

1. Recursive algorithm for BubbleSort.

// sorts A

BubbleSort(A) :

$n = |A|$

BS(n)

// BS(i) : sorts $A[1 \dots i]$ using bubble sort.

// assumes that A is global

1. BS(i) :

2. if $i = 0$: return

3. PutLast(i)

4. BS(i-1)

// assume that $A[(i+1) \dots n]$ is sorted initially.

// puts the largest element of $A[1 \dots i]$ at $A[i]$ so that $A[i \dots n]$ becomes sorted.

1. PutLast(j) :

2. if $j = 0$: return

3. PutLast(j-1)

4. if $A[j] > A[j+1]$

5. swap($A[j], A[j+1]$)

2. Proof of correctness of BubbleSort(A).

// If $A[(i+1) \dots n]$ is sorted initially, when calling BS(i), then $A[i \dots n]$ is finally sorted. We can also say this as, if $A[1 \dots (n-i)]$ (starting count from last index and moving backward) is sorted initially then $A[1 \dots (n-i+1)]$ will be sorted finally.

Base case : If $A[(n+1) \dots n]$ is sorted initially, then $A[n \dots n]$ is finally sorted. LHS is trivially true.

Induction Hypothesis : Assume that $\text{PutLast}(j)$ is correct whenever $j \leq k$.

Induction claim : To show that $\text{PutLast}(k+1)$ acts correctly, i.e., if $A[1 \dots (n - (k+1))]$ is sorted initially before calling $\text{PutLast}(k+1)$, then $A[1 \dots (n - (k+1) + 1)]$ will be sorted finally.
(here index counting is done starting from end and moving backward)

When $\text{PutLast}(k+1)$ is called :

Line 2 is no operation. In Line 3 $\text{PutLast}(k)$ will be called and by Induction Hypothesis $\text{PutLast}(k)$ will work correctly.

When $j=0$ condition is reached by recursive $\text{PutLast}(j)$ calls, after that the actual computation starts, for each $\text{PutLast}(j)$ calls Line 4 is executed (where $1 \leq j \leq k+1$) and if $A[j] > A[j+1]$ then the larger element moves toward right of the array (bubbles up) by the swapping operation of Line 5. If $A[j] \leq A[j+1]$ then, no swap takes place and the control returns to the previous recursive call. Thus when the computation of $\text{PutLast}(k+1)$ call takes place, then the largest element of $A[1 \dots (k+1)]$ is already placed at $A[k+1]$, so line 5 is not executed and the control returns to $\text{BS}(i)$.

Now after Line 3 of $\text{BS}(i)$ method the largest element of $A[1 \dots (k+1)]$ is placed at $A[k+1]$ or $A[n - (k+1) + 1]$ (counting from the back). We know that the largest $(n - (k+1))$ elements were already present in $A[1 \dots (n - (k+1))]$ (counting from the back). Now after Line 3 $A[n - (k+1) + 1]$ becomes the minimum element of the subarray $A[1 \dots (n - (k+1) + 1)]$, thus $A[1 \dots (n - (k+1) + 1)]$ becomes sorted finally.

3. Time complexity analysis of recursive BubbleSort().

Let $T(n)$ denote the time complexity of BubbleSort()

Let $B(n)$ denote the time complexity of BS(n)

Let $P(n)$ denote the time complexity of PutLast(n)

$$T(n) = B(n) + O(1)$$

$$B(n) = B(n-1) + P(n)$$

$$P(n) = P(n-1) + c$$

$$= P(n-2) + c + c$$

$$= P(n-3) + c + c + c$$

\vdots

$$= P(n-k) + kc$$

for base case, $n-k=0 \Rightarrow k=n$

$$P(n) = P(0) + nc$$

$$= 1 + nc$$

$$P(n) \cong O(n)$$

$$\text{Now, } B(n) = B(n-1) + nc + 1$$

$$= B(n-2) + (n-1)c + nc + 1 + 1$$

$$= B(n-3) + (n-2)c + (n-1)c + nc + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$= B(n-k) + c[n + (n-1) + \dots + (n-k+1)] + k*1$$

for base case $n-k=0 \Rightarrow k=n$

$$\text{then } B(n) = B(0) + c[n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 2 + 1] + n$$

$$= 1 + c * \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + n$$

$$B(n) \cong O(n^2)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } T(n) \cong O(n^2)$$

Time complexity of BubbleSort(A) is $O(n^2)$.