

MSD Radix Sort

Recursively implement the method `msd` below, which runs MSD radix sort on a `List` of `Strings` and returns a sorted `List` of `Strings`. For simplicity, assume that each string is of the same length. You may not need all of the lines below.

In lecture, recall that we used counting sort as the subroutine for MSD radix sort, but any sort works! For the subroutine here, you may use the `stableSort` method, which sorts the given list of strings in place, comparing two strings by the given index. Finally, you may find following methods of the `List` class helpful:

1. `List<E> subList(int fromIndex, int toIndex)`. Returns the portion of this list between the specified `fromIndex`, inclusive, and `toIndex`, exclusive.
2. `addAll(Collection<? extends E> c)`. Appends all of the elements in the specified collection to the end of this list, in the order that they are returned by the specified collection's iterator.

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1  public static List<String> msd(List<String> items) {
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3      return _____;
4  }
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6  private static List<String> msd(List<String> items, int index) {
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8      if (_____) {
9          return items;
10     }
11     List<String> answer = new ArrayList<>();
12     int start = 0;
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14     _____;
15     for (int end = 1; end <= items.size(); end += 1) {
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17         if (_____) {
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19             _____;
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21             _____;
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23             _____;
24         }
25     }
26     return answer;
27 }
28 /* You don't need to understand the implementation of this method to use it! */
29 private static void stableSort(List<String> items, int index) {
30     items.sort(Comparator.comparingInt(o -> o.charAt(index)));
31 }
```