Class 48: Insertion Sort

Held: Friday, April 30, 2010

Summary: We move from our general exploration of sorting to the implementation of a particular sorting algorithm, *insertion sort*. We also explore how the running time for that algorithm varies based on the number of values we are sorting.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Insertion Sort.
- Reading: Sorting.

Notes:

- Reading for Monday: Merge Sort.
- Exam 3 is now ready for public consumption, with an all-new grading scheme.
- Professor Weinman will be running class today.
- EC for today's cool lunchtime talk!
- EC for Saturday's Field Day, provided you're not in Dag.

Overview:

- Expressing sorting algorithms in code.
- Key technique: Insertion.
- Analyzing insertion sort.

Preparation: Insertion Sort

- What is the key idea in insertion sort?
- How does insertion sort differ in lists and vectors?
- Why do we provide you with three different kinds of list-based insertion sort (and four kinds of insertion sort)?

Lab

- Do the lab on sorting.
- Be prepared to reflect.

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