**COMP1927 Sort Detective Lab Report**

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In this lab, the aim is to measure the performance of two sorting programs, without access to the code, and determine which sort algorithm each program implements.

**Experimental Design**

There are two aspects to our analysis:

* determine that the sort programs are actually correct
* measure their performance over a range of inputs

**Correctness Analysis**

To test correctness of each program, we will choose to use data generated by both the given “gen” program and our own sets of data, since the “gen” program only provides a unique set of keys.

Since

We chose these inputs because ...

**Performance Analysis**

In our performance analysis, we measured how each program's execution time varied as the size and initial sortedness of the input varied. We used the following kinds of input ...

We used these test cases because ...

Because of the way timing works on Unix/Linux, it was necessary to repeat the same test multiple times ...

We were able to use up to quite large test cases without storage overhead because (a) we had a data generator that could generate consistent inputs to be used for multiple test runs, (b) we had already demonstrated that the program worked correctly, so there was no need to check the output.

We also investigated the stability of the sorting programs by ...

We also investigated ... *any other relevant properties* ...

**Experimental Results**

**Correctness Experiments**

An example of a test case and the results of that test is ...

On all of our test cases, ...

**Performance Experiments**

For Program A, we observed that ...

These observations indicate that the algorithm underlying the program ... *has the following characteristics* ...

For Program B, we observed that ...

These observations indicate that the algorithm underlying the program ... *has the following characteristics* ...

**Conclusions**

On the basis of our experiments and our analysis above, we believe that

* ProgramA implements the *uvw* sorting algorithm
* ProgramB implements the *xyz* sorting algorithm

**Appendix**

*Any large tables of data that you want to present ...*