# **Sorting Algorithms with Tracing and Explanations**

Here are the sorting algorithms with added tracing and explanations to make them more readable and understandable:

#### **Bubble Sort**

```
* Bubble Sort Algorithm
 * Time Complexity: O(n^2) worst case, O(n) best case (when already sorted)
 * Space Complexity: O(1)
 * Algorithm:
 * 1. Compare adjacent elements and swap if they are in wrong order
 * 2. After each pass, the largest element bubbles up to its correct position
 * 3. Repeat until no more swaps are needed
 */
public static void bubbleSort(int[] arr) {
   System.out.println("Starting Bubble Sort...");
   System.out.println("Initial array: " + Arrays.toString(arr));
   for (int i = 1; i < arr.length; i++) {</pre>
       boolean swap = false;
        System.out.println("\nPass " + i + ":");
        for (int j = 0; j < arr.length - i; j++) {</pre>
           System.out.print(" Comparing elements at " + j + " and " + (j+1) + ": " +
arr[j] + "vs " + arr[j+1]);
            if (arr[j] > arr[j + 1]) {
                // Swap elements without temporary variable
                arr[j] = arr[j + 1] + arr[j] - (arr[j + 1] = arr[j]);
                swap = true;
                System.out.println(" -> Swapped");
                System.out.println(" -> No swap");
            }
        }
        System.out.println("Array after pass " + i + ": " + Arrays.toString(arr));
        if (!swap) {
            System.out.println("No swaps in this pass. Array is sorted.");
            break;
   }
   System.out.println("\nFinal sorted array: " + Arrays.toString(arr));
}
```

### **Selection Sort**

```
* Selection Sort Algorithm
 * Time Complexity: O(n^2) in all cases
 * Space Complexity: O(1)
 * Algorithm:
 st 1. Find the minimum element in the unsorted portion
 * 2. Swap it with the first element of the unsorted portion
 * 3. Repeat until the entire array is sorted
 */
public static void selectionSort(int[] arr) {
    System.out.println("Starting Selection Sort...");
    System.out.println("Initial array: " + Arrays.toString(arr));
    int n = arr.length;
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++) {</pre>
        System.out.println("\nPass " + (i+1) + ":");
        System.out.println("Looking for minimum in unsorted portion [" + i + "..." + (n-1) +
"]");
        int curr = i;
        for(int j = i+1; j < n; j++) {</pre>
            if(arr[j] < arr[curr]) {</pre>
                curr = j;
            }
        }
        System.out.println("Minimum found at index " + curr + " (value = " + arr[curr] +
")");
        if(curr != i) {
            // Swap elements without temporary variable
            arr[i] = arr[curr] + arr[i] - (arr[curr] = arr[i]);
            System.out.println("Swapped with element at index " + i);
        } else {
            System.out.println("Element already in correct position");
        System.out.println("Array after pass " + (i+1) + ": " + Arrays.toString(arr));
    }
    System.out.println("\nFinal sorted array: " + Arrays.toString(arr));
}
```

# **Insertion Sort**

```
/**
* Insertion Sort Algorithm
 * Time Complexity: O(n^2) worst case, O(n) best case (when already sorted)
 * Space Complexity: O(1)
 * Algorithm:
 * 1. Start from the second element (key)
 st 2. Compare with previous elements and shift them right if they are greater than key
 * 3. Insert the key in its correct position
 * 4. Repeat for all elements
 */
public static void insertionSort(int[] arr) {
   System.out.println("Starting Insertion Sort...");
   System.out.println("Initial array: " + Arrays.toString(arr));
   for(int i = 1; i < arr.length; i++) {</pre>
        System.out.println("\nPass " + i + ":");
        System.out.println("Processing element at index " + i + " (value = " + arr[i] +
")");
        int key = arr[i];
        int j = i-1;
        System.out.println(" Finding correct position for " + key + " in sorted portion
[0..." + (i-1) + "]");
        while(j >= 0 && arr[j] > key) {
            System.out.println(" Shifting element " + arr[j] + " from index " + j + " to
" + (j+1));
            arr[j+1] = arr[j];
            j--;
        }
        arr[j+1] = key;
        System.out.println(" Inserted " + key + " at index " + (j+1));
        System.out.println("Array after pass " + i + ": " + Arrays.toString(arr));
   }
   System.out.println("\nFinal sorted array: " + Arrays.toString(arr));
}
```

# **Merge Sort**

```
/**
 * Merge Sort Algorithm
 * Time Complexity: O(n log n) in all cases
 * Space Complexity: O(n)
 *
 * Algorithm:
```

```
st 1. Divide the array into two halves recursively until single elements remain
 * 2. Merge the divided arrays in sorted order
 */
public static void divide(int[] arr, int left, int right) {
    System.out.println("\nDivide: left = " + left + ", right = " + right);
   if(right > left) {
        int mid = left + (right - left)/2;
        System.out.println(" Splitting at mid = " + mid);
        divide(arr, left, mid);
        divide(arr, mid+1, right);
        System.out.println(" Merging from " + left + " to " + right);
        conquer(arr, left, mid, right);
   }
}
public static void conquer(int[] arr, int left, int mid, int right) {
   System.out.println("
                            Conquer: left = " + left + ", mid = " + mid + ", right = " +
right);
   System.out.println("
                           Subarrays to merge:");
   System.out.println("
                             Left: " + arrayToString(arr, left, mid));
   System.out.println("
                              Right: " + arrayToString(arr, mid+1, right));
   int firstHalf = left;
   int secondHalf = mid+1;
   int[] mergeArray = new int[right - left + 1];
   int mergeArrayIndex = 0;
   while(firstHalf <= mid && secondHalf <= right) {</pre>
        if(arr[firstHalf] <= arr[secondHalf]) {</pre>
            mergeArray[mergeArrayIndex++] = arr[firstHalf++];
        } else {
            mergeArray[mergeArrayIndex++] = arr[secondHalf++];
        }
   }
    while(firstHalf <= mid) {</pre>
        mergeArray[mergeArrayIndex++] = arr[firstHalf++];
   }
   while(secondHalf <= right) {</pre>
        mergeArray[mergeArrayIndex++] = arr[secondHalf++];
   }
   for(int i = 0; i < mergeArray.length; i++, left++) {</pre>
        arr[left] = mergeArray[i];
   }
   System.out.println("
                            Merged array: " + arrayToString(arr, left - mergeArray.length,
right));
}
```

```
// Helper method to print subarrays
private static String arrayToString(int[] arr, int start, int end) {
   StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("[");
   for(int i = start; i <= end; i++) {
       sb.append(arr[i]);
       if(i < end) sb.append(", ");
   }
   sb.append("]");
   return sb.toString();
}</pre>
```

#### **Quick Sort**

```
* Quick Sort Algorithm
 * Time Complexity: O(n log n) average case, O(n^2) worst case
 * Space Complexity: O(log n) due to recursion stack
 * Algorithm:
 * 1. Choose a pivot element (here we use the last element)
 * 2. Partition the array such that elements < pivot are on left and elements > pivot are on
 st 3. Recursively sort the left and right partitions
public static int partition(int[] arr, int low, int high) {
   System.out.println("\nPartitioning from " + low + " to " + high);
   System.out.println(" Pivot element: " + arr[high]);
   int pivotIndex = low - 1;
    for(int j = low; j <= high - 1; j++) {</pre>
        System.out.print(" Comparing element at " + j + " (" + arr[j] + ") with pivot: ");
        if(arr[j] < arr[high]) {</pre>
            pivotIndex++;
            System.out.println("Swap with " + pivotIndex);
            // Swap elements without temporary variable
            arr[pivotIndex] = arr[j] + arr[pivotIndex] - (arr[j] = arr[pivotIndex]);
        } else {
            System.out.println("No swap");
        }
   }
    pivotIndex++;
    // Swap pivot to its correct position
    arr[pivotIndex] = arr[high] + arr[pivotIndex] - (arr[high] = arr[pivotIndex]);
    System.out.println(" Pivot placed at index " + pivotIndex);
    System.out.println(" Array after partitioning: " + arrayToString(arr, low, high));
    return pivotIndex;
```

```
public static void quickSort(int[] arr, int low, int high) {
    System.out.println("\nQuickSort: low = " + low + ", high = " + high);
    if(high > low) {
        int pivotIndex = partition(arr, low, high);
        quickSort(arr, low, pivotIndex - 1);
        quickSort(arr, pivotIndex + 1, high);
    }
}
```

These implementations now include:

- 1. Clear algorithm descriptions at the top of each method
- 2. Detailed tracing output showing each step of the sorting process
- 3. Helper methods for better visualization
- 4. Comments explaining the key operations
- 5. Proper variable naming for better readability
- 6. Consistent formatting

To use any of these sorting algorithms with tracing, simply call them with your array:

```
int[] arr = {5, 2, 9, 1, 5, 6};
bubbleSort(arr.clone()); // Using clone() to preserve original array
selectionSort(arr.clone());
insertionSort(arr.clone());

// For recursive sorts:
int[] mergeArr = arr.clone();
System.out.println("\nStarting Merge Sort...");
divide(mergeArr, 0, mergeArr.length - 1);
System.out.println("Final sorted array: " + Arrays.toString(mergeArr));

int[] quickArr = arr.clone();
System.out.println("\nStarting Quick Sort...");
quickSort(quickArr, 0, quickArr.length - 1);
System.out.println("Final sorted array: " + Arrays.toString(quickArr));
```