

Sorting problem

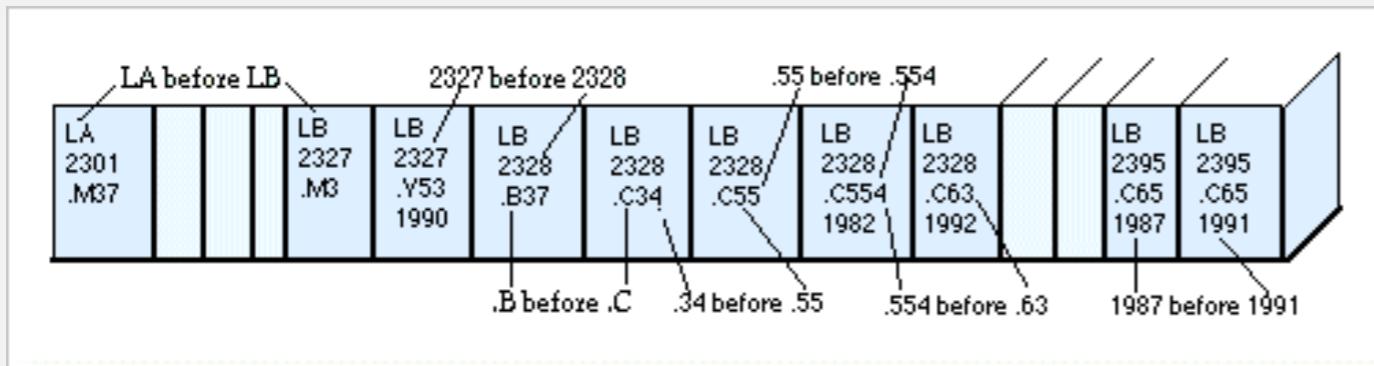
Ex. Student records in a university.

item →	Chen	3	A	991-878-4944	308 Blair
	Rohde	2	A	232-343-5555	343 Forbes
	Gazsi	4	B	766-093-9873	101 Brown
	Furia	1	A	766-093-9873	101 Brown
key →	Kanaga	3	B	898-122-9643	22 Brown
	Andrews	3	A	664-480-0023	097 Little
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Sort. Rearrange array of N items into ascending order.

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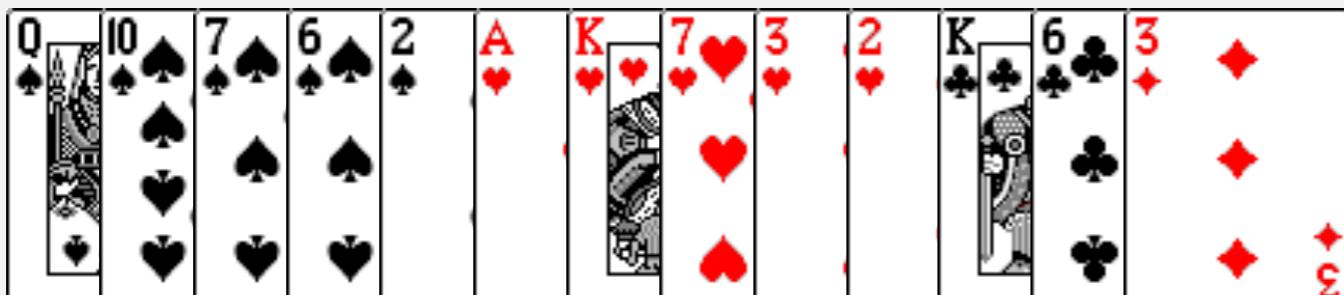
Sorting applications



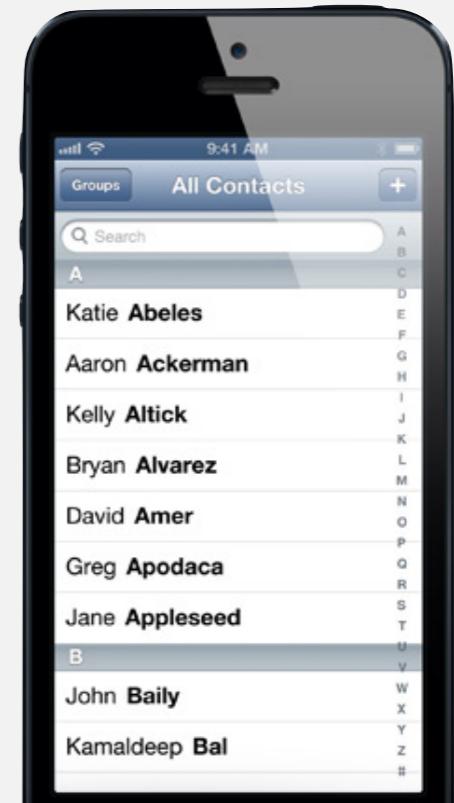
Library of Congress numbers



FedEx packages



playing cards



contacts



Hogwarts houses

Sample sort client 1

Goal. Sort **any** type of data.

Ex 1. Sort random real numbers in ascending order.

seems artificial (stay tuned for an application)

```
public class Experiment
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        Double[] a = new Double[N];
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            a[i] = StdRandom.uniform();
        Insertion.sort(a);
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            StdOut.println(a[i]);
    }
}
```

```
% java Experiment 10
0.08614716385210452
0.09054270895414829
0.10708746304898642
0.21166190071646818
0.363292849257276
0.460954145685913
0.5340026311350087
0.7216129793703496
0.9003500354411443
0.9293994908845686
```

Sample sort client 2

Goal. Sort **any** type of data.

Ex 2. Sort strings in alphabetical order.

```
public class StringSorter
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        String[] a = StdIn.readAllStrings();
        Insertion.sort(a);
        for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++)
            StdOut.println(a[i]);
    }
}
```

```
% more words3.txt
bed bug dad yet zoo ... all bad yes
```

```
% java StringSorter < words3.txt
all bad bed bug dad ... yes yet zoo
[suppressing newlines]
```

Sample sort client 3

Goal. Sort **any** type of data.

Ex 3. Sort the files in a given directory by filename.

```
import java.io.File;

public class FileSorter
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        File directory = new File(args[0]);
        File[] files = directory.listFiles();
        Insertion.sort(files);
        for (int i = 0; i < files.length; i++)
            StdOut.println(files[i].getName());
    }
}
```

```
% java FileSorter .
Insertion.class
Insertion.java
InsertionX.class
InsertionX.java
Selection.class
Selection.java
Shell.class
Shell.java
ShellX.class
ShellX.java
```

Total order

Goal. Sort **any** type of data (for which sorting is well defined).

A **total order** is a binary relation \leq that satisfies:

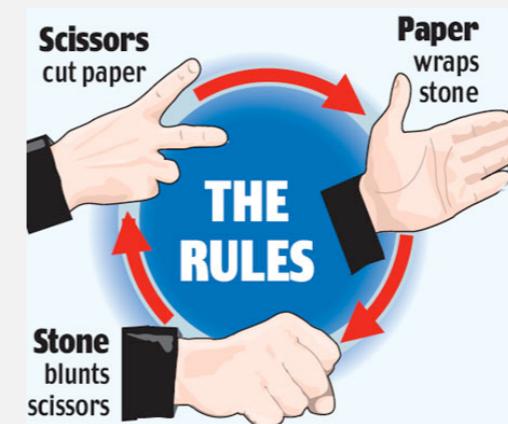
- Antisymmetry: if both $v \leq w$ and $w \leq v$, then $v = w$.
- Transitivity: if both $v \leq w$ and $w \leq x$, then $v \leq x$.
- Totality: either $v \leq w$ or $w \leq v$ or both.

Ex.

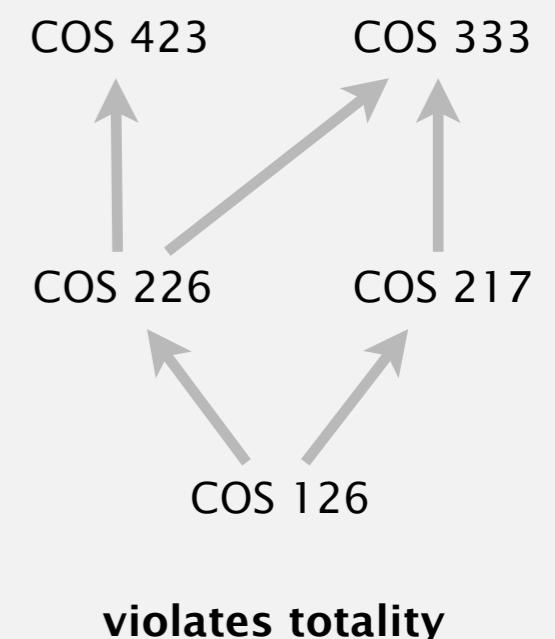
- Standard order for natural and real numbers.
- Chronological order for dates or times.
- Alphabetical order for strings.

No transitivity. Rock-paper-scissors.

No totality. PU course prerequisites.



violates transitivity



violates totality

Callbacks

Goal. Sort **any** type of data (for which sorting is well defined).

Q. How can sort() know how to compare data of type Double, String, and java.io.File without any information about the type of an item's key?

Callback = reference to executable code.

- Client passes array of objects to sort() function.
- The sort() function calls object's compareTo() method as needed.

Implementing callbacks.

- Java: interfaces.
- C: function pointers.
- C++: class-type functors.
- C#: delegates.
- Python, Perl, ML, Javascript: first-class functions.

Callbacks: roadmap

client

```
public class StringSorter
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        String[] a = StdIn.readAllStrings();
        Insertion.sort(a);
        for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++)
            StdOut.println(a[i]);
    }
}
```

data-type implementation

```
public class String
    implements Comparable<String>
{
    ...
    public int compareTo(String b)
    {
        ...
        return -1;
        ...
        return +1;
        ...
        return 0;
    }
}
```

Comparable interface (built in to Java)

```
public interface Comparable<Item>
{
    public int compareTo(Item that);
}
```

key point: no dependence
on String data type

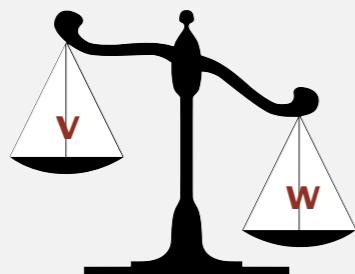
sort implementation

```
public static void sort(Comparable[] a)
{
    int N = a.length;
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)
            if (a[j].compareTo(a[j-1]) < 0)
                exch(a, j, j-1);
            else break;
}
```

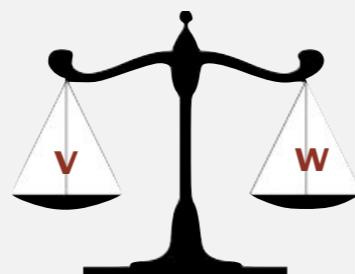
Comparable API

Implement `compareTo()` so that `v.compareTo(w)`

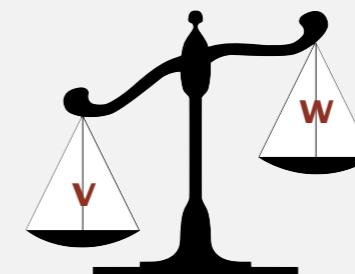
- Defines a total order.
- Returns a negative integer, zero, or positive integer if v is less than, equal to, or greater than w , respectively.
- Throws an exception if incompatible types (or either is null).



less than (return -1)



equal to (return 0)



greater than (return +1)

Built-in comparable types. Integer, Double, String, Date, File, ...

User-defined comparable types. Implement the Comparable interface.

Implementing the Comparable interface

Date data type. Simplified version of java.util.Date.

```
public class Date implements Comparable<Date>
{
    private final int month, day, year;

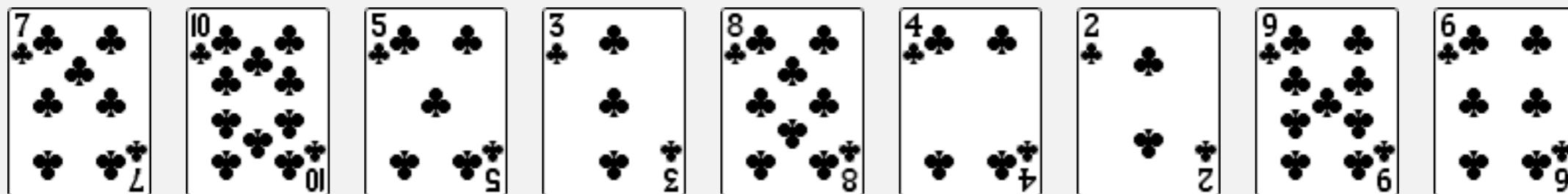
    public Date(int m, int d, int y)
    {
        month = m;
        day   = d;
        year  = y;
    }

    public int compareTo(Date that)
    {
        if (this.year < that.year) return -1;
        if (this.year > that.year) return +1;
        if (this.month < that.month) return -1;
        if (this.month > that.month) return +1;
        if (this.day < that.day) return -1;
        if (this.day > that.day) return +1;
        return 0;
    }
}
```

only compare dates
to other dates

Selection sort demo

- In iteration i , find index min of smallest remaining entry.
- Swap $a[i]$ and $a[\text{min}]$.



initial

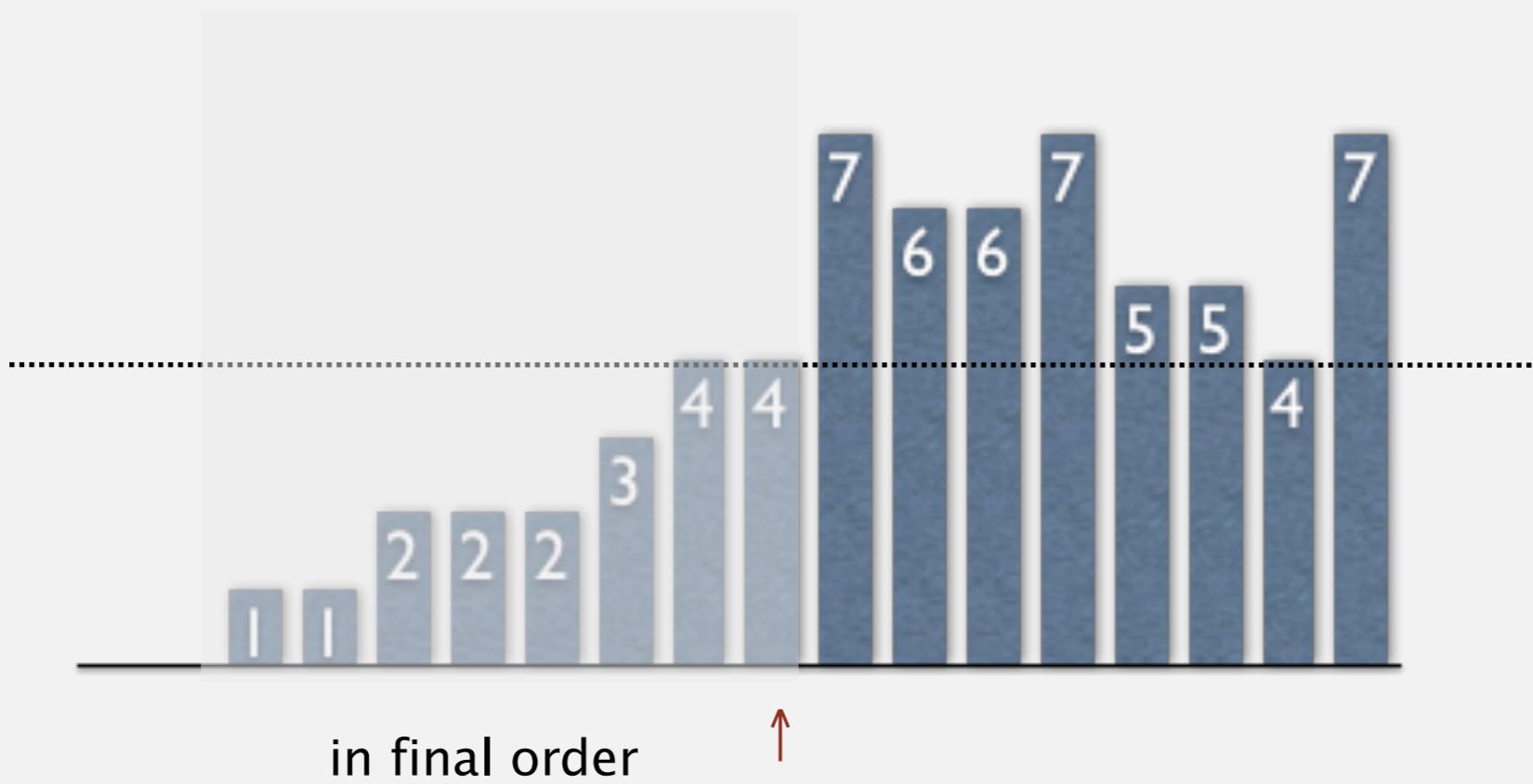


Selection sort

Algorithm. \uparrow scans from left to right.

Invariants.

- Entries to the left of \uparrow (including \uparrow) fixed and in ascending order.
- No entry to right of \uparrow is smaller than any entry to the left of \uparrow .



Selection sort: animations

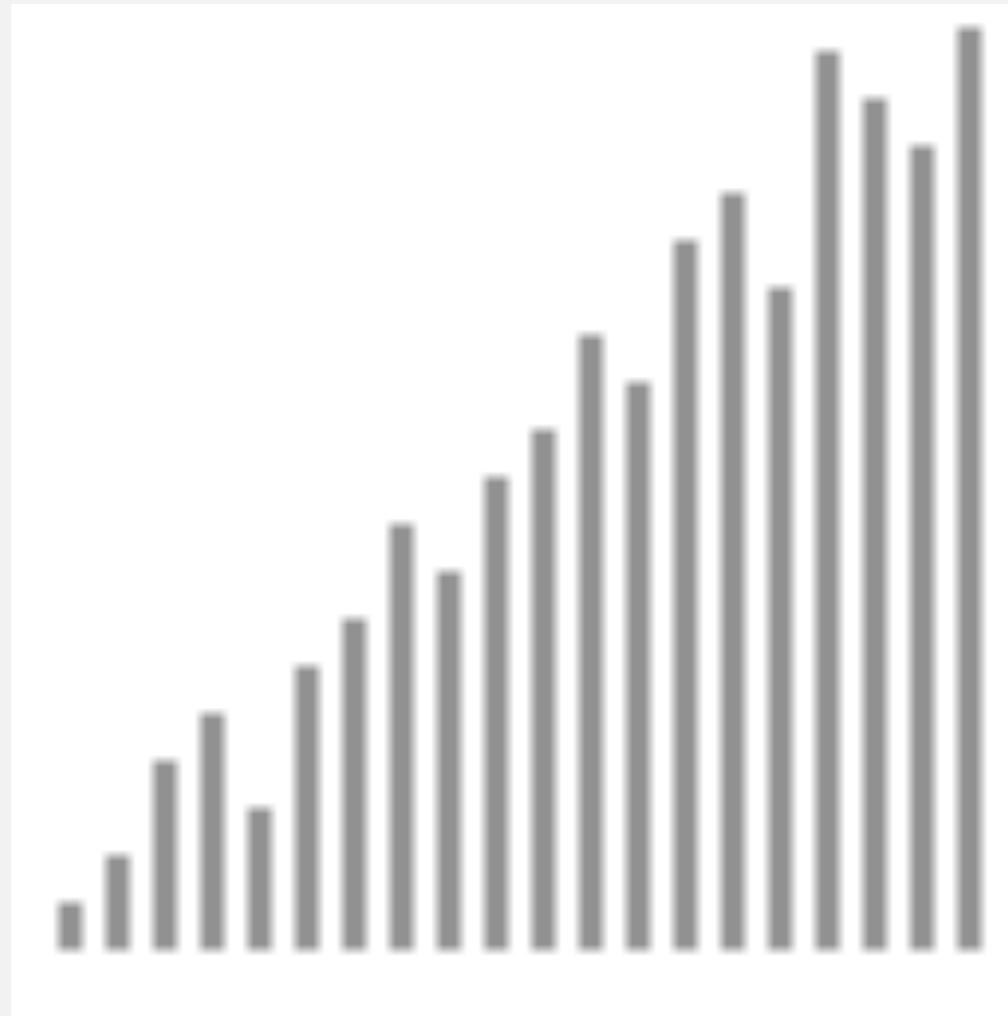
20 random items



<http://www.sorting-algorithms.com/selection-sort>

Selection sort: animations

20 partially-sorted items



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Selection sort: mathematical analysis

Proposition. Selection sort uses $(N-1) + (N-2) + \dots + 1 + 0 \sim N^2/2$ compares and N exchanges.

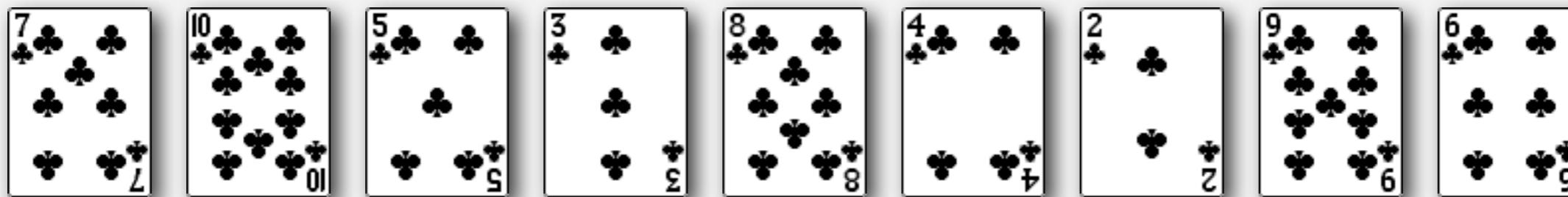
		a[]										
i	min	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		S	O	R	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
0	6	S	O	R	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
1	4	A	O	R	T	E	X	S	M	P	L	E
2	10	A	E	R	T	O	X	S	M	P	L	E
3	9	A	E	E	T	O	X	S	M	P	L	R
4	7	A	E	E	L	O	X	S	M	P	T	R
5	7	A	E	E	L	M	X	S	O	P	T	R
6	8	A	E	E	L	M	O	S	X	P	T	R
7	10	A	E	E	L	M	O	P	X	S	T	R
8	8	A	E	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X
9	9	A	E	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X
10	10	A	E	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X
		A	E	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X

Trace of selection sort (array contents just after each exchange)

Running time insensitive to input. Quadratic time, even if input is sorted.
Data movement is minimal. Linear number of exchanges.

Insertion sort demo

- In iteration i , swap $a[i]$ with each larger entry to its left.



Insertion sort

Algorithm. \uparrow scans from left to right.

Invariants.

- Entries to the left of \uparrow (including \uparrow) are in ascending order.
- Entries to the right of \uparrow have not yet been seen.



Insertion sort inner loop

To maintain algorithm invariants:

- Move the pointer to the right.

```
i++;
```



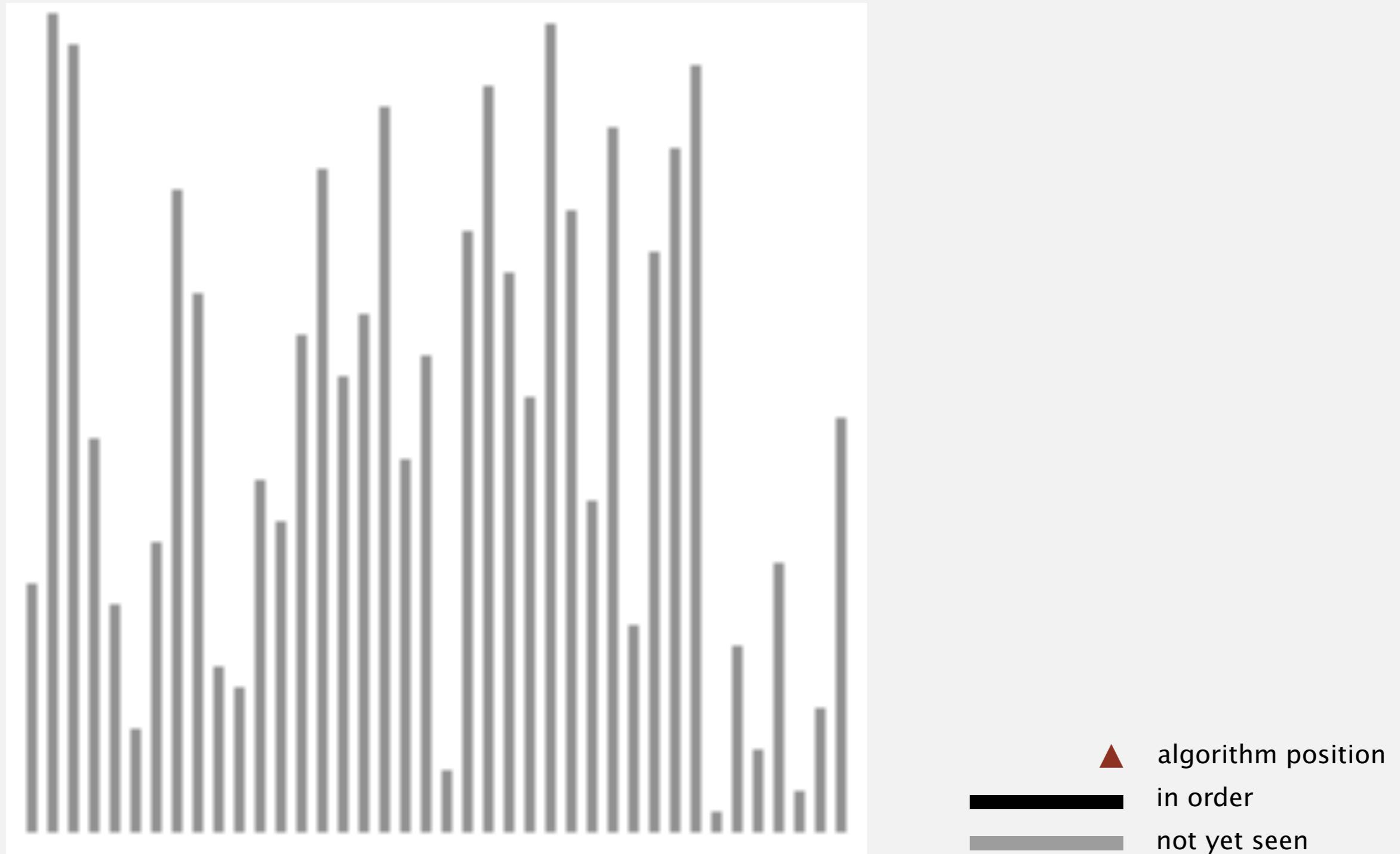
- Moving from right to left, exchange $a[i]$ with each larger entry to its left.

```
for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)  
    if (less(a[j], a[j-1]))  
        exch(a, j, j-1);  
    else break;
```



Insertion sort: animation

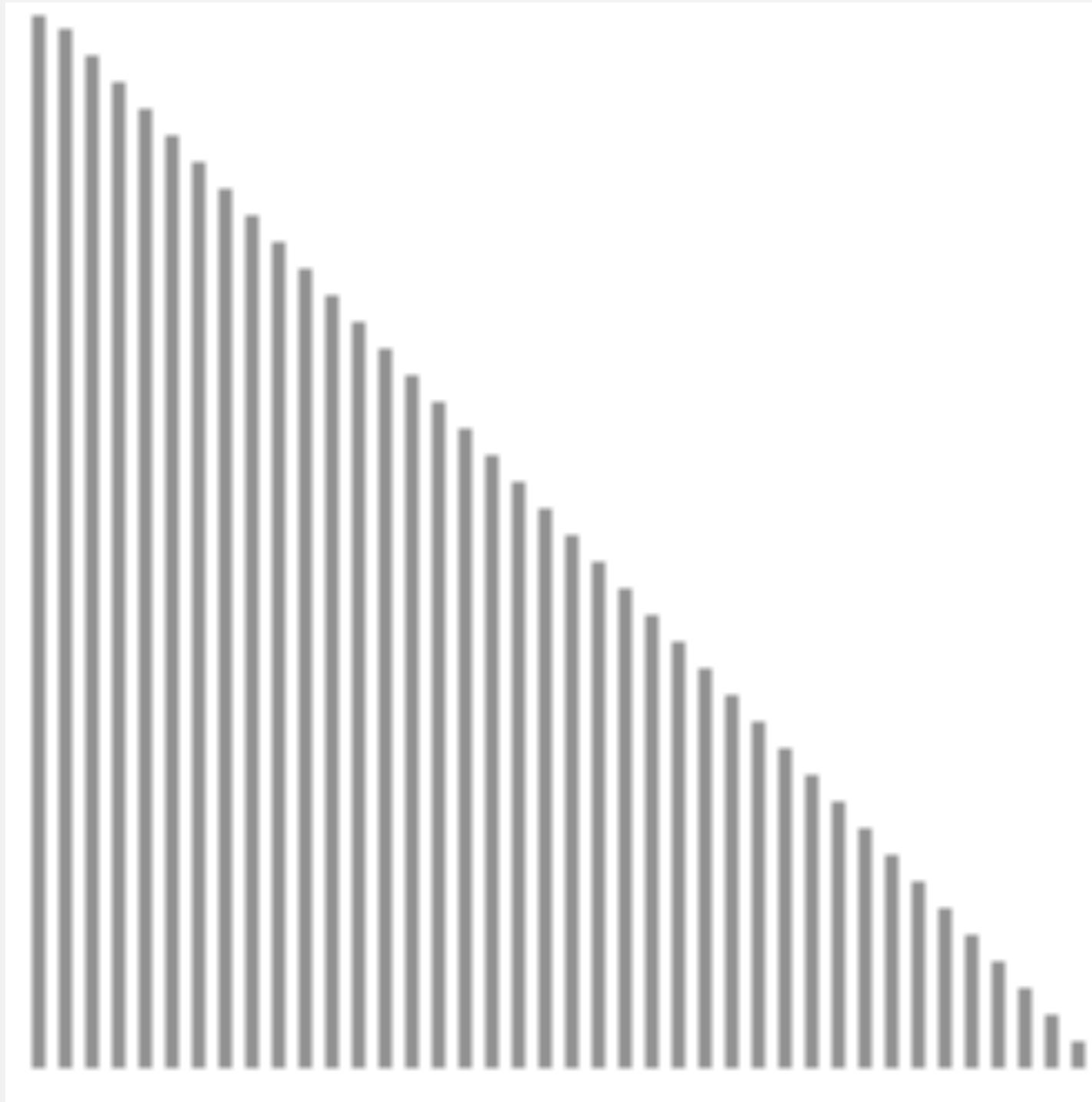
40 random items



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Insertion sort: animation

40 reverse-sorted items

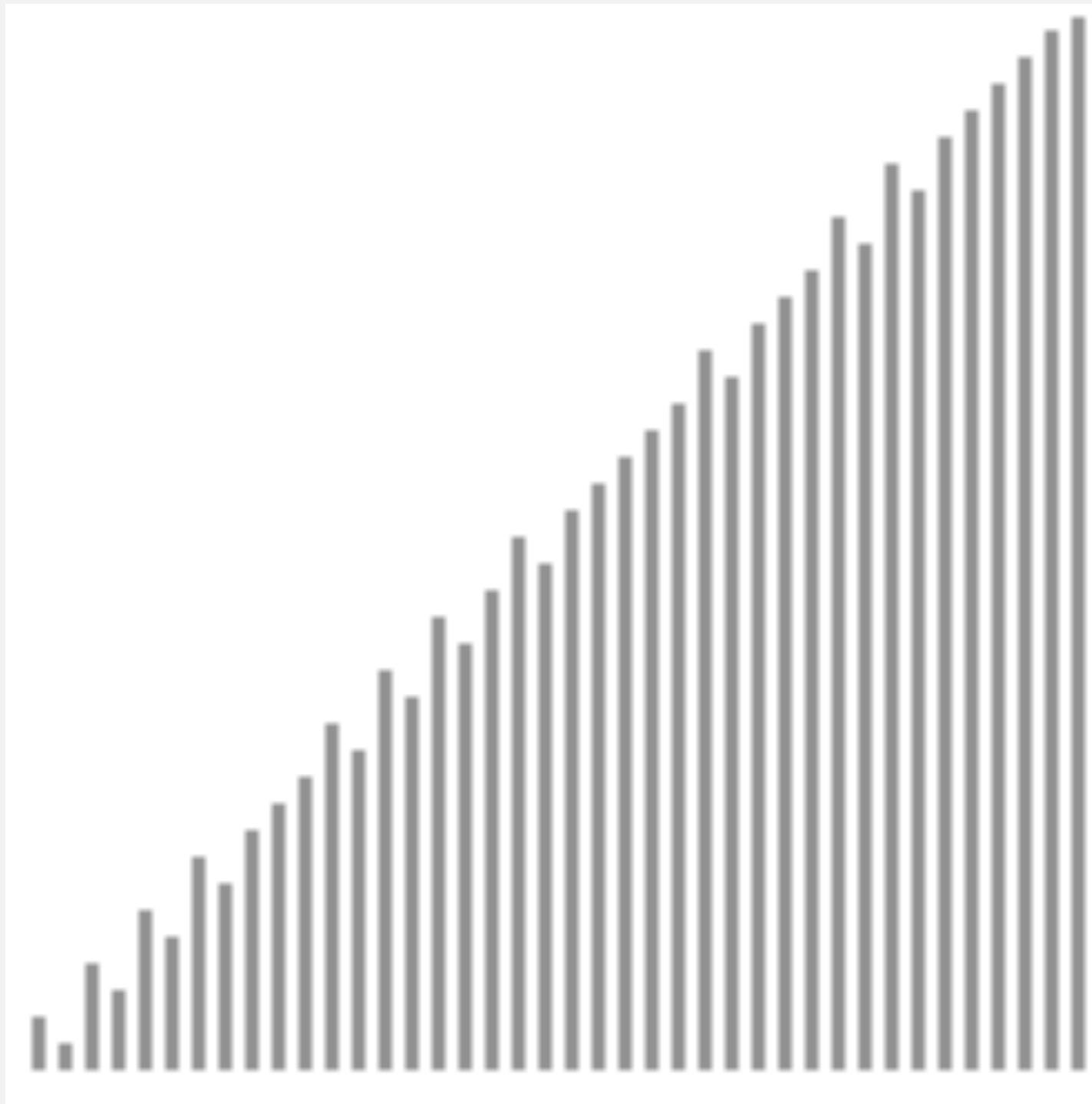


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algorithm position
in order
not yet seen

Insertion sort: animation

40 partially-sorted items



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algorithm position
in order
not yet seen

Insertion sort: mathematical analysis

Proposition. To sort a randomly-ordered array with distinct keys, insertion sort uses $\sim \frac{1}{4} N^2$ compares and $\sim \frac{1}{4} N^2$ exchanges on average.

Pf. Expect each entry to move halfway back.

		a[]										
i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		S	O	R	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
1	0	0	S	R	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
2	1	0	R	S	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
3	3	0	R	S	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
4	0	E	0	R	S	T	X	A	M	P	L	E
5	5	E	0	R	S	T	X	A	M	P	L	E
6	0	A	E	0	R	S	T	X	M	P	L	E
7	2	A	E	M	0	R	S	T	X	P	L	E
8	4	A	E	M	0	P	R	S	T	X	L	E
9	2	A	E	L	M	0	P	R	S	T	X	E
10	2	A	E	E	L	M	0	P	R	S	T	X
		A	E	E	L	M	0	P	R	S	T	X

Trace of insertion sort (array contents just after each insertion)

Insertion sort: trace

Insertion sort: analysis

Best case. If the array is in ascending order, insertion sort makes $N-1$ compares and 0 exchanges.

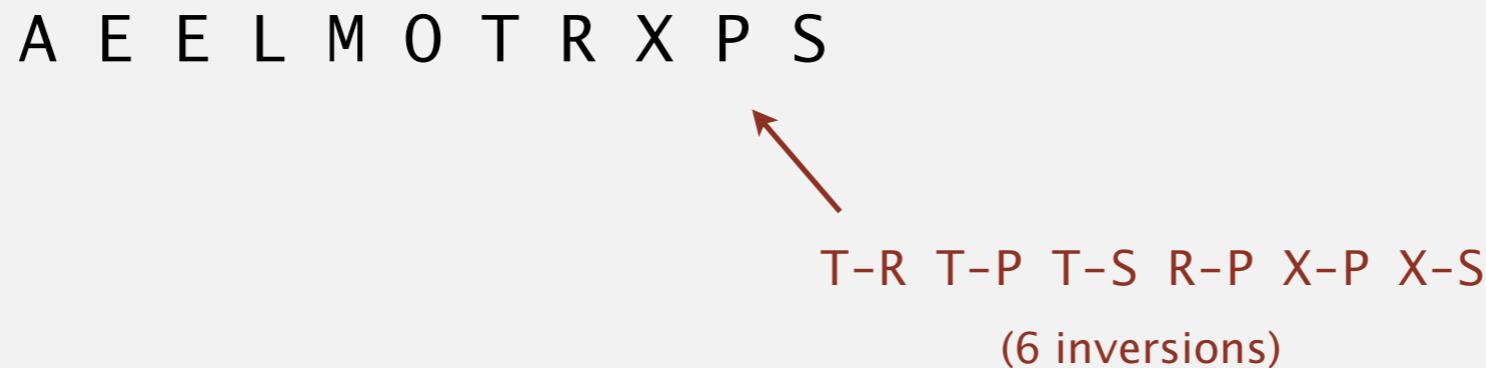
A E E L M O P R S T X

Worst case. If the array is in descending order (and no duplicates), insertion sort makes $\sim \frac{1}{2} N^2$ compares and $\sim \frac{1}{2} N^2$ exchanges.

X T S R P O M L F E A

Insertion sort: partially-sorted arrays

Def. An **inversion** is a pair of keys that are out of order.



Def. An array is **partially sorted** if the number of inversions is $\leq c N$.

- Ex 1. A sorted array has 0 inversions.
- Ex 2. A subarray of size 10 appended to a sorted subarray of size N .

Proposition. For partially-sorted arrays, insertion sort runs in linear time.

Pf. Number of exchanges equals the number of inversions.

$$\text{number of compares} = \text{exchanges} + (N - 1)$$

↑

Insertion sort: practical improvements

Half exchanges. Shift items over (instead of exchanging).

- Eliminates unnecessary data movement.
- No longer uses only `less()` and `exch()` to access data.

A C H H I M N N P Q X Y K B I N A R Y

Binary insertion sort. Use binary search to find insertion point.

- Number of compares $\sim N \lg N$.
- But still a quadratic number of array accesses.

A C H H I M N N P Q X Y K B I N A R Y

binary search for first key > K