

Bubble Sort

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- In bubble sort, the idea of the algorithm is to move higher valued elements generally towards the right and lower value elements generally towards the left.

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- **Worst-case scenario:** The array is in reverse order; we have to “bubble” each of the n elements all the way across the array, and since we can only fully bubble one element into position per pass, we must do this n times.
- **Best-case scenario:** The array is already perfectly sorted, and we make no swaps on the first pass.

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$$O(n^2)$$

$$\Omega(n)$$