When the array is in descending order, all the number pairs are reverse order. Therefore, it has the maximum mixed-up-ness score, which is equal to the number of pairs. If the size of an array is 16, the number of pair is  $C_{16}^2 = 120$ .

In worst case, the runtime is  $O(n^2)$ . In each iteration of the outer for loop, the inner for loop iterates n-i times to check whether two items are in reverse order. And the running time of the outer for loop is n. Hence, the worst-case running time of this brute-force algorithm is  $O(n^2)$ .

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn = 2\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \frac{cn}{2}\right) + cn$$

$$= 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2cn = 4\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \frac{cn}{4}\right) + 2cn$$

$$= 8T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 3cn = \dots = 2^kT\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + kcn$$

$$When  $n = 2^k, k = \log(n). \ T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) = T(1) \text{ is a constant.}$ 

$$T(n) = nT(1) + cn\log(n) = cn\log(n) + cn$$

$$Ignoring the lower - order term, \qquad T(n) = O(n\log(n))$$$$

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + O(n^d),$$

$$T(n) = \{O(n^d) \quad \text{if } d > \log_b(a)$$

$$O(n^d \log(n)) \quad \text{if } d = \log_b(a)$$

$$O(n^{\log_b(a)}) \quad \text{if } d < \log_b(a)$$

$$a = 2, b = 2, d = 1, \quad \log_b(a) = 1 = d,$$

$$Therefore, \quad T(n) = O(n^d \log(n)) = O(n\log(n))$$