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- As an example of algorithm analysis let's look at two simple sorting algorithms
  - Selection Sort and
  - Insertion Sort
- Calculate an approximate cost function for these two sorting algorithms
  - By analyzing how many operations are performed by each algorithm
  - This will include an analysis of how many times the algorithms' loops iterate

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    }  
}
```

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    int smallest = start;  
    for(int i = start + 1; i < end; ++i){  
        if(arr[i] < arr[smallest]){  
            smallest = i;  
        }  
    }  
    return smallest;  
}
```

note: end is 1 past the last legal index

```
void swap(int arr[], int i, int j){  
    int temp = arr[i];  
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}
```

# Selection Sort Analysis – Swap

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Swap always performs three operations

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$4(end-start-1)+4$  operations

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$for_{gs}$  iterations =  $\{n-1, n-2, \dots, 2, 1\}$

average = ?

# Counting Digression

- It is common to find loops that iterate over all the elements of a data structure
  - That are nested inside some other loop
- We may need to find
  - The sum of the iterations of the inner loop
  - And the average of the iterations of the inner loop
- The average is easy
  - Sum of inner iterations / number of outer iterations
  - How do we derive the sum of the inner iterations?

```
foo(int n){  
    for(...) { //outer  
        for(...) { //inner  
            body  
        }  
    }  
}
```

When *foo* is called how many times is *body* executed?

iterations of outer  
\*  
average iterations of inner



# Counting Sequences

- Linear loops are sequences where subsequent values increase or decrease by one

- $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10$ 
sum?
55
 $((1+10)/2) * 10$

- $24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35$ 
sum?
354
 $((24+35)/2) * 12$

- $1, 2, \dots, n-2, n-1$ 
sum?
 $n*(n-1)/2 = (n^2-n)/2$ 
 $((1+n-1)/2 * n-1)$

- Sum of a sequence  $s$ , of length  $n$  is  $((s_0 + s_{n-1}) / 2) * n$

- Consider this demonstration – not a proof

- Sum the sequence  $1 : n-1$  twice, then divide by 2

sequence	1	2	3	...	n-3	n-2	n-1
sequence	n-1	n-2	n-3	...	3	2	1
sum	n	n	n	n	n	n	n

Average?
 $n/2$

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average =  $n/2$

cost =  $4(n/2)+4$

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$$(n-1)(4(n/2)+4)$$

$n-1$  swaps

$$3(n-1)$$

$$3n-3$$

$$= (n-1)(2n + 4)$$

$$= 2n^2 - 2n + 4(n-1)$$

$$= 2n^2 - 2n + 4n - 4$$

$$= 2n^2 + 2n - 4$$

for loop:  $3(n-1)+2$   $3n-1$

Cost function:  $t_{\text{selection sort}} = 2n^2 + 8n - 8$

# Barometer Operation

- The barometer operation for selection sort is in the loop that finds the smallest item
  - Since operations in that loop are executed the greatest number of times
- The loop contains four operations
  - Compare  $i$  to  $end$
  - Compare  $arr[i]$  to  $smallest$
  - Change  $smallest$
  - Increment  $i$

The barometer instructions

```
int getSmallest(arr[], start, end)
    smallest = start
    for(i = start + 1; i < end; ++i)
        if(arr[i] < arr[smallest])
            smallest = i
    return smallest
```

# Barometer Operations

Unsorted elements	Barometer
$n$	$n-1$
$n-1$	$n-2$
...	...
3	2
2	1
1	0
$n(n-1)/2$	

# Selection Sort Cases

- How is selection sort affected by the organization of the input?
  - The only work that varies based on the input organization is whether or not smallest is assigned the value of  $arr[i]$
- What is the worst-case organization?
- What is the best-case organization?
- The difference between best case and worst case is quite small
  - $(n-1)(3(n/2)) + 10(n-1) + 2$  in the best case and
  - $(n-1)(4(n/2)) + 10(n-1) + 2$  in the worst case

# Selection Sort Summary

- Ignoring leading constants, selection sort performs the following work
  - $n*(n - 1)/2$  barometer operations, regardless of the original order of the input
  - $n - 1$  swaps
- The number of comparisons dominates the number of swaps
- The organization of the input only affects the leading constant of the barometer operations

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Move up elements in the sorted part until the position for 21 is found

# Work Performed in Inserting Values

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- How much work was performed by expanding the sorted part of the array by one element?
  - The value 21 was stored in a variable, *temp*
  - The values 27 and 31 were compared to 21
    - And moved up one position in the array
  - The value 11 was compared to 21, but not moved
  - The value of *temp* was written to *arr*[2]
- How much work will be performed expanding the sorted part of the array to include the value 1?
- How much work will be performed expanding the sorted part of the array to include the value 29?

# Insertion Sort Algorithm

```
void insertionSort(int arr[], int n){  
    for(int i = 1; i < n; ++i){  
        temp = arr[i];  
        int pos = i;  
        // Shuffle up all sorted items > arr[i]  
        while(pos > 0 && arr[pos - 1] > temp){  
            arr[pos] = arr[pos - 1];  
            pos--;  
        } //while  
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What are the barometer operations?

How often are they performed?

It depends on the values in the array

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outer loop  
 $n-1$  times

inner loop body  
how many times?

worst case:  $pos - 1$  times for each iteration

$pos$  ranges from 1 to  $n-1$ ;  $n/2$  on average

What is the worst-case organization?

outer loop runs  $n-1$  times:  $n * (n - 1) / 2$

# Insertion Sort Worst Case Cost

Sorted Elements	Worst-case Search	Worst-case Move
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	2	2
...	...	...
$n-1$	$n-1$	$n-1$
$n(n-1)/2$		$n(n-1)/2$

# Insertion Sort Worst Case

- In the worst case the array is in reverse order
- Every item has to be moved all the way to the front of the array
  - The outer loop runs  $n-1$  times
    - In the first iteration, one comparison and move
    - In the last iteration,  $n-1$  comparisons and moves
    - On average,  $n/2$  comparisons and moves
  - For a total of  $n * (n-1) / 2$  comparisons and moves

# Insertion Sort Best Case

- The efficiency of insertion sort *is* affected by the state of the array to be sorted
- What is the best case?
  - In the best case the array is already completely sorted!
  - No movement of any array element is required
  - Requires  $n$  comparisons

# Insertion Sort: Average Case

- What is the average case cost?
  - Is it closer to the best case?
  - Or the worst case?
- If *random* data is sorted, insertion sort is usually closer to the worst case
  - Around  $n * (n-1) / 4$  comparisons
- And what do we mean by average input for a sorting algorithm anyway?