

# Sorting + Greedy contest

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Can you figure out how to solve this problem with only one pass?

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Just implement any of the sorting algorithms: bubble, insertion or selection.

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Number of inversions is a measure of how well the array is sorted.  
Stay tuned for a surprise reveal!

## D. Selection sort

Implement the selection sort. Increase counter by 1 whenever the position of the minimum element among  $i \dots n - 1$  is not equal to  $i$  (in this case we actually swap elements at two distinct positions).

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Now you see that insertion sort is effective when the number of inversions is low, which means that an array is “almost sorted”.

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Consider any better answer. We can transform this answer so it only contains a prefix in sorted order, which is exactly what we are doing.

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Fun fact  $d(x)$ , the digital root of  $x$  is almost the same as  $x \bmod 9$ .

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Otherwise, we extend the union to the right.

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