



BUBBLE SORT

UNIT 3: SORTING & SEARCHING



WHAT IS BUBBLE SORT ?

- Bubble sort is a simple sorting algorithm that repeatedly steps through a list, compares adjacent elements, and swaps them if they are in the wrong order.
 - The pass through the list is repeated until the list is sorted.
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- The name "bubble sort" comes from the way smaller elements "bubble" to the top of the list, similar to how bubbles rise to the surface of a liquid.
 - In each pass, the largest (or smallest, depending on the sorting order) element gradually "bubbles" up to its correct position.

WORKING OF BUBBLE SORT

- 1) Start at the beginning of the list.
- 2) Compare the first and second elements. If they are in the wrong order, swap them.
- 3) Move to the next pair of adjacent elements and repeat step 2. Continue until reaching the end of the list.
- 4) If any swaps were made during the pass, repeat steps 2 and 3 for the entire list again. Otherwise, the list is already sorted, and the algorithm terminates.
- 5) Repeat steps 1-4 until the list is fully sorted.

The algorithm's time complexity is $O(n^2)$ in the worst and average case, where n is the number of elements in the list.

It is inefficient for large lists, but it can be useful for small lists or partially sorted lists.

Bubble Sort *in 2*



Bubble sort in 2 minutes, (Jul. 26, 2016). Accessed: Jul. 07, 2023. [Online Video].
Available: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xli_FI7CuzA

IMPLEMENTATION OF BUBBLE SORT

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def bubble_sort(arr):  
    n = len(arr)  
    for i in range(n):  
        # Perform one pass through the list  
        for j in range(0, n - i - 1):  
            if arr[j] > arr[j + 1]:  
                # Swap elements if they are in the wrong order  
                arr[j], arr[j + 1] = arr[j + 1], arr[j]
```

- 1.The function **bubble_sort** takes an input list **arr** as a parameter.
- 2.**n = len(arr)** stores the length of the list in the variable **n**.
- 3.The outer loop **for i in range(n)**: iterates **n** times, representing the number of passes through the list.
- 4.Inside the outer loop, the inner loop **for j in range(0, n - i - 1)**: iterates over the unsorted portion of the list.
- 5.The condition **if arr[j] > arr[j + 1]**: checks if the current element is greater than the next element in the list.
- 6.If the condition is true, it means the elements are in the wrong order, and the following swap operation is performed:
- 7.After the inner loop completes one pass, the largest element in the unsorted portion "bubbles" up to its correct position at the end of the list.
- 8.This process repeats for each pass of the outer loop until the entire list is sorted in ascending order.

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