

**CSCI 335**

**Software Design and Analysis III**

**Lecture 17:**

**Sorting: Insertion sort, Shellsort**

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# Announcement

- Midterm grades to be released
- HW3 due 11/10.

# Agenda

- Leftist heap theorem
- Merge leftist algorithm: recursive, non-recursive
- Skew heap
- Binomial Queue
- Insertion Sort
- Shell Sort
- Midterm discussion

# Chapter 7 Sorting

# Sorting algorithms

- Several easy algorithms to sort in  $O(N^2)$ 
  - Insertion sort
- Sorting algorithm simple to code,  $O(N^2)$  and efficient
  - Shell sort
- There are slightly more complicated algorithms
  - $O(N \log N)$
- Any general purpose sorting algorithm
  - $\Omega(N \log N)$  comparisons

# Sorting algorithms

- Comparison-based sorting
- `Void sort(Iterator begin, Iterator end, Comparator cmp);`
- STL versions:
  1. `sort(v.begin(), v.end() );`
  2. `sort(v.begin(), v.begin() + (v.end()-v.begin())/2);`
  3. `sort(v.begin(),v.end(),greater<int>{ });`
- Also: `stable_sort()`
  - Does not swap the positions of two elements with the same comparison key.

# Insertion Sort

- Pass  $p=1$  through  $N-1$ :  
items in positions 0 through  $p$  are in sorted order.

Original	34		8	64	51	32	21	Positions Moved					
After $p = 1$	8		34		64	51	32	21	1				
After $p = 2$	8		34		64		51	32	21	0			
After $p = 3$	8		34		51		64		32	21	1		
After $p = 4$	8		32		34		51		64		21	3	
After $p = 5$	8		21		32		34		51		64		4

**General Strategy:** In pass  $p$ , move the element in position  $p$  left until its correct place is found among the first  $p+1$  elements

# Insertion Sort

```
template <typename Comparable>
void InsertionSort(vector<Comparable> & a) {
    for (int p = 1; p < a.size(); ++p) {
        Comparable tmp = std::move(a[p]);
        int j;
        for (j = p; j > 0 && tmp < a[j - 1]; --j)
            a[j] = std::move(a[j - 1]);
        a[j] = std::move(tmp);
    }
}
```



# Stl implementation

```
// Two-parameter version calls three-parameter version.  
// Uses C++11 decltype.  
template <typename Iterator>  
void InsertionSort(const Iterator &begin, const Iterator  
&end) {  
    InsertionSort(begin, end, less<decltype(*begin)>{});  
}
```

# Converting Insert routine to STL Implementation

- Two parameter sort uses pair of iterators (start and endmarker) and assumes items can be ordered.
- 1. Two parameter sort invokes three-parameter sort with `less<Object>` as third parameter
  - Template type parameters for two-param sort are both Iterator; (generic type but Object is not a generic type parameter)
  - C++11 introduces `decltype` which cleanly expresses the intent.
- 2. Array indexing with use of the iterator and that replaces calls to `operator<` with calls to the `lessThan` function object.
- 3. Once the `insertSort` algorithm is coded,
  - every statement in the original code is replaced with a corresponding statement in new code that makes straightforward use of iterators and the function object.

# Stl implementation

// Three-parameter version.

```
template <typename Iterator, typename Comparator>
void InsertionSort(const Iterator &begin, const Iterator &end,
Comparator
less_than) {
    if (begin == end) return;
    for (Iterator p = begin + 1; p != end; ++p) {
        auto tmp = std::move(*p);
        Iterator j;
        for (j = p; j != begin && less_than(tmp, *(j - 1)); --j)
            *j = std::move(*(j - 1));
        *j = std::move(tmp);
    }
    ---
}
```

You can call for instance:

```
InsertionSort(vec.begin(), vec.end()); // vec is of type
vector<string>
```

# Insertion Sort Analysis

- Worst case:  $\Theta(N^2)$
- Best case (presorted input):  $O(N)$ 
  - One comparison per item

# Lower bound for simple sorting algorithms

Inversion in an array **a** is an ordered pair  $(i, j)$ ,  $0 \leq i, j < \mathbf{a.size}()$ :

$i < j$  but  $\mathbf{a}[i] > \mathbf{a}[j]$

Example array: 34, 8, 64, 51, 32, 21

9 inversions: (34,8), (34,32), (34,21),  
(64,51), (64,32), (64,21),  
(51,32), (51,21),  
(32,21)

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These are exactly the swaps performed by insertion sort!

=> Swapping two adjacent items that are out of place reduces one inversion

=> Sorted array needs no inversions

# Lower bound for simple sorting algorithms

- Average number of inversions in permutation of  $N$  integers (assume no duplicates) provides

Average running time for insertion sort and for **all algorithms that are based on swapping adjacent elements !**

# Lower bound for simple sorting algorithms

## assumptions

- no duplicate elements.
  - can assume that the input is some permutation of the first  $N$  integers since only relative ordering is important
- All elements are equally likely.
- Given these assumptions, we have the following theorem:

# Lower bound proof for simple sorting algorithms

- **Theorem:** Average number of inversions in an array of  $n$  distinct elements is  $n(n-1)/4$
- **Proof:**  
Consider list  $L$  of  $n$  integers and its reverse  $L_r$ .  
For every pair of indices  $(i,j)$ , either  $(i,j)$  is an inversion in  $L$  or  $L_r$ .  
Therefore the total number of inversions for both lists is  $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$   
Average number of inversions across all lists  $\frac{n!}{2n!} \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{4}$
- **Therefore:** Any algorithm that sorts by exchanging adjacent elements is  $\Omega(n^2)$  on average.

**Result valid for an entire class of algorithms that perform only adjacent exchanges! Insertion, Bubble, Selection**



# Take-away

- **Lower bound shows for a sorting algorithm to run in subquadratic or  $o(N^2)$  times:**
  - it must do comparisons and in particular exchanges between elements that are far apart.
- **Sorting algorithm makes progress by eliminating inversions**
  - to run efficiently it must eliminate more than just one inversion per exchange.

# Shellsort (by Donald Shell)

- Improves average time by exchanging non-adjacent elements
- **Diminishing increment sort**
- Uses increment sequence  $h_1=1, h_2, \dots, h_t$ 
  - All sequences work, but some perform better!
- Idea:

For  $k = t$  down to 1

[all elements spaced  $h_k$  apart are sorted]

[  $a[i] \leq a[i + h_k]$  for every  $i$  ]

[perform insertion sort in  $h_k$  subarrays]

--each subarray has size approximately  $n/h_k$

# Shellsort

Array index:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Original	81	94	11	96	12	35	17	95	28	58	41	75	15
After 5-sort	35	17	11	28	12	41	75	15	96	58	81	94	95
After 3-sort	28	12	11	35	15	41	58	17	94	75	81	96	95
After 1-sort	11	12	15	17	28	35	41	58	75	81	94	95	96

At increment  $h_k$ :

for every position  $i = h_k, h_k+1, h_k+2, \dots, N-1$

find its right spot among  $i, i-h_k, i-2h_k, i-3h_k, \dots$

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Note that at  $h_1$  we have regular insertion sort

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For example for  $h_k = 3$ :

for  $i = 3, 3 + 1, 3 + 2, \dots, \text{a.size()} - 1$

find its right spot among  $i, i - 3, i - 6, i - 9, \dots (i \geq 0)$

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## 5-sort: 5 “subarrays”

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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81	94	11	96	12	35	17	95	28	58	41	75	15
<del>81</del>					35					41		
<b>35</b>					<b>41</b>					<b>81</b>		
	94					17					75	
	<b>17</b>					<b>75</b>					<b>94</b>	
		11					95					15
		<b>11</b>					<b>15</b>					<b>95</b>
			96					28				
			<b>28</b>					<b>96</b>				
				12						58		
				<b>12</b>						<b>58</b>		
<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>95</b>

## 3-sort: 3 “subarrays”

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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35	17	11	28	12	41	75	15	96	58	81	94	95
<del>35</del>			<del>28</del>			<del>75</del>			<del>58</del>			<del>95</del>
<b>28</b>			<b>35</b>			<b>58</b>			<b>75</b>			<b>95</b>
	17			12			15			81		
	<b>12</b>			<b>15</b>			<b>17</b>			<b>81</b>		
		11			41			96			94	
		<del>11</del>			<del>41</del>			<del>96</del>			<del>94</del>	
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## 1-sort: 1 “subarray”

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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28	12	11	35	15	41	58	17	94	75	81	96	95
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- “subarrays” are conceptual (i.e. no need for extra storage)
- Implementation is extremely simple
- Best algorithm for small collections (up to 10000 elements)
- No recursion, good for embedded systems with small stack space.

# Shellsort

- Original increment sequence:

$$h_t = \lfloor N / 2 \rfloor, h_k = \lfloor h_{k+1} / 2 \rfloor$$

Not a good selection though...

--Example for an array **a** of size  $N = 100$

$$h_6 = 50, h_5 = 25, h_4 = 12, h_3 = 6, h_2 = 3, h_1 = \mathbf{1}.$$

- Increment sequence
- $h_k$  sorted
- Although this does not affect the implementation, a careful examination of the action of an  $h_k$  sort is to perform an insertion sort on  $h_k$  independent subarrays!



# Shellsort

```
// Shellsort, using Shell's (poor) increments.
template <typename Comparable>
void ShellSort(vector<Comparable> &a) {
    // gap is Shell's increment.
    for (int gap = a.size() / 2; gap > 0; gap /= 2) {
        for (int i = gap; i < a.size(); ++i) {
            // Insertion sort in subarrays.
            Comparable tmp = std::move(a[i]);
            int j = i;
            for (; j >= gap && tmp < a[j - gap]; j -= gap)
                a[j] = std::move(a[j - gap]);
            a[j] = std::move(tmp);
        } // End of second for.
    } // End of first for.
}
```

# Worst Case Analysis

Theorem: Worst case running time using Shell's increments is  $\Theta(N^2)$

- **Proof:**

- (A) Showing that there exists some input that actually takes  $\Omega(N^2)$  to run.

- Provide an example input with behavior  $\Omega(N^2)$ :
  - Consider  $N$  is power of 2
  - Put the  $N/2$  largest numbers at even positions
  - $N/2$  smallest numbers at odd positions
  - <See image of next slide>

- (B) Upper bound on the worstcase running time

- Prove that the algorithm is  $O(N^2)$

# Worst case analysis

Positions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Start	1	9	2	10	3	11	4	12	5	13	6	14	7	15	8	16
After 8-sort	1	9	2	10	3	11	4	12	5	13	6	14	7	15	8	16
After 4-sort	1	9	2	10	3	11	4	12	5	13	6	14	7	15	8	16
After 2-sort	1	9	2	10	3	11	4	12	5	13	6	14	7	15	8	16
After 1-sort	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

To merely place the  $n/2$  smallest elements in the correct place requires at least  $\Omega(N^2)$  work.

Input that provides worst behavior. How many inversions after 2 sort in example?

# Worst Case Analysis

- Worst case running time using Shell's increments is  $\Theta(N^2)$
- **Proof of (B):** The algorithm is  $O(N^2)$ :
  - At pass  $h_k$ :  $h_k$  insertion sorts  $\Rightarrow$  (since ins. sort is  $O(n^2)$ )  
$$h_k O((N/h_k)^2) = O(h_k (N/h_k)^2) = O(N^2 / h_k) \text{ per pass}.$$
  - Total cost for all passes:

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- Total cost for all passes:  $O(\sum_{i=1}^t N^2 / h_i) = O(N^2 \sum_{i=1}^t 1/h_i)$

$$O(N^2 / h_t) + O(N^2 / h_{t-1}) + \dots + O(N^2 / h_k) + \dots + O(N^2 / h_1) =$$

$$O(N^2 / h_t + N^2 / h_{t-1} + \dots + N^2 / h_k + \dots + N^2 / h_1) =$$

$$O(N^2 (1/h_t + 1/h_{t-1} + \dots + 1/h_k + \dots + 1/h_1)) =$$

$$O(N^2). \quad (1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots = ?)$$

# Worst Case Analysis of Shell Sort

- Worst case running time using Shell's increments is  $\Theta(N^2)$
- **Proof of (B):** Example for  $N = 64$  (power of 2)

$$h_6 = 32, h_5 = 16, h_4 = 8, h_3 = 4, h_2 = 2, h_1 = 1.$$

Total cost for all passes:

$$O(N^2 / 32) + O(N^2 / 16) + O(N^2 / 8) + O(N^2 / 4) + O(N^2 / 2) + O(N^2 / 1) = \\ O(N^2 ( 1 / 32 + 1 / 16 + 1 / 8 + 1 / 4 + 1 / 2 + 1 ) ) = ?$$

In general

$$O( N^2 ( 1 / h_t + 1 / h_{t-1} + \dots + 1 / h_k + \dots + 1 / h_1 ) ) = ?$$

## Problem with Shell's increments

- Pairs of increments are not necessarily prime
- So the smaller increment can have little effect.

## Better increments

Improvements over original insertion sort

- 1, 3, 7, ...,  $2^k-1$  (Hibbard)
  - Consecutive increments have no common factors
  - **Theorem:** Worst case running time is  $\Theta(N^{3/2})$
  - Proving average-case is still open.
- 1, 5, 19, 41, ... (Sedgewick)
  - Worst case running time is  $O(N^{4/3})$



## Next class

- HeapSort
- MergeSort
- QuickSort