

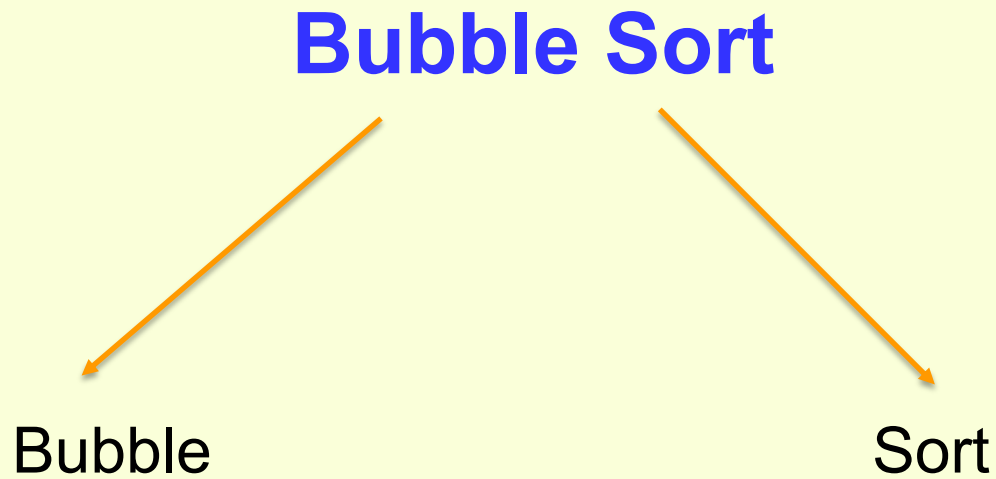
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# Bubble Sort



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Bubble

Sort

## Sorting

Sorting takes a list of elements and makes it an ordered one.

0	1	2	3	4	5
77	42	35	12	101	5



0	1	2	3	4	5
5	12	35	42	77	101

How does it sort the list of elements ?

## "Bubbling Up" the Largest Element

In every step it bubble up the largest element of the unordered list towards the end

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# "Bubbling Up" the Largest Element

- How does it bubble up ?
  - It compares adjacent values, and if they are not in order, it swaps them.

0	1	2	3	4	5
77	42	35	12	101	5

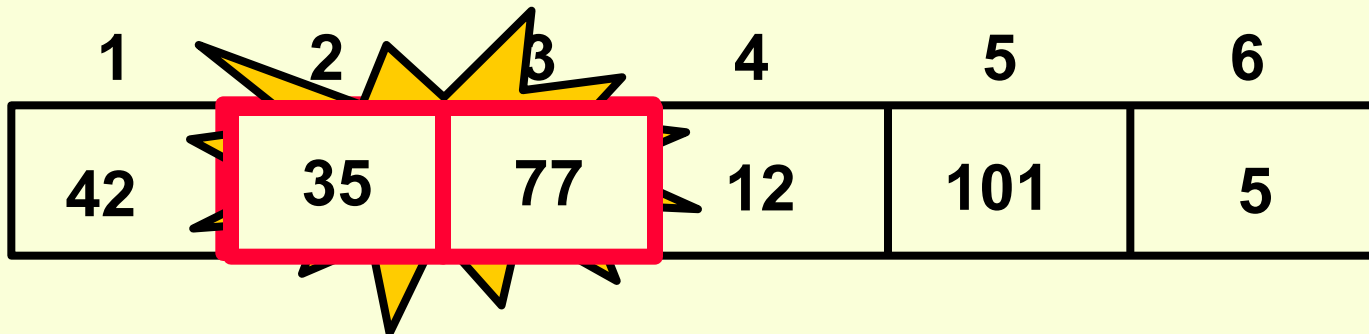
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**Let's visualize this**

[https://learn.newtonschool.co/visuals/bubble\\_sort/0](https://learn.newtonschool.co/visuals/bubble_sort/0)

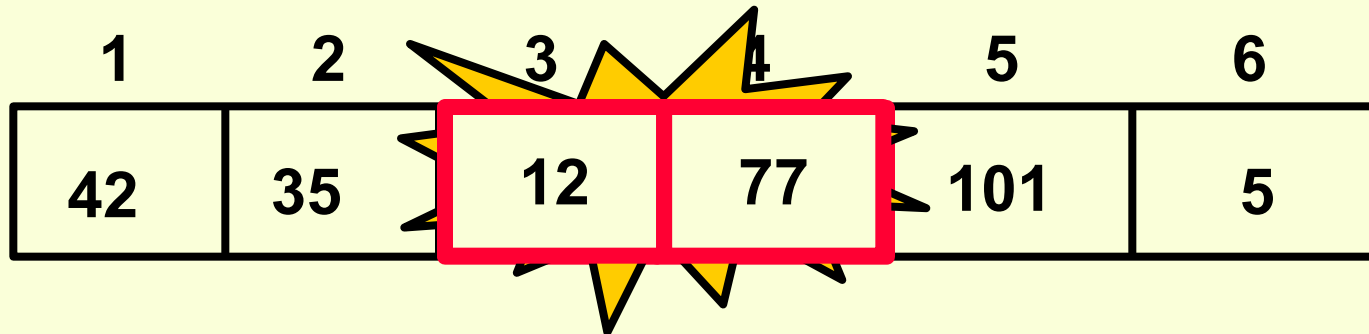
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- **Traverse a collection of elements**
  - Move from the front to the end
  - “Bubble” the largest value to the end using pair-wise comparisons and swapping





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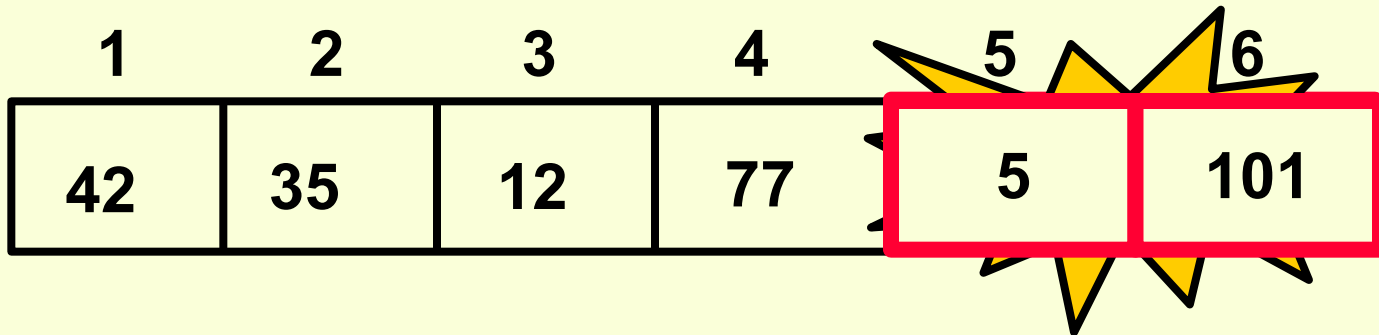
- **Traverse a collection of elements**
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1	2	3	4	5	6
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No need to swap

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# "Bubbling Up" the Largest Element

- After 1st iteration over the unsorted list, the largest element gets bubbled up towards the end.

0	1	2	3	4	5
42	35	12	77	5	101

Largest value correctly placed

## Items of Interest

- Notice that only the largest value is correctly placed
- All other values are still out of order
- So we need to repeat this process

1	2	3	4	5	6
42	35	12	77	5	101

Largest value correctly placed

# Repeat “Bubble Up” How Many Times?

- If we have  $N$  elements...
- And if each time we bubble an element, we place it in its correct location...
- **Then we** repeat the “bubble up” process  $N - 1$  times.
- **This** guarantees we’ll correctly place all  $N$  elements.

## “Bubbling” All the Elements

0	1	2	3	4	5
42	35	12	77	5	101
0	1	2	3	4	5
35	12	42	5	77	101
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12	35	5	42	77	101
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5	12	35	42	77	101

# Reducing the Number of Comparisons

1	2	3	4	5	6
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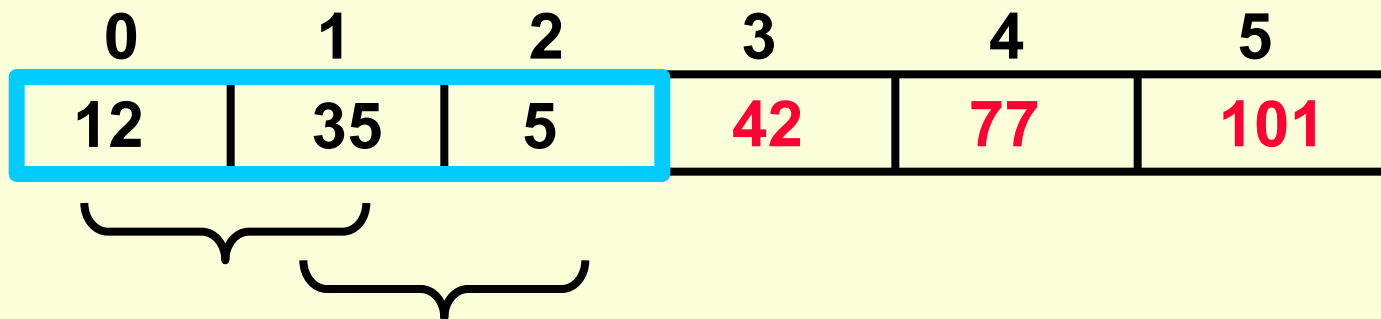
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# Reducing the Number of Comparisons

- For every new bubble up the number of comparisons are getting reduced.
- For example:
  - If last 3 elements are bubbled up, so for the 4th bubble up we have 2 comparisons to do.






# Putting It All Together

# Pseudo Code

```
void bubbleSort(vector<int> &arr)
{
    int n = arr.size();
    for (int i = 1; i <= n - 1; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < n - i; j++)
        {
            if (arr[j] > arr[j + 1])
            {
                swap(arr[j], arr[j + 1]);
            }
        }
    }
}
```



## Complexity Analysis

Notice that we are running the loop (N-1) times :

- For pass 1 we will have (N-1) comparisons
- For pass 2 we will have (N-2) comparisons
- For pass 3 we will have (N-3) comparisons
- .
- .
- .
- For pass (N-1) we will have only 1 comparison

Total comparison =  $1 + 2 + \dots + (N-3) + (N-2) + (N-1)$

Which would be =  $(N-1)(N-1+1)/2 \Rightarrow N(N-1)/2$

What do you think would be the time complexity according to the number of comparisons that we are getting?

## Already Sorted Collections?

- What if the collection was already sorted?
- How many swaps will be there??

0	1	2	3	4	5
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There would be 15 comparison

Can we reduce the number of comparison ?

## Using a Boolean “Flag”

- **We can use a boolean variable to determine if any swapping occurred during the “bubble up.”**
- **If no swapping occurred, then we know that the collection is already sorted!**

# Modifying Bubble Sort

```
void bubbleSort(vector<int> &arr)
{
    int n = arr.size();
    bool anySwap = false;
    for (int i = 1; i <= n - 1; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < n - i; j++)
        {
            if (arr[j] > arr[j + 1])
            {
                anySwap = true;
                swap(arr[j], arr[j + 1]);
            }
        }

        if (!anySwap)
        {
            break;
        }
    }
}
```

**Can you  
identify the  
bug??**

**Thank you**