

Correctness of Selection Sort:

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Pseudo Code :

$n = A.length$

for $i = 0$ to $n - 2$

$min = i$

 for $j = i + 1$ to $n - 1$

 if $A[j] < A[min]$

$min = j$

 if $min \neq i$

 swap $A[i]$ w/ $A[min]$

loop invariant for inner loop (4-6)

Initialization : Before 1st iteration of inner loop (when $j = i + 1$), $min = i$ smallest element in subarray ' $A[i \dots n]$ ' → single element.

Maintenance : Each iteration of inner loop $A[j]$ is smaller than $A[min]$, algo updates min to j .
 $min =$ always smallest in $A[i \dots j]$

Termination: When inner loop terminates (when $j = n$), min points to index of smallest in $A[i \dots n-1]$

Outer loop (2-8):

Initialization: Before 1st iteration of outer loop (when $i = 0$) the subarray $A[0 \dots i-1]$ is empty, An empty array is sorted.

Maintenance:

Subarray $A[0 \dots i]$: smallest $i+1$ elements in sorted order, each element in $A[0 \dots i]$ is less than equal to each element in $A[i+1 \dots n-1]$ thus loop invariant is maintained.

Termination:

When the outer loop terminates after $i = n-1$, the loop invariant guarantees that the subarray

$A[0 \dots n-2]$ is sorted and that every element $A[0 \dots n-2]$ is less than or equal to remaining element $A[n-1]$. Since $A[n-1]$ is already the largest element in the array, the entire array is sorted.

Time Complexity:

Worst case $\Rightarrow O(n^2)$ Outer loop runs $n-1$ times & the inner loop performs a linear search over the unsorted part of the array for each iteration of the outer loop.
