

Loop invariant: $A[j]$ is the smallest element in the subarray $A[j \dots n]$. Formally,

- (a) $\forall k, [j, n], A[j] \leq A[k]$
- (b) $n - j$ is the number of iterations completed

Initialization. Before the loop starts, $j = n$ so (a) is trivial and $j - n = 0$ implies (b).

Maintenance. Suppose the invariant holds at the beginning of an iteration. Let j_{old} be the value of j before an iteration. Our supposition is, then, that $\forall k, j \leq k \leq n, A[j_{old}] \leq A[k]$ and $n - j_{old}$ is the number of iterations completed.

Either $A[j_{old} - 1] \leq A[j_{old}]$ or $A[j_{old} - 1] > A[j_{old}]$.

Suppose $A[j_{old} - 1] > A[j_{old}]$. Then by line 4, the values in positions $j_{old} - 1$ and j_{old} are swapped. Let A' be the new state of the array. Then $A'[j_{old} - 1] < A[j_{old}]$ and hence $\forall k \in [j_{old} - 1], A[j_{old} - 1] \leq A[k]$.

(continued...) On the other hand, suppose $A[j_{old} - 1] \leq A[j_{old}]$. Then no change is made to the array, so $A' = A$. Moreover, $\forall k \in [j_{old} - 1], A[j_{old} - 1] \leq A[k]$.

Let j_{new} be j at the end of the iteration. Then $j_{new} = j_{old} - 1$, and $n - j_{old} + 1 = n - j_{new}$ is the number of iterations completed, satisfying (b). In either case above, $\forall k \in [j_{old} - 1], A[j_{old} - 1] \leq A[k]$, which satisfies (a).

Termination. After $n - i$ iterations, by (b) $n - j = n - i$, and so $j = i < i + 1$. Hence the loop terminates.

By (a), at termination $\forall k, [i, n], A[i] \leq A[k]$, that is, the value $A[i]$ is the smallest value in A in the range $[i, n]$. \square

Loop invariant: The subarray $A[1, i)$ is sorted and less than everything in subarray $A[i, n]$. Formally:

(a) $\forall k \in [1, i), \forall \ell \in [i, n], A[k] \leq A[\ell]$

(b) $i - 1$ is the number of iterations completed.

(Note (a) also implies $\forall k \in (1, i), A[k - 1] \leq A[k]$.)

Initialization. Before the loop starts, $i = 1$ which implies (b). Since the range $[1, i)$ is empty, (a) is trivial.

Maintenance. Let i_{old} and i_{new} be the values of i before and after the iteration in question. Note that $i_{new} = i_{old} + 1$. Suppose that the invariant holds before the iteration, that is $i - 1$ iterations have been completed and

$$\forall k \in [1, i_{old}), \forall \ell \in [i_{old}, n], A[k] \leq A[\ell]$$

At the end of the running of the inner loop, $j = i_{old} + 1$, that is, $j = i_{new}$. By the loop invariant we proved in part a,

$$\forall k \in [i_{new}, n], A[i_{new}] \leq A[k]$$

Since all the positions less than i_{new} weren't changed, then this together with our inductive hypothesis tells us that

$$\forall k, [1, i_{new}), \forall \ell \in [i_{new}, n], A[k] \leq A[\ell]$$

Moreover, since $A[i_{new} - 1]$ is greater than everything in positions less than $i_{new} - 1$, we have

$$\forall k \in (1, i_{old}), A[k - 1] \leq A[k]$$

Termination. After $n - 1$ iterations, $i - 1 = n - 1$ by (b), and so $i = n$. Hence the loop terminates

Moreover, (a) implies that the entire array $A[1 \dots n]$ is sorted.