

Selection Sort in R

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This function implements the selection sort algorithm. The basic idea of selection sort is to pick the smallest element from the unsorted list and place it at the beginning. It's average case time complexity is $O(n^2)$

Algorithm: 1. Pick the smallest element from the unsorted list and place it at the beginning 2. Repeat the above step until the entire list is sorted It is an improvement over bubble sort. It is a stable sorting algorithm. Let us create a function that implements the selection sort algorithm.

```
selection.sort <- function(vec){  
  # Iterate over the vector  
  for(i in 1:length(vec)){  
    # Initialize the index of the smallest element  
    min_index <- i  
    # Iterate over the unsorted list  
    for(j in i:length(vec)){  
      # If the element at j is smaller than the element at min_index  
      if(vec[j] < vec[min_index]){  
        # Update the index of the smallest element  
        min_index <- j  
      }  
    }  
    # Swap the smallest element with the element at i  
    temp <- vec[i]  
    vec[i] <- vec[min_index]  
    vec[min_index] <- temp  
  }  
  vec  
}
```

Example

```
vector <- c(7,6,5,1,0,9,5,5)  
selection.sort(vector)
```

```
## [1] 0 1 5 5 5 6 7 9
```