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**Algorithm 3.1.49** Optimized insertion sort using the binary search technique. The time complexity for regular insertion sort  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  reduced to  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ .

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1: procedure BINARY INSERTION SORT( $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : list of comparable
   entries)
2:   for  $j = 2$  to  $n$  do
3:      $start \leftarrow 1$ 
4:      $end \leftarrow j$ 
5:     while  $start < end$  do                                     ▷ Binary search.
6:        $midpoint \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{(start+end)}{2} \rfloor$ 
7:       if  $a_j > a_{midpoint}$  then
8:          $start \leftarrow (midpoint + 1)$ 
9:       else
10:         $end \leftarrow midpoint$ 
11:      end if
12:    end while                                                 ▷ End binary search.
13:     $element \leftarrow a_j$                                        ▷ Insert.
14:    for  $k = 0$  to  $(j - start - 1)$  do
15:       $a_{(j-k)} \leftarrow a_{(j-k-1)}$ 
16:    end for
17:     $a_{start} \leftarrow element$                                    ▷ End insert.
18:  end for
19:  return  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ 
20: end procedure

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