CS251 Project 1: Percolation Analysis

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In terms of execution time, the WeightedQuickUnionUF run time was substantially faster than QuickFindUF. The estimates of p* varied much more in the tests when the grid size was smaller. This makes sense because as the size of N increases, then the probability of getting a quick successful percolation decreases. For example, to get a lucky percolation on a grid size of 4x4, you only need 4 lucky random spots to be filled. But in a grid size of 100x100, you would need 100 lucky random spots to be selected to get a quick percolation. As the N size got very large, then the correct estimate of p* became more accurate.

The following two graphs show plots of Mean Run Time vs. N and Mean P * vs. N. The red line (slow) denotes the QuickFindUF algorithm and the blue line (fast) denotes the WeightedQuickUnionUF algorithm.



