

Sorting Algorithms (and the UnorderedList)

Implement the following projects and collect any results in a Word (or other word-processing) doc to be printed out, stapled and upload to dropbox in by the due-date. Copy any questions, in **bold**, into your document so that I have context for your answers. Title and label axes of all graphs, if graphs are required.

Part I:

- BubbleSort
- SelectionSort
- InsertionSort

Implement the sorting algorithms above, and generate average timings (e.g. using `time.time()`) on random Lists of various sizes *of fraction objects as well as* same-size lists of integers.

(Hint: should you want to print out list-contents to ensure your sort-algorithms are actually sorting, you may want to modify your Fraction class's `__str__()` method to return the `str()` of a floating point number rounded to about five decimal places, rather than the numerator/denominator format)

- Pass a *copy* of your random list to each sorting-function

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e.g.:
L = GenRandomList()
begTime = time()
sortedL = bubbleSort(L[:])
endTime = time()
bubSum = bubSum + endTime-begTime

begTime = time()
sortedL = SelectionSort(L[:])
:
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etc....
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- Why do we pass `L[:]` to each function, rather than simply passing `L`?
- Collect timings of ten evenly-spaced list-sizes (e.g. `range(10000, 100001, 10000)`), *using the same list of values for each sort-algorithm*. Compare same-size fraction-sort

times to integer-sort times. Represent the results of your timings in one or more Excel charts, to best illustrate any differences in each algorithm-class.

- Explain the results shown in your charts. What big-O running-times generate which shapes?

Part II:

Write me some *pseudocode* for one pass of the SelectionSort algorithm through random values stored in an Unordered-List, or Linked-List, of values (rather than a standard "Python" List).

- How would you implement a swap using a Linked-List?
- What is the minimum number of variables required?

Step me through an *illustrated* example (including all needed variables/arrows) of a Linked-List of size 5, where the positions of nodes 3 and 4 are swapped.

Show the pseudocode to accomplish this in your report.