

## Hybrid QuickSort

In last classes we learnt about running time and analysing of algorithms to figure out its running time. In this problem you are required to implement a hybrid version of quicksort based on a parameter and figure out the best value for the parameter depending on the running time.

Implement a hybrid sorting algorithm with an extra parameter  $k$  (`sort(A, k)`). The function applies Quicksort algorithm on array  $A$  till the size of partition is greater than  $k$ . When the size of any partition goes below  $k$ , it applies Insertion sort or Bubble sort on the partition of size less or equal to  $k$ .

Once you are ready with the routine `sort(A, k)`, vary  $k$  for different values and record the time required for running `sort(A, k)`. Subsequently, you are required to plot a graph of value of  $k$  against the time for running `sort(A, k)` and figure out the optimal value of  $k$  for which the running time is least.

Consider that the size of array to be in the order of 1,00,000 ( $n$ ), and the value of  $k$  to be varied from 1 to 100. Please consider the following different conditions for input

1. Take all random numbers.
2. Take a sorted array.
3. Take reverse sorted array.
4. Take a half sorted array (the other half is random).

For each type of input there would be a separate graph. Consider saving the output of your program to a file and then plotting the graph.

Once you have completed the above, try implementing the same with *Mergesort*. Implement a mergesort routine where once the size of the partition reaches below  $k$ , you apply bubblesort/insertion sort. Try finding whether usage of bubblesort and insertionsort changes the value of optimal  $k$ .

## Notes:

- You will be using “GNUPlot” for plotting the graph. Please make sure that your system has GNUPlot installed.
- Write your programs only in C.
- Use the library functions from `ctime.h` to find out the running time of `sort(A, k)`.

- Use the same array for each call to `sort(A, k)` with different  $k$ .