

We will model the estimated runtime time complexity of Insertion Sort both experimentally and analytically.

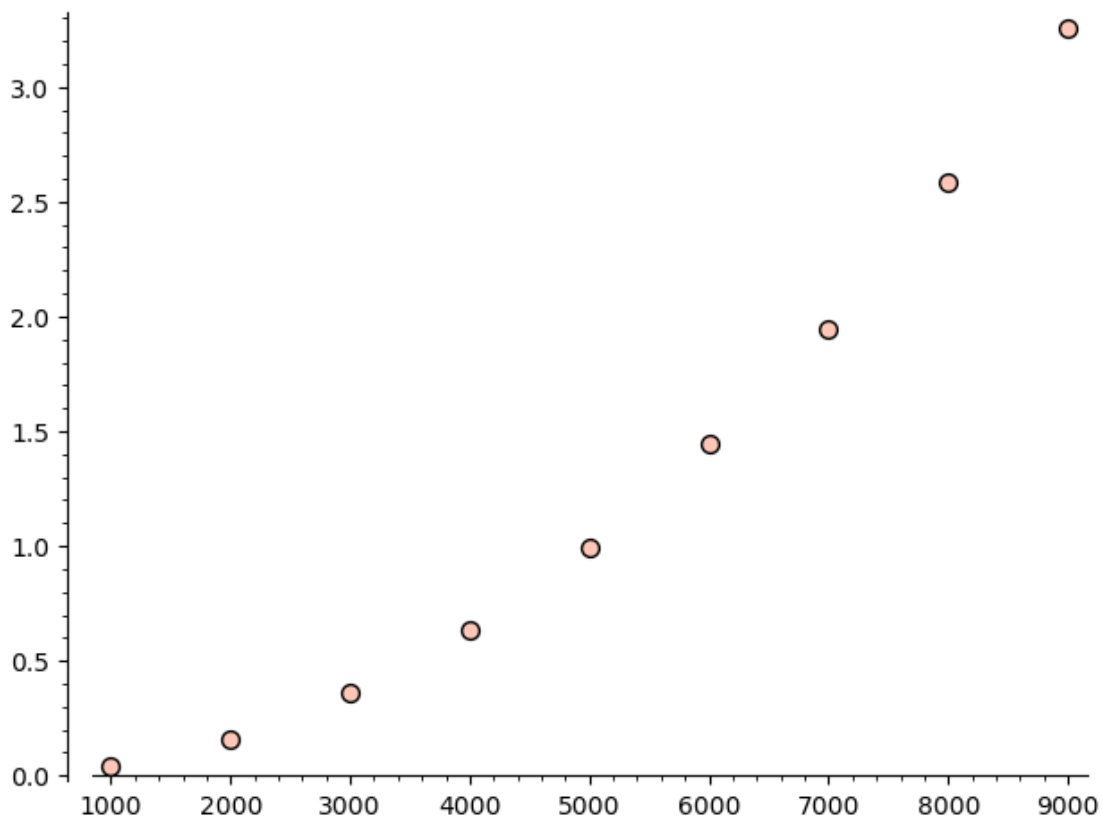
## 1 | Experimental Analysis

On a Rust script running in Debug mode (to better analyze runtime without compiler optimizations), we gather the following data regarding the runtime of insertion sort via worse-case running time (list reversed).

N	Runtime (s)
1000	0.041
2000	0.161
3000	0.361
4000	0.634
5000	0.991
6000	1.442
7000	1.943
8000	2.581
9000	3.258

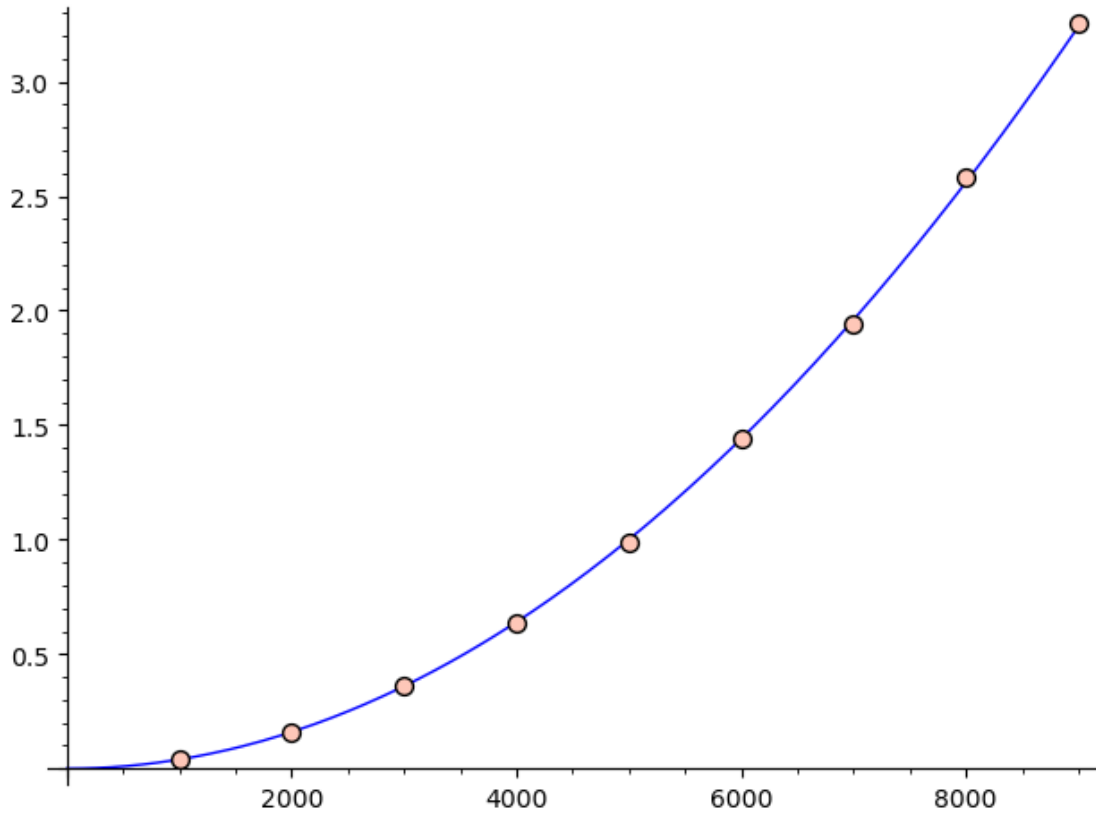
We will now plot this upon a graph to analyze the relation between  $N$  and  $s$ :

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data = [[1000, 0.041], [2000, 0.161], [3000, 0.361], [4000, 0.634], [5000, 0.991], [6000, 1.442], [7000, 1.943], [8000, 2.581], [9000, 3.258]]
scatter_plot(data)
```



```
x = var("x")
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scatter_plot(data)+plot(4*(x^2)/100000000, (x, 0, 9000))
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After dividing by a constant scalar of  $\frac{4}{100000000}$  to make the constant scaling proper, we can see that the time growth w.r.t. number of inputs is almost exactly quadratic.

## 2 | Theory

In the worse case scenario, we will need to swap every element backwards. Therefore, at every element  $i$ , there would need to be  $N - i$  swaps to swap the element into the right place. Therefore, the total runtime would be:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} = N - i \quad (1)$$

This would be equivalent to:

$$N + (N - 1) + (N - 2) + \cdots + N - (N - 1) \quad (2)$$

swaps. Adding this list from the two ends, each pair contains  $N + 1$  operations, and there are  $\frac{N}{2}$  such pairs. Therefore, there is:

$$(N + 1) \frac{N}{2} = \theta(N^2) \quad (3)$$

swaps.

Therefore, it is theoretically true as well that the sorting time grows quadratically.

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s,h,l = var("s h l")
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eqns = [  
    (400/3)*(s/h)^(1/3) == 1*20,  
    (200/3)*(h^2/s^2)^(1/3) == 1*170,  
    170*s + 20*h - 20000 == 0  
]
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simplify(expand(solve(eqns, (s,h,l))))
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