

## Insertion Sort

```
for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++)  
{// insert a[i] into a[0:i-1]  
  int t = a[i];  
  int j;  
  for (j = i - 1; j >= 0 && t < a[j]; j--)  
    a[j + 1] = a[j];  
  a[j + 1] = t;  
}
```

## Complexity

- ▲ Space/Memory
- ▲ Time
  - Count a particular operation
  - Count number of steps
  - Asymptotic complexity

## Comparison Count

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}
```

## Comparison Count

- ▲ Pick an instance characteristic ...  $n$ ,  $n = a.length$  for insertion sort
- ▲ Determine count as a function of this instance characteristic.

### Comparison Count

```
for (j = i - 1; j >= 0 && t < a[j]; j--)  
    a[j + 1] = a[j];
```

How many comparisons are made?

### Comparison Count

```
for (j = i - 1; j >= 0 && t < a[j]; j--)  
    a[j + 1] = a[j];
```

number of compares depends on  
a[]s and t as well as on i

### Comparison Count

- Worst-case count = maximum count
- Best-case count = minimum count
- Average count

### Worst-Case Comparison Count

```
for (j = i - 1; j >= 0 && t < a[j]; j--)  
    a[j + 1] = a[j];
```

a = [1, 2, 3, 4] and t = 0 => 4 compares  
a = [1, 2, 3, ..., i] and t = 0 => i compares

### Worst-Case Comparison Count

```
for (int i = 1; i < n; i++)  
  for (j = i - 1; j >= 0 && t < a[j]; j--)  
    a[j + 1] = a[j];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\text{total compares} &= 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1) \\ &= (n-1)n/2\end{aligned}$$

### Step Count

A step is an amount of computing that does not depend on the instance characteristic  $n$

10 adds, 100 subtracts, 1000 multiplies can all be counted as a single step

$n$  adds cannot be counted as 1 step

### Step Count

	s/e
for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++)	1
{// insert a[i] into a[0:i-1]	0
int t = a[i];	1
int j;	0
for (j = i - 1; j >= 0 && t < a[j]; j--)	1
a[j + 1] = a[j];	1
a[j + 1] = t;	1
}	0

### Step Count

s/e isn't always 0 or 1

$x = \text{MyMath.sum}(a, n);$

where  $n$  is the instance characteristic has a s/e count of  $n$

### Step Count

	s/e	steps
for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++)	1	
{ // insert a[i] into a[0:i-1]	0	
int t = a[i];	1	
int j;	0	
for (j = i - 1; j >= 0 && t < a[j]; j--)	1	i+ 1
a[j + 1] = a[j];	1	i
a[j + 1] = t;	1	
}	0	

### Step Count

for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++)  
 { 2i + 3 }

step count for  
 for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++)  
 is n

step count for body of for loop is  
 $2(1+2+3+\dots+n-1) + 3(n-1)$   
 $= (n-1)n + 3(n-1)$   
 $= (n-1)(n+3)$

### Asymptotic Complexity of Insertion Sort

- ▲  **$O(n^2)$**
- ▲ What does this mean?

### Complexity of Insertion Sort

- ▲ Time or number of operations does not exceed  **$c \cdot n^2$**  on any input of size **n** (**n** suitably large).
- ▲ Actually, the worst-case time is  $\Theta(n^2)$  and the best-case is  $\Theta(n)$
- ▲ So, the worst-case time is expected to quadruple each time **n** is doubled

## Complexity of Insertion Sort

- ▲ Is  $O(n^2)$  too much time?
- ▲ Is the algorithm practical?

## Practical Complexities

$10^9$  instructions/second

$n$	$n$	$n \log n$	$n^2$	$n^3$
1000	1mic	10mic	1milli	1sec
10000	10mic	130mic	100milli	17min
$10^6$	1milli	20milli	17min	32years

## Impractical Complexities

$10^9$  instructions/second

$n$	$n^4$	$n^{10}$	$2^n$
1000	17min	$3.2 \times 10^{13}$ years	$3.2 \times 10^{283}$ years
10000	116 days	???	???
$10^6$	$3 \times 10^7$ years	??????	??????

## Faster Computer Vs Better Algorithm



Algorithmic improvement more useful than hardware improvement.

E.g.  $2^n$  to  $n^3$