

# Sorting Questions

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## 1. Inventory Management

A warehouse manager wants to sort the weights of packages (can be negative if mislabeled). Use a sorting algorithm to identify the 3 lightest and 3 heaviest packages.

### Sample Input:

```
arr = {12, -5, 23, 7, -20, 4, 15, -2}
```

### Sorted Output:

```
Sorted: {-20, -5, -2, 4, 7, 12, 15, 23}  
Lightest 3: -20, -5, -2  
Heaviest 3: 12, 15, 23
```

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## 2. Temperature Logs

Sort the temperature data to find the **maximum temperature jump** between any two **consecutive readings**.

### Sample Input:

```
arr = {22, 25, 19, 35, 28, 30}
```

### Sorted Output:

```
Sorted: {19, 22, 25, 28, 30, 35}  
Max jump: 5 // between 30 and 35
```

**Note:** Sorting helps us detect max jump by comparing consecutive sorted values.

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## 3. Leaderboard Ranking

Scores from a game need to be sorted in **descending** order to assign ranks.

### Sample Input:

```
arr = {150, 200, 180, 200, 170}
```

### Modified Output (descending):

Sorted: {200, 200, 180, 170, 150}

Ranks: 1, 1, 3, 4, 5

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## 4. Merge Sensor Data

Merge two **already sorted** arrays from two sensors into one sorted array.

### Sample Input:

arr1 = {3, 5, 9}

arr2 = {2, 4, 10}

### Merged Output:

Merged: {2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10}

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## 5. Error Correction in Logs

For an array that is **almost sorted**, which algorithm works best?

### Sample Input:

arr = {10, 20, 30, 25, 40, 50}

### Sorted Output:

Sorted: {10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50}

Efficient for nearly sorted arrays due to its  $O(n)$  best case.