

# Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis

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- A good algorithm for sorting a small number of elements
- It works the way you might sort a hand of playing cards
  - Start with an empty left hand and the cards face down on the table
  - Then remove one card at a time from the table, and insert it into the correct position in the left hand.
  - To find the correct position for a card, compare it with each of the cards already in the hand, from right to left.



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- At all times, the cards held in the left hand are sorted, and these cards were originally the top cards of the pile on the table
  
  - Divide array into two lists logically
  - One List contains 1 element
    - 1 element is always sorted
  - Insert other elements into that at its correct position in that list.

# Insertion Sort

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input array

5 2 4 6 1 3

at each iteration, the array is divided in two sub-arrays:

left sub-array

2

5



sorted

right sub-array

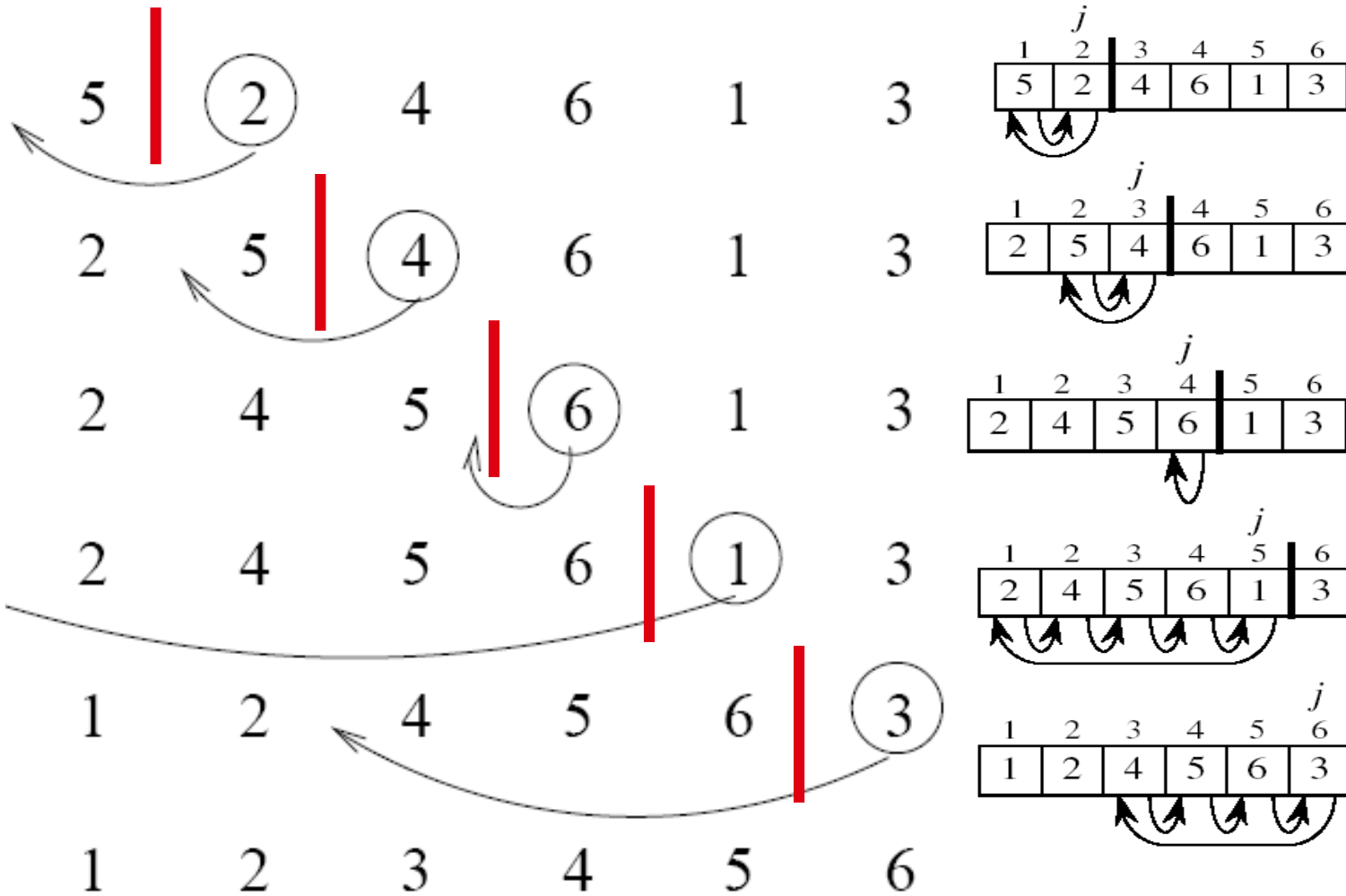
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1

3

unsorted

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# Insertion Sort Algorithm

*Assume Array index starts from 1 to n*

INSERTION-SORT( $A$ )

for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$

do  $key \leftarrow A[j]$

$i \leftarrow j - 1$

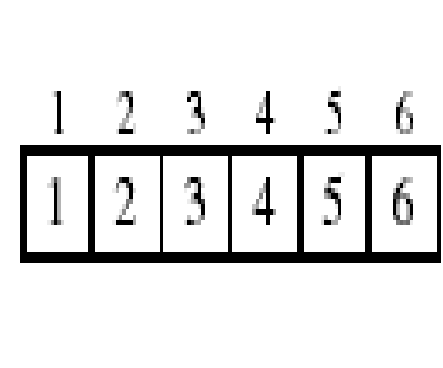
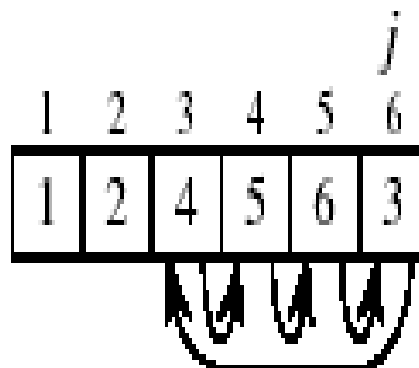
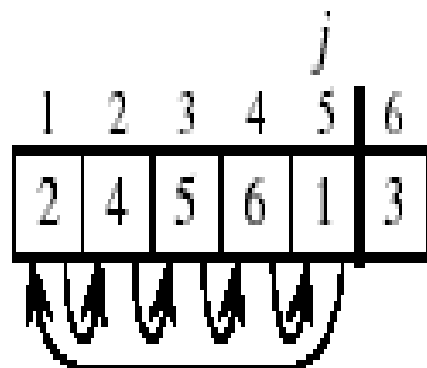
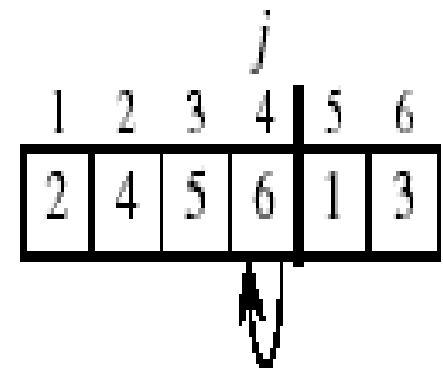
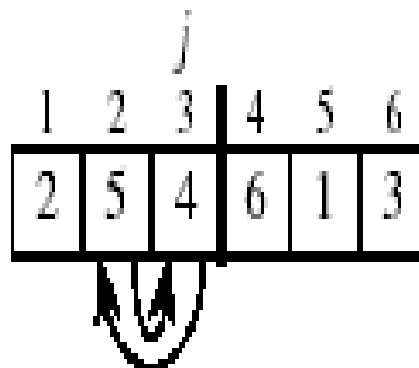
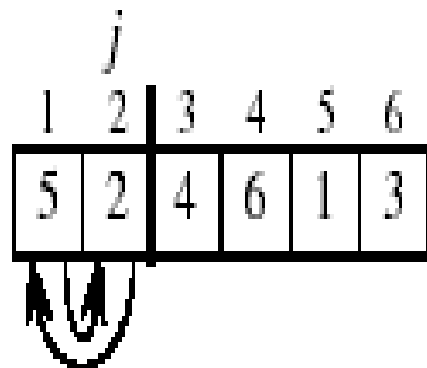
while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$

do  $A[i + 1] \leftarrow A[i]$

$i \leftarrow i - 1$

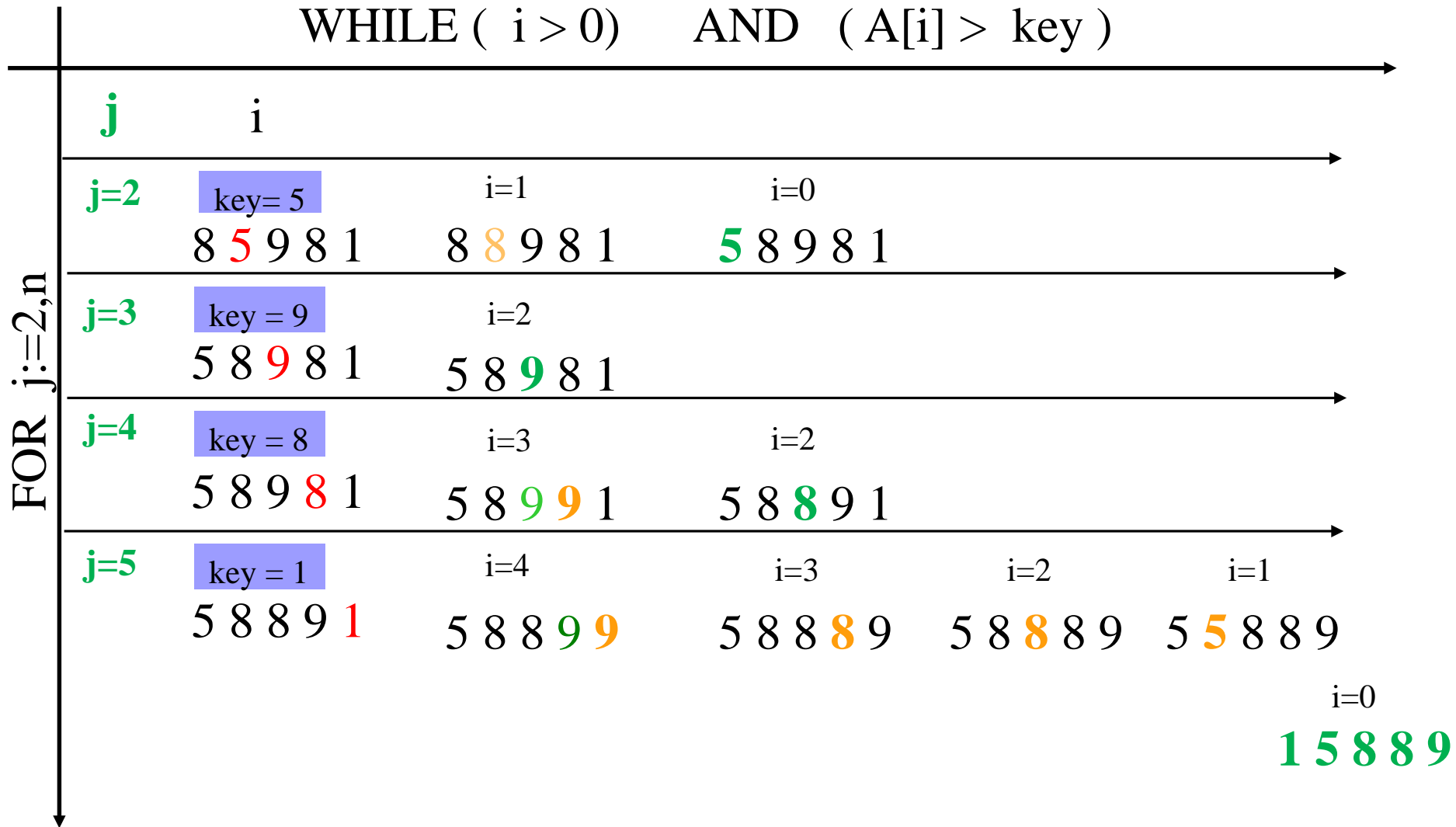
$A[i + 1] \leftarrow key$

*Example:*





# Insertion sort - Example



# Analysis of Insertion Sort

INSERTION-SORT( $A$ )

for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$

do  $key \leftarrow A[j]$

$i \leftarrow j - 1$

while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$

do  $A[i + 1] \leftarrow A[i]$

$i \leftarrow i - 1$

$A[i + 1] \leftarrow key$

For each  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ , where  $n = \text{length}[A]$ , we let  $t_j$  be the number of times the While loop test in line 5 is executed for that value of  $j$ .

## Analysis of Best case

INSERTION-SORT( $A$ )	<i>cost</i>	<i>times</i>
for $j \leftarrow 2$ to $n$	$c_1$	$n$
do $key \leftarrow A[j]$	$c_2$	$n - 1$
$i \leftarrow j - 1$	$c_4$	$n - 1$
while $i > 0$ and $A[i] > key$	$c_5$	$n - 1$
do $A[i + 1] \leftarrow A[i]$	$c_6$	$0$
$i \leftarrow i - 1$	$c_7$	$0$
$A[i + 1] \leftarrow key$	$c_8$	$n - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= c_1n + c_2(n - 1) + c_4(n - 1) + c_5(n - 1) + c_8(n - 1) \\ &= (c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8)n - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8).\end{aligned}$$

**Best case:** The array is already sorted.

- Always find that  $A[i] \leq key$  upon the first time the **while** loop test is run (when  $i = j - 1$ ).
- All  $t_j$  are 1.
- Running time is

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- Can express  $T(n)$  as  $an + b$  for constants  $a$  and  $b$  (that depend on the statement costs  $c_i$ )  $\Rightarrow T(n)$  is a *linear function* of  $n$ .

# Analysis of Worst Case

INSERTION-SORT( $A$ )

for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$

do  $key \leftarrow A[j]$

$i \leftarrow j - 1$

while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$

do  $A[i + 1] \leftarrow A[i]$

$i \leftarrow i - 1$

$A[i + 1] \leftarrow key$

*cost times*

$c_1 \quad n$

$c_2 \quad n - 1$

$c_4 \quad n - 1$

$c_5 \quad \sum_{j=2}^n t_j$

$c_6 \quad \sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$

$c_7 \quad \sum_{j=2}^n (t_j - 1)$

$c_8 \quad n - 1$

# Worst Case

- *If the array is in reverse sorted order-that is, in decreasing order-the worst case happens.*
- *We must compare each element  $A[j]$  with each element in the entire sorted subarray  $A[l . . j - 1)$ , and so  $t_j = j$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ .*

$$\sum_{j=2}^n j = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$$

and

$$\sum_{j=2}^n (j-1) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

- Running time is

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= c_1n + c_2(n-1) + c_4(n-1) + c_5 \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1 \right) \\ &\quad + c_6 \left( \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) + c_7 \left( \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) + c_8(n-1) \\ &= \left( \frac{c_5}{2} + \frac{c_6}{2} + \frac{c_7}{2} \right) n^2 + \left( c_1 + c_2 + c_4 + \frac{c_5}{2} - \frac{c_6}{2} - \frac{c_7}{2} + c_8 \right) n \\ &\quad - (c_2 + c_4 + c_5 + c_8). \end{aligned}$$

- Can express  $T(n)$  as  $an^2 + bn + c$  for constants  $a, b, c$  (that again depend on statement costs)  $\Rightarrow T(n)$  is a *quadratic function* of  $n$ .