

Java Sorting Algorithms Comparison

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Abstract

I. MOTIVATION

In order to show how an algorithm might run on a given set of hardware, and how the algorithm will perform when given large amounts of data, algorithms are analysed. Sorting algorithms sort data into a natural order. By analysing sorting algorithms, the fastest algorithm for a given problem can be determined.

II. BACKGROUND

A sorting algorithm is used to sort data with a natural order. One such sorting algorithm is insertion sort, which sorts by iterating through a list of data, taking the current position, and repositioning it into a more appropriate place in the list. Heap sort is another sorting algorithm that greatly differs than insertion sort in that it uses a divide, conquer, and combine method; meaning that it breaks the set it is sorting into subsets until the subsets can no longer be broken up and then merge sort combines the subsets together rendering the correct answer.

III. PROCEDURE

IV. TESTING

A. Testing Plan and Results

B. Problems Encountered

V. EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

VI. CONCLUSIONS

REFERENCES

APPENDIX