

## Arrange Numbers in Array

**Problem Description:** You are given with a number  $n$ , put all elements from 1 to  $n$  in an array in order - 1,3,.....4,2

For example, if  $N=6$ , then the output must be: 1 3 5 6 4 2

### How to approach?

To arrange the numbers in the given sequence, we can continue by taking 2 indices one from start( $i$ ) and the other from the end( $j$ ). Start with number =1, print it on the first index( $i$ ), then increment the number and index  $i$ , now print the number on the last index( $j$ ), again increment the number and decrement  $j$ , print number on the 2nd index( $i$ ) and so on continue till  $i$  crosses  $j$ .

### Pseudo Code for this problem:

*Function arrange:*

*$i=0, j=n-1$*

*$number=1$*

*While  $i$  is less than  $j$ :*

*$arr[i]=number$*

*Increment number by 1*

*Increment  $i$  by 1.*

*$arr[j]= number$*

*Increment number by 1*

*Decrement  $j$  by 1*

*If  $i$  is equal to  $j$ :*

*$arr[i]=number$*

❑ Let us dry run the code for  $N= 6$

$i=0, j=5$

$number=1$

→  $arr[0]=1$

$i=1, number=2$

→  $arr[5]=2$

$j=4, number=3$

→ arr[1]=3  
i=2, number=4

→ arr[4]=4  
j=3, number=5

→ arr[2]=5  
i=3, number=6

→ i=j  
arr[3]=6

Final output:  
arr[]=1 3 5 6 4 2