

Bubble Sort is the simplest [sorting algorithm](#) that works by repeatedly swapping the adjacent elements if they are in the wrong order. This algorithm is not suitable for large data sets as its average and worst-case time complexity is quite high.

Bubble Sort Complexity

Time Complexity	
Best	$O(n)$
Worst	$O(n^2)$
Average	$O(n^2)$
Space Complexity	
$O(1)$	
Stability	
Yes	

```
int bubble_sort(int arr[])
{
    int N = arr.length;
    int temp;

    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        for(j=0; j<n-i-1; j++)
        {
            if(a[j]>a[j+1])
            {
                t=a[j];
                a[j]=a[j+1];
                a[j+1]=t;
            }
        }
    }
    return arr;
}
```

Pseudocode

```
def bubbleSort(nums):
    n = len(nums)
    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(0, n-i-1):
            if arr[j] > arr[j+1]:
                swap(arr[j] & arr[j+1])
```

Input: arr[] = {6, 3, 0, 5}

First Pass:

- *Bubble sort starts with very first two elements, comparing them to check which one is greater.*
 - *(6 3 0 5) → (3 6 0 5), Here, algorithm compares the first two elements, and swaps since $6 > 3$.*
 - *(3 6 0 5) → (3 0 6 5), Swap since $6 > 0$*
 - *(3 0 6 5) → (3 0 5 6), Swap since $6 > 5$*

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Second Pass:

- *Now, during second iteration it should look like this:*
 - *(3 0 5 6) → (0 3 5 6), Swap since $3 > 0$*
 - *(0 3 5 6) → (0 3 5 6), No change as $5 > 3$*

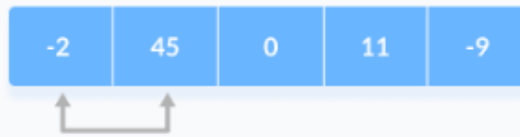
Third Pass:

- *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.*
 - *(0 3 5 6) → (0 3 5 6), No change as $3 > 0$*

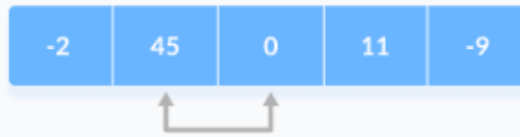
Array is now sorted and no more pass will happen.

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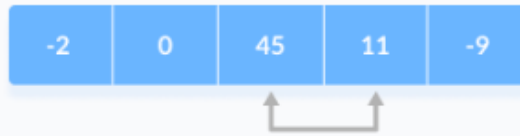
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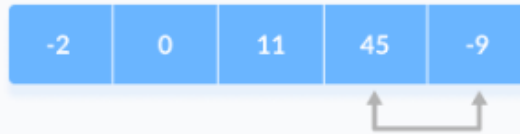
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i = 2



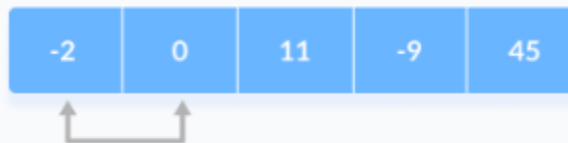
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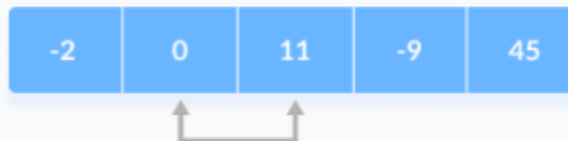
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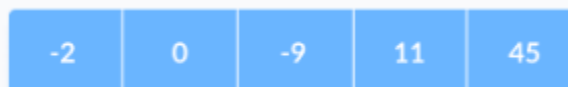
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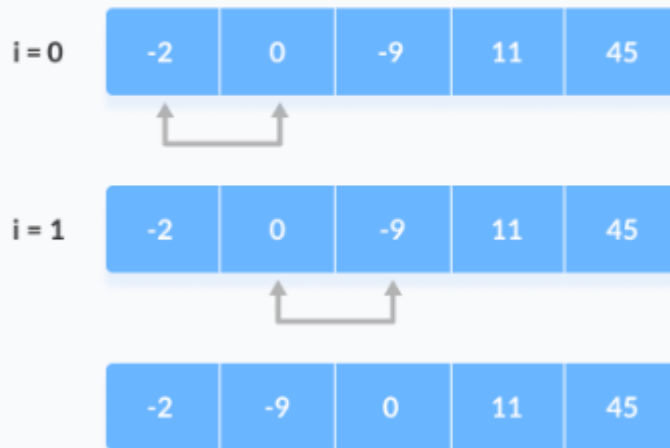
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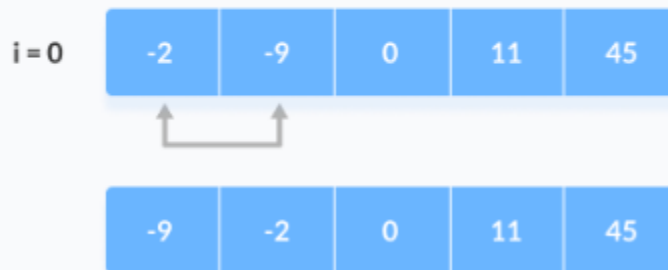
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step = 3



Advantages:

- Bubble sort is easy to understand and implement.
- It does not require any additional memory space.
- It's adaptability to different types of data.
- It is a stable sorting algorithm, meaning that elements with the same key value maintain their relative order in the sorted output.

Disadvantages

- Bubble sort has a time complexity of $O(n^2)$ which makes it very slow for large data sets.
- It is not efficient for large data sets, because it requires multiple passes through the data.
- Bubble sort is a comparison-based sorting algorithm, which means that it requires a comparison operator to determine the relative order of elements in the input data set. While this is not necessarily a disadvantage, it can limit the efficiency of the algorithm in certain cases.