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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Program | Expt. | CPU | RelCPU | GC | Mem | RelMem |
| 8 Queens | (a) | 2 88 | 1 00 | 6 | 1 7M | 1 00 |
| Primes | (b)  (c)  (a) | 32 51  7 90  4 89 | 11 29  2 74  1 00 | 193  42  19 | 48 9M  11 3M  5 3M | 28 76  6 65  1 00 |
| Nfib | (b)  (c)  (a) | 47 54  10 08  21 65 | 9 72  2 06  1 00 | 204  47  161 | 54 5M  13 0M  40 4M | 10 28  2 45  1 00 |
|  | (b) | 221 65 | 10 24 | 1382 | 349 0M | 8 64 |
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