

# Data Structures and Algorithms

## Lecture 02

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# Agenda

Insertion Sort

Proof of Correctness

Counting Steps

## Problem: Sorting

*Input:* A collection of numbers,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

*Output:* Sorted sequence,  $a_{i_1} \leq a_{i_2} \leq \dots \leq a_{i_n}$

# Insertion Sort

INSERTION-SORT( $A, n$ )

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1  for  $i = 2$  to  $n$ 
2       $key = A[i]$ 
3      // Insert  $A[i]$  into the sorted subarray  $A[1 : i - 1]$ .
4       $j = i - 1$ 
5      while  $j > 0$  and  $A[j] > key$ 
6           $A[j + 1] = A[j]$ 
7           $j = j - 1$ 
8       $A[j + 1] = key$ 
```

# Insertion Sort

## Proof of Correctness

**Loop invariant:** The prefix of the array is sorted

- ▶ Initialization:  $A[1]$  is sorted
- ▶ Maintenance: If  $A[1:j-1]$  is sorted then  $A[1:j]$  is sorted
- ▶ Termination:  $A[1:n]$  is sorted

# Insertion Sort

## Counting Steps

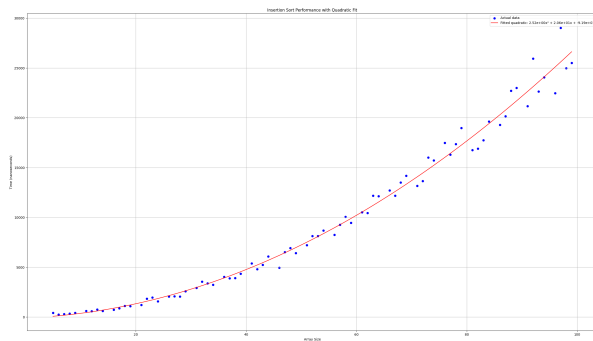
# Insertion Sort

## Counting Steps

- ▶ Best-Case Analysis
- ▶ Average-Case Analysis
- ▶ Worst-Case Analysis

# Insertion Sort

## Backed by Data





# Order of Growth

## Asymptotic Notation

- ▶ O-notation
- ▶  $\Omega$ -notation
- ▶  $\Theta$ -notation