

## PROJECT ASSIGNMENT

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# Algorithm Design & Analysis

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# Introduction

In this project, we focus on three important algorithms: Merge Sort, Quick Sort, and Binary Search. These are widely used for organizing and searching data efficiently.

We implement the algorithms in Python and Java, compare their performance, and analyze their time and space complexity. Binary Search is also used to simulate searching in an AVL Tree.

The idea is to see how these algorithms do, how fast are they and how do they perform in relation to the data size. This allows us to exert a strong emphasis on the design of professional algorithms and problemsolving.

# DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

IQBAL

System > About

Storage  
**954 GB**

Graphics Card  
**8 GB**

Installed RAM  
**32.0 GB**

529 GB of 954 GB used

Multiple GPUs installed

Speed: 7500 MHz

Processor  
**AMD Ryzen 9 8945HS  
w/ Radeon 780M  
Graphics**  
4.00 GHz

AMEERUL

System > About

Storage  
**932 GB**

Graphics Card  
**12 GB**

716 GB of 932 GB used

Installed RAM  
**32.0 GB**

Processor  
**AMD Ryzen 5 7500F 6-  
Core Processor**  
3.70 GHz

AMIRUL

System > About

Storage  
**477 GB**

Graphics Card  
**4 GB**

398 GB of 477 GB used

Multiple GPUs installed

Installed RAM  
**8.00 GB**

Processor  
**AMD Ryzen 5 5600H  
with Radeon Graphics**  
3.30 GHz

AZZRUDDIN

Storage  
**477 GB**

Graphics Card  
**4 GB**

447 GB of 477 GB used

Multiple GPUs installed

Installed RAM  
**16.0 GB**

Processor  
**AMD Ryzen 5 4600H  
with Radeon Graphics**  
3.60 GHz

# Links to Dataset (Onedrive of Each Person)

NAME	DATASET	ONEDRIVE LINKS
AZZRUDDIN	1000000,3000000,5000000, 9000000,11000000,13000000,15000000, 17000000,19000000,45000000	<a href="https://mmuedumy-my.sharepoint.com/:g/personal/121112098_student_mmu_edu_my/EgxMxYbmncIMqrJRV6kz19wBNoKeh_H9ABx-npLEK7TMEw?e=vWwj8T">https://mmuedumy-my.sharepoint.com/:g/personal/121112098_student_mmu_edu_my/EgxMxYbmncIMqrJRV6kz19wBNoKeh_H9ABx-npLEK7TMEw?e=vWwj8T</a>
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AMEERUL ARIEFF	2000000,3000000,4000000,5000000,6000000,7000000,8000000,9000000,10000000,100000000	<a href="https://mmuedumy-my.sharepoint.com/:g/personal/1231303379_studen_t_mmu_edu_my/EiM306KevbdEuu3apTt2_dcBR-no-7Ua1G_vMXr8urK7jw?e=Badgl6">https://mmuedumy-my.sharepoint.com/:g/personal/1231303379_studen_t_mmu_edu_my/EiM306KevbdEuu3apTt2_dcBR-no-7Ua1G_vMXr8urK7jw?e=Badgl6</a>
IQBAL HAKIM	10000000,20000000,30000000,4000000, 50000000,60000000,70000000,80000000, 90000000,100000000	<a href="https://1drv.ms/f/c/810e1691468c2a02/EmLz2WHRPA_BMvKeL9kFD_G8Byv8yXca-Wn_YXZQq6zJg3Q?e=3NEPIZ">https://1drv.ms/f/c/810e1691468c2a02/EmLz2WHRPA_BMvKeL9kFD_G8Byv8yXca-Wn_YXZQq6zJg3Q?e=3NEPIZ</a>

# THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

# MERGE SORT

Merge sort is **divide and conquer algorithm** that splits the array, sorts each half, and merges them back together

## Time and Space Complexity :

- **Time** :  $O(n \log n)$  for all cases
- **Space** :  $O(n)$  uses extra memory for merging

## Pros :

1. Always  $O(n \log n)$ , even in worst case
2. Stable sort (keeps equal items in order)
3. Good for large datasets

## Cons :

1. Uses extra memory ( $O(n)$ )
2. Can be slower than Quick Sort on small arrays

CASE	DESCRIPTION	COMPLEXITY
Best Case	Data is already sorted	$O(n \log n)$
Average Case	Randomly ordered data	$O(n \log n)$
Worst Case	Data is in reverse order	$O(n \log n)$

# QUICK SORT

A **divide and conquer algorithm** that picks a **pivot**, partitions the array into **two parts** (less than and greater than the pivot), and recursively sorts them.

## Time and Space Complexity :

- Time: Best/Average:  $O(n \log n)$ , Worst:  $O(n^2)$
- Space:  $O(\log n)$  for recursive calls (in-place)

## Pros:

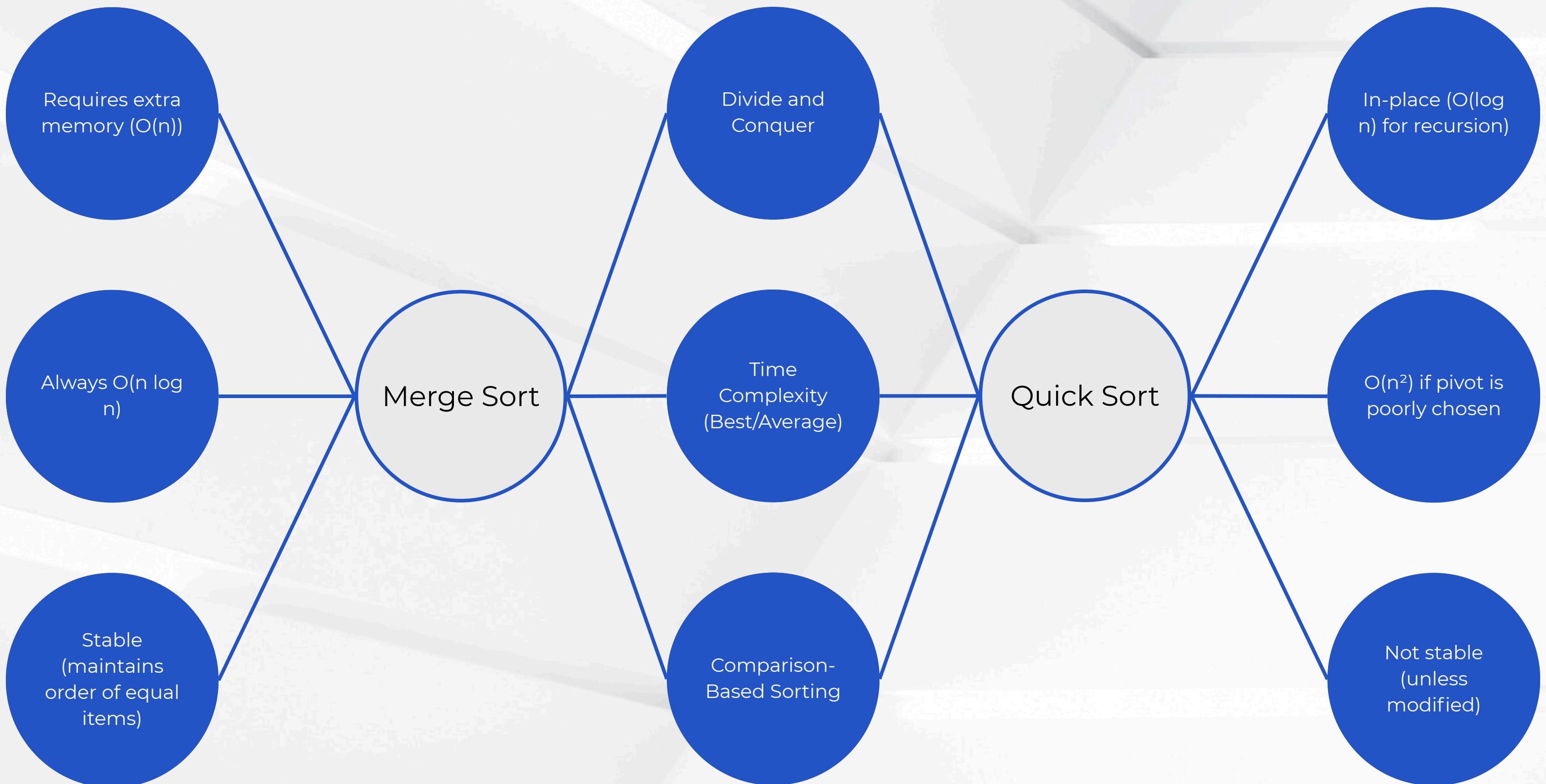
1. Faster than Merge Sort for small arrays
2. In-place (no extra space needed)
3. Efficient average-case performance

## Cons

1. Worst-case is  $O(n^2)$  if pivot choice is poor
2. Not stable
3. Requires good pivot strategy

CASE	DESCRIPTION	COMPLEXITY
Best Case	Pivot splits array into equal halves	$O(n \log n)$
Average Case	Random pivot with balanced partitions	$O(n \log n)$
Worst Case	Pivot is always smallest or largest element (unbalanced)	$O(n^2)$

## THEORETICAL ANALYSIS



# BINARY SEARCH

An efficient algorithm to find an item in a sorted array by **repeatedly** dividing the search interval in half.

## Time and Space Complexity :

- Time:  $O(\log n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$  (iterative) or  $O(\log n)$  (recursive)

## Pros:

1. Very fast for large sorted data
2. Simple and efficient
3. Uses minimal comparisons

## Cons :

1. Works only on sorted data
2. More complex to implement than linear search
3. Inefficient for small arrays or unsorted data

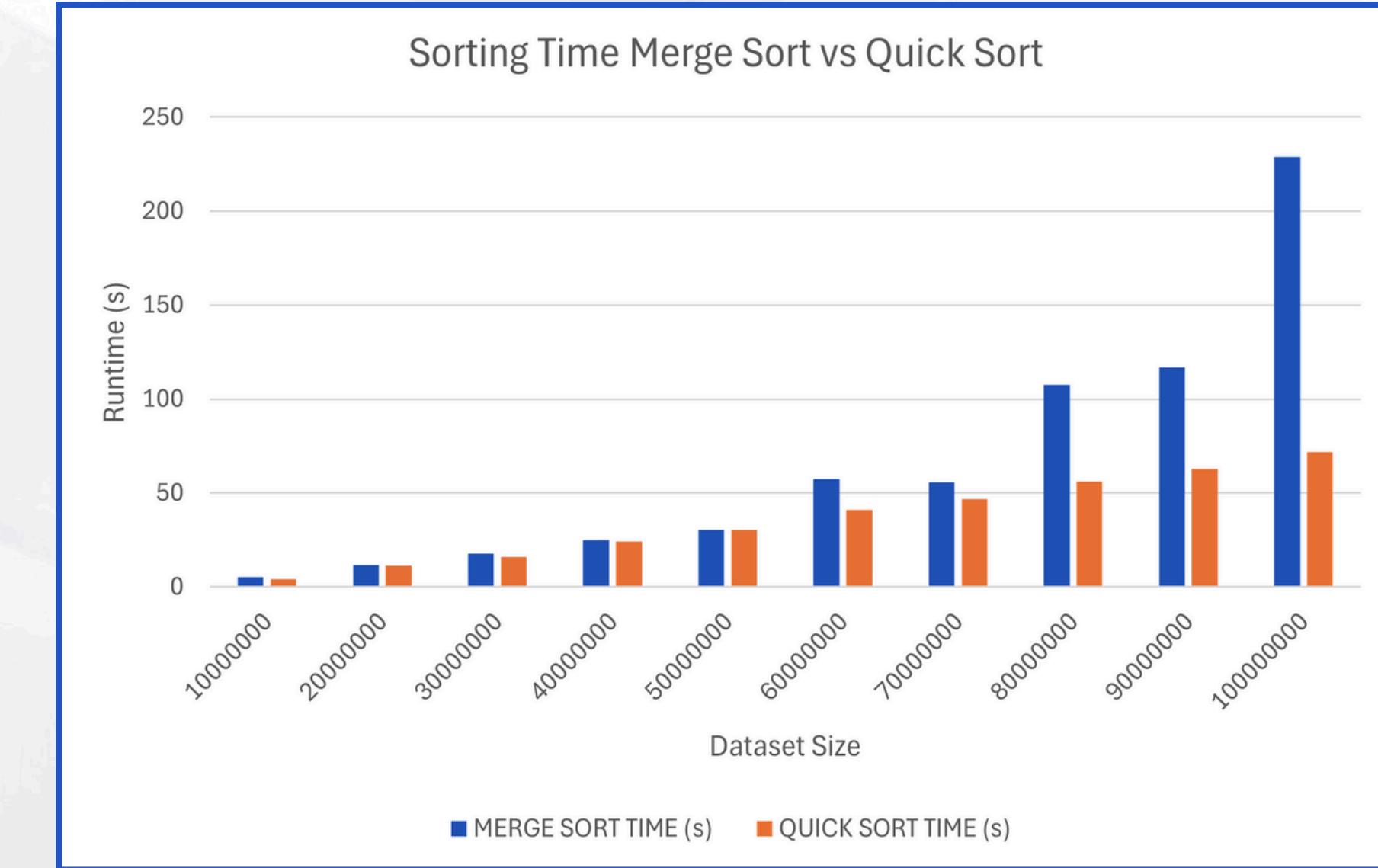
CASE	DESCRIPTION	COMPLEXITY
Best Case	Middle element is the target	$O(1)$
Average Case	Target found after a few splits	$O(\log n)$
Worst Case	Target not found, then requires full depth search	$O(\log n)$

# EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS RESULT

# SORTING RUNTIME COMPARISON (JAVA)

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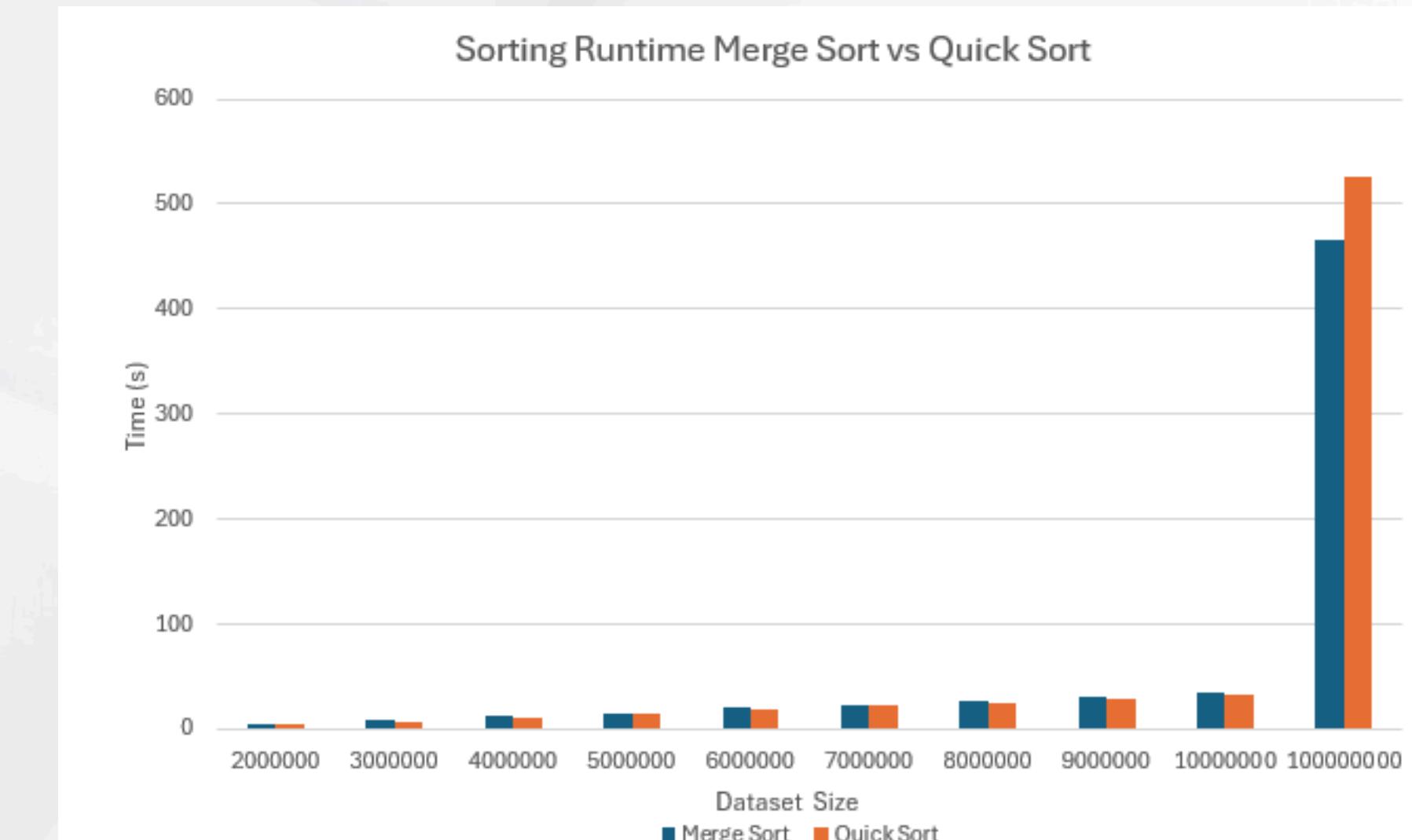
NO	DATASET	MERGE SORT TIME (s)	QUICK SORT TIME (s)
1	10000000	5.349	4.191
2	20000000	11.487	11.15
3	30000000	17.728	15.936
4	40000000	24.966	24.257
5	50000000	30.142	30.138
6	60000000	57.588	40.945
7	70000000	55.571	46.828
8	80000000	107.605	56.164
9	90000000	116.747	62.851
10	100000000	228.823	71.875



# SORTING RUNTIME COMPARISON (PYTHON)

AMEERUL

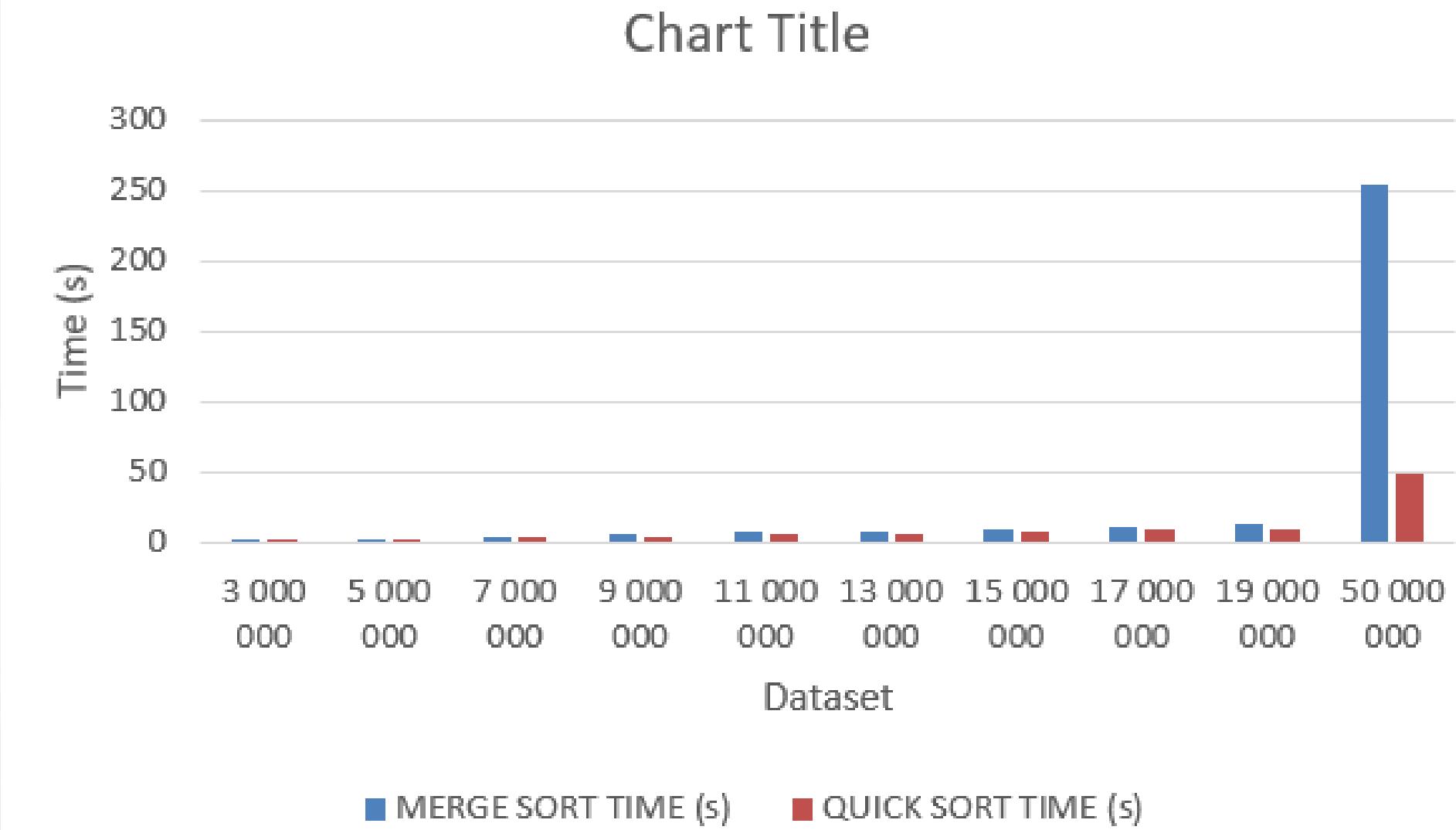
NO	DATASET	MERGE SORT TIME (s)	QUICK SORT TIME (s)
1	2 000 000	5.7381	4.9187
2	3 000 000	8.6953	7.6777
3	4 000 000	12.5153	11.7631
4	5 000 000	15.8529	14.3528
5	6 000 000	19.9691	19.2390
6	7 000 000	23.8725	23.5600
7	8 000 000	26.4044	25.6977
8	9 000 000	31.1411	28.8326
9	10 000 000	34.1187	32.1404
10	100 000 000	466.4188	526.1754



# SORTING RUNTIME COMPARISON (JAVA)

AMIRUL

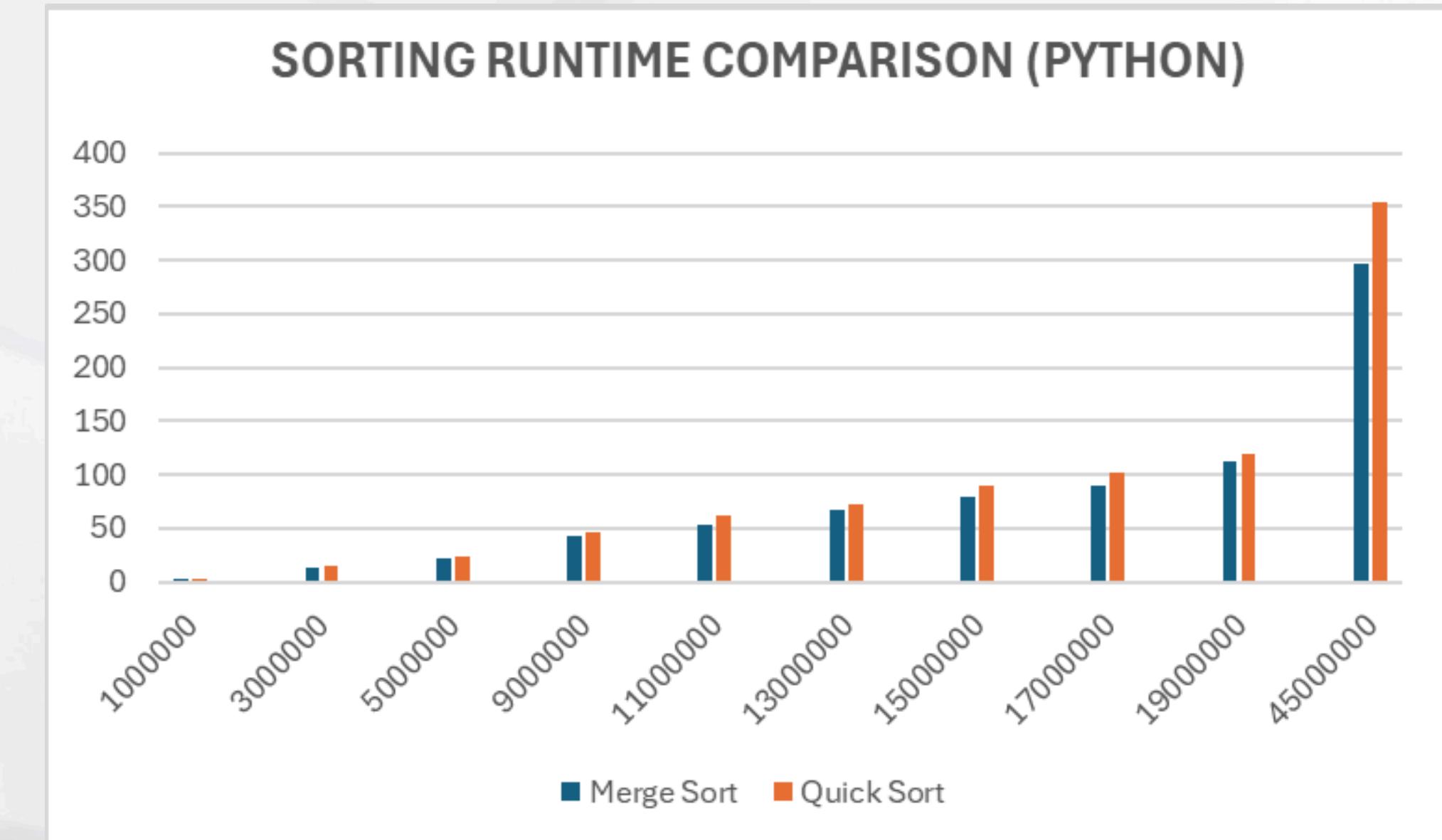
NO	DATASET	MERGE SORT TIME (s)	QUICK SORT TIME (s)
1	3 000 000	1.719	1.278
2	5 000 000	2.677	2.572
3	7 000 000	4.293	2.828
4	9 000 000	5.640	3.707
5	11 000 000	7.146	5.168
6	13 000 000	7.883	6.082
7	15 000 000	8.993	6.760
8	17 000 000	11.292	8.596
9	19 000 000	12.825	9.520
10	50 000 000	253.429	48.660



# SORTING RUNTIME COMPARISON (PYTHON)

AZZRUDDIN

NO	DATASET	MERGE SORT TIME (s)	QUICK SORT TIME (s)
1	1000000	3.4653	3.3966
2	3000000	12.2566	14.7665
3	5000000	21.6394	24.3226
4	9000000	42.8352	46.1439
5	11000000	53.5350	61.6664
6	13000000	67.2718	71.9469
7	15000000	78.5289	89.6338
8	17000000	89.7913	102.1742
9	19000000	112.8287	118.6192
10	45000000	297.5753	354.1399



# SEARCHING ANALYSIS RESULTS (BINARY SEARCH)

IQBAL (JAVA)

INPUT SIZE	USED FILE	WORST (ms)	AVERAGE (ms)	BEST (ms)
1	merge_sort_10000000	279.63	259.95	261.71
2	merge_sort_20000000	579.87	546.08	549.42

AMIRUL (JAVA)

INPUT SIZE	USED FILE	WORST (ms)	AVERAGE (ms)	BEST (ms)
1	merge_sort_3000000	194.49	177.64	139.74
2	merge_sort_19000000	1275.82	1207.66	866.14

AMEERUL (PYTHON)

INPUT SIZE	USED FILE	WORST (ms)	AVERAGE (ms)	BEST (ms)
1	merge_sort_5000000	9656.98	9154.92	9045.35
2	merge_sort_10000000	21219.61	20084.75	20890.87

AZZRUDDIN (PYTHON)

INPUT SIZE	USED FILE	WORST (ms)	AVERAGE (ms)	BEST (ms)
1	merge_sort_1000000	4503.18	4305.29	4239.13
2	merge_sort_3000000	15250.95	14328.55	9310.56

# OUTPUT SAMPLES

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (merge\_sort\_10.csv)

## GENERATED DATASET

```
dataset_10.csv > data  
1 6464374283,loxxrk  
2 5047241965,ojxxsk  
3 8929207004,d1jfdw  
4 8166397257,aorkax  
5 772066069,vsqrhy  
6 6327445370,valooe  
7 9491841707,cxjerh  
8 4682922225,krfwvt  
9 3389584444,otlrrc  
10 6169239128,wvzxwh  
11
```

## SORTED DATASET

```
merge_sort_10.csv > data  
1 772066069,vsqrhy  
2 3389584444,otlrrc  
3 4682922225,krfwvt  
4 5047241965,ojxxsk  
5 6169239128,wvzxwh  
6 6327445370,valooe  
7 6464374283,loxxrk  
8 8166397257,aorkax  
9 8929207004,d1jfdw  
10 9491841707,cxjerh
```

## OUTPUT

```
Merge Sort completed.  
Input: dataset_10.csv  
Output: merge_sort_10.csv  
Running time: 0.000 s
```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (merge\_sort\_step\_1\_5.csv)

## GENERATED DATASET

```
dataset_10.csv > data
1 6464374283,loxxrk
2 5047241965,ojxxsk
3 8929207004,dljfdw
4 8166397257,aorkax
5 772066069,vsqrhy
6 6327445370,valooe
7 9491841707,cxjerh
8 4682922225,krfwvt
9 3389584444,otlrrc
10 6169239128,wvzxwh
```

## SORTED OUTPUT

```
merge_sort_step_1_5.txt
1 [6464374283/loxxrk, 5047241965/ojxxsk, 8929207004/dljfdw, 8166397257/aorkax, 772066069/vsqrhy]
2 [5047241965/ojxxsk, 6464374283/loxxrk, 8929207004/dljfdw, 8166397257/aorkax, 772066069/vsqrhy]
3 [5047241965/ojxxsk, 6464374283/loxxrk, 8929207004/dljfdw, 8166397257/aorkax, 772066069/vsqrhy]
4 [5047241965/ojxxsk, 6464374283/loxxrk, 8929207004/dljfdw, 772066069/vsqrhy, 8166397257/aorkax]
5 [772066069/vsqrhy, 5047241965/ojxxsk, 6464374283/loxxrk, 8166397257/aorkax, 8929207004/dljfdw]
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```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (merge\_sort\_10.csv)

GENERATED DATASET

1	7157565882,xbxuat
2	942162917,xuzcok
3	1951974868,kjkvtl
4	5069615478,olpbox
5	4529166343,iosxdk
6	1115442276,afyidh
7	5209325226,fbhibw
8	5858384526,jlkukb
9	62265513,xulmcr
10	5848632093,akzefa

SORTED DATASET

1	62265513,xulmcr
2	942162917,xuzcok
3	1115442276,afyidh
4	1951974868,kjkvtl
5	4529166343,iosxdk
6	5069615478,olpbox
7	5209325226,fbhibw
8	5848632093,akzefa
9	5858384526,jlkukb
10	7157565882,xbxuat

## OUTPUT

```
Enter CSV filename : dataset_10.csv
- Sorted 10 records.
- Time taken (excluding I/O): 0.0000 seconds.
- Output file name: merge_sort_10.csv
```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (merge\_sort\_step\_1\_5.csv)

## GENERATED DATASET

1	7157565882,xbxuat
2	942162917,xuzcok
3	1951974868,kjkvtl
4	5069615478,olpbox
5	4529166343,iosxdk
6	1115442276,afyidh
7	5209325226,fbhibw
8	5858384526,jlkukb
9	62265513,xulmcr
10	5848632093,akzefa

## SORTED OUTPUT

1	[7157565882/xbxuat, 942162917/xuzcok, 1951974868/kjkvtl, 5069615478/olpbox, 4529166343/iosxdk]
2	[942162917/xuzcok, 7157565882/xbxuat, 1951974868/kjkvtl, 5069615478/olpbox, 4529166343/iosxdk]
3	[942162917/xuzcok, 1951974868/kjkvtl, 7157565882/xbxuat, 5069615478/olpbox, 4529166343/iosxdk]
4	[942162917/xuzcok, 1951974868/kjkvtl, 7157565882/xbxuat, 4529166343/iosxdk, 5069615478/olpbox]
5	[942162917/xuzcok, 1951974868/kjkvtl, 4529166343/iosxdk, 5069615478/olpbox, 7157565882/xbxuat]

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (quick\_sort\_10.csv)

## GENERATED DATASET

	dataset_10.csv
1	2785334288, jbuzpk
2	2604811430, nomrxh
3	5162709560, wxrcxv
4	515319273, vyppei
5	7939752666, zqtvbj
6	1871561299, rhptec
7	9204602944, nrpgst
8	4943344457, sqybhaw
9	2979643268, riombi
10	4986158329, xnsgne

## SORTED DATASET

	quick_sort_10.csv
1	515319273, vyppei
2	1871561299, rhptec
3	2604811430, nomrxh
4	2785334288, jbuzpk
5	2979643268, riombi
6	4943344457, sqybhaw
7	4986158329, xnsgne
8	5162709560, wxrcxv
9	7939752666, zqtvbj
10	9204602944, nrpgst

## OUTPUT

```
PS C:\Users\ameer\Downloads\data> java quick_sort dataset_10.csv
Quick Sort completed.
Input: dataset_10.csv
Output: quick_sort_10.csv
Runtime: 0.000 s
```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (quick\_sort\_step\_1\_5.csv)

## GENERATED DATASET

```
dataset_10.csv  
1 2785334288,jbuzpk  
2 2604811430,nomrxh  
3 5162709560,wxrcxv  
4 515319273,vyppei  
5 7939752666,zqtvbj  
6 1871561299,rhptec  
7 9204602944,nrpgst  
8 4943344457,sqybhaw  
9 2979643268,riombi  
10 4986158329,xnsgne
```

## SORTED OUTPUT

```
1 [2604811430/nomrxh, 5162709560/wxrcxv, 515319273/vyppei, 7939752666/zqtvbj, 1871561299/rhptec]  
2 pi=1 [515319273/vyppei, 1871561299/rhptec, 2604811430/nomrxh, 7939752666/zqtvbj, 5162709560/wxrcxv]  
3 pi=3 [515319273/vyppei, 1871561299/rhptec, 2604811430/nomrxh, 5162709560/wxrcxv, 7939752666/zqtvbj]
```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (quick\_sort\_10.csv)

## GENERATED DATASET

```
dataset_10.csv
1 8883026663,dgulbl
2 8032474628,hjwuze
3 2628079375,rbewsg
4 7669434732,lolcfm
5 255834513,iqbfzj
6 7468591491,mxzsnny
7 203001867,aphiwt
8 2475751053,rjbduv
9 783925171,wjqigy
10 1590521040,aavyng
```

## SORTED DATASET

```
quick_sort_10.csv
1 203001867,aphiwt
2 255834513,iqbfzj
3 783925171,wjqigy
4 1590521040,aavyng
5 2475751053,rjbduv
6 2628079375,rbewsg
7 7468591491,mxzsnny
8 7669434732,lolcfm
9 8032474628,hjwuze
10 8883026663,dgulbl
```

## OUTPUT

```
PS C:\Users\user\Desktop\Algo> python quick_sort.py
Enter dataset filename (e.g., dataset_1000.csv): dataset_10.csv
Sorting 10 records using Quick Sort...
Sorted 10 records.
Runtime: 0.0000 seconds
Output file: quick_sort_10.csv
```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (quick\_sort\_step\_1\_5.csv)

## GENERATED DATASET

```
dataset_10.csv
1 8883026663,dgulbl
2 8032474628,hjwuze
3 2628079375,rbewsg
4 7669434732,lolcfm
5 255834513,iqbffzj
6 7468591491,mxzsnny
7 203001867,aphiwt
8 2475751053,rjbduv
9 783925171,wjqigy
10 1590521040,aavyng
```

## SORTED OUTPUT

```
quick_sort_step_1_5.txt
1 [8032474628/hjwuze, 2628079375/rbewsg, 7669434732/lolcfm, 255834513/iqbffzj, 7468591491/mxzsnny]
2 pi=2 [2628079375/rbewsg, 255834513/iqbffzj, 7468591491/mxzsnny, 8032474628/hjwuze, 7669434732/lolcfm]
3 pi=0 [255834513/iqbffzj, 2628079375/rbewsg, 7468591491/mxzsnny, 8032474628/hjwuze, 7669434732/lolcfm]
4 pi=3 [255834513/iqbffzj, 2628079375/rbewsg, 7468591491/mxzsnny, 7669434732/lolcfm, 8032474628/hjwuze]
5
```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (BinarySearchStep)

## TARGET NOT FOUND

```
└─ binary_search_step_70.txt
    1  499999: 4997981498/bslvpm
    2  249999: 2498329748/wlfocl
    3  124999: 1252545899/qqonpg
    4  62499: 627728181/exegpb
    5  31249: 314775206/evtuki
    6  15624: 157961086/mxvuvf
    7  7811: 78959331/omiddr
    8  3905: 39530018/njndfn
    9  1952: 20122380/ygybjb
   10 975: 9844224/kzrwnz
   11 487: 4922613/zstyma
   12 243: 2407012/ztfsod
   13 121: 1050564/lmrxfd
   14 60: 449403/prbchc
   15 29: 222544/acnouv
   16 14: 97141/vtvngm
   17 6: 22377/sappzm
   18 2: 15022/svnhi
   19 0: 3184/adnldw
   20 -1
```

## TARGET FOUND

```
└─ binary_search_step_53982.txt
    1  499999: 4997981498/bslvpm
    2  249999: 2498329748/wlfocl
    3  124999: 1252545899/qqonpg
    4  62499: 627728181/exegpb
    5  31249: 314775206/evtuki
    6  15624: 157961086/mxvuvf
    7  7811: 78959331/omiddr
    8  3905: 39530018/njndfn
    9  1952: 20122380/ygybjb
   10 975: 9844224/kzrwnz
   11 487: 4922613/zstyma
   12 243: 2407012/ztfsod
   13 121: 1050564/lmrxfd
   14 60: 449403/prbchc
   15 29: 222544/acnouv
   16 14: 97141/vtvngm
   17 6: 22377/sappzm
   18 10: 53982/boehwf
```

# OUTPUT SAMPLE (binary\_search\_step)

## TARGET NOT FOUND

```
binary_search_step_30.txt
1 999999: 4994403350/vfvxcp
2 499999: 2498138715/krgxqz
3 249999: 1248246556/kgyavi
4 124999: 626296575/oidtip
5 62499: 311023687/rnffdb
6 31249: 155477896/xtrafn
7 15624: 78328617/tosyxz
8 7811: 39046337/pvkfzi
9 3905: 19281005/xoatlf
10 1952: 9527536/enkqyd
11 975: 4822527/mmklmw
12 487: 2503470/gxksgt
13 243: 1205445/icjevm
14 121: 508162/bqtnab
15 60: 238815/pbwmu
16 29: 116295/kyueel
17 14: 54827/hurloi
18 6: 34130/bdtwgq
19 2: 12818/ydejcr
20 0: 1557/xzzovg
21 -1
22
```

## TARGET FOUND

```
binary_search_step_4446161425.txt
1 999999: 4994403350/vfvxcp
2 499999: 2498138715/krgxqz
3 749999: 3747776497/hdmdpo
4 874999: 4370748185/koqoad
5 937499: 4680095253/cigekb
6 906249: 4525573982/blycns
7 890624: 4447536439/zyfvuo
8 882811: 4409186165/qioicl
9 886717: 4428109042/hkltjd
10 888670: 4437963925/oeeaas
11 889647: 4442749452/pafibt
12 890135: 4445215768/aptrya
13 890379: 4446408882/krbtlc
14 890257: 4445857538/exvmot
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# CONCLUSIONS

# Analysis Findings

### **Same Language, Same Hardware**

- In both Python and Java, Merge Sort generally offered more stable and predictable performance.
- Quick Sort was faster than Merge Sort because the algorithm sorts in-place which does not require extra memory for another array
- Binary Search executed rapidly in all cases due to its logarithmic time complexity, with minimal difference across test cases.

### **Same Language, Different Hardware**

- Hardware specifications significantly affected performance:
- Faster CPUs and more RAM reduced execution time for all algorithms.
- Merge Sort benefited from better memory, while Quick Sort performance was sensitive to CPU and stack capacity.

### **Different Languages, Same Hardware**

- Java outperformed Python in most cases, especially on large datasets, due to its compiled nature and efficient memory management.
- Python, being an interpreted language, showed slower runtimes, particularly for recursive functions like Quick Sort and Merge Sort.
- Python have recursion limit which cause Quick Sort in Python to struggle with larger dataset.

# Best Sorting Arrays

To efficiently simulate AVL trees using arrays, the data must first be sorted, as AVL operations rely on balanced and sorted structures. The choice of sorting algorithm directly affects both preprocessing time and space usage especially when working with large datasets.

## Merge Sort

Merge Sort provides stable  **$O(n \log n)$**  performance in all scenarios. It makes sure sorted output even for worst-case data, making it highly reliable for AVL tree construction. Its divide-and-conquer strategy works well even with ordered or patterned input. However, Merge Sort requires  $O(n)$  additional memory, which can be a drawback for very large datasets or memory-constrained environments.

## Quick Sort

Quick Sort has a theoretical  **$O(n^2)$**  worst-case time, it remains one of the fastest sorting algorithms in practice especially for large datasets. Despite using a suboptimal pivot (last element) Quick Sort still outperformed Merge Sort in our tests when working making it more space-efficient, and its performance improves significantly with large-scale data.

While Merge Sort is more stable and safer against worst-case input, Quick Sort is ultimately the faster option in practice even when using the last-element pivot.

# AVL vs Linked Structure

### **Performance & Efficiency**

We use arrays because they have constant time ( $O(1)$  time) access via indexing, which is optimal for fast lookups as we see in our `binary_search2.py`.

Linked structures ( $O(n)$  for reaching the elements) also use more space because of pointer fields.

### **Simplicity in Coding**

In our sorting implementations (`merge_sort.py`, `quick_sort.py`, using array improve the logic and prevent bugs.

Linked lists would on the other hand require both node creation, pointer logic and balancing (for AVL) which would stall development time due to added complexity and error prone code.

### **Practical Relevance in Sorting & Searching**

We were able to get log search time on sorted arrays with our Binary Search.

Both Merge Sort and Quick Sort require random access to elements, which is not possible in linked structures.