

At the beginning of each iteration of the **for** loop, which is indexed by  $j$ , the elements  $A[1 \dots j - 1]$  are the elements *originally* in positions 1 through  $j - 1$ , but now in sorted order. We state these properties of  $A[1 \dots j]$  formally as a **loop invariant**:

At the start of each iteration of the **for** loop of lines 1–8, the subarray  $A[1 \dots j - 1]$  consists of the elements originally in  $A[1 \dots j - 1]$ , but in sorted order.

We use this loop invariant to help us understand why this algorithm is correct. We must show three things about the loop invariant:

**Initialization:** It is true prior to the first iteration of the loop.

**Maintenance:** If it is true before an iteration of the loop, it remains true before the next iteration.

**Termination:** When the loop terminates, the invariant gives us a useful property that helps show that the algorithm is correct.

**Fill the Best Case and Worst Case columns with appropriate values from the given choices.**

INSERTION-SORT( $A$ )		Best Case	Worst Case
1 <b>for</b> $j = 2$ <b>to</b> $A.length$	$c_1$		
2 $key = A[j]$	$c_2$		
3        // Insert $A[j]$ into the sorted sequence $A[1 \dots j - 1]$ .	0		
4 $i = j - 1$	$c_4$		
5 <b>while</b> $i > 0$ and $A[i] > key$	$c_5$		
6 $A[i + 1] = A[i]$	$c_6$		
7 $i = i - 1$	$c_7$		
8 $A[i + 1] = key$	$c_8$		

**Choices:**

- a.  $n$
- b.  $n - 1$
- c.  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$
- d.  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$
- e. 0