

Algorithm Analysis and Design

Linear Time Sorting (Shell Sort)

Lecture -23

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 a 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.

Shell Sort

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

Shell Sort

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

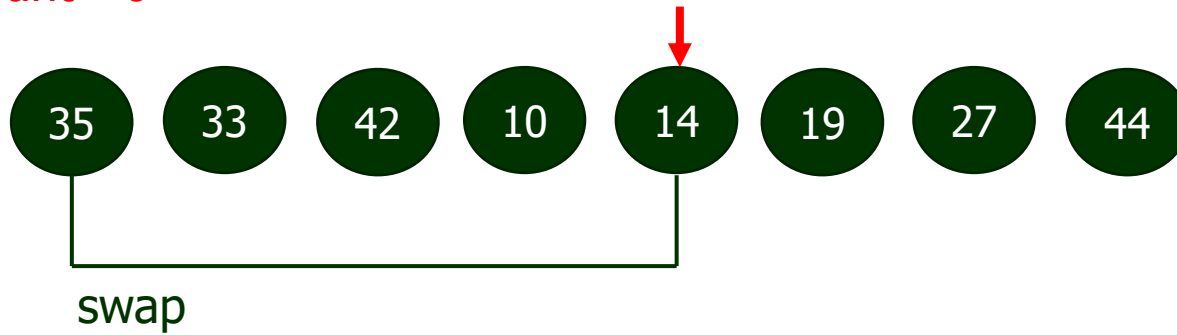


- At the beginning the gap is initialized as 1
- Hence the new gap value for iteration 1 is calculated as follows:

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

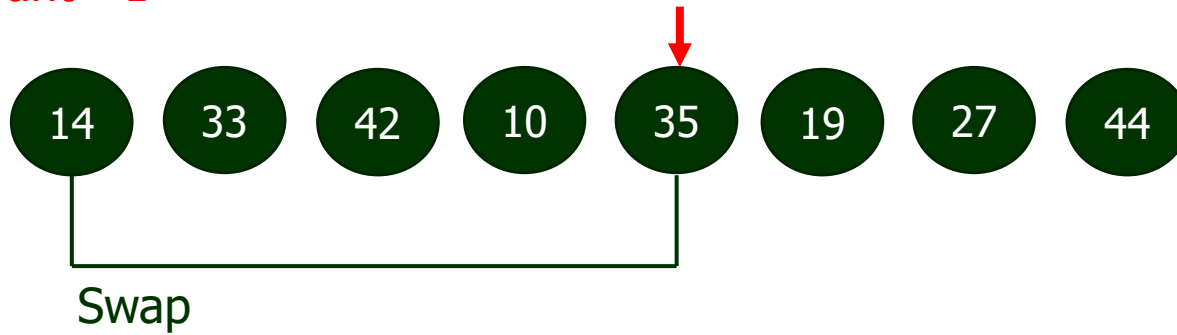
Shell Sort

Swap count = 0



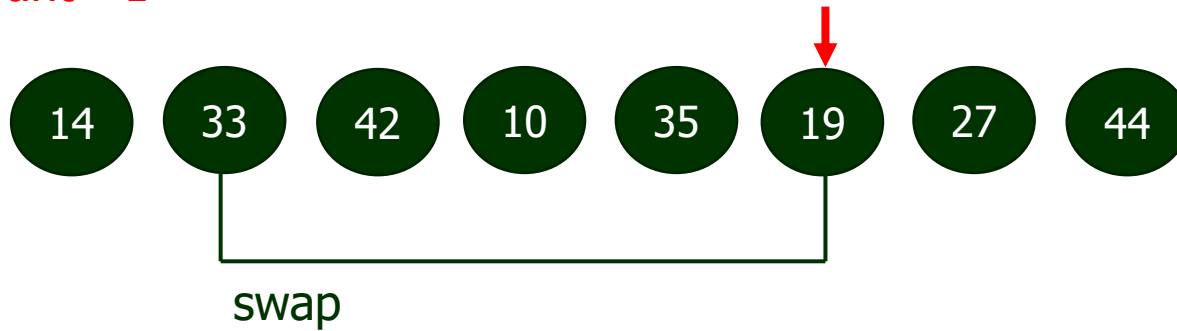
Shell Sort

Swap count = 1



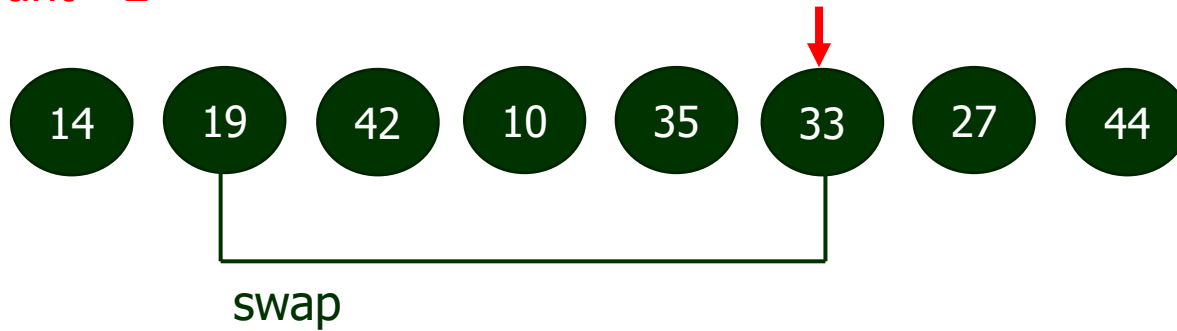
Shell Sort

Swap count = 1



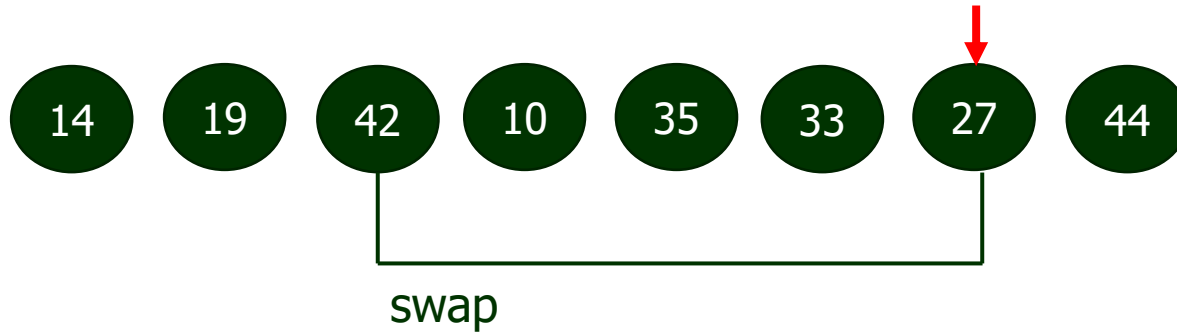
Shell Sort

Swap count =2



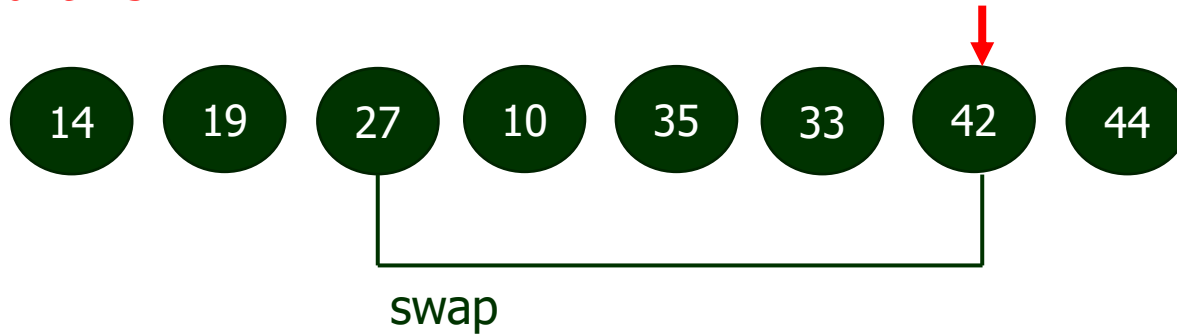
Shell Sort

Swap count =2



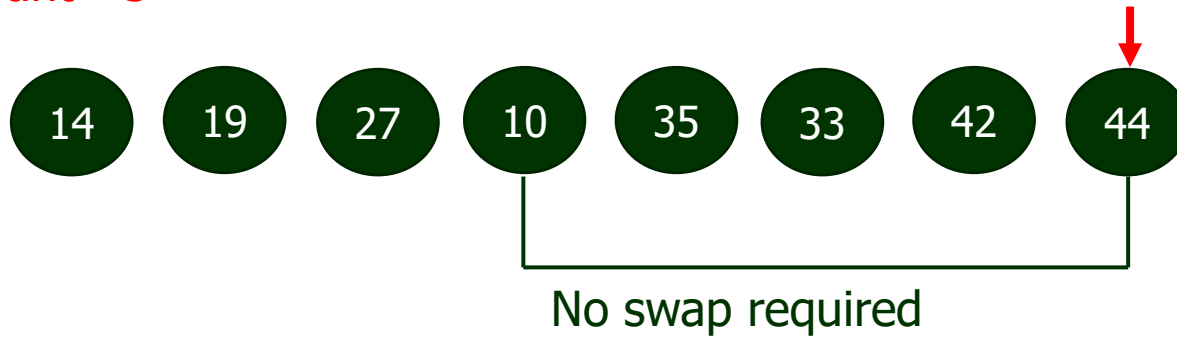
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Swap count = 3



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



- Again we finding the gap value for nest iteration.

$$gap = gap * 3 + 1$$

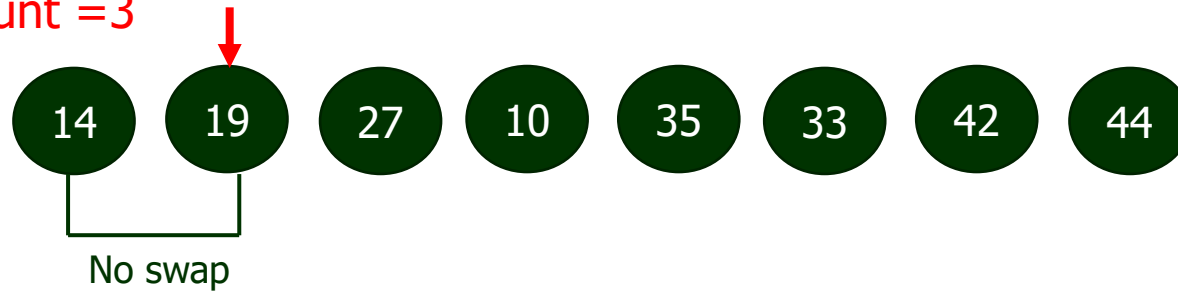
- We can write the above equation as follows:

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

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

Shell Sort

Swap count = 3



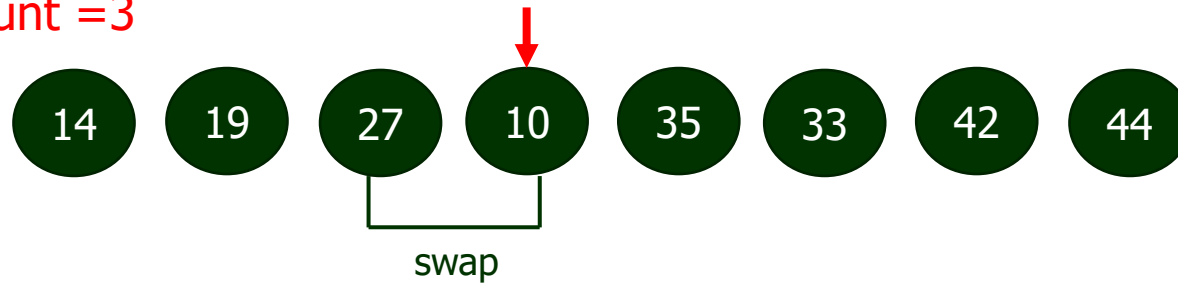
Shell Sort

Swap count = 3



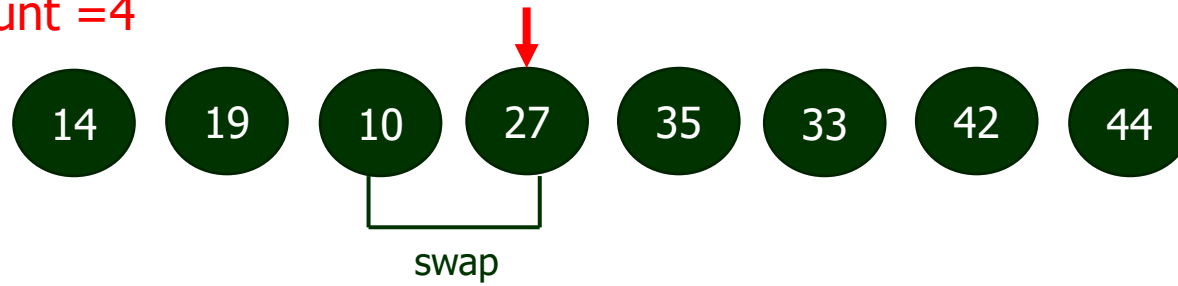
Shell Sort

Swap count = 3



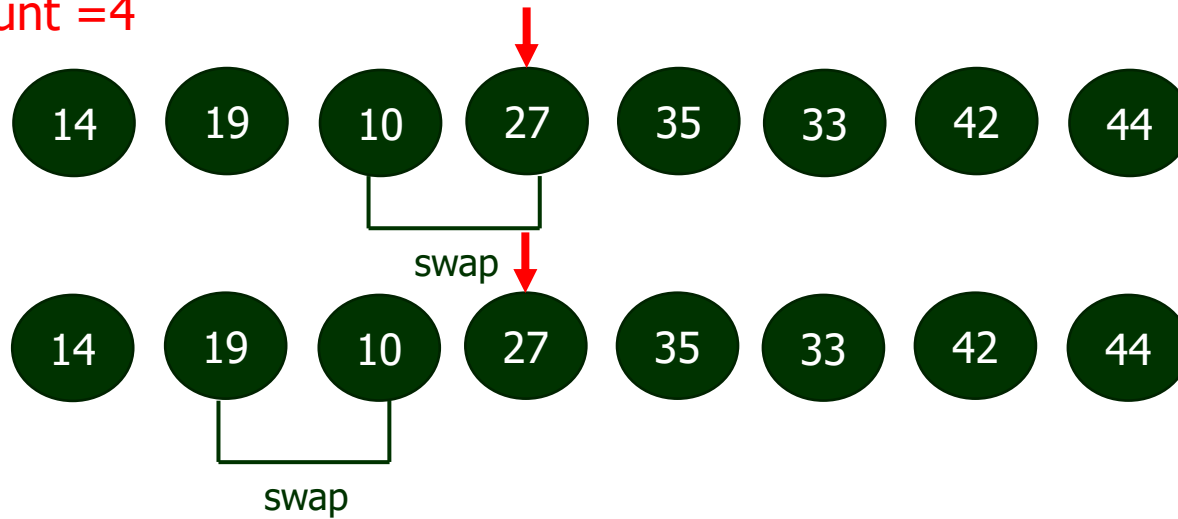
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Swap count =4



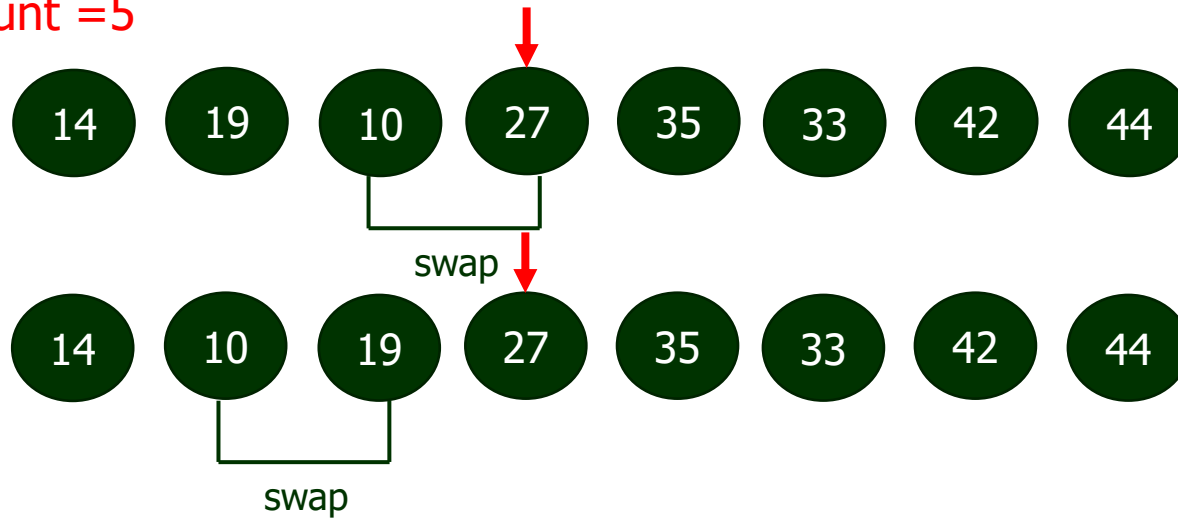
Shell Sort

Swap count =4



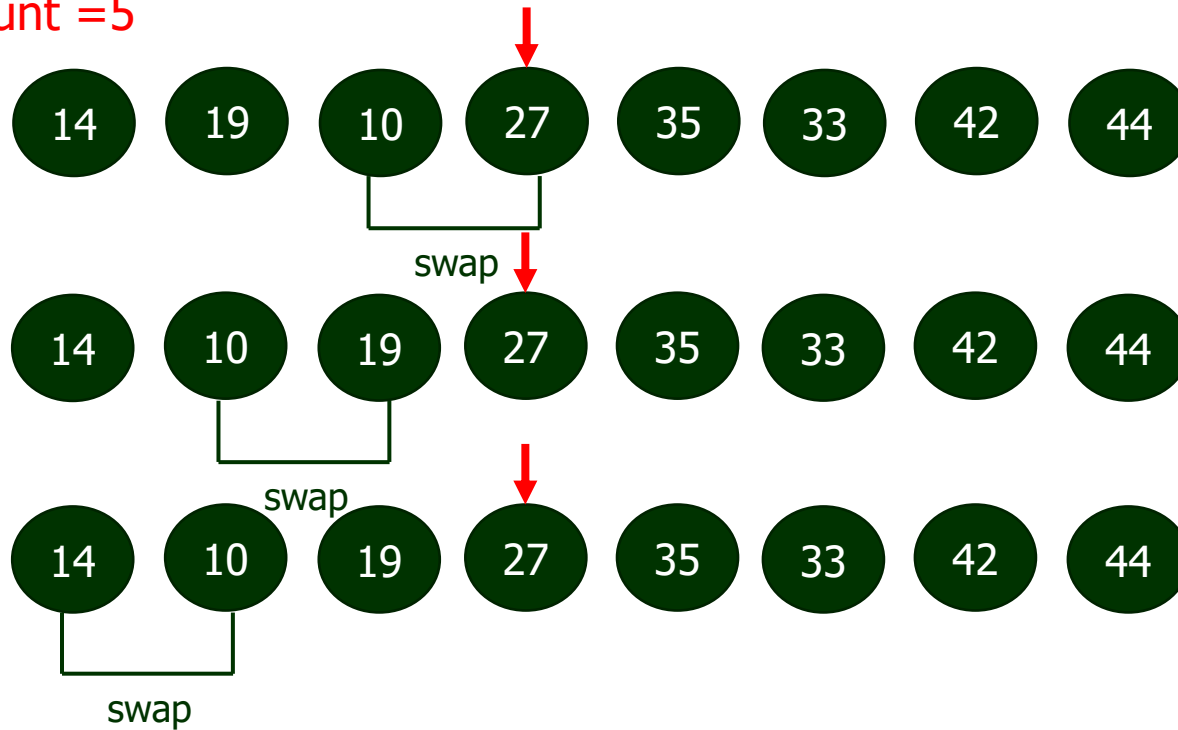
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Swap count = 5



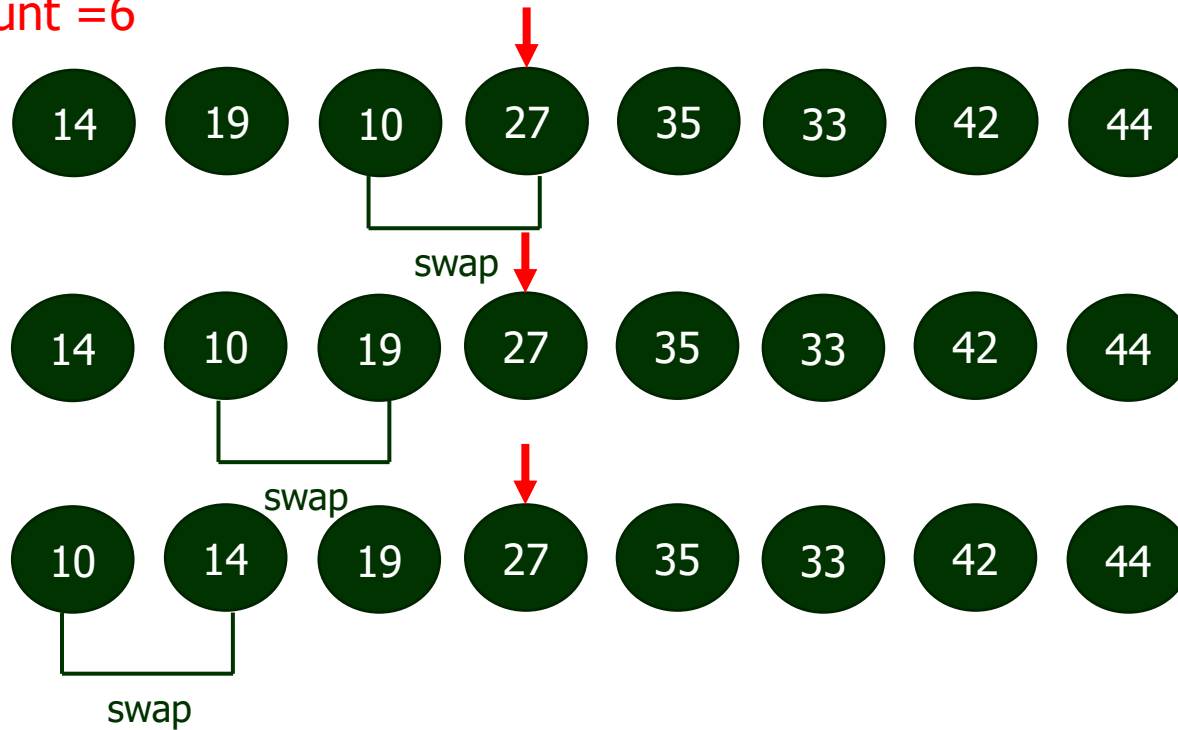
Shell Sort

Swap count = 5



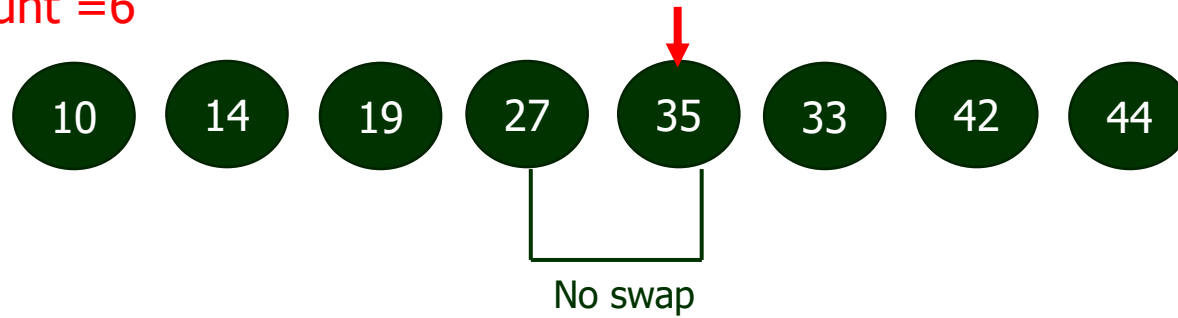
Shell Sort

Swap count = 6



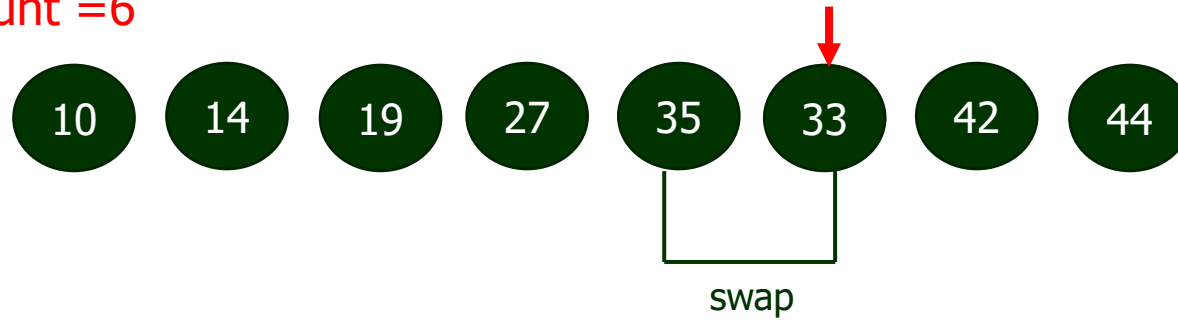
Shell Sort

Swap count =6



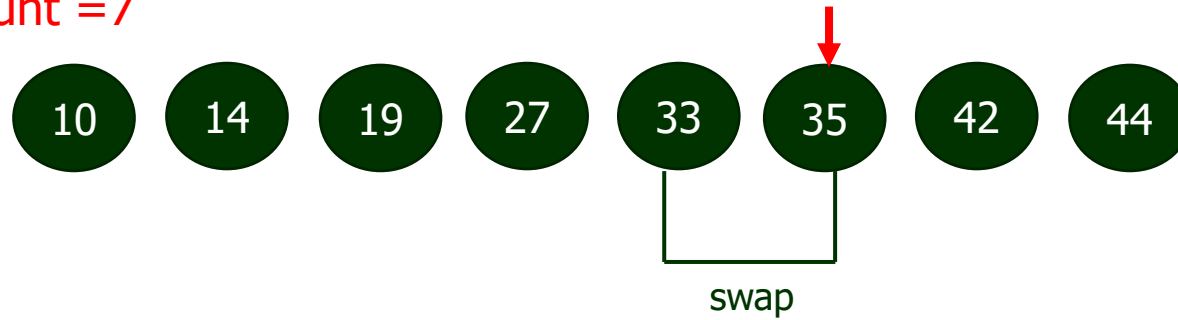
Shell Sort

Swap count =6



Shell Sort

Swap count =7



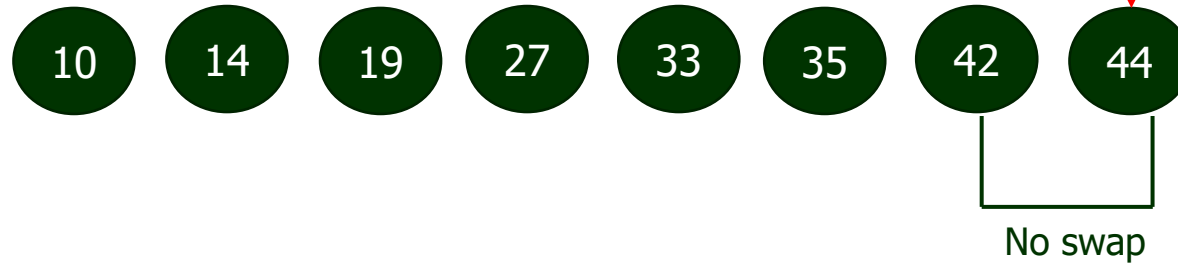
Shell Sort

Swap count =7



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Swap count = 7



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

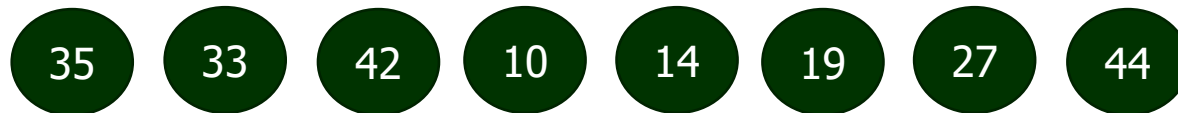
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Algorithm Shell sort (Knuth Method)

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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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Shell Sort

- 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

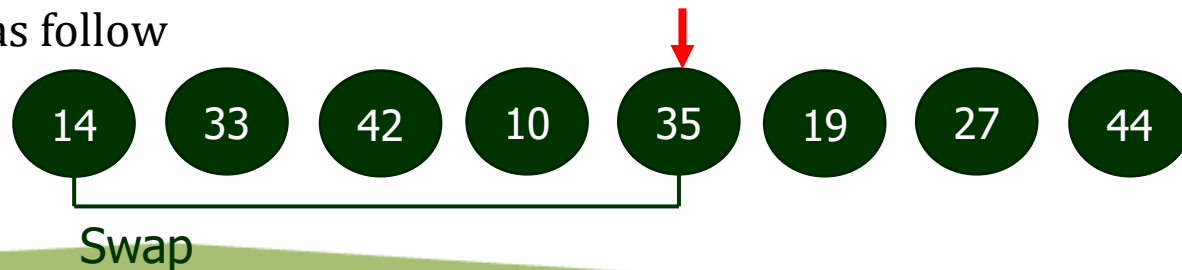
Now, $gap > 0$ (i.e. $4 > 0$)

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** \Rightarrow *change occurred* and the updated array is looked as follow



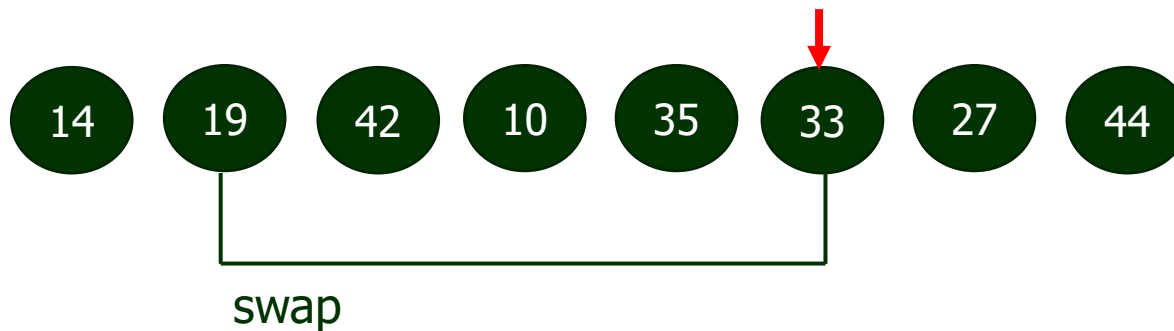
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Now in for loop $\text{outer}=5$; $\text{outer}<8$; $\text{outer}++$

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

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

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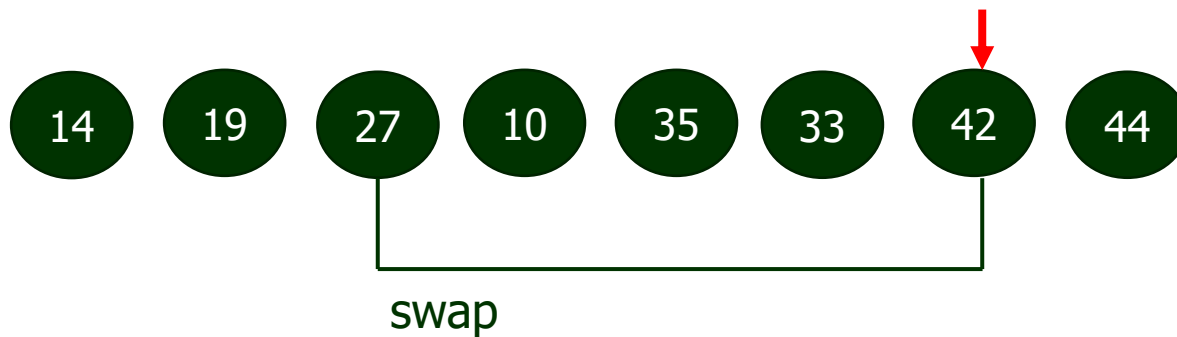
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Now in for loop $\text{outer}=6$; $\text{outer}<8$; $\text{outer}++$

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

$\text{inner}=\text{outer}$ i.e. $\text{inner}=6$

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



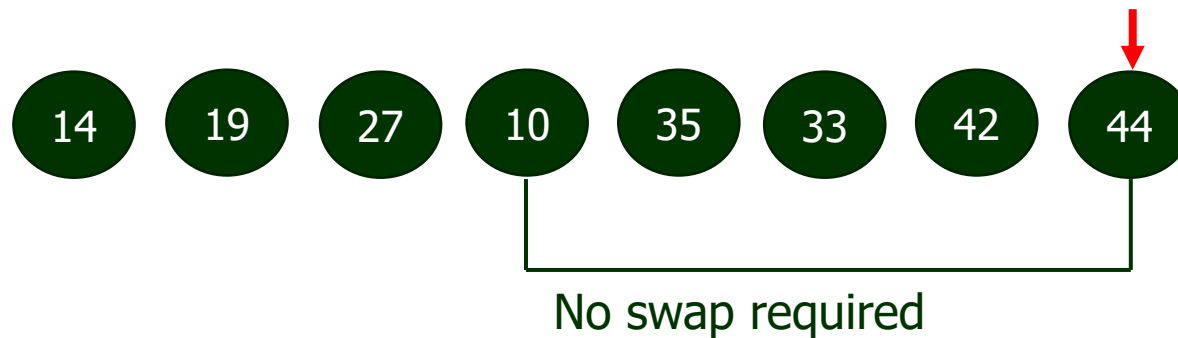
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Now in for loop $\text{outer}=7$; $\text{outer}<8$; $\text{outer}++$

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

$\text{inner}=\text{outer}$ 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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Shell Sort

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 $2^{k-1} \Rightarrow O(n \log n)$

Shell Sort

Analysis:

In General

- Shell sort is an unstable sorting algorithm because this algorithm does not examine the elements lying in between the intervals.
- **Worst Case Complexity:** less than or equal to $O(n^2)$ or float between $O(n \log n)$ and $O(n^2)$.
- **Best Case Complexity:** $O(n \log n)$
When the array is already sorted, the total number of comparisons for each interval (or increment) is equal to $O(n)$ i.e. the size of the array.
- **Average Case Complexity:** $O(n \log n)$
It is around $O(n^{1.25})$.

(Remark: Accurate model not yet been discovered)

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