

# Bubble Sort

(A Taste of Algorithms: Definition, Design, and Analysis)

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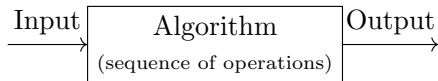
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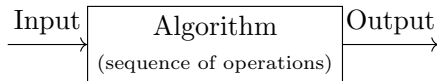
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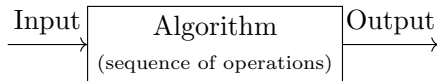


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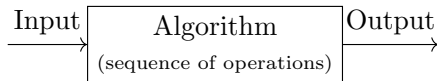
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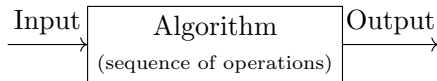
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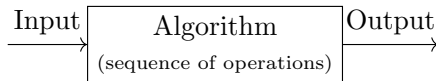
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■ for sorting: compare, swap

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**Output:** A permutation  $a'_1 a'_2 \dots a'_n$  of  $A$  *s.t.*  
 $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \cdots \leq a'_n$  (non-decreasing order).

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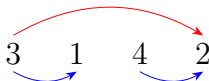
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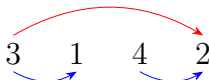
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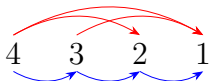
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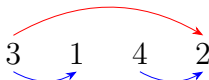


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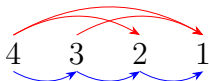
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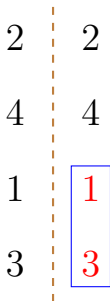
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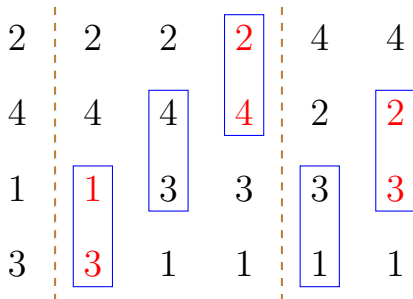
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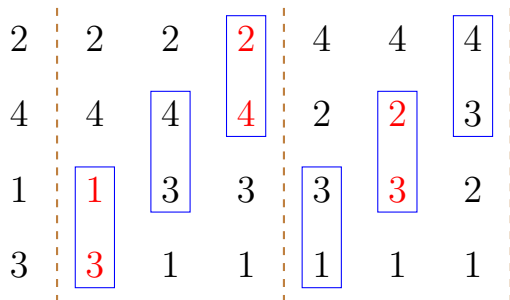
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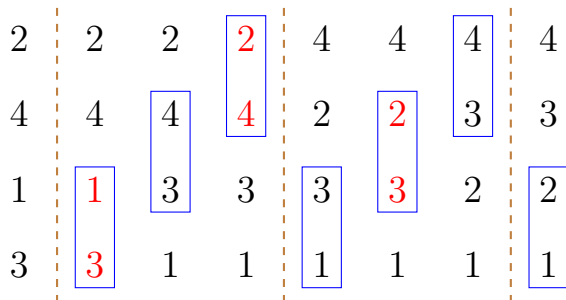


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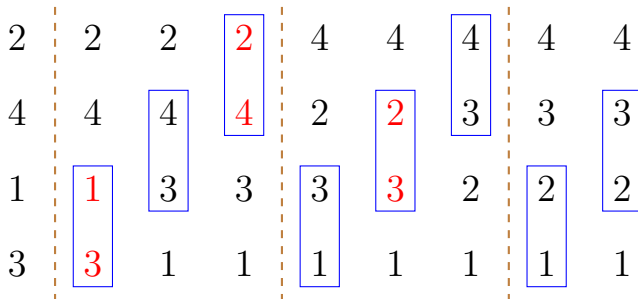




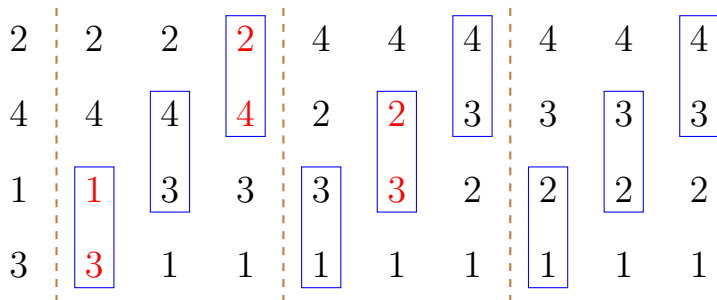
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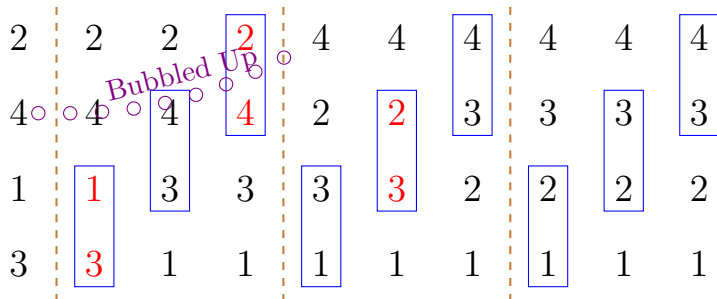
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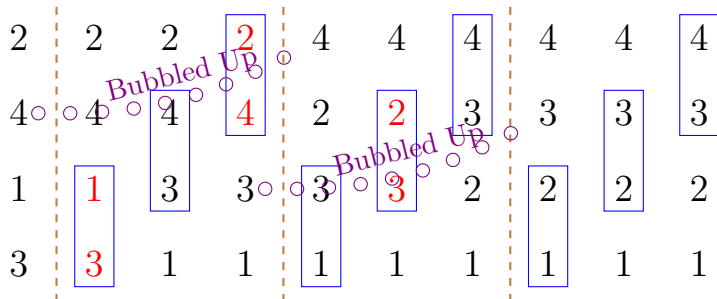
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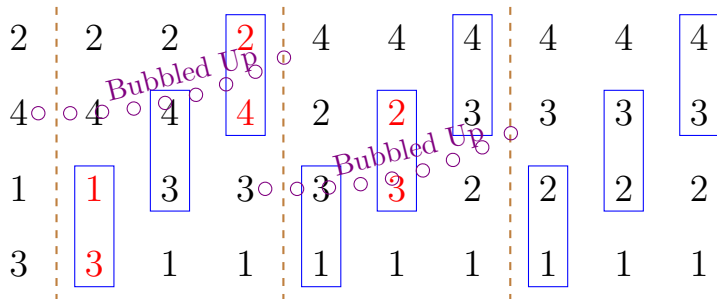
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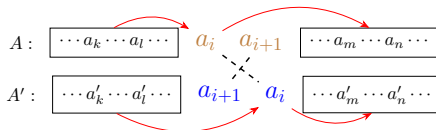
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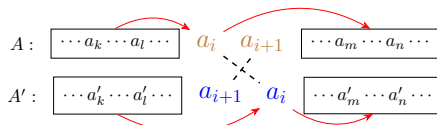


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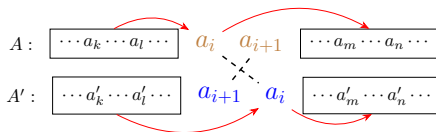
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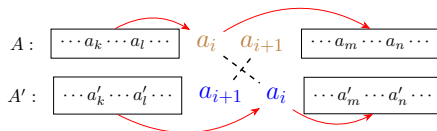
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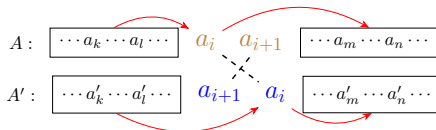
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# Optimizing Bubble Sort (I)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>See Appendix for “Optimizing Bubble Sort (II)”. 

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$$\# \text{inversions} = (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \cdots + 1 = \frac{n^2 - n}{2}.$$



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## 4 Appendix



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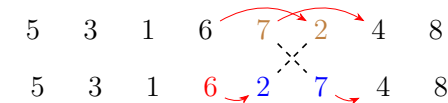
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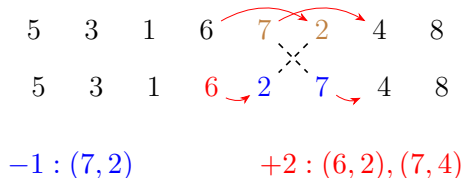


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