

3) ~~Input: l array~~

1 $O = []$

2 for i in $1 \dots n$ do

3 $index = \text{Random}(n - i + 1)$

4 $O[i] = l[index]$

5 $\text{swap}(index, n - i + 1)$

6 return O

l is input array

swap the chosen element with the last element in the list

b) Line 1: $O(n)$

Line 2: $O(n)$

Line 3-6: $O(1)$

We have a for-loop over all n numbers.

In the loop, all operations take constant time, therefore the algorithm is in $O(n)$.

c) In each iteration, the algorithm picks an ~~random position~~ index of a number not yet chosen and inserts it at the i -th position in the output array. The probability for a number to be selected for the i -th position is $\frac{1}{n-i+1}$.

Therefore the probability for any output permutation is

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n-i+1} = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n-i} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{n!}$$

\Rightarrow uniform output prob. distribution

to avoid choosing duplicate elements.

~~This probability~~ At the end, we swap the currently selected element with the $n-i+1$ -th element to ensure that all already selected elements are at the end of the input array