

4- Sort Colors

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1-The Non-Recursive Solution

Pseudocode

```
function bubbleSort(nums):  for pass = 1 to N - 1 do
    for i = 0 to N - pass do      if nums[i] > nums[i+1] then
        swap(nums[i], nums[i+1])  return nums
```

```
function main():  nums = array of size N
    for i = 0 to N - 1 do      read nums[i] from user input
    nums = bubbleSort(nums)  for i = 0 to N - 1 do
        print nums[i]  return 0
```

Analysis

Worstcase of Bubble sort: when array elements arranged in descending order and you want to arrange elements in ascending order. In Worstcase the number of passes to sort an array is $(n-1)$

n is the number of elements in array

first pass: Number of swaps and number of comparisons is $[n-1]$ second pass: Number of swaps and number of comparisons is $[n-2]$

third pass: Number of swaps and number of comparisons is $[n-3]$

for last pass: Number of swaps and the number of comparisons = 1

calculate comparisons needed to sort array

$= [n-1] + [n-2] + \dots + 1 = n(n-1)/2$ times

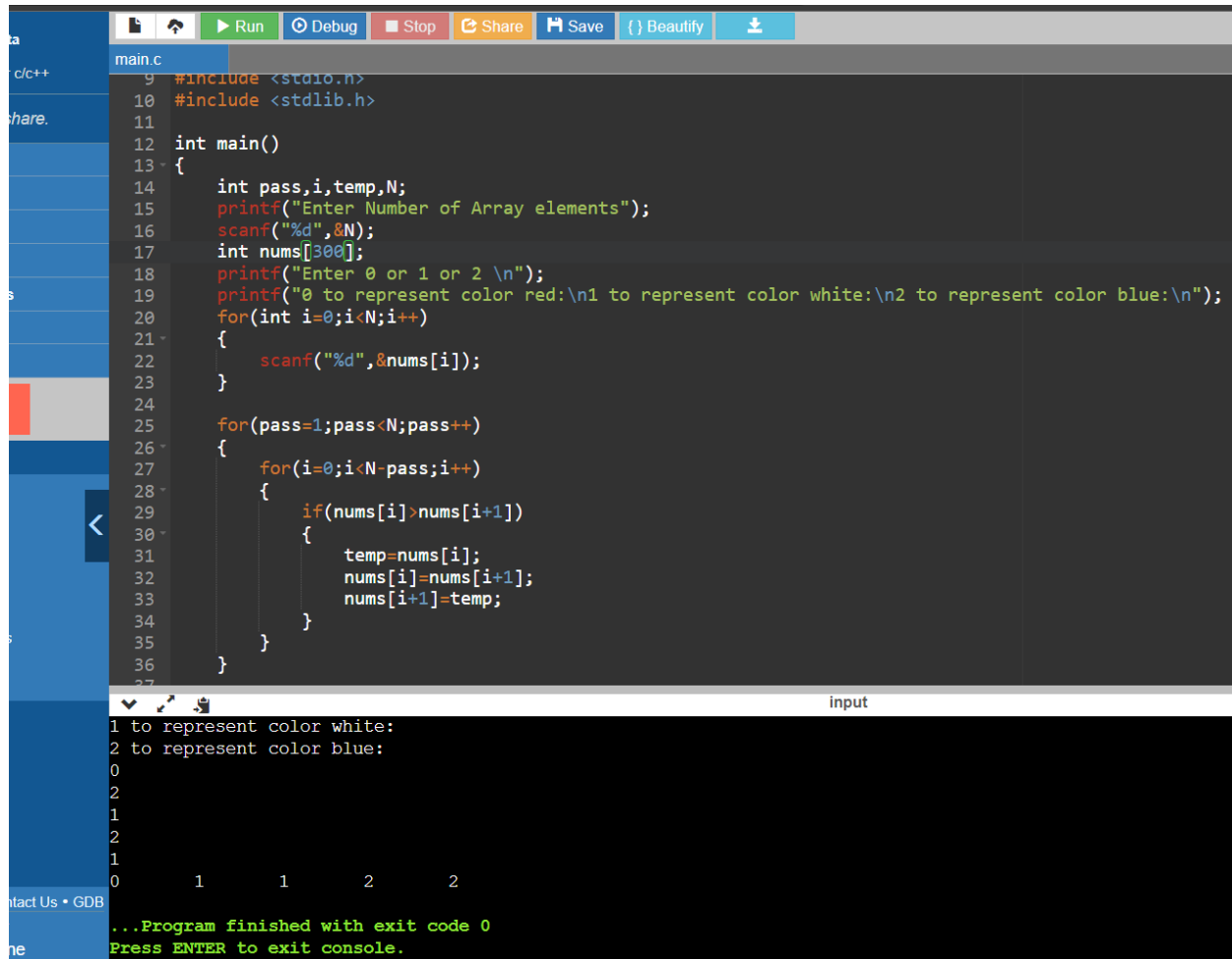
in the Worstcase: number of swaps equal number of comparison

number of comparison (Worstcase) = $n(n-1)/2$ number of swaps (Worstcase) = $n(n-1)/2$

The worst case when array is in reverse order and its Time Complexity = $O(n^2)$

The best case when array is sorted and it's time complexity = $O(n)$

Screenshot



The screenshot shows a C++ IDE with a file named 'main.c'. The code implements a bubble sort algorithm. It prompts the user to enter the number of array elements (N), then reads N integers into an array 'nums'. It then performs bubble sort, comparing adjacent elements and swapping them if they are in the wrong order. The output shows the input sequence: 1, 1, 2, 2, and the final sorted sequence: 1, 1, 2, 2. The program finishes with exit code 0.

```
9 #include <stdio.h>
10 #include <stdlib.h>
11
12 int main()
13 {
14     int pass,i,temp,N;
15     printf("Enter Number of Array elements");
16     scanf("%d",&N);
17     int nums[300];
18     printf("Enter 0 or 1 or 2 \n");
19     printf("0 to represent color red:\n1 to represent color white:\n2 to represent color blue:\n");
20     for(int i=0;i<N;i++)
21     {
22         scanf("%d",&nums[i]);
23     }
24
25     for(pass=1;pass<N;pass++)
26     {
27         for(i=0;i<N-pass;i++)
28         {
29             if(nums[i]>nums[i+1])
30             {
31                 temp=nums[i];
32                 nums[i]=nums[i+1];
33                 nums[i+1]=temp;
34             }
35         }
36     }
37 }
```

input

```
1 to represent color white:
2 to represent color blue:
0
2
1
2
1
0
1 1 2 2
...Program finished with exit code 0
Press ENTER to exit console.
```

2-The Recursive Solution

Pseudocode

```
A) function merge(arr, left, mid, right):
    If l < r
    1. Find the middle point to divide the array into two halves:
        middle m = l + (r-l)/2
    2. Copy the data from the input array into the temporary arrays
    for i from 0 to n1-1:
        L[i] = arr[l + i]
    for j from 0 to n2-1:
        R[j] = arr[m + j + 1]
    3. Compare the elements from the left and right sub-arrays and merge them into a single sorted sub-
    array
    i = 0
    j = 0
    k = left
    while i < n1 and j < n2:
        if L[i] <= R[j]:
            arr[k] = L[i]
            i = i + 1
        else:
            arr[k] = R[j]
            j = j + 1
            k = k + 1
    4. Copy any remaining elements from the left or right sub-arrays into the sorted sub-array
    in the main function
    while i < n1:
        arr[k] = L[i]
        i = i + 1
        k = k + 1
    while j < n2:
        arr[k] = R[j]
        j = j + 1
        k = k + 1
B) merge_sort(arr[], l, r)

    2. Call merge_sort for first half:
        Call merge_sort (arr, l, m)
    3. Call merge_sort for second half:
        Call merge_sort (arr, m+1, r)
    4. Merge the two halves sorted in step 2 and 3:
        Call merge(arr, l, m, r)
```

- C) function main():
- D) scan the input and calling `merge_sort(arr[], l, r)` and printing the sorted `arr[]`

Analysis

- 1- The Merge Sort algorithm has a time complexity of $O(n \log n)$ in the worst case, where n is the size of the input array.
- 2- The merge function takes $O(n)$ time in the worst case to merge two sorted sub-arrays of sizes $n/2$ each.
- 3- Therefore, the overall time complexity of the Merge Sort solution is $O(n \log n)$.
- 4- The Merge Sort algorithm has a space complexity of $O(n)$ in the worst case, because it creates temporary arrays of size $n/2$ during the merge process.
- 5- Therefore, the overall space complexity of the Merge Sort solution is $O(n)$.

- 6- The Merge Sort algorithm is a stable sorting algorithm, meaning that it preserves the relative order of equal elements in the input array.
- 7- In the "Sort Colors" problem, there are only three distinct values, so stability is not a concern.

Screenshot

The screenshot shows a C++ IDE with a file named `main.c`. The code implements a merge sort algorithm. The `merge_sort` function is recursive, dividing the array into halves and merging them back in sorted order. The `main` function prompts the user for the number of elements and color choices (0 for red, 1 for white, 2 for blue). The console output shows the user input: `1` to represent color white, `2` to represent color blue, followed by the numbers `1 1 1 2`. The program finishes with exit code 0.

```
35     k++;
36 }
37 while (j < n2) {
38     arr[k] = R[j];
39     j++;
40     k++;
41 }
42 }
43
44 void merge_sort(int arr[], int l, int r) {
45     if (l < r) {
46         int m = l + (r - l) / 2;
47
48         merge_sort(arr, l, m);
49         merge_sort(arr, m + 1, r);
50         merge(arr, l, m, r);
51     }
52 }
53
54 int main() {
55     int n, i, colors[MAX_N];
56
57     printf("Enter Number of Array Elements \n");
58     scanf("%d", &n);
59
60     printf("Enter 0 or 1 or 2 \n");
61     printf("0 to represent color red:\n1 to represent color white:\n2 to represent color blue:\n");
62
63     for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
```

input

```
1 to represent color white:
2 to represent color blue:
1
2
1
0
1
0 1 1 1 2

...Program finished with exit code 0
Press ENTER to exit console
```

3-The Non-Recursive Special Case Solution

Pseudocode

FUNCTION `swap(a, b)`:

temp = a

a = b

b = temp

FUNCTION `sortColors(nums, numsSize)`:

i = 0

```

j = 0
k = numsSize - 1
WHILE j <= k:
    IF nums[j] == 0:
        swap(nums[i], nums[j])
        i++
        j++
    ELSE IF nums[j] == 1:
        j++
    ELSE:
        swap(nums[j], nums[k])
        k--
END WHILE

```

```

FUNCTION main():
    nums = [2, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0]
    numsSize = LENGTH(nums)
    sortColors(nums, numsSize)
    FOR i = 0 TO numsSize-1:
        PRINT nums[i]
    END FOR
    RETURN 0

```

Analysis

The function then uses a while loop to iterate through the array from left to right using the j pointer. If the value at the j index is 0, it swaps the values at the i and j indices, increments i and j to move to the next elements, and continues. If the value at the j index is 1, it simply increments j. If the value at the j index is 2, it swaps the values at the j and k indices, decrements k to move to the next element, but keeps j the same since the value at the new j index needs to be processed further.

The while loop continues until the j pointer meets the k pointer, which indicates that all elements have been processed and the array is now sorted.

The time complexity of the algorithm is $O(n)$ since it processes each element of the array only once. The space complexity is $O(1)$ since it only uses a few pointers to keep track of the sub-arrays.

Screenshot


```
main.c
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 void swap(int *a, int *b) {
4     int temp = *a;
5     *a = *b;
6     *b = temp;
7 }
8
9 void sortColors(int* nums, int numsSize){
10     int i = 0, j = 0, k = numsSize - 1;
11     while (j <= k) {
12         if (nums[j] == 0) {
13             swap(&nums[i], &nums[j]);
14             i++;
15             j++;
16         } else if (nums[j] == 1) {
17             j++;
18         } else {
19             swap(&nums[j], &nums[k]);
20             k--;
21         }
22     }
23 }
24
25 int main() {
26     int N, nums[300];
27     printf("Enter Number of Array Elements till 300\n");
28     scanf("%d", &N);
29
30     printf("Enter 0 or 1 or 2 \n");
31
32     input
33
34 1 to represent color white:
35 2 to represent color blue:
36 1
37 0
38 2
39 0 1 2
40
41 ...Program finished with exit code 0
42 Press ENTER to exit console.
```

4- The Non-Recursive Special Case Solution

Pseudocode

MAX_N = 100

n, i, count_0, count_1, count_2: integer

colors: array of integers with size MAX_N

read n

for i from 0 to n-1 do

 read colors[i]

 switch colors[i] do

 case 0:

 increment count_0 by 1

 break

 case 1:

 increment count_1 by 1

 break

 case 2:

 increment count_2 by 1

 break

 end switch

end for

for i from 0 to n-1 do

 if count_0 > 0 then

 set colors[i] to 0

 decrement count_0 by 1

 else if count_1 > 0 then

```
    set colors[i] to 1
    decrement count_1 by 1
else if count_2 > 0 then
    set colors[i] to 2
    decrement count_2 by 1
end if
end for

for i from 0 to n-1 do
    print colors[i]
end for
```

Analysis

The program sorts the colors array by iterating through it and overwriting each element with the next color in the sequence (0, 1, 2) as long as there are remaining occurrences of that color. This is done using another set of if-else state

The program has a time complexity of $O(n)$, as it only needs to iterate through the colors array twice. The space complexity is $O(1)$, as it only uses a constant amount of additional memory to store the count variables.

Screenshot

```
main.c
1
2 #include <stdio.h>
3
4 #define MAX_N 300
5
6 int main() {
7     int n, i, count_0 = 0, count_1 = 0, count_2 = 0;
8     int colors[MAX_N];
9
10    printf("Enter Number of Array Elements till 300\n");
11    scanf("%d", &n);
12
13    printf("Enter 0 or 1 or 2 \n");
14    printf("0 to represent color red:\n1 to represent color white:\n2 to represent color blue:\n");
15
16    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
17        scanf("%d", &colors[i]);
18        switch (colors[i]) {
19            case 0:
20                count_0++;
21                break;
22            case 1:
23                count_1++;
24                break;
25            case 2:
26                count_2++;
27                break;
28        }
29    }
30
input
0
1
2
0
0 0 1 1 2
...Program finished with exit code 0
Press ENTER to exit console.
```

Compare

Sorting Algorithm	Time Complexity (Best Case)	Time Complexity (Average Case)	Time Complexity (Worst Case)	Space Complexity	Stability	In-Place/Out-of-Place
Merge Sort	$\Omega(n \log n)$	$\Theta(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$	Stable	Out-of-Place
Bubble Sort	$\Omega(n)$	$\Theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Stable	In-Place
Counting Sort	$\Omega(n+k)$	$\Theta(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(k)$	Stable	In-Place
sortColors function	$\Omega(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	Stable	In-Place

--The Best Algorithm between (merge ,Bubble) is Merge sort

--The Best Solution Among all solutions is sortColors Function