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GITHUB LINK: https://github.com/kapsep/INFO6205_PSA

TASK: Assignment 3 (Benchmark)

Benchmark Report for Insertion Sort on Different Array Orderings

Conclusion:

Random Order:

- As expected, the time complexity of Insertion Sort for a randomly ordered array increases as the size of the array (n) grows.
- The time increases from 0.68645 seconds for n=100 to 0.5035582 seconds for n=1600.
- The performance is consistent with the average-case time complexity of $O(n^2)$ for Insertion Sort on random data.

Ordered Order:

- The best-case scenario for Insertion Sort is observed when the array is already in ascending order.
- The time decreases as the size of the array increases, indicating the algorithm's efficiency in handling ordered data.
- The time complexity is closer to O(n) for ordered data.

Partially Ordered:

- The performance for partially ordered arrays is between that of random and ordered arrays.
- The time complexity is influenced by the degree of disorder in the partially ordered data.
- For the given observations, it seems to perform reasonably well, with times between those of random and ordered arrays.

Reverse Ordered:

- Insertion Sort's worst-case scenario is when the array is sorted in descending order.
- The time complexity increases with the size of the array, with times ranging from 0.590375 seconds for n=100 to 0.2827332 seconds for n=1600.
- Although the times are better than completely random data, they still reflect the $O(n^2)$ worst-case behavior.

Overall:

- Insertion Sort performs well for small datasets or datasets with some preexisting order.
- Its efficiency is notably affected by the initial order of the data.
- For larger datasets or datasets where order is not guaranteed, other sorting algorithms with better average-case time complexity, like Merge Sort or QuickSort, might be considered.

When it comes to partially and fully ordered arrays, insertion sort typically outperforms random or reverse-ordered arrays.

The way the array is initially ordered can affect how well the algorithm performs. The nature of insertion sort, where the number of comparisons and swaps depends on the initial order of elements, may be the cause of fluctuations in time complexity for random order arrays.

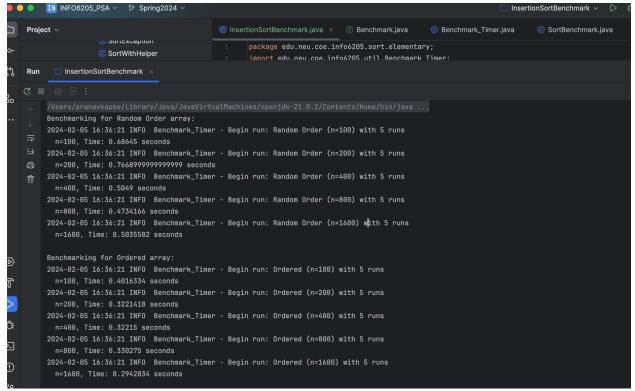


Fig: Output of Random and Ordered array

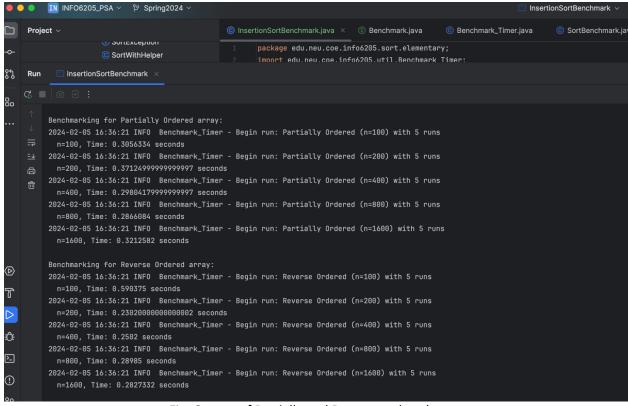


Fig: Output of Partially and Reverse ordered array

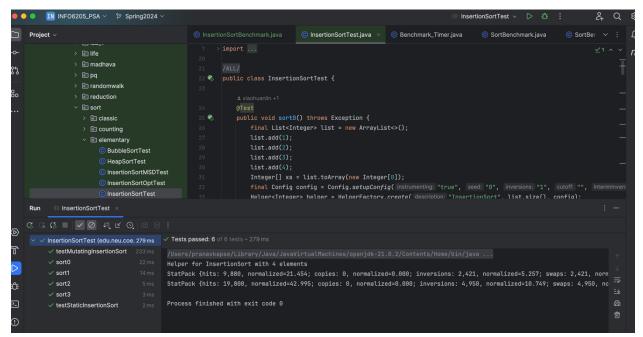


Fig: Insertion Sort passed all Test cases

Timer Class methods:

1. 'repeat' method:

- Using this method, a function or functions are run for a certain number of repetitions, and the time required for each repetition is recorded.
- It makes use of a Function to carry out the computation itself, a Supplier to obtain input values (if any), and optional pre- and post-processing functions.
- It computes the average time per repetition by timing how long each repetition takes.
- Additionally, it manages a warm-up phase in which certain initial runs are not included in the computation.
- The average milliseconds per repetition is the outcome.

2. 'clock' method:

- The current system time is obtained using this method in nanoseconds.
- It has been used to calculate how long it takes to perform repeated function calls.
- To keep the toMillisecs method consistent, the returned value is expressed in nanoseconds.

3. 'toMillisecs' method:

- Using this method, one can convert a given nanosecond time interval to milliseconds.
- It is employed to present the elapsed time in a way that is easier for humans to understand.
- To convert nanoseconds to milliseconds, divide the input value by 1,000,000.0 (1 million).

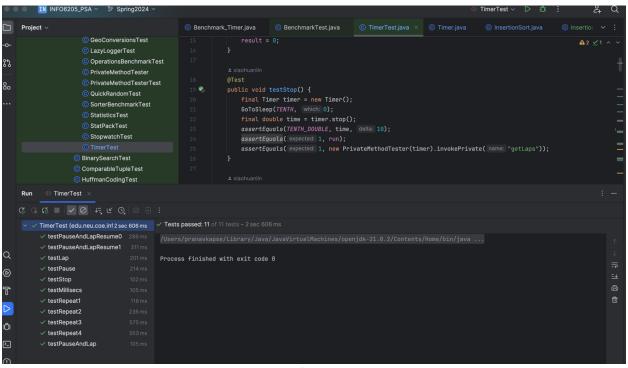


Fig: All test cases of TimerTest class passed

Fig: All test cases of BenchmarkTest class passed