

19 Given an array of integers nums, half of the integers in nums are odd, and the other half are even.

**Program:**

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def sort_array_by_parity(nums):
    # Initialize two pointers
    left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1

    while left < right:
        # Move left pointer until it points to an odd number
        while left < right and nums[left] % 2 == 0:
            left += 1

        # Move right pointer until it points to an even
        number
        while left < right and nums[right] % 2 != 0:
            right -= 1

        # Swap the elements at the left and right pointers
        nums[left], nums[right] = nums[right], nums[left]

        # Move both pointers inward
        left += 1
        right -= 1

    return nums

# Example usage
nums = [3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 5]
sorted_nums = sort_array_by_parity(nums)
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print("Sorted array with even numbers first:",  
sorted_nums)
```

### **Output:**

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"C:\Program Files\Python312\python.exe" "C:\Work Space\DAA COADS.PYTHON\program 19.py"  
Sorted array with even numbers first: [8, 6, 2, 4, 1, 7, 3, 5]  
  
Process finished with exit code 0
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### **Time complexity:**

**$O(1)$**