

A REPORT ON

COMPARISON BETWEEN QUICK SORT AND MERGE SORT

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Machine Configuration

Processor: Intel Core i3 6th Gen (Up to 2.2GHz)

Ram: 4GB DDR3

Operating system: Windows 7

Data And Complexity Analysis

Merge Sort:

Best Case: $O(n \cdot \log n)$

Average Case: $O(n \cdot \log n)$

Worst case: $O(n \cdot \log n)$

That does mean that the time complexity for merge sort is $(n \cdot \log n)$. As a result, the time to sort an array doesn't really depend on what kind of array we give as a input.

Quick Sort:

Best Case: $O(n \cdot \log n)$

Average Case: $O(n \cdot \log n)$

Worst Case: $O(n^2)$

The best case of merge sort is the worst case for Quick sort. As we always take the last element of the array as the pivot element, so if the array is sorted or reversely sorted, the pivot element always stays as the last or the first element of the array. That increases the time complexity of the sorting algorithm as the pivot element has to be compared with all the elements left or right to it.

Data Table:

| | Merge Sort Time (nanosec) | | | Quick Sort Time (nanosec) | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Array Size (n) | Average | Best | Worst | Average | Best | Worst |
| 10 | 3803 | 3702.3 | 3602.3 | 200.6 | 300.3 | 350.2 |
| 50 | 21015 | 20264.5 | 30524.5 | 1504 | 800.5 | 5507 |
| 100 | 43032 | 41532 | 41029 | 4504 | 28022 | 21016 |
| 200 | 88058 | 86064 | 96076 | 8008 | 108070 | 84064 |
| 500 | 232665 | 220165 | 220145 | 30035 | 642945 | 500380 |
| 1000 | 495360 | 450290 | 440370 | 80050 | 2556890 | 2031520 |
| 5000 | 2602150 | 2301750 | 2451500 | 600350 | 64469700 | 46431950 |
| 10000 | 5303600 | 4703300 | 4754000 | 1200800 | 253276400 | 174066200 |
| 50000 | 28021000 | 23766000 | 24516500 | 7003500 | | |



