

3. Algorithmic question.

We can sort an integer array in time $O(n+R)$ using Counting sort Algorithm, where n is the size of array and R is the range of array (min - max).

Proof:-

$A = [2, 1, 0, 5, 4, 8, 7, 9, 3]$
 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

func CountSort(A)

$n = \text{size}(A)$, $\min = +\infty$, $\max = -\infty$, $\gamma = 0$

First find min and max from A

51 for ($i=0$ $i < n$ $i++$) n times

if $A[i] < \min \Rightarrow \min = A[i]$

if $A[i] > \max \Rightarrow \max = A[i]$

$\min = 0$ $\max = 9 \Rightarrow \gamma = \max - \min = 9$

Initialize empty array Count of size $\gamma+1$ with zeros.

Count = Array($\gamma+1$)

Count =

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

52 for ($i=0$ $i < n$ $i++$) n times

++Count[A[i]]

Count =

1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
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 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Update the Count Array with cumulative sum at each index

53 for ($i=1$ $i \leq R$ $i++$) R times

Count[i] = Count[i] + Count[i-1]

Count =

1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9
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 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

∴ Now initialize an Output Array with the same size as A

Output = Array(size(n))

Output = [0|0|0|0|0|0|0|0|0|0]

∴ Now traverse the A in reverse and assign values in output array using below mechanism.

≡ S4 for (i = n-1 i >= 0 i--) n times
 Output[--count[A[i]]] = A[i]

Output = [0|1|2|3|4|5|7|8|9]

∴ Output is the sorted Array.

COMPLEXITY ANALYSIS :-

In the above algorithm we have 4 looping statement

• S1, S2, S3, S4

S1 = n , S2 = n , S3 = R , S4 = n

Hence the time complexity can be defined as

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$$\boxed{O(n+n+R+n) = O(n+R)}$$

∴ The above algorithm is not valid for negative integers, but with some modifications (like normalizing the values) we can also make it work for negative integers.