

Dutch Flag Algorithm Dry Run



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import java.util.Arrays;

public class SortColors {
    public static void sortArray(int[] arr) {
        int low = 0, mid = 0, high = arr.length - 1;

        while (mid <= high) {
            if (arr[mid] == 0) {
                // Swap arr[mid] and arr[low], move both pointers
                swap(arr, mid, low);
                low++;
                mid++;
            } else if (arr[mid] == 1) {
                // Just move mid pointer
                mid++;
            } else {
                // Swap arr[mid] and arr[high], move high pointer
                swap(arr, mid, high);
                high--;
            }
        }
    }

    private static void swap(int[] arr, int i, int j) {
        int temp = arr[i];
        arr[i] = arr[j];
        arr[j] = temp;
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] arr = {0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0};
        sortArray(arr);
        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr)); // Output: [0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2]
    }
}. Dry run
```

Let's dry run the **Dutch National Flag Algorithm** step by step with the input:

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java

int[] arr = {0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0};
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We initialize:

- `low = 0`
- `mid = 0`
- `high = arr.length - 1 = 5`

Step-by-step Execution

Step	low	mid	high	Array State	Action
1	0	0	5	[0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0]	Swap <code>arr[mid]</code> & <code>arr[low]</code> (same), <code>low++</code> , <code>mid++</code>
2	1	1	5	[0, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0]	Swap <code>arr[mid]</code> & <code>arr[high]</code> , <code>high--</code>
3	1	1	4	[0, 0, 2, 1, 1, 2]	Swap <code>arr[mid]</code> & <code>arr[low]</code> , <code>low++</code> , <code>mid++</code>
4	2	2	4	[0, 0, 2, 1, 1, 2]	Swap <code>arr[mid]</code> & <code>arr[high]</code> , <code>high--</code>
5	2	2	3	[0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2]	<code>mid++</code> since <code>arr[mid] == 1</code>
6	2	3	3	[0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2]	<code>mid++</code> since <code>arr[mid] == 1</code>
7	2	4	3	[0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2]	Loop exits as <code>mid > high</code>

Final Output

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[0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2]
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The array is now sorted correctly in a single pass. 🚀