

# Sorting algorithms

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## Sorting algorithms :

- Selection sort
- Insertion sort
- Bubble sort
- Quick sort
- Merge sort
- Shell sort
- Count sort
- Radix sort
- Bucket sort
- Heap Sort

## Selection Sort :

- Two parts available : Sorted and unsorted sub array . Sorts an array by repeatedly finding the minimum element from unsorted array and puts it in the beginning , the sorted array
- Efficient when list is small
- Not a stable algorithm
- Memory space is limited so it makes a minimum number of swaps during sort.

## Insertion Sort :

- Values from unsorted subarray are placed in sorted subarray.
- Efficient when the list or array is already sorted.
- Stable algorithm
- Very efficient for smaller datasets.

## **Bubble Sort :**

- Compare the adjacent element and then swapping takes place to sort the array. Total  $N$  elements , repeat the process for  $N-1$  times.
- Two slow for large data sets
- Stable algorithm

## **Merge Sort :**

- Merge sort works based on Divide and conquer method.
- It divides the input array into two halves and recursively calls the two halves for sorting and then merges the sorted halves .
- Works well for Linked lists as it supports sequential access.
- Stable algorithm.

## **Quick Sort :**

- Pick an element as pivot , sort and partition the elements before and after pivot.
- Works well for data sets that fit into memory.
- Not stable
- Efficient for large datasets compared to merge sort
- Divide and conquer method.

## **Count Sort :**

- Sorts an element by counting the number of occurrences of each unique element in an array.
- Stable algorithm
- Efficient when range of input data is sufficiently not greater than the object to be sorted.
- Works for negative inputs too.

## **Shell sort :**

- Generalization for insertion sort , to overcome the drawback of insertion sort by comparing elements separated by several gap positions.

- Insertion sort - Move elements one step ahead ; Shell sort - Move elements far ahead , many movements are involved (Exchange items placed in far distance)
- Not stable.

### **Which Sorting algorithms are stable ?**

- Count sort
- Bubble sort
- Insertion sort
- Merge sort
- Radix sort - Requires another sort for sorting if that sort is stable then radix sort is stable
- Bucket sort - If underlying sort is stable

### **Mention the Non stable sorting algorithms:**

- Quick sort
- Selection sort
- Heap sort
- Shell sort

### **Mention the Comparison Sort :**

- Selection sort
- Bubble sort
- Insertion sort
- Merge sort
- Quick sort
- Heap sort

### **Mention the Non comparison Sort:**

- Bucket sort
- Radix sort
- Count sort

## **Mention the inplace - sorting and outplace-sorting algorithms :**

**Inplace sorting algorithms** - Algorithms that do not require any extra space for storage .

- Quick sort
- Heap sort

**Outplace sorting algorithms** - That requires auxiliary space for sorting

- Merge sort
- Count sort - Counting array is used as an auxiliary space
- Bucket sort - Uses hash table
- Radix sort

## **Mention the online and offline algorithms :**

**Online algorithms** : Algorithms that accept new elements as an input during the on-going procedure.

- Insertion sort

## Time and Space complexity :

Algorithm	Time	Space
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Sorting	Best	Average	Worst	Worst
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Selection sort	$\Omega(n^2)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$\Omega(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Bubble sort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion sort	$\Omega(n)$	$\theta(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Heap sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(1)$
Quick Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$
Merge Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Bucket Sort	$\Omega(n+k)$	$\theta(n+k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Radix Sort	$\Omega(nk)$	$\theta(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(n+k)$
Count Sort	$\Omega(n+k)$	$\theta(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(k)$
Shell Sort	$\Omega(n \log(n))$	$\theta(n \log(n)^2)$	$O(n \log(n)^2)$	$O(1)$