

# **Design and Analysis of Algorithm**

## **Linear Time Sorting (Shell Sort)**

**Lecture -20**

# Overview

- Running time of Shell sort in worst case is  $O(n^2)$  or float between  $O(n \log n)$  and  $O(n^2)$ .
- Running time of Shell sort in best case is  $O(n \lg n)$ . And  $O(n)$  if the total number of comparisons for each interval (or increment) is equal to the size of the array.
- Is not a stable sorting.

# Shell Sort

- Designed by Donald Shell and named the sorting algorithm after himself in 1959.
- Shell sort works by comparing elements that are distant rather than adjacent elements in an array or list where adjacent elements are compared.
- Shell sort is also known as **diminishing increment sort**.

# Shell Sort

- Shell sort improves on the efficiency of **insertion sort** by quickly shifting values to their destination.
- This algorithm tries to decrease the distance between comparisons (i.e. gap) as the sorting algorithm runs and reach to its last phase where, the adjacent elements are compared only.

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- The distance of comparisons (i.e. gap) is maintained by the following methods:
  - divide by 2(Two) [Designed by Donal Shell)
  - Knuth Method(*i. e.  $gap \leftarrow gap * 3 + 1$* )  
*(initially the gap start with 1)*

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- Let's execute an example with the help of Knuth's gap method on the following array.

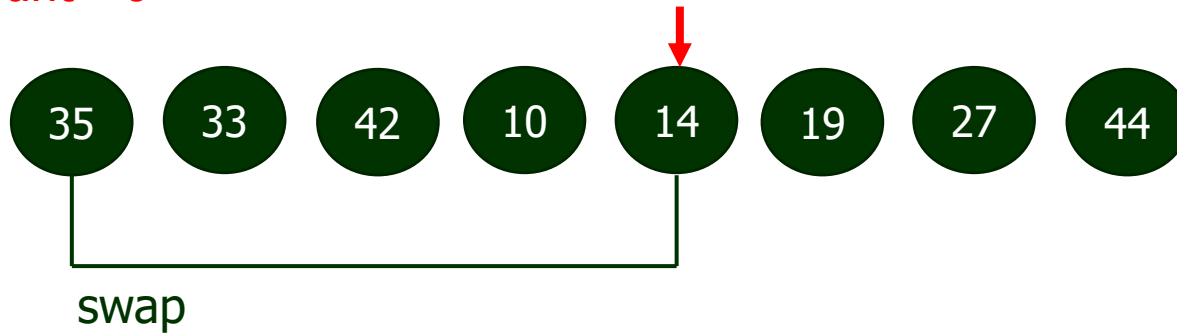


- At the beginning the gap is initialized as 1
- Hence the new gap value for iteration 1 is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} gap &= gap * 3 + 1 \\ &= 1 * 3 + 1 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

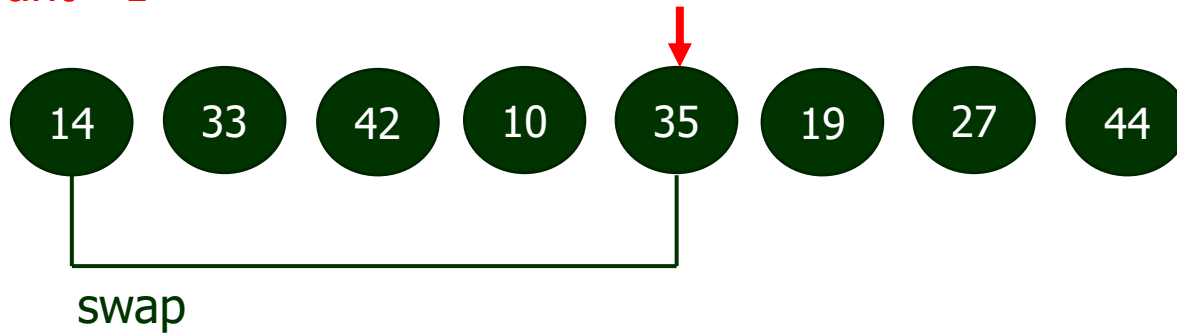
# Shell Sort

Swap count = 0



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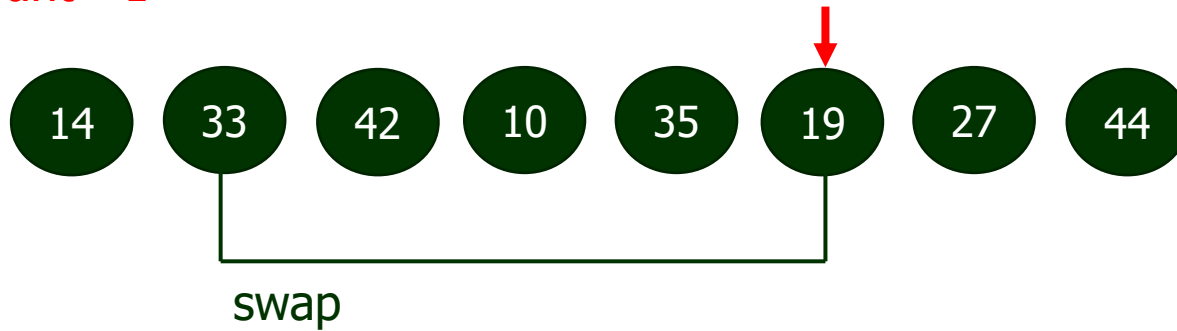
Swap count = 1





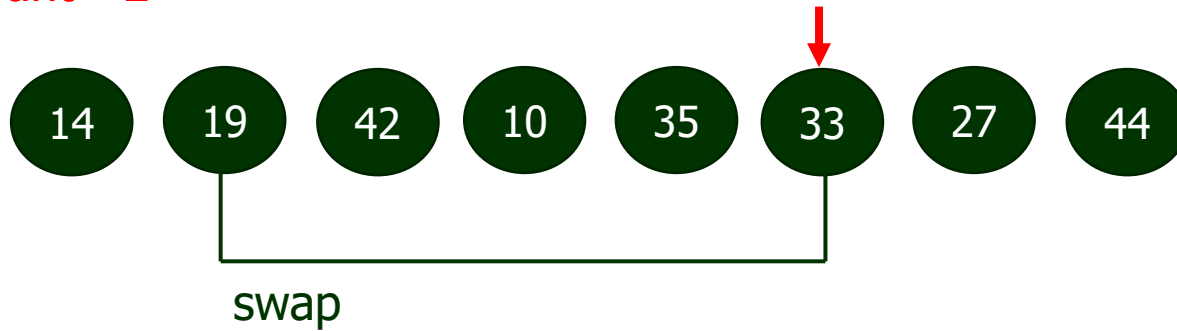
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Swap count = 1



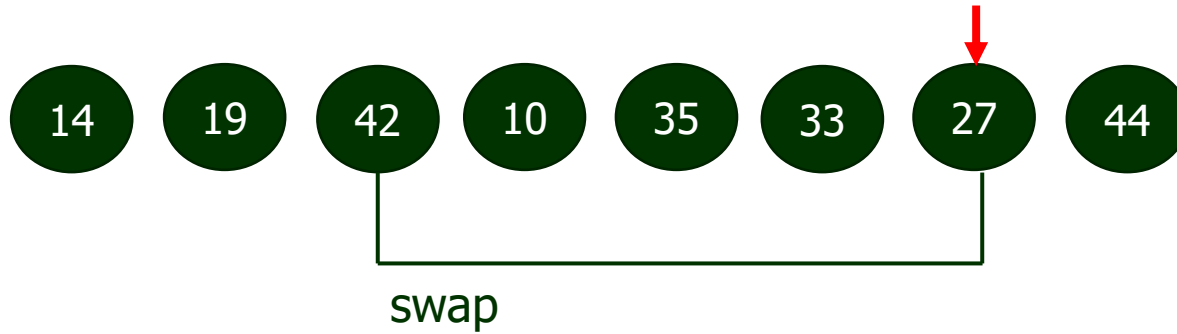
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Swap count =2



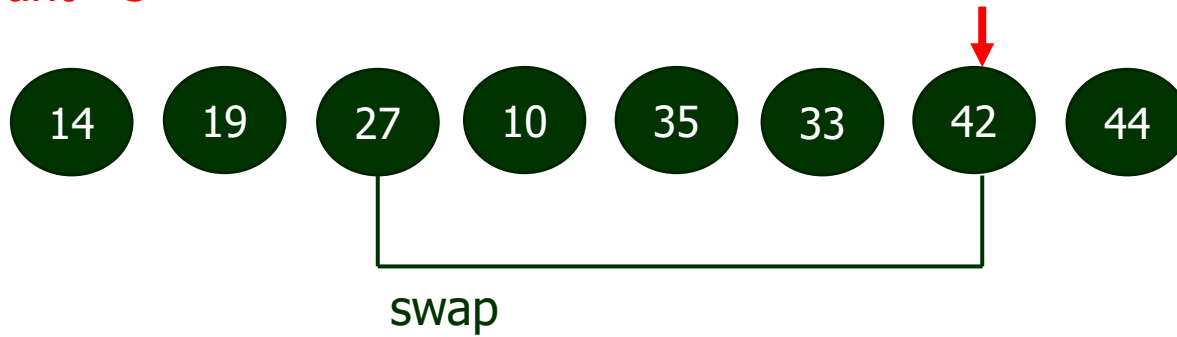
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Swap count =2



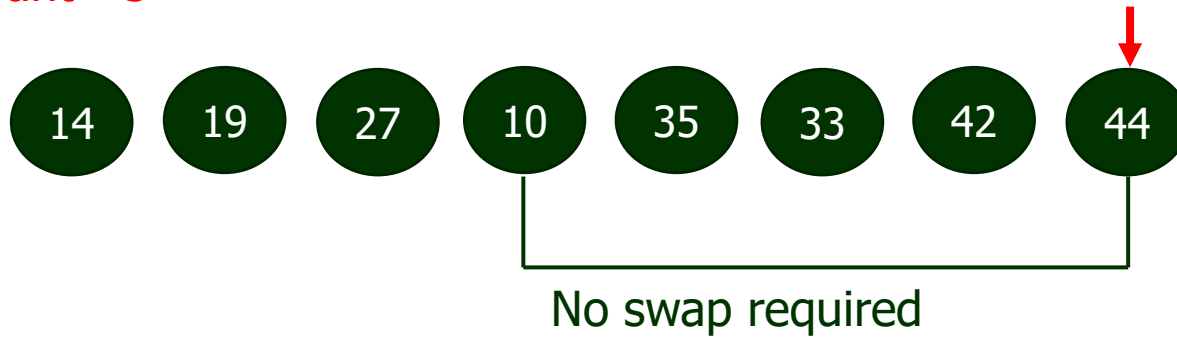
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- After the first iteration the array looks like as follows.



- Again we finding the gap value for nest iteration.

$$gap = gap * 3 + 1$$

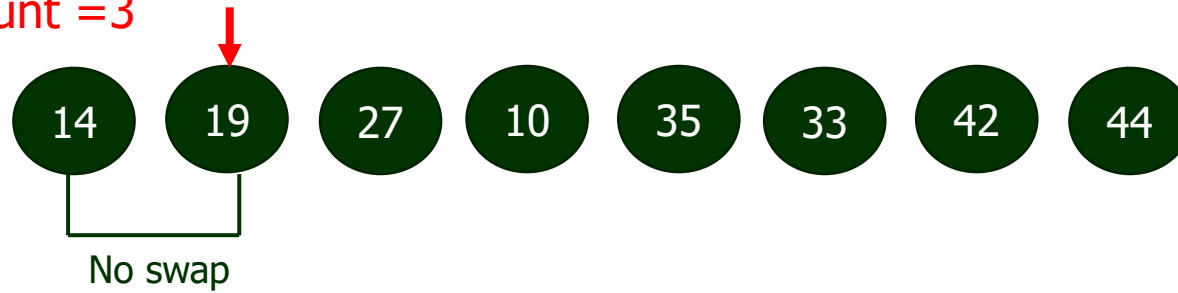
- We can write the above equation as follows:

$$gap = \frac{gap - 1}{3}$$

- So, the new gap is  $gap = \frac{gap - 1}{3} = \frac{4 - 1}{3} = 1$

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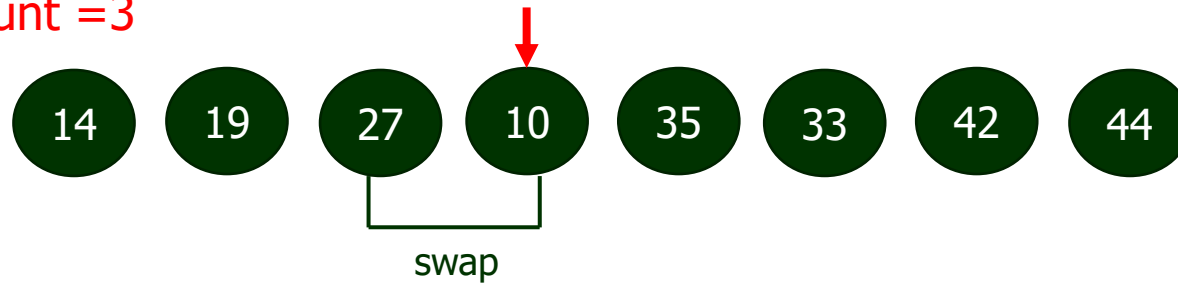
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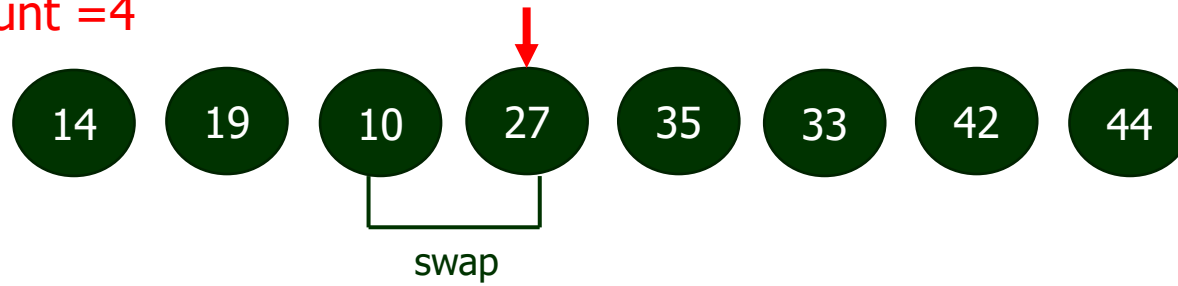
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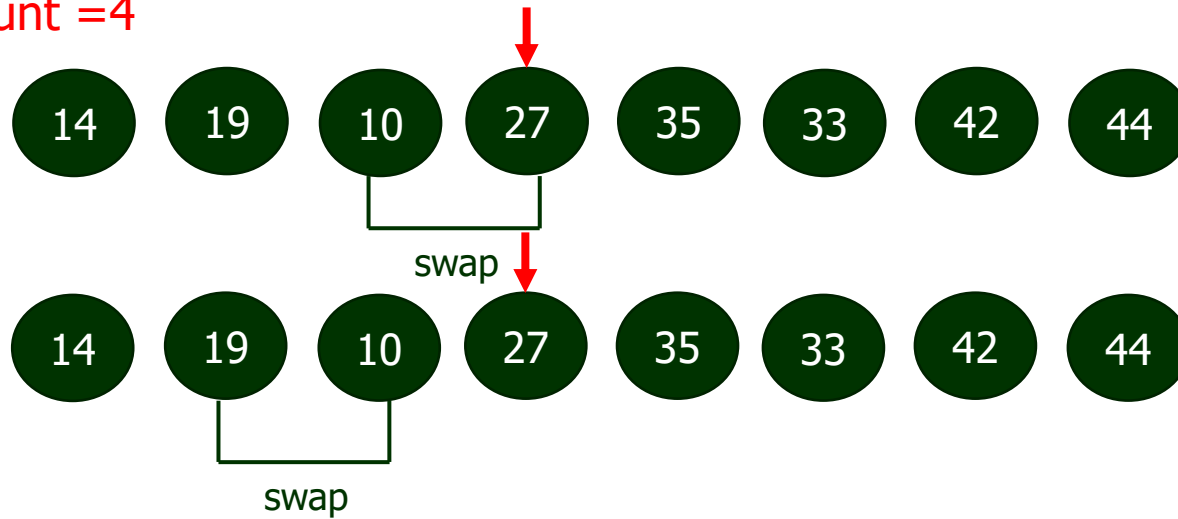
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Swap count =4



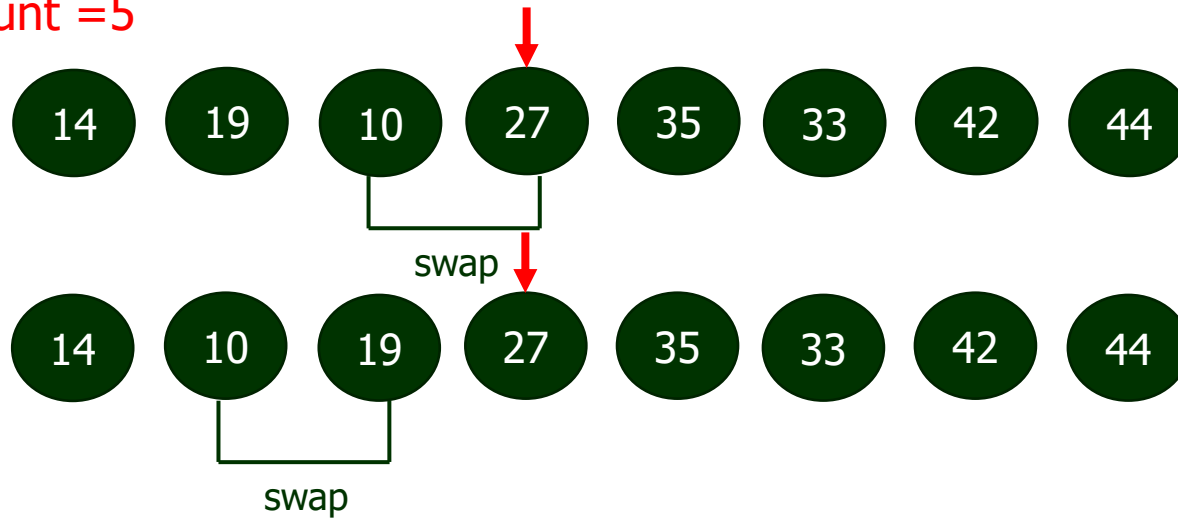
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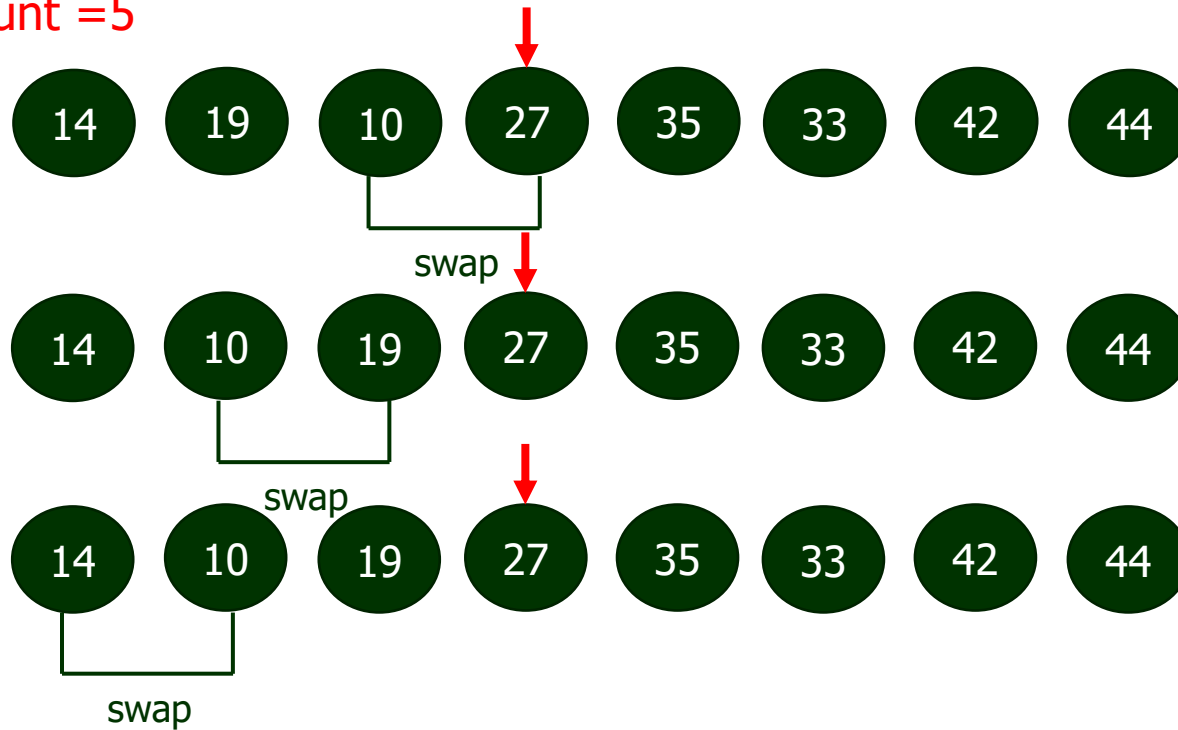
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Swap count = 5



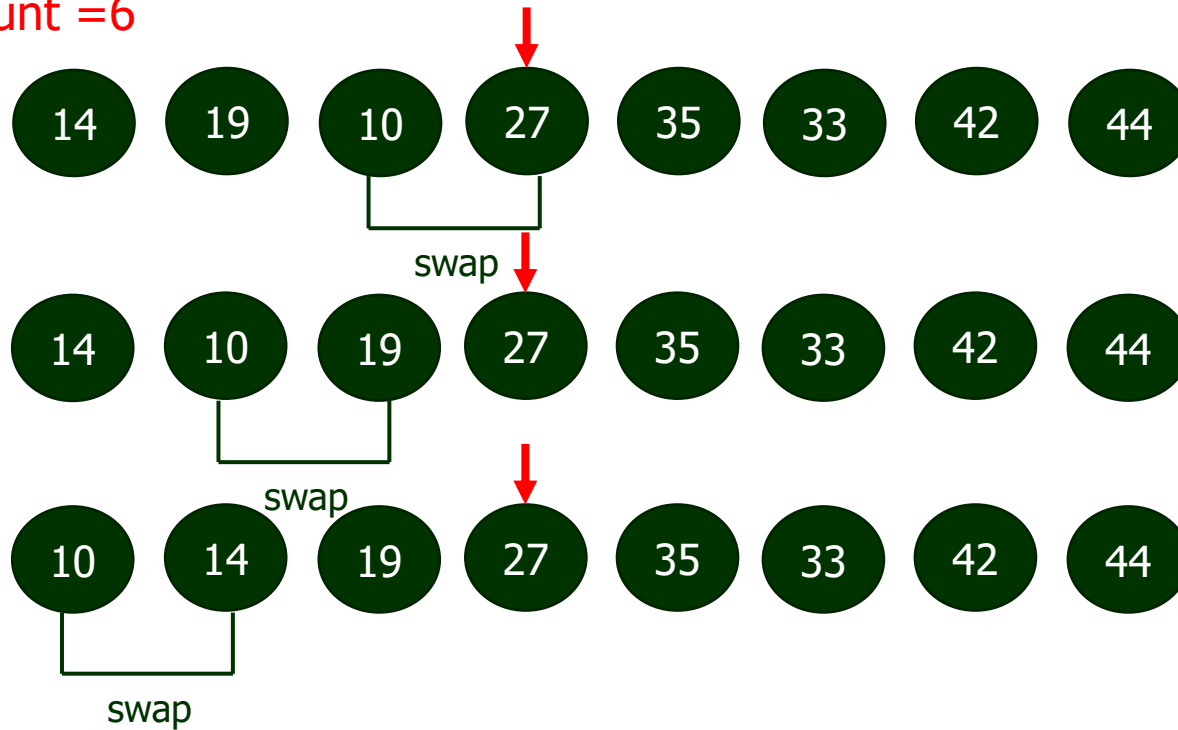
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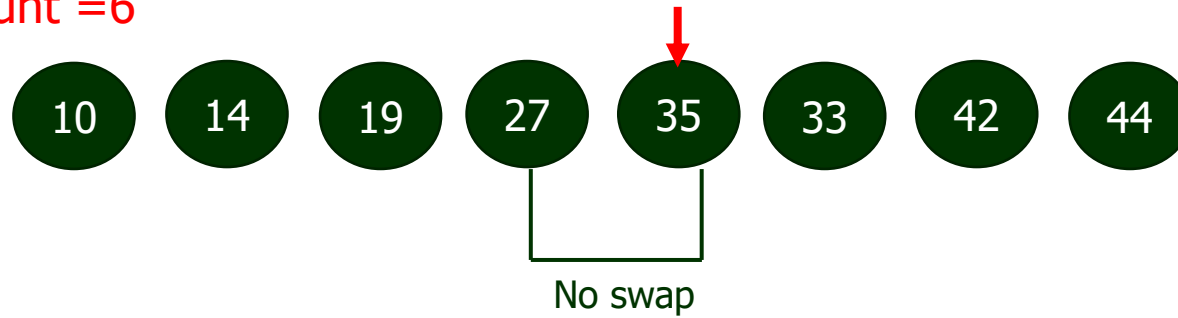
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Swap count = 6



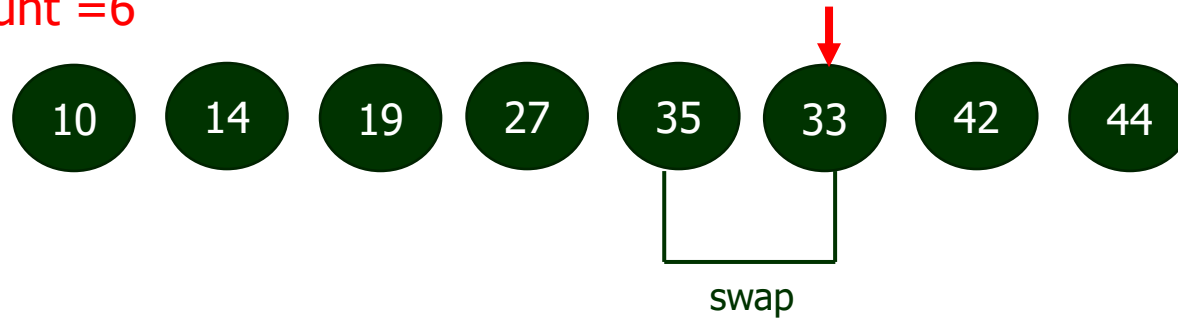
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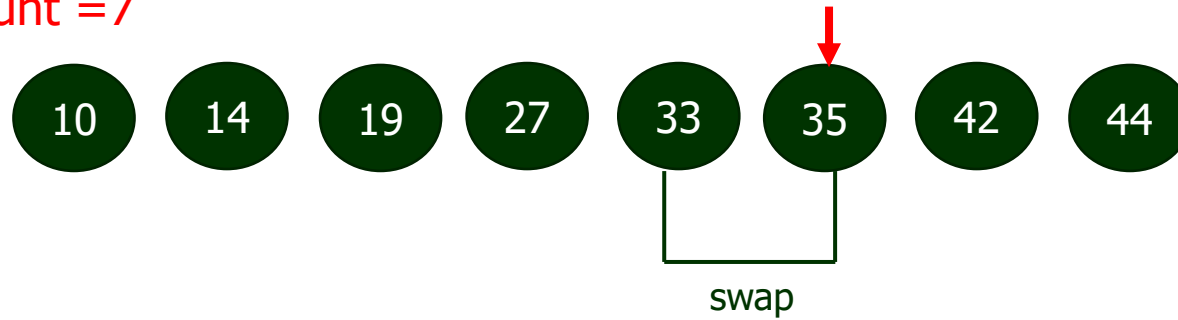
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- Hence ,total number of swap required in
  - 1<sup>st</sup> iteration= 3
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> iteration= 4
- So total 7 numbers of swap required to sort the array by shell sort.

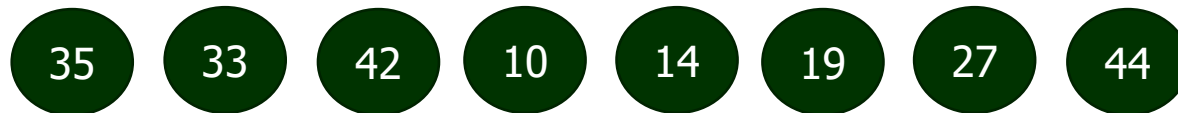
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## Algorithm Shell sort (Knuth Method)

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1. gap=1
2. while(gap < A.length/3)
3.     [ gap=gap*3+1
4. while( gap>0)
5.     [ for(outer=gap; outer<A.length; outer++)
6.         [ Ins_value=A[outer]
7.         inner=outer
8.         while(inner>gap-1 && A[inner-gap] ≥ Ins_value)
9.             [ A[inner]=A[inner-gap]
10.            inner=inner-gap
11.        A[inner]=Ins_value
12.    gap=(gap-1)/3
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- Let us dry run the shell sort algorithm with the same example as already discussed.



At the beginning

A.length=8 and gap=1

After first three line execution the gap value changed to 4

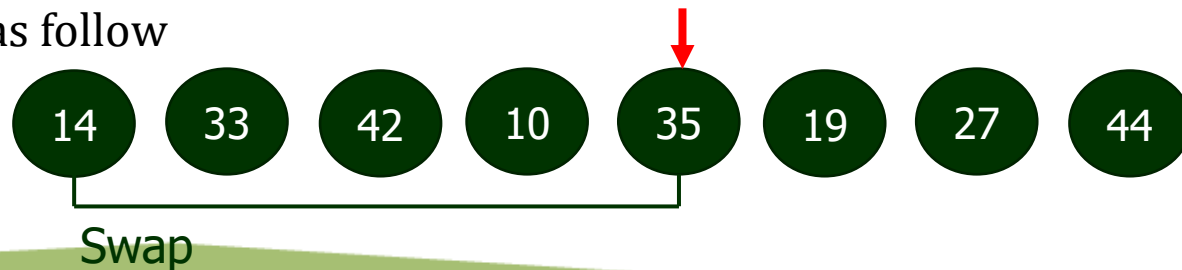
Now, gap>0 (i.e. 4>0)

Now in for loop outer=4;outer<8;outer++

Ins\_value=A[outer]=A[4]=14

inner=outer i.e. inner=4

Now the line no 8 is **true**⇒ *change occurred* and the updated array is looked as follow



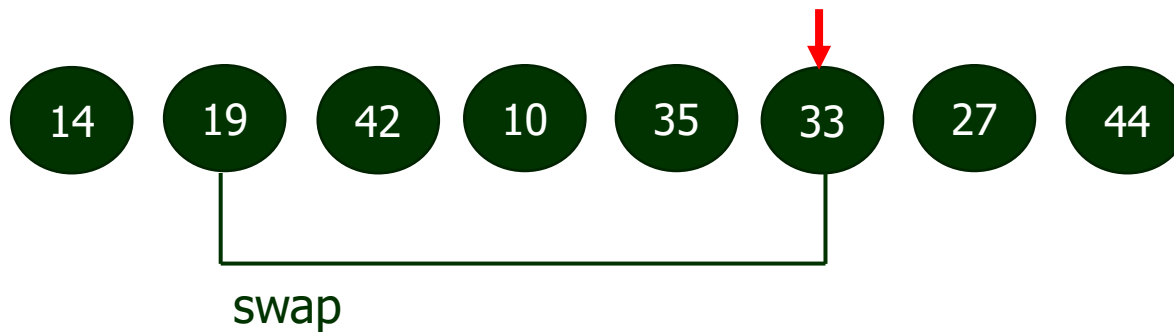
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Now in for loop  $\text{outer}=5$  ;  $\text{outer}<8$ ;  $\text{outer}++$

$\text{Ins\_value}=\text{A}[\text{outer}]=\text{A}[5]=19$

$\text{inner}=\text{outer}$  i.e.  $\text{inner}=5$

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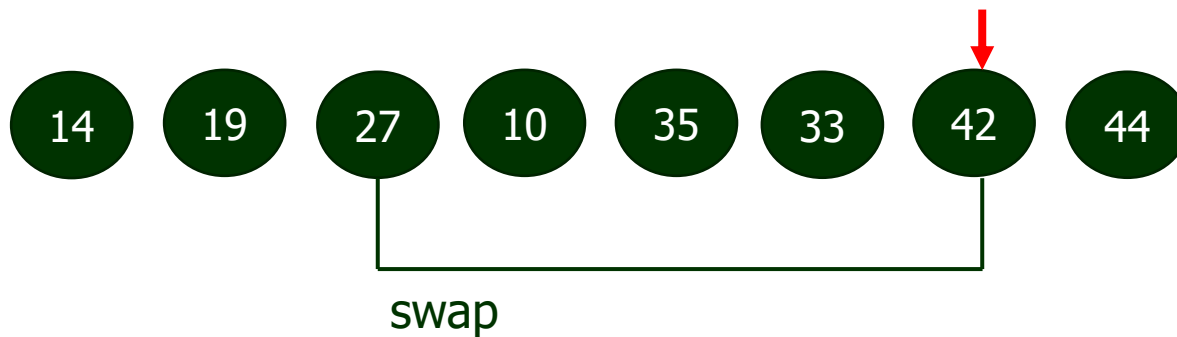
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Now in for loop  $\text{outer}=6$  ;  $\text{outer}<8$ ;  $\text{outer}++$

$\text{Ins\_value}=\text{A}[\text{outer}]=\text{A}[6]=27$

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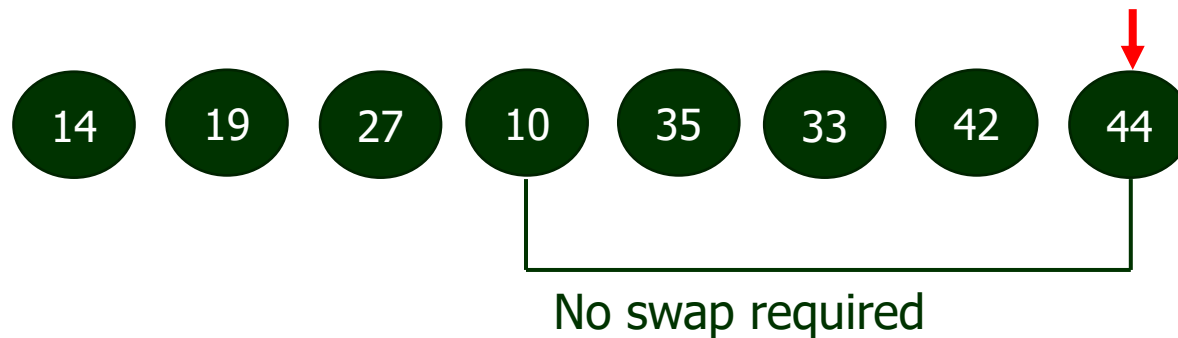
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Now in for loop  $\text{outer}=7$  ;  $\text{outer}<8$ ;  $\text{outer}++$

$\text{Ins\_value}=\text{A}[\text{outer}]=\text{A}[7]=44$

$\text{inner}=\text{outer}$  i.e.  $\text{inner}=7$

Now the line no 8 is **False**  $\Rightarrow$  **no change** in array and the updated array is looked as follow



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## Analysis:

- Shell sort is efficient for medium size lists.
- For bigger list, this algorithm is not the best choice.
- But it is the fastest of all  $O(n^2)$  sorting algorithm.
- The best case in shell sort is when the array is already sorted in the right order i.e.  $O(n)$
- The worst case time complexity is based on the gap sequence. That's why various scientist give their gap intervals. They are:
  1. Donald Shell give the gap interval  $n/2 \Rightarrow O(n \log n)$
  2. Knuth give the gap interval  $gap \leftarrow gap * 3 + 1 \Rightarrow O(n^{3/2})$
  3. Hibbard give the gap interval  $2^{k-1} \Rightarrow O(n \log n)$

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(Remark: Accurate model not yet been discovered)

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