

lecture 16 - Oct 09

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exam!

space complexity of insertion sort:

$$S(N) = \Theta(N)$$

sorting "in-place", i.e., it uses no additional memory at all on top of the given array.

### 3.2 Shellsort

insertion sort is very efficient on fairly pre-sorted input  
 $\leadsto$  idea • perform insertion sort on a sub-sequence of elements that are far apart

(separated by gap  $g$ ).

- decrease  $g$  and repeat

$\leadsto$  when  $g$  reaches 1, the round equals insertion sort but then the array is well pre-sorted.

"Shell sort" Donald Shell 1959

How to decrease  $g$ ? "gap sequence"

- important:  $g$  must eventually become 1.
- Shell's suggestion:

$$\frac{N}{2}, \frac{N}{4}, \frac{N}{8}, \dots, 1$$

~>

depend on gap sequence

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for (g = N/2; g > 0; g /= 2 g = g/2)
{
    for (i = g; i < N; i++)
    {
        tmp = a[i];
        for (j = i; j >= g && a[j-g] > tmp; j = j-g)
        {
            a[j] = a[j-g];
        }
        a[j] = tmp;
    }
}

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Example 33.

N = 9 ~> g = 4, 2, 1

g = 4

57	7	32	11	21	29	5	17	#comp.
21	7	32	11	57	21	29	5	17
21	7	32	11	57	21	29	5	17
21	7	29	11	57	21	32	5	17
21	7	29	5	57	21	32	11	17

g = 2

17	7	29	5	21	21	32	11	57
17	7	29	5					
17	5	29	7	21				
17	5	21	7	29				

$\vdots$   
 $g=1$  array somewhat presorted  
run regular insertion sort

Shellsort with shell gap sequence needs 31 comp.  
Insertion 29 comp.

Shell's gap sequence makes shellsort usually better than insertion sort, but not always.

Shell's gap sequence has the disadvantage that odd positions get compared to even positions only when  $g=1$ .

Hibbard's gap sequence:

$$2^k - 1, 2^{k-1} - 1, 2^{k-2} - 1, \dots, 7, 3, 1$$

for the largest  $k$  such that  $2^k - 1 < N$ .

In Example 33, Hibbard's gap sequence would be

$$7, 3, 1$$

and would use only 20 comparisons.

Other sequence proposed in the literature ..

$SC(N) = \Theta(N)$ ; in-place

running time analysis: tricky!, depends on gap sequence.

Theorem 9. For Shellsort with Shell's gap sequence,

$$T_{\text{worst}}(N) = \Theta(N^2).$$

Theorem 10. For Shellsort with Hibbard's gap sequence,

$$T_{\text{worst}}(N) = \Theta(N \cdot \sqrt{N}).$$

Sketch of proof of Theorem 9.

$$\triangleright T(N) = O(N^2)$$

a pass with gap  $g$  involves

$g$  insertion sorts of  $n$   $N/g$  elements each

$$\leadsto O\left(g \cdot \frac{N^2}{g^2}\right) \text{ for pass with gap } g$$

$$\begin{aligned} \leadsto T(N) &= O\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\log N} \frac{N^2}{2^k}\right) \\ &= O\left(N^2 \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\log N} \frac{1}{2^k}}_{\leq 1}\right) \\ &= O(N^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\triangleright T(N) = \Omega(N^2)$$

The upper bound  $O(N^2)$  is also a lower bound by providing input sequences that require  $\Omega(N^2)$  comparisons

suppose list elems.  $a_1, \dots, a_N$

$$1, \frac{N}{2} + 1, 2, \frac{N}{2} + 2, 3, \frac{N}{2} + 3, \dots, \frac{N}{2}, N$$

(where  $N=2^k$  for some  $k$ )

idea: this array does not change before  $g=1$

then placing  $2, 3, \dots, \frac{N}{2}$  in their correct positions costs roughly

$$2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + \frac{N}{2} = \sum_{i=2}^{N/2} i = \Theta(N^2).$$