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public static void Problem4A(int[] a) {

    // pick the largest value of the current 3 indices and swap around them
    // O(N)
    for(int i = 1; i < a.length; i = i+2) {
        int x = i-1;
        int y;
        if( i != a.length-1)
            y = i+1;
        else
            y = i;
        int z = Math.max(a[x],Math.max(a[i],a[y]));
        int index = 0;

        if(z == a[x]) index = x;
        else if (z == a[y]) index = y;
        else index = i;

        if(index != i) {
            int temp = a[i];
            a[i] = a[index];
            a[index] = temp;
        }
    }
}

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1. This code runs a single loop that checks chunks of 3 – $i-1$, i , and $i+1$ and increments i by 2. It searches for whichever the maximum value is and swaps it to the midpoint (which would be ' i '). The loop will run in $O(N)$ time since it's a single loop bounded by the length of the input array.
2. This solution is a linear time one. However, a different solution would be to sort the array first and swap the elements ahead by 1 to get the scrambled array. This would be $N \log N + N$ time.