

Tracing through sort

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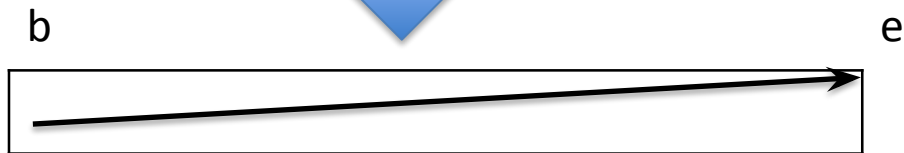
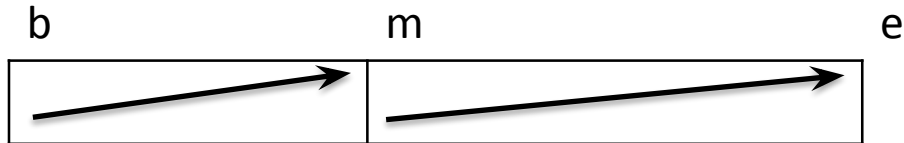
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void merge(int a[], int b, int m, int e)
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sort₁:

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sort3:      b: 0    e: 1          return to A

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sort4:      b: 1    e: 2          return to B

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sort2:      b: 0    e: 2    mid: 1          return to A

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merge1:     b: 0    m: 1    e: 2          return to C

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sort5:      b: 2    e: 5          return to B

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sort1:         b: 0    e: 5    mid: 2           return to D

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sort5:         b: 2    e: 5    mid: 3           return to B

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sort5:      b: 2    e: 5    mid: 3          return to B

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sort6:      b: 2    e: 3          return to A

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sort1:      b: 0    e: 5    mid: 2        return to D

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sort1:      b: 0    e: 5    mid: 2          return to D

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sort5:      b: 2    e: 5    mid: 3          return to B

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sort7:      b: 3    e: 5          return to B

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sort7:      b: 3    e: 5    mid: 4        return to B

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sort5:      b: 2    e: 5    mid: 3          return to B

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sort7:      b: 3    e: 5    mid: 4          return to B

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sort8:      b: 3    e: 4          return to A

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}

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sort5:      b: 2    e: 5    mid: 3          return to B

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sort7:      b: 3    e: 5    mid: 4          return to B

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sort9:      b: 4    e: 5          return to B

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merge2:     b: 3    m: 4    e: 5          return to C

```

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sort5:      b: 2    e: 5    mid: 3          return to B

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merge3:     b: 2    m: 3    e: 5          return to C

```

```

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merge ₄ :	b: 0	m: 2	e: 5	return to C		

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