



# Inplace



This topic teaches the inplace, unique, and reverse algorithms by demonstrating the usage including `inplace_merge`, `unique_copy` and `reverse_copy` and explaining the algorithms



- Figure 16.9 demonstrates algorithms `inplace_merge`, `unique_copy` and `reverse_copy`.



```
inplace_merge(a1.begin() ,  
               a1.begin() + 5,  
               a1.end() );
```

- Uses the `inplace_merge` algorithm to merge two *sorted sequences* of elements in the *same* container
- In this example, the elements from `a1.begin()` up to, but *not* including, `a1.begin() + 5` are merged with the elements from `a1.begin() + 5` up to, but not including, `a1.end()`
- Requires its three iterator arguments to be at least *bidirectional iterators*
- A second version of this algorithm takes as a fourth argument a *binary predicate function* for comparing elements in the two sequences



```
unique_copy(a1.cbegin(), a1.cend(),  
            back_inserter(results1));
```

- Uses the `unique_copy` algorithm to make a copy of all the unique elements in the sorted sequence of values from `a1.cbegin()` up to, but not including, `a1.cend()`
- The copied elements are placed into `vector results1`
- The first two arguments must be at least *input iterators* and the last must be at least an output iterator.
- We did *not* preallocate enough elements in `results1` to store all the elements copied from `a1`
- Instead, we use function `back_inserter` (defined in header `<iterator>`) to add elements to the end of `results1`

- The `back_inserter` uses `vector`'s `push_back` member function to insert elements at the end of the `vector`
- Because the `back_inserter` *inserts* an element *rather than replacing* an existing element's value, the `vector` is able to grow to accommodate additional elements
- A second version of the `unique_copy` algorithm takes as a fourth argument a *binary predicate function* for comparing elements for *equality*

```
reverse_copy(a1.cbegin(), a1.cend(),  
             back_inserter(results2));
```

- Uses the `reverse_copy` algorithm to make a reversed copy of the elements in the range from `a1.cbegin()` up to, but *not* including, `a1.cend()`
- The copied elements are inserted into `results2` using a `back_inserter` object to ensure that the `vector` can grow to accommodate the appropriate number of elements copied
- Requires its first two iterator arguments to be at least bidirectional iterators and its third to be at least an output iterator



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