

Pancake Sort

Repeatedly flip the largest unsorted element to the front, then to its correct position at the end.

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def flip(arr, i):  
    arr[:i+1] = arr[:i+1][::-1]  
  
def find_max_index(arr, n):  
    return max(range(n), key=lambda i: arr[i])  
  
def pancake_sort(arr): n=  
    len(arr)  
    for size in range(n, 1, -1):  
        max_index = find_max_index(arr, size) if  
        max_index != size - 1:  
            flip(arr, max_index)  
            flip(arr, size - 1)
```

Bucket Sort

Distribute elements into buckets, sort each bucket, then concatenat

```
def bucket_sort(arr): if
    len(arr) == 0:
        return arr
    bucket_count = 10
    max_val, min_val = max(arr), min(arr)
    bucket_range = (max_val - min_val) / bucket_count + 1
    buckets = [[] for _ in range(bucket_count)]
    for num in arr:
        index = int((num - min_val) // bucket_range)
        buckets[index].append(num)
    for bucket in buckets:
        bucket.sort()
    return [num for bucket in buckets for num in bucket]
```

Comb Sort

Improves bubble sort by comparing elements with a shrinking gap until fully sorted.

```
def comb_sort(arr):  
    gap = len(arr)  
    shrink = 1.3  
    sorted = False  
    while not sorted:  
        gap = int(gap / shrink)  
        if gap <= 1:  
            gap = 1  
            sorted = True  
        for i in range(len(arr) - gap):  
            if arr[i] > arr[i + gap]:  
                arr[i], arr[i + gap] = arr[i + gap], arr[i]  
            sorted = False
```

Radix Sort

Sort numbers digit by digit using counting sort as subroutine.

```
Def    counting_sort(arr,exp):
    n=len(arr)
    output  = [0] * n
    count = [0] * 10
    for i in arr:
        count[(i // exp) % 10] += 1
    for i in range(1, 10):
        count[i] += count[i - 1]
    for i in reversed(arr):
        index = (i // exp) % 10
        output[count[index] - 1] = i
        count[index] -= 1
    for i in range(n):
        arr[i]=output[i]
```

```
def radix_sort(arr):
    max_num = max(arr)
    exp = 1
    while max_num // exp > 0:
        counting_sort(arr,exp)
        exp *= 10
```

Comparison Table

Algorithm	Best	Average	Worst	Space	Stable	Use Case
Selection	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	No	Small datasets, simplicity
Bubble	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes	Educational, nearly sorted data
Insertion	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes	Nearly sorted or small datasets
Merge	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$	Yes	Large datasets, stable sorting needed
Quick	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	No	Fast general-purpose sort (in-place)
Heap	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(1)$	No	Priority queues, large datasets
Count	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(k)$	Yes	Integers in known range
Pancake	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	No	Educational, theoretical interest
Bucket	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n + k)$	Yes	Uniform float distribution
Comb	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2 / 2^k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	No	Faster Bubble Sort alternative
Radix	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(n + k)$	Yes	Integers, fixed-length strings