The store\_location method puts the requested URI in the session variable under the key :return\_to

Array assignment in Ruby copies a reference to the array, not the full array itself, which means that changes to the original array also affect the copy.

assignment = copy of original

Somewhat suprisingly, here b gets reversed as well as a. This is because both a and b point to the same array. (The same thing happens with other Ruby data structures, such as strings and hashes.)