

CO322: DATA STRUCTURES  
AND ALGORITHMS  
LAB1-SORTING ALGORITHMS

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## CODE:

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20 * Simple sorting algorithms and their performance []
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7 *import java.util.*; []
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0 public class Sort {
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2     //create an array of given size and populate it with random data
3 * static int [] create_rand_data(int size_of_array) {
4     int [] data = new int[size_of_array];
5     int i;
6     for(i=0; i < data.length; i++)
7         data[i] = (int)(Math.random() * 100);
8     return data;
9 }
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11 //create an array of given size and populate it with worst data arrangement
12 * static int [] create_worst_data(int size_of_array) {
13     int [] data = new int[size_of_array];
14     int i;
15     for(i=0; i < data.length; i++)
16         data[i] = data.length - i;
17     return data;
18 }
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20 //create an array of given size and populate it with best data arrangement
21 * static int [] create_best_data(int size_of_array) {
22     int [] data = new int[size_of_array];
23     int i;
24     for(i=0; i < data.length; i++)
25         data[i] = i;
26     return data;
27 }
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29 // function to swap. Would be useful since all need this
30 * static void swap(int []d, int i, int j) {
31     int tmp = d[i];
32     d[i] = d[j];
33     d[j] = tmp;
34 }
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36 // check if the sorting worked on the array
37 * static boolean isSorted(int [] data) {
38     int i;
39     for(i=1; i < data.length; i++)
40         if(data[i] < data[i-1]) break;
41     return (i == data.length);
42 }
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44 // If you want just display the array as well :)
45 * static void display(int []data) {
46     System.out.println("=====");
47     for(int i=0; i < data.length; i++)
48         System.out.print(data[i] + " ");
49     System.out.println("\n=====");
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81Ⓢ static void selection_sort(int [] data) {
82 // Implement
83     for(int i=0;i<data.length;i++) {
84         int minIndex=i;
85         for(int j=data.length-1;j>i;j--) {
86             if(data[minIndex]>data[j]) {
87                 minIndex = j;
88             }
89         }
90         swap(data,i,minIndex);
91     }
92 }
93
94Ⓢ static void insertion_sort(int [] array) {
95 // Implement
96     int n = array.length;
97     for (int j = 1; j < n; j++) {
98         int key = array[j];
99         int i = j-1;
100        while ( (i > -1) && ( array [i] > key ) ) {
101            array [i+1] = array [i];
102            i--;
103        }
104        array[i+1] = key;
105    }
106 }

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100 }
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108Ⓢ static void timer(int inputSize,String case_,String alg) {
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110     int myArray[] = null;
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112     if(case_=="best") {
113         myArray = create_best_data(inputSize);
114     }
115     else if(case_=="average") {
116         myArray = create_rand_data(inputSize);
117     }
118     else if(case_=="worst") {
119         myArray = create_worst_data(inputSize);
120     }
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122     long start = 0,finish = 0;
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124     if(alg=="bubble") {
125         start = System.nanoTime();
126         bubble_sort(myArray);
127         finish = System.nanoTime();
128     }
129     else if(alg=="selection") {
130         start = System.nanoTime();
131         selection_sort(myArray);
132         finish = System.nanoTime();
133     }
134     else if(alg=="insertion"){
135         start = System.nanoTime();
136         insertion_sort(myArray);
137         finish = System.nanoTime();
138     }
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140     System.out.print("Time Taken to "+alg+" sorting for the "+case_+" case when input size is "+inputSize+" ");
141     System.out.println((finish-start)/1000000);
142 }
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public static void main(String [] args) {
    // create arrays of different size populate with data
    // measure the time taken by different algorithms to
    // sort the array.
    // Think about effects of caches, other apps running etc.

    while(true) {
        Scanner sc= new Scanner(System.in);    //System.in is a standard input stream
        System.out.print("Enter the input size(enter 0 to terminate): ");
        int n= sc.nextInt();

        if(n==0) {
            break;
        }

        timer(n,"worst","bubble");
        timer(n,"best","bubble");
        timer(2*n,"worst","bubble");
        timer(2*n,"best","bubble");
        timer(3*n,"worst","bubble");
        timer(3*n,"best","bubble");
        timer(4*n,"worst","bubble");
        timer(4*n,"best","bubble");
        timer(5*n,"worst","bubble");
        timer(5*n,"best","bubble");
        timer(6*n,"worst","bubble");
        timer(6*n,"best","bubble");

174         timer(n,"worst","selection");
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187         timer(n,"worst","insertion");
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201     }
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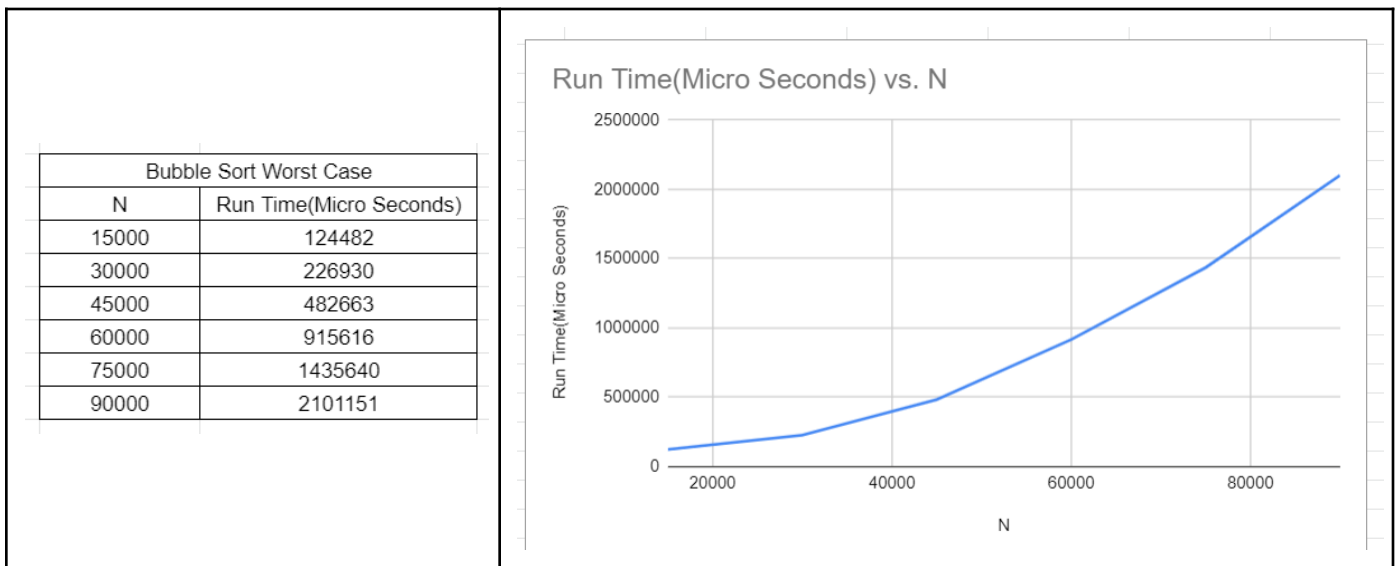
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## DISCUSSION

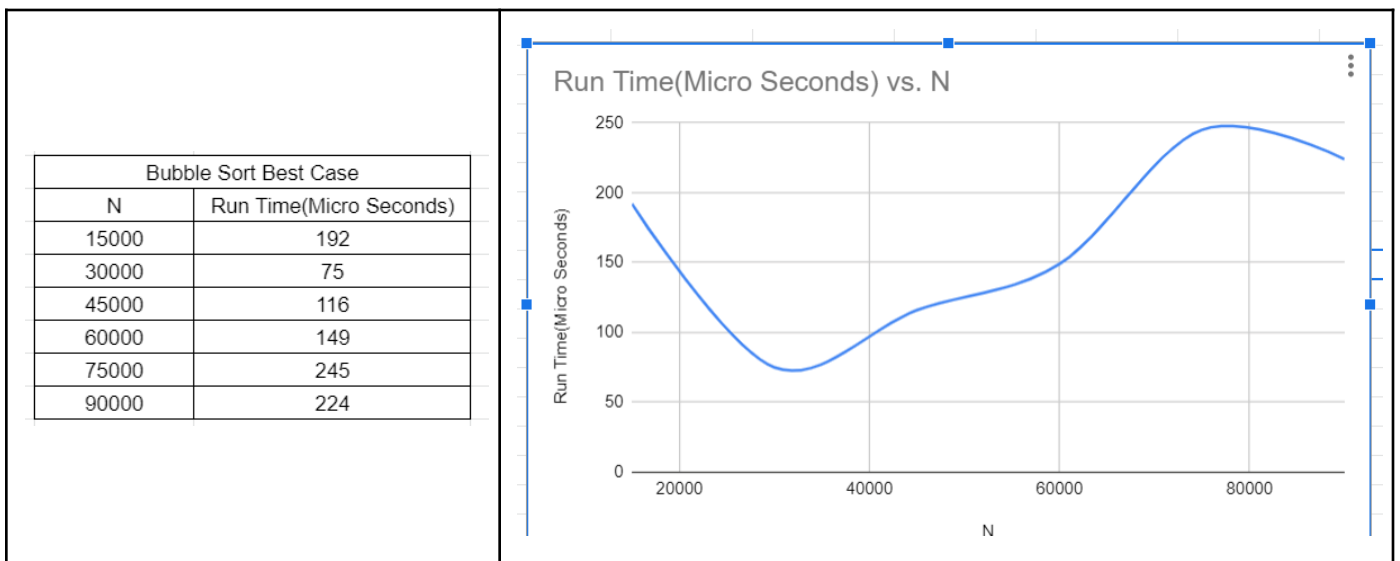
### 1.How does the performance vary with the input size?

-When measuring the running time against different input sizes the following were the results.

For bubble sort worst case:

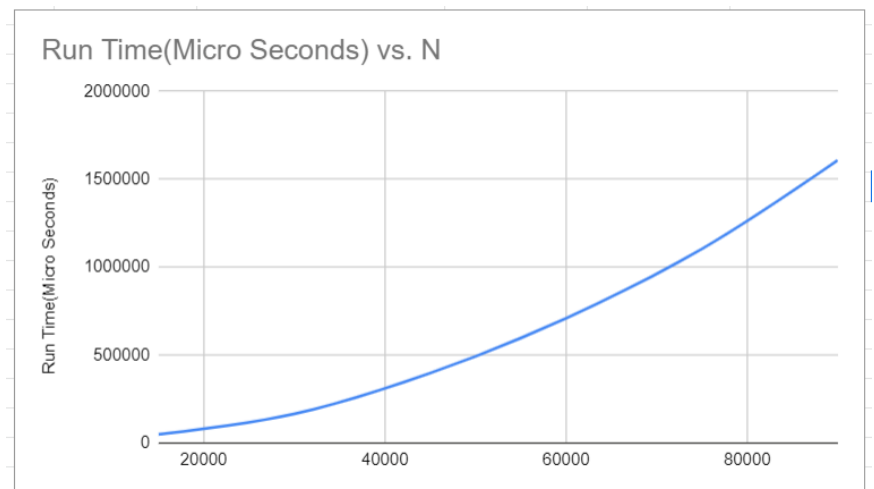


For bubble sort best case:



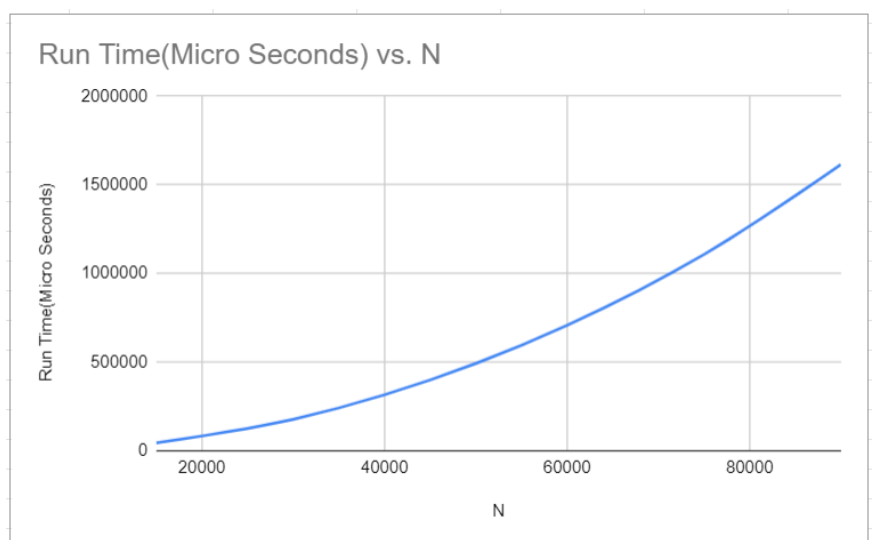
For selection sort worst case:

Selection Sort Worst Case	
N	Run Time(Micro Seconds)
15000	48964
30000	165130
45000	396865
60000	709530
75000	1103978
90000	1608166

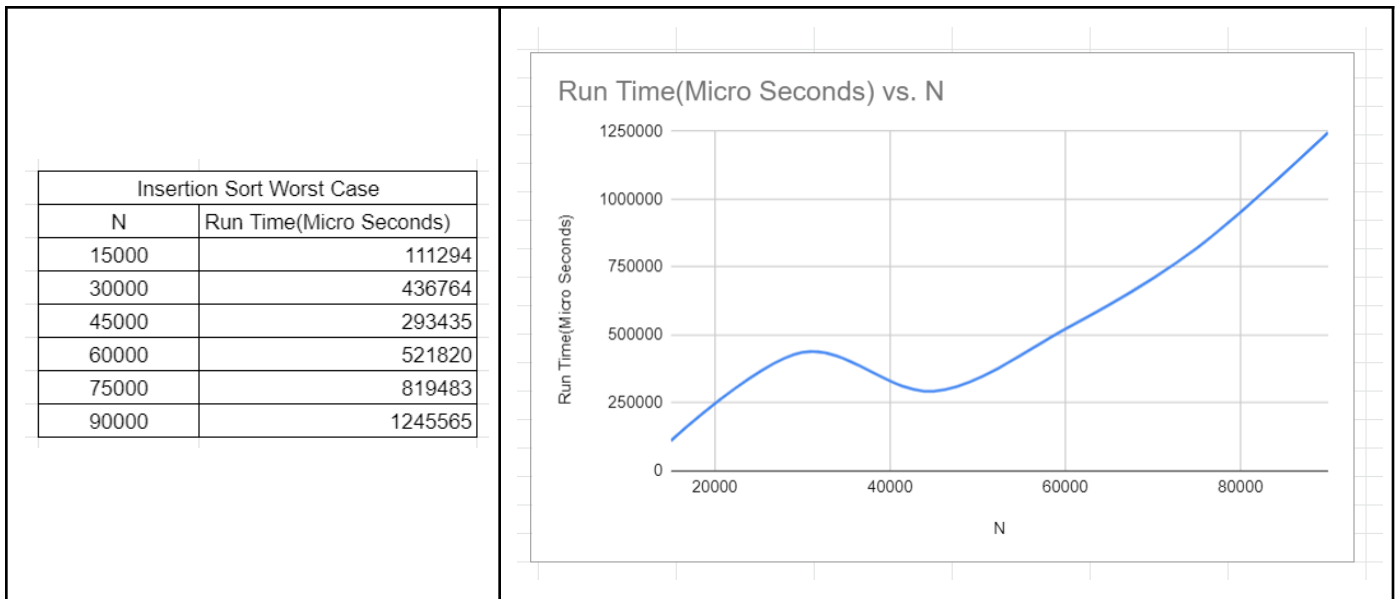


For selection sort best case:

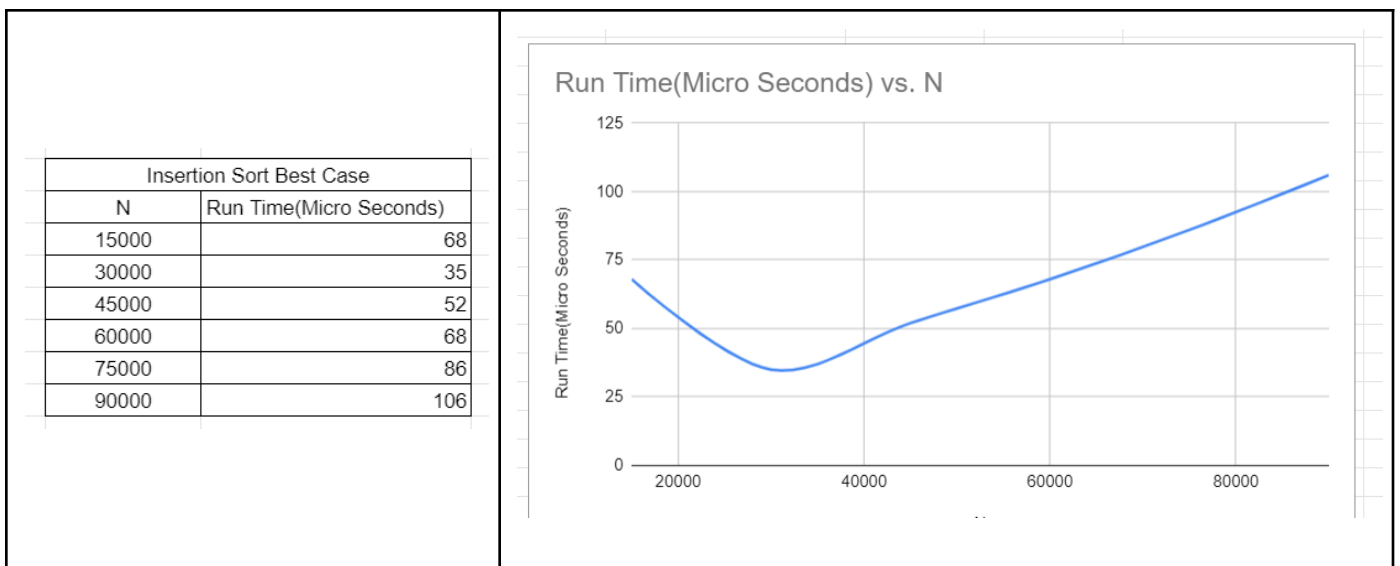
Selection Sort Best Case	
N	Run Time(Micro Seconds)
15000	44422
30000	177013
45000	398778
60000	707430
75000	1107088
90000	1614585



For insertion sort worst case:



For insertion sort best case:



## OBSERVATIONS:

- Time was measured using micro seconds.
- For the best cases, most sorting algorithms produce running time most equal to 0 micro second except for selection sort.
- Selection sort produces exponential running time vs input size relationship for both cases.
- Bubble sort algorithm for best case produces a result somewhat similar to exponential behaviour. For the best case it produces a result which is mostly equal to 0 micro seconds.
- Insertion sort algorithms in the worst cases : The shape is similar but not exponential. At the start (for lower input size), then it starts to grow exponentially and gets flatten in the medium range of the graph. But at the last part the graph again enter to the exponential behaviour.
- Insertion sort algorithms in the best cases: The shape is almost similar in both algorithms. The running time is almost 0. At the start, they start with a high value for lower inputs and then gradually increase the running time.
- If the running time for randomly generated data were measured , it could see that the running time for sorting that data is higher than sorting for the worst case for the same input size. (This observation is only valid for bubble and selection sorting algorithms)
- When the input size is greater than 50,000 the code will take a lot of time to produce results for all the algorithms.
- Selection sort: This algorithm produces exponential behaviour for both the cases. Another significant characteristic is that both worst and best cases produce high running time whereas other algorithms produce very low running time for best case.



## 2.Does the empirical results you get agree with theoretical analysis?

Most of the time the practical performance of the algorithm is different from the theoretical performance.

For the bubble sort algorithm, worst case have a time complexity of big O of  $N^2$  theoretically. The practical results are not exactly that, but somewhat similar. In theory, when  $N$  gets doubled, running time should be 4 times the previous. But this is not the exact result but very similar for that. For the best case bubble sort has  $N$  time complexity but in the practical scenario this is not the case. In practical scenario, the running time is high for smaller inputs but as the number of inputs increases the running time tends to be reduced and then try to be constant around 0 micro seconds.

If the selection sort is considered, it can see that the practical results almost agree with the theoretical results. As the theory suggests, the practical graph takes a  $N^2$  behaviour for both the best and worst case scenarios. A very interesting fact to note here is that, selection sort is almost the same as for both the cases which are not shown from other algorithms.

For the insertion sort algorithm, worst case have a time complexity of big O of  $N^2$ . The theoretical results are not exactly that, but somewhat similar. The only difference with the theoretical result is that the graph tends to be constant for medium input sizes. For the best case bubble sort has  $N$  time complexity but in the practical scenario this is not the case. In practical scenario, the running time is very high for smaller inputs but as the number of inputs increases the running time tends to be reduced and then try to be constant.

There can be few reasons for these differences for some of these algorithms. The algorithms were analysed in a very abstract way in theoretical parts. But the actual representation of the running time is not very clearly explained in theory but just a rough idea. When we take an algorithm into consideration, there are more operations than swapping

and comparisons. Once the algorithm is converted into assembly code there are numerous instructions that the algorithm consists of.

Running time or the performance of an algorithm in practice depends on a lot of facts. Hardware of the system, programming language(which is similar in this lab:Java), compiler and many more factors. But in the theoretical analysis these were ignored in order to analyze only the performance of the algorithm and not depending on other factors. But in the real situation all of those other factors count as well. Therefore this kind of behaviour of the algorithm can be expected.

### 3.How did/should you test your code? Explain the test cases you used and the rationale for using them.

The main goal of this lab is to find how the algorithms perform in the real world when the input size increases. Therefore a mechanism to measure the running time of an algorithm should be implemented in the code. This is done by using the `System.nanoTime()` method. Best case and worst cases were considered for all algorithms. Then the input size is increased such that the input size is  $N, 2N, 3N, ..$  to see how the running time varies with those input sizes. The input size was increased to a certain degree that after the maximum input size, the algorithm takes a lot of time to produce results.

It is important to reduce the time measuring errors. In order to do that, the time was measured for the same input size and with the same algorithm under the same case and calculated the average value. By doing this it can reduce the caching time and few timing errors.

All of the timing for all the algorithms were measured in one run. That means in one execution run times for all the algorithms were measured. This is done because if we check algorithms one by one it cannot be considered as the same state of the system. Since the system changes its behaviour very often, one execution can produce results very different to the other execution. Therefore it needs to measure running time for all the algorithms in one execution.