CS202 - Algorithm Analysis Quick Sort

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Discussion Based On ...

Sedgewick 2.3 Quick Sort



Strategy:

- Divide: partition array into 2 subarrays such that elements in the lower part ≤ elements in the higher part.
- Conquer: recursively sort the 2 subarrays.
- **Combine:** trivial since sorting is done in place.



Characteristics:

- sort almost in "place", i.e., does not require an additional array.
- pivot is generally chosen as the last element.
- very practical, average and best case sort performance $O(N \times log(N))$, with small constant factors.
- worst case running time is $O(N^2)$

Partitioning Procedure (linear)

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Algorithm - Partition(A, p, r)
Input: an n-element un-sorted array A of integer values, a
lower bound p of the array A, and a pivot r in the array A.
Output: an n-element sorted array A of integer values.
  i \leftarrow p-1
  for i = p to r-1 do
     if A[i] < A[r] then
        i \leftarrow i + 1
        swap A[i] and A[i]
     end if
  end for
  swap A[i+1] and A[r]
  return i+1
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QuickSort Procedure (linear)

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Algorithm - QuickSort(A, p, r)

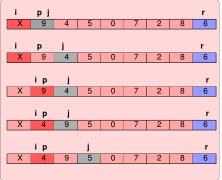
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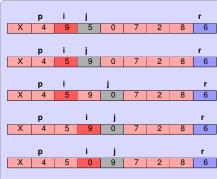
Output: an n-element sorted array A of integer values.

if p < r then
q \leftarrow Partition(A,p,r)
QuickSort(A, p, q-1)
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end if
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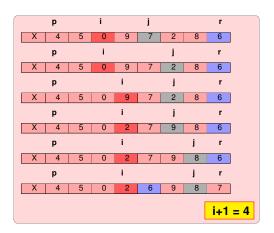
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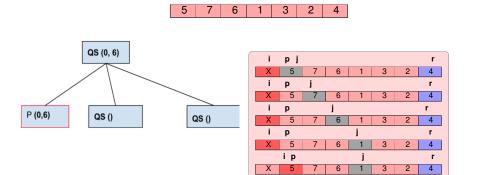




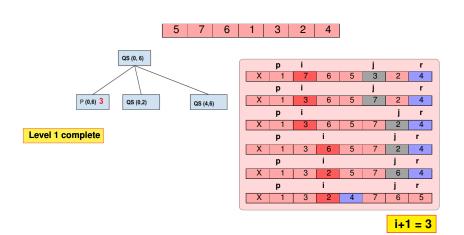


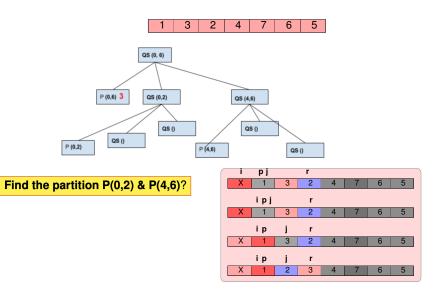
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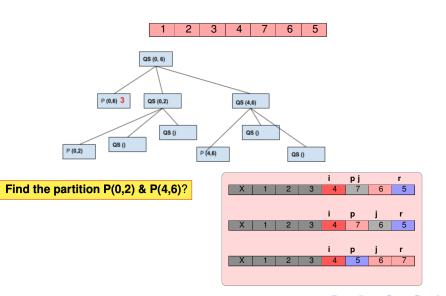


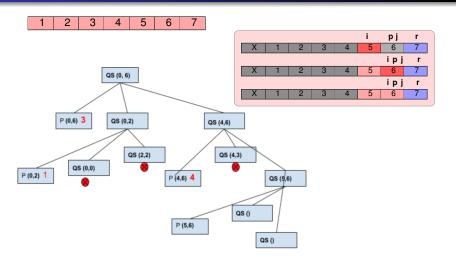


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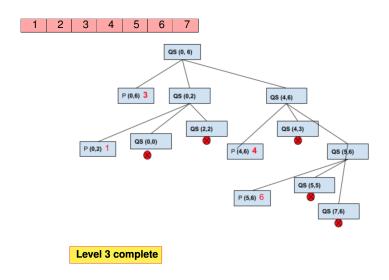








Find the partition P(5,6)?



Quick Sort Algorithm - An analysis

Running Time:

• Worst case: $O(n^2)$

• Best case: $O(n \times log(n))$

• Average case: $O(n \times log(n))$

Quick Sort Split

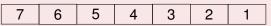
- 1:9 split $O(n \times log(n))$
- 1:99 split $O(n \times log(n))$
- 1:999 split $O(n \times log(n))$
- 0:n split $O(n^2)$

Quick Sort Example (Analyze)



• Running time : $O(n^2)$

Quick Sort Example (Analyze)



• Running time : $O(n^2)$

Quick Sort Finishing Up

One question to think of is can we do a better job in selecting the pivot element? Random position for [pivot] better split? - In Lab

Reading Assignment

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Questions?

Please ask if there are any Questions!