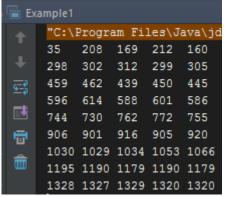
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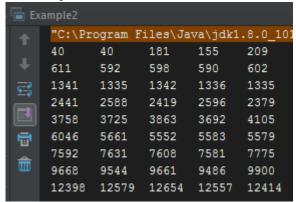
Question 1:

What are the results for each of the programs? In your report, include the program name, and copy/paste the output.

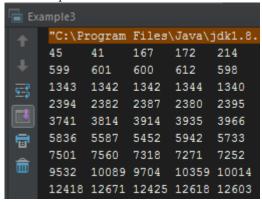
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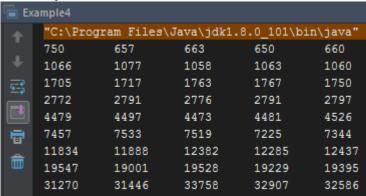
Example2:



Example3:



Example 4:



Question 2:

Explain (in complete sentences) how each algorithm compares quantitatively. How much faster does the time grow for each algorithm as compared to the others?

The four different examples each use different algorithms which all vary in speed.

In order of speed Example1 is the fastest and Example4 is the slowest, the order being Example1, Example2, Example3, Example4 and the time growth is the reverse Example4 grows the quickest and Example1 grows the slowest.

Example 1 has a linear run time of n, where each value is run through one time due to the single loop

Example 2 has a squared run time of n^2 , where each value is run through two times because of the nested for loops. Example 2 will grow at a rate of Example 1 squared

Example 3 has a cubed run time of n^3 . This is due to it being a combination of Example 1 and Example 2. It has both a single for loop which runs through all the values and a nested for loop which runs through each value twice. As a result the run time can be shown by the following equation $n^3 = n^2 * n$. Example 3 will grow at a rate of Example 3 cubed.

Example 4 has an exponential run time of 2^n meaning it will undoubtedly take the longest. It's run time comes from the recursive method it calls itself. Meaning for a given n value the previous two n values are required and the process repeats itself for however large the n value is.

Question 3:

What do you notice about the results that might be unexpected?

For the Example 1 and Example 2 it seemed to be that the first few values were always lower than the rest of the values. It seemed to repeat, where the first few trials of the initial n values would be lower than the later trials. For instance Example 1 starts with 35 and the rest of the values are above 150.

Question 4:

Offer a possible explanation for the unexpected results in Question (3) above.

After thinking about it for a while I could not really think of a reasonable explanation for the unexpected results. The only thing that might have gone wrong was the way I used for loops to print all the trials with different n values. I tried playing around with the placement of the loops and time counting, but nothing seemed to work.