



Insertion sort analysis

Worst case: Input reverse sorted.

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=2}^n \Theta(j) = \Theta(n^2) \quad [\text{arithmetic series}]$$

Average case: All permutations equally likely.

$$T(n) = \sum_{j=2}^n \Theta(j/2) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Is insertion sort a fast sorting algorithm?

- Moderately so, for small n .
- Not at all, for large n .