

Insertion Sort

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1 Describe and Implement Insertion Sort

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1.1 Introduction

Sort is the most common algorithm in our daily life. There are a lot of sort algorithms, Insertion sort is one of the most intuitive and matches the human mind.

1.2 Describe the Insertion Sort

The insertion sort is most like humankind sorting a hand of playing cards. It starts with the second card, compares it with the first card and inserts it in the right way (left when it is smaller, right when it is bigger). After the second card, compare and insert the third through until the end of the card.

The algorithm of Insertion Sort is thought very close. Use a loop from the second list element to the last list element. In each loop compare the number left of the selected number from left to right. When the selected number is smaller than the number in the list, insert the selected number left of the compared number and go to the next loop.

1.3 Implement

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[ ]: def insertion_sort(List):  
    for i in range(0, len(List)):  
        ii = 0  
        while List[i] > List[ii]:  
            ii = ii + 1  
        a = List[i]  
        List[ii+1:i+1] = List[ii:i]  
        List[ii] = a  
    return List
```

1.3.1 test

with the List [3,4,6,1,2] & [5,3,6,7,2,5]

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[ ]: List1=[3,4,6,1,2]
List2=[5,3,6,7,2,5]
print(f'List1 is {List1}, after the Sort result is {insertion_sort(List1)}')
print(f'List2 is {List2}, after the Sort result is {insertion_sort(List2)}')
```

List1 is [3, 4, 6, 1, 2], after the Sort result is [1, 2, 3, 4, 6]

List2 is [5, 3, 6, 7, 2, 5], after the Sort result is [2, 3, 5, 5, 6, 7]

1.4 Performance Analysis

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[ ]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
from datetime import datetime
```

1.4.1 Generate random lists of varying sizes and Measure the time it takes to sort each list using insertion_sort function.

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[ ]: x=3
#x is for each len of the number how many round we run to estimate the random
    ↳error.

a=np.array([100,200,500,800,1000,2000,5000,8000,10000,12000,15000,18000,20000])
# a is a list of the len of random number list.

timeresult=np.zeros((x,len(a)))
#timeresult is the result array in size(x * len(a)) to record the running time,
    ↳first are all zero

for j in range(x):

    for i in range(len(a)):
        number = a[i]
        #take the len of the random list

        n = random.sample(range(0, number), number)
        #generate the random lists

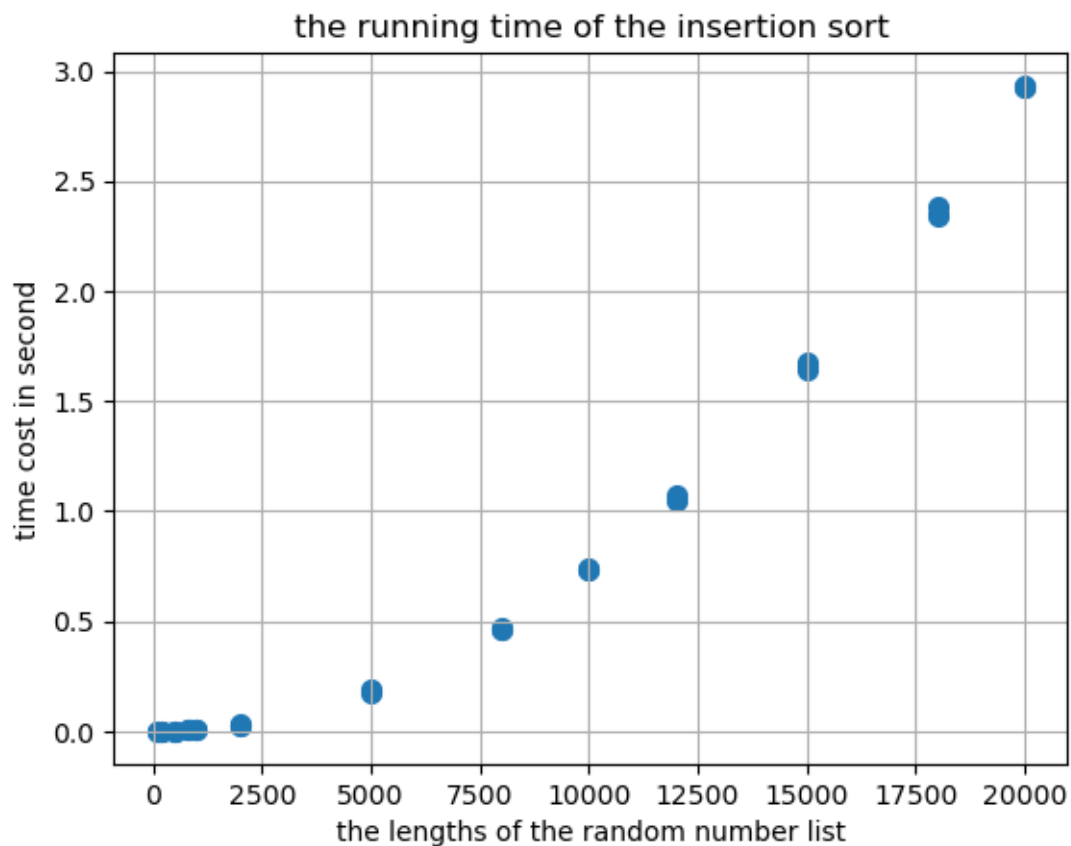
        start_time = datetime.now()
        #use datetime to record the start time
        insertion_sort(n)
        #use insertion_sort function sort the random list n
        end_time = datetime.now()
        #record the end time

        timeresult[j,i]=(end_time - start_time).total_seconds()
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#calculate the total time in seconds and record it in the matrix  
→ timeresult.
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1.4.2 Plot a chart

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[ ]: x = np.array([a,a,a])  
y = timeresult  
# plot  
fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
ax.scatter(x, y, linewidth=2)  
ax.set_ylabel('time cost in second')  
ax.set_xlabel('the lengths of the random number list')  
ax.set_title('the running time of the insertion sort')  
ax.grid()  
#ax.legend()  
image_format = 'svg' # e.g .png, .svg, etc.  
image_name = 'insertion_sort.svg'  
  
fig.savefig(image_name, format=image_format, dpi=1200)
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