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Q3 Mathematically derive the average runtime complexity of the non-random pivot version of quicksort.

Ans Recurrence relations is used in order to derive the average runtime complexity of the non-random pivot version of quicksort.

The recurrence relation is

$$T(n) = T(p-1) + T(n-p) + O(n)$$

Where,

$T(n)$ = time complexity of quicksort for an array of size n .

p = position of the pivot element after partitioning the array.

$T(p-1)$ = time to sort left subarray
(elements smaller than pivot)

$T(n-p)$ = time to sort the right subarray (elements greater than the pivot).

$O(n)$ = represents the time to partition the array.

Let's consider the average case, where we assume that each element is equally likely to be the pivot. In this case, p is on average $n/2$.

The recurrence relation becomes:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$$

By applying Master Theorem, we can determine the average runtime complexity:

$$T(n) = O(n \log n)$$