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Searching and Sorting

Overview of various algs

(i) Bubble sort

~~Time~~ Time Complexity

- Best $O(n)$:- Inner loop will never run. (array is already sorted)
- Worst $O(n^2)$:- Array is reverse sorted.

Space Complexity : $O(1)$

Stability : stable

~~In place~~

In place : ? True

Uses (i) Array is of small size

(ii) Array is of large size but nearly sorted.

Stability :- A sorting algorithm is said to be stable if two objects with equal keys appear in same order in sorted output as they appear in input array to be sorted.

In-place : An in-place algorithm is one that does not need extra space and produces an output in the same memory that contains the data by transforming input 'in-place'. However a small constant extra space is allowed.

(ii) Selection sort

Time Complexity : Best & Worst & Average $\Rightarrow O(n^2)$

Space Complexity : $O(1)$

Stability : Not stable

Inplace ? : True

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- Uses:
- (i) Array is of small size
 - (ii) To minimize no. of swaps

Remarks: Bubble sort has more number of swaps as compared to selection sort. Bubble sort can also be implemented stably. Selection sort makes $O(n)$ swaps which is minimum among all sorting algorithms mentioned above.

(iii) Insertion Sort

Time Complexity: Best $O(n)$

Worst: $O(n^2)$

Space Complexity $O(1)$

Stability: Stable

In place: true

Uses:

- (i) Array is of small size
- (ii) Array is nearly sorted

Remark:- Standard library of C uses this also when n becomes smaller than a threshold. For small size it is better than merge or quick sort, because of low constant values and non-recursive nature.

(iv) Counting Sort

Time Complexity : Best & worst & Average $\Rightarrow O(n+K)$

Space Complexity : $O(n+K)$

Stability : not - stable

In place : true

(v) Merge Sort

Time Complexity : Best $O(n \log n)$

worst $O(n^2)$

Space Complexity $O(n)$

Stability : ~~is~~ stable

In place : false

When to use (i) We don't have random access (linked list)

(ii) When array is not too large

(vi) Quick sort

Time complexity $\Rightarrow O(n \log n)$

worst $O(n^2)$

Space complexity : $O(n)$

Stability : Not - stable

In place : true

Uses (i) preferred over merge sort for extremely long arrays

(ii) When you don't care about worst case complexity.