

Project 1

Integration of Merge Sort & Insertion Sort

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Preamble: Overhead in Merge Sort

$$\textit{MergeSort}(n) = \Theta(n \log(n))$$

$$\textit{InsertionSort}(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{N} : c_1 k^2 \leq c_2 k \log(k), 0 < c_1 < c_2$$

When size of sublists is small enough,
insertion sort should be performed instead



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MergeSort Struct Reference

Public Member Functions

```
MergeSort (vector< int > &IN)  
void sort (int p, int r)  
void insertionSort (int p, int r)  
void merge (int p, int q, int r)  
void info ()  
void setK (short int k)  
short getK ()  
const auto getKeyCmp () const  
const auto getKeyCmp_insertionSort () const  
vector< int > & getArray ()  
const auto getSize () const  
void unsort ()
```

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- [project1.hpp](#)



(a) Algorithm implementation: Implement the above hybrid algorithm

Main Program

```
1 void sort(int p, int r) {  
2     if (r - p + 1 <= k) {  
3         insertionSort(p, r);  
4         return;  
5     }  
6  
7     if (p < r) {  
8         int q = (p+r) / 2;  
9         sort(p, q);  
10        sort(q+1, r);  
11        merge(p, q, r);  
12    }  
13 }
```

$$A = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, a_{n-1} \rangle$$

$$\text{size}[A] = (n - 1) - 0 + 1 = n$$

$$A' = \langle a_p, a_{p+1}, \dots, a_{r-1}, a_r \rangle$$

$$\text{size}[A'] = r - p + 1$$

$$A' \in A$$

$$\text{sort}(n) = \begin{cases} \text{insertionSort}(n) & \text{if } n \leq k \\ \text{mergeSort}(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



(a) Algorithm implementation: Implement the above hybrid algorithm

Insertion Sort (Trivial)

```
1  void insertionSort(int p, int r) {  
2      for (int i = p+1; i <= r; i++) {  
3          for (int j = i; j > p; j--) {  
4              key_cmp_insertionSort++;  
5              key_cmp++;  
6              if (A[j] < A[j-1]) {  
7                  int t = A[j];  
8                  A[j] = A[j-1];  
9                  A[j-1] = t;  
10             }  
11             else break;  
12         }  
13     }  
14 }
```



(a) Algorithm implementation: Implement the above hybrid algorithm

Merge (Trivial)

```
1      void merge(int p, int q, int r) {
2          vector<int> L, R;
3          for (int i = p; i <= q; i++) L.push_back(A[i]);
4          for (int i = q+1; i <= r; i++) R.push_back(A[i]);
5
6          int idx_L{}, idx_R{}, idx_A{ p };
7          while (idx_L < L.size() && idx_R < R.size()) {
8              if (L[idx_L] < R[idx_R]) {
9                  A[idx_A] = L[idx_L];
10                 idx_L++;
11             }
12             else {
13                 A[idx_A] = R[idx_R];
14                 idx_R++;
15             }
16             idx_A++;
17             key_cmp++;
18         }
19         .....
```

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(b) Generate Input Data

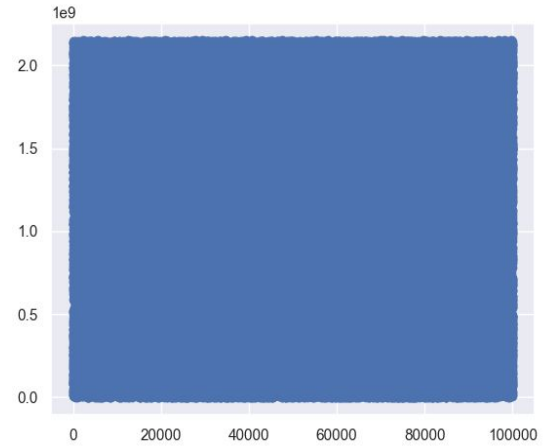
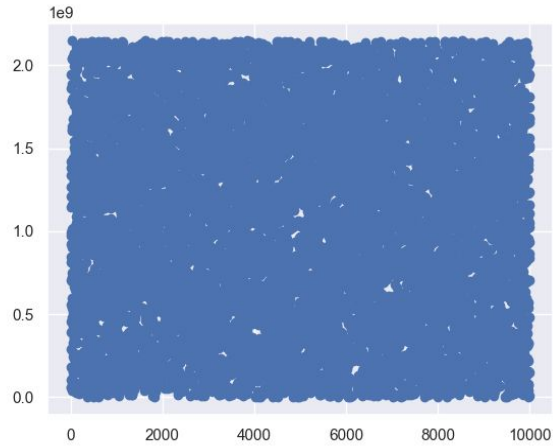
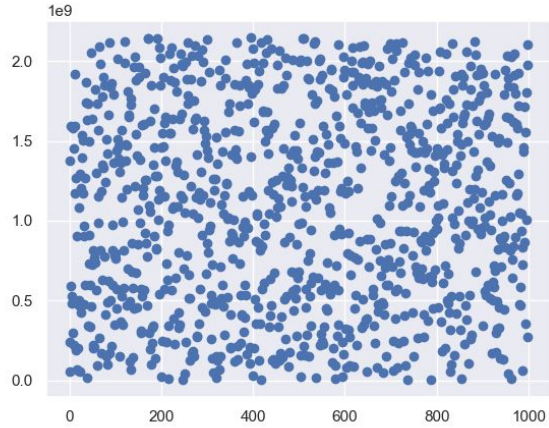
Simple Python Script

```
1  file_index = 1
2  i = MIN_SIZE
3  while (i <= MAX_SIZE):
4      try:
5          file = open('input_%i.txt' % file_index, 'w')
6      except OSError:
7          print("[-] Error in writing file 'input_%i.txt'" % file_index)
8          sys.exit()
9
10     A = [str(random.randint(1, MAX_INT)) for k in range(1, i+1)]
11     file.write(("\\n").join(A))
12     file.write("\\n")
13     file_index += 1
14     i *= SCALE_FACOTR
15     file.close()
16     msg = "[+] input_{0}.txt generated. number of elements is {1}."
17     print(msg.format(file_index-1, i))
```

Array length grow by a factor of 10, for a total of 5 input files



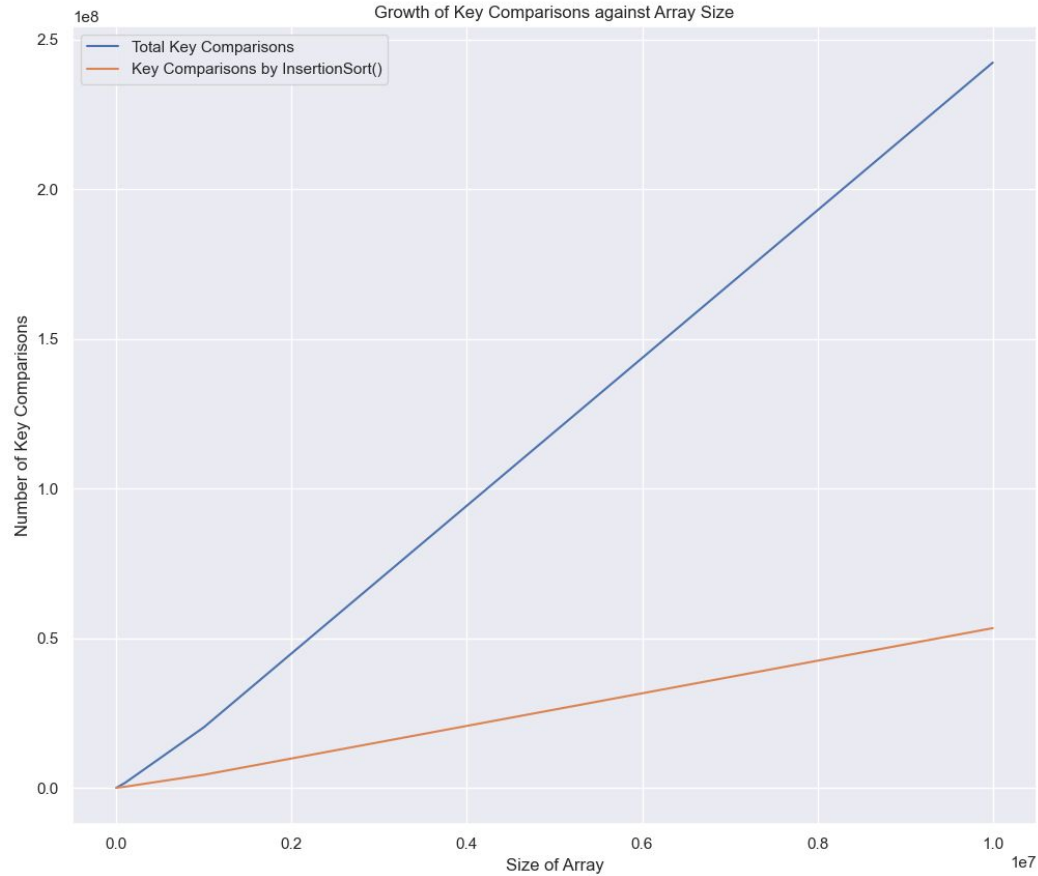
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Visualisation of Distribution



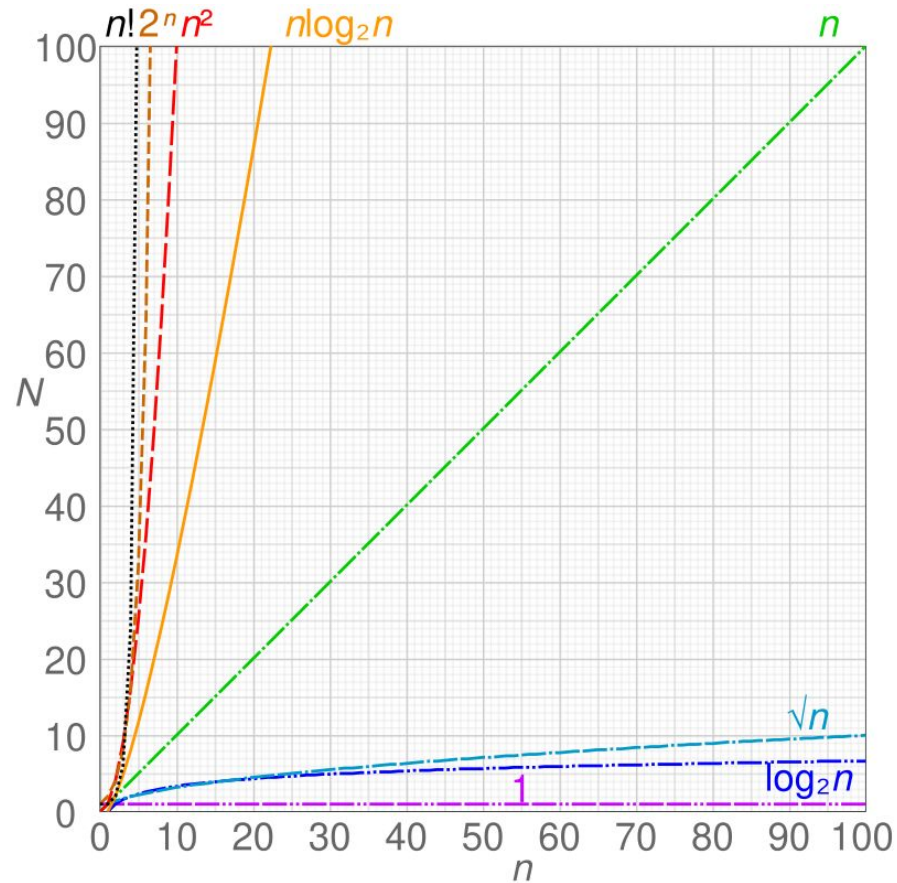
(c) i. Fix $S = k = 20$



Rather “Linear” for
the given input sizes



(c) i. Fix $S = k = 20$



Time Complexity of Insertion Sort

length of sublists $= S = k$

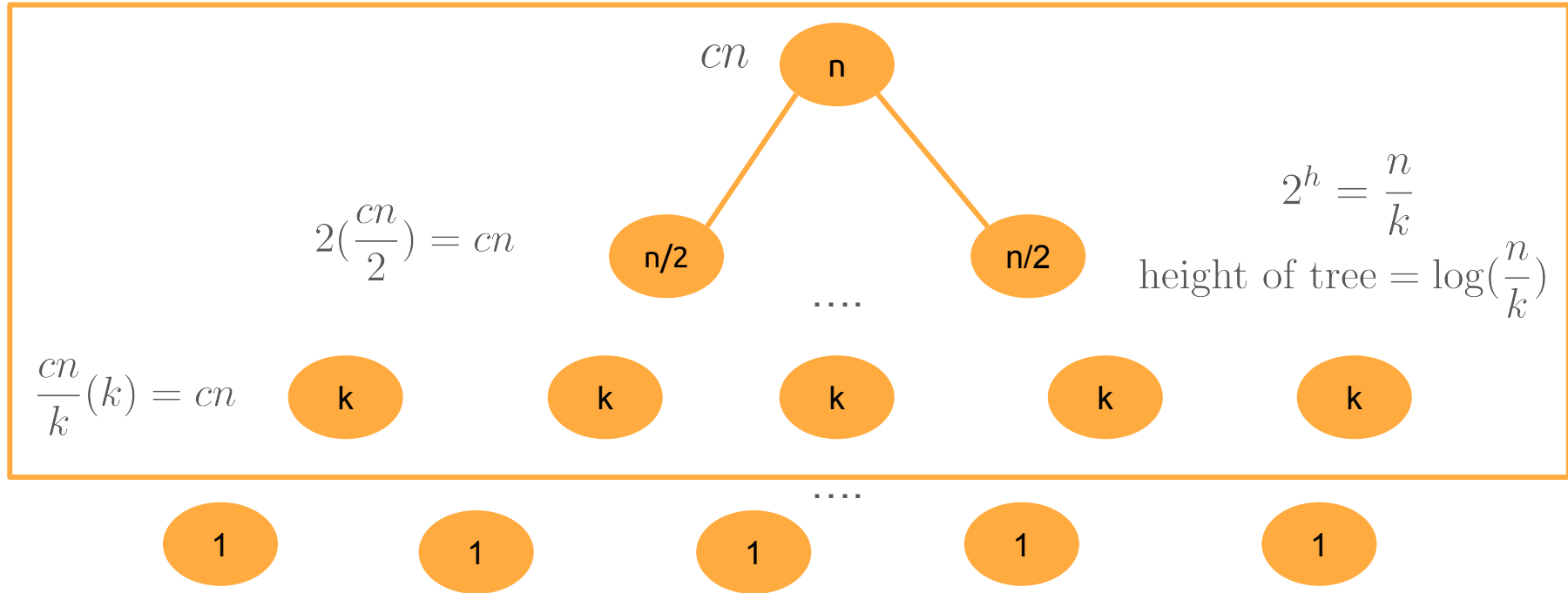
number of sublists $= \frac{n}{k}$

$$InsertionSort() = \Theta(k^2 \cdot \frac{n}{k}) = \Theta(nk)$$



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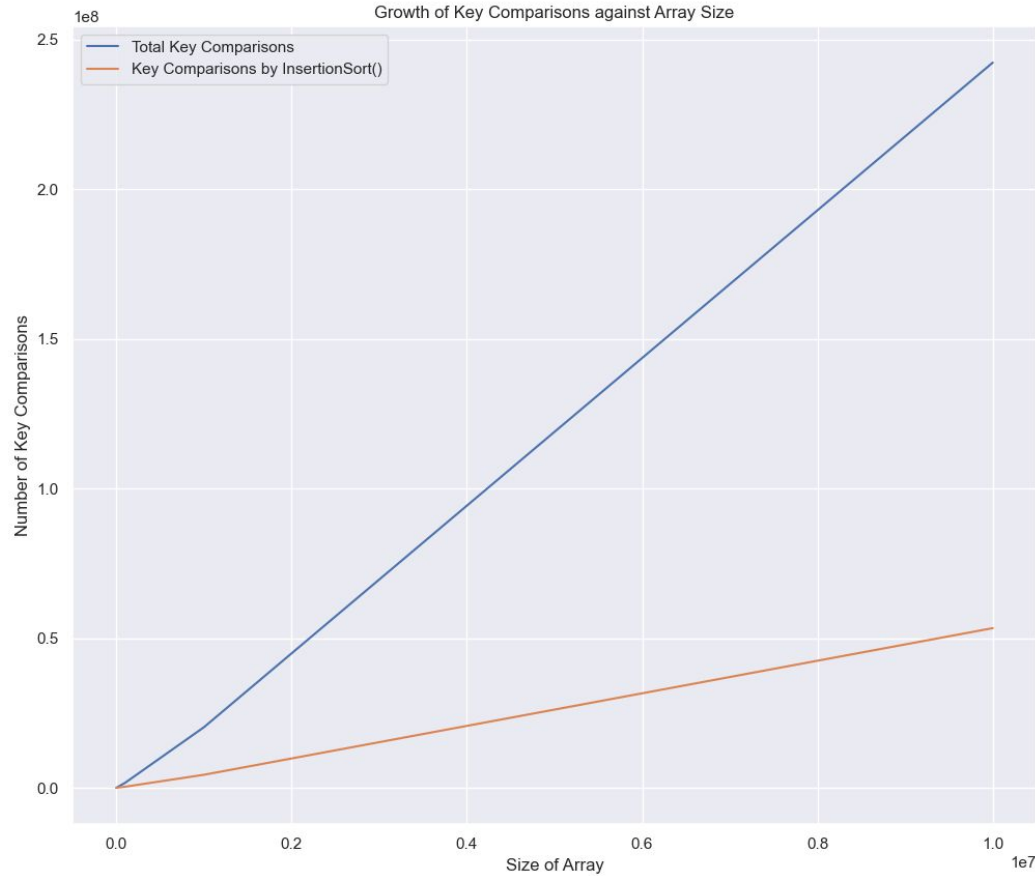
Time Complexity of Merge Sort



$$\text{MergeSort}() = \Theta \left(n \log \left(\frac{n}{k} \right) \right)$$



(c) i. Fix $S = k = 20$



$$HybridSort(n, k) = \Theta \left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k} \right)$$



Time Complexity of Hybrid Sort

By definition, $HybridSort(n, k) = \Theta \left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k} \right)$

if and only if

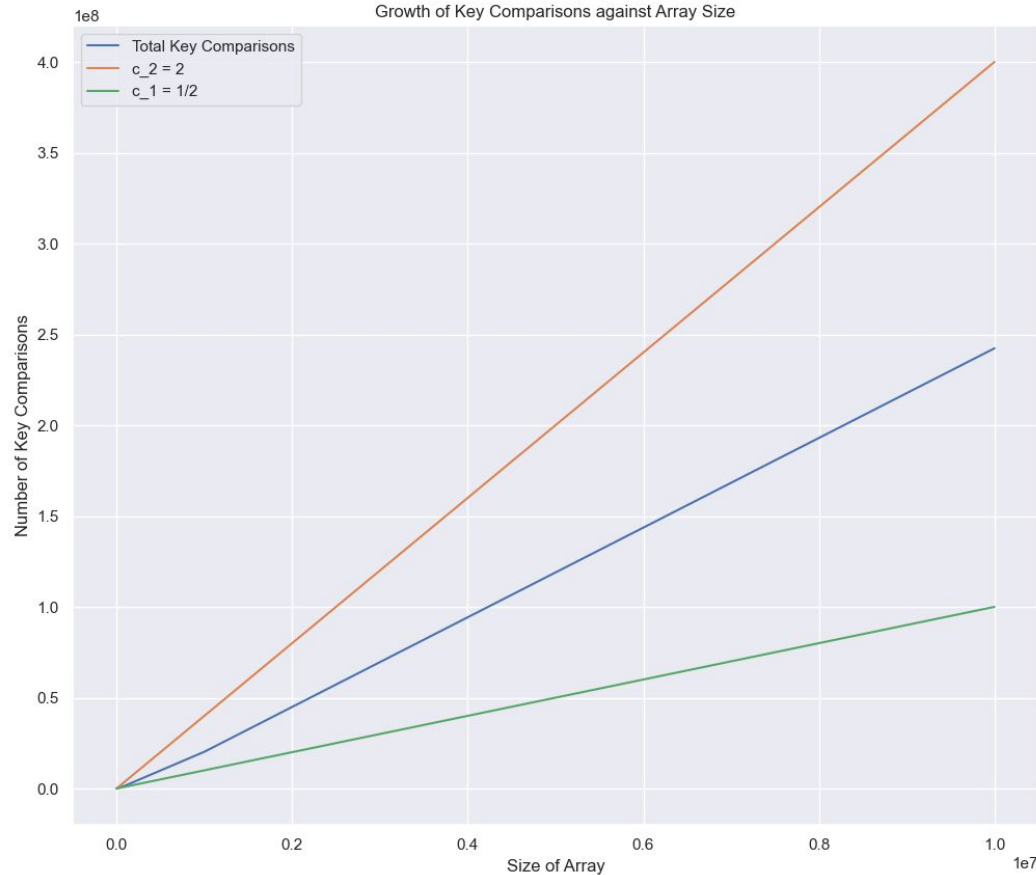
$$\exists n_0 \exists c_1 \exists c_2 \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n > n_0,$$

$$0 < c_1 \left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k} \right) \leq HybridSort(n, k) \leq c_2 \left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k} \right)$$



(c) i. Fix $S = k = 20$

Let $c_1 = 1/2$, $c_2 = 2$. Observe that the condition is satisfied



Verified (RHS)



$$\text{HybridSort}(n, k) = \Theta \left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k} \right)$$

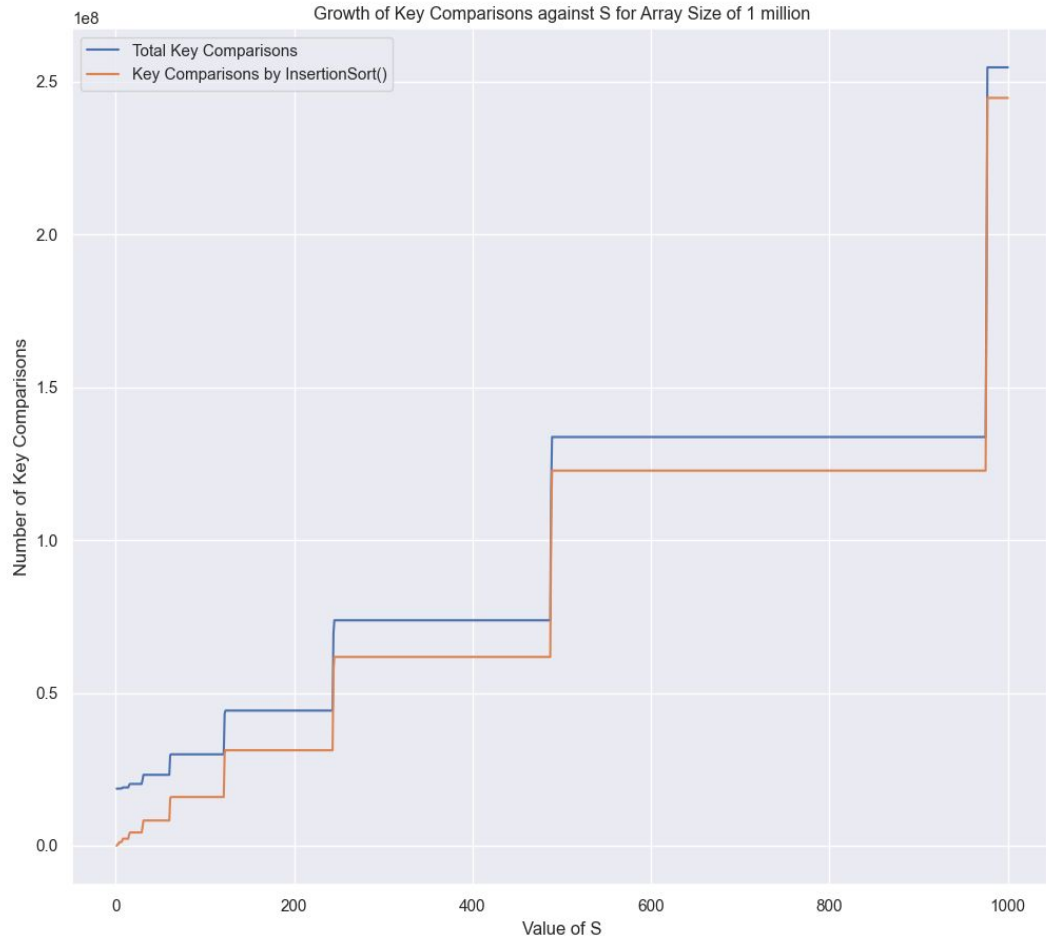
$$k(n) \in O(\log n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k}) &= \Theta(kn + n \log n - n \log k) \\ &= \Theta(n \log n + n \log n - n \log(\log n)) \\ &= O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

Hybrid sort will be as slow as merge sort if the value of $k = S$ approaches asymptotic value of $O(\log n)$



(c) ii. Fix $n = 1,000,000$

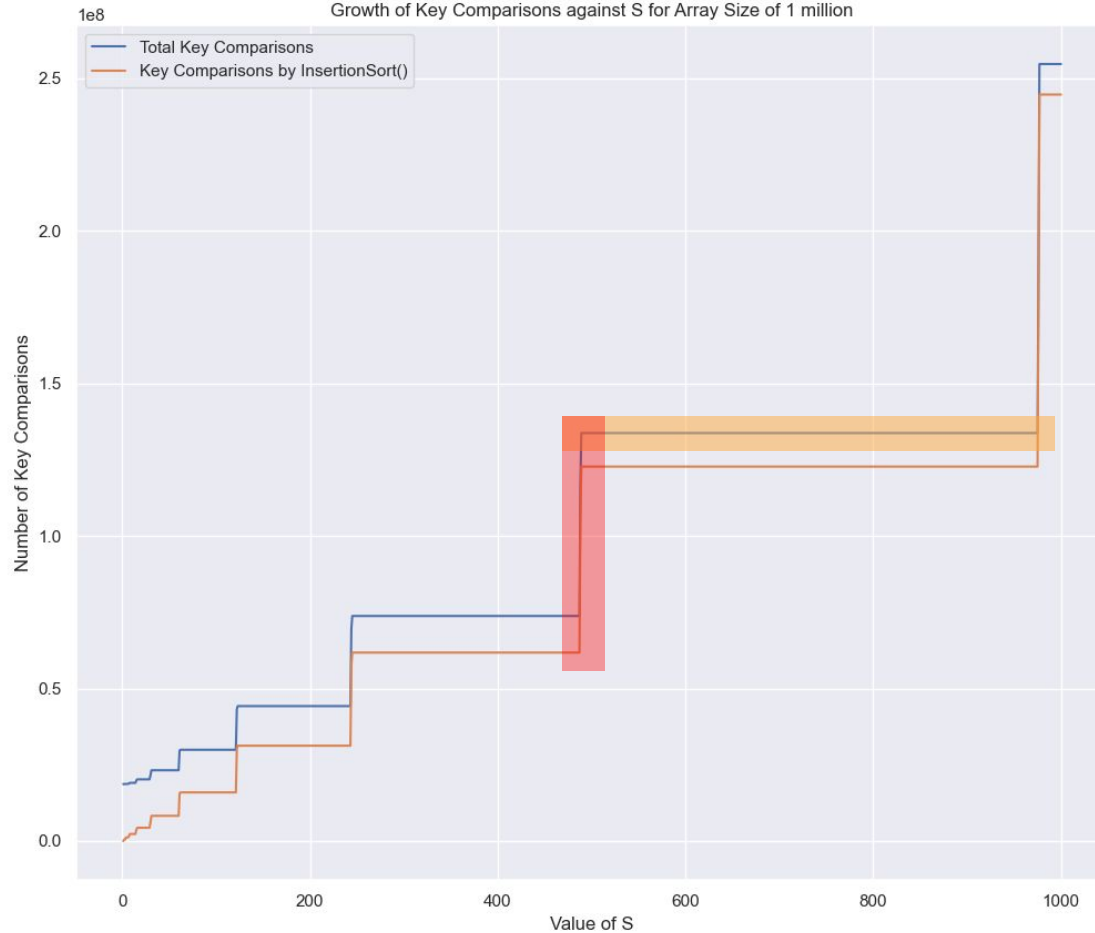


$$HybridSort(n, k) = \Theta\left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k}\right)$$

Key Comparisons give rough
estimate of runtime



(c) ii. Fix $n = 1,000,000$



Periods of **Constant**
Periods of **Spikes**



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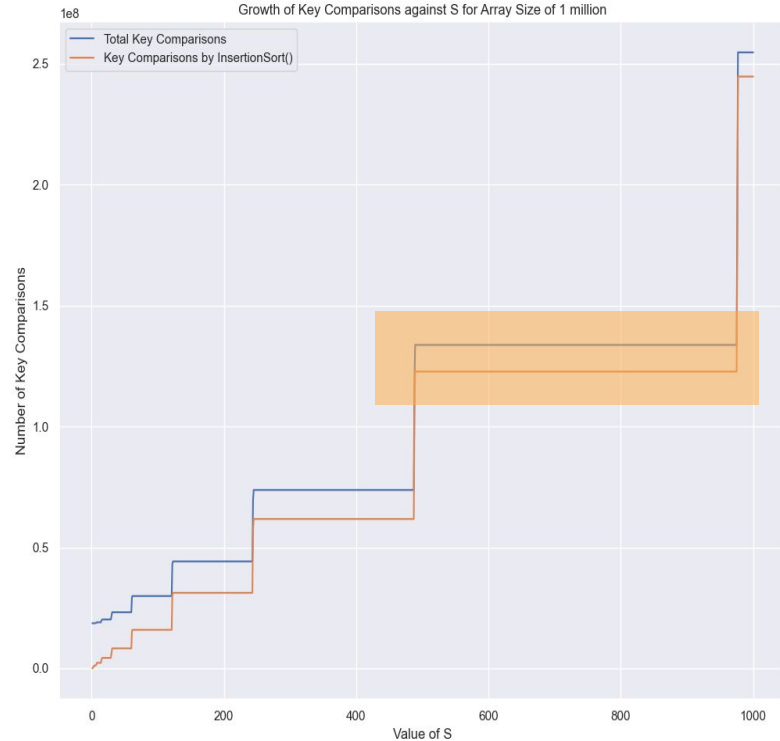
Periods of **Constant**

```
1  if (r - p + 1 <= k) {  
2      insertionSort(p, r);  
3      return;  
4  }
```

(num_sublist, ASize)

Total Key
Comparisons

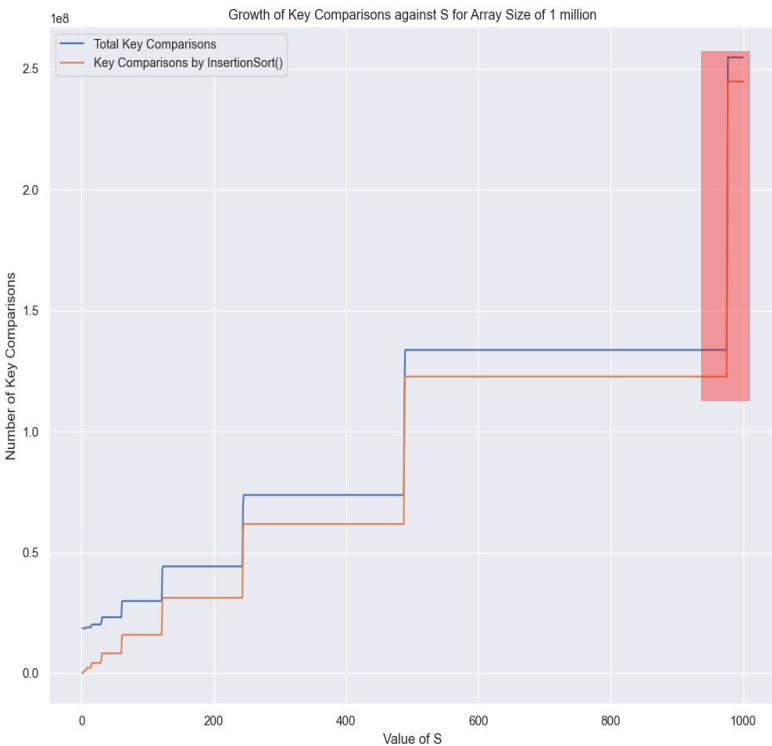
$S = 600$	(1666, 600) (1, 400)	133710976
$S = 800$	(1250, 800)	133710976



(c) ii. Fix $n = 1,000,000$

Periods of **Spikes**

```
1  if (r - p + 1 <= k) {  
2      insertionSort(p, r);  
3      return;  
4  }
```



(num_sublist, ASize)

Total Key Comparisons

S = 1000

(1000, 1000)

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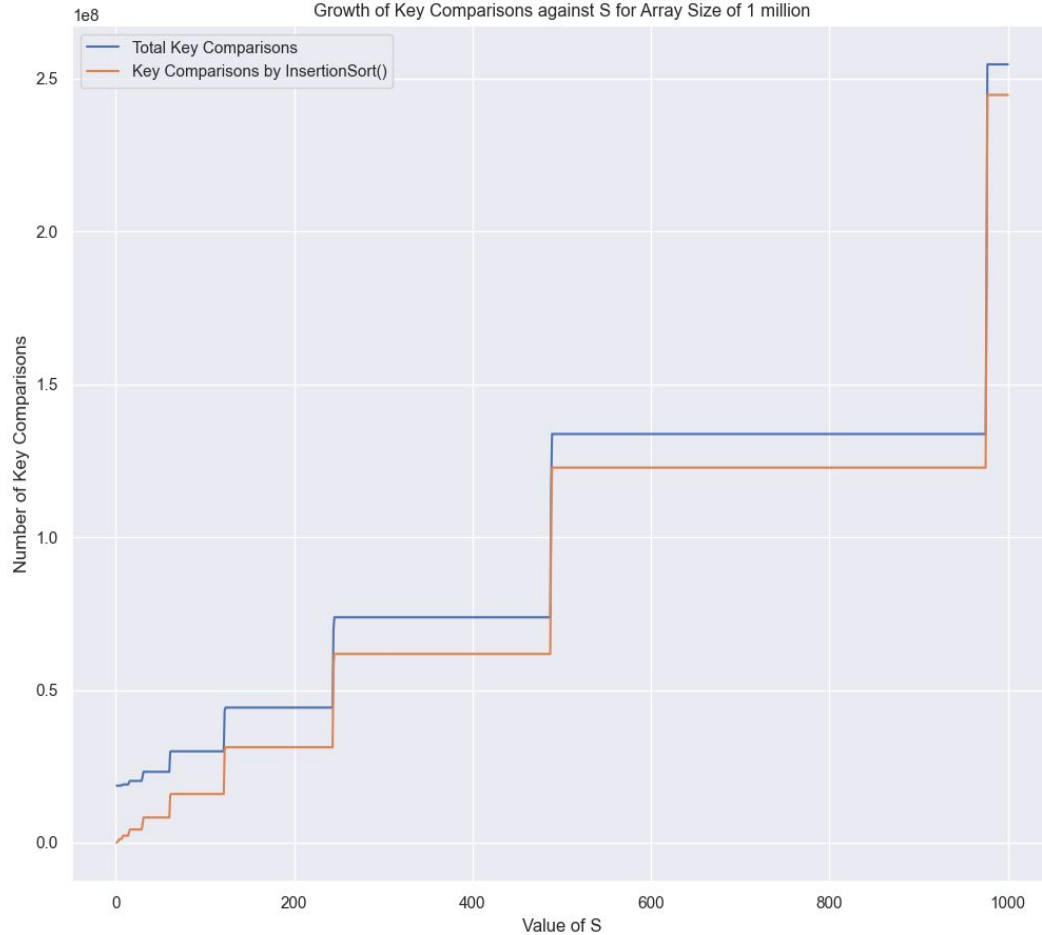
S = 800

(1250, 800)

133710976



(c) ii. Fix $n = 1,000,000$



This shape is **non-trivial**

Stay tuned



$$T(n, k) = c_1 nk + c_2 \log \frac{n}{k} + c_3$$

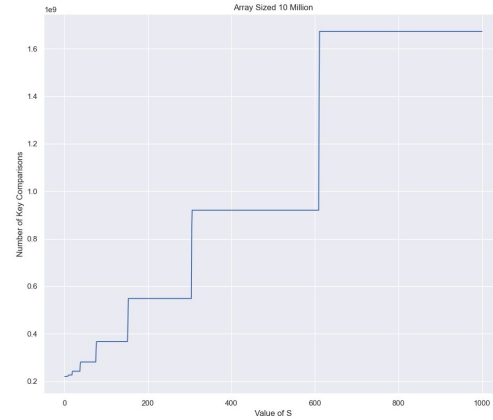
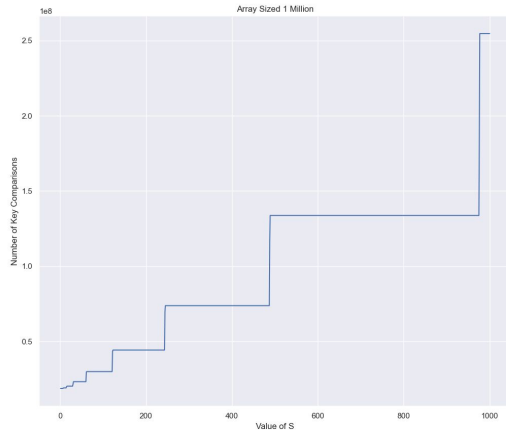
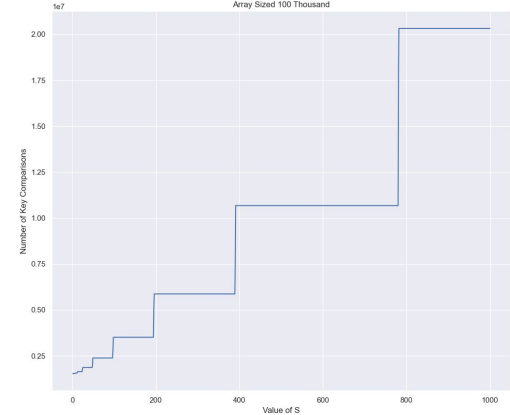
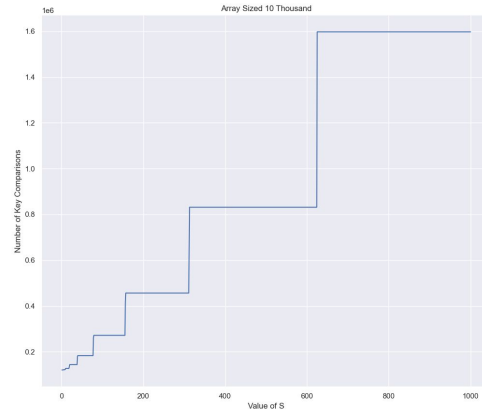
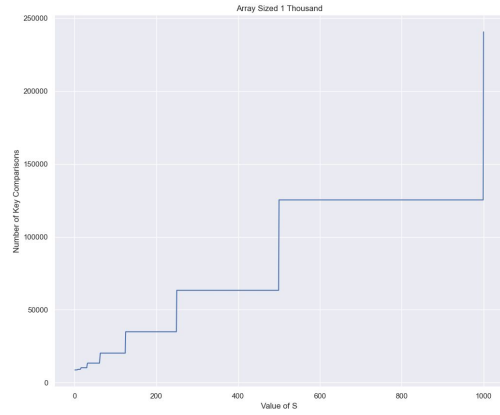
Want to solve for $T'(k_s) = 0$

For each n , such that $T''(k_s) > 0$

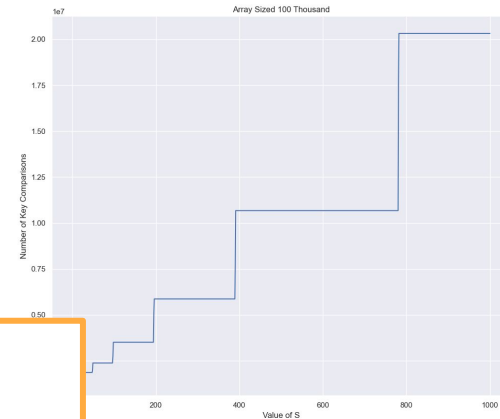
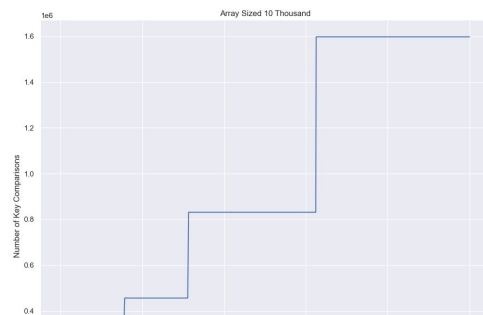
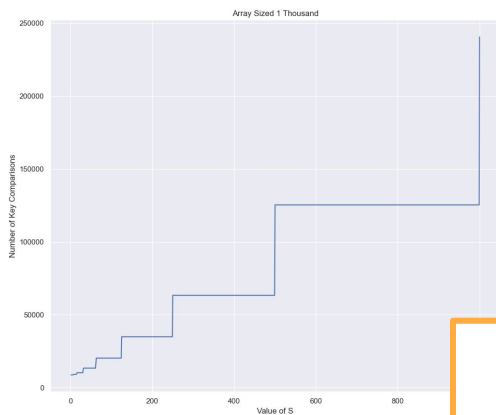
In practice, it is **not feasible** to do this.
Instead, we will **run tests** and give an **estimate**



(c) iii. Finding Optimal $S = k$

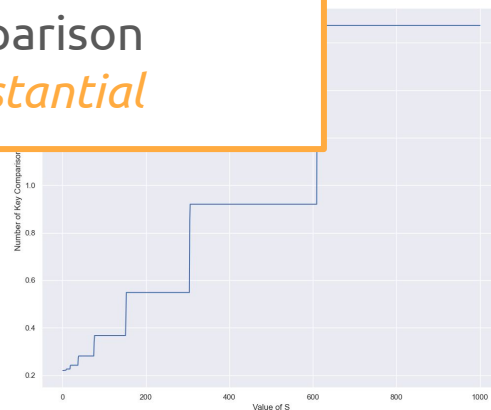
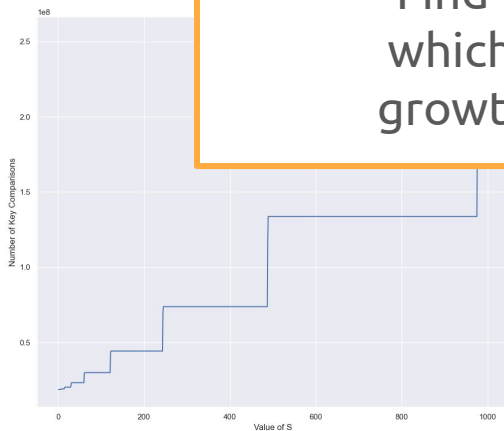


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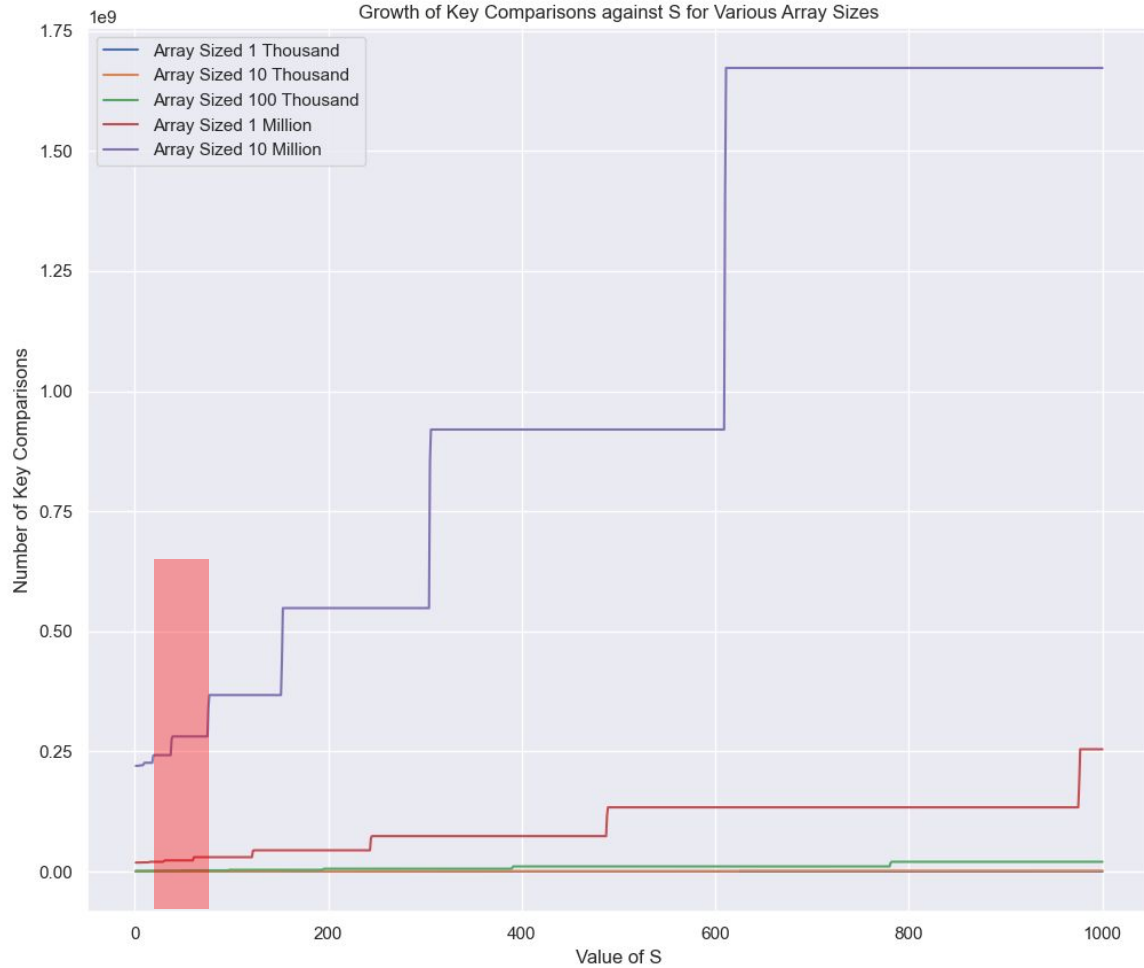


Intuition

Find the *largest* S for which key comparison growth is *insubstantial*



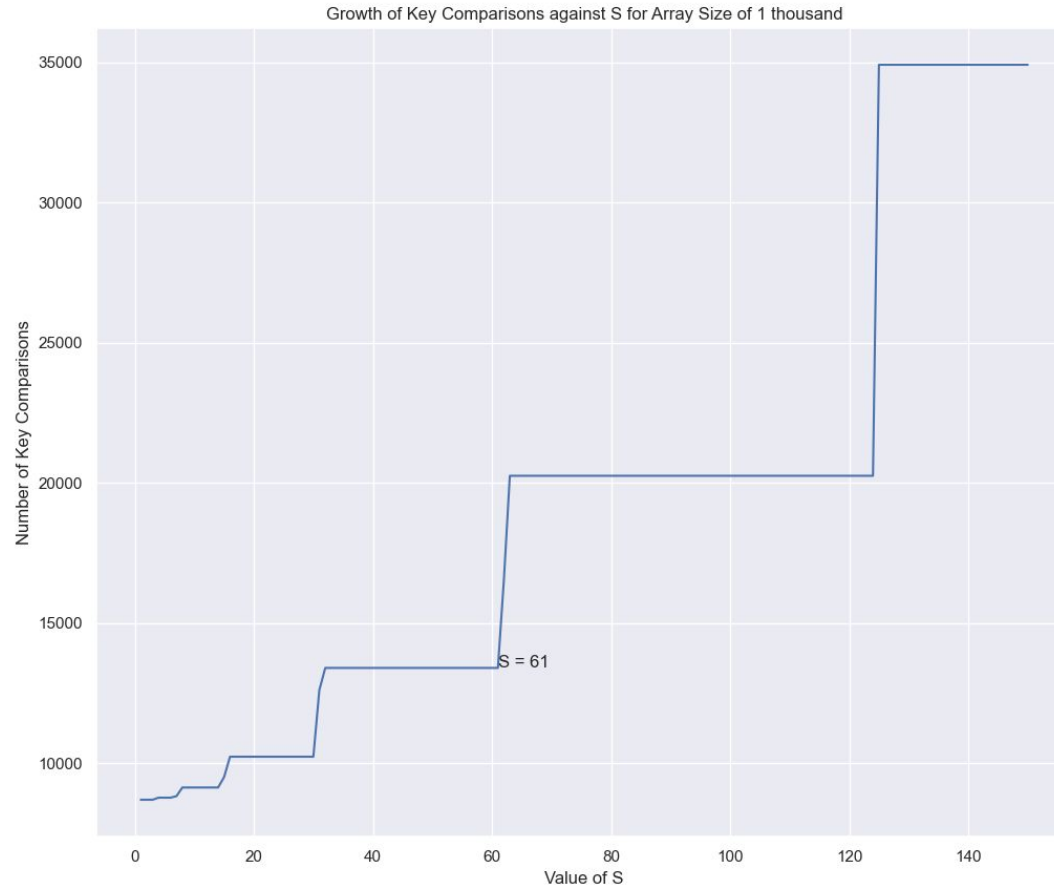
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Need to adjust
down range of S



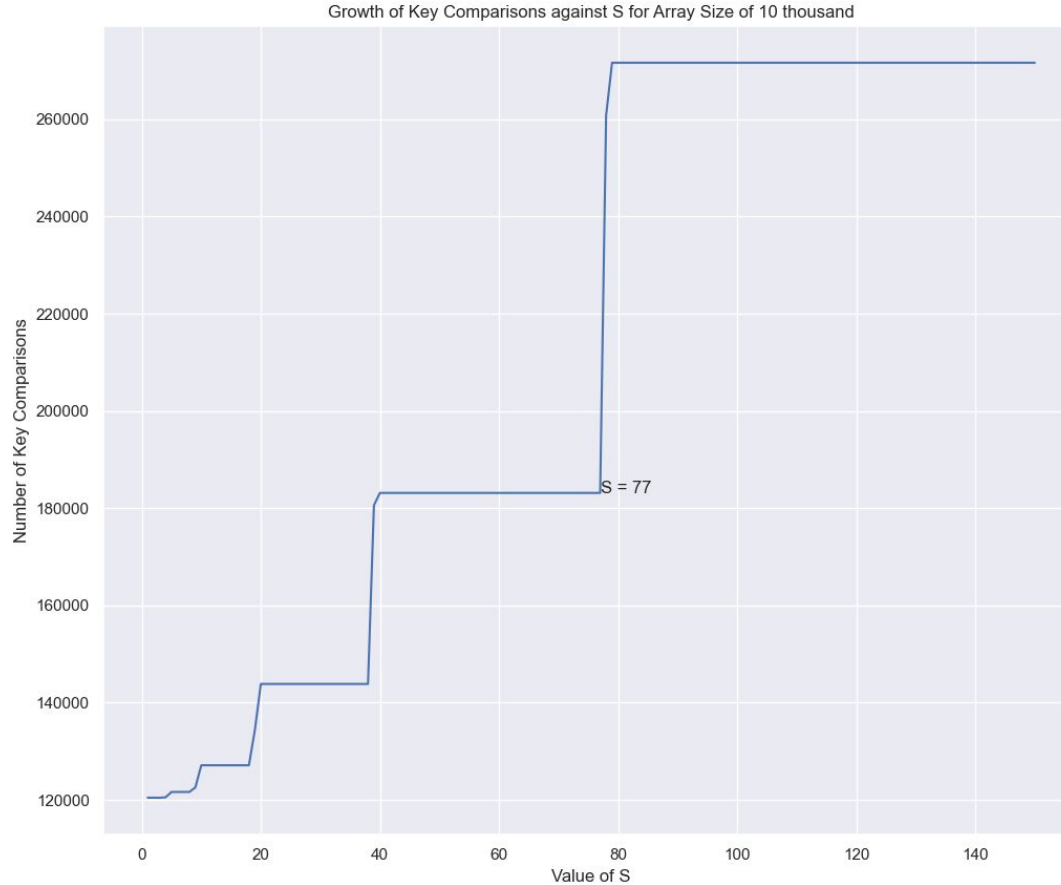
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$S = 61$
 $\min(S) = 61$



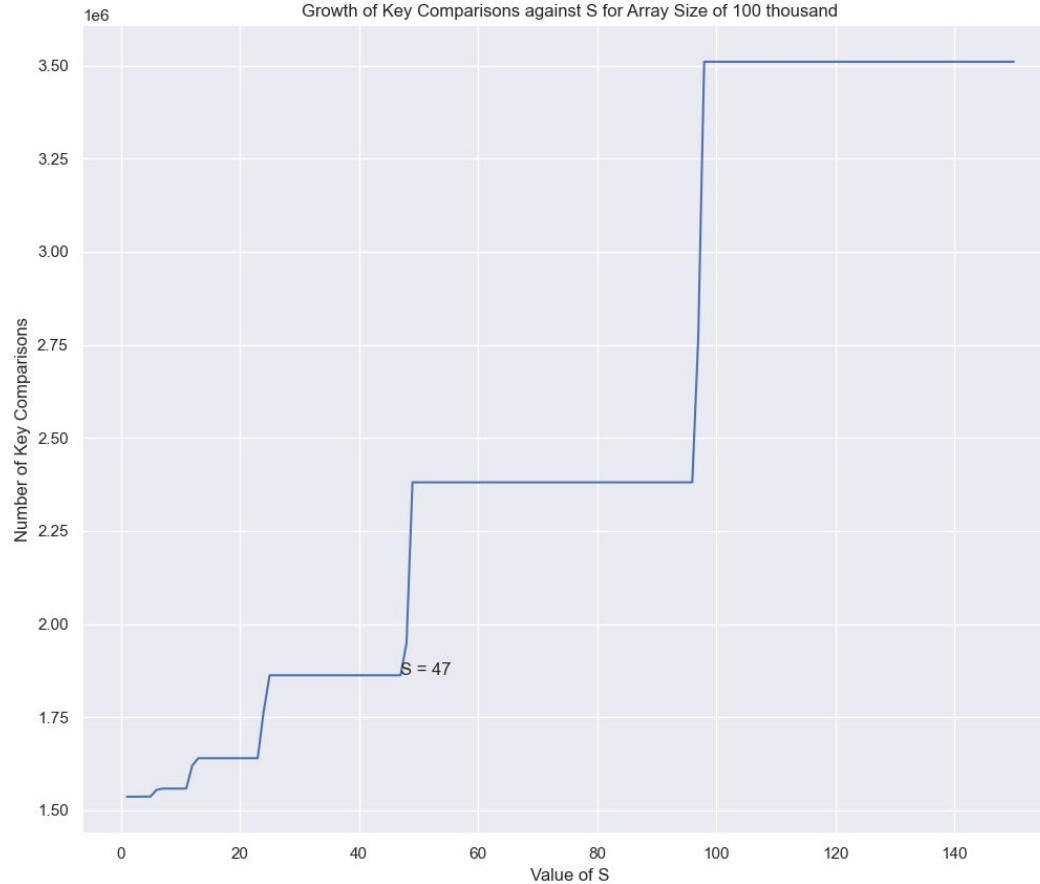
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$S = 77$
 $\min(S) = 61$



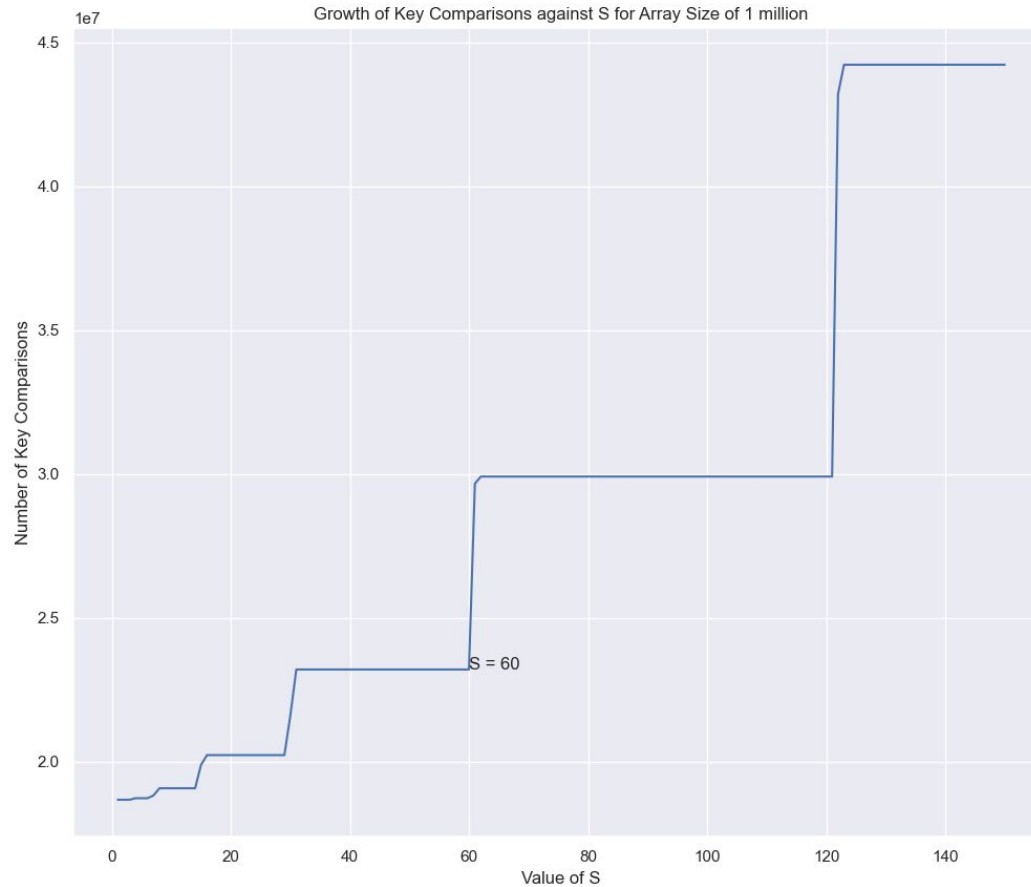
(c) iii. Finding Optimal $S = k$



$S = 47$
 $\min(S) = 47$



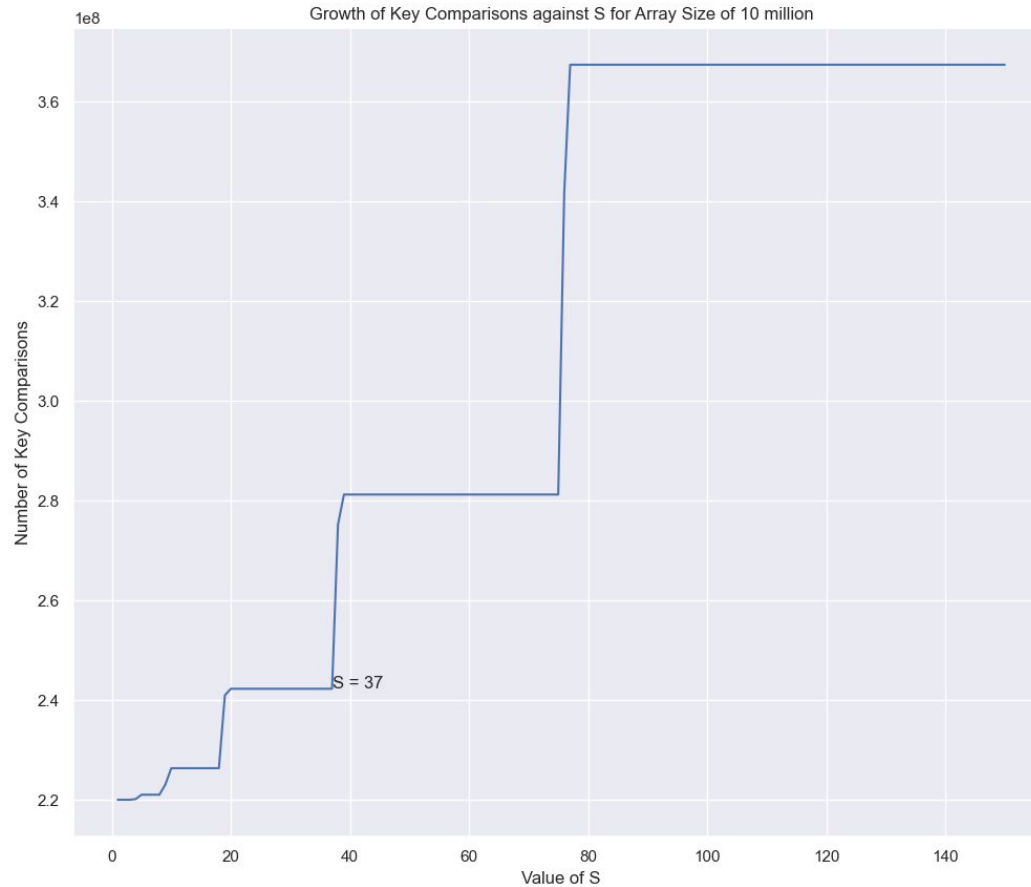
(c) iii. Finding Optimal $S = k$



$S = 60$
 $\min(S) = 47$



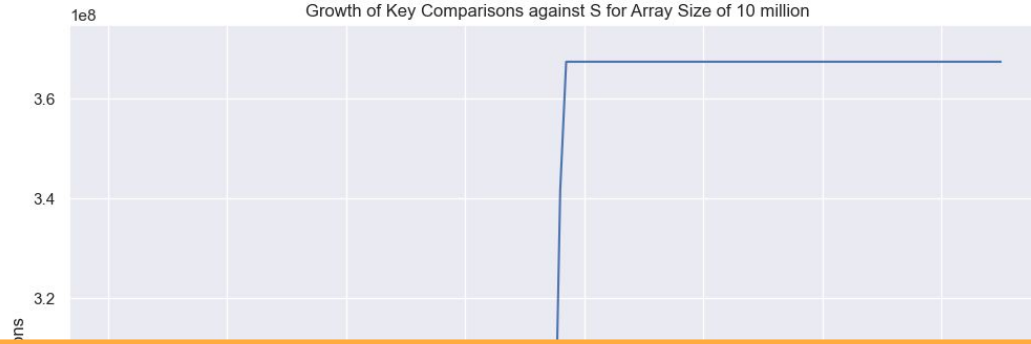
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$S = 37$
 $\min(S) = 37$

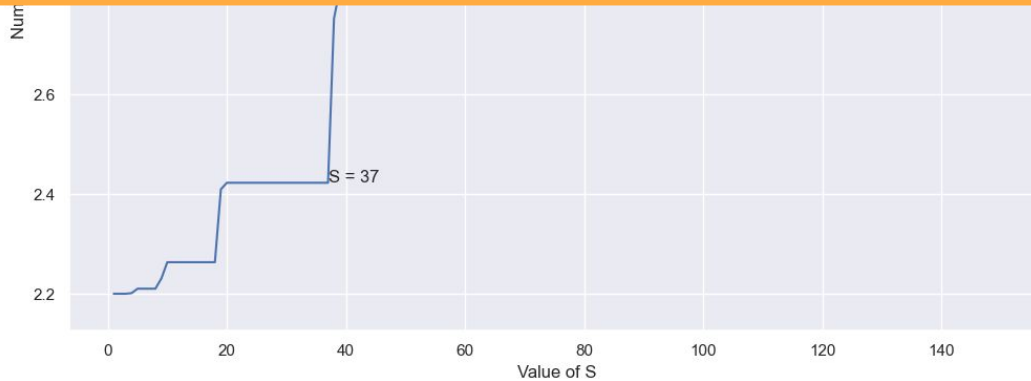


(c) iii. Finding Optimal $S = k$



Why not choose **earlier values**?
Is **key comparison** the best gauge?

$S = 37$
 $\min(S) = 37$



(c) iii. Finding Optimal $S = k$



Runtime gives the best representation



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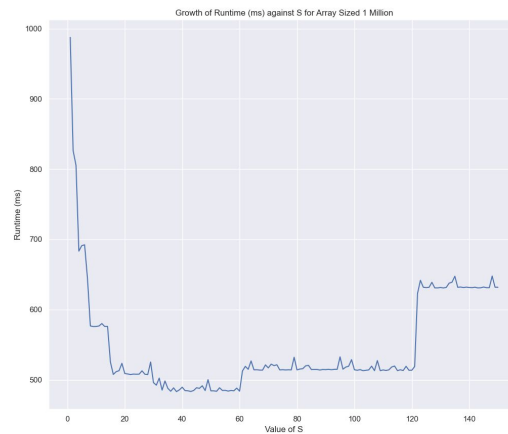
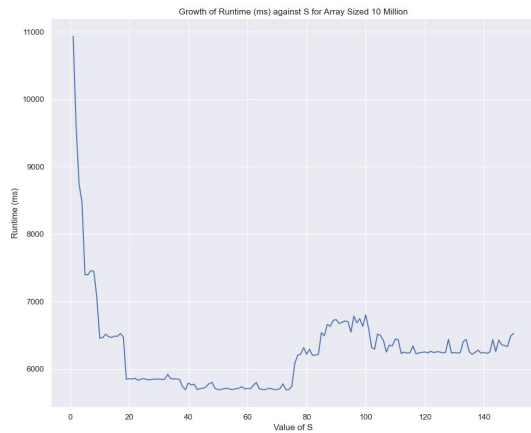
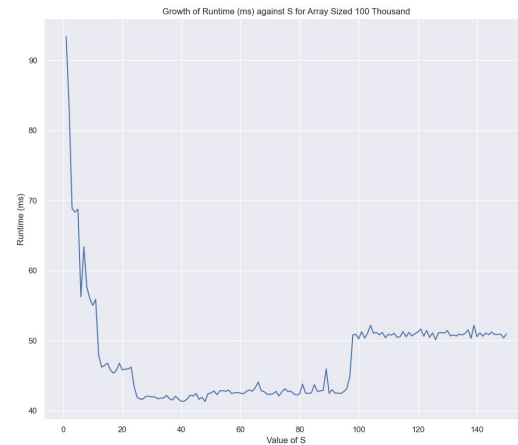
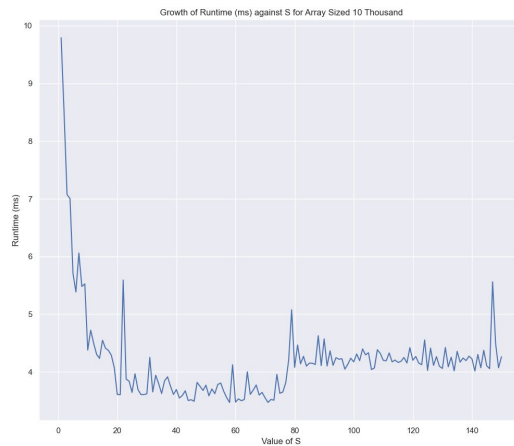
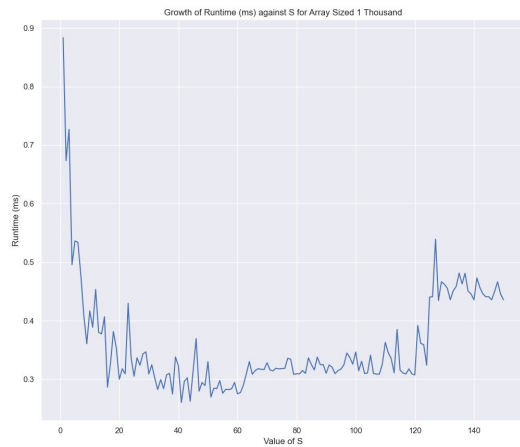
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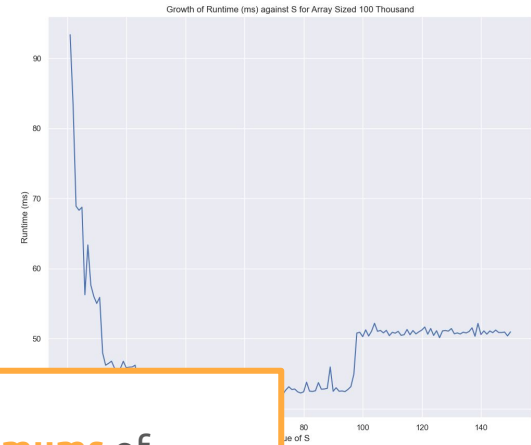
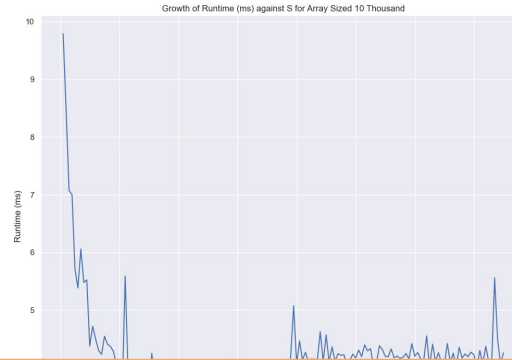
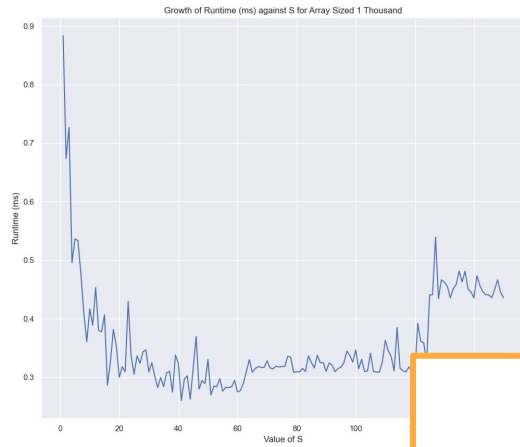
S must be sufficiently large
before time saving



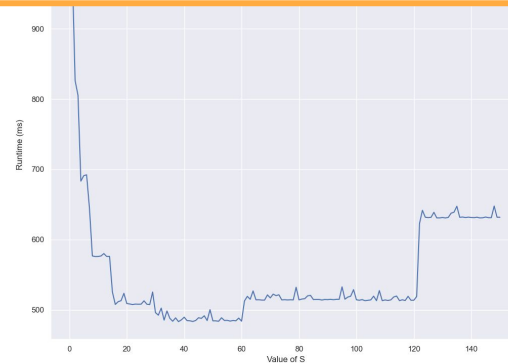
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Find the minimum of the set of **local minimums** of each of the graph and we get **$S = 60$**



(c) iii. Finding Optimal $S = k$

	ArraySize	S	TotalKeyCmp	KeyCmpInsertionSort	Runtime
0	1000	37	13395	8456	0.3275
1	1000	60	13395	8456	0.3312
2	10000	37	143844	54826	3.9552
3	10000	60	183142	103648	3.7200
4	100000	37	1862508	670504	42.0865
5	100000	60	2380698	1284737	42.9996
6	1000000	37	23201902	8266274	486.0120
7	1000000	60	23201902	8266274	487.0390
8	10000000	37	242332523	53347890	5981.0200
9	10000000	60	281253476	101769647	5937.8500

60 has similar
runtime



(d) Compare Hybrid Algorithm to Merge Sort

Set $k = S = 0$ gives merge sort

	ArraySize	S	TotalKeyCmp	KeyCmpInsertionSort	Runtime
0	10000000	60	281253476	101769647	5851.06
1	10000000	0	220097824	0	11886.70

```
1  if (r - p + 1 <= k) {  
2      insertionSort(p, r);  
3      return;  
4  }
```

Despite having about **28%** more key comparisons,
the hybrid algorithm is about **101% faster**



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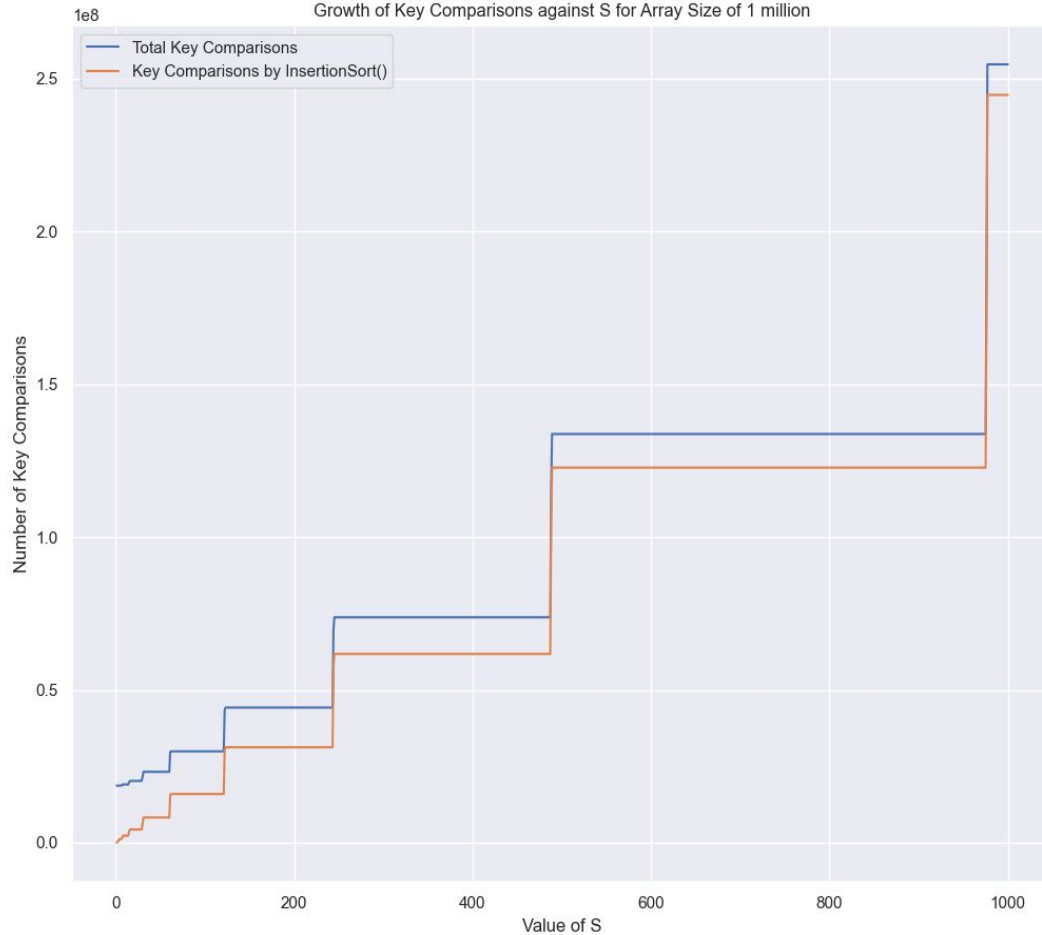
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```

Number of key comparisons is **only an estimate**
The runtime depends on the various **overheads**



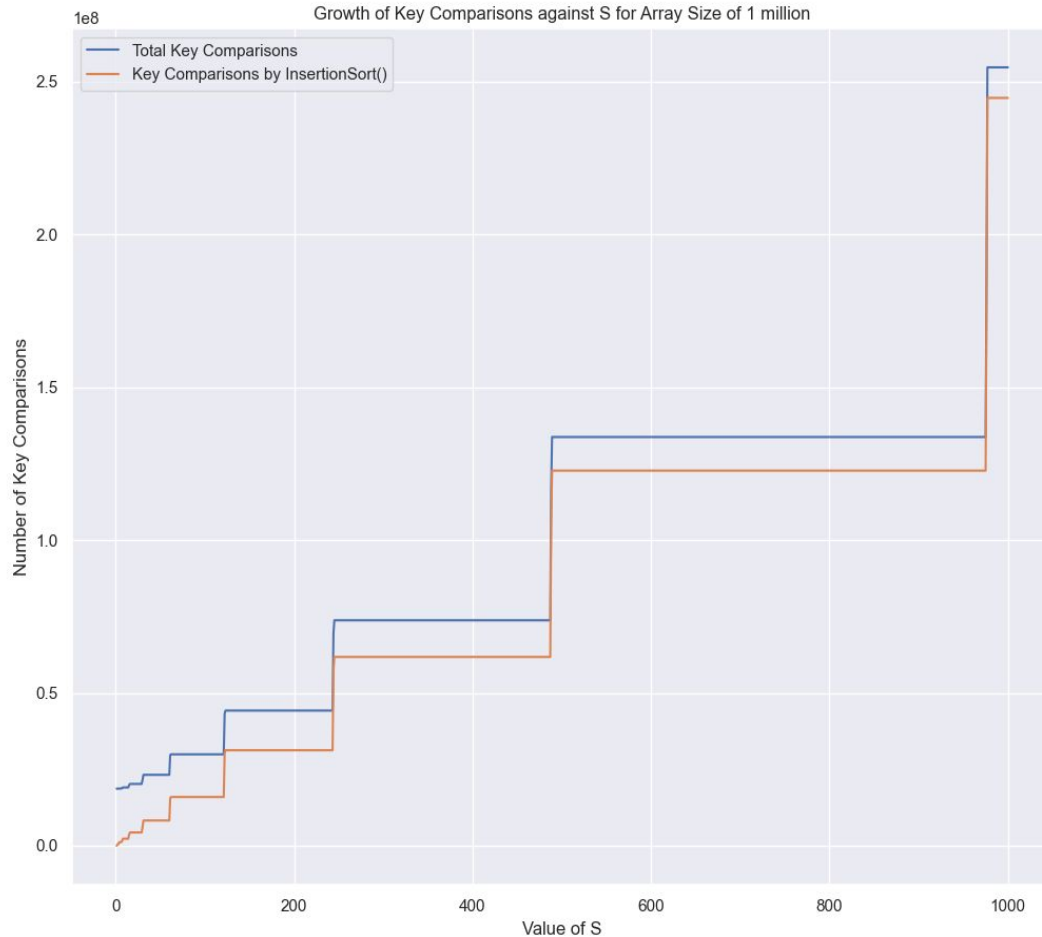
(c) ii. Fix $n = 1,000,000$ (revisited)



Back to this..



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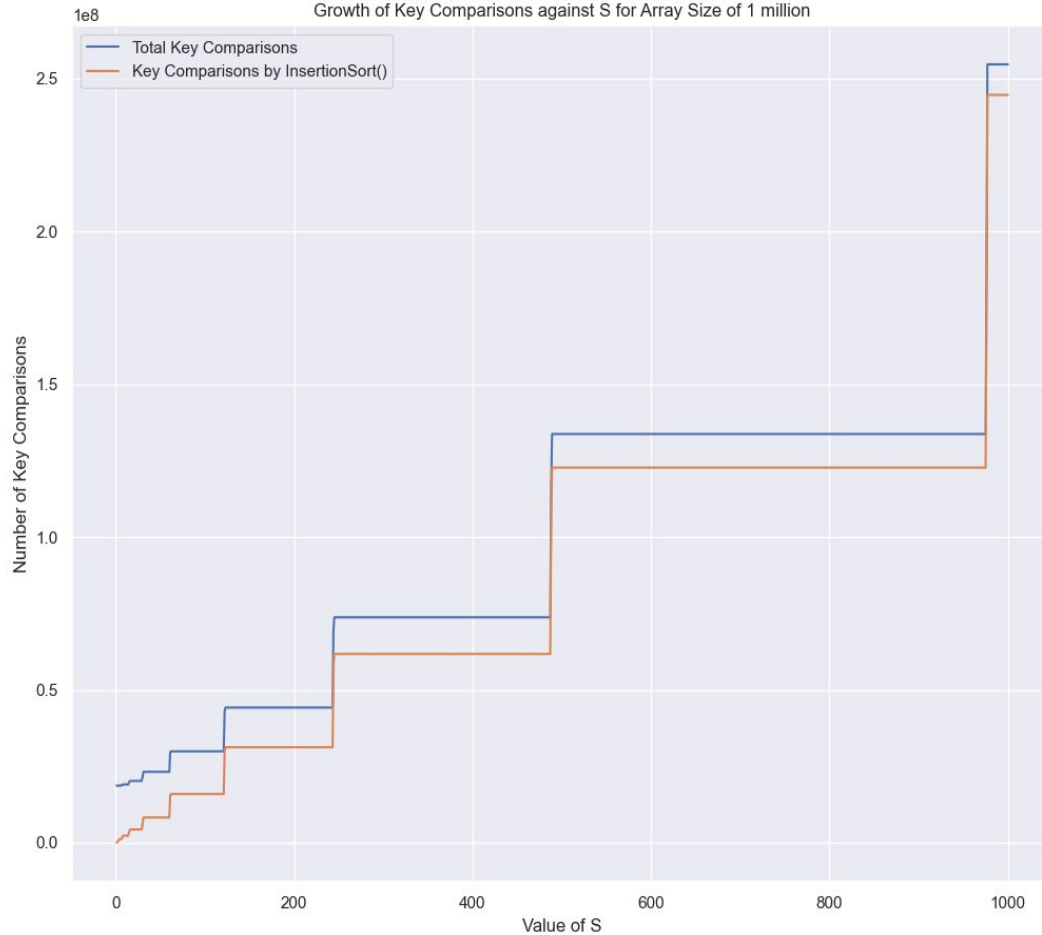
Intuition 1:

Before a certain threshold, **S is too small** such that runtime is slower

Key comparisons also happened to be lowest for small S



(c) ii. Fix $n = 1,000,000$ (revisited)

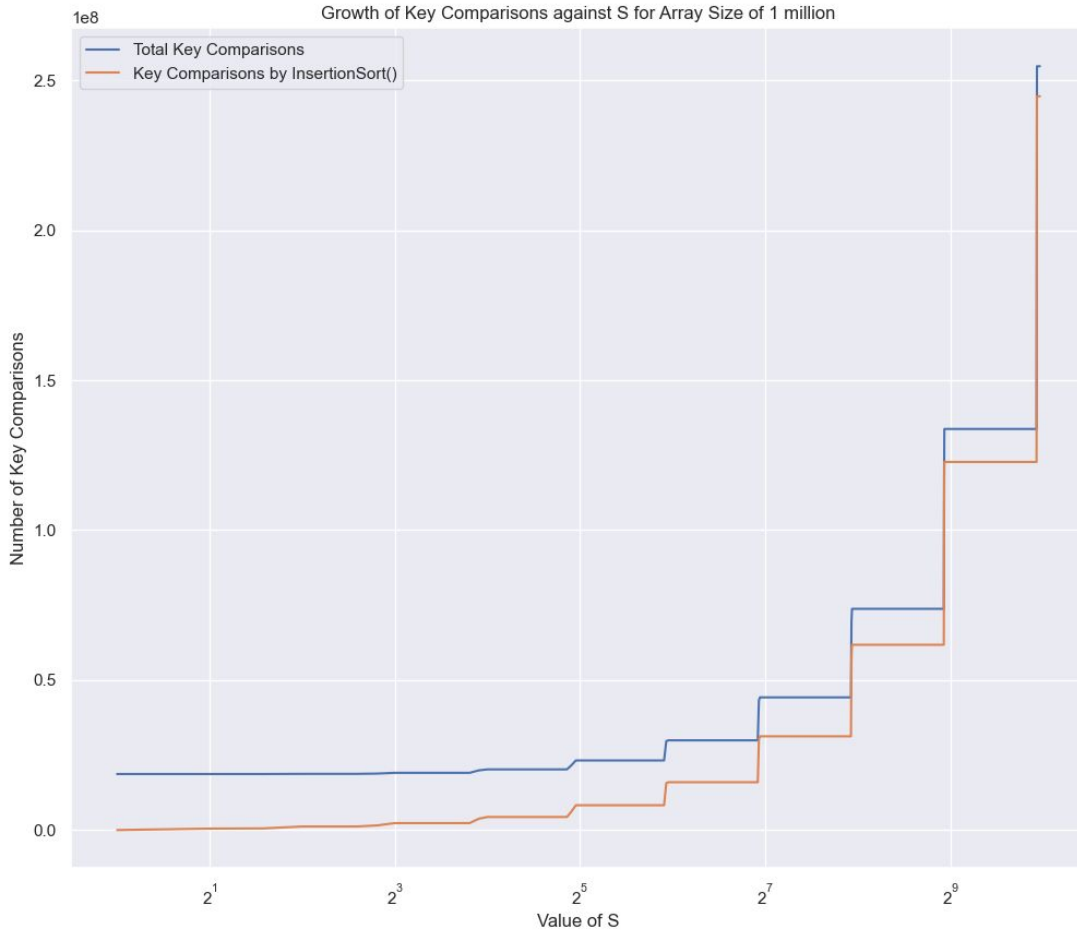


Intuition 2:

Square form



(c) ii. Fix $n = 1,000,000$ (revisited)



What happens if we adjust the scale?



- When $S \leq 1$, the key comparisons are **completely done by Merge Sort (slower than hybrid)**
- When $S == \text{Size of Array}$, the key comparisons are completely done by **Insertion Sort**
- The number of key comparisons made by pure merge sort will be the **minimum** number of comparisons **(local min)**
- The number of key comparisons made by pure insertion sort will be the **maximum** number of comparisons **(local max)**

$$\text{HybridSort}(n, k) = \Theta\left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k}\right)$$

$$k(n) \in O(\log n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta\left(kn + n \log \frac{n}{k}\right) &= \Theta(kn + n \log n - n \log k) \\ &= \Theta(n \log n + n \log n - n \log(\log n)) \\ &= O(n \log n)\end{aligned}$$



- When $S \leq \text{threshold}$, most of the sorting is still done by the slower merge sort, resulting **slower run time despite lower key comparison**
- As S increases, **more** key comparisons is done using **insertion sort**, and **less** key comparisons is needed from **merge sort** because the increasingly longer sublists are already sorted
- This leads to **increase in total key comparisons** overtime because growth in key comparisons in insertion sort is $O(n^2/2)$
- The way we write the **code for key comparison** is such that comparison **terminates when either array is empty**, and this explains the period of **constants and peaks**
- Additionally, previous graphs used a **linear scale** for S , which makes it more difficult to see a clear relationship

