Bubble Sort

Bubble Sort is the simplest sorting algorithm that works by repeatedly swapping the adjacent elements if they are in wrong order.

Example:

First Pass:

(**5 1** 4 2 8) –> (**1 5** 4 2 8), Here, algorithm compares the first two elements, and swaps since 5 > 1.

(1 **5 4** 2 8) –> (1 **4 5** 2 8), Swap since 5 > 4

(1 4 **5 2** 8) –> (1 4 **2 5** 8), Swap since 5 > 2

(1 4 2 **5 8**) –> (1 4 2 **5 8**), Now, since these elements are already in order (8 > 5), algorithm does not swap them.

Second Pass:

(**1 4** 2 5 8) –> (**1 4** 2 5 8)

(1 **4 2** 5 8) –> (1 **2 4** 5 8), Swap since 4 > 2

(1 2 **4 5** 8) –> (1 2 **4 5** 8)

(1 2 4 **5 8**) –> (1 2 4 **5 8**)

Now, the array is already sorted, but our algorithm does not know if it is completed. The algorithm needs one **whole** pass without **any** swap to know it is sorted.

Third Pass:

(**1 2** 4 5 8) –> (**1 2** 4 5 8)

(1 **2 4** 5 8) –> (1 **2 4** 5 8)

(1 2 **4 5** 8) –> (1 2 **4 5** 8)

(1 2 4 **5 8**) –> (1 2 4 **5 8**)

Recommended: Please solve it on "*PRACTICE*" first, before moving on to the solution.

Following are C/C++, Python and Java implementations of Bubble Sort.

C/C++

```
// C program for implementation of Bubble sort
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
```

```
{
    int temp = *xp;
    *xp = *yp;
    *yp = temp;
}

// A function to implement bubble sort
void bubbleSort(int arr[], int n)
{
   int i, j;
   for (i = 0; i < n-1; i++)

       // Last i elements are already in place
       for (j = 0; j < n-i-1; j++)
           if (arr[j] > arr[j+1])
              swap(&arr[j], &arr[j+1]);
}

/* Function to print an array */
void printArray(int arr[], int size)
{
    for (int i=0; i < size; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    printf("\n");
}

// Driver program to test above functions
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90};
    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);
    bubbleSort(arr, n);
    printf("Sorted array: \n");
    printArray(arr, n);
    return 0;
}
```

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Java

```
// Java program for implementation of Bubble Sort
class BubbleSort
{
    void bubbleSort(int arr[])
    {
        int n = arr.length;
        for (int i = 0; i < n-1; i++)
            for (int j = 0; j < n-i-1; j++)
                if (arr[j] > arr[j+1])
                {
                    // swap temp and arr[i]
                    int temp = arr[j];
                    arr[j] = arr[j+1];
                    arr[j+1] = temp;
                }
    }

    /* Prints the array */
    void printArray(int arr[])
    {
        int n = arr.length;
        for (int i=0; i<n; ++i)
            System.out.print(arr[i] + " ");
        System.out.println();
    }

    // Driver method to test above
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        BubbleSort ob = new BubbleSort();
```

```
        int arr[] = {64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90};
        ob.bubbleSort(arr);
        System.out.println("Sorted array");
        ob.printArray(arr);
    }
}
/* This code is contributed by Rajat Mishra */
```

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Python

```
# Python program for implementation of Bubble Sort

def bubbleSort(arr):
    n = len(arr)

    # Traverse through all array elements
    for i in range(n):

        # Last i elements are already in place
        for j in range(0, n-i-1):

            # traverse the array from 0 to n-i-1
            # Swap if the element found is greater
            # than the next element
            if arr[j] > arr[j+1] :
                arr[j], arr[j+1] = arr[j+1], arr[j]

# Driver code to test above
arr = [64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90]

bubbleSort(arr)

print ("Sorted array is:")
for i in range(len(arr)):
    print ("%d" %arr[i]),
```

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Output:

```
Sorted array:
11 12 22 25 34 64 90
```

Illustration :

i = 0	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	5	3	1	9	8	2	4	7
	1	3	5	1	9	8	2	4	7
	2	3	1	5	9	8	2	4	7
	3	3	1	5	9	8	2	4	7
	4	3	1	5	8	9	2	4	7
	5	3	1	5	8	2	9	4	7
	6	3	1	5	8	2	4	9	7
i =1	0	3	1	5	8	2	4	7	9
	1	1	3	5	8	2	4	7	
	2	1	3	5	8	2	4	7	
	3	1	3	5	8	2	4	7	
	4	1	3	5	2	8	4	7	
	5	1	3	5	2	4	8	7	
i = 2	0	1	3	5	2	4	7	8	
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	2	1	3	5	2	4	7		
	3	1	3	2	5	4	7		
	4	1	3	2	4	5	7		
i = 3	0	1	3	2	4	5	7		
	1	1	3	2	4	5			
	2	1	2	3	4	5			
	3	1	2	3	4	5			
i = 4	0	1	2	3	4	5			
	1	1	2	3	4				
	2	1	2	3	4				
i = 5	0	1	2	3	4				
	1	1	2	3					
i = 6	0	1	2	3					
		1	2						

Optimized Implementation:

The above function always runs O(n^2) time even if the array is sorted. It can be optimized by stopping the algorithm if inner loop didn't cause any swap.

```
// Optimized implementation of Bubble sort
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
{
    int temp = *xp;
    *xp = *yp;
    *yp = temp;
}

// An optimized version of Bubble Sort
void bubbleSort(int arr[], int n)
{
   int i, j;
   bool swapped;
   for (i = 0; i < n-1; i++)
   {
     swapped = false;
     for (j = 0; j < n-i-1; j++)
     {
        if (arr[j] > arr[j+1])
        {
           swap(&arr[j], &arr[j+1]);
           swapped = true;
        }
     }

     // IF no two elements were swapped by inner loop, then break
     if (swapped == false)
        break;
   }
}

/* Function to print an array */
void printArray(int arr[], int size)
```

```
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < size; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    printf("\n");
}

// Driver program to test above functions
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90};
    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);
    bubbleSort(arr, n);
    printf("Sorted array: \n");
    printArray(arr, n);
    return 0;
}
```

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Output:

```
Sorted array:
11 12 22 25 34 64 90
```

Worst and Average Case Time Complexity: O(n*n). Worst case occurs when array is reverse sorted.

Best Case Time Complexity: O(n). Best case occurs when array is already sorted.

Auxiliary Space: O(1)

Boundary Cases: Bubble sort takes minimum time (Order of n) when elements are already sorted.

Sorting In Place: Yes

Stable: Yes

Due to its simplicity, bubble sort is often used to introduce the concept of a sorting algorithm.
In computer graphics it is popular for its capability to detect a very small error (like swap of just two elements) in almost-sorted arrays and fix it with just linear complexity (2n). For example, it is used in a polygon filling algorithm, where bounding lines are sorted by their x coordinate at a specific scan line (a line parallel to x axis) and with incrementing y their order changes (two elements are swapped) only at intersections of two lines (Source: Wikipedia)

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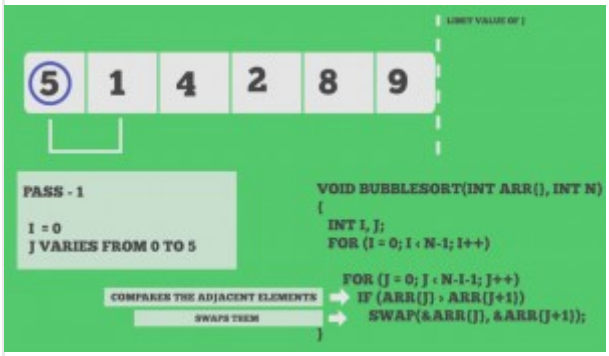

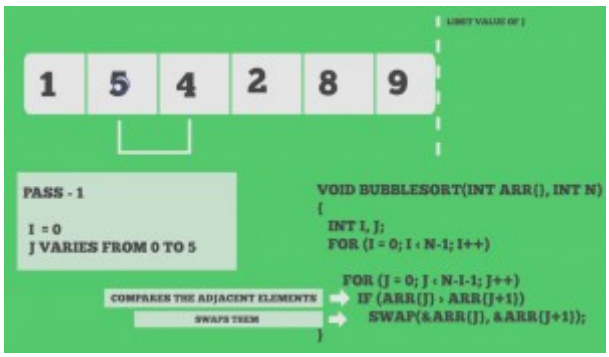

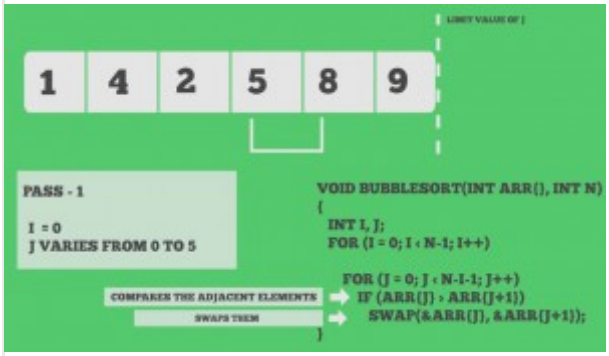

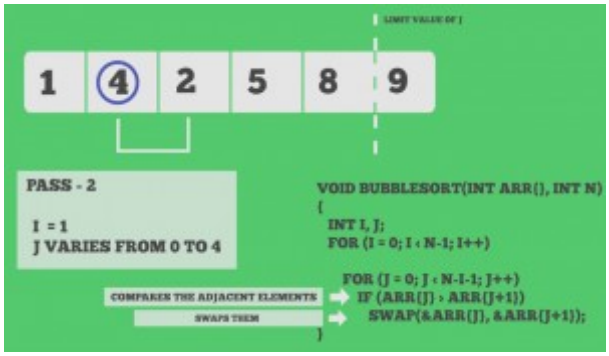

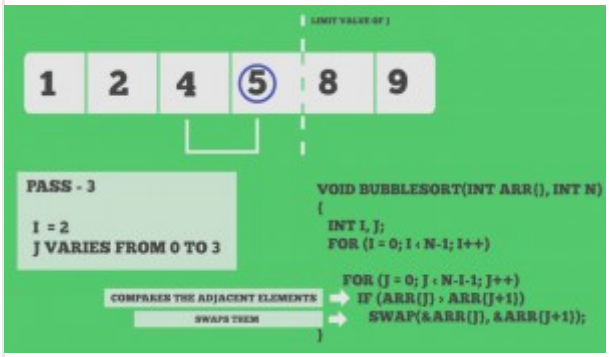

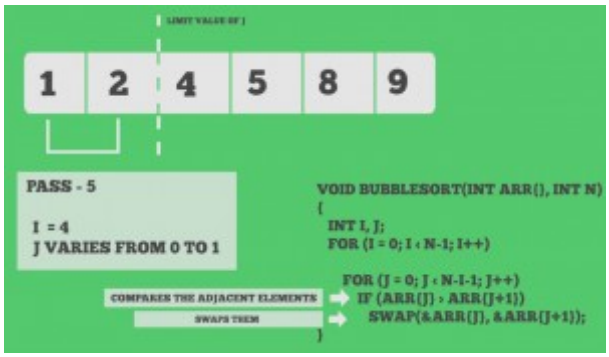

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Reference:

- Wikipedia – Bubble Sort
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