

# Bubble Sort

Bubble Sort is the simplest sorting algorithm that works by repeatedly swapping the adjacent elements if they are in wrong order.

## Example:

### First Pass:

( **5** 1 4 2 8 ) → ( **1** **5** 4 2 8 ), Here, algorithm compares the first two elements, and swaps since  $5 > 1$ .

( 1 **5** 4 2 8 ) → ( 1 **4** **5** 2 8 ), Swap since  $5 > 4$

( 1 4 **5** 2 8 ) → ( 1 4 **2** **5** 8 ), Swap since  $5 > 2$

( 1 4 2 **5** 8 ) → ( 1 4 2 **5** 8 ), Now, since these elements are already in order ( $8 > 5$ ), algorithm does not swap them.

### Second Pass:

( **1** **4** 2 5 8 ) → ( **1** **4** 2 5 8 )

( 1 **4** **2** 5 8 ) → ( 1 **2** **4** 5 8 ), Swap since  $4 > 2$

( 1 2 **4** **5** 8 ) → ( 1 2 **4** **5** 8 )

( 1 2 4 **5** 8 ) → ( 1 2 4 **5** 8 )

Now, the array is already sorted, but our algorithm does not know if it is completed. The algorithm needs one **whole** pass without **any** swap to know it is sorted.

### Third Pass:

( **1** **2** 4 5 8 ) → ( **1** **2** 4 5 8 )

( 1 **2** **4** 5 8 ) → ( 1 **2** **4** 5 8 )

( 1 2 **4** **5** 8 ) → ( 1 2 **4** **5** 8 )

( 1 2 4 **5** 8 ) → ( 1 2 4 **5** 8 )

```
// C++ program for implementation of Bubble sort
```

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
```

```
{
```

```
    int temp = *xp;
```

```

    *xp = *yp;

    *yp = temp;

}

// A function to implement bubble sort

void bubbleSort(int arr[], int n)

{

    int i, j;

    for (i = 0; i < n-1; i++)

        // Last i elements are already in place

        for (j = 0; j < n-i-1; j++)

            if (arr[j] > arr[j+1])

                swap(&arr[j], &arr[j+1]);

}

/* Function to print an array */

void printArray(int arr[], int size)

{

    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < size; i++)

        cout << arr[i] << " ";

    cout << endl;

```

```

}

// Driver code

int main()

{

    int arr[] = {64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90};

    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);

    bubbleSort(arr, n);

    cout<<"Sorted array: \n";

    printArray(arr, n);

    return 0;

}

//

```

Output:

Sorted array:

11 12 22 25 34 64 90

### <!--Illustration :

i = 0	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	5	3	1	9	8	2	4	7
	1	3	5	1	9	8	2	4	7
	2	3	1	5	9	8	2	4	7
	3	3	1	5	9	8	2	4	7
	4	3	1	5	8	9	2	4	7
	5	3	1	5	8	2	9	4	7
	6	3	1	5	8	2	4	9	7
i = 1	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	3	1	5	8	2	4	7	9
	1	1	3	5	8	2	4	7	
	2	1	3	5	8	2	4	7	
	3	1	3	5	8	2	4	7	
	4	1	3	5	2	8	4	7	
	5	1	3	5	2	4	8	7	
i = 2	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	1	3	5	2	4	7	8	
	1	1	3	5	2	4	7		
	2	1	3	5	2	4	7		
	3	1	3	2	5	4	7		
	4	1	3	2	4	5	7		
i = 3	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	1	3	2	4	5	7		
	1	1	3	2	4	5			
	2	1	2	3	4	5			
	3	1	2	3	4	5			
i = 4	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	1	2	3	4	5			
	1	1	2	3	4				
	2	1	2	3	4				
i = 5	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	1	2	3	4				
	1	1	2	3					
i = 6	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	0	1	2	3					
	1	1	2						

—>

### Optimized Implementation:

The above function always runs  $O(n^2)$  time even if the array is sorted. It can be optimized by stopping the algorithm if inner loop didn't cause any swap.

```
// Optimized implementation of Bubble sort
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void swap(int *xp, int *yp)
```

```
{
```

```
int temp = *xp;
```

```
*xp = *yp;
```

```

        *yp = temp;

    }

    // An optimized version of Bubble Sort

void bubbleSort(int arr[], int n)

{

    int i, j;

    bool swapped;

    for (i = 0; i < n-1; i++)

    {

        swapped = false;

        for (j = 0; j < n-i-1; j++)

        {

            if (arr[j] > arr[j+1])

            {

                swap(&arr[j], &arr[j+1]);

                swapped = true;

            }

        }

    }

    // IF no two elements were swapped by inner loop, then break

    if (swapped == false)

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        break;

    }

}

/* Function to print an array */

void printArray(int arr[], int size)

{

    int i;

    for (i=0; i < size; i++)

        printf("%d ", arr[i]);

    printf("\n");

}

// Driver program to test above functions

int main()

{

    int arr[] = {64, 34, 25, 12, 22, 11, 90};

    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);

    bubbleSort(arr, n);

    printf("Sorted array: \n");

    printArray(arr, n);

    return 0;

```

}

Output:

Sorted array:

11 12 22 25 34 64 90

**Worst and Average Case Time Complexity:**  $O(n^2)$ .

Worst case occurs when array is reverse sorted.

**Best Case Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$ . Best case occurs when array is already sorted.

**Auxiliary Space:**  $O(1)$

**Boundary Cases:** Bubble sort takes minimum time (Order of  $n$ ) when elements are already sorted.

**Sorting In Place:** Yes

**Stable:** Yes

Due to its simplicity, bubble sort is often used to introduce the concept of a sorting algorithm.

- In computer graphics it is popular for its capability to detect a very small error (like swap of just two elements) in almost-sorted arrays and fix it with just linear complexity ( $2n$ ).
- For example, it is used in a polygon filling algorithm, where bounding lines are sorted by their x coordinate at a specific scan line (a line parallel to x axis) and with incrementing y their order changes (two elements are swapped) only at intersections of two lines.

**Snapshots:**







