Program Structures and Algorithms Spring 2023(SEC 1)

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Task: 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.

Evidence:

- MergeSort

Size	Compares	Swaps	Hits	Copies	Normalized Time
10000	1.319	0.106	5.318	2.389	3.43
20000	1.328	0.099	5.35	2.423	3.44
40000	1.335	0.092	5.377	2.454	3.38
80000	1.342	0.086	5.401	2.48	4.09
160000	1.348	0.081	5.423	2.504	4.24
256000	1.35	0.07	5.448	2.543	4.31

- Dual Pivot QuickSort

Size	Compares	Swaps	Hits	Copies	Normalized Time
10000	1.695	0.719	4.589	0	3.45
20000	1.718	0.716	4.607	0	3.4
40000	1.743	0.704	4.598	0	3.46
80000	1.759	0.726	4.686	0	3.75
160000	1.751	0.706	4.636	0	3.86
256000	1.765	0.736	4.729	0	4.01

- HeapSort

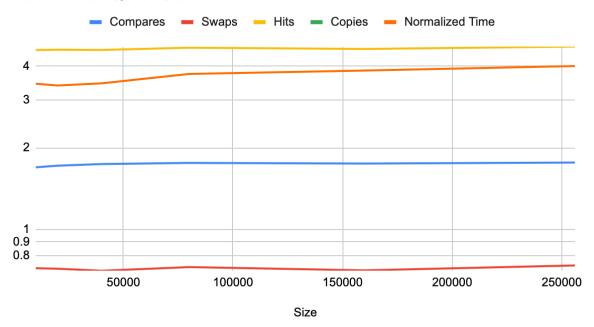
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10000	2.556	1.349	10.505	0	3.97
20000	2.579	1.355	10.578	0	4.08
40000	2.599	1.361	10.641	0	4.16
80000	2.616	1.366	10.696	0	4.74
160000	2.632	1.37	10.745	0	4.93
256000	2.638	1.371	10.762	0	5.14

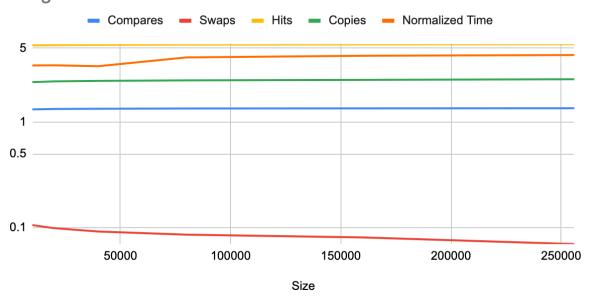
Observation:

- 1. Dual Pivot Quicksort -: The evidence indicates that the number of comparisons has the greatest impact on the execution time of the dual pivot quicksort algorithm. If we compare the relative values of the predictors, we can see that the number of comparisons has the highest values among all predictors. While the other predictors, such as swaps, hits, and copies, are important, they do not have as significant an impact on the overall running time as the number of comparisons.
- 2. MergeSort -: The evidence shows that as the size of the input data increases, the number of copies and hits also increase, which is expected because more copies are needed to create temporary arrays for larger input sizes and more data needs to be accessed during the sorting process. Therefore, the number of copies and hits can serve as reliable predictors for the execution time of mergesort algorithm.
- 3. **HeapSort** -: We can see that the **number of comparisons** increases as the input size increases. The other metrics, such as swaps, hits, and copies, remain relatively constant at 1.36 or lower. Therefore, the number of comparisons is the most significant factor affecting the total execution time, as the other metrics do not increase significantly with increasing input size. Furthermore, we can see that the normalized time, which is a measure of the total execution time per input element, increases with input size. This is expected since the number of comparisons also increases with input size. Therefore, we can conclude that the number of comparisons is the best predictor of total execution time for heapsort.

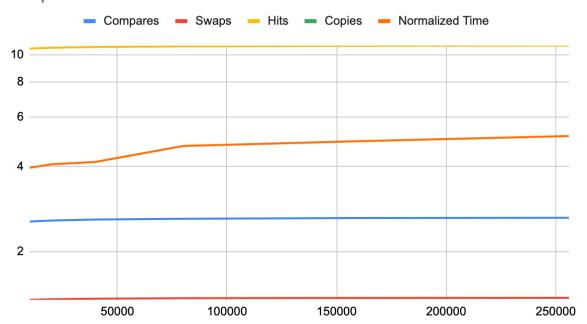
Dual-Pivot QuickSort



MergeSort



HeapSort



Program Execution Screenshots:

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