

2025-10-29/pancake-sorting.cpp

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1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  // Function to flip the array from index k to the end
5  void flip(int arr[], int k, int n) {
6      int end = n - 1;
7      while (k < end) {
8          swap(arr[k], arr[end]);
9          k++;
10         end--;
11     }
12 }
13
14 // Function to print the array
15 void printArray(int arr[], int n) {
16     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
17         cout << arr[i] << " ";
18     cout << endl;
19 }
20
21 // Function to find the index of the maximum element in the array up to a given
    size
22 int findMaxIndex(int arr[], int currIndex, int n) {
23     int maxIndex = currIndex;
24     for (int i = currIndex; i < n; i++) {
25         if (arr[i] > arr[maxIndex]) {
26             maxIndex = i;
27         }
28     }
29     return maxIndex;
30 }
31
32 // Pancake sort function
33 void pancakeSort(int arr[], int n) {
34     for (int curr_size = n; curr_size > 0; curr_size--) {
35         int correctIndex = n - curr_size;
36         // Find the index of the maximum element in the current unsorted portion
37         int maxIndex = findMaxIndex(arr, correctIndex, n);
38         // If the maximum element is not already at the start of the current
unsorted portion
39         if (maxIndex != correctIndex) {
40             // Bring the maximum element to the end of the current unsorted
portion
41             flip(arr, maxIndex, n);
42             flip(arr, correctIndex, n);
43         }
44     }
45 }
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47 int main() {
48     int arr[] = {5, 3, 4, 1, 6, 2};
49     int n = sizeof(arr) / sizeof(arr[0]);
50
51     cout << "Original array: ";
52     printArray(arr, n);
53
54     pancakeSort(arr, n);
55
56     cout << "Sorted array: ";
57     printArray(arr, n);
58
59     return 0;
60 }
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