

Numerisches Praktikum – Numerical Practical Training

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Sorting

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- Write routines using the
 1. straight insertion
 2. Shell's
 3. quicksort

algorithms presented in the lecture¹. Use the following array to test your routines

[7, 5, 3, 1, 9, 6, 10, 2, 8, 4].

Assignment for the Afternoon / Homework

- **Exercise 1, 5 points:** Verification
Verify that your algorithms work using the above list and another list of 10 random number. Print out the lists before and after sorting.
- **Exercise 2, 10 points:** Timing on *unsorted* lists
Measure the runtime² of your algorithms for unsorted lists³ of the length $N = 10^n$ with $n = [2, 3, \dots, 8]$, if feasible. Discuss the occurred and possible problems. Plot the results in a double-logarithmic diagram. What are the scaling properties?
- **Exercise 3, 5 points:** Timing on *sorted* lists
Do the same (Ex. 2) for perfectly sorted lists (i.e. $A = [1, 2, 3, \dots, N]$).

¹To compare your program, you can get a copy of the non-recursive quicksort routine for C/C++ at <https://code.woboq.org/userspace/glibc/stdlib/qsort.c.html>.

²Use internal timer functions like `clock()` for C/C++.

³Use the built-in function `rand` in C/C++ and FORTRAN (check `RAND_MAX` for the largest number generated).