INTRO:

We are implementing four header files called [BubbleSort.h - HeapSort.h - MergeSort.h - SelectionSort.h] and one main cpp file called SortTimeDriver.cpp
They all contain functions that use a template that uses the class ItemType

DESCRIPTION OF FILES:

1. BubbleSort.h

This header file contains everything related to the bubble sort algorithm

2. HeapSort

This header file contains everything related to the heap sort algorithm

3. MergeSort

This header file contains everything related to the merge sort algorithm

4. SelectionSort

This header file contains everything related to the selection sort algorithm

5. SortTimeDriver

This cpp file contains the main function and calls upon all the previous files and functions

TEST RUNS

Test run 1:

Sample size: 50 ints

SelectionSort execution time in seconds: 4.8e-06 BubbleSort execution time in seconds: 7.1e-06 MergeSort execution time in seconds: 4.8e-06 HeapSort execution time in seconds: 8e-07

Test run 2:

Sample size: 500 ints

SelectionSort execution time in seconds: 0.0002891 BubbleSort execution time in seconds: 0.0005407 MergeSort execution time in seconds: 5.93e-05 HeapSort execution time in seconds: 6e-06 Test run 3:

Sample size: 5000 ints

SelectionSort execution time in seconds: 0.026402 BubbleSort execution time in seconds: 0.0558917 MergeSort execution time in seconds: 0.0015536 HeapSort execution time in seconds: 5.15e-05

Test run 4:

Sample size: 50000 ints

SelectionSort execution time in seconds: 2.60405 BubbleSort execution time in seconds: 7.40761 MergeSort execution time in seconds: 0.0818791

HeapSort execution time in seconds: N/A

OBSERVATIONS

After observing all test runs, MergeSort seems to be the fastest sorting algorithm out of these 4

HeapSort has a size limit so it needs to be increased to handle more samples