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Sort-and-Count( $L$ )

    If the list has one element then  
        there are no inversions

Else

    Divide the list into two halves:

$A$  contains the first  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  elements

$B$  contains the remaining  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  elements

$(r_A, A) = \text{Sort-and-Count}(A)$

$(r_B, B) = \text{Sort-and-Count}(B)$

$(r, L) = \text{Merge-and-Count}(A, B)$

Endif

Return  $r = r_A + r_B + r$ , and the sorted list  $L$

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