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# COMP2521 25T1

## Sorting Algorithms (II)

### Elementary Sorting Algorithms

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## Method:

- Find the smallest element, swap it with the first element
- Find the second-smallest element, swap it with the second element
- ...
- Find the second-largest element, swap it with the second-last element

Each iteration improves the “sortedness” of the array by one element.

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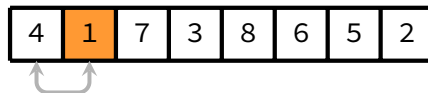
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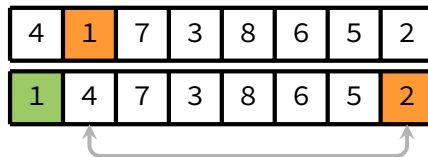
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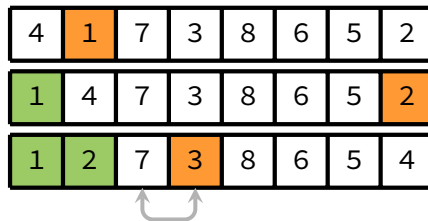
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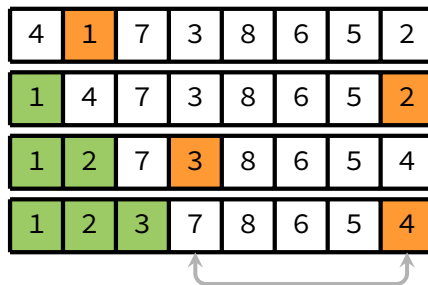
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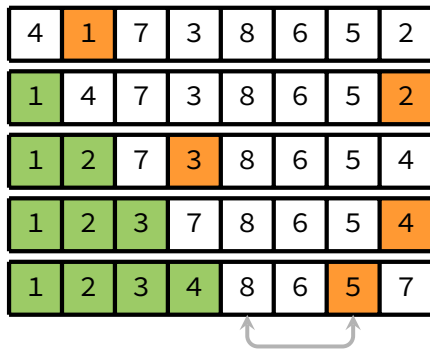
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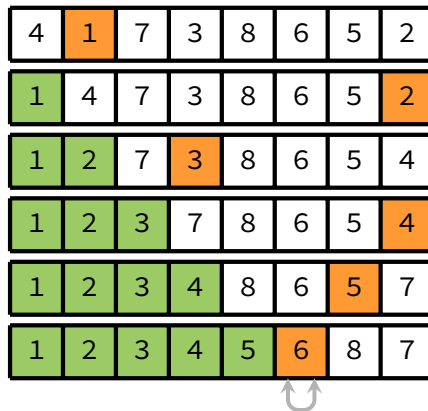
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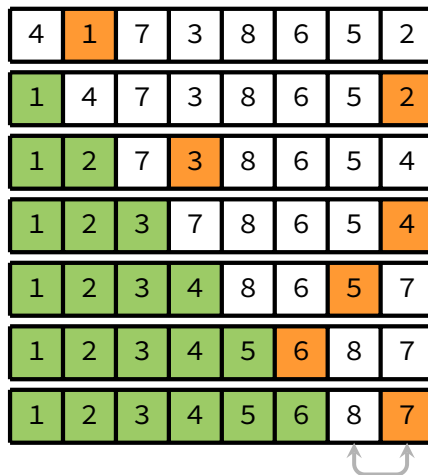
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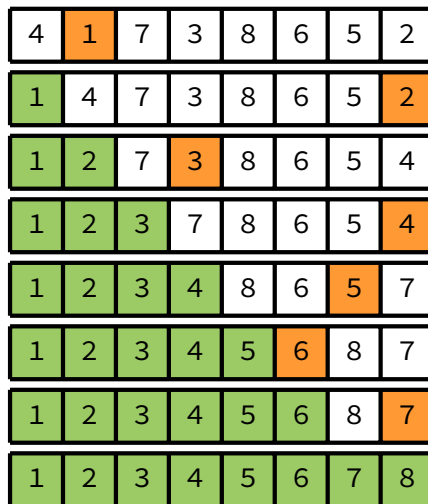
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void selectionSort(Item items[], int lo, int hi) {  
    for (int i = lo; i < hi; i++) {  
        int min = i;  
        for (int j = i + 1; j <= hi; j++) {  
            if (lt(items[j], items[min])) {  
                min = j;  
            }  
        }  
        swap(items, i, min);  
    }  
}
```

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## Cost analysis:

- In the first iteration,  $n - 1$  comparisons, 1 swap
- In the second iteration,  $n - 2$  comparisons, 1 swap
- ...
- In the final iteration, 1 comparison, 1 swap
- $C = (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 1 = \frac{1}{2}n(n - 1) \Rightarrow O(n^2)$
- $S = n - 1$

Cost is the same, regardless of the sortedness of the original array.

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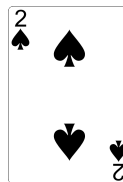
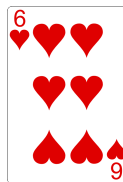
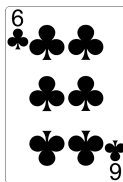
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## Selection sort is unstable

- Due to long-range swaps
- For example, sort these cards by value:



### **Unstable**

Due to long-range swaps

### **Non-adaptive**

Performs same steps, regardless of sortedness of original array

### **In-place**

Sorting is done within original array; does not use temporary arrays

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## Method:

- Make multiple passes from left (low) to right
- On each pass, swap any out-of-order adjacent pairs
- Elements “bubble up” until they meet a larger element
- Stop if there are no swaps during a pass
  - This means the array is sorted



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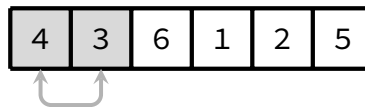
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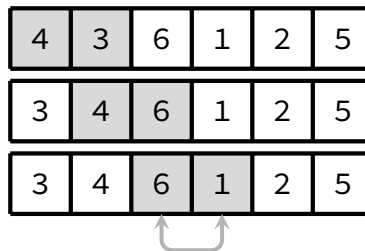
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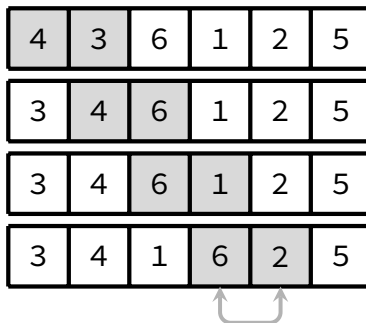
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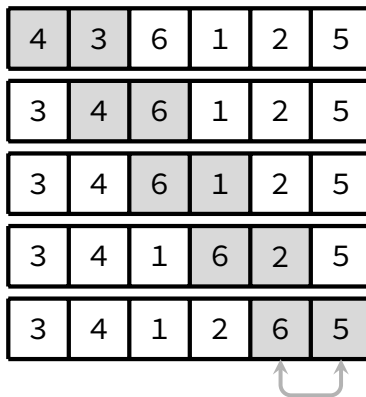
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3	4	6	1	2	5
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3	4	1	6	2	5
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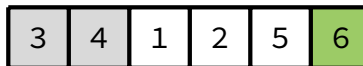
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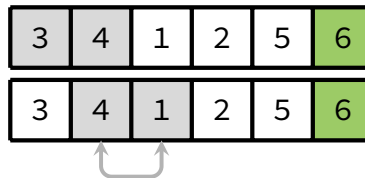
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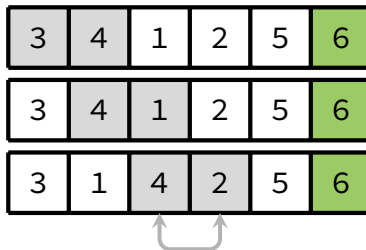
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3	4	1	2	5	6
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3	4	1	2	5	6
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3	1	2	4	5	6
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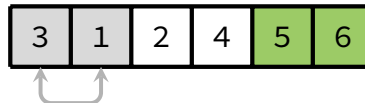
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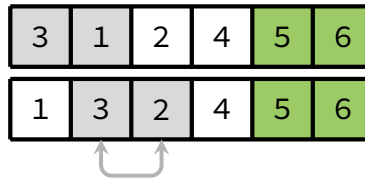
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3	1	2	4	5	6
1	3	2	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6

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3	1	2	4	5	6
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1	2	3	4	5	6
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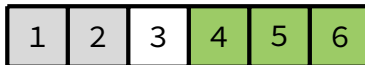
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1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6

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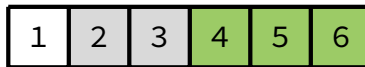
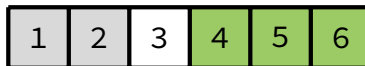
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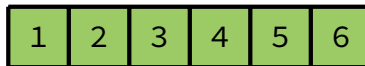
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No swaps made; stop



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void bubbleSort(Item items[], int lo, int hi) {  
    for (int i = hi; i > lo; i--) {  
        bool swapped = false;  
        for (int j = lo; j < i; j++) {  
            if (gt(items[j], items[j + 1])) {  
                swap(items, j, j + 1);  
                swapped = true;  
            }  
        }  
        if (!swapped) break;  
    }  
}
```

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Best case: Array is sorted

- Only a single pass required
- $n - 1$  comparisons, no swaps
- Best-case time complexity:  $O(n)$

1	2	3	4	5	6
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## Worst case: Array is reverse-sorted

- $n - 1$  passes required
  - First pass:  $n - 1$  comparisons
  - Second pass:  $n - 2$  comparisons
  - ...
  - Final pass: 1 comparison
- Total comparisons:  $(n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 1 = \frac{1}{2}n(n - 1)$
- Every comparison leads to a swap  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}n(n - 1)$  swaps
- Worst-case time complexity:  $O(n^2)$

6	5	4	3	2	1
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Average-case time complexity:  $O(n^2)$

- It can be proven that for a randomly ordered array, bubble sort needs to perform  $\frac{1}{4}n(n-1)$  swaps on average  $\Rightarrow O(n^2)$ 
  - See appendix for details
- Can show empirically by generating random sequences and sorting them

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## **Stable**

Comparisons are between adjacent elements only  
Elements are only swapped if out of order

## **Adaptive**

Bubble sort is  $O(n^2)$  on average,  $O(n)$  if input array is sorted

## **In-place**

Sorting is done within original array; does not use temporary arrays



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## Method:

- Take first element and treat as sorted array (of length 1)
- Take next element and insert into sorted part of array so that order is preserved
  - This increases the length of the sorted part by one
- Repeat for remaining elements

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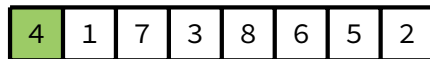
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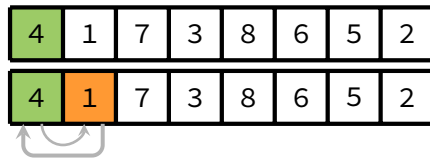
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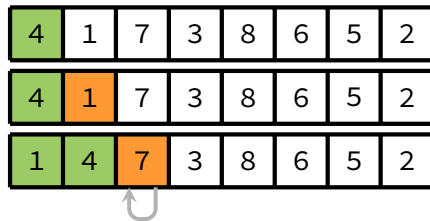
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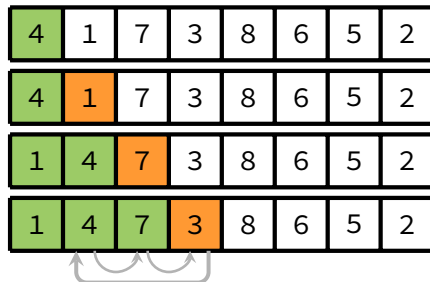
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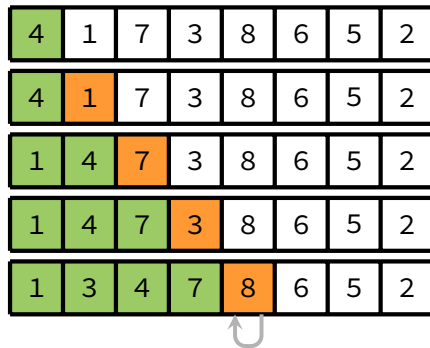
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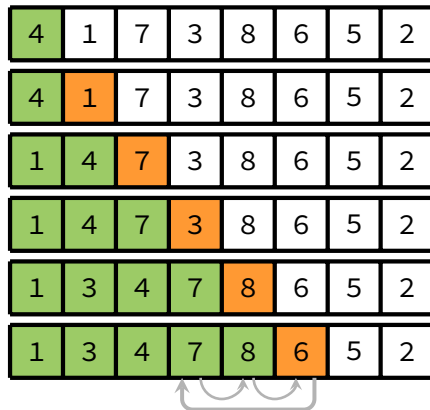
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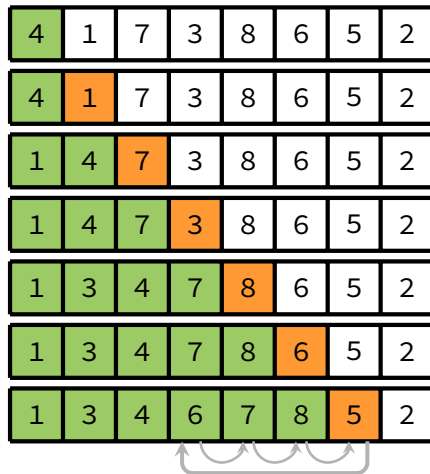
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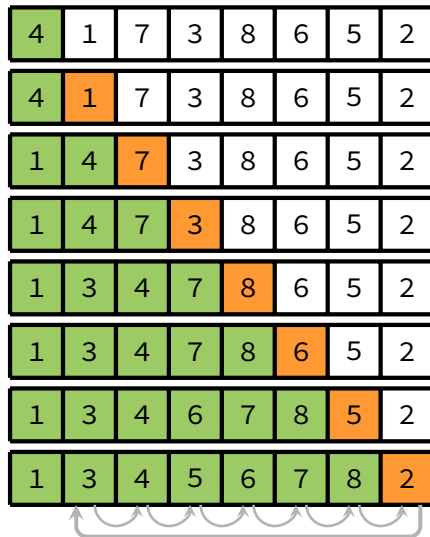
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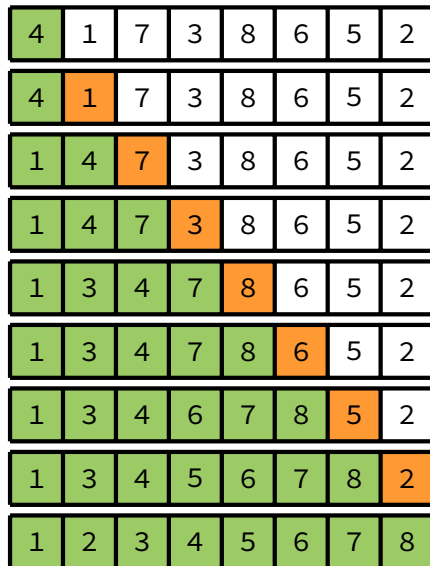
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void insertionSort(Item items[], int lo, int hi) {  
    for (int i = lo + 1; i <= hi; i++) {  
        Item item = items[i];  
        int j = i;  
        for (; j > lo && lt(item, items[j - 1]); j--) {  
            items[j] = items[j - 1];  
        }  
        items[j] = item;  
    }  
}
```

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## Best case: Array is sorted

- Inserting each element requires one comparison
- $n - 1$  comparisons
- Best-case time complexity:  $O(n)$

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- Inserting  $i$ -th element requires  $i$  comparisons
  - Inserting index 1 element requires 1 comparison
  - Inserting index 2 element requires 2 comparisons
  - ...
- Total comparisons:  $1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1) = \frac{1}{2}n(n - 1)$
- Worst-case time complexity:  $O(n^2)$

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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Average-case time complexity:  $O(n^2)$

- Same reason as for bubble sort
- Can show empirically by generating random sequences and sorting them

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**Stable**

Elements are always inserted to the right of any equal elements

**Adaptive**

Insertion sort is  $O(n^2)$  on average,  $O(n)$  if input array is sorted

**In-place**

Sorting is done within original array; does not use temporary arrays



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	Time complexity			Properties	
	Best	Average	Worst	Stable	Adaptive
Selection sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	No	No
Bubble sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	Yes	Yes
Insertion sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	Yes	Yes

### Selection sort:

- Let  $L$  = original list,  $S$  = sorted list (initially empty)
- Repeat the following until  $L$  is empty:
  - Find the node  $V$  containing the largest value in  $L$ , and unlink it
  - Insert  $V$  at the front of  $S$

### Bubble sort:

- Traverse the list, comparing adjacent values
  - If value in current node is greater than value in next node, swap values
- Repeat the above until no swaps required in one traversal

### Insertion sort:

- Let  $L$  = original list,  $S$  = sorted list (initially empty)
- For each node in  $L$ :
  - Insert the node into  $S$  in order

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New concept: **inversion**

An inversion is a pair of elements from a sequence where the left element is greater than the right element.

For example, consider the following array:

4	2	1	5	3
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The array contains 5 inversions:

$(4, 2)$ ,  $(4, 1)$ ,  $(4, 3)$ ,  $(2, 1)$ ,  $(5, 3)$

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## Observation:

- In bubble sort, every swap reduces the number of inversions by 1

The goal of the proof: Show that the average number of inversions in a randomly sorted array is  $O(n^2)$ .

- This implies the number of swaps required by bubble sort is  $O(n^2)$  ...
- Which implies that the average-case time complexity of bubble sort is  $O(n^2)$  or slower
  - (but we know that it can't be slower than  $O(n^2)$  since the worst-case time complexity of bubble sort is  $O(n^2)$ )

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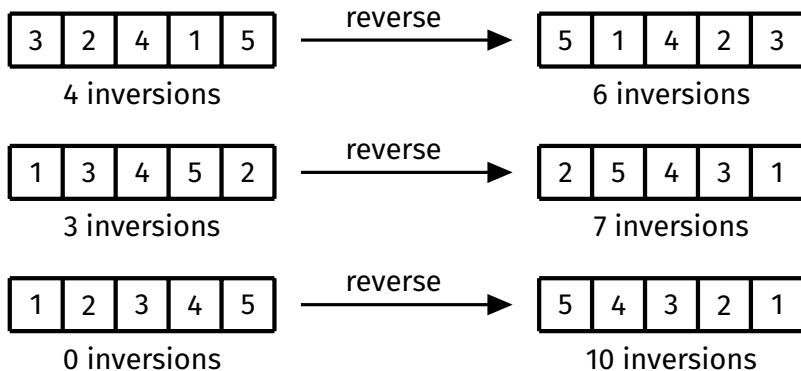
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In a randomly sorted array:

- The minimum possible number of inversions is 0 (sorted array)
- The maximum possible number of inversions is  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$  (reverse-sorted array)

Let  $k$  be the number of inversions in a random permutation.  
By reversing this permutation, one can obtain a permutation with  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) - k$  inversions.

For example, suppose  $n = 5$ :





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Thus, if we take all the possible permutations of an array and pair each permutation with its reverse, the total number of inversions in each pair is  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ .

This implies that the average number of inversions across all permutations is  $\frac{1}{4}n(n-1)$ , which is  $O(n^2)$ .

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Example: Sort the following array:

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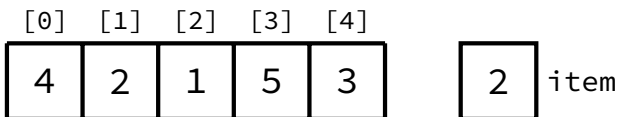
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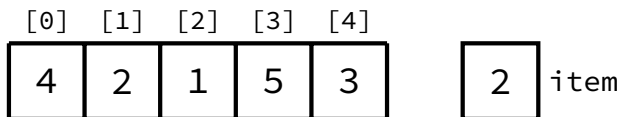
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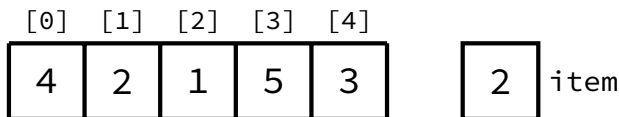
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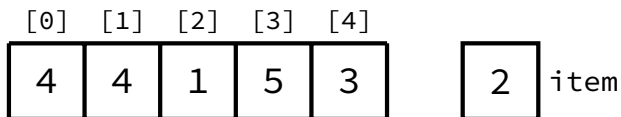
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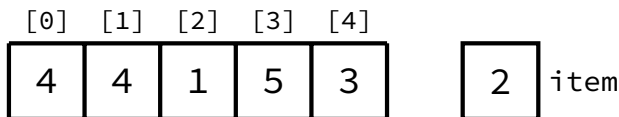
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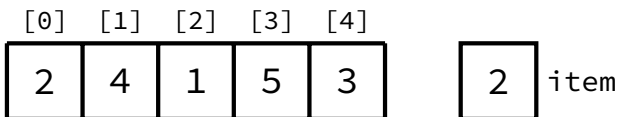
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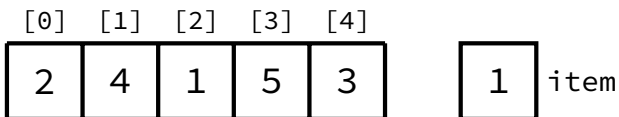
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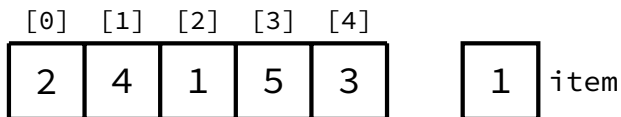
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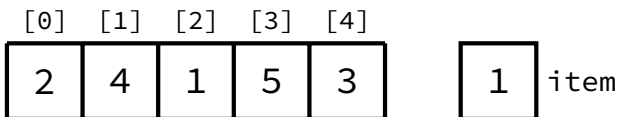
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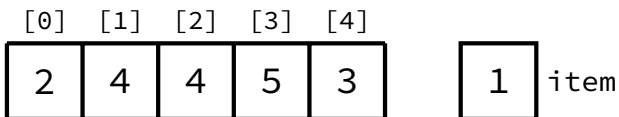
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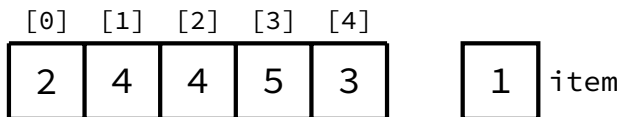
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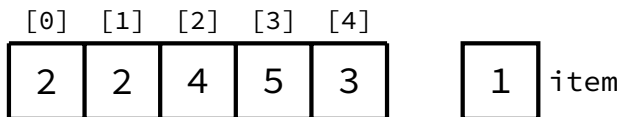
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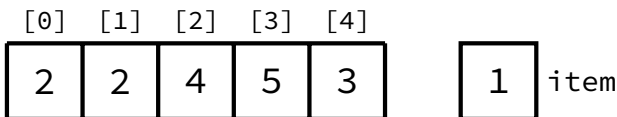
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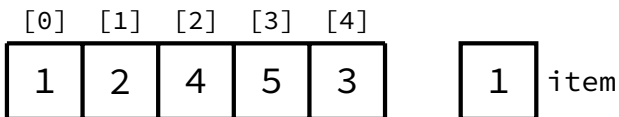
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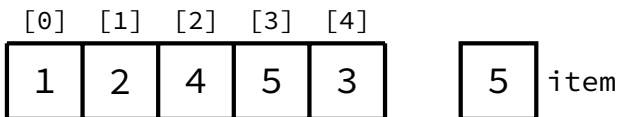
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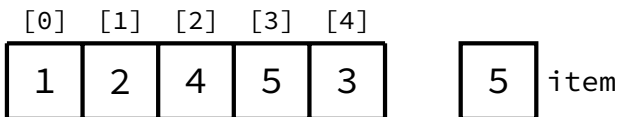
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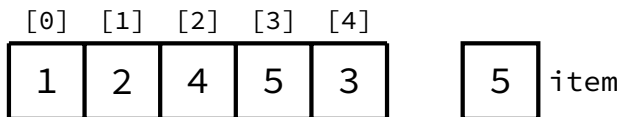
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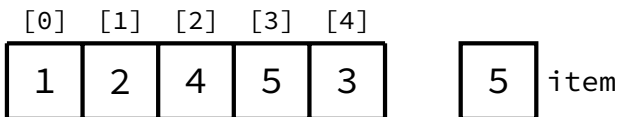
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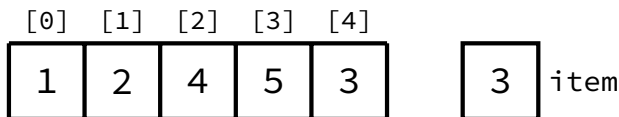
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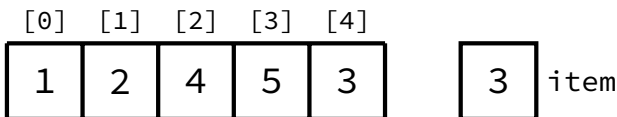
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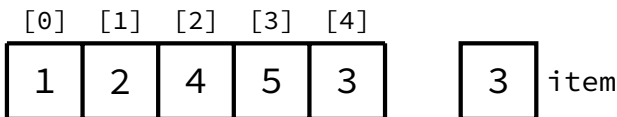
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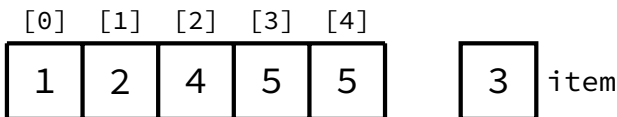
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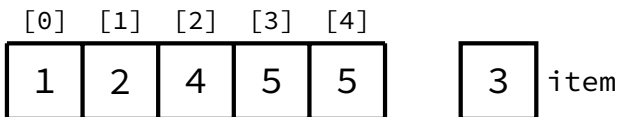
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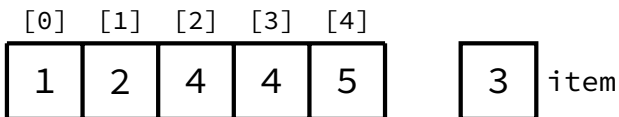
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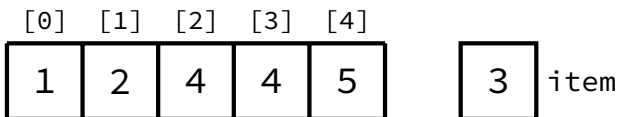
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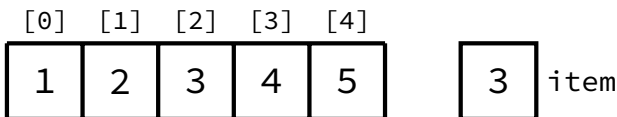
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