

PRACTICAL – 3

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Question:- Implementation and Time analysis of sorting algorithms: Selection sort

Answer:-

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#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

int count = 0;

int * selection_sort(int *ptr, int length)
{
    int *copy = ptr;
    int j, i, temp;

    for(i=0; i<length-1; i++)
    {
        for(j=i+1; j<length; j++)
        {
            count ++;
            if(*(ptr+i)>=*(ptr+j))
            {
                temp = *(ptr+j);
                *(ptr+j) = *(ptr+i);
                *(ptr+i) = temp;
            }
        }
    }

    return ptr;
}

int main()
{
    int n, i;
    int *p;

    printf("Enter the number of elements you want to enter: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);

    p = (int *) malloc(n*(sizeof(int)));
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printf("Enter the terms: \n");
for(i=0; i<n; i++)
{
    scanf("%d", p+i);
}
printf("\n");
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printf("The list before sorting:\n");
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for(i=0; i<n; i++)
{
    if(i==n-1)
    {
        printf("%d.", *(p+i));
    }
    else
    {
        printf("%d, ", *(p+i));
    }
}
```

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p = selection_sort(p, n);
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printf("\n\n");
printf("The time complexity of Selection sorting is  $O(n^2)$ .\n\n");
printf("According to given formula, theoretically, iterations are %d.\n\n", n*n);
printf("Practically performing, the number of iterations taken are %d.\n\n", count);
printf("The list AFTER sorting:\n");
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```
for(i=0; i<n; i++)
{
    if(i==n-1)
    {
        printf("%d.", *(p+i));
    }
    else
    {
        printf("%d, ", *(p+i));
    }
}
```

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return 0;
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}
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Output:-

Enter the number of elements you want to enter: 4

Enter the terms:

88

34

5

-99

The list before sorting:

88, 34, 5, -99.

The time complexity of selection sorting is $O(n^2)$.

According to given formula, theoretically, iterations are 16.

Practically performing, the number of iterations are 6.

The list AFTER sorting:

-99, 5, 34, 88.

TIME ANALYSIS FOR SELECTION SORTING

Worst Case:-

From above program, in the function 'selection_sort', the outer 'for' loop will run (n-2) times and inner 'for' loop will run in decreasing order of iterations, depending on increasing value of 'i', i.e., (n-1-i) times.

Let us consider, the number is large, i.e., n. In that case, the outer loop will run (n-2) times and for inner loop, it would be:

$$S(n) = (n-1) + (n-1-1) + (n-1-2) + \dots + (n-1-(n-2))$$

$$S(n) = (n)(n-2) + (-1 -2 -3 -4 -5 \dots (n-2) \text{ times})$$

$$S(n) = (n)(n-2) + ((n-2)(n-1)/2)$$

$$S(n) = n^2 - 2n + (n^2 - 3n + 2)/2$$

$$S(n) = (2n^2 - 4n + n^2 - 3n + 2)/2$$

$$S(n) = (3n^2 - 7n + 2)/2$$

$$S(n) = (3n-1)(n-2)/2$$

From above equation, it is clear that time complexity is almost n^2 .

Therefore, the time complexity of worst case selection sort method is $O(n^2)$.

Average Case:-

In the case of less number of elements in the list, it is easier to find out the average time complexity of the program.

From above program, in the function 'selection_sort', the outer 'for' loop will run (n-2) times and inner 'for' loop will run in decreasing order of iterations, depending on increasing value of 'i', i.e., (n-i-1) times.

Let us consider the case, where the elements entered are 4, like: -11, 46, 11, 32.

In the first pass, the loop will run 3 times, and the list would look like: -11, 46, 11, 32.

In the second pass, the loop will run 2 times, and the list will remain same: -11, 11, 32, 46.

In the third pass, the loop will run 1 time and the list will remain same: -11, 11, 32, 46.

So, the total number of iterations were: $S(n) = 3+2+1 = 6$.

And, n^2 is 16. The iterations are less than 16, hence follow the time complexity $O(n^2)$.

Hence, the average case time complexity of Selection sort method is $O(n^2)$.

Best Case:-

Although, the list given in ascending order, the iterations will be $((3n-1)(n-2)/2)$ times, so, the time complexity of best case is same as that of worst and average case.

Hence, the time complexity for best case Selection sort method is $O(n^2)$.

