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Comparison.

Differences between the algorithm and a situation where one has an advantage over the others.

Since heapsort is independent of the distribution of the data it will have a best, average, and worst-case time complexity of $n \log n$. This means that a advantage of heapsort is it's robustness of the algorithm even if you don't know the distribution of the data. Quicksort also has time complexity of $n \log n$ in the average and best case however n^2 in the worst case. This means that insertion sort is better in a sorted array since it will have a linear n time complexity. In a worst-case scenario heapsort becomes the fastest since it has the same time complexity for all cases while the other methods have n^2 .

Quicksort is efficient in small cases because the inner loop is small.