

Lecture 03: Elementary Sorting (Selection, Insertion, Shellsort)

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// Topics covered:
// - Selection sort with step-by-step output
// - Insertion sort with step-by-step output
// - Shellsort with Knuth's increment sequence (3x+1)
// - Helper function to print array state
// - Comparison of swap/compare counts between all three
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#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <string>
#include <iomanip>

using namespace std;

// === SECTION: Helper -- Print Array State ===
// Prints the array with an optional marker showing the current position.
void printArray(const vector<int>& arr, const string & label = ""
               int marker = -1) {
    if (!label.empty()) cout << "    " << label << ": ";
    else cout << "    ";
    cout << "[";
    for (int i = 0; i < int(arr.size()); ++i) {
        if (i > 0) cout << ", ";
        if (i == marker) cout << "(" << arr[i] << ")";
        else cout << " " << arr[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << "]\n";
}

// === SECTION: Selection Sort ===
// Find the minimum of the unsorted portion, swap it into place.
// Always  $O(n^2)$  comparisons,  $O(n)$  swaps.
void selectionSort(vector<int>& arr, bool verbose = false) {
    int n = int(arr.size());
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; ++i) {
        int minidx = i;
        for (int j = i + 1; j < n; ++j) {
            if (arr[j] < arr[minidx]) minidx = j;
        }
        swap(arr[i], arr[minidx]);
        if (verbose) {
            cout << "    Pass " << i + 1 << ": swapped arr[" << i
                 << "]=" << arr[i] << " with min at [" << minidx << "] -> ";
            printArray(arr);
        }
    }
}

// === SECTION: Insertion Sort ===
// Slide each element left into its correct position among sorted prefix.
// Best case  $O(n)$  for nearly sorted data, worst case  $O(n^2)$ .
void insertionSort(vector<int>& arr, bool verbose = false) {
    int n = int(arr.size());
    for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i) {
        int key = arr[i];
        int j = i - 1;
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        while (j >= 0 && arr[j] > key) {
            arr[j + 1] = arr[j];
            --
        }
        arr[j + 1] = key;
        if (verbose) {
            cout << "    Insert " << key << " at position " << j + 1 << ": ";
            printArray(arr);
        }
    }
}

// === SECTION: Shellsort with Knuth's Increment Sequence ===
// Uses h-sorting with gaps 1, 4, 13, 40, 121, ... (3h+1).
// Moves elements many positions at once, then refines.
// Empirically sub-quadratic, roughly  $O(n^{3/2})$  for Knuth sequence.
void shellSort(vector<int>& arr, bool verbose = false) {
    int n = int(arr.size());

    // Compute the largest h in Knuth's sequence that fits
    int h = 1;
    while (h < n / 3) h = 3 * h + 1; // 1, 4, 13, 40, 121, ...

    if (verbose) {
        cout << "    Knuth gaps: ";
        int temp = h;
        while (temp >= 1) { cout << temp << " "; temp /= 3; }
        cout << "\n";
    }

    while (h >= 1) {
        // h-sort the array (insertion sort with stride h)
        for (int i = h; i < n; ++i) {
            int key = arr[i];
            int j = i;
            while (j >= h && arr[j - h] > key) {
                arr[j] = arr[j - h];
                j -= h;
            }
            arr[j] = key;
        }

        if (verbose) {
            cout << "    After h=" << h << " sort: ";
            printArray(arr);
        }

        h /= 3;
    }
}

// === SECTION: Instrumented Versions for Counting ===
// These versions count comparisons and swaps for performance comparison.

struct SortStats {
    long long compares;
    long long swaps;
};

SortStats selectionSortCounted(vector<int>& arr) {
    SortStats st = {0, 0};
    int n = int(arr.size());
    for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; ++i) {
        int minIdx = i;
        for (int j = i + 1; j < n; ++j) {
            st.compares++;

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        if (arr[i] < arr[minIdx]) minIdx = j;
    }
    if (minIdx != i) { swap(arr[i], arr[minIdx]); st.swap ++ }
}
return st;
}

SortStats insertionSortCounted (vector<int>& arr) {
    SortStats st = { 0, 0 };
    int n = int(arr.size());
    for (int i = 1; i < n; ++i) {
        int key = arr[i];
        int j = i - 1;
        while (j >= 0) {
            st.compare ++;
            if (arr[j] > key) { arr[j + 1] = arr[j]; st.swap ++; j--; }
            else break;
        }
        arr[j + 1] = key;
    }
    return st;
}

SortStats shellSortCounted (vector<int>& arr) {
    SortStats st = { 0, 0 };
    int n = int(arr.size());
    int h = 1;
    while (h < n / 3) h = 3 * h + 1;
    while (h >= 1) {
        for (int i = h; i < n; ++i) {
            int key = arr[i];
            int j = i;
            while (j >= h) {
                st.compare ++;
                if (arr[j - h] > key) { arr[j] = arr[j - h]; st.swap ++; j -= h; }
                else break;
            }
            arr[j] = key;
        }
        h /= 3;
    }
    return st;
}

// === MAIN ===
int main() {
    cout << "=====\n";
    cout << " Lecture 03: Elementary Sorting Algorithms\n";
    cout << "=====\n";

    // --- Selection Sort (verbose) ---
    cout << "\n--- Selection Sort (step-by-step) ---\n";
    vector<int> a1 = { 64, 25, 12, 22, 11 };
    cout << " Input: "; printArray(a1);
    selectionSort(a1, true);
    cout << " Sorted: "; printArray(a1);

    // --- Insertion Sort (verbose) ---
    cout << "\n--- Insertion Sort (step-by-step) ---\n";
    vector<int> a2 = { 64, 25, 12, 22, 11 };
    cout << " Input: "; printArray(a2);
    insertionSort(a2, true);
    cout << " Sorted: "; printArray(a2);
}

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// --- Shellsort (verbose) ---
cout << "\n--- Shellsort with Knuth's Sequence (step-by-step) ---\n";
vector<int> a3 = {82, 31, 56, 12, 95, 44, 18, 67, 23, 73, 39, 50};
cout << "  Input: "; printArray(a3);
shellSort(a3, true);
cout << "  Sorted: "; printArray(a3);

// --- Comparison of Swap/Compare Counts ---
cout << "\n--- Compare & Swap Counts (n=1000, random data) ---\n";

// Generate a random-looking array using a simple LCG
const int N = 1000;
vector<int> base(N);
int seed = 42;
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
    seed = (seed * 1103515245 + 12345) & 0x7fffffff;
    base[i] = seed % 10000;
}

// Copy for each sort so they all sort the same input
vector<int> c1 = base, c2 = base, c3 = base;

SortStats s1 = selectionSortCounted(c1);
SortStats s2 = insertionSortCounted(c2);
SortStats s3 = shellSortCounted(c3);

cout << " " << left << setw(18) << "Algorithm"
    << right << setw(12) << "Compares"
    << setw(12) << "Swaps" << "\n";
cout << " " << string(42, '-') << "\n";
cout << " " << left << setw(18) << "Selection Sort"
    << right << setw(12) << s1.compares
    << setw(12) << s1.swaps << "\n";
cout << " " << left << setw(18) << "Insertion Sort"
    << right << setw(12) << s2.compares
    << setw(12) << s2.swaps << "\n";
cout << " " << left << setw(18) << "Shellsort"
    << right << setw(12) << s3.compares
    << setw(12) << s3.swaps << "\n";

cout << "\n  Key observations:\n";
cout << "    - Selection sort always does ~n^2/2 compares\n";
cout << "    - Insertion sort does fewer compares on nearly-sorted data\n";
cout << "    - Shellsort is dramatically faster on random data\n";

return 0;
}

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