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## Idea

- Given an array of  $n$  items:
  - Compare pair of adjacent items.
  - Swap if the items are out of order.
  - Repeat until the end of array.
    - The largest item will be at the last position in the end of each iteration.
  - Reduce  $n$  by 1 and go to *step 1*.
- Analogy:
  - Large item is like “bubble” that floats to the end of the array.

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Comparing 29 and 10, and swapping them

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Comparing 29 and 37, and do nothing



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Comparing 37 and 13, and swapping them

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Largest element now in the end, performing again

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Comparing 14 and 29, and do nothing

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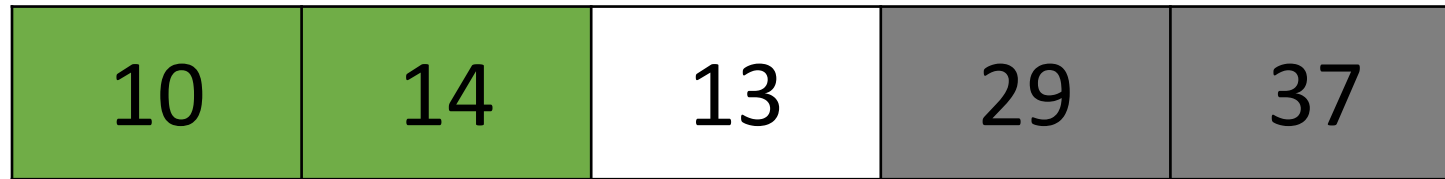
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Comparing 10 and 14, and do nothing

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# Bubble Sort Implementation

```
void bubble_sort(vector<int>& arr)
{
    for (int i = arr.size() - 1; i >= 1; i--)
        for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)
            if (arr[j - 1] > arr[j])
                swap(arr[j], arr[j - 1]);
}
```

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## Analysis

- Bubble sort is performing  $n - i - 1$  operations for each.
- So time complexity of this sort is  $(n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 1 = O(n^2)$ .



# Bubble Sort Optimization

- If we go through the inner loop with no swapping, then the array is already sorted and we can stop early.

```
void bubble_sort(vector<int>& arr)
{
    for (int i = arr.size() - 1; i >= 1; i--)
    {
        bool is_sorted = true;
        for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)
            if (arr[j - 1] > arr[j])
            {
                swap(arr[j], arr[j - 1]);
                is_sorted = false;
            }
        if (is_sorted) return;
    }
}
```

# Bubble Sort Optimization

- Worst-case:
  - Input is in descending order.
  - Running time remains the same:  $O(n^2)$ .
- Best-case:
  - Input is already in ascending order.
  - The algorithm returns after a single outer iteration.
  - Running time:  $O(n)$ .