

Implementation Non-recursive Algorithm of Max Product Of Three

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1  #include <stdio.h>
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3  void selectionSort(int arr[], int n) {
4      int max;
5      for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
6          max = i;
7          for (int j = i + 1; j < n; j++) {
8              if (arr[j] > arr[max]) {
9                  max = j;
10             }
11         }
12         int temp = arr[max];
13         arr[max] = arr[i];
14         arr[i] = temp;
15     }
16 }
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18 int main() {
19     int n;
20     do{
21         printf("Enter the number of elements in the array(At least three numbers): ");
22         scanf("%d", &n);
23     } while(n<3);
24     int arr[n];
25     printf("Enter %d elements:\n", n);
26     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
27         scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
28     }
29     selectionSort(arr, n);
30     int product1 = arr[0] * arr[1] * arr[2];
31     int product2 = arr[0] * arr[n-1] * arr[n-2];
32     printf("The maximum product of three numbers is: %d\n", (product1 > product2) ? product1 : product2);
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34     return 0;
35 }
```

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PRINT "Enter the number of elements in the array (at least 3):"
  READ n
  UNTIL n >= 3

  CREATE array of size n

  PRINT "Enter the elements:"
  FOR i FROM 0 TO n - 1 DO
    READ array[i]

  FOR i FROM 0 TO n - 2 DO
    maxIndex ← i
    FOR j FROM i + 1 TO n - 1 DO
      IF array[j] > array[maxIndex] THEN
        maxIndex ← j

    SWAP array[i] WITH array[maxIndex]

  product1 ← array[0] * array[1] * array[2]
  product2 ← array[0] * array[n - 1] * array[n - 2]

  IF product1 > product2
    maxProduct ← product1
  ELSE
    maxProduct ← product2

  PRINT "The maximum product of three numbers is:", maxProduct
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1. Input-validation loop

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do {  
    printf(...);    // A  
    scanf("%d", &n); // B  
} while (n < 3); // C
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- Let k = number of times the user enters an invalid n (< 3) before finally entering a valid one.
 - **Total iterations** of the body = $k + 1$
 - **printf calls (A)**: $k + 1 \rightarrow O(1)$
 - **scanf calls (B)**: $k + 1 \rightarrow O(1)$
 - **$n < 3$ tests (C)**: one per loop check, including the final false check $\rightarrow k + 2 \rightarrow O(1)$
 - **Overall cost**: A constant number of $O(1)$ ops, independent of n .
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2. Reading the array

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for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    scanf("%d", &arr[i]);  
}
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- **Loop-entry tests ($i < n$)**: $n + 1$
- **Increments ($i++$)**: n
- **scanf calls**: n
- **Total:**
 - Tests: $n + 1$
 - Increments: n

- I/O: n
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(n)$ operations

3. Selection sort (descending version)

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for (i = 0; i < n - 1; i++) {
    max = i;
    for (j = i + 1; j < n; j++) {
        if (arr[j] > arr[max]) max = j;
    }
    // swap arr[i] and arr[max]:
    temp = arr[max];
    arr[max] = arr[i];
    arr[i] = temp;
}

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Operation	Count	Total
Outer-loop tests ($i < n - 1$)	$(n-1) + 1$	n
Outer-loop increments ($i++$)	$n-1$	$n-1$
max = i; assignments	once per outer iteration	$n-1$
Inner-loop tests ($j < n$)	$\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} [(n - (i+1)) + 1] = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k + 1) = n(n-1)/2 + (n-1)$	$(n^2-n)/2 + n-1$
Inner-loop increments ($j++$)	$\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} (n - i - 1) = n(n-1)/2$	$(n^2-n)/2$

Operation	Count	Total
Comparisons ($\text{arr}[j] > \text{arr}[\text{max}]$)	$\sum_{i=0}^{n-2} (n - i - 1) = n(n-1)/2$	$(n^2-n)/2$
max = j; assignments	at most once per comparison; worst-case every comparison succeeds $\Rightarrow (n^2-n)/2$	$(n^2-n)/2$
Swaps (3 assignments each)	one per outer iteration	$3 \cdot (n-1)$

- **Total comparisons:**

$$n(n-1)/2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{n^2 - n}{2}.$$

- **Total assignments (excluding loop counters/tests):**

$$(n-1) [\text{max} = i] + n(n-1)/2 [\text{max} = j] + 3(n-1) [\text{swap}] = n(n-1)/2 + 4(n-1). \quad (n-1) [\text{max} = i] + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} [\text{max} = j] + 3(n-1) [\text{swap}] = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 4(n-1).$$

- **Loop-overhead (tests + increments):** two nested loops contribute $\Theta(n^2)$ tests/increments as well.
- \Rightarrow **Selection sort is $\Theta(n^2)$ overall.**

4. Final product computation & output

```
int product1 = arr[0] * arr[1] * arr[2];
int product2 = arr[0] * arr[n-1] * arr[n-2];
if (product1 > product2)
    printf("%d", product1);
else
    printf("%d", product2);
```

- **Multiplications:** 6
- **Array-accesses:** 6
- **Comparison (product1 > product2):** 1
- **printf call:** 1

- \Rightarrow **Constant time, $O(1)$.**

Grand total

Phase	Dominant term
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1. Input-validation	$O(1)$
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2. Reading array	$\Theta(n)$
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3. Selection sort	$\Theta(n^2)$
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4. Product + print	$O(1)$
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Overall	$\Theta(n^2)$
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- **Exact comparison count:**

$n(n-1)/2$ selection-sort (plus a handful of constant comparisons in loops/input.)
 $\underbrace{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}_{\text{selection-sort}} \quad \text{(plus a handful of constant comparisons in loops/input.)}$

- **Exact swap-assignment count:**

$3(n-1)$ (array-element assignments in swaps). $3(n-1)$ (array-element assignments in swaps).

Conclusion: Every major cost term beyond reading input is dominated by the $\Theta(n^2)$ comparisons and assignments of selection-sort.