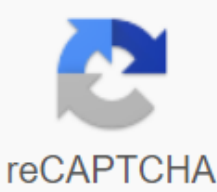




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Insertion sort python recursive

Insertion black is a simple sorting algorithm that works the way we sort playing cards in our hands. Below is an iterative algorithm for inserting sortAlgorithm // Sort a scar [] of size n insertionSort (scar, n) Loop from i = 1 to n-1. a) Select item arr[i] and insert it into sorted sequence arr[0..i-1]Pythondef insertionSortRecuriv(scar,n): insertionOrtRecursive(arr,n-1) \\Insert last item in the correct position while (j>=0 and arr[j]>load):InsertsortRecursive(scar, n) Starting with the low-hanging fruit: A variable called temp is a big sign that you can do better. If you were to set up the code so that it returned a new list instead of changing it in place, you can do this: alist[:i-1] = insertionSort(alist[:i-1]) The rest of the code assumes that we should work with the original, but the easiest solution for that is to make a copy as soon as possible. If you do it early (and with an appropriate comment), and you don't need the original list anymore (you don't), you can reuse the name alist without losing clarity. Unfortunately, copying the list is poor for performance, but readability must come first. But far down the bottom I would point out a greater improvement that will mean that we actually do not have to choose between performance and readability here. You can also eliminate that in: Python allows negative indexes to all built-in sequences, which are defined to count from the back. So the line above is only: alist[:-1] = insertionSort (alist[:-1]) and the state above it can test against len (alist) explicitly. In the second loop, use four lines to switch two list items. This can be done more idiomatically in a line using tuple task: alist [k], alist [k-1] = alist [k-1], alist [k] But we can do better even then this - we do not have to make all these switches at all. Instead, find where the last item should go and put it directly there. This is exactly the kind of job the bisect module is good for: candidate = alist.pop() bisect.insort(alist, candidate) And this replaces the whole second while loop. So far we have: def insertionSort(alist): # work on a copy instead of the original alist = alist [:] if len(alist) > 2: alist[:-1] = insertionSort(alist[:-1]) candidate = alist.pop() bisect.insort(alist, candidate) return alist A = [4, 1, 6, 3, 9, 10] A = insertionSort (A) print (A) I said before that copying is potentially bad for performance (each copy takes time). And we do a lot of it. This line: alist[:-1] = insertionSort(alist[:-1]) creates a new list that contains everything other than the last item, as the recursive call immediately clone (in its entirety). So there are two copies for each item after another. It would be better if we could tell the recursive call to only process up to a certain point in the list, and according to that. To do this, we put most code into a one function: def insertionSort (alist): def sort_helper (alist, hi): if hi > 1: sort_helper (alist, hi-1) candidate = alist.pop (hi) bisect.insort

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