

Merge Sorted Array

Question: <https://leetcode.com/problems/merge-sorted-array/>

You are given two integer arrays `nums1` and `nums2`, sorted in non-decreasing order, and two integers `m` and `n`, representing the number of elements in `nums1` and `nums2` respectively.

Merge `nums1` and `nums2` into a single array sorted in non-decreasing order.

The final sorted array should not be returned by the function, but instead, be stored inside the array `nums1`. To accommodate this, `nums1` has a length of `m + n`, where the first `m` elements denote the elements that should be merged, and the last `n` elements are set to 0 and should be ignored. `nums2` has a length of `n`.

Example 1:

Input: `nums1 = [1,2,3,0,0,0]`, `m = 3`, `nums2 = [2,5,6]`, `n = 3`

Output: `[1,2,2,3,5,6]`

Explanation: The arrays we are merging are `[1,2,3]` and `[2,5,6]`.

The result of the merge is `[1,2,2,3,5,6]` with the underlined elements coming from `nums1`.

This was a pretty straightforward question and the name itself suggests that it is involving Merge Sort.

Merge Sort Explanation: <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/merge-sort/>

Since the question asked for changing `nums1` to return the answer, therefore I used another array `nums3` to store a copy of this array that I used for sort comparison and made the final changes in `nums1`

My Solution:

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def merge(self, nums1: List[int], m: int, nums2: List[int], n: int) -> None:
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    """
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    Do not return anything, modify nums1 in-place instead.
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    """
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    nums3=nums1[:]
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    i,j,k=0,0,0
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    while(i<m and j<n):
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        if(nums3[i]<=nums2[j]):
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            nums1[k]=nums3[i]
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            i+=1
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        else:
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            nums1[k]=nums2[j]
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            j+=1
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        k+=1
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```
    while(i<m):
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```
        nums1[k]=nums3[i]
```

```
        i+=1
```

```
        k+=1
```

```
    while(j<n):
```

```
        nums1[k]=nums2[j]
```

```
        j+=1
```

```
        k+=1
```

A simple merge sort implementation.

Code: <https://gist.github.com/vermaayush680/5eba9500568e87ef7b1941647f97ee3a>

Time Complexity: $O(m+n)$

Space Complexity: $O(m)$