# O(n<sup>2</sup>) Sorts

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## **♦** O(n<sup>2</sup>) Sorting Algorithms

One class of sorting methods has complexity  $O(n^2)$ 

- selection sort ... simple, non-adaptive sort
- bubble sort ... simple, adaptive sort
- insertion sort ... simple, adaptive sort
- shellsort ... improved version of insertion sort

There are sorting methods with better complexity  $O(n \log n)$ 

But for small arrays, the above methods are adequate

#### Selection Sort

Simple, non-adaptive method:

- find the smallest element, put it into first array slot
- find second smallest element, put it into second array slot
- repeat until all elements are in correct position

"Put in x<sup>th</sup> array slot" is accomplished by:

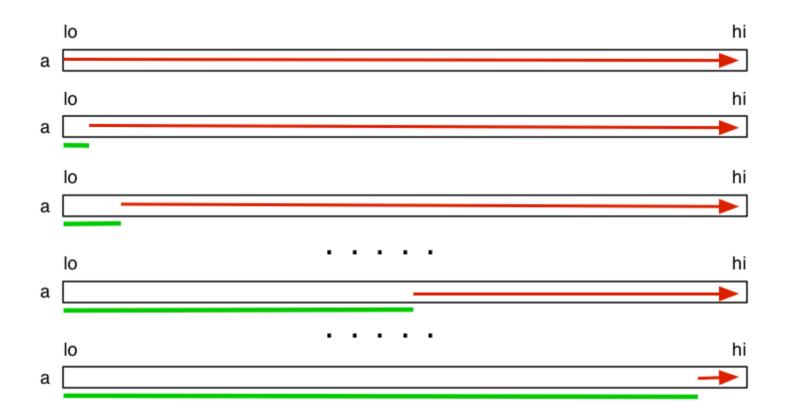
• swapping value in x<sup>th</sup> position with x<sup>th</sup> smallest value

Each iteration improves "sortedness" by one element



### **❖** ... Selection Sort

State of array after each iteration:



### ❖ ... Selection Sort

C function for Selection sort:

```
void selectionSort(int a[], int lo, int hi)
{
   int i, j, min;
   for (i = lo; i < hi-1; i++) {
      min = i;
      for (j = i+1; j <= hi; j++) {
        if (less(a[j],a[min])) min = j;
      }
      swap(a[i], a[min]);
   }
}</pre>
```

### ... Selection Sort

Cost analysis (where n = hi-lo+1):

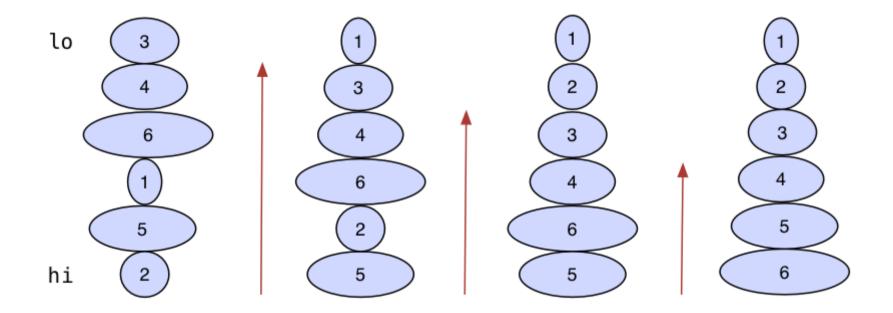
- on first pass, *n-1* comparisons, 1 swap
- on second pass, *n-2* comparisons, 1 swap
- ... on last pass, 1 comparison, 1 swap
- C =  $(n-1)+(n-2)+...+1 = n^*(n-1)/2 = (n^2-n)/2 \Rightarrow O(n^2)$
- S = n-1

Cost is same, regardless of sortedness of original array.

### **❖** Bubble Sort

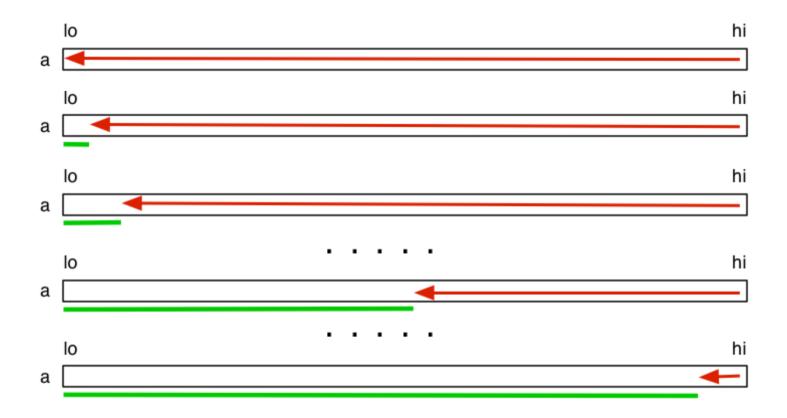
#### Simple adaptive method:

- make multiple passes from N to i (i=0..N-1)
- on each pass, swap any out-of-order adjacent pairs
- elements move until they meet a smaller element
- eventually smallest element moves to *i* <sup>th</sup> position
- repeat until all elements have moved to appropriate position
- stop if there are no swaps during one pass (already sorted)





State of array after each iteration:



Bubble sort example (from Sedgewick):

```
S O R T E X A M P L E
A S O R T E X E M P L
A E S O R T E X L M P
A E E S O R T L X M P
A E E L S O R T M X P
A E E L M S O R T P X
A E E L M O P S R T X
A E E L M O P R S T X
... no swaps ⇒ done ...
A E E L M O P R S T X
```

C function for Bubble Sort:

```
void bubbleSort(int a[], int lo, int hi)
   int i, j, nswaps;
   for (i = lo; i < hi; i++) {
      nswaps = 0;
      for (j = hi; j > i; j--) {
         if (less(a[j], a[j-1])) {
            swap(a[j], a[j-1]);
            nswaps++;
      if (nswaps == 0) break;
```

Cost analysis (where n = hi - lo + 1):

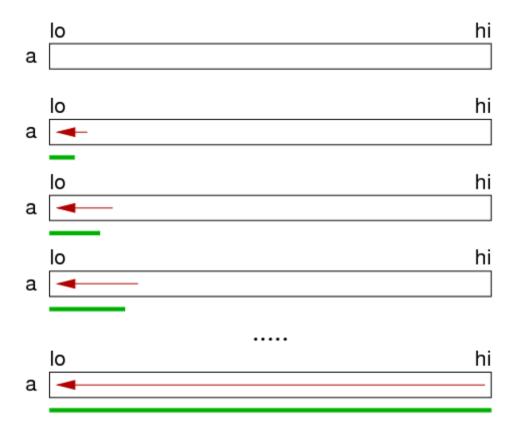
- cost for *i* <sup>th</sup> iteration:
  - *n-i* comparisons, ?? swaps
  - ∘ Sdepends on "sortedness", best=0, worst=*n-i*
- how many iterations? depends on data orderedness
  - best case: 1 iteration, worst case: *n-1* iterations
- Cost<sub>best</sub> = *n* (data already sorted)
- Cost<sub>worst</sub> = *n-1 + ... + 1* (reverse sorted)
- Complexity is thus  $O(n^2)$

### Insertion Sort

#### Simple adaptive method:

- take first element and treat as sorted array (length 1)
- take next element and insert into sorted part of array so that order is preserved
- above increases length of sorted part by one
- repeat until whole array is sorted

## ... Insertion Sort



### **❖** ... Insertion Sort

Insertion sort example (from Sedgewick):

```
S O R T E X A M P L E
S O R T E X A M P L E
O S R T E X A M P L E
O R S T E X A M P L E
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A E M O R S T X P L E
A E M O P R S T X L E
A E L M O P R S T X
E A E E L M O P R S T X
```

### **❖** ... Insertion Sort

C function for insertion sort:

```
void insertionSort(int a[], int lo, int hi)
{
   int i, j, val;
   for (i = lo+1; i <= hi; i++) {
      val = a[i];
      for (j = i; j > lo; j--) {
        if (!less(val,a[j-1])) break;
        a[j] = a[j-1];
      }
      a[j] = val;
   }
}
```

### ... Insertion Sort

Cost analysis (where n = hi - lo + 1):

- cost for inserting element into sorted list of length *i* 
  - ∘ *C*=??, depends on "sortedness", best=1, worst=*i*
  - ∘ *S*=??, don't swap, just shift, but do *C-1* shifts
- always have *n* iterations
- Cost<sub>best</sub> = 1 + 1 + ... + 1 (already sorted)
- Cost<sub>worst</sub> =  $1 + 2 + ... + n = n^*(n+1)/2$  (reverse sorted)
- Complexity is thus  $O(n^2)$

## ShellSort: Improving Insertion Sort

#### Insertion sort:

- based on exchanges that only involve adjacent items
- already improved above by using moves rather than swaps
- "long distance" moves may be more efficient

#### Shellsort: basic idea

- array is *h*-sorted if taking every *h*'th element yields a sorted array
- an *h*-sorted array is made up of *n/h* interleaved sorted arrays
- Shellsort: h-sort array for progressively smaller h, ending with 1-sorted

## **❖** ... ShellSort: Improving Insertion Sort

#### Example *h*-sorted arrays:

## ... ShellSort: Improving Insertion Sort

```
void shellSort(int a[], int lo, int hi)
{
   int hvals[8] = \{701, 301, 132, 57, 23, 10, 4, 1\};
   int g, h, start, i, j, val;
   for (g = 0; g < 8; g++) {
      h = hvals[g];
      start = lo + h;
      for (i = start+1; i <= hi; i++) {
         val = a[i];
         for (j = i; j >= start; j -= h) {
            if (!less(val,a[j-h]) break;
            a[j] = a[j-h];
         a[j] = val;
```

## **❖** ... ShellSort: Improving Insertion Sort

Effective sequences of h values have been determined empirically.

E.g. 
$$h_{i+i} = 3h_i + 1 \dots 1093, 364, 121, 40, 13, 4, 1$$

#### Efficiency of Shellsort:

- depends on the sequence of *h* values
- suprisingly, Shellsort has not yet been fully analysed
- above sequence has been shown to be  $O(n^{3/2})$
- others have found sequences which are  $O(n^{4/3})$

## Summary of Elementary Sorts

Comparison of sorting algorithms (animated comparison)

	#compares			#swaps			#moves		
	min	avg	max	min	avg	max	min	avg	max
Selection sort	$n^2$	$n^2$	$n^2$	n	n	n	•	•	•
Bubble sort	n	$n^2$	$n^2$	0	$n^2$	$n^2$	•	•	•
Insertion sort	n	$n^2$	$n^2$	•	•	•	n	$n^2$	$n^2$
Shell sort	n	n <sup>4/3</sup>	n <sup>4/3</sup>	•	•	•	1	n <sup>4/3</sup>	n <sup>4/3</sup>

#### Which is best?

- depends on cost of compare vs swap vs move for **Item**s
- depends on likelihood of average vs worst case

## Sorting Linked Lists

#### Selection sort on linked lists

- L = original list, S = sorted list (initially empty)
- find largest value V in L; unlink it
- link V node at front of S

#### Bubble sort on linked lists

- traverse list: if current > next, swap node values
- repeat until no swaps required in one traversal

#### Selection sort on linked lists

- L = original list, S = sorted list (initially empty)
- scan list L from start to finish
- insert each item into S in order

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