Algorithms – Insertion Sort (1C)

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Insertion Sort Algorithm

procedure insertion sort(a_1, … , a_n : real numbers with n ≥ 2)

```
for j := 2 to n
    i := 1
    while a_j > a_i
        i := i + 1
    m := a_j
    for k := 0 to j– i–1
        a_j-k = a_j-k-1
    a_i := m
```

{a_1, …, a_n is in increasing order}

Nested loop k – constraints

```
for k := 0 to j– i–1
    a_{j-k} = a_{j-k-1}
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$$j-i-1 \geq 0 \qquad j \geq i+1 \qquad i \leq j-1 \qquad i < j$$

$$a_{j-k} = a_{j-k-1}$$

$(k=0)$	$a_{j-0} = a_{j-0-1}$	$a_j = a_{j-1}$
$(k=1)$	$a_{j-1} = a_{j-1-1}$	$a_{j-1} = a_{j-2}$
$(k=2)$	$a_{j-2} = a_{j-2-1}$	$a_{j-2} = a_{j-3}$
	$\vdots = \vdots$	$\vdots = \vdots$
$(k=j-i-1)$	$a_{j-(j-i-1)} = a_{j-(j-i-1)-1}$	$a_{i+1} = a_i$

increasing index

Nested loop k – rearranging for understanding

```
for k := 0 to j– i–1
    a_{j-k} = a_{j-k-1}
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$$a_{j-k} = a_{j-k-1}$$

$a_j = a_{j-1}$		$a_{i+1} = a_i$	$(k=j-i-1)$
$a_{j-1} = a_{j-2}$		$\vdots = \vdots$	
$a_{j-2} = a_{j-3}$		$a_{j-2} = a_{j-3}$	$(k=2)$
$\vdots = \vdots$		$a_{j-1} = a_{j-2}$	$(k=1)$
$a_{i+1} = a_i$		$a_j = a_{j-1}$	$(k=0)$

increasing index

execution order

Nested loop k – data movement

```
m := a_j
for k := 0 to j– i–1
    a_j-k = a_j-k-1
a_i := m
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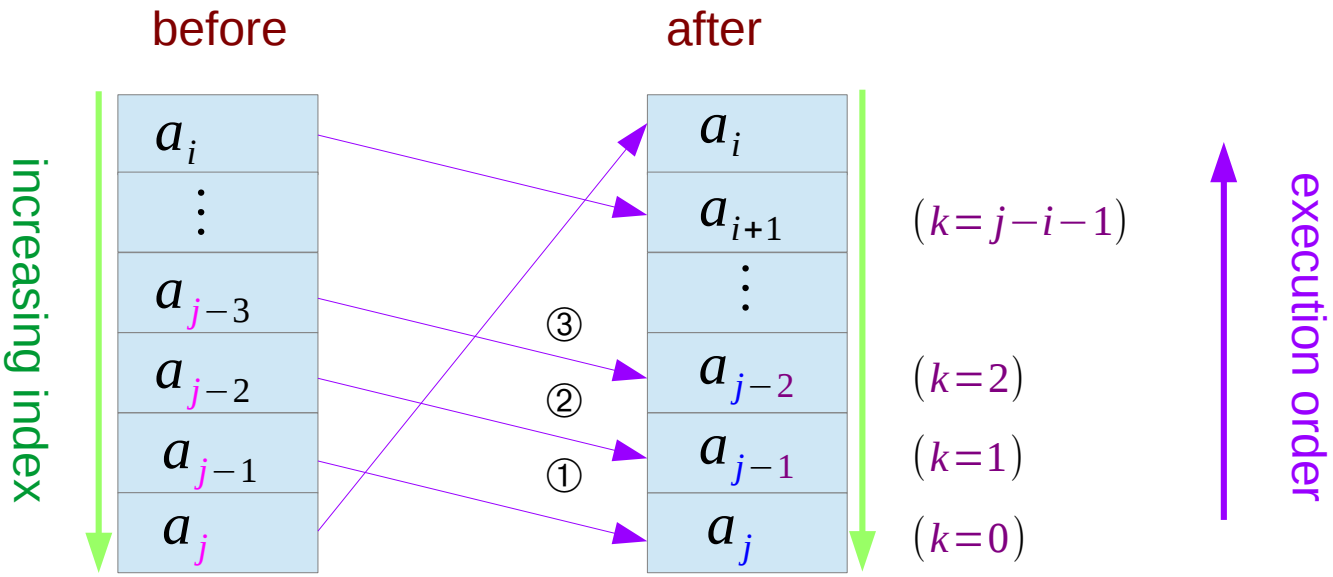
$i < j$



Nested loop i – finding out of order a_i

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i := 1
while a_j > a_i
    i := i + 1
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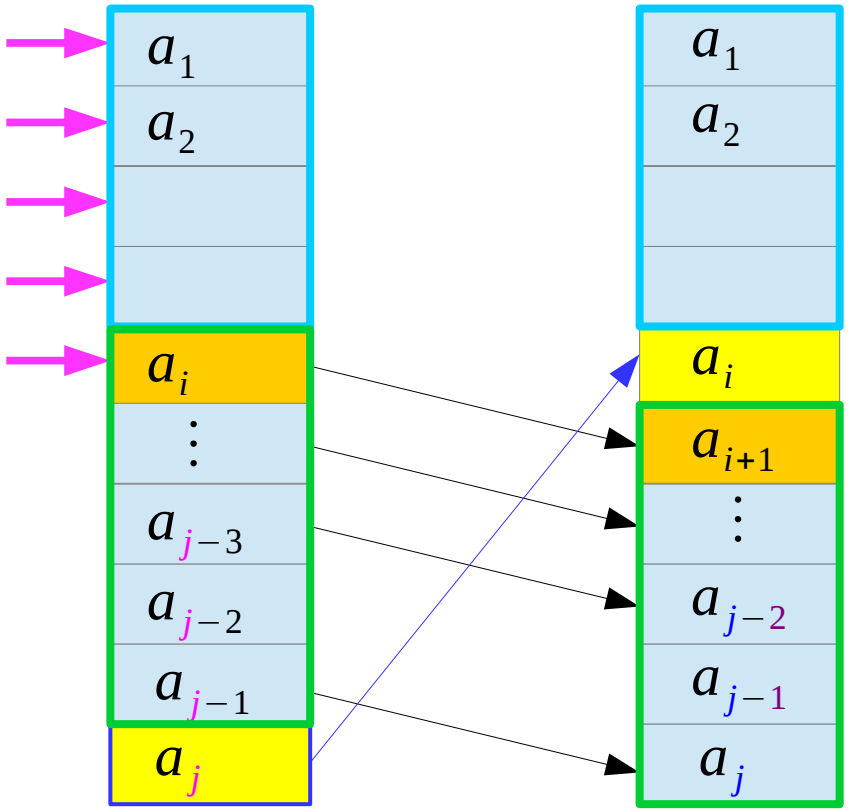
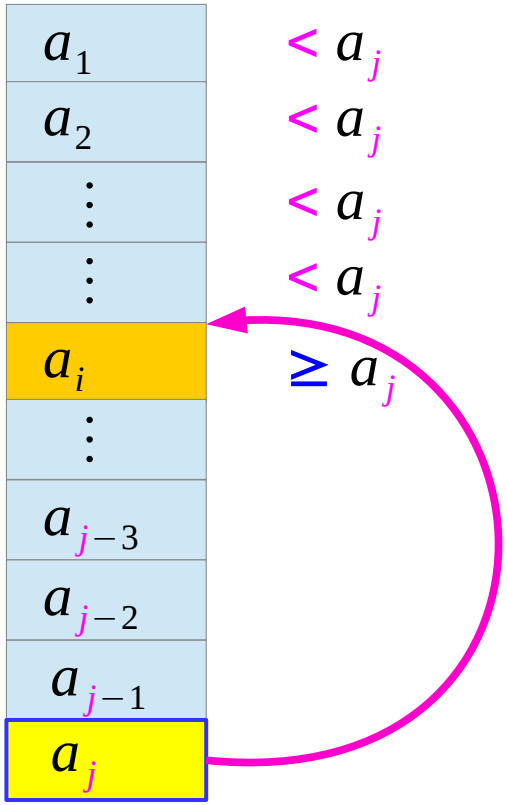
If a_i < a_j increment I

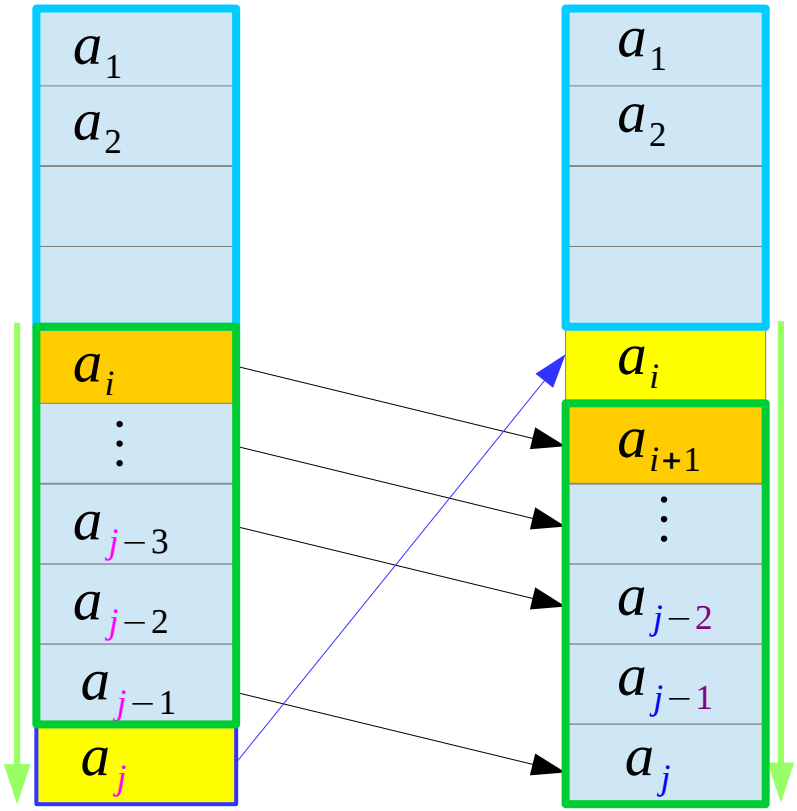
If a_i >= a_j break the loop

a_i is the 1st one that is greater than a_j

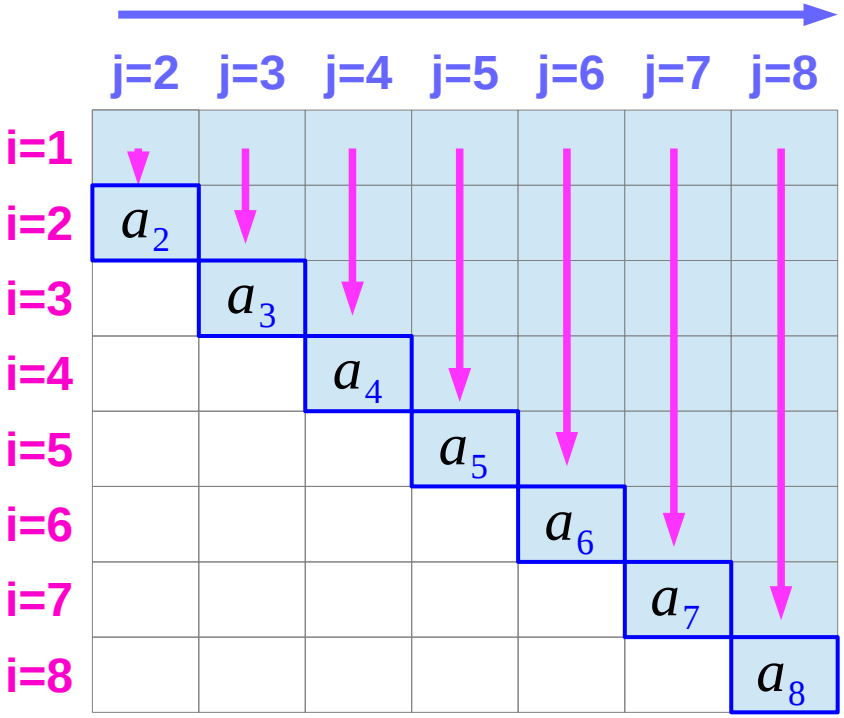


Nested loop i – inserting $\mathbf{a_i}$ at the correct position





Nested loop iterations

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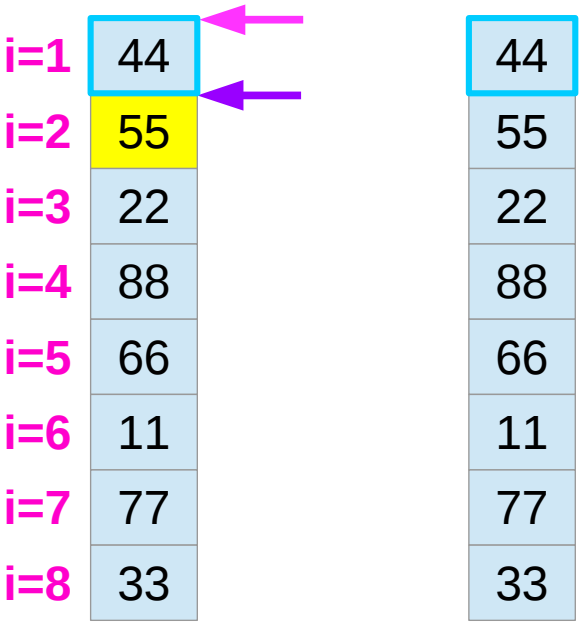
Step j=2



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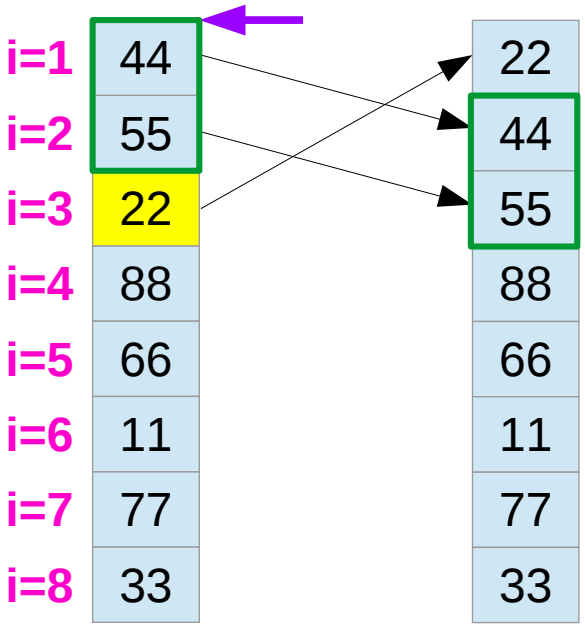
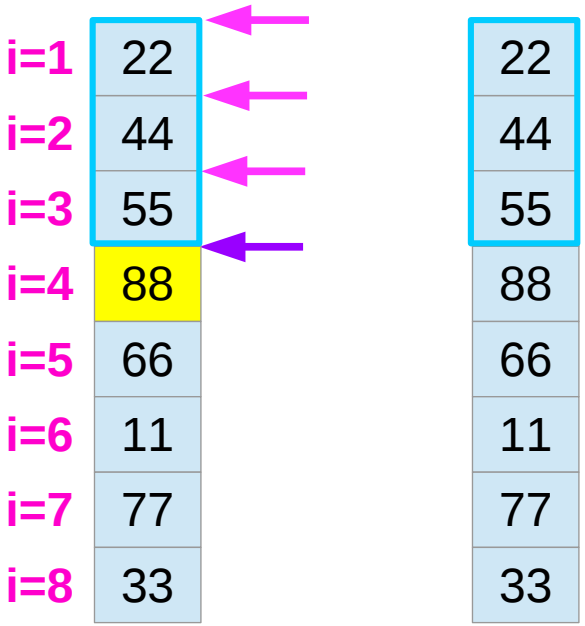
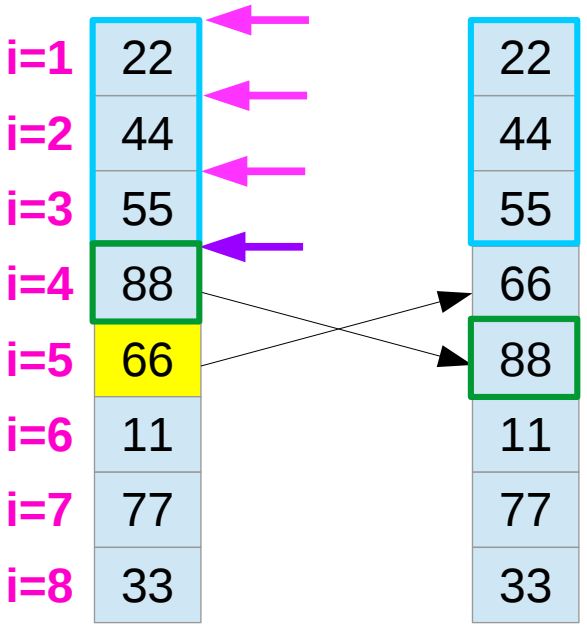


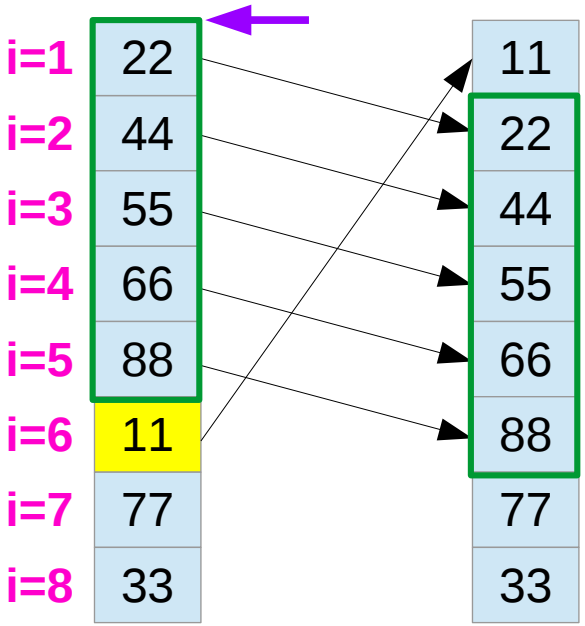
Step j=4



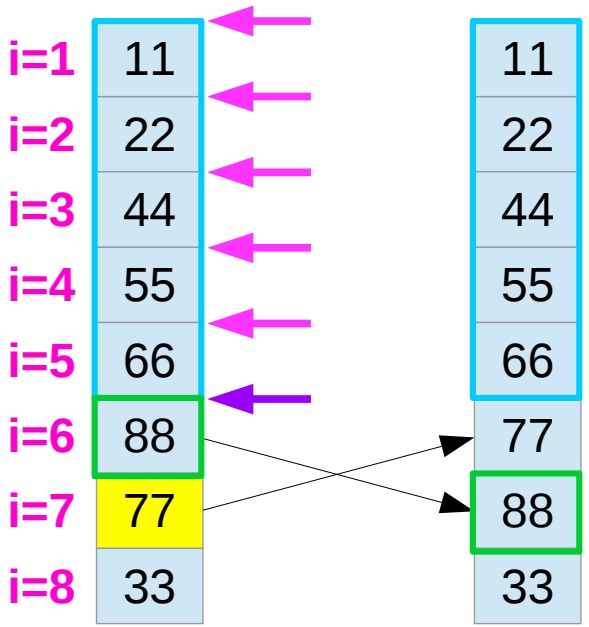
Step j=5



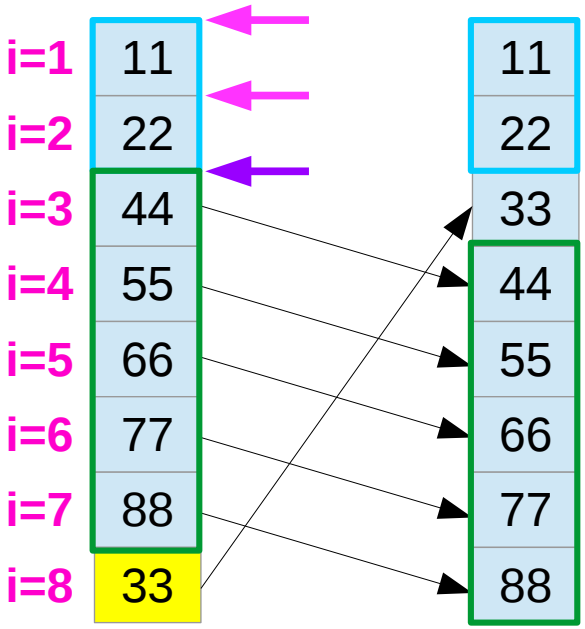
Step j=6



Step j=7



Step j=8



Nested loop iterations

References

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