

Rewrite the MERGE procedure so that it does not use sentinels, instead stopping once either array L or R has had all its elements copied back to A and then copying the remainder of the other array back into A .

Solution.

MERGE(A, p, q, r)

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1   $n_1 = q - p + 1$ 
2   $n_2 = r - q$ 
3  let  $L[1..n_1]$  and  $R[1..n_2]$  be new arrays
4  for  $i = 1$  to  $n_1$ 
5       $L[i] = A[p + i - 1]$ 
6  for  $j = 1$  to  $n_2$ 
7       $R[j] = A[q + j]$ 
8   $i = 1$ 
9   $j = 1$ 
10 for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
11     if  $j > n_2$  or ( $i \leq n_1$  and  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ )
12          $A[k] = L[i]$ 
13          $i = i + 1$ 
14     else  $A[k] = R[j]$ 
15          $j = j + 1$ 
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