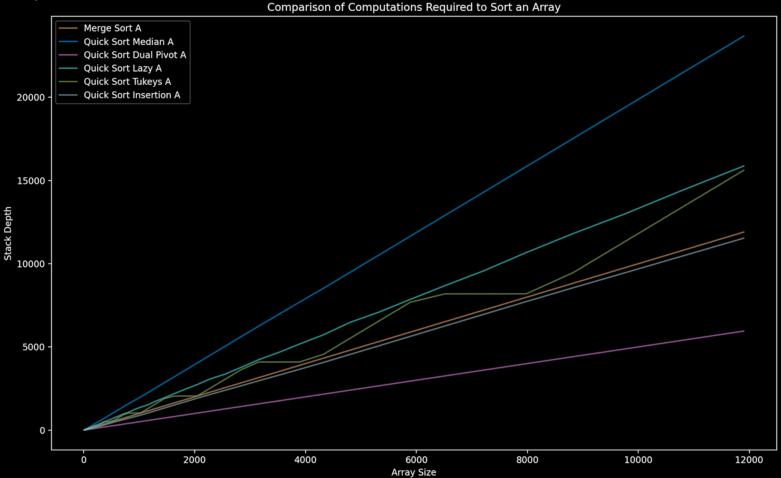
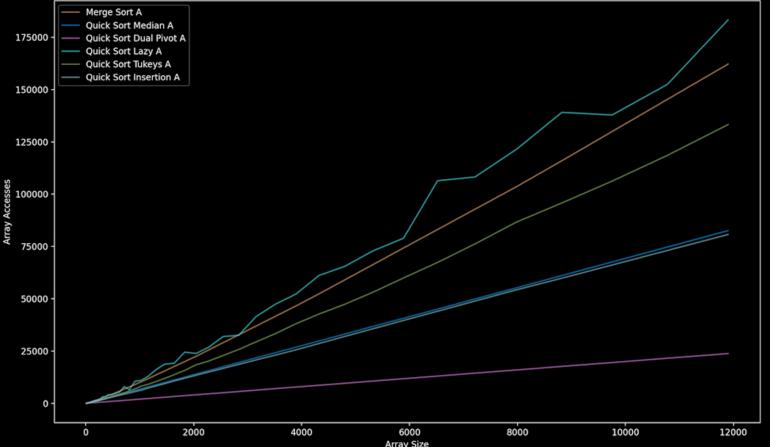


Recursive Sort Algorithm Performance on Arrays with Ascending Sorted Data

When sorting ascending sorted data, the Median of 3 algorithm and Insertion degrade to $O(n^2)$ performance, similar to partially sorted data (which makes sense since their arrangements of data in the array look very similar). Dual pivot degrades to $O(n^2)$ as well, again, just as with partially sorted data, but at a slower rate compared to the two aformentioned algos. Tukey's, Lazy (random pivot), and Merge all perform at O(NlogN).



Comparison of Computations Required to Sort an Array



With regard to array accesses, interestingly all algorithms perform at O(NlogN), despite some degrading to O(n^2) with comparisons. Median, Dual Pivot, and Insertion beging to outperform the others at a higher rate when array sizes grow larger. This is the same pattern as seen with partially sorted data.

As with the random data arrays, spacial complexity is is O(NlogN) for all algorithms. Quicksort Dual Pivot outperforms all, which makes sense since it splits an array into more parts, thus reducing the number of times a partiuclar part of that array will need to be recursed. This is why Merge sort performs well in this regard, too. Insertion Sort performs well by switching to a non recursive method when an array size shrinks to 15 items.