

Quicksort Time Complexity

Quicksort(A, p, r)

if $p > r$:

$q = \text{Partition}(A, p, r)$

Quicksort(A, p, q-1)

Quicksort(A, q+1, r)

Partition(A, p, r)

$x = A[r]$

$i = p-1$

for $j = p$ to $r-1$

if $A[j] \leq x$

$i = i+1$

Swap $A[i]$ with $A[j]$

Swap $A[i+1]$ with $A[r]$

return $i+1$

$$T(n) = T(\text{Partition}) + T(n - \text{Partition}) + T(\text{finding Pivot})$$

P: Pivot

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

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(p) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(n-p) \quad T(p) \approx T(n-p)$$

$$n \cdot T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(p) \cdot n = (n-1)T(n-1) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(p)$$

$$n \cdot T(n) - (n-1)T(n-1) = 2T(n-1) + Cn^2 + C(n-1)^2$$

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$$nT(n) = T(n-1)(2+n-1) + 2Cn - C$$

$$\frac{nT(n)}{n(n+1)} = \frac{T(n-1)(n+1)}{n(n+1)} + \frac{2Cn - C}{n(n+1)} \quad \rightarrow \text{Constant}$$

$$n = n-1$$

$$T(n-1)/n = T(n-2)/n-1 + 2/n \quad n = n-2$$

$$\frac{T(n-2)}{n} = \frac{T(n-3)}{n-2} + \frac{2C}{n-1}$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n+1} = \frac{T(n-2)}{n-1} + \frac{2C}{n-1} + \frac{2C}{n} + \frac{2C}{n+1}$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n+1} = \frac{T(1)}{2} + 2C \left(\frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \dots \right)$$

$$\frac{T(n)}{n+1} = \frac{T(1)}{2} + 2C \log n + C$$

$$T(n) = 2C \log n \cdot (n+1)$$

$$T(n) = \log n (n+1)$$

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

Average and best case are the same

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