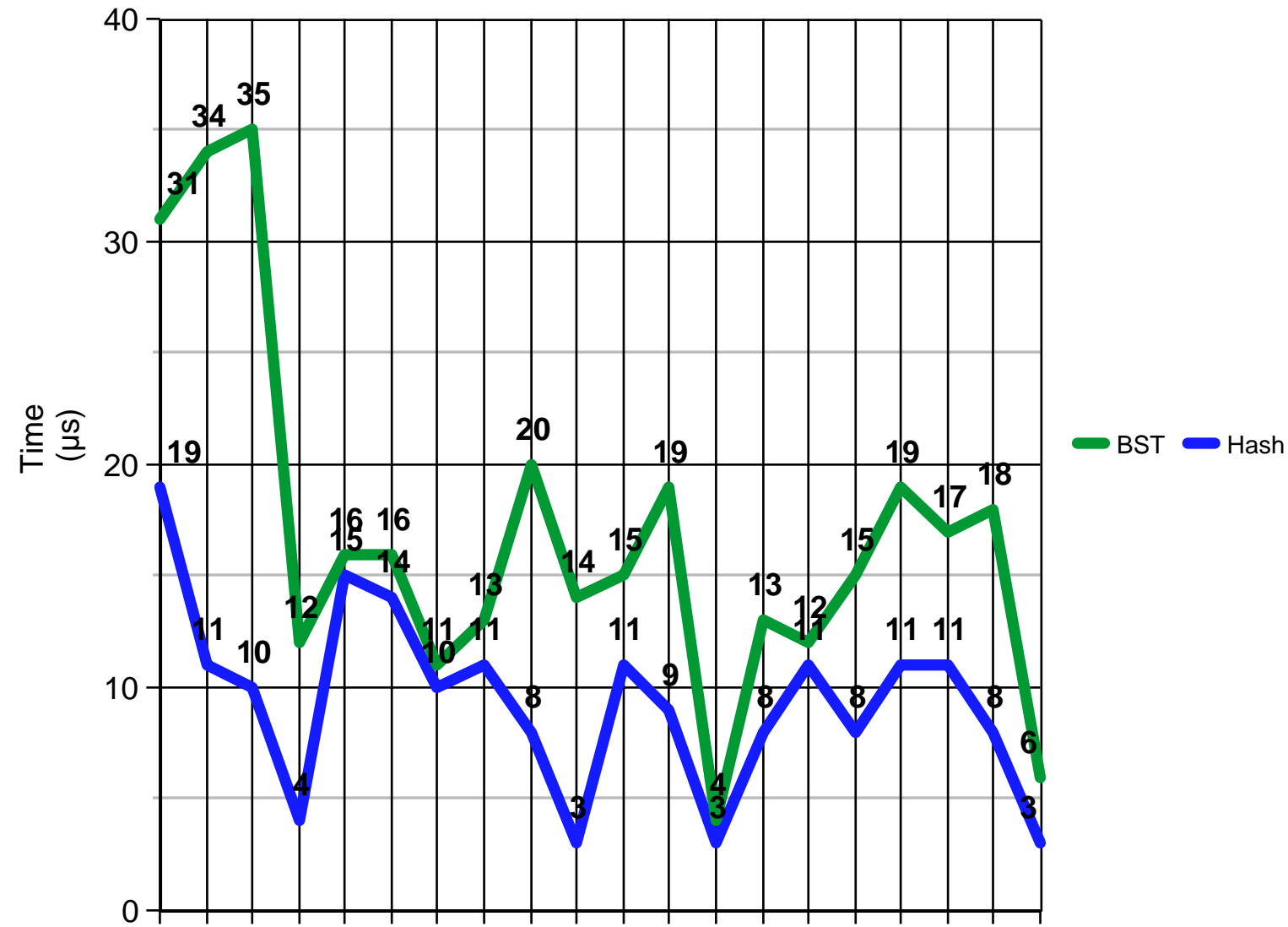


BST vs Hash Computing Time



For this test, I compared BST vs Hash time to compute. From assignment 4, we saw that the unsorted array's time was wildly variant, and only a better option when the data set was very small.

To initialize, the hash function took a length of time in between the array and BST.

BST time: ~5.34s

Array time: ~2.31s

Hash time: ~3.83s

The BST had search times between 4-35 μ s, and the hash function had search times between 3-19 μ s. In fact, the hash function outperformed the BST in every single test, both using a large data set and a small one. From this, we can conclude that this hash function is a better option in most cases. The only downside with the hash function that I can see is that it uses more memory, so if memory is limited perhaps a standard BST is a better option.