

1. Problem Statement

Nandhini asked her students to arrange a set of numbers in ascending order. She asked the students to arrange the elements using insertion sort, which involves taking each element and placing it in its appropriate position within the sorted portion of the array.

Assist them in the task.

Input Format

The first line of input consists of the value of n, representing the number of array elements.

The second line consists of n elements, separated by a space.

Output Format

The output prints the sorted array, separated by a space.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

Sample Test Case

Input: 5
67 28 92 37 59
Output: 28 37 59 67 92

Answer

```
#include <stdio.h>

void insertionSort(int arr[], int n) {
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        int key = arr[i]; // Element to be inserted
        int j = i - 1;

        // Move elements of arr[0..i-1], that are greater than key,
        // to one position ahead of their current position
        while (j >= 0 && arr[j] > key) {
            arr[j + 1] = arr[j];
            j = j - 1;
        }
        arr[j + 1] = key; // Place the key in its correct position
    }
}

// Function to print the array
void printArray(int arr[], int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    }
    printf("\n"); // For a new line at the end of output
}

int main() {
    int n;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    int arr[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
```

```
        scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    }

    insertionSort(arr, n);
    printArray(arr, n);
    return 0;
}
```

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Section 1 : Coding

1. Problem Statement

You are the lead developer of a text-processing application that assists writers in organizing their thoughts. One crucial feature is a character-sorting service that helps users highlight the most critical elements of their text.

To achieve this, you decide to enhance the service to sort characters in descending order using the Quick-Sort algorithm. Implement the algorithm to efficiently rearrange the characters, ensuring that it is sorted in descending order.

Input Format

The first line of the input consists of a positive integer value N, representing the number of characters to be sorted.

The second line of input consists of N space-separated lowercase alphabetical characters.

Output Format

The output displays the set of alphabetical characters, sorted in descending order.

Refer to the sample output for the formatting specifications.

Sample Test Case

Input: 5
a d g j k
Output: k j g d a

Answer

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>


void swap(char* a, char* b) {
    char temp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = temp;
}

int partition(char arr[], int low, int high) {
    char pivot = arr[high]; // Choose the last element as pivot
    int i = low - 1;

    for (int j = low; j < high; j++) {
        if (arr[j] > pivot) { // Descending order
            i++;
            swap(&arr[i], &arr[j]);
        }
    }

    swap(&arr[i + 1], &arr[high]);
    return i + 1;
```

```
}

void quicksort(char arr[], int low, int high) {
    if (low < high) {
        int pi = partition(arr, low, high);

        quicksort(arr, low, pi - 1);
        quicksort(arr, pi + 1, high);
    }
}

int main() {
    int n;
    scanf("%d", &n);

    char characters[n];

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        char input;
        scanf(" %c", &input);
        characters[i] = input;
    }

    quicksort(characters, 0, n - 1);

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        printf("%c ", characters[i]);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

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Section 1 : Coding

1. Problem Statement

Kavya, a software developer, is analyzing data trends. She has a list of integers and wants to identify the nth largest number in the list after sorting the array using QuickSort.

To optimize performance, Kavya is required to use QuickSort to sort the list before finding the nth largest number.

Input Format

The first line of input consists of an integer n, representing the size of the array.

The second line consists of n space-separated integers, representing the elements of the array nums.

The third line consists of an integer k, representing the position of the largest

number you need to print after sorting the array.

Output Format

The output prints the k-th largest number in the sorted array (sorted in ascending order).

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

Sample Test Case

Input: 6
-1 0 1 2 -1 -4
3
Output: 0

Answer

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>


int partition(int arr[], int low, int high) {
    int pivot = arr[high];  // Choose the last element as pivot
    int i = low - 1;

    for (int j = low; j < high; j++) {
        if (arr[j] <= pivot) {
            i++;
            // Swap arr[i] and arr[j]
            int temp = arr[i];
            arr[i] = arr[j];
            arr[j] = temp;
        }
    }

    // Swap arr[i + 1] and arr[high] (pivot)
    int temp = arr[i + 1];
    arr[i + 1] = arr[high];
    arr[high] = temp;
```

```
    return i + 1;
}

// QuickSort function
void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high) {
    if (low < high) {
        int pi = partition(arr, low, high);

        // Recursively sort elements before and after partition
        quickSort(arr, low, pi - 1);
        quickSort(arr, pi + 1, high);
    }
}

// Function to find the k-th largest element after sorting
void findNthLargest(int* nums, int n, int k) {
    quickSort(nums, 0, n - 1);          // Sort in ascending order
    printf("%d\n", nums[n - k]);        // k-th largest = (n - k) index
}

int main() {
    int n, k;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    int* nums = (int*)malloc(n * sizeof(int));
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        scanf("%d", &nums[i]);
    }
    scanf("%d", &k);
    findNthLargest(nums, n, k);
    free(nums);
    return 0;
}
```

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Section 1 : Coding

1. Problem Statement

Jose has an array of N fractional values, represented as double-point numbers. He needs to sort these fractions in increasing order and seeks your help.

Write a program to help Jose sort the array using the merge sort algorithm.

Input Format

The first line of input consists of an integer N, representing the number of fractions to be sorted.

The second line consists of N double-point numbers, separated by spaces, representing the fractions array.

Output Format

The output prints N double-point numbers, sorted in increasing order, and rounded to three decimal places.

Refer to the sample output for formatting specifications.

Sample Test Case

Input: 4
0.123 0.543 0.321 0.789

Output: 0.123 0.321 0.543 0.789

Answer

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int compare(double a, double b) {
    return a < b;  // Return true if a should come before b
}

void merge(double arr[], int l, int m, int r) {
    int n1 = m - l + 1;
    int n2 = r - m;

    double L[n1], R[n2];

    for (int i = 0; i < n1; i++)
        L[i] = arr[l + i];
    for (int j = 0; j < n2; j++)
        R[j] = arr[m + 1 + j];

    int i = 0, j = 0, k = l;

    while (i < n1 && j < n2) {
        if (compare(L[i], R[j])) {
            arr[k++] = L[i++];
        } else {
            arr[k++] = R[j++];
        }
    }
```

```
    while (i < n1)
        arr[k++] = L[i++];
    while (j < n2)
        arr[k++] = R[j++];
}

void mergeSort(double arr[], int l, int r) {
    if (l < r) {
        int m = l + (r - l) / 2;

        mergeSort(arr, l, m);
        mergeSort(arr, m + 1, r);

        merge(arr, l, m, r);
    }
}

int main() {
    int n;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    double fractions[n];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        scanf("%lf", &fractions[i]);
    }
    mergeSort(fractions, 0, n - 1);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        printf("%.3f ", fractions[i]);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Status : Correct ***Marks : 10/10***