

Week 6 Experiment report

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1.Experiment Design:

There are two aspects to our analysis:

- determine that the sort programs are correct, and
- measure their performance over a range of inputs.

The final goal of this experiment is to identify the algorithm used by the program.

1.1 Correctness Analysis

To determine correctness of the algorithm, we will test the algorithm with three sets of random numbers, each with 100000 elements, and ensure that it is sorted by using diff command.

1.2 Performance Analysis

In our performance analysis, we measured how each program's execution time varied as a function of the size and the initial sortedness of the input. The following kinds are tested to help identify the algorithm:

1. Any input with relative size will isolate the Pseudo-Bogo Sort from the rest.
2. Random numbers (to get average time complexity of the program)

Reason: this input will help us distinguish the shell algorithm with the rest of the algorithms. The shell algorithm can give $O(n \cdot \log n)$ or $O(n^{4/3})$ or $O(n^{3/2})$, which is faster than the rest of the algorithms. The rest of algorithms will give $O(n^2)$ on average.

3. Completely sorted sequence of numbers

Reason: this input will give best case for insertion sort and Bubble Sort with Early Exit. Bubble Sort with Early Exit will give $O(n)$. Insertion sort will also give $O(n)$. The Oblivious Bubble Sort and selection sort will still give $O(n^2)$.

4. Repetitive key inputs with different attributes

Reason: this input will show us the stability of the algorithm. By seeing whether the attributes with the same key remain in the same order as in input, we can tell whether the program is a stable sort or not. Luckily, the selection and shell sort are unstable. It helps us to distinguish them from the rest. Combining with sorted sequence of key, we can easily identify the selection sort, because bubbles with no exit sort remain stable under the worst case.

5. Input 1 [8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1.abc 1. abcd], Input 2 [5 4 3 1.abc 1. abcd]

Reason: If the interval is 1, 8, then the input1 after sorting will show instability, but Input2 will not. Since, if the interval is 1, 8, then for Input1, at first pass, key number 1 with the attribute abcd will be switched with key number 8, and then when first pass ended, interval will be changed to 1. This is essentially just an insertion sort. Key number 1 with attribute abc will stop after key number 1 with attribute abcd. Essentially positions of the original key number 1 are swapped. For input2 there will be only one pass with interval 1, and key number 1 with attribute abc will move to front first, then the 1.abcd will be blocked after. If the interval is 1,4 (Power of four shell sort) then Input2 will also show instability for the same reason explained above.

2. Experiment result and analysis:

2.1 Correctness Experiments

We tested the algorithm with three sets of random numbers, each with 100000 elements, and ensured that it is sorted by using diff command. Additionally, we also tested both programs with descending sequence of number to ensure the program is sorting properly.

2.2 Performance Experiments

2.2.1 Random data test experiment results:

SortA and SortB are tested by sequence of random number of variant size. Then we constructed the detailed timing table (Appendix 4.1 & 4.2) and plotted the graph.

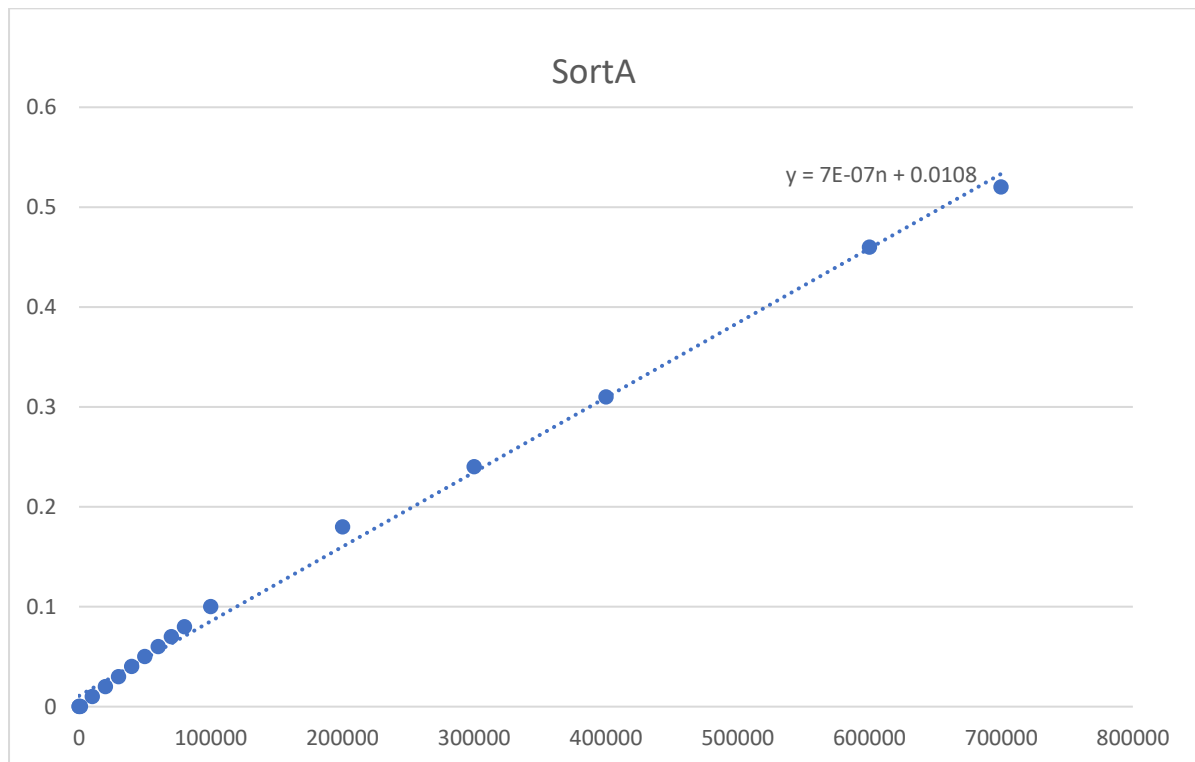


Fig. 1

Fig.1 shows that the complexity of SortA is little different from $O(n)$, and very closed to $O(n \log n)$. Hence, we can tell that the SortA is one of the shell algorithms.

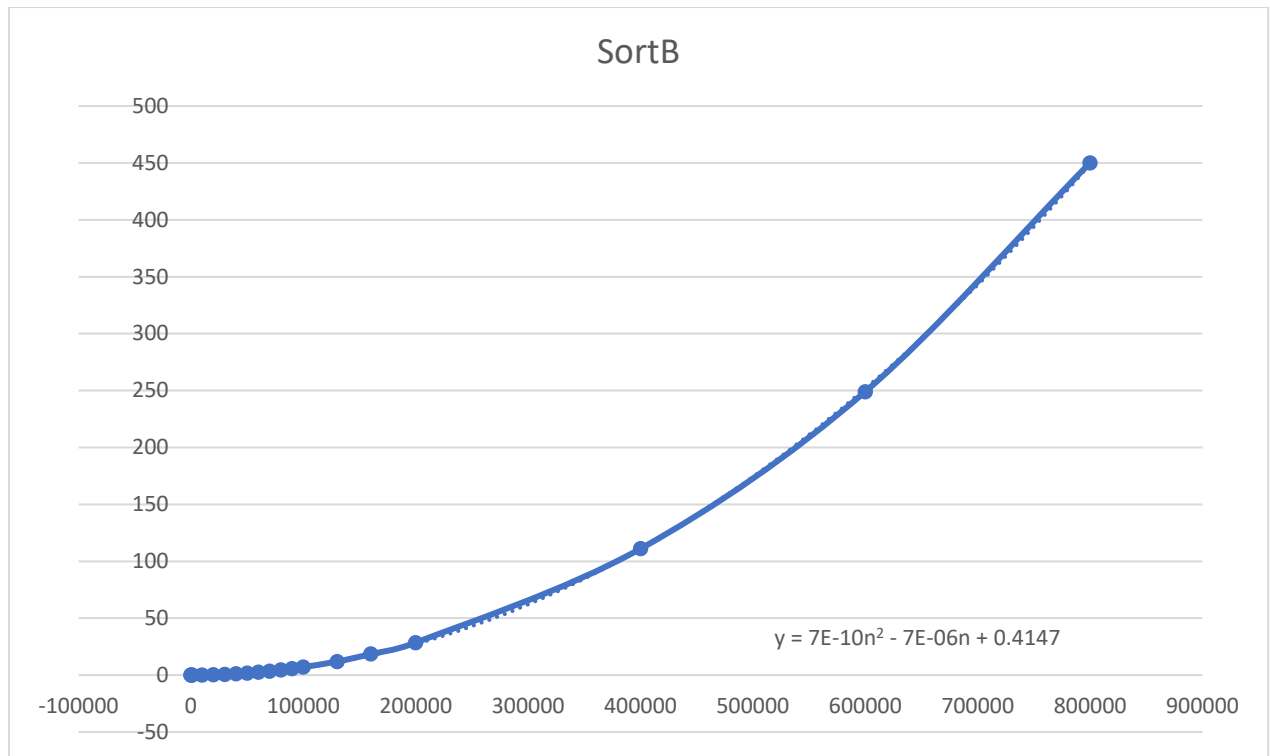


Fig. 2

Fig.2 shows that the time complexity of the sortB is $O(n^2)$, indicating that the sortB is possibly an insertion sort, selection sort or bubble sort. From the graph, the sortB is more likely to be bubble sort because the insertion sort is little faster than bubble sort or selection sort ($O(n^2)$) on average case.

2.2.2 Completely sorted sequence of numbers (best case test) result:

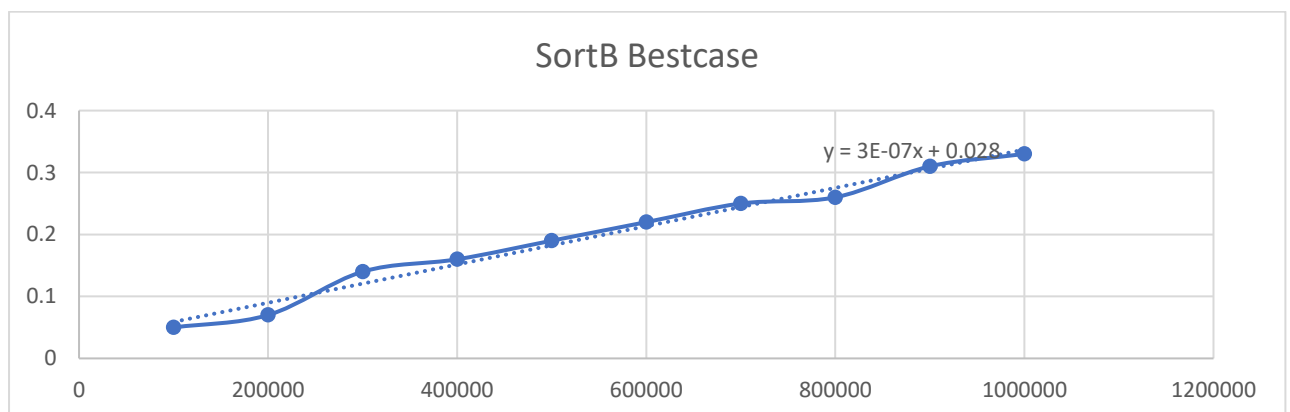


Fig.3

Fig.3 shows that the time complexity of the sortB at the best case is $O(n)$. So, the sortB possibly is an adaptive bubble or insertion sort.

2.2.2 Stability test experiment result:

SortA and SortB are tested by sequence of data with repetitive elements to check the stability of the sorting algorithm. The actual input data and output checking are attached in Appendices.

The output shows that the SortA is unstable while the SortB is stable. Hence, we can ensure that the SortA is a shell sort. Since the SortB is stable with average time complexity $O(n^2)$, we can deduce that the SortB is either an insertion sort or a bubble sort. And, from the Fig.2, it's more likely to be a bubble sort.

2.2.3 Input 1 [8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1.abc 1. abcd], Input 2 [5 4 3 1.abc 1. abcd] experiment result:

After sorting, input 1 becomes [1. abcd 1.abc 2 3 4 5 6 7 8], input 2 becomes [1.abc 1.abcd 3 4 5]. Hence, we can conclude that SortA is a Sedgewick shell sort.

3. Conclusions

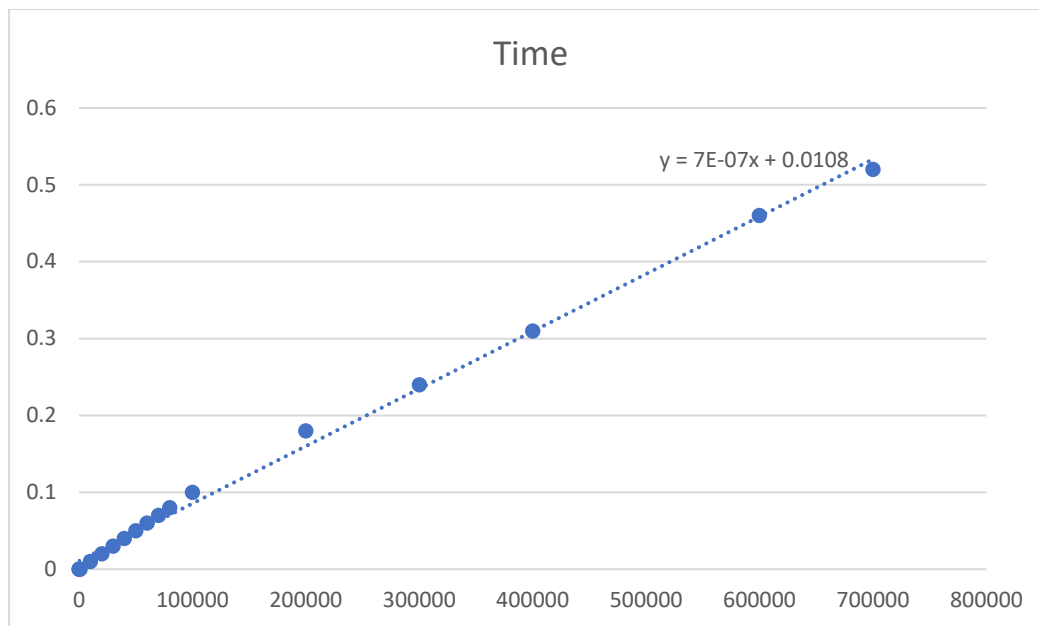
Based on our experiments and our analysis above, we believe that:

1. Sort A implements the Sedgewick shell sort algorithm, and
2. Sort B implements the bubble sort with early exit sorting algorithm.

Appendix:

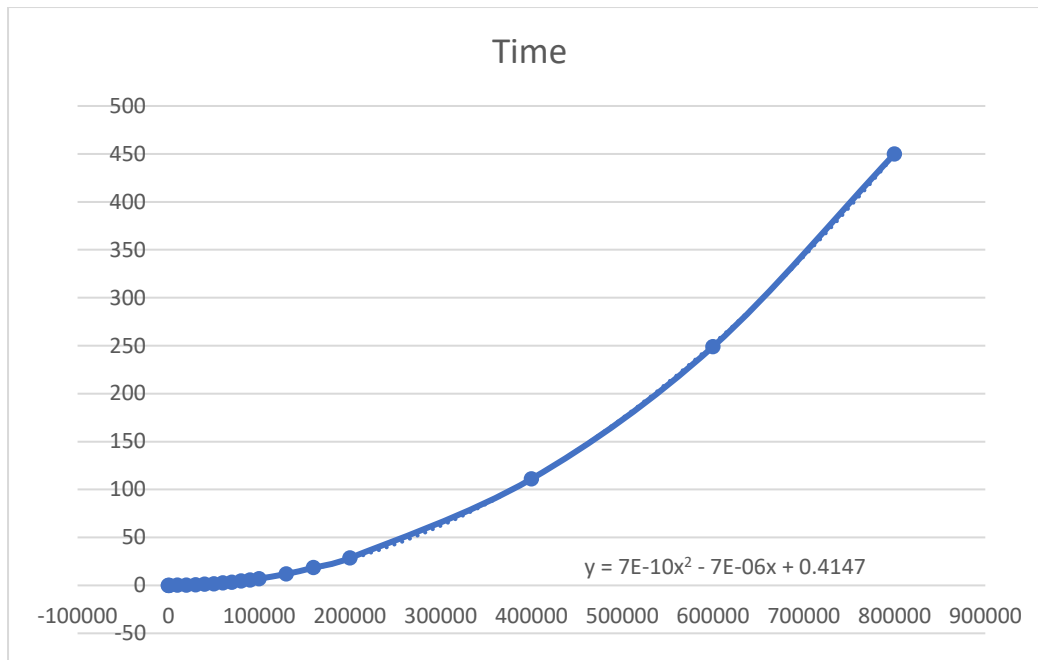
4.1 Detail timing of random data test on SortA

| T(n) | Average | Measurements | | |
|--------|---------|--------------|------|------|
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10000 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| 20000 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| 30000 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| 40000 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| 50000 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| 60000 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| 70000 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| 80000 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| 100000 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 200000 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.17 |
| 300000 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 |
| 400000 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.31 |
| 600000 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.45 | 0.46 |
| 700000 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.5 |



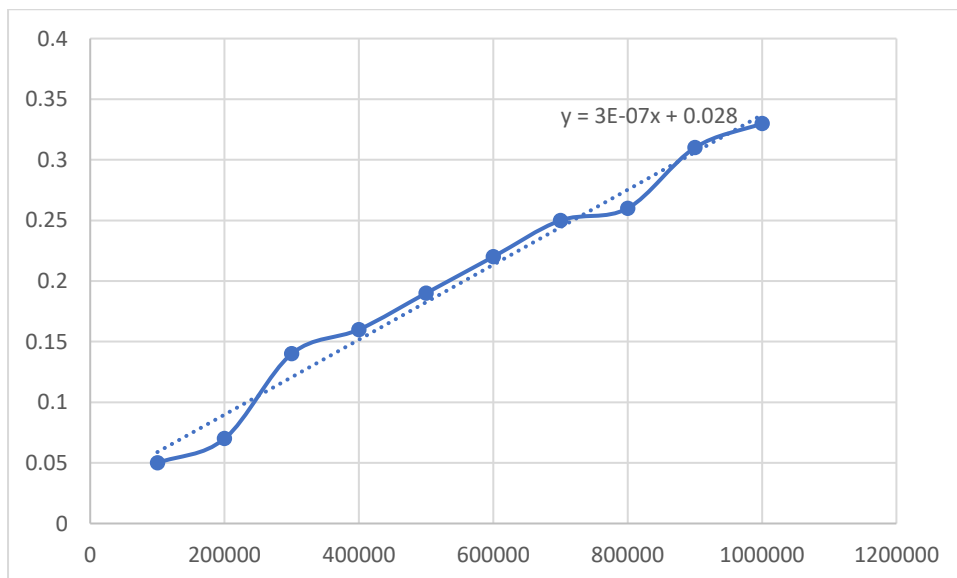
4.2 Detail timing of random data test on SortB

| T(n) | Average | Measurements | | |
|--------|---------|--------------|-------|-------|
| 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10000 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 |
| 20000 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| 30000 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.68 |
| 40000 | 1.16 | 1.18 | 1.14 | 1.16 |
| 50000 | 1.78 | 1.8 | 1.76 | 1.78 |
| 60000 | 2.54 | 2.51 | 2.54 | 2.57 |
| 70000 | 3.46 | 3.5 | 3.43 | 3.47 |
| 80000 | 4.6 | 4.71 | 4.58 | 4.5 |
| 90000 | 5.71 | 5.78 | 5.65 | 5.72 |
| 100000 | 7.06 | 7.03 | 7.07 | 7.1 |
| 130000 | 11.9 | 11.82 | 12.05 | 11.82 |
| 160000 | 18.49 | 18.34 | 18.23 | 18.9 |
| 200000 | 28.55 | 28.7 | 28.35 | 28.6 |
| 400000 | 111 | 111 | 113 | 110 |
| 600000 | 249 | 247 | 250 | 251 |
| 800000 | 450 | 440 | 443 | 450 |



4.3 Detail timing of sorted data test on SortB

| T(n) | Average | Measurements | | |
|---------|---------|--------------|------|------|
| 100000 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| 200000 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| 300000 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.13 |
| 400000 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.15 | 0.16 |
| 500000 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.2 |
| 600000 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 |
| 700000 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| 800000 | 0.26 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.24 |
| 900000 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.3 |
| 1000000 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 |



4.4 Output checking on stability

| Mydata | SortA | SortB |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 100 abc | 1 ewrqewrqe | 1 ewrqewrqe |
| 100 def | 3 a1 | 3 a1 |
| 100 fadfag | 13 rew | 13 rew |
| 100 gdagdsa | 21 rewq | 21 rewq |
| 100 ewrqewtwq | 34 a5 | 34 a5 |
| 93 ewqreer | 38 dfgds | 38 dfgds |
| 65 ere | 62 rewq | 62 rewq |
| 1 ewrqewrqe | 62 fdsae | 62 rewqerw |
| 92 reqw | 62 rewqav | 62 rewqq |
| 13 rew | 62 rewqdsagas | 62 rewqav |
| 21 rewq | 62 rewqgsab | 62 rewqdsagas |
| 62 rewq | 62 rewq | 62 rewqgsab |
| 38 dfgds | 62 rewqq | 62 rewq |
| 100 abcdfdsa | 62 rewqerw | 62 fdsae |
| 100 defea | 65 ere | 65 ere |
| 100 fadfagqe | 92 reqw | 92 reqw |
| 100 gdagdsagdsa | 93 ewqreer | 93 ewqreer |
| 100ewrqewtwqbaf | 100 fadfagqe | 100 abc |
| 62 rewqerw | 100 gdagdsagdsa | 100 def |
| 1023 a9 | 100 ewrqewtwqbaf | 100 fadfag |
| 62 rewqq | 100 ewrqewtwq | 100 gdagdsa |
| 34 a5 | 100 abcdfdsa | 100 ewrqewtwq |
| 62 rewqav | 100 defea | 100 abcdfdsa |
| 3 a1 | 100 abc | 100 defea |

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|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 62 rewqdsagas | 100 def | 100 fadfagqe |
| 62 rewqgsab | 100 fadfag | 100 gdagdsagdsa |
| 62 rewq | 100 gdagdsa | 100 ewrqewtwqbaf |
| 62 fdsae | 1023 a9 | 1023 a9 |