

Sorting Algorithms

Sorting

- It's a way to arrange the unordered collection in some order like ascending or descending

Types of sorting algorithms –

1. Bubble Sort
2. Selection Sort
3. Insertion Sort
4. Quick Sort
5. Merge Sort
6. Heap Sort
7. Radix Sort
8. Shell Sort etc.

Bubble Sort

- Move from left to right end
- Compare the two elements and swap them if needed

Bubble Sort Illustration

Iteration 1:

a[0]	a[1]	a[2]	a[3]	a[4]	a[5]	a[6]	a[7]	a[8]	a[9]	
7	7	5	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	No Swapping
7	7	5	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	Swapping
7	5	7	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	No Swapping
7	5	7	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	Swapping
7	5	7	2	13	3	9	3	1	0	Swapping
7	5	7	2	3	13	9	3	1	0	Swapping
7	5	7	2	3	9	13	3	1	0	Swapping

a[0] a[1] a[2] a[3] a[4] a[5] a[6] a[7] a[8] a[9]

7	5	7	2	3	9	3	13	1	0
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Swapping

7	5	7	2	3	9	3	1	13	0
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Swapping

7	5	7	2	3	9	3	1	0	13
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Swapping



Final Position

Iteration 2:

5	7	2	3	7	3	1	0	9	13
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Final Position

Iteration 3:

5	2	3	7	3	1	0	7	9	13
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Iteration 4:

2	3	5	3	1	0	7	7	9	13
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Iteration 5:

2	3	3	1	0	5	7	7	9	13
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Iteration 6:

2	3	1	0	3	5	7	7	9	13
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Iteration 7:

2	1	0	3	3	5	7	7	9	13
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Iteration 8:

1	0	2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13
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Iteration 9:

0	1	2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13
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Bubble sort

Algorithm *Bubble_sort(a,n)*: This algorithm sort the elements in ascending order. *a* is linear array which contains *n* elements. Variable *temp* is used to facilitate the swapping of two values. *I* and *J* are used as loop control variables.

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|-------------------------------------|----|
| 1. For $I = 1$ to $n-1$ | C1 |
| 2. For $J = 0$ to $(n-I-1)$ | C2 |
| 3. If $a[J] > a[J+1]$ then, | C3 |
| 4. Set $temp = a[J]$ | C4 |
| 5. Set $a[J] = a[J+1]$ | C5 |
| 6. Set $a[J+1] = temp$ | C6 |

Analysis of Bubble Sort (version 1)

For Step 2 :

$I = 1$ $J = 0$ to $(n-2)$ i.e. total $(n-1)$ and 1 for false. Hence n times

$I = 2$ $J = 0$ to $(n-3)$ i.e. total $(n-2)$ and 1 for false. Hence $n-1$ times

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$I = n-1$ $J = 0$ to $(n-1-n+1)$ i.e. total 1 and 1 for false. Hence 2 times.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time Complexity} &= n * C1 + \{n(n+1)/2 - 1\} * C2 + \{n(n+1)/2 - 2\} * (C3+C4+C5+C6) \\ &= n + (n^2 + n - 2) / 2 + 2 * (n^2 + n - 4) \\ &= O(n^2)\end{aligned}$$

Analysis of Bubble Sort (version 2)

From the above illustration, we observe following points –

In $(n-1)$ iterations or passes array will become sorted.

Iteration 1: no. of comparisons $(n-1)$

Iteration 2: no. of comparisons $(n-2)$

Iteration 3: no. of comparisons $(n-3)$

.....

Iteration k: no. of comparisons $(n-k)$

.....

Iteration last: no. of comparisons 1

Time Complexity = Total Comparisons

$$= (n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) + \dots + (n-k) + \dots + 3 + 2 + 1$$

$$= n(n-1)/2$$

$$= O(n^2)$$

Property: Once there is no swapping of elements in a particular pass then there will be further swapping in subsequent passes

Selection Sort

- Move from left to right end
- Each time least element gets its final position i.e. we select least element and put it at its final position

Selection Sort Illustration

Iteration 1:

a[0]	a[1]	a[2]	a[3]	a[4]	a[5]	a[6]	a[7]	a[8]	a[9]	
7	7	5	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	No Swapping
7	7	5	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	Swapping
5	7	7	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	No Swapping
5	7	7	13	2	3	9	3	1	0	Swapping
2	7	7	13	5	3	9	3	1	0	No Swapping
2	7	7	13	5	3	9	3	1	0	No Swapping
2	7	7	13	5	3	9	3	1	0	No Swapping

a[0]	a[1]	a[2]	a[3]	a[4]	a[5]	a[6]	a[7]	a[8]	a[9]
2	7	7	13	5	3	9	3	1	0

Swapping

1	7	7	13	5	3	9	3	2	0
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Swapping

0	7	7	13	5	3	9	3	2	1
---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---



Final Position

Iteration 2:

0	1	7	13	7	5	9	3	3	2
---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---



Final Position

Iteration 3:

0	1	2	13	7	7	9	5	3	3
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Iteration 4:

0	1	2	3	13	7	9	7	5	3
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Iteration 5:

0	1	2	3	3	13	9	7	7	5
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Iteration 6:

0	1	2	3	3	5	13	9	7	7
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Iteration 7:

0	1	2	3	3	5	7	13	9	7
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Iteration 8:

0	1	2	3	3	5	7	7	13	9
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Iteration 9:

0	1	2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13
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Selection sort

Algorithm *Select_sort(a,n)*: This algorithm sort the elements in ascending order. *a* is linear array which contains *n* elements. Variable *temp* is used to facilitate the swapping of two values. *I* and *J* are used as loop control variables.

1. For $I = 0$ to $n-2$
2. For $J = I+1$ to $(n-1)$
3. If $a[I] > a[J]$ then,
4. Set $temp = a[I]$
5. Set $a[I] = a[J]$
6. Set $a[J] = temp$

Analysis of Selection Sort

From the above illustration, we observe following points –

In $(n-1)$ iterations or passes array will become sorted.

Iteration 1: no. of comparisons $(n-1)$

Iteration 2: no. of comparisons $(n-2)$

Iteration 3: no. of comparisons $(n-3)$

.....

Iteration k: no. of comparisons $(n-k)$

.....

Iteration last: no. of comparisons 1

Time Complexity = Total Comparisons

$$= (n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) + \dots + (n-k) + \dots + 3 + 2 + 1$$

$$= n(n-1)/2$$

$$= O(n^2)$$

Insertion Sort

- Find the element smaller than previous elements
- Create a space by shifting or moving the elements to next position
- Insert the element at empty space

Insertion Sort Illustration

Pass 1:

a[0]	a[1]	a[2]	a[3]	a[4]	a[5]	a[6]	a[7]	a[8]	a[9]
7	7	5	13	2	3	9	3	1	0

Pass 2:

7	7	5	13	2	3	9	3	1	0
5	7	7	13	2	3	9	3	1	0

Pass 3:

5	7	7	13	2	3	9	3	1	0
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Pass 4:

5	7	7	13	2	3	9	3	1	0
---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---

2	5	7	7	13	3	9	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---

2	5	7	7	13	3	9	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---

Pass 5:

2	5	7	7	13	3	9	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---

2	3	5	7	7	13	9	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---

2	3	5	7	7	13	9	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---

Pass 6:

2	3	5	7	7	13	9	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---

2	3	5	7	7	9	13	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---

2	3	5	7	7	9	13	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---

Pass 7:

2	3	5	7	7	9	13	3	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---

2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---

2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---

Pass 8:

2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---

1	2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---

1	2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---

Pass 9:

1	2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---

0	1	2	3	3	5	7	7	9	13
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Insertion sort

Algorithm *Insert_sort(a,n)*: This algorithm sort the elements in ascending order. *a* is linear array which contains *n* elements. Variable *temp* is used to facilitate the swapping of two values. *I*, *J* and *K* are used as loop control variables.

1. For $I = 1$ to $n-1$
2. $Key = a[I]$
3. $J = I - 1$
4. While $J \geq 0$ and $a[J] > Key$
5. Set $a[J+1] = a[J]$
6. $J = J - 1$
7. $a[J+1] = Key$

Analysis of Insertion Sort

From the above illustration, we observe following points –

In (n-1) iterations or passes array will become sorted.

Iteration 1: no. of comparisons 1

Iteration 2: no. of comparisons 2

Iteration 3: no. of comparisons 3

.....

Iteration last: no. of comparisons n-1

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time Complexity} &= \text{Total Comparisons} \\ &= 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-2) + (n-1) \\ &= n(n-1)/2 \\ &= O(n^2)\end{aligned}$$

Radix Sort

The idea of Radix Sort is to do digit by digit sort starting from least significant digit to most significant digit.

Radix sort uses counting sort as a subroutine to sort.

Radix Sort Illustration

Original, unsorted list:

170, 45, 75, 90, 802, 24, 2, 66

Sorting by least significant digit (1s place) gives:

[*Notice that we keep 802 before 2, because 802 occurred before 2 in the original list, and similarly for pairs 170 & 90 and 45 & 75.]

170, 90, 802, 2, 24, 45, 75, 66

Sorting by next digit (10s place) gives: [*Notice that 802 again comes before 2 as 802 comes before 2 in the previous list.]

802, 2, 24, 45, 66, 170, 75, 90

Sorting by the most significant digit (100s place) gives:

2, 24, 45, 66, 75, 90, 170, 802

Radix Sort Algorithm

Step 1: Find the maximum number in ARR as Max

Step 2: Calculate the Number of digits in Max and SET NOS = number of digit

Step 3: Repeat Step 4 to 8 for PASS = 1; PASS <= NOS

Step 4: Repeat Step 5 to 7 for I=0 to I < Size of ARR

Step 5: SET DIGIT = Arr[I]

Step 6: Insert element Arr[I] to the bucket at index DIGIT

Step 7: Do Increment in bucket count for index DIGIT
[END OF FOR Loop]

Step 8: Pick elements from the bucket starting from index 0 and put in ARR
[END OF For LOOP]

Step 9: END

Analysis of Radix Sort

What is the running time of Radix Sort?

Let there be d digits in input integers. Radix Sort takes $O(d \cdot (n+b))$ time where b is the base for representing numbers, for example, for the decimal system, b is 10. What is the value of d ?

If k is the maximum possible value, then d would be $O(\log_b(k))$.

So overall time complexity is $O((n+b) \cdot \log_b(k))$. Which looks more than the time complexity of comparison-based sorting algorithms for a large k . Let us first limit k . Let $k \leq n^c$ where c is a constant. In that case, the complexity becomes $O(n \log_b(n))$. But it still doesn't beat comparison-based sorting algorithms.

What if we make the value of b larger?. What should be the value of b to make the time complexity linear? If we set b as n , we get the time complexity as $O(n)$.

In other words, we can sort an array of integers with a range from 1 to n^c if the numbers are represented in base n (or every digit takes $\log_2(n)$ bits).