

ASSIGNMENT 1: ALGORITHM EFFICIENCY AND SORTING

Question 1.a:

Show that $f(n) = 8n^4 + 5n^3 + 7$ is $O(n^5)$ by specifying appropriate c and n_0 values in Big-O definition.

- $f(n)$ is $O(n^5)$ if $f(n) \leq c * n^5$ for some value $n_0 \leq n$.
- If $8n^4 + 5n^3 + 7 \leq c * n^5$ satisfies; then $\frac{8}{n} + \frac{5}{n^2} + \frac{7}{n^5} \leq c$.
- Therefore, choosing $n_0 = 4$ where $n_0 \leq n$ and choosing $c = 3$ holds for our big-Oh notation $8n^4 + 5n^3 + 7$ is $O(n^5)$.

Question 1.b:

Selection Sort:

There will be an index called lastSorted which will start at index -1. We will traverse the array and find the minimum element and swap it with the $(lastSorted + 1)^{th}$ element while updating lastSorted value. Sequence of traversals should stop when the lastSorted element equals to $(arraySize - 1)$.

Initial state of array:

{ 22, 8, 49, 25, 18, 30, 20, 15, 35, 27 }

lastSorted = -1;

1st traversal:

min = 8;

swap (22, 8);

{ 8, 22, 49, 25, 18, 30, 20, 15, 35, 27 }

lastSorted = 0;

2nd traversal:

min = 15;

swap (22, 15);

{ 8, 15, 49, 25, 18, 30, 20, 22, 35, 27 }

lastSorted = 1;

3rd traversal:

min = 18;

swap (49, 18);

{ 8, 15, 18, 25, 49, 30, 20, 22, 35, 27 }

lastSorted = 2;

4th traversal:

min = 20;

swap (25, 20);

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 25, 30, 49, 22, 35, 27 }

lastSorted = 3;

5th traversal:

min = 22;

swap (25, 22);

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 30, 49, 25, 35, 27 }

lastSorted = 4;

6th traversal:

min = 25;

swap (30, 25);

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 49, 30, 35, 27 }

lastSorted = 5;

7th traversal:

min = 27;

swap (49, 27);

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

lastSorted = 6;

8th traversal:

min = 30;

swap (30, 30); // no swap

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

lastSorted = 7;

9th traversal:

min = 35;

swap (35, 35); // no swap

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

lastSorted = 8;

10th traversal:

min = 35;

swap (35, 35); // no swap

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

lastSorted = 9;

(lastSorted == size – 1) is true; no more traversals.

Bubble Sort:

There will be a counter called pass, which counts the number of traversals in order to prevent redundant traversals, and two indexes called cur and next, which points to two successive indexes and traverses the array from 0 to (arraySize – pass). If the element sitting at the cur index is greater than the element at the next index, two elements are swapped. Whenever a traversal without any swap operation is performed, bubble sort algorithm stops.

Initial state of array:

{ 22, 8, 49, 25, 18, 30, 20, 15, 35, 27 }

pass = 1;

1st traversal:

swap (22, 8);

swap (49, 25);

swap (49, 18);

swap (49, 30);

swap (49, 20);

swap (49, 15);

swap (49, 35);

swap (49, 27);

{ 8, 22, 25, 18, 30, 20, 15, 35, 27, 49 }

pass = 2;

2nd traversal:

swap (25, 18);

swap (30, 20);

swap (30, 15);

swap (35, 27);

{ 8, 22, 18, 25, 20, 15, 30, 27, 35, 49 }

pass = 3;

3rd traversal:

swap (22, 18);

swap (25, 20);

swap (25, 15);

swap (30, 27);

{ 8, 18, 22, 20, 15, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

pass = 4;

4th traversal:

swap (22, 20);

swap (22, 15);

{ 8, 18, 20, 15, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

pass = 5;

5th traversal:

swap (20, 15);

{ 8, 18, 15, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

pass = 6;

6th traversal:

swap (18, 15);

{ 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 49 }

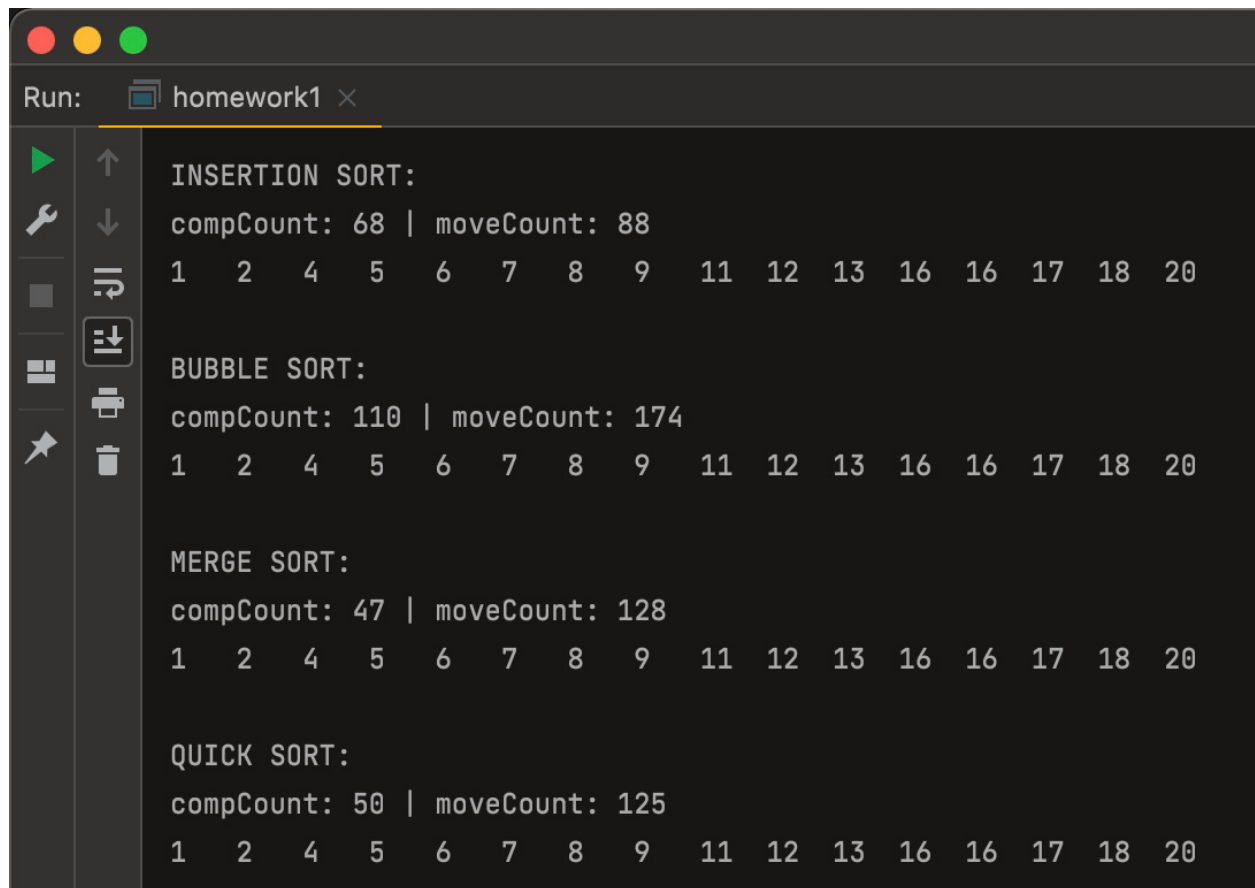
pass = 7;

7th traversal:

// no swaps

sorted = true;

Question 2.c:



A terminal window titled "Run: homework1" displays the results of four sorting algorithms. The window has a dark background and a sidebar with icons for running, debugging, and other functions. The output shows the number of comparisons and moves for each algorithm on a specific input array.

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Run: homework1 x

INSERTION SORT:
compCount: 68 | moveCount: 88
1  2  4  5  6  7  8  9  11 12 13 16 16 17 18 20

BUBBLE SORT:
compCount: 110 | moveCount: 174
1  2  4  5  6  7  8  9  11 12 13 16 16 17 18 20

MERGE SORT:
compCount: 47 | moveCount: 128
1  2  4  5  6  7  8  9  11 12 13 16 16 17 18 20

QUICK SORT:
compCount: 50 | moveCount: 125
1  2  4  5  6  7  8  9  11 12 13 16 16 17 18 20
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Question 2.d:

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Run: homework1 ×

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ANALYSIS OF INSERTION SORT

Random Arrays:
Array Size      Elapsed Time      compCount      moveCount
5000            19.472ms          6152786        6157796
10000           69.018ms          24794443       24804453
15000           154.631ms         55738423       55753433
20000           270.208ms         99060813       99080823
25000           425.089ms         155135646      155160656
30000           609.248ms         224391307      224421317
35000           823.086ms         305325073      305360083
40000           1071.5ms          398152868      398192878

Almost Sorted Arrays:
Array Size      Elapsed Time      compCount      moveCount
5000            2.225ms          813026         818028
10000           8.4ms            3118616        3128618
15000           18.94ms          6990154        7005154
20000           32.634ms         12080752        12100754
25000           51ms             18808870        18833870
30000           75.972ms         28404740        28434740
35000           112.371ms        38747576        38782578
40000           131.403ms        48944186        48984186

Almost Unsorted Arrays:
Array Size      Elapsed Time      compCount      moveCount
5000            31.612ms         11694440        11699468
10000           133.641ms        46896333        46906378
15000           283.771ms        105532309       105547342
20000           502.02ms         187949210       187969242
25000           793.065ms        293728574       293753626
30000           1132.41ms        421640223       421670256
35000           1541.51ms        573804890       573839918
40000           1945.73ms        751115761       751155810
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Run: homework1 x

ANALYSIS OF BUBBLE SORT

Random Arrays:

Array Size	Elapsed Time	compCount	moveCount
5000	69.857ms	12491395	18443394
10000	313.676ms	49991840	74353365
15000	716.563ms	112489725	167170305
20000	1299.66ms	199975122	297122475
25000	2055.24ms	312479499	465331974
30000	2993.64ms	449978097	673083957
35000	4089.26ms	612367540	915870255
40000	5788.05ms	799906464	1194338640

Almost Sorted Arrays:

Array Size	Elapsed Time	compCount	moveCount
5000	38.414ms	12491059	2424090
10000	147.838ms	49988559	9325860
15000	335.403ms	112466849	20925468
20000	594.868ms	199889872	36182268
25000	929.068ms	312155795	56351616
30000	1364.52ms	449507247	85124226
35000	1814.46ms	611916984	116137740
40000	2388.89ms	799848672	146712564

Almost Unsorted Arrays:

Array Size	Elapsed Time	compCount	moveCount
5000	77.591ms	12497499	35068410
10000	323.844ms	49995000	140659140
15000	700.391ms	112492499	316552032
20000	1221.49ms	199990000	563787732
25000	1902.98ms	312487500	881110884
30000	2728.08ms	449985000	1264830774
35000	3764.64ms	612482499	1721309760
40000	4838.52ms	799980000	-2041739860

Run: homework1 x

ANALYSIS OF MERGE SORT

Random Arrays:

Array Size	Elapsed Time	compCount	moveCount
5000	0.774ms	55257	123616
10000	1.622ms	120524	267232
15000	2.39ms	189342	417232
20000	3.076ms	260990	574464
25000	3.875ms	334092	734464
30000	4.823ms	408647	894464
35000	5.672ms	484570	1058928
40000	6.494ms	561822	1228928

Almost Sorted Arrays:

Array Size	Elapsed Time	compCount	moveCount
5000	0.502ms	51468	123616
10000	1.01ms	111262	267232
15000	1.581ms	175628	417232
20000	2.159ms	243209	574464
25000	2.826ms	311776	734464
30000	3.366ms	379446	894464
35000	3.836ms	451287	1058928
40000	4.546ms	526342	1228928

Almost Unsorted Arrays:

Array Size	Elapsed Time	compCount	moveCount
5000	0.5ms	48263	123616
10000	1.092ms	108051	267232
15000	1.552ms	171265	417232
20000	2.103ms	236310	574464
25000	2.7ms	305159	734464
30000	3.314ms	374112	894464
35000	3.97ms	441870	1058928
40000	4.393ms	512192	1228928


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Run: homework1 x
40000      4.393ms      512192      1228928

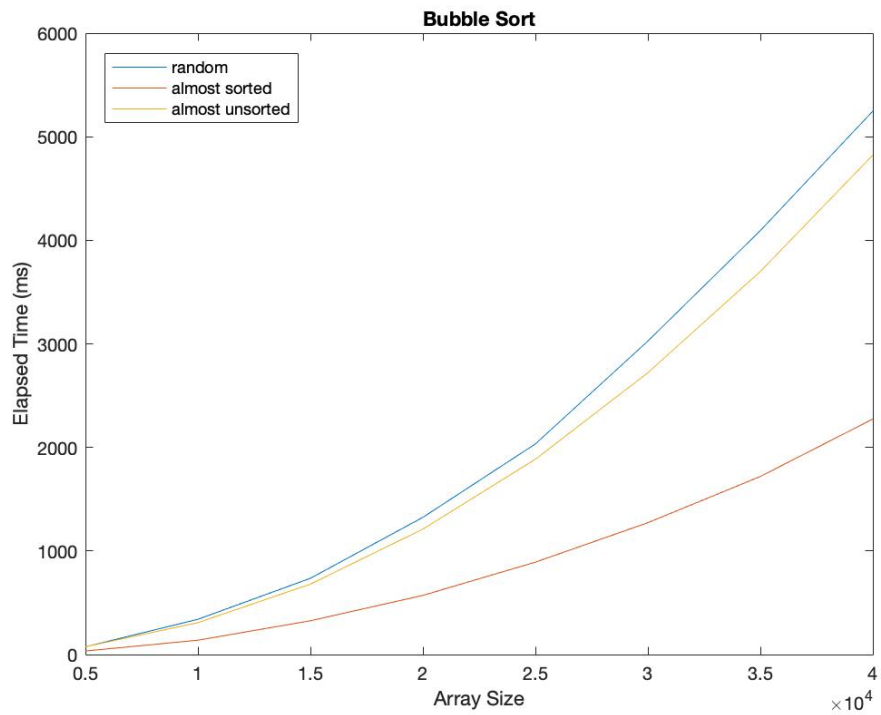
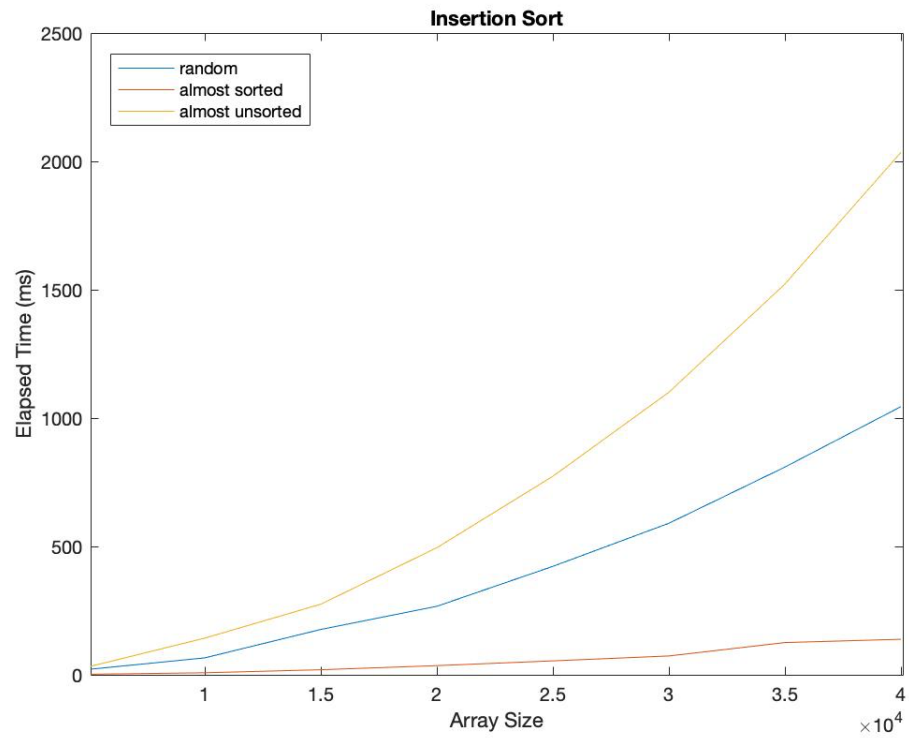
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ANALYSIS OF QUICK SORT

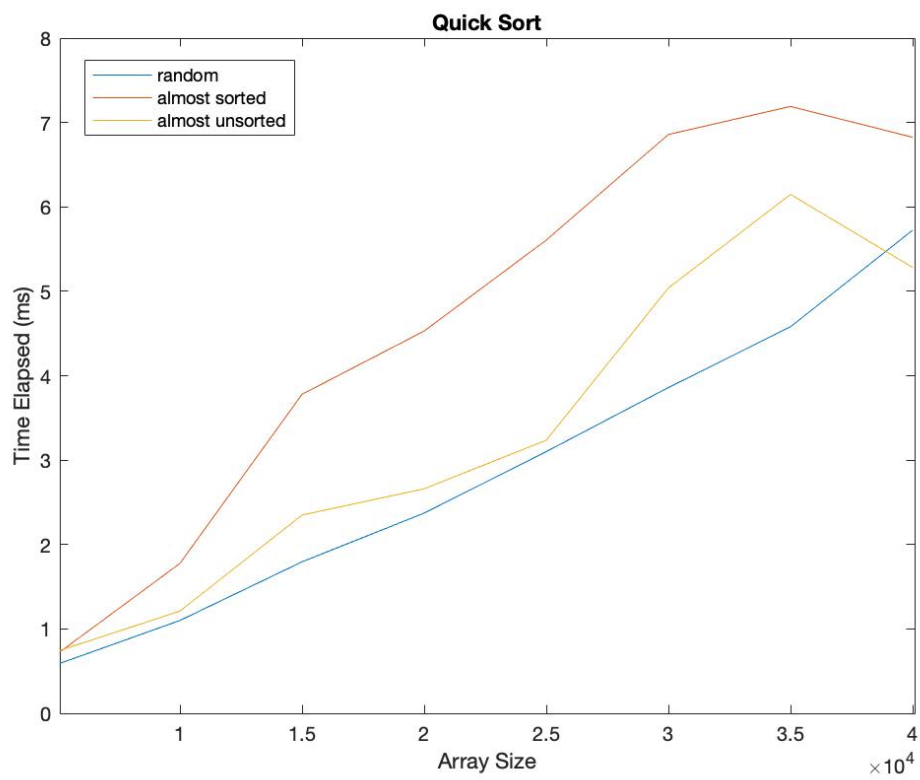
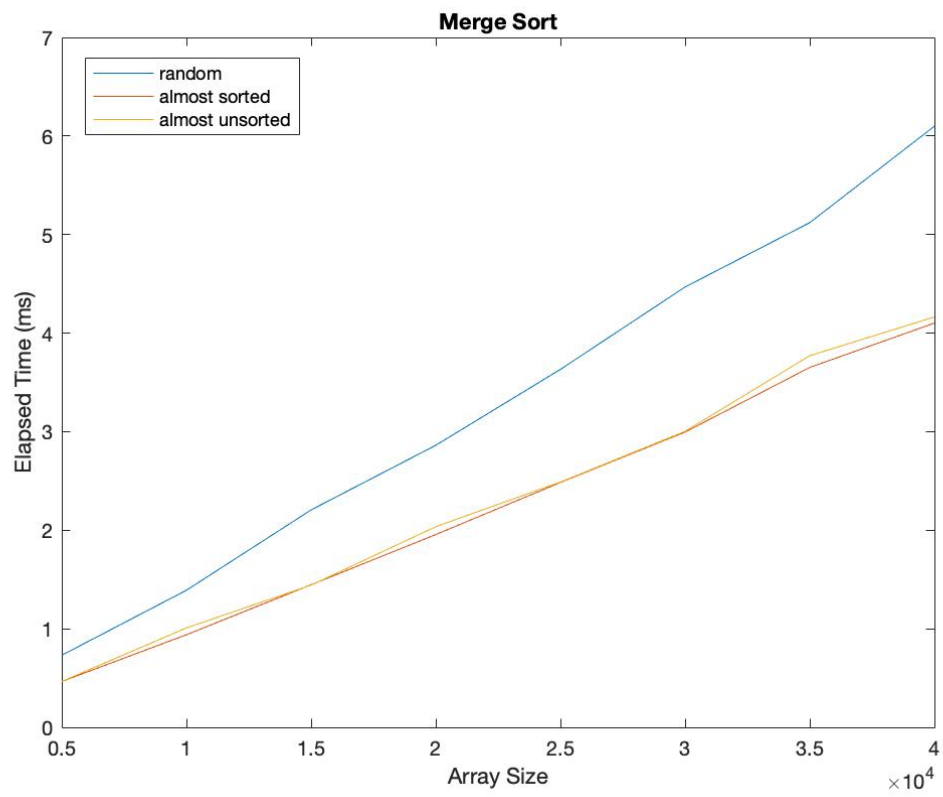
Random Arrays:
Array Size      Elapsed Time      compCount      moveCount
5000            0.527ms           72564          99503
10000           1.095ms           169497         208830
15000           1.667ms           295960         306308
20000           2.446ms           439544         397006
25000           3.382ms           647901         505758
30000           3.918ms           840689         644690
35000           5.015ms           1054499        740965
40000           5.768ms           1351715        1030530

Almost Sorted Arrays:
Array Size      Elapsed Time      compCount      moveCount
5000            0.689ms           179939         196117
10000           1.71ms            461039         459810
15000           2.888ms           810160         795682
20000           3.872ms           1049737        1219863
25000           5.203ms           1682810        1268116
30000           5.676ms           1712424        1430410
35000           6.53ms            1812192        1972086
40000           9.381ms           2903172        2594186

Almost Unsorted Arrays:
Array Size      Elapsed Time      compCount      moveCount
5000            0.578ms           114189         193174
10000           1.145ms           232063         385950
15000           1.947ms           396339         670522
20000           2.531ms           547933         902016
25000           4.15ms            915332         1498110
30000           4.907ms           1080027        1725220
35000           4.474ms           950816         1578560
40000           8.135ms           1919505        3096569
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Question 3:





Question 3. Conclusion:

Ideally, **insertion sort** should be $\Omega(n)$ for best case. Our experimental result is matching the theoretical value as shown in the first graph with a red line which is nearly linear. The theoretical complexity in average case is $\theta(n^2)$, which roughly satisfies the experimental result as shown with the blue line. The reason behind the line being a bit more linear compared to a n^2 parabola is the lack of sample size, or size of the arrays in other words. If this experiment was conducted with a sample size of 20 for instance – maximum array size being 100,000 – the n^2 parabola would have been more visible. When it comes to worst case which is represented by the almost unsorted array line which is yellow, it is much more accurate to the theoretical complexity of $O(n^2)$ compared to best and average case, since insertion sorting an almost unsorted array requires significantly more work, hence more time. The ideal complexity is n^2 for average and worst case because there is a nested for loop in the insertion sort algorithm. On the other hand, if we have a completely sorted array, only one iteration is sufficient.

For **bubble sort**, both worst and average case should be $O(n^2)$ and $\theta(n^2)$ respectively. As shown in the graph above, blue representing the average case and yellow representing the worst case are in fact increasing approximately quadratically, meeting our expectations. When it comes to the best case, we expect the complexity to be $\Omega(n)$. Although the red line on the graph is not absolutely linear, one should keep in mind that the sample array is not completely sorted but the 10% of it was altered, meaning we could not expect the line to be perfectly linear, but a bit more parabola-like. The reason behind worst- and best-case complexities generating different lines is the bubble sort algorithm, which has a nested for loops. In the best case only one traversal is sufficient, however in the case of the worst case, we should make sure that the biggest value of the unsorted part is transferred to the end of the array, hence the sorted part. This operation requires n traversals at most.

Merge sort algorithm should have the same time complexities $O(n * \log(n))$, $\theta(n * \log(n))$, and $\Omega(n * \log(n))$ for worst, average, and best cases. $y = n(\log(n))$ is nearly a linear line, which justifies the graphs above, all of which are practically linear. The time required for the merge sort algorithm, which outperforms bubble and insertion sort algorithms is significantly less due to its efficiency. Its complexity is $O(* \log(n))$, because *mergeSort* function recursively calls itself for both halves, dividing itself to two sections every time it is called. This corresponds to $\log(n)$ times for number of *mergeSort* function calls. There is a helper function, called *merge*, which iterates through every sub array it was given, corresponding to n number of iterations.

The case for **quick sort** is more complicated. We should expect time complexities of $\Omega(n * \log(n))$ and $\theta(n * \log(n))$ for best and average cases, whereas $O(n^2)$ for worst case. This is because *quickSort* function again recursively calls itself, just as *mergeSort*. However, this time the hard work is done before the recursive call, meaning the *partition* function is called before the recursive call. For the worst case, the pivot input could be the greatest or the least element of the array every time it was recursively called. This is possible with a completely sorted or completely unsorted array. Although, the graph is right with showing almost sorted and unsorted arrays taking more time than a random array; the red and yellow lines does not match our time complexity expectations completely. The justification for it could be the lack of sample size, therefore the arrays size. The sorting operation only take a few milliseconds which is not adequate for an accurate graph. For the best case, the value of the pivot index should be as close as it can be to the median of the array for each recursive call which would result as $(\log(n))$ calls. Again, partition is iterating over the array which corresponds to n . Blue line which represents average case is more accurate since it is close to a $(n * \log(n))$ line.