

# Sorting methods

- Naive methods -  $O(n^2)$ :
  - Bubble sort, Selection sort, Insertion sort
- Divide and conquer -  $O(n \log n)$ :
  - Merge sort, Quick sort
- Linear (depend on characteristics of data type) - close to  $O(n)$ :
  - Counting sort, Bucket sort, Radix sort
- Hybrid methods - Timsort (used in Python)

# Selection sort

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def selection_sort(A):  
    n = len(A)  
    for i in range(n):  
        min_index = i  
        for j in range(i + 1, n):  
            if A[j] < A[min_index]:  
                min_index = j  
        A[i], A[min_index] = A[min_index], A[i]
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- Runs in  $O(n^2)$  time - 2 nested for-loops
- Repeatedly places min element at correct index
- Slow but intuitive, and doesn't require an extra output array