

# \*\*\* Insertion Sort \*\*\*

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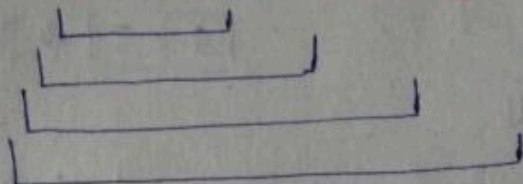
→ A sorting algorithm in which the elements are transferred one at a time to its correct position.

→ In this method, we are partially sorting the array. Means, sort the array parts-by-parts.

Example:

0 1 2 3 4  
5, 3, 4, 1, 2

\* Idea \*



- 1<sup>st</sup> sort till index 1.
- Then sort till index 2.
- Then sort till index 3.
- Then sort till index 4.

\* NOTE : • For Every index :

Put that index element at the correct index of Left-Hand-Side (LHS).

- With every pass, left-hand array is getting sorted

i.e

For, ~~ind~~  $i=0 \Rightarrow$  Pass No. 1  $\Rightarrow$  sort array till index 1

For,  $i=1 \Rightarrow$  Pass No. 2  $\Rightarrow$  sort array till index 2,

⋮  
and so on....

\* NOTE \*  $i$  will run from 0 till  $n-2$ . Becoz after where,  $n = \text{length of array}$ .  
that  $j+1$  give index out of bound.



## Example

5, 3, 4, 1, 2

\* Pass 1  
i=0, j=1

i j  
5, 3, 4, 1, 2

$3 < 5 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

j  
3, 5, 4, 1, 2

Now, j=0  
so, we don't check  
 $j > 0 \rightarrow \text{always}$

\* Pass 2  
i=1, j=2

i j  
3, 5, 4, 1, 2

$4 < 5 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

j  
3, 4, 5, 1, 2

Now, j=1

$4 < 3 \Rightarrow \text{No}$

↓  
Break the loop

\* NOTE \* when element j not smaller than element j-1, break the loop.

\* Reason \*

This LHS array is already sorted

\* Pass 3  
i=2, j=3

i j  
3, 4, 5, 1, 2

$1 < 5 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

Now, j=2

j  
3, 4, 1, 5, 2

$1 < 4 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

Now, j=1

j  
3, 1, 4, 5, 2

$1 < 3 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

Now, j=0

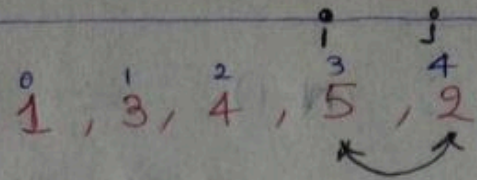
j  
1, 3, 4, 5, 2

j has to be  $> 0$   
Hence, Break



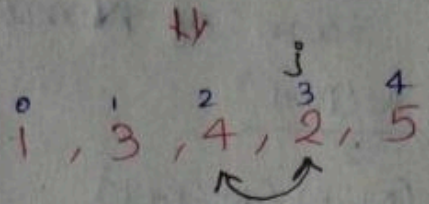
\* Pass 4 :

$i=3$ ,  $j=4$



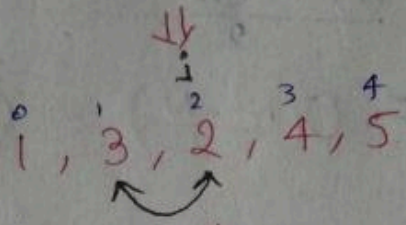
$2 < 5 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

Now,  $j=3$



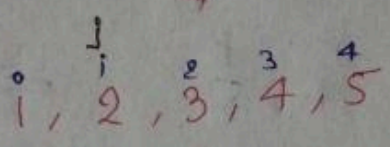
$2 < 4 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

Now,  $j=2$



$2 < 3 \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Swap}$

Now,  $j=1$



$2 < 1 \Rightarrow \text{No}$

Break the loop

Now, if we take  $i=4$ , then  $j$  will be index out of bound.

Hence,  $i < n-2$

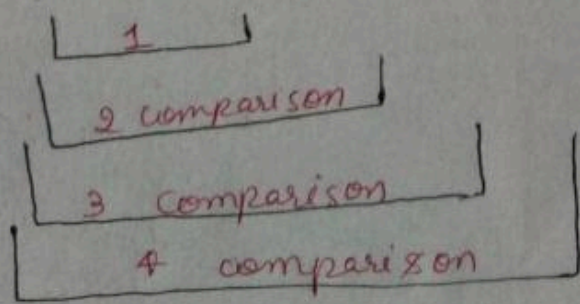
\* ANS  $\Rightarrow$   $[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$

\* Complexity of Insertion Sort :

\* Worst Case  $= O(n^2)$ ,  $n = \text{no. of elements}$

Example : descending sorted

5, 4, 3, 2, 1





1, 2, 3, ----- (N-1) ← comparisons

Total comparisons = Sum of ~~N~~ nos.

$$= \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(N-1)(N-x+x)}{2} = \frac{N(N-1)}{2}$$

$$= O\left(\frac{N^2 - N}{2}\right) = O(N^2)$$

\* Best case : when the array is already sorted

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

⇒ (N-1) comparison

$$= O(N)$$

\* Why Use Insertion Sort?

→ Adaptive : Steps get reduced if array is sorted.  
i.e., No. of swaps reduced as compared to bubble sort.

→ It is Stable.

→ Used for smaller values of N.

works good when array is partially sorted.

That's why, it takes part in Hybrid Sorting algorithms.