

## Algorithms

### Examples

1. Demonstrate bubble sort to sort the list 3, 4, 2, 1.

**Solution:** On the first pass, we go  $3421 \rightarrow 3241 \rightarrow 3214$ , on the next pass we do  $3214 \rightarrow 2314 \rightarrow 2134$  and on the third pass we do  $2134 \rightarrow 1234$  and on the fourth pass, we make no changes which means the algorithm terminates.

2. Demonstrate the quick sort to sort the list 3, 6, 2, 5, 1, 4.

**Solution:** First we place the first number in the appropriate position and put the numbers smaller before it and the numbers larger after while preserving their relative order to get  $362514 \rightarrow 213654$ . Now we do the same on the smaller numbers and the larger to get  $21 \rightarrow 12$  and  $654 \rightarrow 546 \rightarrow 456$ . This finally sorts the list as 123456.

3. Demonstrate the stable matching algorithm when men and women have the preferences  $m_1 : w_1 > w_2, m_2 : w_1 > w_2$  and  $w_1 : m_1 > m_2, w_2 : m_1 > m_2$ .

**Solution:** Both men will propose to woman 1 and she will choose man number 1. Then man 2 will propose to his next option which is woman 2 and she will accept him. Thus, we get the final pairing  $(m_1, w_1), (m_2, w_2)$ .

### Problems

4. **TRUE** False The stable matching algorithm will always produce a matching that is stable.
5. True **FALSE** There is only one stable matching.  
Could be more!

6. Three women A, B, C are proposing to men E, F, G. Their preferences are as follows:

A	B	C	E	F	G
$E > G > F$	$E > G > F$	$G > E > F$	$C > A > B$	$A > B > C$	$B > C > A$

Show the stable matching algorithm with the women proposing to the men by clearly showing all rounds in a table.

	Men	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5
<b>Solution:</b>	E	A, B	A	A, C	C	C
	F					A
	G	C	C, B	B	B, A	B

7. Sort the list 2, 1, 6, 4, 5, 3 using both bubble sort and quicksort.

**Solution:** Using bubble sort, we get

$$216453 \rightarrow 124536 \rightarrow 124356 \rightarrow 123456$$

Using quicksort using the last number as a pivot, we get

$$216453 \rightarrow 213645 \rightarrow (12)3(456).$$

8. Find and prove a formula for  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$

**Solution:** We induct.  $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ . For the base case,  $\frac{1(1+1)}{2} = 1$ . For the inductive step

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 + \dots + n + (n + 1) &= \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} + n + 1 = \frac{n^2 + n}{2} + \frac{2n + 2}{2} = \frac{n^2 + 3n + 2}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n + 1)(n + 2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

as desired.