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All Sorts of Quicksorts!

An investigation into multi-pivot quicksorts

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[Wild and Nebel(2012)]

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- Otherwise very similar to standard Dual Pivot Quicksort

[Aumüller and Dietzfelbinger(2013)]

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[Wild and Nebel(2012)]

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[Wild and Nebel(2012)]

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[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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 - Middle 3 of 7 elements (Evenly Spaced Out)

[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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- Four Recursive Calls

[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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- $O(n \log n)$ Comparisons

[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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- $O(n \log n)$ Comparisons
- $O(n \log n)$ Swaps

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- $O(n \log n)$ Comparisons
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- M Pivots
 - Sort $2M$ elements then pick every other element

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 - Sort $2M$ elements then pick every other element
 - Partition each segment one at a time

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 - Sort $2M$ elements then pick every other element
- Partition each segment one at a time
- $M + 1$ Recursive Calls

[Kushagra et al.(2013) Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

Example M-Pivot Selection and Partitioning

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Pivot Candidate Selection with 3 Pivots (25 elements)



[Kushagra et al.(2013) Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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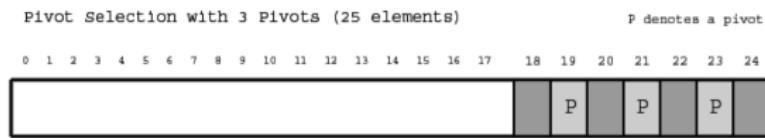
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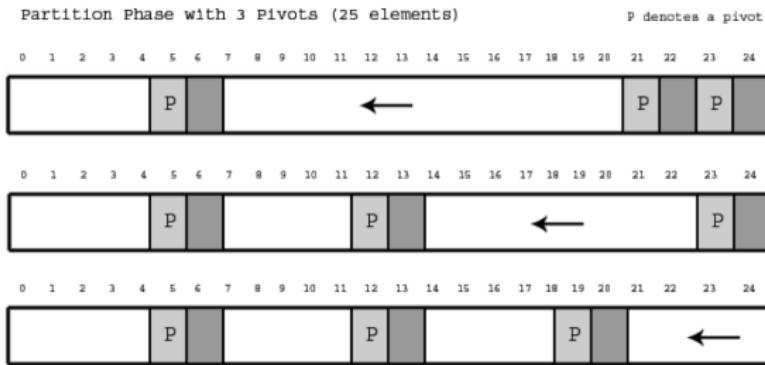
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- Enforce the Heap Property to the array before any computation

[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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- Enforce the Heap Property to the array before any computation
 - Adds only $O(n)$ run time at each call

[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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- Enforce the Heap Property to the array before any computation
 - Adds only $O(n)$ run time at each call
 - Improves the sort to optimize pivot selection

[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

Example M-Pivot Heap Optimized Pivot Selection

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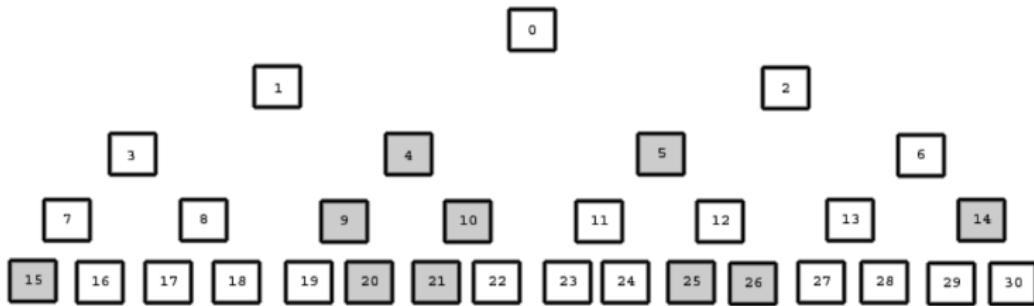
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Candidate Selection from Min Heap (100 elements)

Base Candidate Pair = (31 / 6) - 1 = 4

Next Candidate Pair = 4 + 1 = every 5 elements



[Kushagra et al.(2013) Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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Sort Method	Comparisons
Classic	$2n \log n - 1.51n + O(\log(n))$
Dual Pivot	$2.13n \log n - 2.57n + O(\log(n))$
Optimal Dual Pivot	$1.8n \log n + O(n)$
Three Pivot	$1.846n \log n + O(n)$
Yaroslavskiy	$1.9n \log n - 2.46n + O(\log(n))$
M Pivot	$O(n \log n)$

[Aumüller and Dietzfelbinger(2013)]

[Wild and Nebel(2012)]

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Sort Method	Swaps
Classic	$0.33n \log n - 0.58n + O(\log(n))$
Dual Pivot	$0.8n \log n - 0.3n + O(\log(n))$
Optimal Dual Pivot	$0.33n \log n + O(n)$
Three Pivot	$0.615n \log n + O(n)$
Yaroslavskiy	$0.6n \log n + 0.08n + O(\log(n))$
M Pivot	$O(n \log n)$

[Aumüller and Dietzfelbinger(2013)]

[Wild and Nebel(2012)]

[Kushagra et al.(2013)Kushagra, López-Ortiz, Qiao, and Munro]

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- ▲—▲ ClassicQuicksort - 3 - 1 - True
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- DualPivotQuicksort - 2 - 2 - True
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- ◀—▶ HeapOptimizedMPivotQuicksort - 1 - 6 - True
- MPivotQuicksort - 1 - 3 - True
- ✗—✗ MPivotQuicksort - 1 - 4 - True
- ▲—▲ MPivotQuicksort - 1 - 5 - True
- MPivotQuicksort - 1 - 6 - True
- OptimalDualPivotQuicksort - 1 - 2 - True
- OptimalDualPivotQuicksort - 2 - 2 - True
- ▼—▼ ThreePivotQuicksort - 1 - 3 - True
- YaroslavskiyQuicksort - 1 - 2 - True

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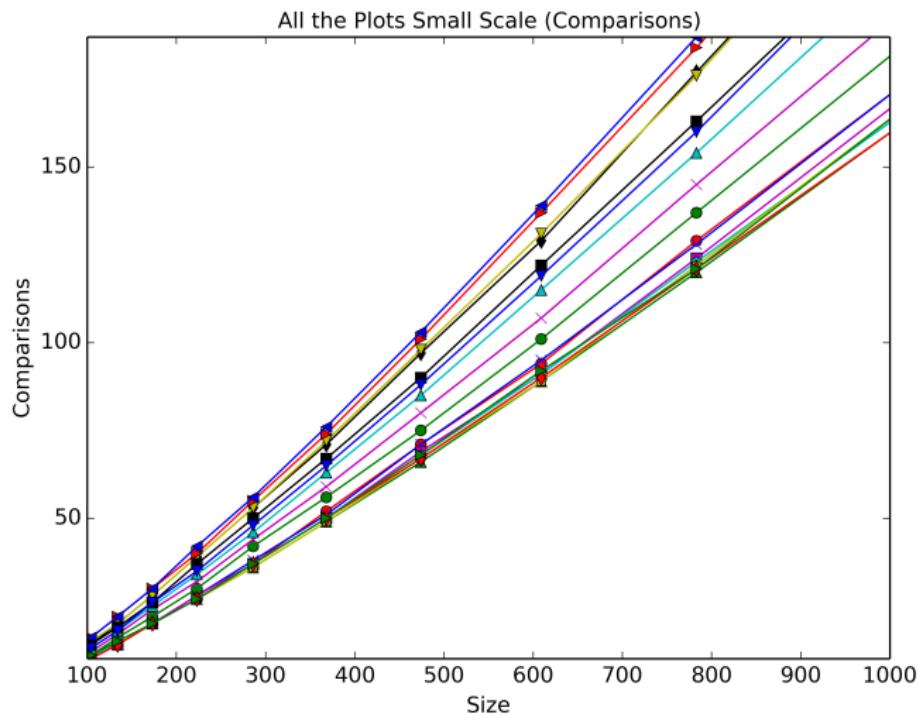
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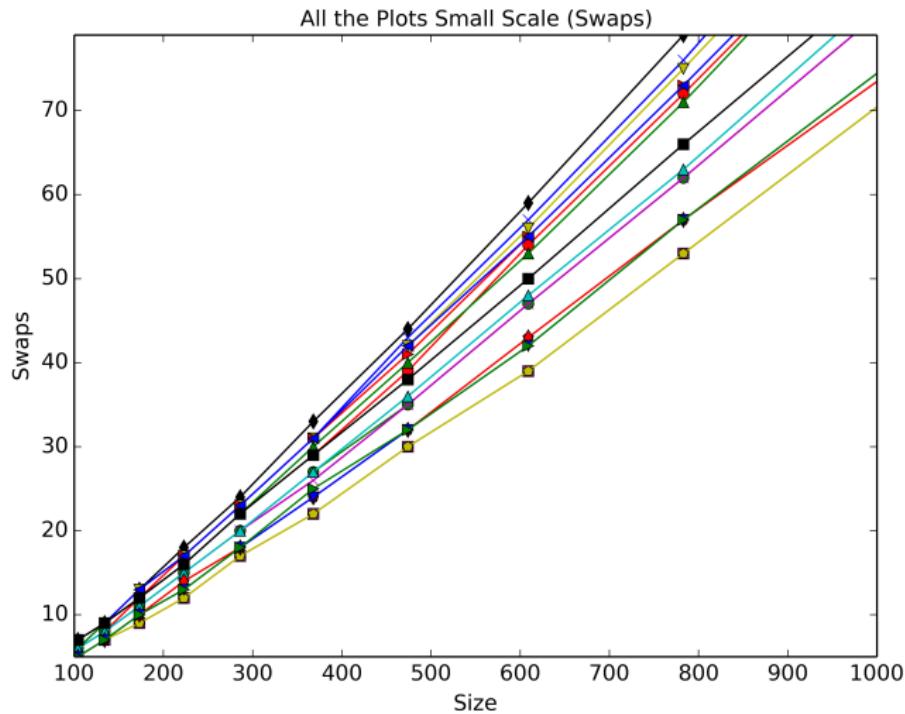
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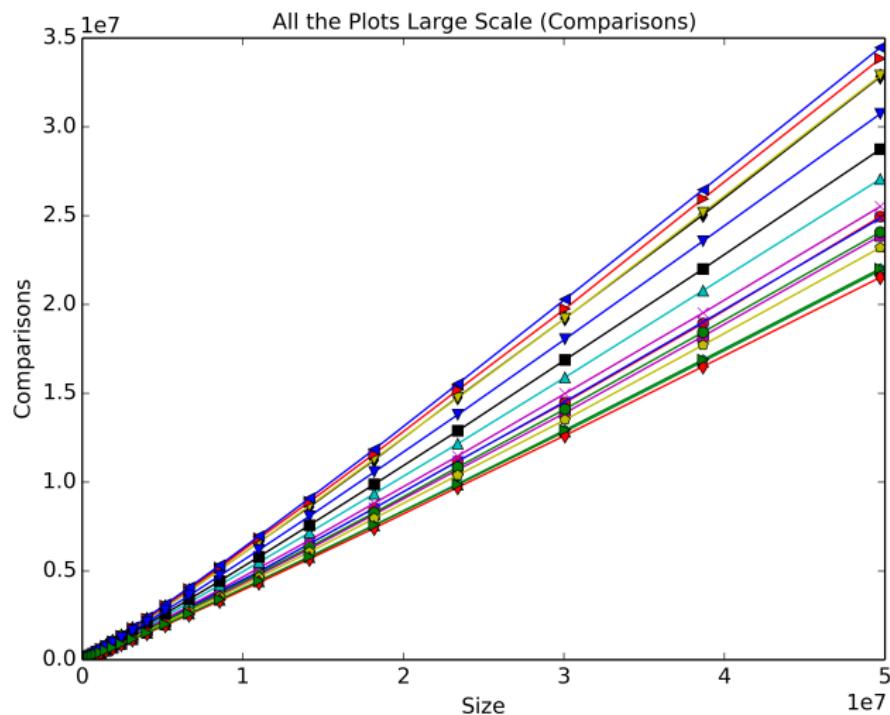
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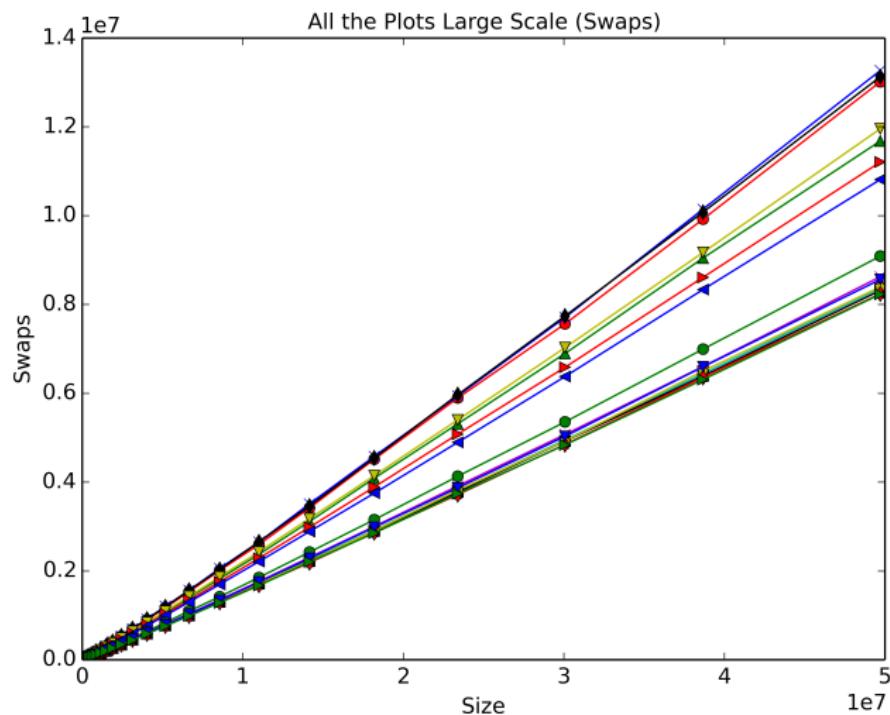
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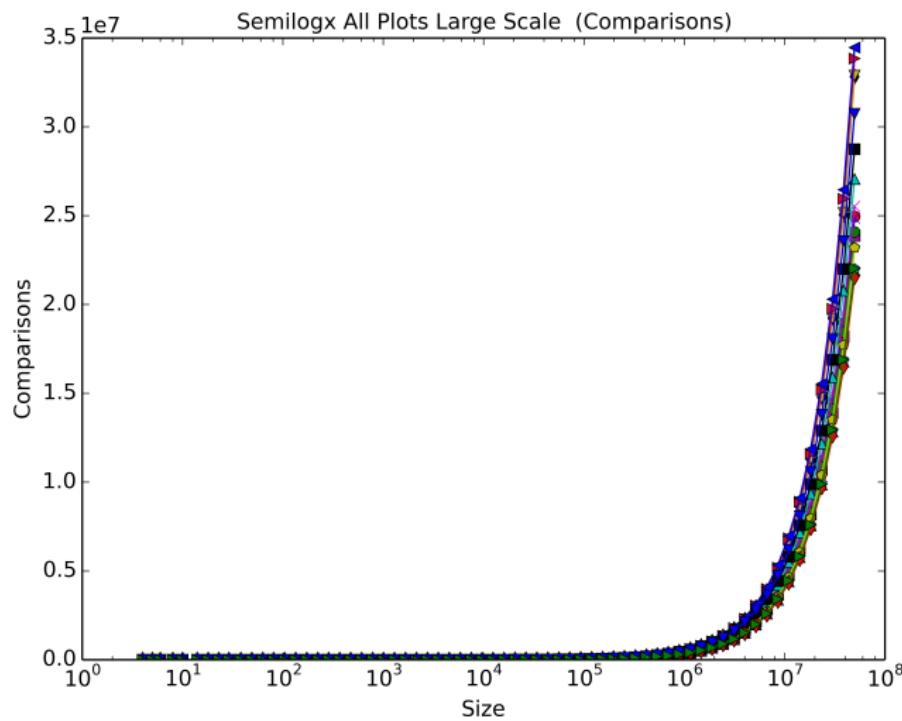
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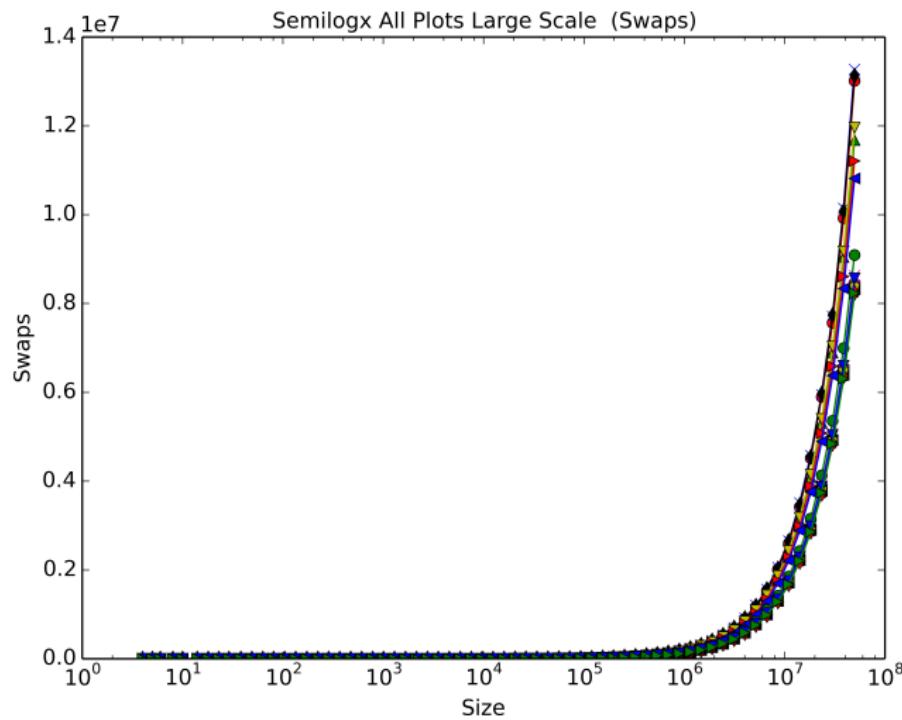
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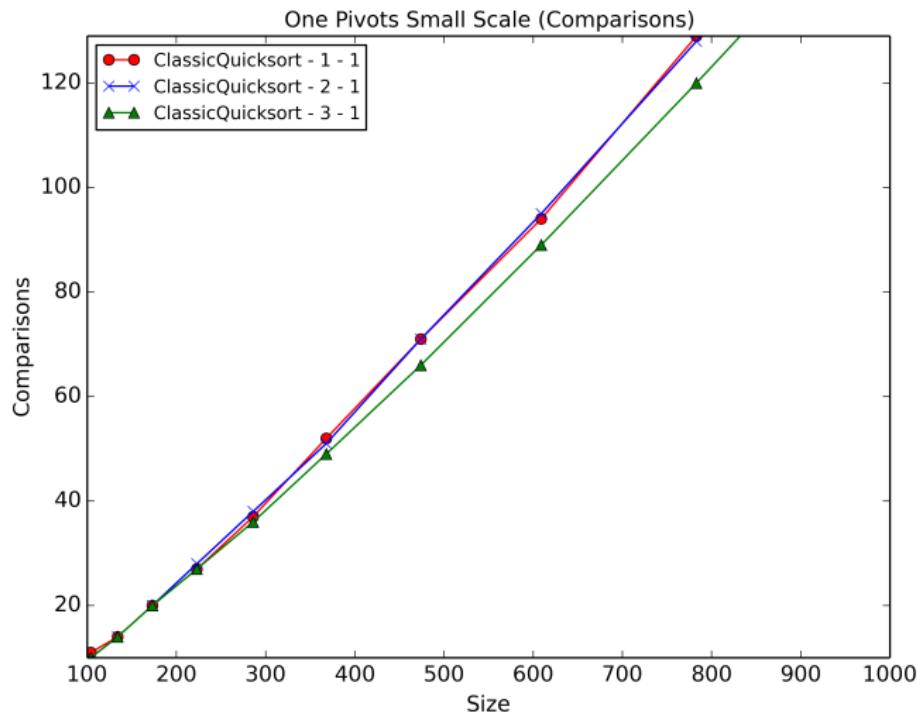
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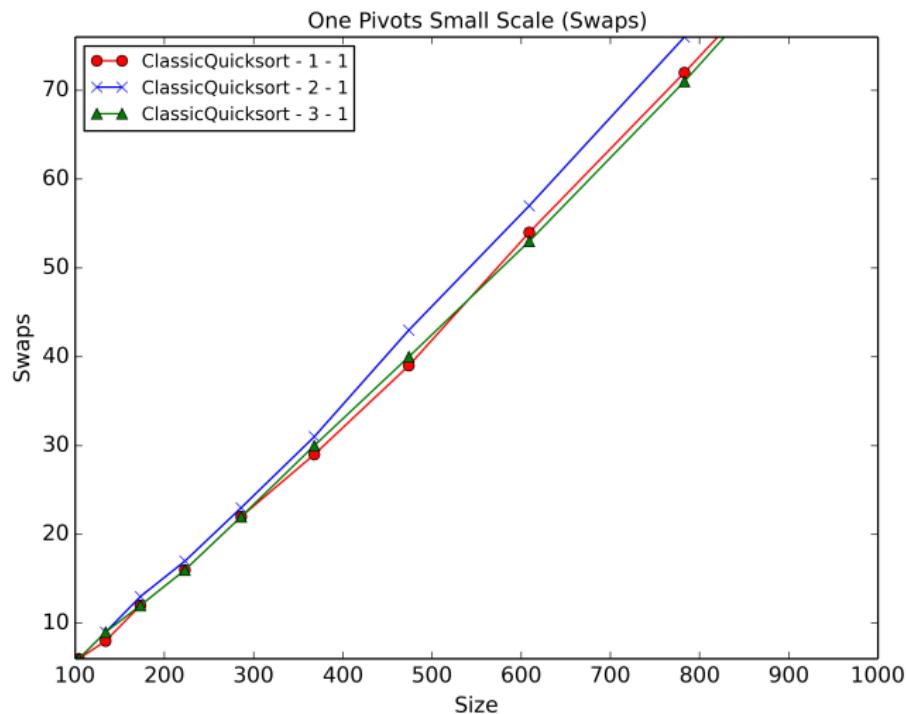
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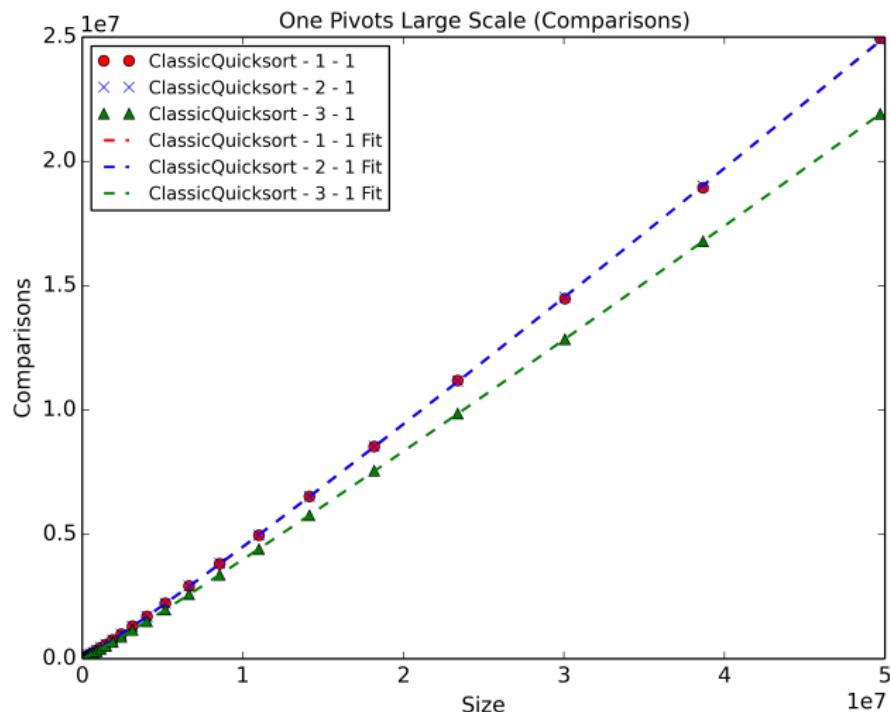
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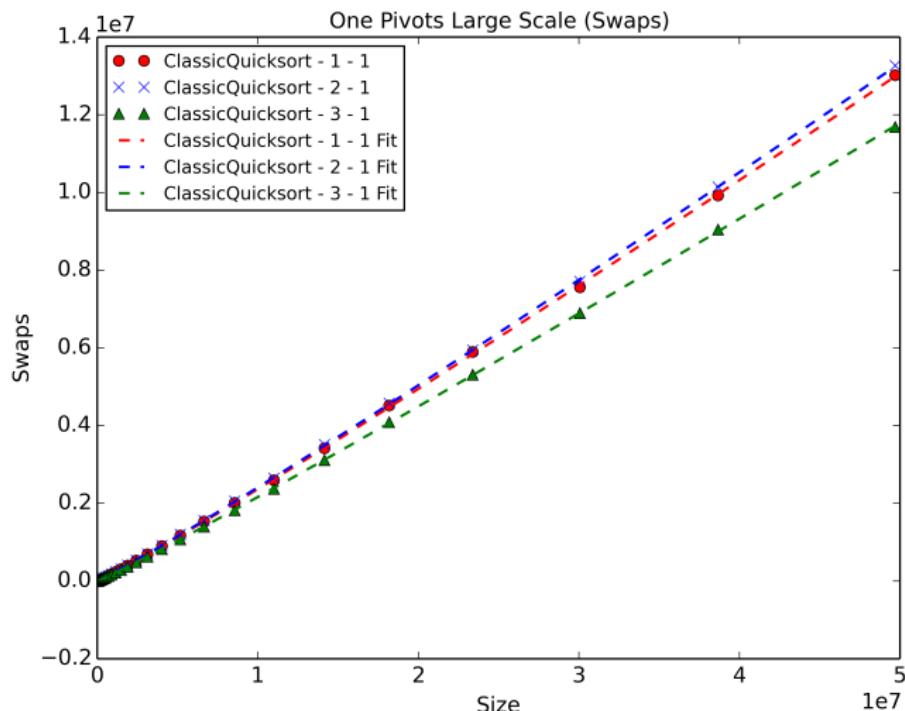
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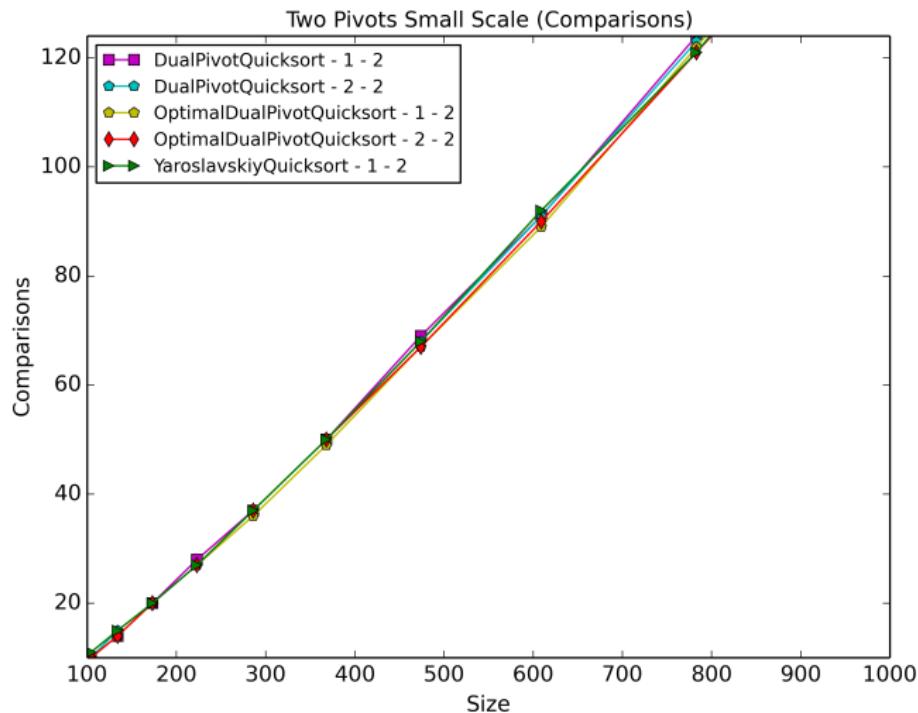
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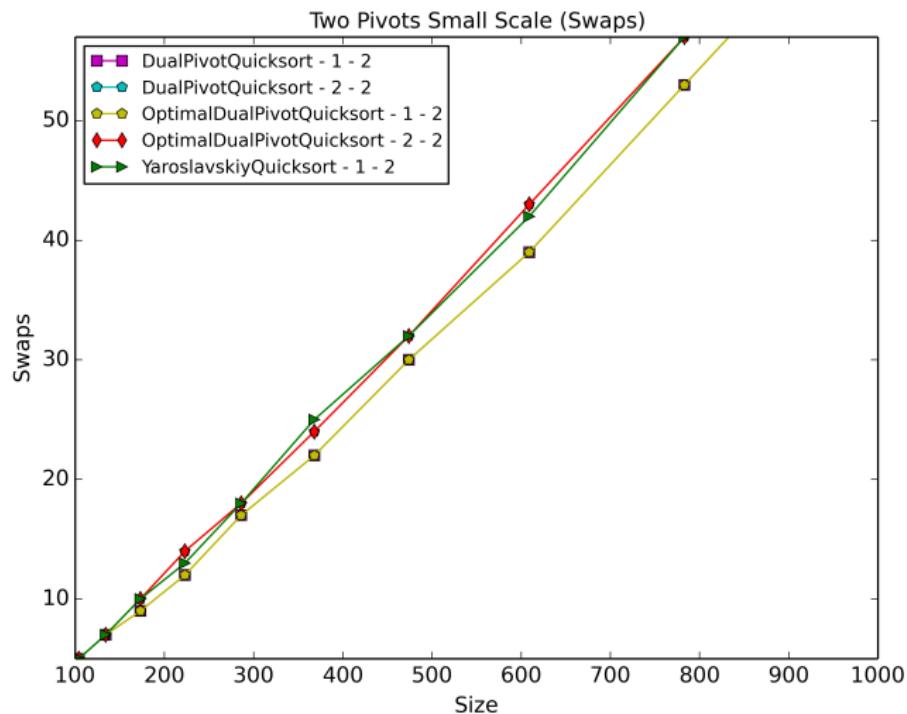
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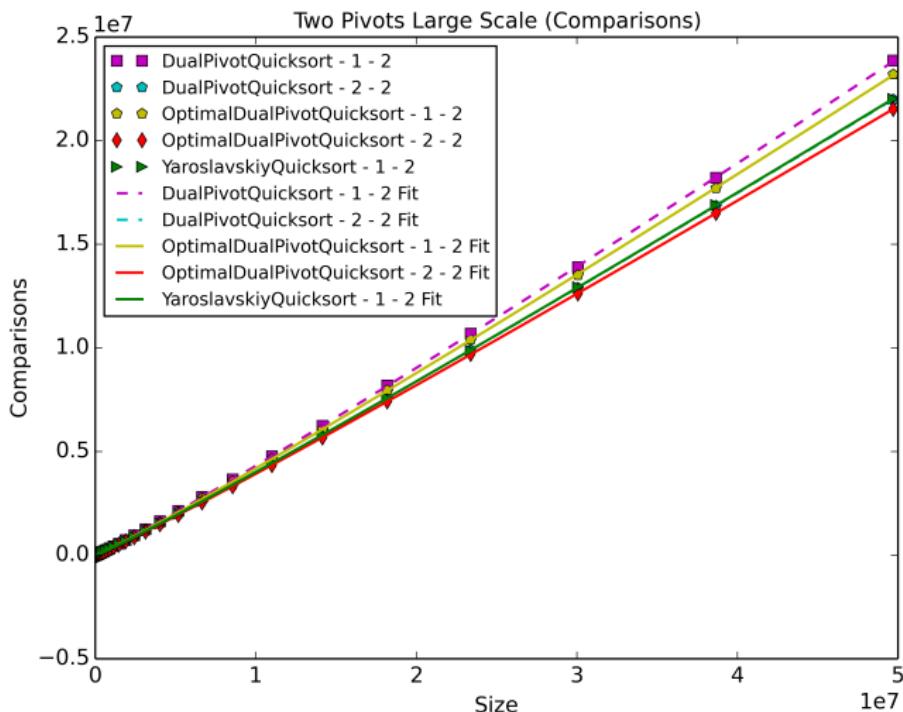
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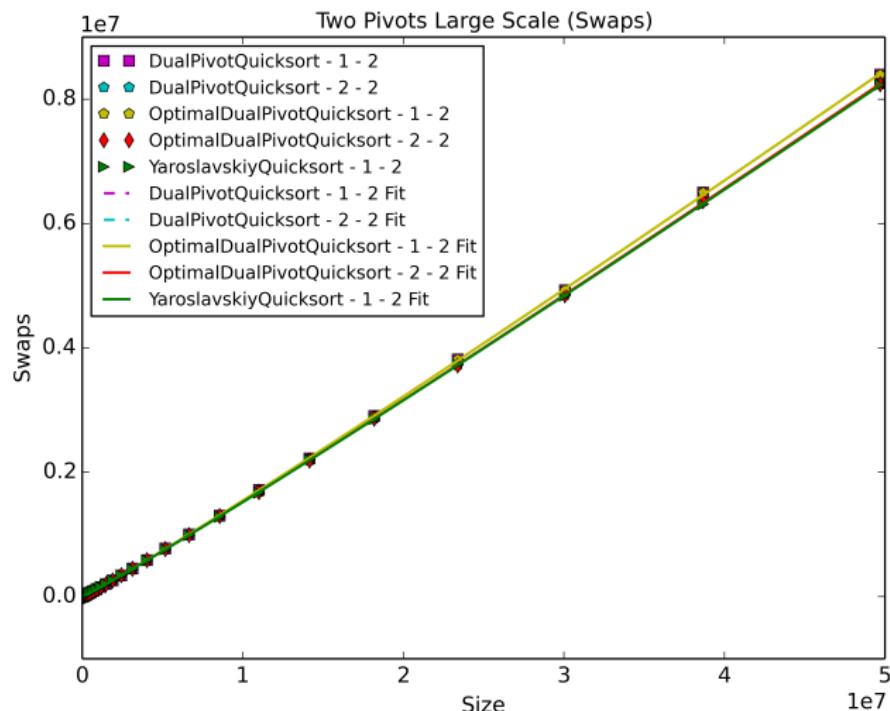
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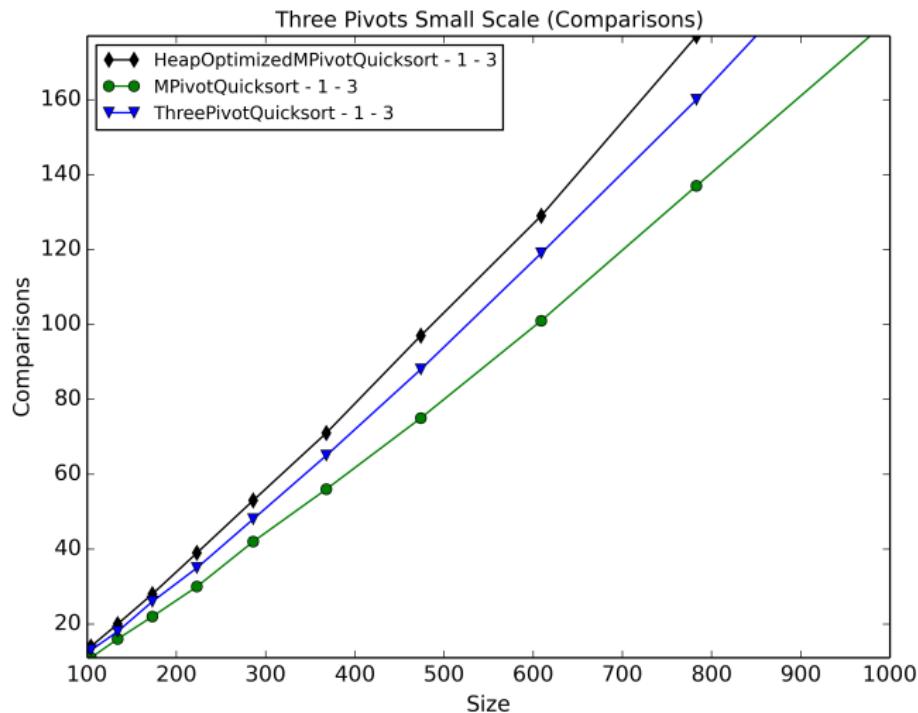
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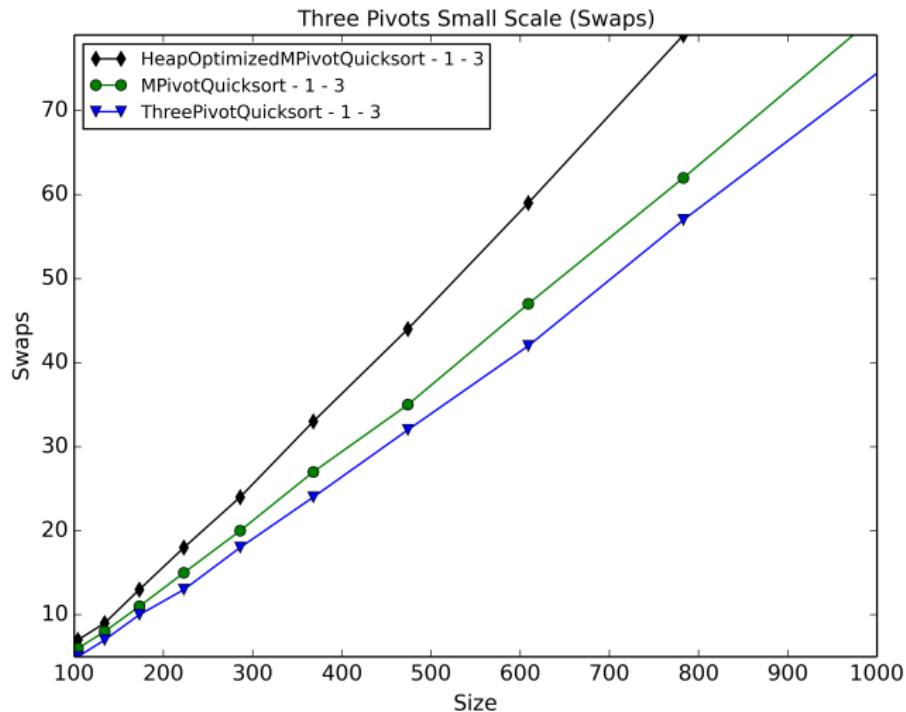
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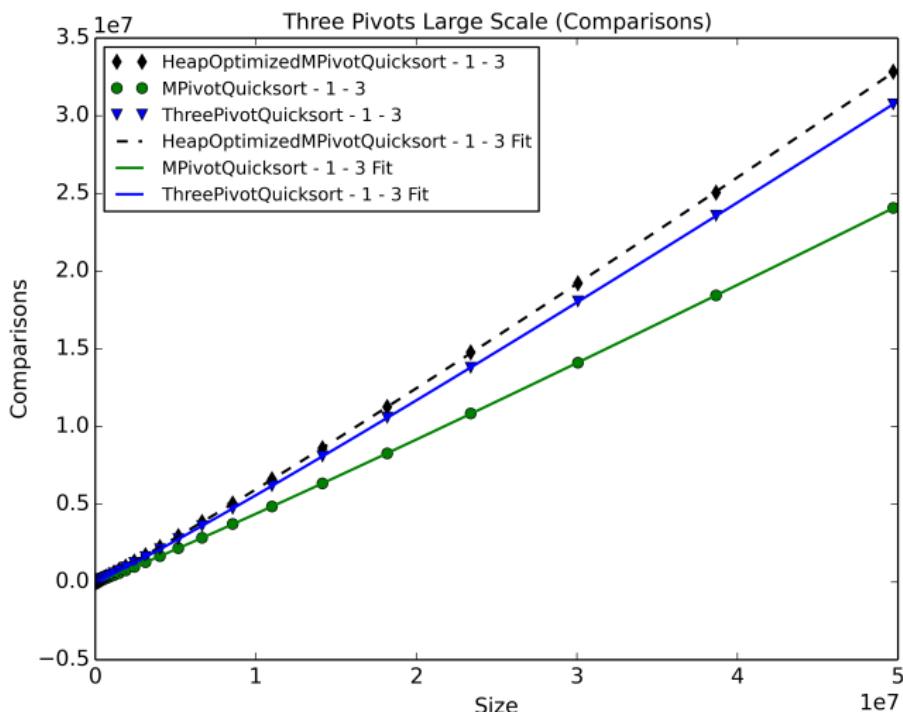
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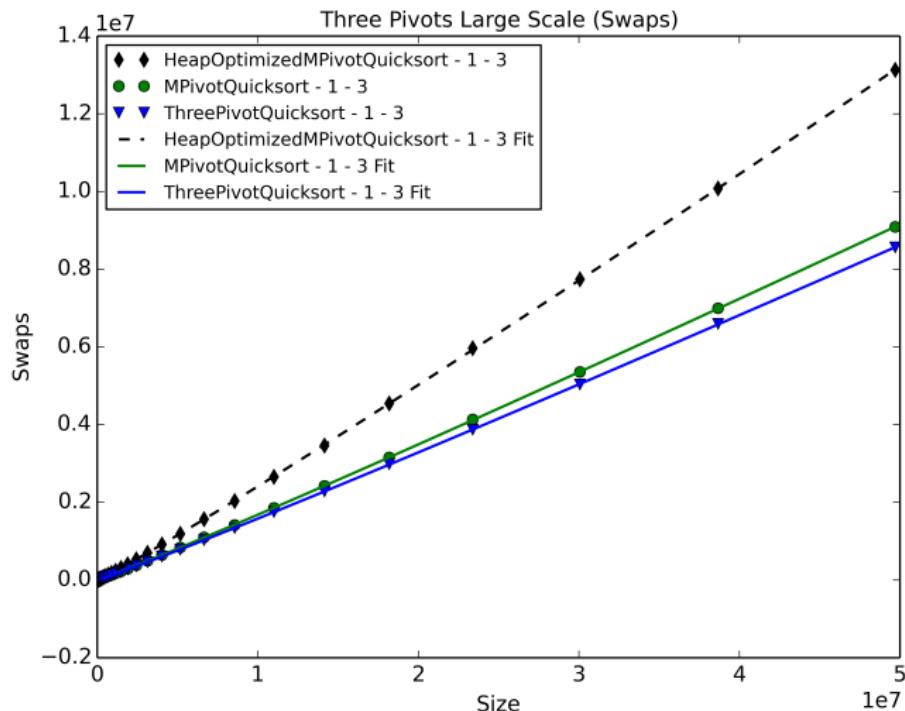
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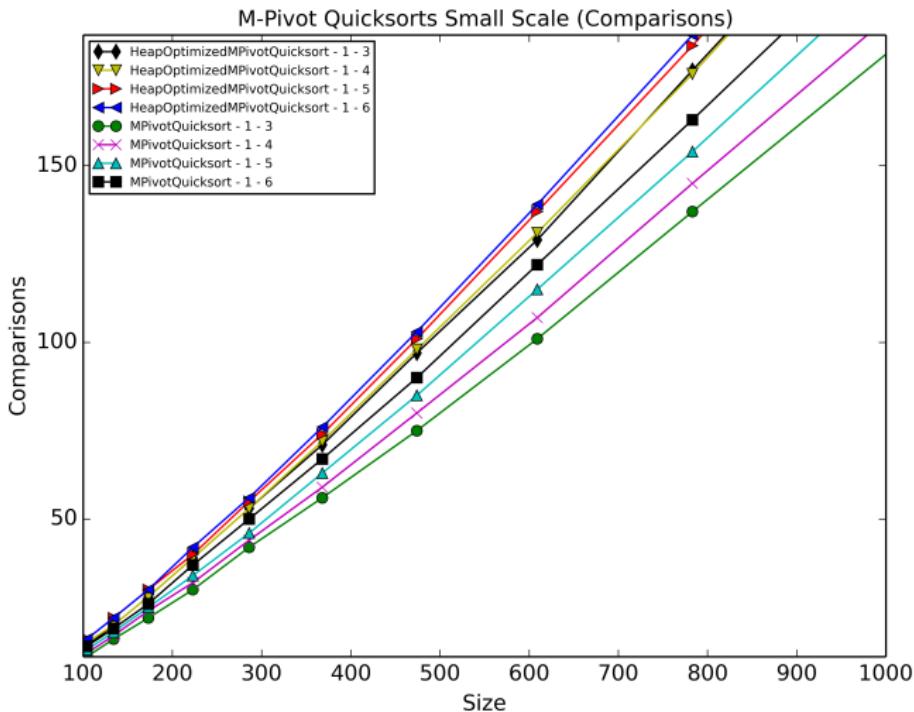
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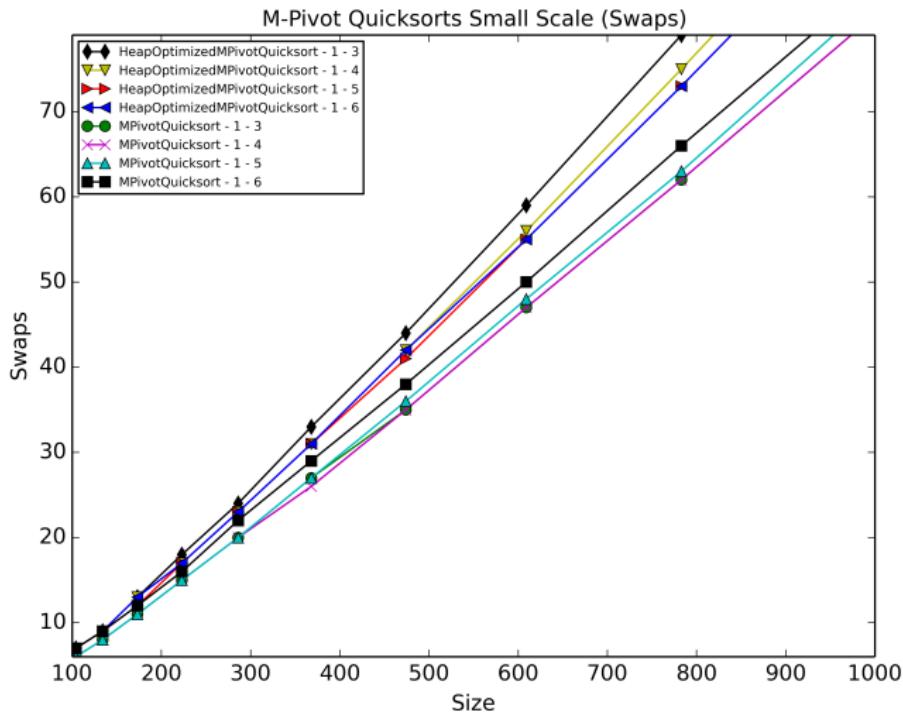
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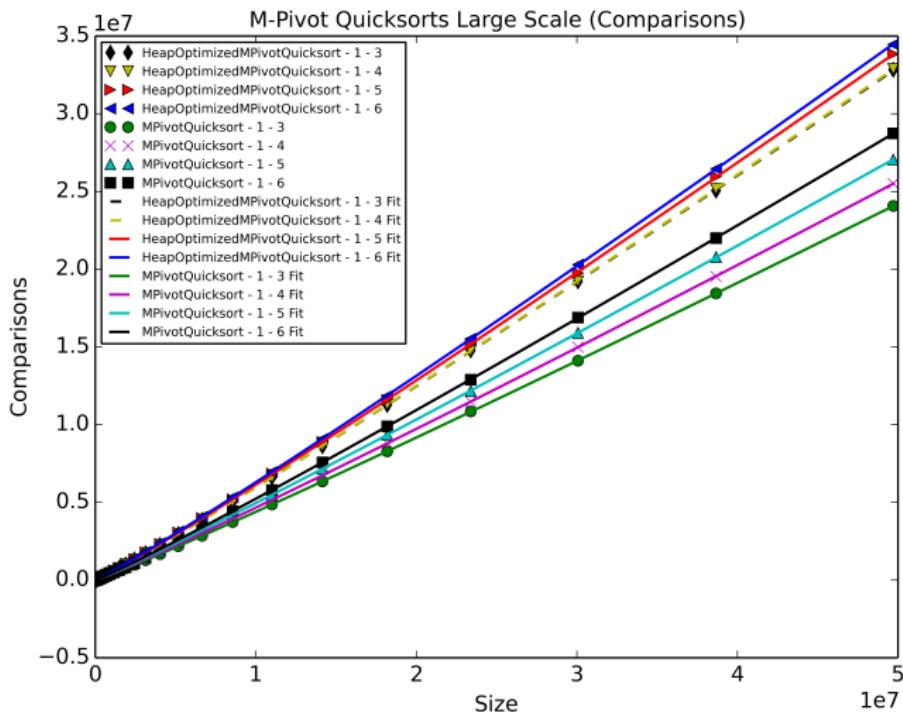
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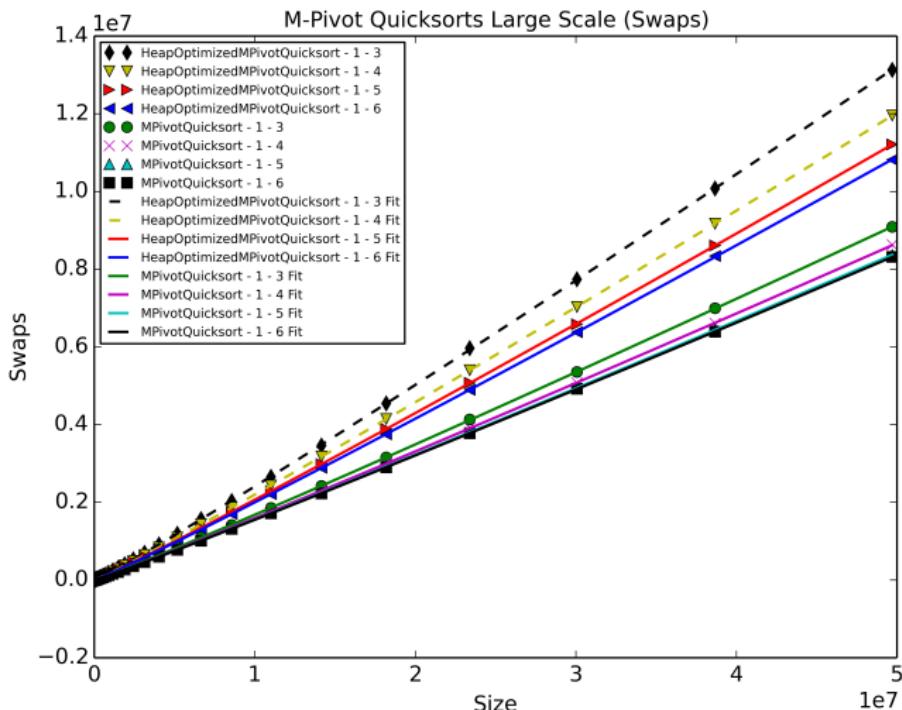
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Sort Method	Comparisons	Swaps
Classic - 1 - 1	0.02219	0.01060
Classic - 2 - 1	0.02126	0.01110
Classic - 3 - 1	0.01799	0.00828
Dual Pivot - 1 - 2	0.02109	0.00636
Dual Pivot - 2 - 2	0.01787	0.00603
Optimal Dual Pivot - 1 - 2	0.02044	0.00636
Optimal Dual Pivot - 2 - 2	0.01754	0.00603
Three Pivot - 1 - 3	0.02595	0.00616
Yaroslavskiy - 1 - 2	0.01811	0.00584

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Sort Method	Comparisons	Swaps
Heap M Pivot - 1 - 3	0.02755	0.00999
Heap M Pivot - 1 - 4	0.02782	0.00885
Heap M Pivot - 1 - 5	0.02903	0.00809
Heap M Pivot - 1 - 6	0.02801	0.00769
M Pivot - 1 - 3	0.01955	0.00640
M Pivot - 1 - 4	0.02039	0.00594
M Pivot - 1 - 5	0.02136	0.00532
M Pivot - 1 - 6	0.02369	0.00524

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