

Assignment 6

In this assignment, your task is to determine--for sorting algorithms--what is the best predictor of total execution time: comparisons, swaps/copies, hits (array accesses), or something else.

You will 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). If you use the SortBenchmark, as I expect, the number of runs is chosen for you. So, you can ignore the instructions about setting the number of runs.

For each experiment (a sort method of a given size), you will run it twice: once for the instrumentation, once (without instrumentation) for the timing.

Of course, you will be using the Benchmark and/or Timer classes, as you did in a previous assignment.

You must support your (clearly stated) conclusions with evidence from the benchmarks (you should provide log/log charts and spreadsheets typically).

All of the code to count comparisons, swaps/copies, and hits, is already implemented in the InstrumentedHelper class. You can see examples of the usage of this kind of analysis in:

```
src/main/java/edu/neu/coe/info6205/util/SorterBenchmark.java
src/test/java/edu/neu/coe/info6205/sort/linearithmic/MergeSortTest.java
src/test/java/edu/neu/coe/info6205/sort/linearithmic/QuickSortDualPivotTest.java
src/test/java/edu/neu/coe/info6205/sort/elementary/HeapSortTest.java (you will have to refresh
your repository for HeapSort).
```

The configuration for these benchmarks is determined by the config.ini file. It should be reasonably easy to figure out how it all works. The config.ini file should look something like this:

```
[sortbenchmark]
```

```
version = 1.0.0 (sortbenchmark)
```

```
[helper] instrument = true seed = 0
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```
cutoff =
```

```
[instrumenting]
```

```
# The options in this section apply only if instrument (in [helper]) is set to true. swaps = true
```

```
compares = true
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```
copies = true
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fixes = false

hits = true

This slows everything down a lot so keep this small (or zero) inversions = 0

[benchmarkstringsorters]

words = 1000 # currently ignored runs = 20 # currently ignored mergesort = true

timsort = false

quicksort = false

introsort = false

insertionsort = false

bubblesort = false

quicksort3way = false quicksortDualPivot = true randomsort = false

[benchmarkdatesorters] timsort = false

n = 100000

[mergesort] insurance = false nocopy = true

[shellsort] n = 100000

[operationsbenchmark] nlargest = 10000000 repetitions = 10

There is no config.ini entry for heapsort. You will have to work that one out for yourself. The number of runs is actually determined by the problem sizes using a fixed formula.

One more thing: the sizes of the experiments are actually defined in the command line (if you are running in IntelliJ/IDEA then, under Edit Configurations for the SortBenchmark, enter 10000 20000 etc. in the box just above CLI arguments to your application).

You will also need to edit the SortBenchmark class. Insert the following lines before the introsort section:

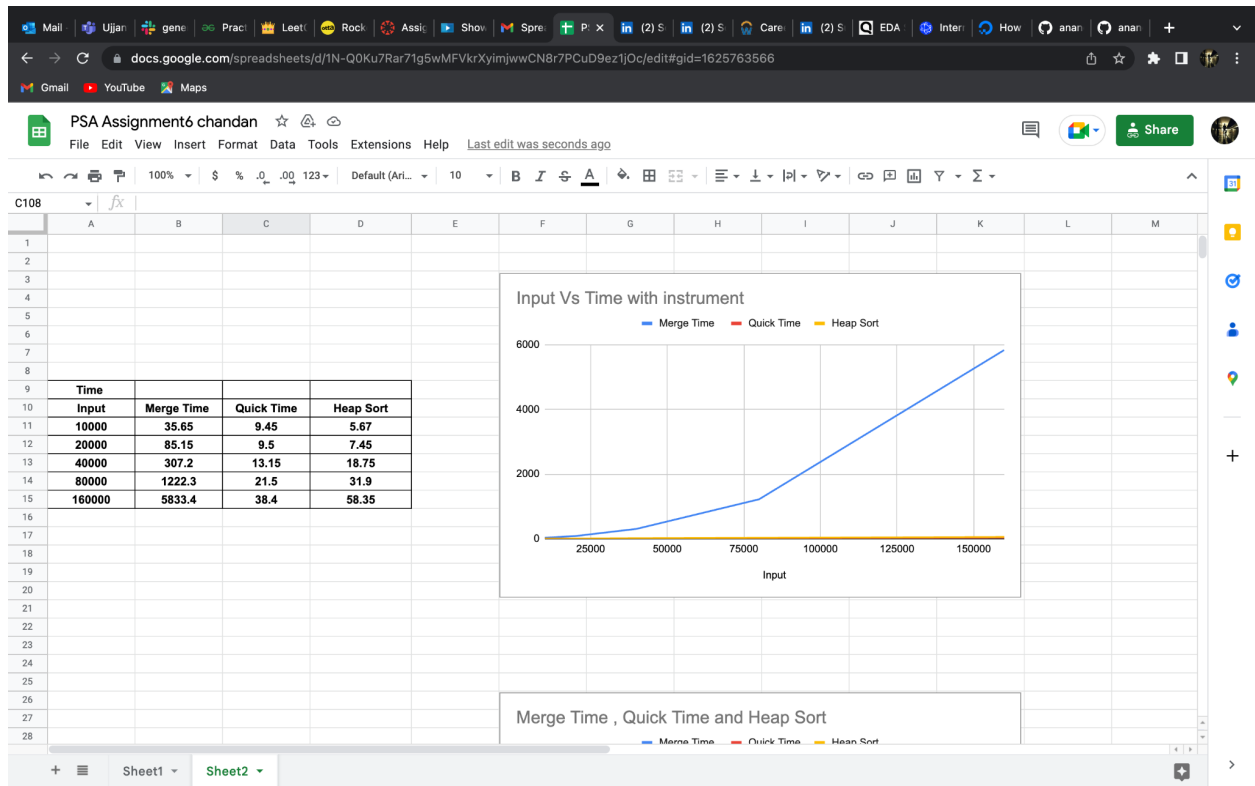
```
f (isConfigBenchmarkStringSorter("heapsort")) {  
  
    Helper<String> helper = HelperFactory.create("Heapsort", nWords, config);  
    runStringSortBenchmark(words, nWords, nRuns, new HeapSort<>(helper),  
  
  
    timeLoggersLinearithmic);  
  
}
```

Then you can add the following extra line into the config.ini file (again, before the introsort line (which is 25 for me):

```
heapsort = true
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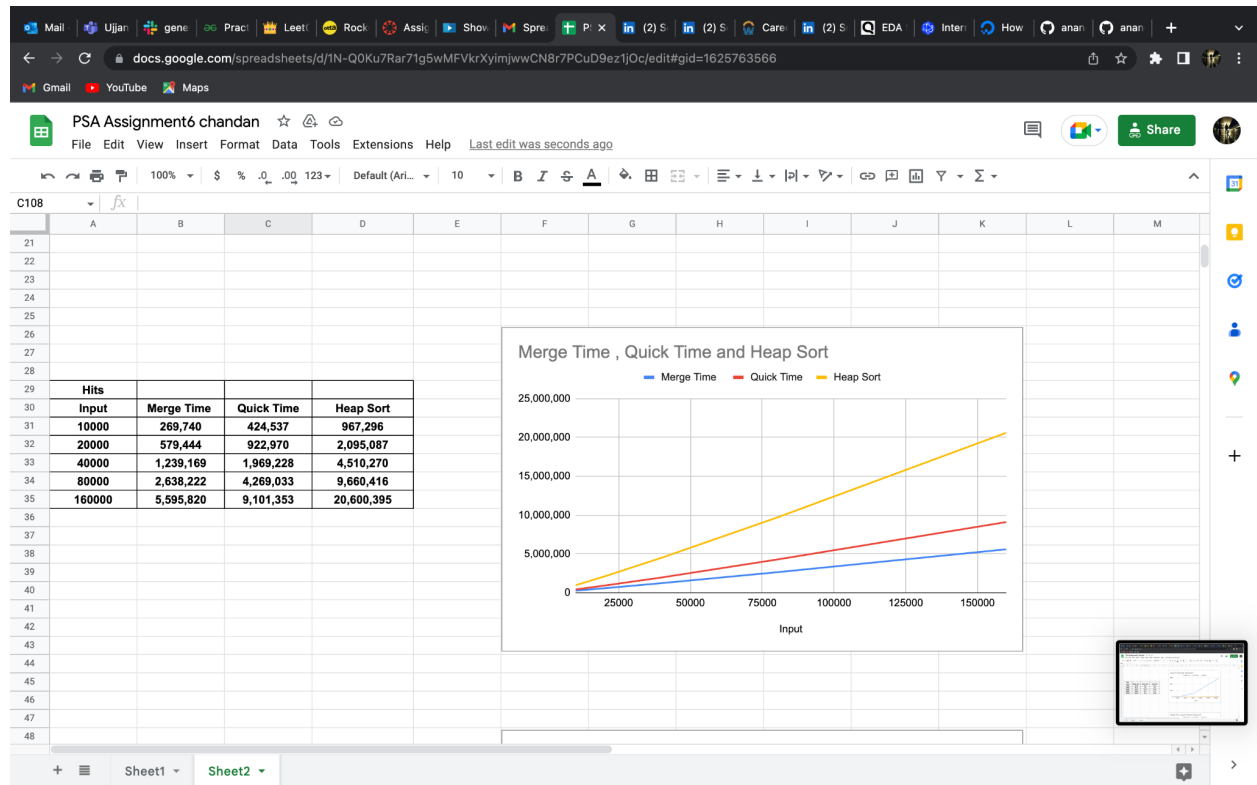
Remember that your job is to determine the best predictor: that will mean the graph of the appropriate observation will match the graph of the timings most closely.

Time taken for merge sort, quick dual pivot and heap sort with instruments



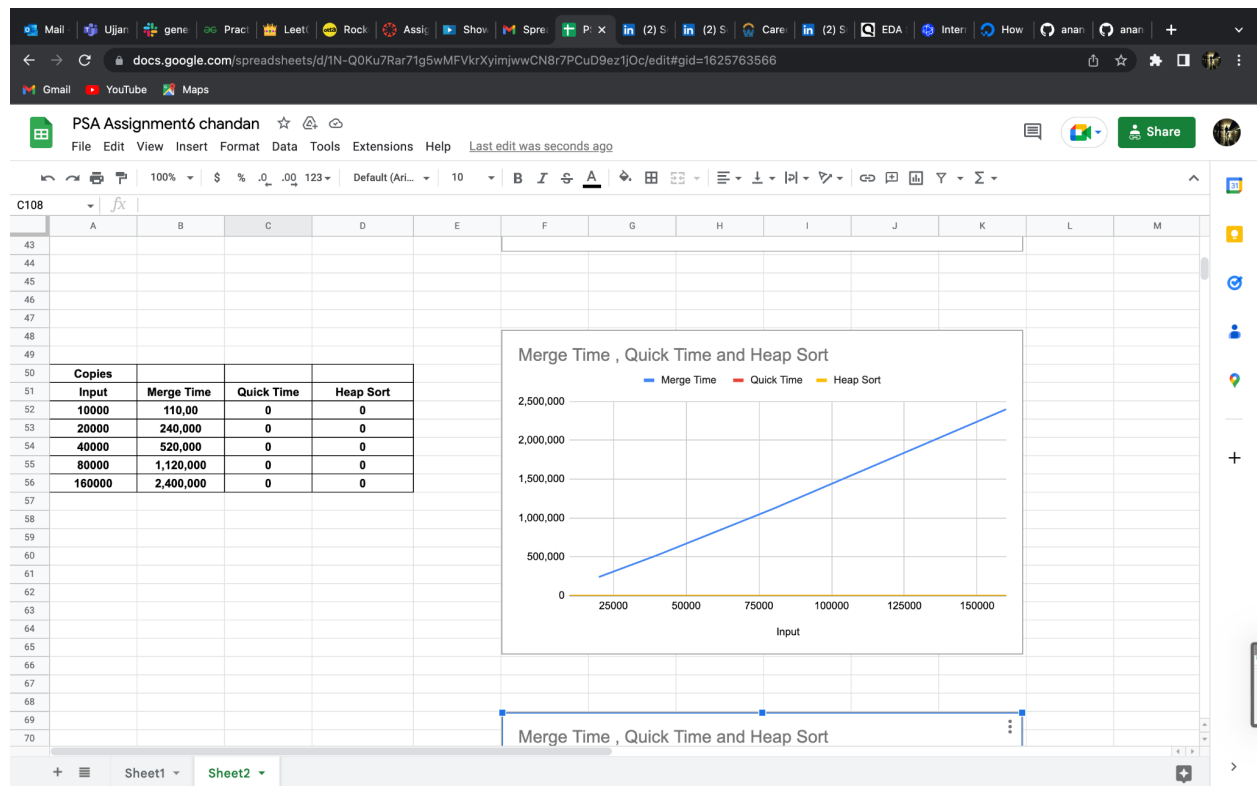
From the above graph we can conclude that the time taken for merge sort is more compared to the quick and heap sort. But the heap sort is better than the quick sort in terms of the timing is concerned.

Hits taken by merge sort, quick dual pivot and heap sort with instruments



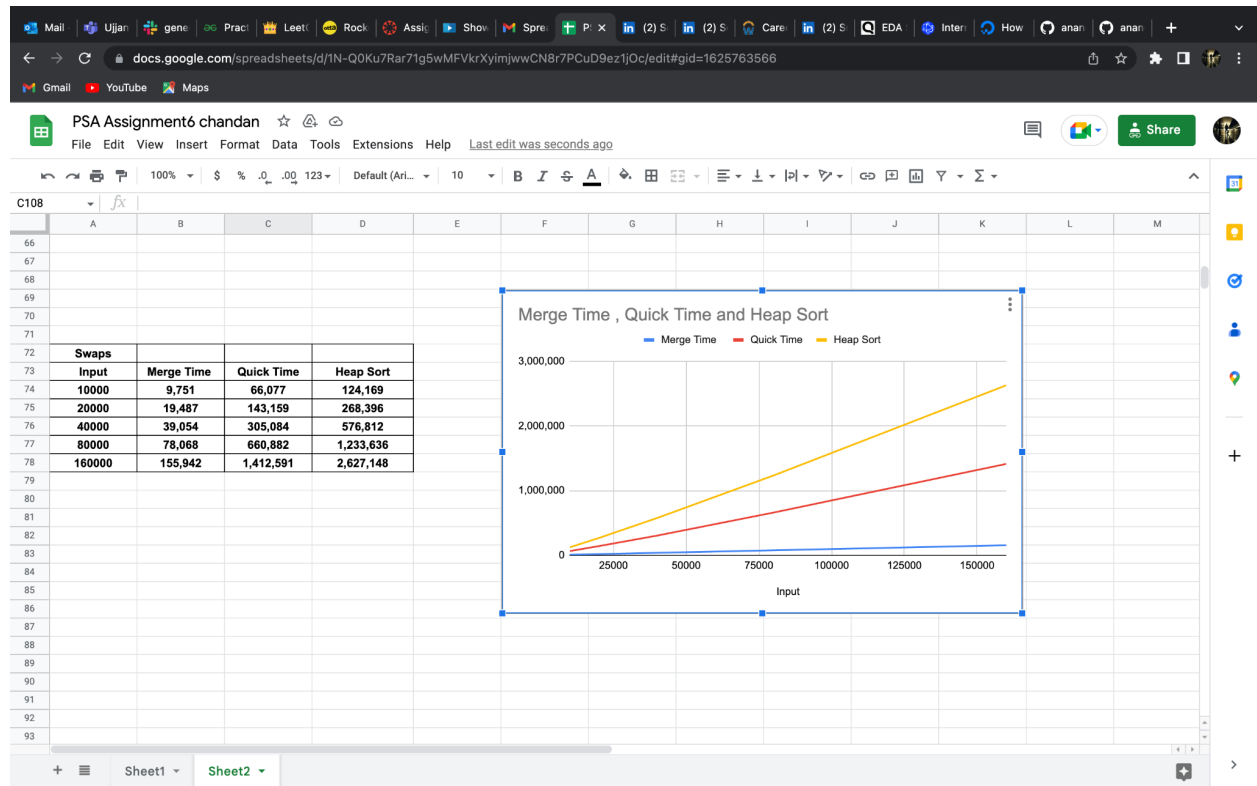
The number of hits taken by heap sort is more compared to merge and quick sort. But the quick sort is a bit higher compared to the merge sort in terms of the hit.

Copies taken by merge sort, quick dual pivot and heap sort with instruments



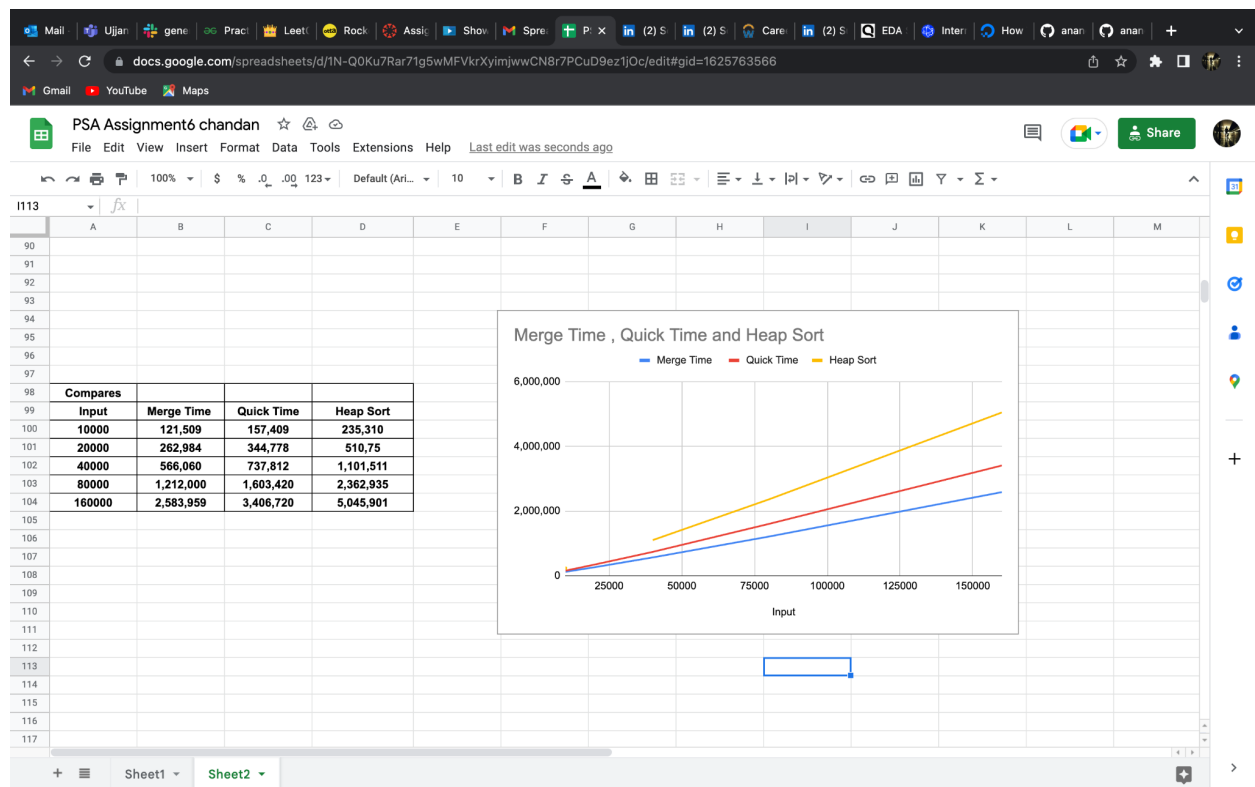
The quick and merge sort will not use the copy function and therefore the a duplicate copy is used by the merge sort so there merge sort has high number of copies compare to heap and quick sort.

Swaps taken by merge sort, quick dual pivot and heap sort with instruments



The number of swaps is more in heap sorts compared to quick sort and merge sort therefore the quick sort take more number of swaps compared to merge sort.

Compares taken by merge sort, quick dual pivot and heap sort with instruments



The number of compares with heap sort is more compared to merge and quick sort, but compared to quick sort merge sort takes less number of compares than quick sort.

Summary

From the above swaps, compares, copies, hits we can say swap, compares and copies to work the hits are included therefore hits will be a neutral way to determine the value of time. Therefore the higher the number of hits taken by the algorithms indicates that the poor performance of the algorithm so hits might be a best way to predictor of time

Second where we compare swaps, compares, copies where the swaps are more costly than compares. And where as the copies takes 2 hits and the number of hits for swaps is 4 therefore higher the number of swaps poorer the performance of the algorithm therefore the swaps can be compared that with hits. The one with the highest number of hits would indicate the worst performance.