Dutch National Flag Algorithm

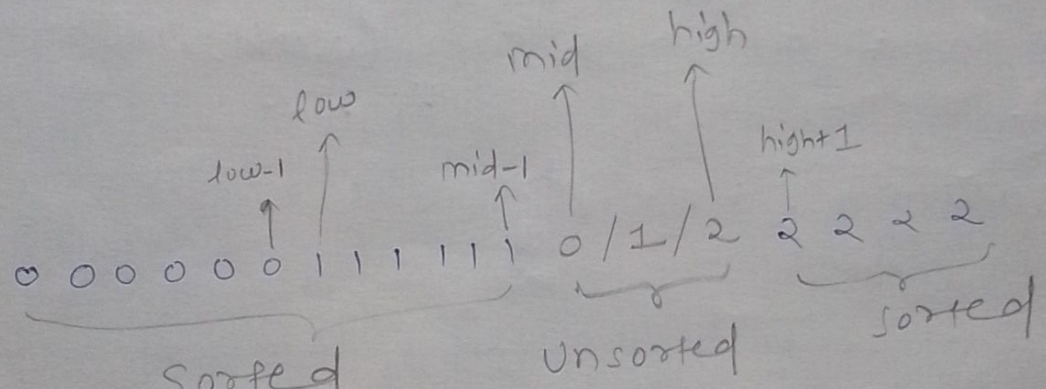
Used to segregate three different objects or numbers.

Assumption

0 to low-1 $\Rightarrow$ 0

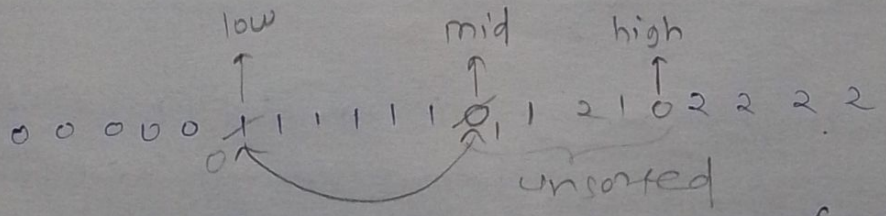
low to mid-1 $\Rightarrow$ 1

high+1 to n-1 $\Rightarrow$ 2



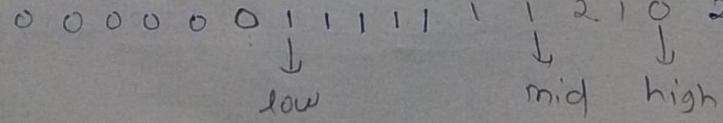
Everything betn mid to high is unsorted

at first everything is unsorted in given array so initially we'll keep mid at 0th index and high at n-1th index



if (a[mid] == 0) swap(a[mid], a[low])

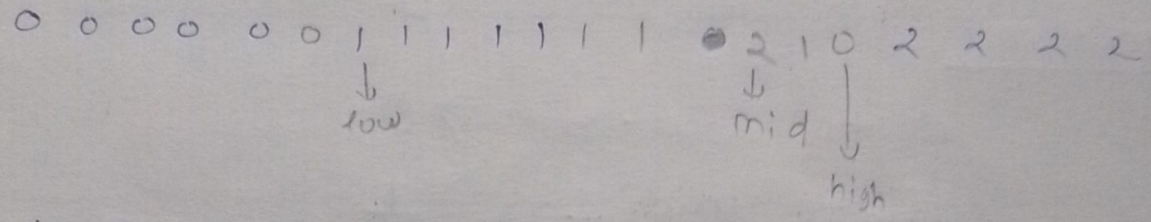
since 0 to l-1 $\Rightarrow$ 0 and l to n-1 $\Rightarrow$ 1 so low++, mid++



if (a[mid] == 1)

Since 1 is supposed to be between low to mid-1 simply mid++

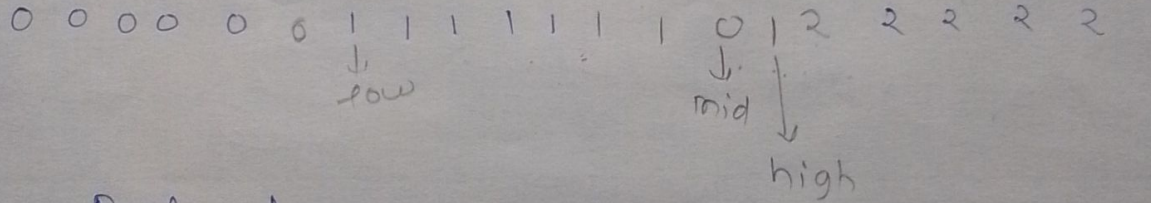
1 to n-1 ⟹ 1



if (a[mid] == 2)

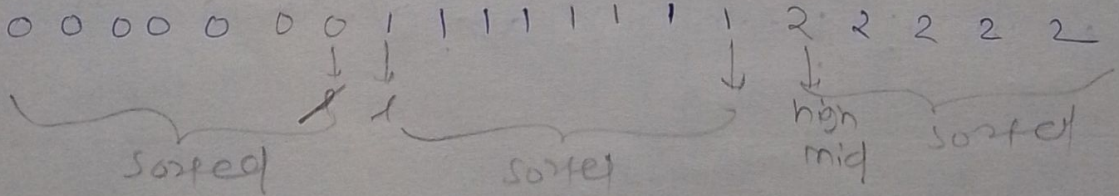
at high there could be 0/1/2 ; No matter what is there at high swap (a[mid], a[high])

high+1 to n-1 ⟹ 2 so high--



But don't move mid, as it may not sorted index

Now by first if condition



when mid == high array is sorted so stop

mid ⟶ ⟵ high on each iteration at least one el gets to its correct position

when they meet we stop as array sort

Time complexity - O(N) Space Complexity - O(1)