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Design Document

Description of Program:

The purpose of this program is to implement four different sorts on an array of random numbers given a seed, size and number of elements. The sorts that are implemented are insertion sort, shell sort, heap sort, and quick sort. Once the tests for the sorts are run, the ordered array will be printed and statistics for each sort's moves and comparisons will be given. With the data given the most efficient sort for that particular array of numbers can be determined.

Layout/Pseudocode:

- insert.c

This file contains the function for insertion sort. The insertion sort works by taking each element and comparing it to its predecessors. If the current element is smaller than its predecessors then it keeps getting moved until it is in the right position. This process repeats until the array is ordered.

Define insertion sort with parameters for stats, array, and size

 Loop through array

 Set previous to current

 Move current element to temporary variable

 While previous is greater than 0 and compare temporary and prev

 Move previous element

 Previous decrement by 1

 Array in previous position set equal to temp

- shell.c

The file contains the function for shell sort. The shell sort works by using Knuth's gap sequence. This sort sorts the array by first comparing elements that are far apart from each other. This space between the two is referred to as the gap and this gap is decremented through each sorted element. Through this process the gaps will get smaller until the gap is a size of 1. At this point the array will be fully sorted.

Define shell sort with parameters for stats, array, and size

 Variable for gap

Generate the gap

Loop through the gap and length of array

Previous set to current

Move current element to temporary variable

While previous is less than or equal to gap and

compare temp var and variable previous - gap

Move current element

Decrement previous by gap

Set current element to temporary variable

- heap.c

This file contains the function for heap sort and the helper functions for building and fixing the heap. This sort works by first building a heap from the given array. In this case, building the heap requires finding the largest element and putting that as the first element when built. After this the heap must be fixed and sorted. This is done by removing the largest element from the array and placing it at the end. The heap needs to be fixed after this every time and the process starts over again.

Define max child function with parameters for array, first, and last

Left set equal to $2 * \text{first}$

Right set equal to left + 1

Check if right is \leq to the last and right is $>$ left

Return right if so

If not return left

Define fix heap function with parameters for array, first, and last

Set found = to false

Set mother = to first

Set great = to the max child with mother and last as parameters

While mother \leq last floor divide by 2 and found equals false

If current is less than previous

Current and previous swap

Set mother equal to great

Great = max child

Else

Set found = to true

Define build heap with parameters for array, first, and last

Loop for father in range of last floor divided by 2 to first - 1 and decrement

Fix heap

Define heap sort with parameter for stats, array, and size

First equal to 1

Last equal to size of array

Build the heap

Loop for the leaf in range of last and first

Swap leaves

Fix heap

- quick.c

The file contains the function for quick sort, quick sorter, and the function partition. This sort works by partitioning the array it is sorting into two sub arrays and using pivot points to sort the arrays. The pivot point checks if the element is less than itself or greater and based on the answer will either put it to the left or right in the array. After the array is partitioned the quick sort is called recursively on the partitioned parts and sorts them.

Define partition with parameters for array, low, and high

Set i equal to low - 1

Loop for j from low to high

If current element < high element

I increment 1

Swap

Swap

Return i + 1

Define quick sorter with parameters for array, low, and high

If the low is less than high

Set p = to partition

Partition array to two separate ones

Define quick sort with parameters for stats, array, and size

Call quick sorter

- sorting.c

This file contains the test harness for testing the sorts. The test harness accepts different command inputs for choosing different tests as well as different settings for the test. The commands accepted are "a" for all tests, "e" for heap sort "i" for insertion sort, "s" for shell sort, "q" for quick sort, and "n", "p", and "r" for the length, seed, and number of elements desired. There is also an "h" function for

general help and usage purposes. The test harness uses sets to determine which tests to run as opposed to a bunch of booleans. When the desired test are run with the pseudo random array, the corresponding statistics will be given as well for data on the number of moves and comparisons made.

Create enumerations for sorts

Define help function

Print help text

Define make array function

Set random seed

Bitmask array with desired seed and length

Define main with parameters for argc and **argv

Variable for empty set

Variable for current optarg

Variable for opt

Variable for seed

Variable for size

Variable for elements

Variable for help test

Loop and parse through command line

 Cases for testing: insert case into set

 Cases for seed, size, and elements

 Case for all test, insert all cases

 Case for help, return 0

If size < elements, elements equals size

If help variable not disabled

 Run help function

 Return 0

Loop through set

 If test in set, run test and give stats

- stats

The stats for each sort are tracked through stats.c and stats.h. In these files the typedef struct Stats is defined where the number of compares and moves can be stored. Using the functions in the actual code of the sorts helps accurately keep track of the moves and comparisons rather than substituting what they do and having a separate variable for each sort. There are four functions that are made

use of. First being `reset()` where the statistics for both moves and comparisons will be wiped clean making them ready to count for a new sort and return data accurately representing its process. The function `cmp()` compares two different elements and increments for each comparison. The other two are `move()` and `swap()` which both account for the total number of moves that each sort has to complete in order to sort its list.

Error Handling:

The main error handling is making sure the input given can be used in the tests. If a number is too big or negative for the seed, size, or elements, the default values for these variables will be used instead. Another error that had to be handled was dynamically allocating the array to test with sizes up to the memory limit of the computer.

Credit:

When creating this code I largely used `asgn3.pdf` as my main source of reference for creating this program. I also viewed Eugene's section recording which I used to help come up with my test harness.