

although not as ~~high~~ as worst case. On average, based on measured execution time, running time for worst case is double that of average case although it might differ from system to system.

Also, increasing  $k$  increases computation time for worst case but slightly faster than average case. Effect of  $k$  (increasing) on best case is negligible ~~and~~ <sup>slight</sup> and time (for small  $k$ ).

is roughly the same but shows effect for very large  $k$  and computation time increases but way <sup>way</sup> slower than average and worst case.

- I have made these conclusions based on the time complexities of the algorithms, measured computation times of the program and the plots of the computation time with increasing  $k$ . Analysis has been used <sup>for</sup> to explain or prove the answer I stated.

⊗⊗ Basic idea: Increasing  $k$  leads to more comparisons and corresponding rearrangement (ordering) because the larger it is, the more elements that are fed to insertion sort to be sorted.