

Program Structures and Algorithms Spring 2023(SEC- 3)

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Task:

Our task at hand is to run the benchmarks for merge sort, (dual-pivot) quick sort, and heap sort. You will sort randomly generated arrays of between 10,000 and 256,000 elements (doubling the size each time).

Code Snippets :

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67 // FIXME : implement merge sort with insurance and no-copy optimizations
68 final int n = to - from;
69 int mid = from + n / 2;
70 if (!noCopy) {
71     sort(a:aux, from, to:mid);
72     sort(a:aux, from:mid, to);
73 }
74 else {
75     sort(a, from, to:mid);
76     sort(a, from:mid, to);
77     System.arraycopy(src:a, srcPos:from, dest:aux, destPos:from, length:n);
78     getHelper().incrementCopies(n);
79     getHelper().incrementHits(2 * n);
80 }
81
82 merge(sorted:aux, result:a, from, mid, to);
83 // END
84 }
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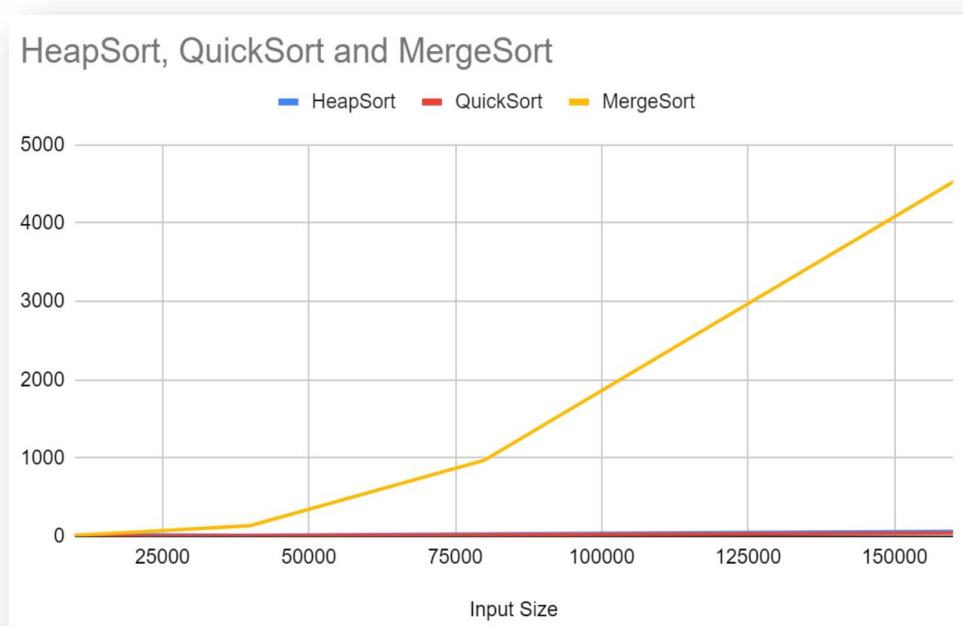
Test Cases:

✓ MergeSortTest (edu.neu.coe.info6205.sort) 343 ms	C:\Users\snvni\jdk\openjdk-19\bin\java.exe ...
✓ testSort11_partialsorted 134 ms	Instrumenting helper for insertion sort with 128 e
✓ testSort9_partialsorted 78 ms	partial sorted average time partialsorted_Cutoff +
✓ testSort1 0 ms	Instrumenting helper for insertion sort with 128 e
✓ testSort2 8 ms	partial sorted average time partialsorted_Cutoff +
✓ testSort3 2 ms	Instrumenting helper for merge sort with 128 eleme
✓ testSort4 19 ms	StatPack {hits: 1,790, normalized=2.882; copies: 6
✓ testSort5 15 ms	Compares751
✓ testSort6 13 ms	Worst Compares769
✓ testSort7 14 ms	Instrumenting helper for insertion sort with 128 e
✓ testSort10_partialsorted 28 ms	Instrumenting helper for merge sort with 128 eleme
✓ testSort8_partialsorted 27 ms	StatPack {hits: 1,792, normalized=2.885; copies: 8
✓ testSort12 2 ms	Instrumenting helper for insertion sort with 128 e
✓ testSort13 2 ms	average time random_CutOff: 17158
✓ testSort14 1 ms	Instrumenting helper for insertion sort with 128 e
✓ testSort1a 0 ms	

Observations: Here is the table for timings for three different types of sorts.

1)Time

	Heap Sort	QuickSort	MergeSort
Element Size	Raw times per Run(ms)		
10000	4.5	1.77	14.02
20000	17.52	3.5	53.35
40000	12.39	7.69	136.23
80000	28.37	17.9	970.76
160000	64.51	39.59	4523.79

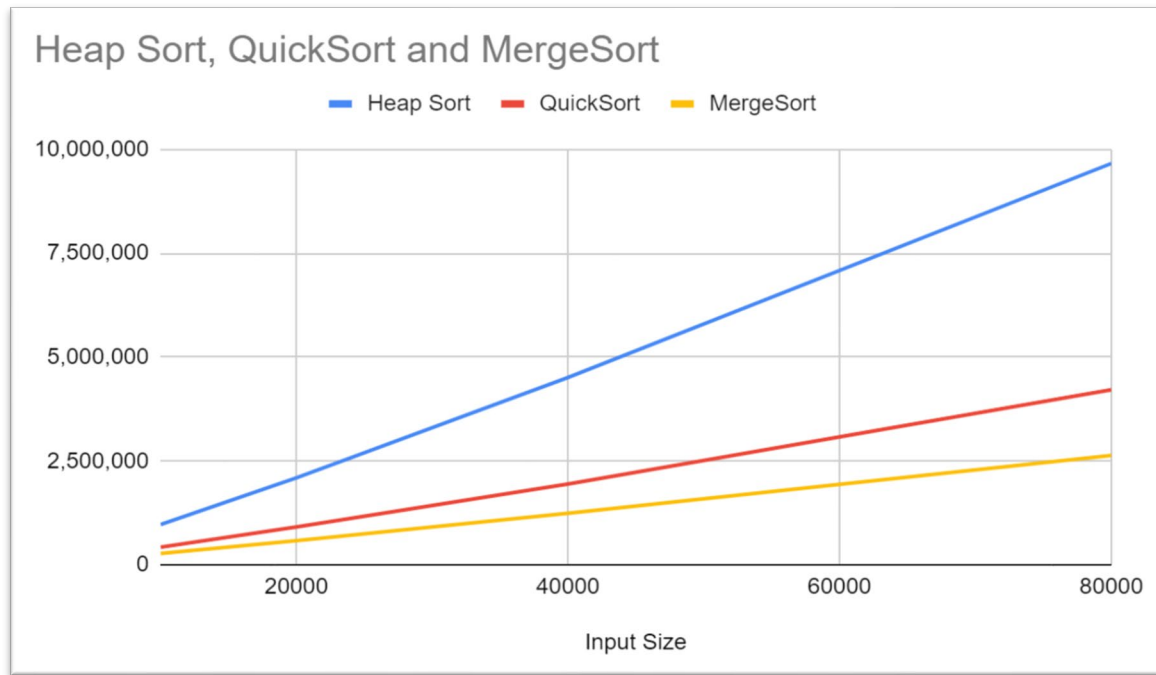


This is a plot between the raw times of three sorts, this shows for this input merge sort shows significantly increasing trend.

2)Hits

Tabulation and respective plot

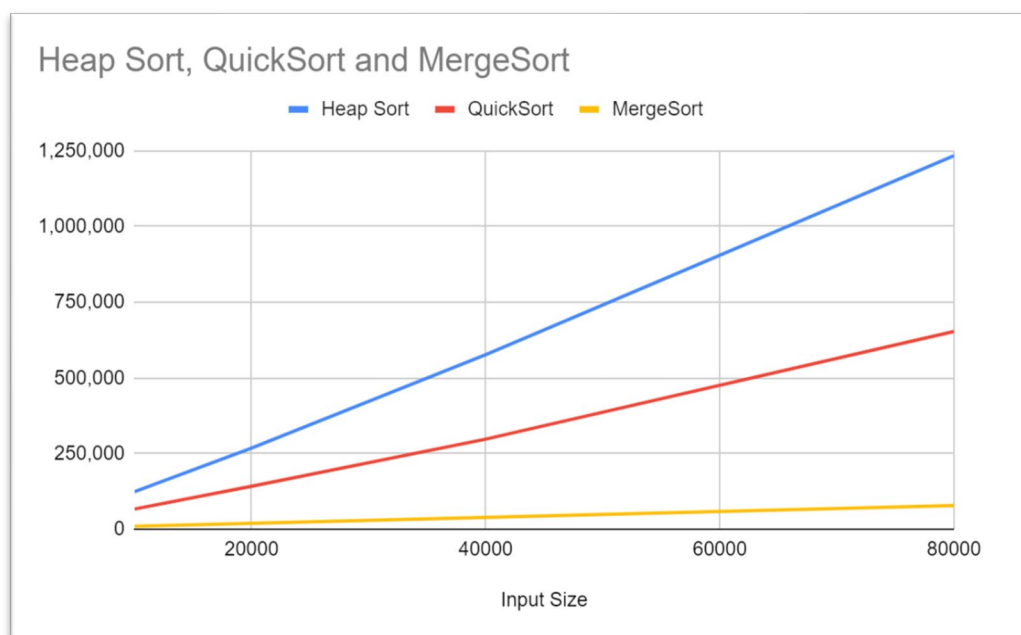
Heap Sort	QuickSort	MergeSort
967,605	424,015	269,800
2,095,089	911,683	579,560
4,510,208	1,947,159	1,239,120
9,660,179	4,217,397	2,638,175



3) Swaps

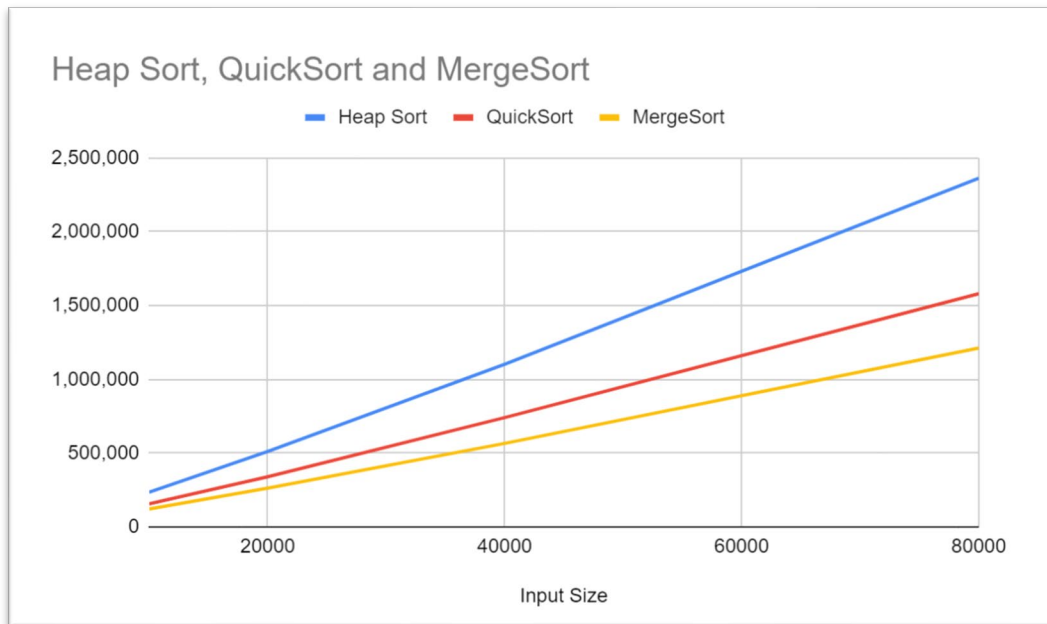
Tabulation and respective plot

Heap Sort	QuickSort	MergeSort
124,211	66,518	9,764
268,403	141,674	19,517
576,805	297,626	39,033
1,233,562	653,733	78,047



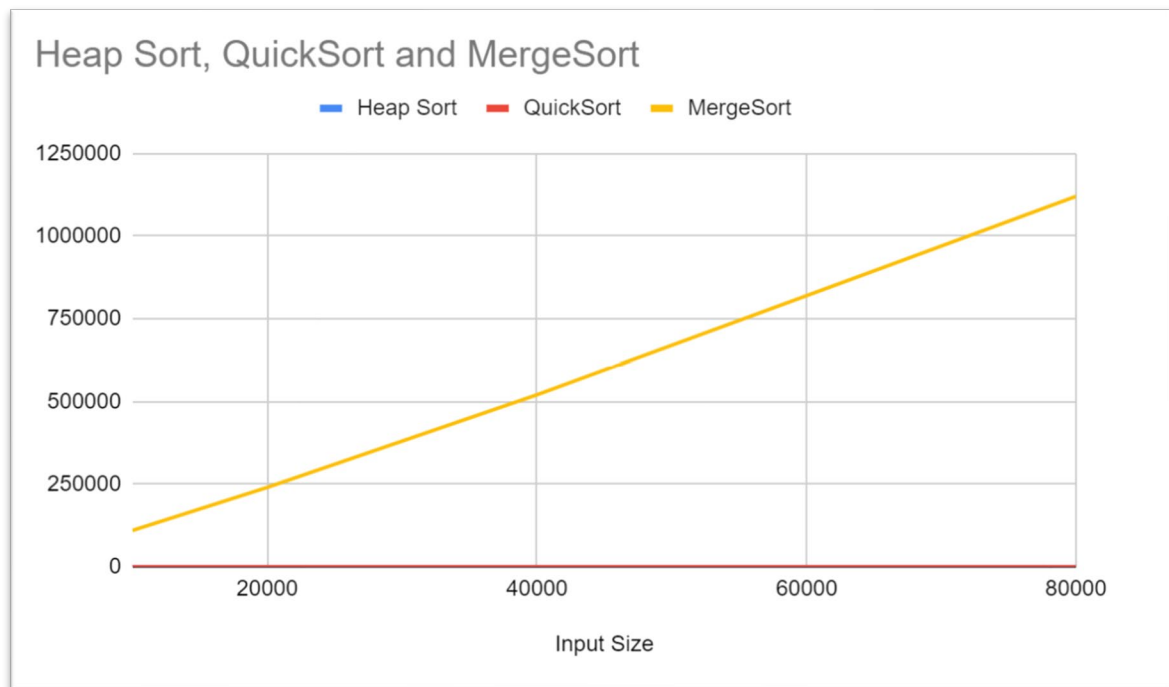
4)Compares

Heap Sort	QuickSort	MergeSort
235,380	156,168	121,510
510,740	339,892	263,004
1,101,494	740,781	566,015
2,362,965	1,580,634	1,212,040



5)Copies

Heap Sort	QuickSort	MergeSort
0	0	110,000
0	0	240,000
0	0	520,000
0	0	1,120,000



Conclusion :

When evaluating the efficiency of sorting algorithms, the number of array hits resulting from operations such as compares, copies, and swaps can be used as a neutral way to determine which algorithm performs better. A larger number of hits implies poorer performance. However, if the operations differ in duration, the one that takes less time and involves fewer parameters is a better predictor of the algorithm's completion time. Swaps are more expensive than copies, which makes copy operations less costly.

However, comparing copies and comparisons is not always straightforward, as the cost of comparisons can vary depending on the hardware. In terms of determining which algorithm performs worse, the one with the most swaps has the worst performance, followed by copy and comparison operations.

If no other metrics are available, a general number of hits can be used to determine the algorithm's performance, with the highest number indicating the worst performance. Merge sort has been observed to have the best performance, followed by quicksort and heapsort.