



1 SUMMARY

To sort an **array of numbers** into **descending order**. The 'Quicksort' algorithm is used, see, C.A.R. Hoare, 'Quicksort', Computer Journal, April 1962.

ATTRIBUTES — **Version:** 1.0.0. **Types:** Real (single, double), Integer. **Original date:** April 1980. **Origin:** C.Birch*, Harwell.

2 HOW TO USE THE PACKAGE

2.1 The argument list and calling sequence

Sorting single precision numbers

```
CALL KB06A (ARRAY, N)
```

Sorting double precision numbers

```
CALL KB06AD (ARRAY, N)
```

Sorting integer numbers

```
CALL KB06AI (ARRAY, N)
```

ARRAY is an **array** containing the numbers to be sorted and the user must put these in $ARRAY(I)$, $I=1, N$. On return from the subroutine they will have been sorted into descending order. ARRAY should be of Fortran type corresponding to the name of the sorting subroutine being used.

N is an INTEGER variable and must be set by the user to the number of numbers in the array.

3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Use of Common: none.

Workspace: private integer workspace of length 100, which limits the size of ARRAY to $2^{50} \approx 10^{15}$.

Other subroutines: none.

Input/Output: If $n < 1$ an error message is printed.

Restrictions: $n \geq 1$.

4 METHOD

The 'Quicksort' method is used, see C.A.R. Hoare, 'Quicksort', Computer Journal, April 1962.

5 EXAMPLE OF USE

This example program sorts the N numbers in the array ARRAY into descending order using a call to KB06AD.

```
PROGRAM MAIN
  INTEGER N, I
  PARAMETER ( N = 10 )
  DOUBLE PRECISION ARRAY( N )
  DATA ARRAY / 1.0D0, 5.0D0, 7.0D0, 0.0D0, 4.0D0,
*              6.0D0, 2.0D0, 3.0D0, 9.0D0, 8.0D0 /
  CALL KB06AD( ARRAY, N )
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  WRITE( 6, "( ' reordered array = ', /, 10F5.2 )" )
* ( ARRAY( I ), I = 1, N )
  STOP
  END
```

This produces the following output:

```
reordered array =
9.00 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00 1.00 0.00
```