

Hybrid QuickSort

In last classes we learnt about running time and analysing of algorithms to figure out its running time. In this problem you are required to implement a hybrid version of quicksort based on a parameter and figure out the best value for the parameter depending on the running time.

Implement a hybrid sorting algorithm with an extra parameter k (`sort(A, k)`). The function applies Quicksort algorithm on array A till the size of partition is greater than k . When the size of any partition goes below k , it applies Insertion sort or Bubble sort on the partition of size less or equal to k .

Once you are ready with the routine `sort(A, k)`, vary k for different values and record the time required for running `sort(A, k)`. Subsequently, you are required to plot a graph of value of k against the time for running `sort(A, k)` and figure out the optimal value of k for which the running time is least.

Consider that the size of array to be in the order of 1,00,000 (n), and the value of k to be varied from 1 to 100. Please consider the following different conditions for input

1. Take all random numbers.
2. Take a sorted array.
3. Take reverse sorted array.
4. Take a half sorted array (the other half is random).

For each type of input there would be a separate graph. Consider saving the output of your program to a file and then plotting the graph.

Notes:

- You will be using “GNUPlot” for plotting the graph. Please make sure that your system has GNUPlot installed.
- Write your programs only in C.
- Use the library functions from `ctime.h` to find out the running time of `sort(A, k)`.
- Use the same array for each call to `sort(A, k)` with different k .