

Bubble Sort

Sorting: It is a process of arranging items systematically.

Bubble Sort: It is the simplest algorithm that works by repeatedly swapping the adjacent elements if they are in wrong order.

Example:

First pass:

3, 1, 5, 4, 2

1, 3, 5, 4, 2

1, 3, 4, 5, 2

1, 3, 4, 2, 5

with first pass through the entire array, the largest element (here, 5) came to the end

Second pass:

1, 3, 4, 2, 5

1, 3, 2, 4, 5

with second pass second largest element comes at second from last index.

Third pass:

1, 3, 2, 4, 5

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

sorted !!

don't need to compare again & again since it is already sorted.

~~1. Sort~~ Bubble sort is also known as Sinking Sort or Exchange Sort.

let's understand more deeply how actually bubble sort works!!

counter
 $i = 0$
1st pass

$i \quad j$
3, 1, 5, 4, 2
0 1 2 3 4

swap ↓

1, 3, 5, 4, 2

↓ swap

1, 3, 4, 5, 2

↓ swap

1, 3, 4, 2, 5

internal loop
(it runs $[n-1]$ times)

$i = 1$
2nd pass

1, 3, 4, 2, 5

↓ swap

1, 3, 2, 4, 5

j will only check this because elements after this already sorted.

$i = 2$
3rd pass

1, 3, 2, 4, 5

↓ swap

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Complexity:

- Space Complexity: $O(1)$ // constant
⇒ since here no extra space is required.
i.e., like copying the array etc. is not required.
also known as inplace sorting algorithm

- Time Complexity:

① Best Case → Array is sorted.

$i=0$
first pass

1, 2, 3, 4, 5
j j j j

→ only once it ran
we don't need to
check it again.

NOTE: when j never swaps for value of i, it means array is sorted.
Hence, you can end the program.

★ Best Case Comparisons = $N-1 \Rightarrow (N)$

since in time complexity constants are ignored, we don't want exact time, we just want relationship i.e., mathematical function.

② Worst Case → Sorting descending order array to ascending order.

$i=0$
first pass

5, 4, 3, 2, 1

4, 5, 3, 2, 1

4, 3, 5, 2, 1

4, 3, 2, 5, 1

4, 3, 2, 1, 5

⇒ $(N-1)$ swaps

$i = 1$
second pass

4, 3, 2, 1, 5 ← already sorted
run loop only for this.

3, 4, 2, 1, 5

3, 2, 4, 1, 5

3, 2, 1, 4, 5 $\Rightarrow (N-2)$ swaps

3, 2, 1, 4, 5

2, 3, 1, 4, 5

2, 1, 3, 4, 5 $\Rightarrow (N-3)$ swaps

$i = 3$
fourth pass

2, 1, 3, 4, 5

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 $\Rightarrow (N-4)$ swaps

$$\text{total comparisons} = N-1 + N-2 + N-3 + N-4$$

$$= 4N - (1+2+3+4)$$

$$= 4N - \left[\frac{N \times (N+1)}{2} \right]$$

$$= 4N - \frac{N^2 + N}{2}$$

$$= O\left(\frac{7N - N^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\text{total comparisons} = O(N^2)}$$

↳ In time complexity, constant & less dominating terms are ignored.

stable
sorting
Algo :

(10) (20) (20) (30) (10)

↓ after sorting

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⇒ Here after sorting the order is maintained.
⇒ Order is same when value is same

Unstable
sorting
Algo :

(10) (20) (20) (30) (10)

↓ after sorting

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