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Lecture 21: Fundamentals of Sorting I

What is sorting?

- Input: sequence of n comparable values
- Reorder the input to be non-descending.
- Items we wish to sort are called "keys"

- Not here: retain associated information

Why discuss sorting?

- Standard library has sorting std::sort
- Why not use that and move on?

In this class, sorting is:

- a good intro for techniques
- a good intro to comparative algorithms

SelectionSort

Idea: Swap min into first spot, second-min to second, etc.
(This is hand-wavy on purpose)

85	24	63	45	17	31	96	50
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17	24	31	45	85	63	96	50

SelectionSort

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n - 1$ **do**
  min $\leftarrow i$
  for $j \leftarrow i + 1$ to n **do**
    if $A[j] < A[\text{min}]$ **then**
      min $\leftarrow j$
  Swap $A[i]$ and $A[\text{min}]$

$\Theta(n^2)$

What's nice about SelectionSort?

- Easy to program
- Easy to explain
- Does it waste memory? $O(1)$ plus input
  "in place"
- Does it only work for numbers?
- What other info do we need?
- Are there inputs that are sorted faster?
- Is there a lot of data movement? $2(n-1)$??? a lot?

BubbleSort

Idea: Think globally act locally

shorter

taller

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24	45	17	31	63	50	85	96
24	17	31	45	50	63	85	96

BubbleSort

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n - 1$ **do**
  for $j \leftarrow 1$ to $n - i$ **do**
    if $A[j + 1] < A[j]$ **then**
      Swap $A[j]$ and $A[j + 1]$

$O(n^2)$

InsertionSort

Idea:

85	24	63	45	17	31	96	50
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24	63	85	45	17	31	96	50
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InsertionSort

for $j \leftarrow 2$ to n **do**
  key $\leftarrow A[j]$
  $i \leftarrow j - 1$
  while $i > 0$ and $A[i] >$key **do**
    $A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]$
    $i = i - 1$
  $A[i+1] \leftarrow$ key

determines running time.

remove one inverted pair

Fastest? false always

Slowest? true always

- What is the running time of InsertionSort?

$O(n + d)$

number of inverted pairs in input.

InsertionSort

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- Why is InsertionSort correct?
- What is true *every time* we check the **for** loop? (including the time we find $j > n$ and stop)

About that running time ...

- Why are we so concerned with worst case?
- Why not examine average case?