

Counting Sort

Key Points

The $O(N)$ sort.

Note: Only limited to small positive integers only.

Input: Given an array.

Output: print the sorted array.

Time Complexity: $O(N)$

Space Complexity: $O(\max(\text{Arr}))$

```
void countSort(int arr[], int n) {
    int k = arr[0];
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        k = max(k, arr[i]);
    }
    int count[k] = {0};
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        count[arr[i]]++;
    }
    for (int i = 1; i <= k; i++) {
        count[i] += count[i - 1];
    }
    int output[n];
    for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        output[--count[arr[i]]] = arr[i];
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        arr[i] = output[i];
    }
}
```

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1. Find the count of every distinct element in the array
2. Calculate the position of each element in sorted array

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1 3 2 3 4 1 6 4 3

Count array

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| 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Position

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

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

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Count array

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| 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Position

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| 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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