Sorting

Objectives

- Understand how the different sorting algorithms work
- Use <ctime> and generate random number to discuss the Big-O for each algorithm

Preparation:

Download the code from the website.

Define an array and initialize it as {9, 4, 7, 2, 8, 3, 5}. Then add a printList function that takes the array and the size of the array, loops through the list and prints their values with a space between each value.

Selection Sort:

The algorithm can be described as follows: find smallest element in unsorted portion of array; swap it into its final position; continue until all elements sorted.

Complete the code and call the selection sort algorithm to sort your defined array. Then call printList function to see the sorting results step by step.

Insertion Sort:

The algorithm can be described as follows: assume first element in list is the sorted list; take first element from unsorted portion of list; shift all elements in sorted list that are

larger than the element; put the element into position in sorted list; continue for all

elements in unsorted portion of list.

Complete the code and call the selection sort algorithm to sort your defined array. Then call printList function to see the sorting results step by step.

Bubble Sort:

The algorithm can be described as follows: step through the list to be sorted and compare each pair of adjacent items; swap them if they are in the wrong order; pass through the list and repeat until no swaps are needed.

Complete the code and call the selection sort algorithm to sort your defined array. Then call printList function to see the sorting results step by step

Shell Sort:

The algorithm can be described as follows: set gap size to (size of sequence)/2; then sort all subsequences determined by gap size by insertion sort; then set gap size to (gap size)/2 and repeat until gap size = 1.

Complete the code and call the selection sort algorithm to sort your defined array. Then call printList function to see the sorting results step by step

Time complexity:

This part is only for TAs to demonstrate and students do not need to code it.

Use rand() and srand() to generate $\mathbf{n}(n=10000)$ random numbers. Store these numbers into an array and call these four sorting algorithms to sort. Use clock() to calculate the running time.

Efficiency: Shell sort > Insertion sort ~ Selection sort > Bubble sort

Question: What is the Big-O for each of these sorts and why?

To get credit for this lab exercise, show the TA the results of time complexity and sign the lab's completion log.