# Merge Sort

Trace the following code

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| **Call** | **mid** | **left** | **right** | **a** | **i** | **j** | **k** |
| 1 | 1 | [5] | [2,4] | [5,2,4] |  |  |  |
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