Time Complexities of Sorting Algorithms

Why sorting algorithms?

- 1. Sorting is a simple and well-defined problem, which makes it perfect for studying.
- 2. Sorting algorithms cover important concepts like **divide-and-conquer**, **data structures**, and **randomized algorithms**.
- 3. Sorting is a common computer task. At one point a quarter of all mainframe cycles were spent sorting.

Comparison of Sort Algorithms:

People ask the ageless question: Which sorting algorithm is the fastest?

	Worst case	Average case		
Selection sort	n^2	n^2		
Bubble sort	n ²	n ²		
Insertion sort	n ²	n ²		
Mergesort	n * log n	n * log n		
Quicksort	n^2	n * log n		
Radix sort	n	n		
Treesort	n ²	n * log n		
Heapsort	n * log n	n * log n		

The sorting functions have the following prototype:

void sort(int arr[], int n)

- arr is the array to be sorted.
- n is the number of elements in arr.

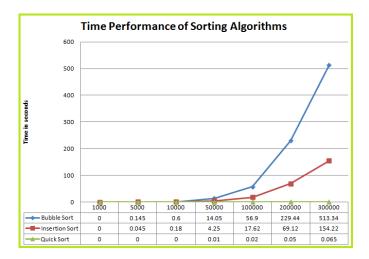
The function name:

- void BubbleSort(int arr[],int n) { }
- void SelectionSort(int arr[], int n) {
- void InsertionSort(int arr[],int n) {
- void MergeSort(int arr[],int n) {
- void Merge(int left[],int right[],int arr[]) { }
- void QuickSort(int arr[],int start,int end) { }
- int QuickPartition(int arr[],int start,int end) {}

Algorithm analysis:

To defines the time complexity of the algorithm we use the execution time of C program under varying the variable n (n=1000, n=5000, n=10000, n=50000, n=2000000, n=3000000)

	1000	5000	10000	50000	1000000	2000000	3000000
BubbleSort							
SelectionSort							
InsertionSort							



Here is a program that calculates the time required to sort an array with the Selection sort algorithm

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#include <stdio.h>
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     #include <stdlib.h>
     #include <sys/time.h>
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     void SelectionSort(int a[], int n)
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          {int i,j;
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              for (i=0;i<n-1;i++)
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                   int imin=i;
                   int temp;
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                   for(j=i+1;j<n;j++)</pre>
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                       if(a[j]<a[imin])</pre>
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                            imin=j;
                                                           void InsertionSort(int a[],int n)
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                            temp=a[i];
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                            a[i]=a[imin];
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                            a[imin]=temp;
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     #define n 10
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     int main() {
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     int tab[n];
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     /* C program to generate random numbers! */
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     int i, m;
       for (i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
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         m = rand() % 100 + 1;
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         tab[i]=m;
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     struct timeval tv1, tv2;
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     gettimeofday(&tvl, NULL);
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     /* do sort! */
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     SelectionSort(tab, n);
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     gettimeofday(&tv2, NULL);
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     printf ("Total time = %f seconds\n",
               (double) (tv2.tv usec - tv1.tv usec) / 1000000 +
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               (double) (tv2.tv_sec - tv1.tv_sec));
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     return 0;
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Add the C program of insertion sort :

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