

# **Assignment 3**

## **Sorting: Putting your affairs in order**

### **DESIGN DOCUMENT**

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## **1 Objective**

The objective of this lab is to implement Bubble Sort, Shell Sort, and two Quick-sorts. In addition to these implementations a big O analysis is done.

## **2 Given**

These code snippets are given

## **3 Prelab Questions**

### **3.1 Bubble Sort**

- a. How many rounds of swapping will need to sort the numbers 8,22,7,9,31,5,13 in ascending order using Bubble Sort?

8, 22, 7, 9, 31, 5, 13 - original

8, 7, 9, 22, 5, 13, 31 - round 1

7, 8, 9, 5, 13, 22, 31 - round 2

7, 8, 5, 9, 13, 22, 31 - round 3

7, 5, 8, 9, 13, 22, 31 - round 4

5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 22, 31 - Sorted

5 Rounds of swapping

- b. How many comparisons can we expect to see in the worse case scenario for Bubble Sort? Hint: make a list of numbers and attempt to sort them using Bubble Sort.

The worst case scenario is a list in reverse order. Each round takes  $n$  comparisons. Then it takes  $n$  iterations to completely sort the list making the worst case take  $n^2$  comparisons.

### 3.2 Shell Sort

- a. The worst time complexity for Shell Sort depends on the sequence of gaps. Investigate why this is the case. How can you improve the time complexity of this sort by changing the gap size? Cite any sources you used.

Watched sorting visualizations.

### 3.3 Quick Sort

- a. Quicksort, with a worse case time complexity of  $O(n^2)$ , doesn't seem to live up to its name. Investigate and explain why Quicksort isn't doomed by its worst case scenario. Make sure to cite any sources you use.

answer

### 3.4 General Sorting

- a. Explain how you plan on keeping track of the number of moves and comparisons since each sort will reside within its own file.

answer

## 4 Bubble Sort

Bubble Sort

## 5 Shell Sort

Variation of insertion sort. Given a gap sequence, the Pratt sequence (also called 3-smooth), in header file

## 6 Quick Sort