Results for the tinyArray

insert 50.918 µs faster append 125.782 µs slower

Results for the smallArray

insert 131.657 µs faster append 157.196 µs slower

Results for the mediumArray

insert 244.899 µs slower append 237.767 µs faster

Results for the largeArray

insert 8.979442 ms slower append 899.687 µs faster

extraLargeArray results:

Results for the extraLargeArray

insert 1.539624875 s slower append 36.259314 ms -> 0.036 s faster

While the input of each function is relatively small it is more advantageous to use the .insert method for arrays, but as we scale up the size of the arrays the runtime starts shifting in favor of using the .append() method instead of .insert(). You can tell append scales better by the runtimes we see in the above example, the larger the array the more advantageous to use .append. The insert method results in a slower time as the arrays increase because the computer has to shift every single value in the array to the right and change the memory of the value's index position when it inserts a new value to the very front of the array. .append simply adds the new value to the end of the array which only requires recording one new index value.