

Compiling and executing the table.cpp file produces the following output (each algorithm is tested 30 times for each value of n — you can adjust this number):

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antikytechnism:HW2 KoreyHuskonen$ ./a.out
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n	Bubble	Insertion	Selection	Merge	Quick	Count	Radix	Heap
10	5372	372	559	786	633	1136	1073	796
100	37999	10584	20863	11476	9521	3073	7499	13852
500	624916	181876	355430	58047	48579	11840	39382	77230
5000	82577017	18577507	33199774	762674	666205	121631	480072	1069883
25000	2161997656	427096331	767775311	4175642	3698242	570791	2278451	5872256

Trials: 30

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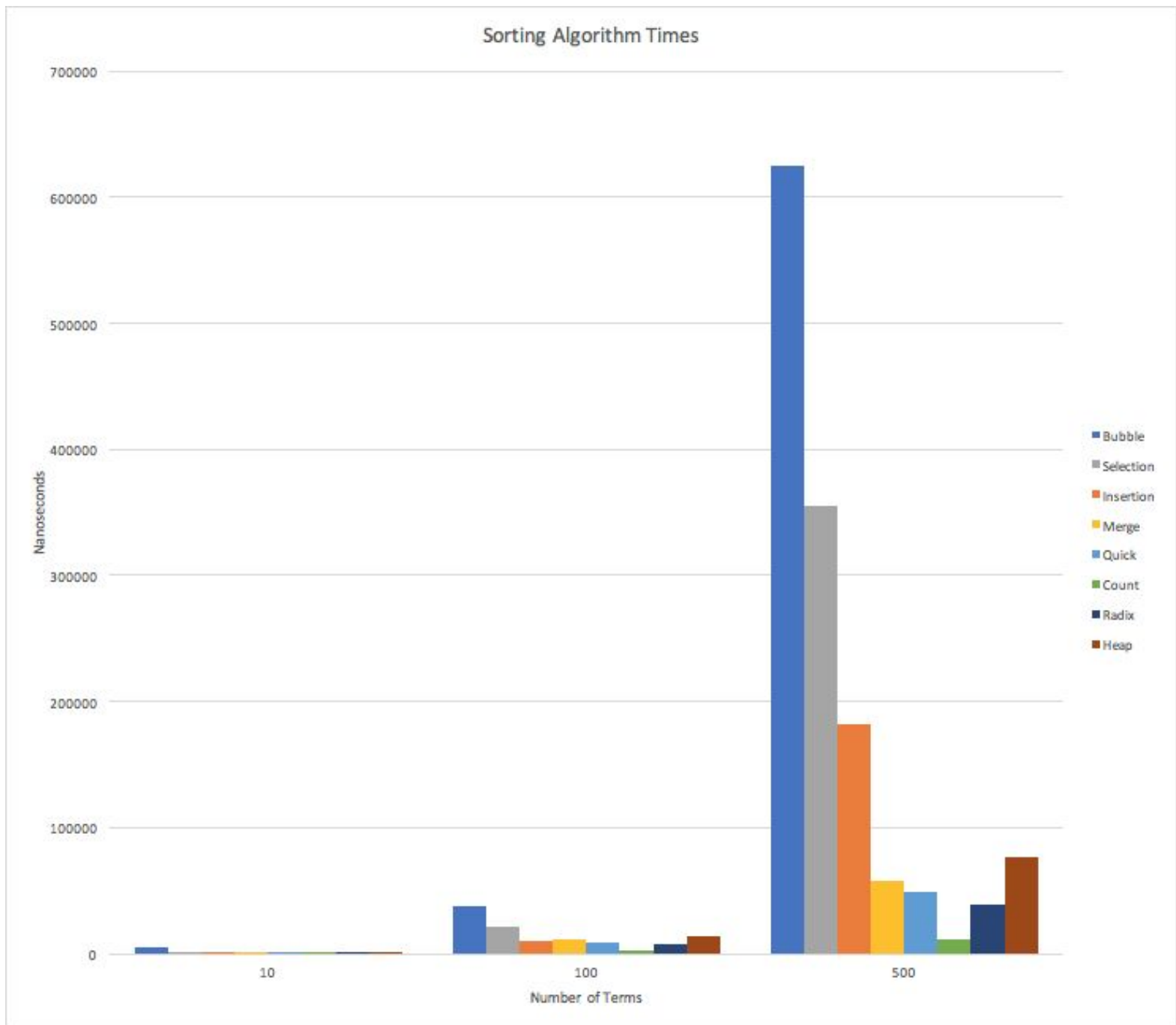
As expected, the  $O(n^2)$  algorithms — bubble, insertion, and selection — performed much worse than the  $O(n \log n)$  algorithms for large values of n. Insertion and selection sort were quicker than the  $O(n \log n)$  algorithms for  $n = 10$ , as expected. The only result that surprised me was selection sort. I thought it'd be quicker than insertion sort, but insertion sort beat it every time.

Of course, count sort performed the best since it is  $O(n+k)$  where  $k$  was only at most 25000. So I switched the possible range from  $n$  to  $n^2$  ( $k = n^2$ ) and this happened:

n	Bubble	Insertion	Selection	Merge	Quick	Count	Radix	Heap
10	9315	360	585	832	638	1365	1177	812
100	36254	10223	20572	11332	9067	66572	9323	12980
500	622702	191001	353913	60936	49696	1373541	63381	76642
5000	80124263	18037081	31907568	773756	675323	165257059	786587	1032947
25000	2285089754	445835613	802305311	4581050	4043270	4582456340	4344980	6097550

Trials: 20

Count sort blew up, and here we see the advantage radix sort has over count sort. Unfortunately, both count sort and radix sort only work for integers, so it appears that the best general purpose sorting algorithm is quick sort.



I only graphed the first 3 sizes to avoid problems with the scale