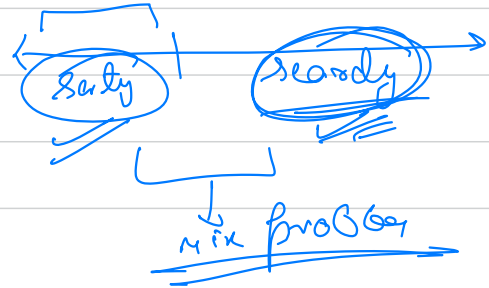


# Course → Sorting & Searching

- a lot of algorithms to be discussed for sorting & searching
- focus more on problem solving, rather than syntactical details
- for each concept we will see different

application



→ for this course → codes & notes will be  
pushed on a new github link.

[https://github.com/codechef-learn-competitive-programming/plus-course-content/tree/main/sorting\\_and\\_searching\\_in\\_python](https://github.com/codechef-learn-competitive-programming/plus-course-content/tree/main/sorting_and_searching_in_python)

↓  
link → codes + notes

# Sorting  $\rightarrow$  as arranging a set of elements in any one particular order or permutation.

$[ p_1 \quad p_2 \quad p_3 \quad \dots \quad p_n ] \rightarrow$   $n$  players

arrange the players based on their ranking.

$[ p_3 \quad p_1 \quad p_7 \quad \dots ]$   $\swarrow$  one way of sorts

Q<sup>3</sup> You have a list of integers and you're supposed to sort them in ascending order.

of values

→ 2 1 0 3 -1 6

→ -1 0 1 2 3 6 → sorted form

Brute force → In order to sort a list based on any criteria, we can try all the permutations of list, & for every permutation, check if it is the desired result or not.

→ Sorting is one of the most relevant problems in  
computer science.

Application

→ Ecommerce

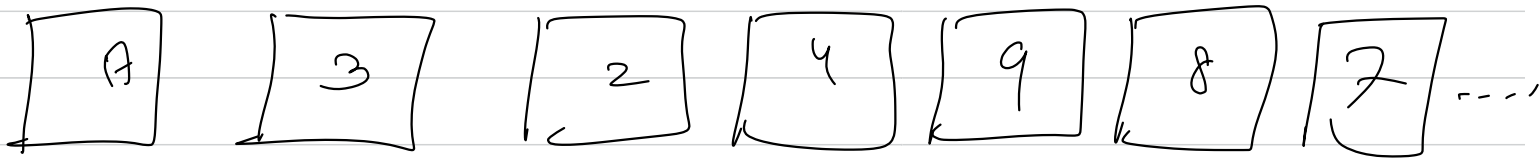
→ Ebooking

→ file management

etc

Criteria of sorting can be any comparable property  
of the given object

↳ number of diamond



→ Sorting any object

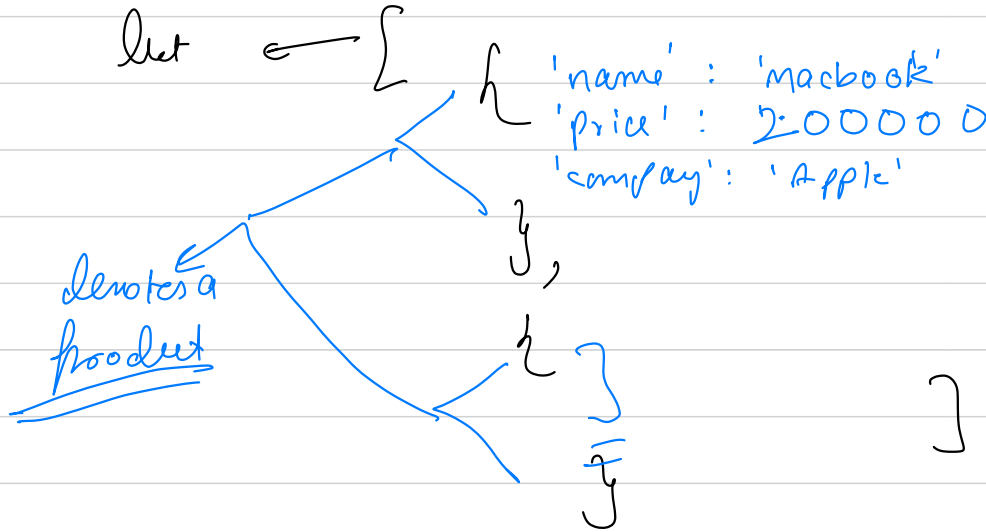
when we prepare our algorithm for sorting the

major things to keep in mind will be

- time complexity
- space complexity

# Comparators → Assume list of dictionaries

we will discuss later





custom objects  $\rightarrow$  ex  $\rightarrow$  products, persons, buyers etc,  
& you want to sort them based on any  
property, then we use the concept of  
comparators, where comparators are functions  
which compares two complex objects -

Q.2 What is the default value of reverse parameter in `list.sort()` function.

a) True

b) false 

reverse parameter  $\rightarrow$  default parameter

X reverse = True

asc

→ Type of Sorting algorithms

(1) Comparison Based → Ex → bubble, selection, insertion etc

(2) Counting Based → Ex → radix, counting, bucket etc

1    2    2    1    5  
 $P_1$   $P_2$   $P_3$   $P_4$   $P_5$

$\begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ P_1 \\ P_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \dots$  certain range of rank

$P_1$   $P_4$   $P_2$   $P_3$   $P_5$

1 - 10  
bucket

⇒ While considering any sorting algorithms we need to look for certain criteria

→ Space Complexity

Time Complexity

No. of comparisons

No of swaps

In place or not? → the same list is used for sorting

Stability of the sorting algo

# Stability  $\rightarrow$  Stability means the relative ordering of 2 same elements is maintained. i.e. if 2 objects are equal according to the parameter of sorting then their relative order is maintained.

original order  $\rightarrow$   $P_1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Macbook} \\ 200000 \\ \text{Apple} \end{array} \right\}$   $P_2 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ASUS rog} \\ 200000 \\ \text{ASUS} \end{array} \right\}$   $P_3 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{macbook air} \\ 100000 \\ \text{Apple} \end{array} \right\}$

$\rightarrow [P_3, P_1, P_2] \rightarrow \text{sort} \rightarrow \text{based on } \underline{\text{price}} \rightarrow$

$\rightarrow [P_1, P_2, P_3] \rightarrow \text{stable sort}$

$[P_2, P_1, P_3] \rightarrow \text{unstable sort}$

# # Selection sort

→ It is a comparison based sorting algorithm

Sort based on  
ASC order

[ 9, 2, 6, 7, 2, 1, 0, 3 ]

sorted part

y

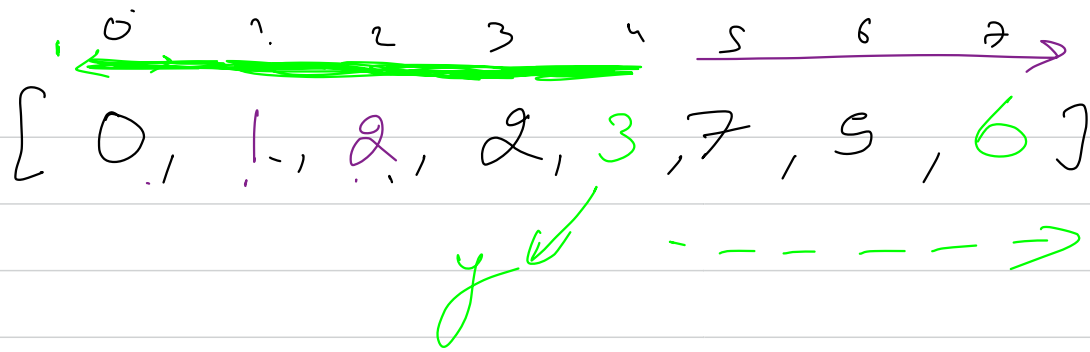
min of unsorted part →

all elements in  
Sorted < y

this is the  
next spot to  
be handled

unsorted part

→ you want to bring the  
right candidate at this  
position.



y  $\rightarrow$  first element from unsorted part

find the min in the unsorted part, swap cells 7

Temp = 0

→

5	2	6	7	2	1	0	3
0	2	6	7	2	1	5	3
0	1	6	2	2	2	5	3
0	1	2	7	6	2	5	3
0	1	2	2	6	7	5	3
0	1	2	2	3	7	5	6
0	1	2	2	3	5	7	6
0	1	2	2	3	5	6	7

0 → sink already sorted



$$\rightarrow n + n-1 + n-2 \dots \dots \dots 1$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{n \times (n+1)}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{n^2 + n}{2} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(n^2)}}$$

Worst Case

$$TC \rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(n^2)}}$$

$$SC \rightarrow O(1)$$

Inplace  $\rightarrow$  Yes

$$\text{No. of swaps} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(n)}}$$

$$\text{No. of comparisons} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(n^2)}}$$

Stability  $\rightarrow$  Not Stable

```

1 def find_min_element(arr, start):
2     """
3     arr is the list
4     start is the starting index of the uns
5     """
6     min_index = start
7
8     start += 1
9
10    while(start < len(arr)):
11        if arr[start] < arr[min_index]:
12            min_index = start
13
14        start += 1
15
16    return min_index

```

arr, 0

$\begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ [5, 4, 3, 2] \end{matrix}$   
 $\underline{\underline{\text{min\_index} = 0}}$   $\swarrow$  2  
 $\text{start} = 0$   $\swarrow$  1  $\swarrow$  2  $\swarrow$  3 ...  
 $\text{arr}[1] < \text{arr}[0]$   
 $4 < 5 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{\text{yes}}}$



Best Case  $\rightarrow$  TC  $\rightarrow$   ~~$O(n^2)$~~

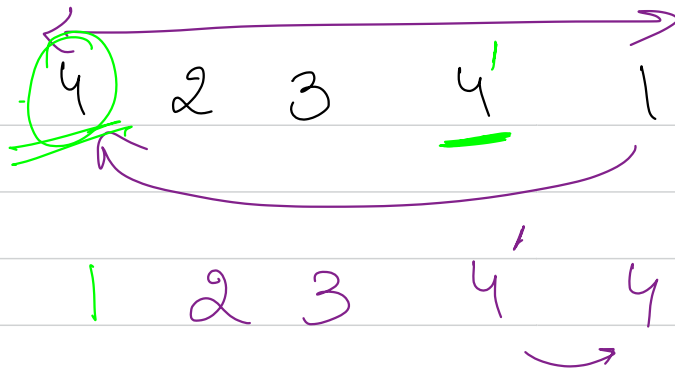
Avg Case  $\rightarrow$   $O(n^2)$

1 2 3 4 5

Stability  $\rightarrow$

a) True  $\rightarrow$  if stable  
b) false  $\rightarrow$  unstable

Not Stable



How  $\rightarrow$  Try to make selection sort stable?

# Bubble Sort  $\rightarrow$  Comparison based sort.

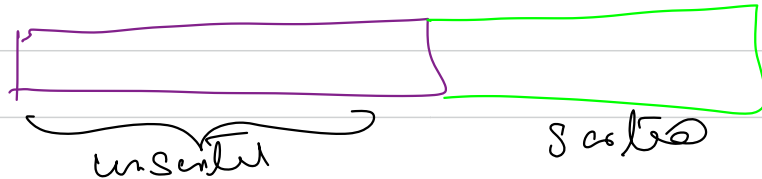
after one iteration the biggest element of unsorted

region is at 14, 33, 27, 35, 10

the last correct  
position

14, 27, 33, 35, 10

14, 27, 33, 10, 35



→ 14, 33, 27, 35, 10

14, 33, 27, 35, 10

Swap

→ 14, 27, 33, 35, 10

→ 14, 27, 33, 35, 10

Swap

14, 27, 33, 10, 35

14, 27, 33, 10, 35

14, 27, 33, 10, 35

Swap

14, 27, 10, 33, 35

14, 27, 10, 33, 35

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14, 10, 27, 33, 35

Swap

10, 14, 27, 33, 35

Swap

$$n + (n-1) + n-2 + n-3 - \dots$$

$$O(n^2)$$

$$TC \rightarrow \begin{matrix} O(n^2) \\ O(n^2) \\ O(n) \end{matrix}$$

$$SC \rightarrow O(1)$$

Inplace → Yes

No of comparisons →  $O(n^2)$

Swaps →  $O(n^2)$

Stability → Yes Stable

5, 4, 3, 2, 1

4, 5, 3, 2, 1

4, 3, 5, 2, 1

4, 3, 2, ~~5~~, 5

}

→ n swaps

3, 4, 2, 1, 5

3, 2, 4, 1, 5

3, 2, 1, 4, 5

~~2~~, 3, 1, 4, 5

2, 1, 3, 4, 5

}

n-1 swaps

}

= n-2 swaps

⋮



4 2 3 4' 1

2 4 3 4 1

~~2~~ 3 4 4 1

2 3 4 4 1

2 3 4 1 4' =

2 3 4 1 4' ,

2, 3, 1 4 4' ,

2, 1, 3 4 4' ,

1, 2, 3 4 4' ,

swapped = false

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

break