

1) deriving worst case complexity.

Letting $C(n)$ to denote the number of comparisons, required to sort an array of size n . (in worst case).

Then:

$$C(n) = C(n-1) + (n-1) + C(0)$$

↑
comparisons
in partitioning step.

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worst case scenario
(assuming pivot is
either smallest / largest
element).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } C(n) &= C(n) + (n-1) \\ &= [C(n-1) + (n-1)] + (n-1) \\ &= C(n-1) + (n-1) + (n-1) \\ &\vdots \\ &= C(1) + \underbrace{1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1)} \\ &= C(1) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Base case.

Big O notation

Hence $\rightarrow C(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = O(n^2)$

2) consider vector array:
in ascending order.

$V = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]$

1) selecting pivot 16.

As its rightmost, and all other elements are less than pivot. The pivot is sorted right most.

Similarly we have partitioned it in left 15 elements and right 16th element.

so

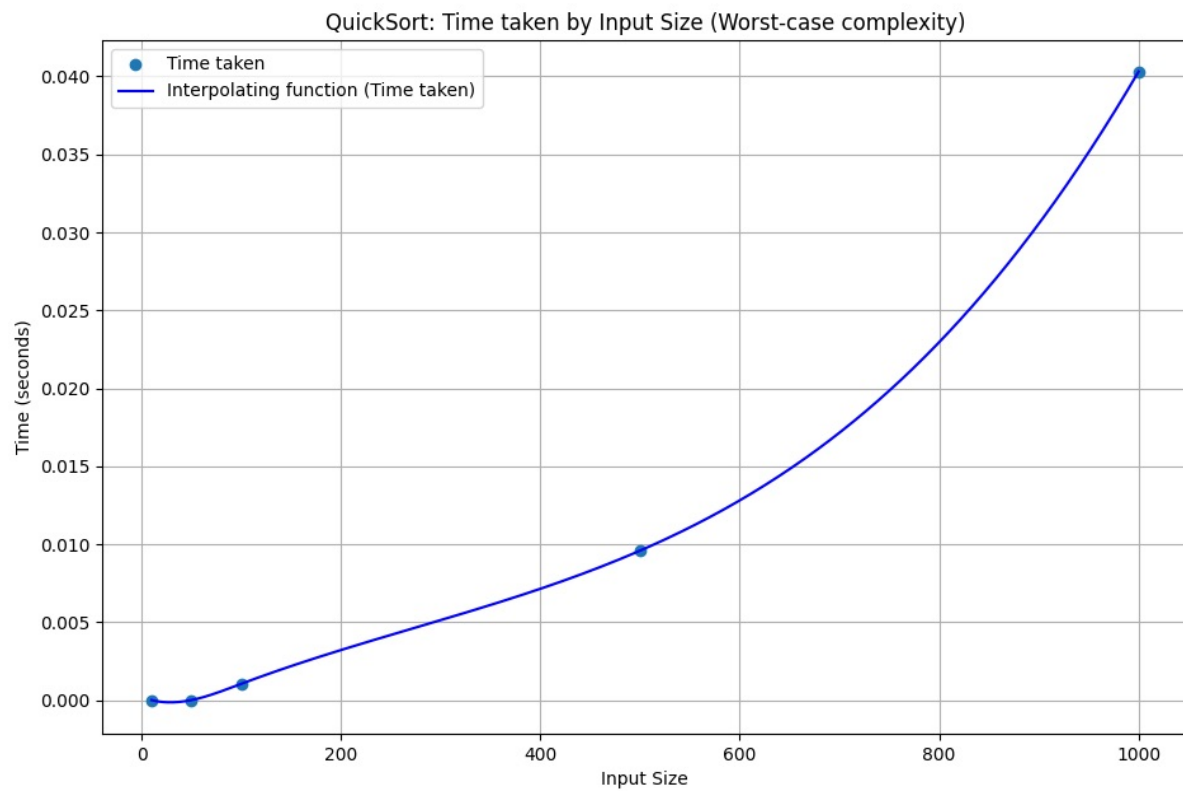
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Following this.

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This ~~is~~ algorithm will be applied successively on the left most partition giving us.

$[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15]$



4) yes the plot precisely follows the discussed $O(n^2)$ complexity: