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// takes the array of integer elements and sorts it in increasing order
void mergesort(int num[])
    mergesort(num, 0, num.length-1); // beginning index and last index to sort

// recursive
void mergesort(int num[], int low, int high)

    int mid
    if (low < high) // have subarray to sort (until single unit - index same)
        mid = (low + high) / 2 // midpoint of the subarray to sort
        mergesort(num, low, mid) // recursively sort low to mid subarray
        mergesort(num, mid+1, high) // recursively sort mid+1 to high subarray
        merge(num, low, mid, mid+1, high); // merge two sorted subarrays

// merges two subarrays in sorted order
void merge(int[] a, int l1, int u1, int l2, int u2)

    // array 1: l1...u1 and array 2: l2 .. u2

    declare array temp of size of input array a

    // i is current index of left subarray; j of right subarray; k of temp array
    int i, j, k
    i=l1, j=l2, k=l1

    // loop as long as have elements in both left AND right subarray
    loop as long as i <= u1 && j <= u2

        if (a[i] <= a[j]) // left subarray el val <= right subarray el value
            temp[k] = a[i] // copy left element to temp
            i=i+1 // increment to next left element
        else
            temp[k] = a[j] // copy right element to temp
            j=j+1 // increment to next right element
            k=k+1

    // copy remaining elements in left subarray
    while (i<=u1)
        temp[k] = a[i]
        k=k+1 // increment index for temp array
        i=i+1 // increment index for left subarray

    // copy remaining elements in right subarray
    while (j<=u2)
        temp[k] = a[j]
        k=k+1 // increment index for temp array
        i=i+1 // increment index for right subarray

    // copy temp[] back into a[]
    int h = l1
    loop as long as h <= u2 // more elements to copy
        a[h] = temp[h]
        h=h+1

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