
Algorithm Execution

Insertion Sort

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- We will study the execution of an algorithm on a given instance and predict the execution process.
- We will use Insertion Sort as an example.

Sorting

- **Sorting is the process of arranging a sequence of objects into order (either increasing or decreasing)**
- **There are many sorting algorithms**
- **Different sorting algorithms may have different time complexities.**
- **The problem also has a complexity.**
- **There is a difference between problem complexity and algorithm complexity.**

Insertion Sort

Insertion-Sort(A, n)

```
1  for i := 2 to n do  
2      key := A[i]  
3      // insert A[i] into sorted A[1:i-1]  
4      j := i - 1  
5      while j > 0 and A[j] > key do  
6          A[j+1] := A[j]  
7          j := j - 1  
8      A[j+1] := key
```

Trace the algorithm using inputs: 3 5 2 8 3

Walk through example

A

3	5	2	8	3		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

n=5

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n=5

i=2

key=5

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$n=5$

$i=2$

$\text{key}=5$

$j=1$

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$j > 0?$

Yes

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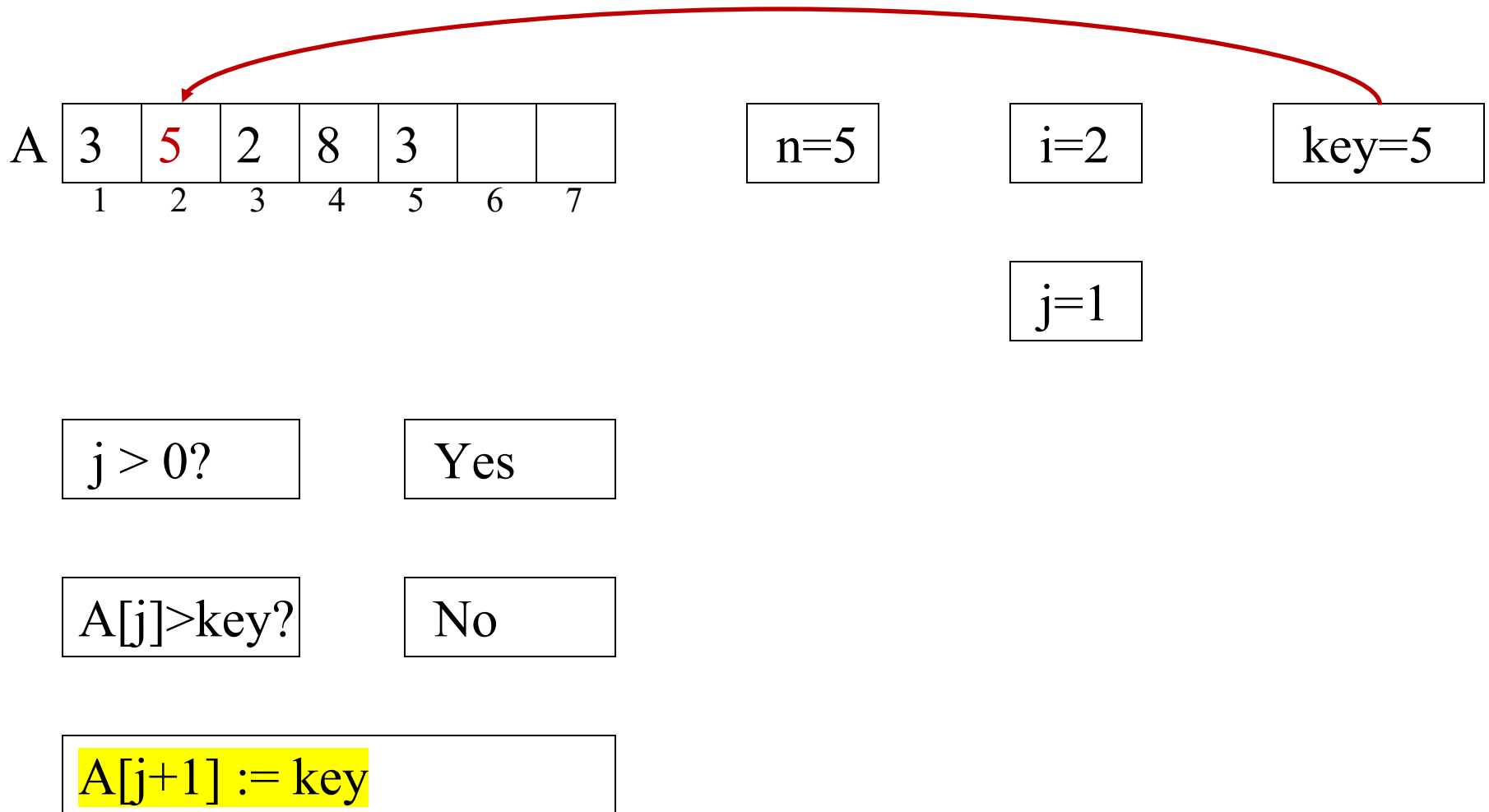
j > 0?

Yes

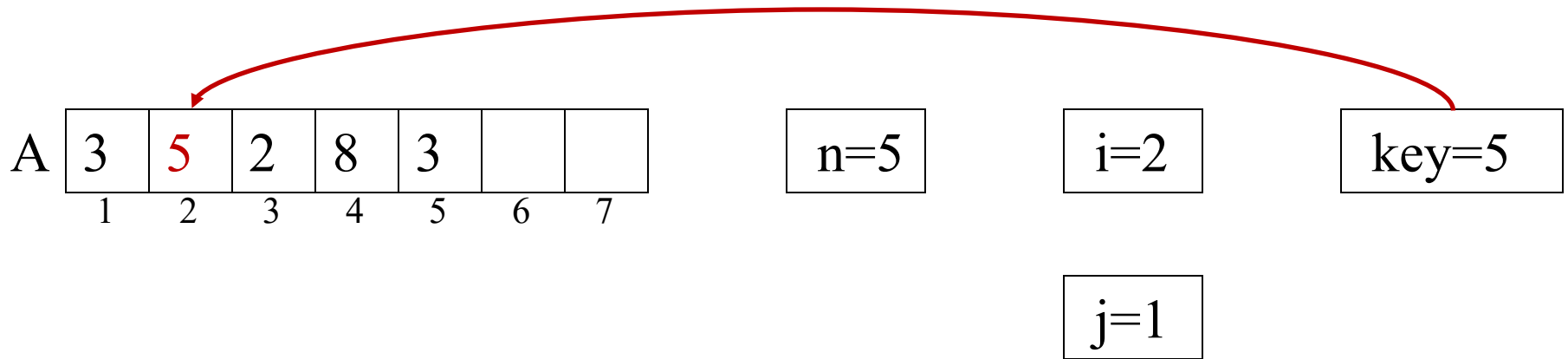
A[j]>key?

No

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$j > 0?$ Yes

$A[j] > key?$ No

$A[j+1] := key$

Array A is overwritten.

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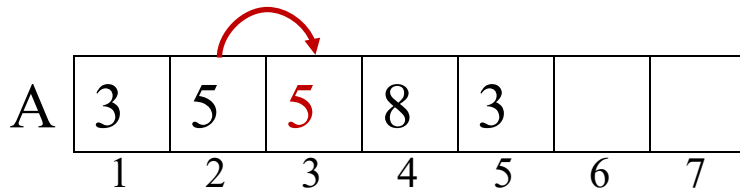
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Yes

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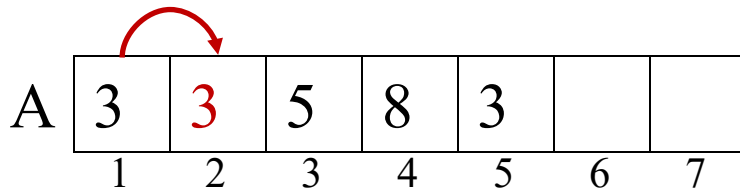
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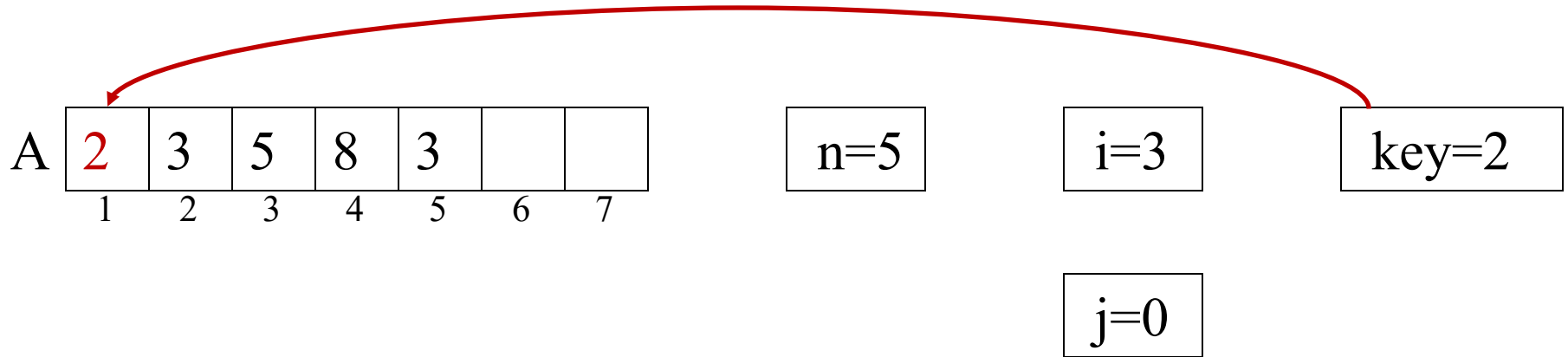
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i=4

key=8

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$n=5$

$i=4$

$\text{key}=8$

$j=3$

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$n=5$

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$j=3$

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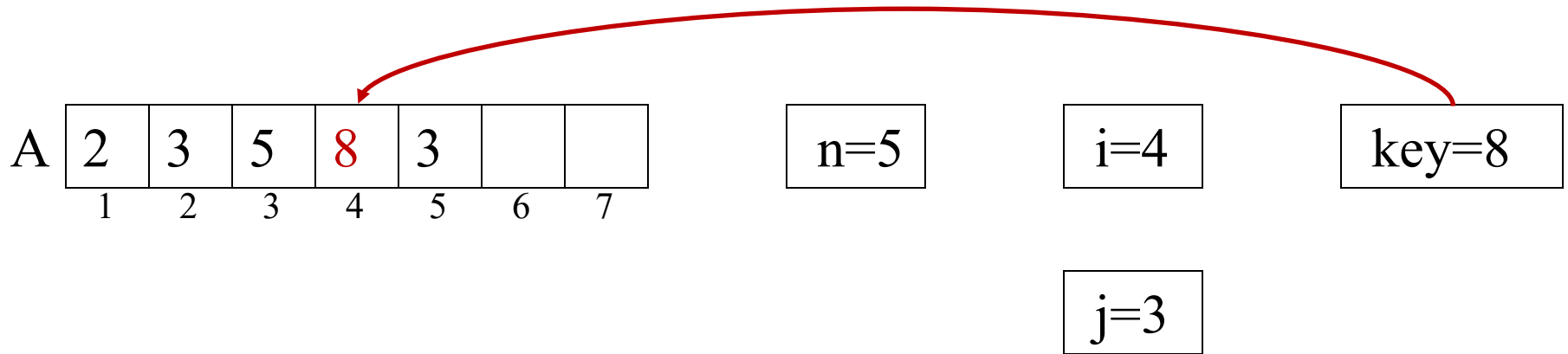
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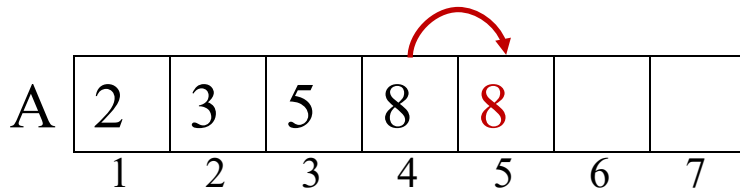
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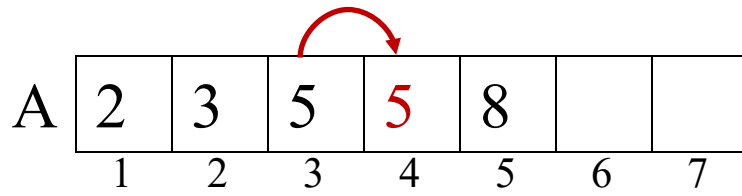
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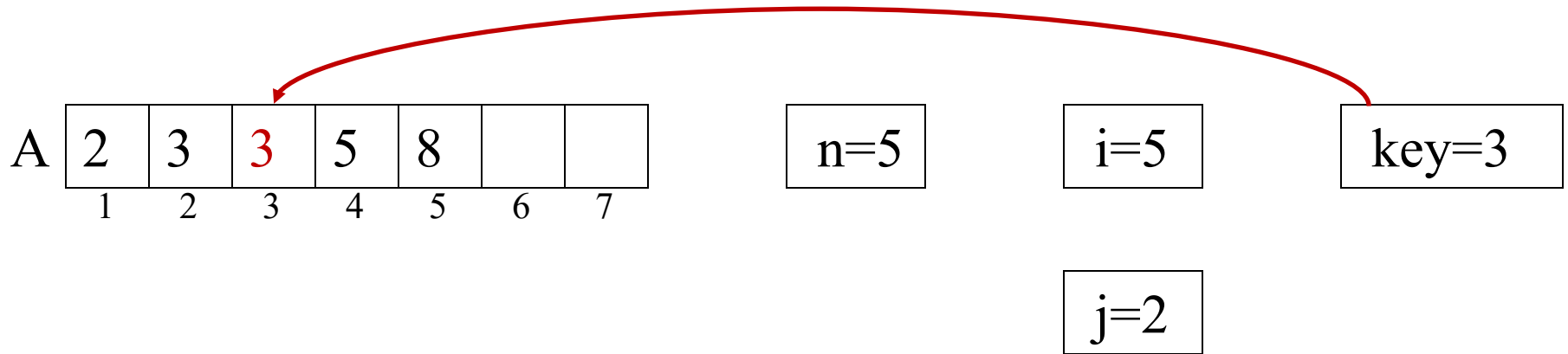
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n=5

i=6

Invariance of Insertion Sort

- Before the for-loop with $i=k$, $A[1:k-1]$ are in sorted order
- $A[i]$ is copied to the variable **key**
- The for-loop with $i=k$ inserts **key** into $A[1..k-1]$.
- Each element in $A[1..k-1]$ that is larger than **key** is copied to its right neighbor, from right to left.
- **key** is inserted into the correct position.
- After the for-loop with $i=k$, $A[1:k]$ are in sorted order

Running Time

- Number of time steps required for the algorithm to terminate
- In terms of the **size of the input** to the algorithm, which is related to the amount of work to be done. E.g., sorting 1000 integers takes longer than sorting 3 integers.
- $\text{running time} = \text{function}(\text{input size})$

Running Time

Insertion-Sort(A[1..n])	times	
1 for i := 2 to n do	n	
2 key := A[i]	n-1	
4 j := i - 1	n-1	
5 while j > 0 and A[j] > key do		$\sum_{i=2}^n (t_i + 1)$
6 A[j+1] := A[j]		$\sum_{i=2}^n t_i$
7 j := j - 1		$\sum_{i=2}^n t_i$
8 A[j+1] := key	n-1	

where t_i is the number of elements in A[1..i-1] that is larger than A[i]

Running time of Insertion Sort

Let $T(n, A)$ denote the number of operations required for insertion sort to sort array $A[1 : n]$. From the above analysis, we have

$$T(n, A) = c_1 n + c_2(n - 1) + c_4(n - 1) + c_5 \sum_{i=2}^n (t_i + 1) + (c_6 + c_7) \sum_{i=2}^n t_i + c_8(n - 1) \quad (1)$$

$$= (c_5 + c_6 + c_7) \sum_{i=2}^n t_i + (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8). \quad (2)$$

Since $0 \leq t_i \leq i - 1, i = 2, 3, \dots, n$, we have

$$T(n, A) \geq (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8), \quad (3)$$

$$T(n, A) \leq (c_5 + c_6 + c_7) \sum_{i=2}^n (i - 1) + (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8) \quad (4)$$

$$= (c_5 + c_6 + c_7) \sum_{i=1}^n i + (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8) \quad (5)$$

$$= (c_5 + c_6 + c_7) \frac{(n - 1)n}{2} + (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8). \quad (6)$$

From (3), we get $T(n, A) \in \Omega(n)$. From (4)-(6), we get $T(n, A) \in O(n^2)$.

Running time of Insertion Sort

The running time of Insertion Sort for sorting an n -element array A is $\Theta(n + \sum_{i=2}^n t_i)$, where t_i is the number of elements in $A[1 : n - 1]$ that are larger than $A[i]$, $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$. $\sum_{i=2}^n t_i$ is also known as the **inversion number** of array A .

Without knowing the content of array A , but know the number of elements n , the **Best-case** running time of Insertion Sort is $O(n)$. The **worst-case** running time of Insertion Sort is $O(n^2)$. When array is reversely sorted, the running time of insertion sort is $\Theta(n^2)$. We can prove that the **Average-case** running time of Insertion Sort is $O(n^2)$.

Inversion Number of A Sequence

- Let $A[1..n]$ be a sequence of n numbers.
- For $1 \leq i < j \leq n$, we say $\langle i, j \rangle$ is an inversion if $A[i] > A[j]$. Note that $\langle i, j \rangle$ is the inversion, not $\langle A[i], A[j] \rangle$.
- The inversion number of A is the total number of inversions for the sequence.
- The inversion number of 3 5 2 8 3 is 4
- The inversion number of 2 3 3 5 8 is 0

In-class example

- The inversion number of 5 4 3 2 1
- $\langle 1, 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 3 \rangle, \langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle 1, 5 \rangle$
- $\langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 2, 4 \rangle, \langle 2, 5 \rangle$
- $4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 10$
- $(n-1)n/2$

Inversion Number of A Sequence

- How many times are we copying elements to the right while applying insertion sort on the input sequence 3 5 2 8 3?
- How many times are we copying elements to the right while applying insertion sort on the input sequence 5 4 3 2 1?
- The running time of insertion sort is $\Theta(n + \text{Inversion}(A))$, where $\text{Inversion}(A)$ is the inversion number of A.

Summary

- An algorithm is a well-defined step by step computational procedure.
- We studied Insertion Sort, and analyzed its best case time complexity and worst-case time complexity.
- Inversion number and its relationship with the time complexity of insertion sort.