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Assignment 4 Write Up

In this assignment, we implemented 4 different sorting algorithms: Bubble Sort, Shell Sort, Quick, and Binary Insertion Sort. In this assignment we found out the difference between those sorting algorithms, and their time complexities. In the data we found from the counter that calculate the moves and comparisons, we can see how complex certain sorting algorithms are and how they speed up the process of sorting a given array.

Each sorting algorithm has different time complexities, starting with the most basic algorithm, Bubble sort. Bubble sort has a time complexity of $O(n^2)$ at its worst $O(n \log n)$ (Wikipedia). Which isn't the worst and least complex of all algorithms. Shell Sort has a time complexity of $O(n \log^2 n)$ best known but usually it is $O(n \log n)$ (Wikipedia), which shows more complexity and better than Bubble sort making it often faster to solve depending on the gap. The quick sort algorithm has a time complexity of $O(n^2)$ at its worst or $O(n \log n)$ at its best, making it one of the quickest ways to sort an array. The binary insertion sort algorithm has a time complexity $O(\log n)$ making it less complex than all of the other sorting algorithms.

From the assignment, I learned how time complexity affected the amount of compares, the lower the time complexity the less the sorting algorithm has to compare numbers within the array. I did find out that quicksort has the shortest way of sorting any given array. I also learned that even though Bubble seems to be most straight forward, it yet takes the longest to sort a given array.

How I experimented with the sort is by using different seeds to have different random lists and see how it affected the amount of compares and moves, often still showing Binary sort uses the least compares and quick sorting using the least amount of moves. The data also shows that in general bubble sort is the worst to implement as a sort yet it is the most basic to implement. On the page below there is a picture of one example used for data when looking at the different sorting algorithms and shows how each sorting algorithm compares to the other.

In general the assignment has taught me the differences in complexities of the four most used sorting algorithms in coding. Also really how the implementation of each sorting algorithm works and how the fundamentals of each algorithm works and sorts the lists.

Bubble Sort

100 elements, 7077 moves, 4950 compares

11928963	12591398	20021796	21128680	21961325	31822619	34412749
34886069	49021110	57509491	59851133	68574097	75257048	77144257
86585853	101301346	114389756	114632963	118852153	127224362	129666022
134022820	138123204	141594986	143120736	155493230	161637111	170409441
171807697	174240889	191344001	191929321	198838075	212472681	218109776
229706589	270359703	292850682	336205321	342217139	345616751	350595885
351969720	389883213	449398437	461085871	462792178	466359476	501405920
510106982	513334883	521241737	526542695	557107568	561287884	567873507
575563805	587056094	588721288	607827590	617793922	619973746	620258073
620543907	621942163	623607358	627844041	640600366	653191764	654929869
677513702	684315706	697535498	718744680	725644732	732145788	780416126
781032961	790225475	792153223	835312041	837534179	838653684	877426267
897448063	914913962	928880504	942053238	945718706	961852377	965904307
967680031	993505642	1009063125	1020521027	1020975754	1030583005	1036254129
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Shell Sort

100 elements, 1101 moves, 6921 compares

11928963	12591398	20021796	21128680	21961325	31822619	34412749
34886069	49021110	57509491	59851133	68574097	75257048	77144257
86585853	101301346	114389756	114632963	118852153	127224362	129666022
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Quick Sort

100 elements, 465 moves, 902 compares

11928963	12591398	20021796	21128680	21961325	31822619	34412749
34886069	49021110	57509491	59851133	68574097	75257048	77144257
86585853	101301346	114389756	114632963	118852153	127224362	129666022
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967680031	993505642	1009063125	1020521027	1020975754	1030583005	1036254129
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Binary Insertion Sort

100 elements, 7077 moves, 525 compares

11928963	12591398	20021796	21128680	21961325	31822619	34412749
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