

# طراحی الگوریتم ها (CE221)

## جلسه ششم: مرتب سازی سریع

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# مرتب سازی سریع

**یک نمونه واقعی و کاربردی از الگوریتم های تصادفی**

# QUICKSORT OVERVIEW

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In practice, it works great! It's competitive with MergeSort (& often better in some contexts!), and it runs *in place* (no need for lots of additional memory)

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**Let's use **DIVIDE-and-CONQUER** again!**

Select a pivot *at random*

Partition around it

Recursively sort L and R!

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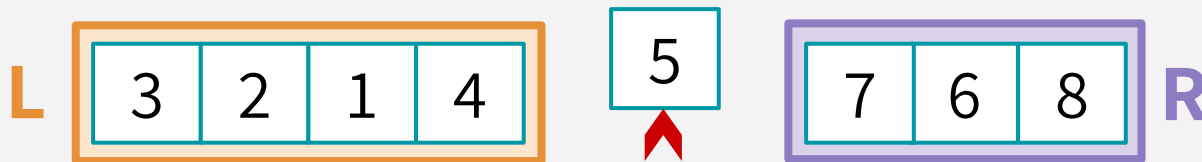
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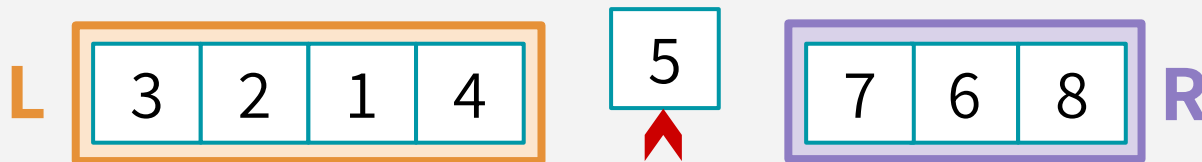
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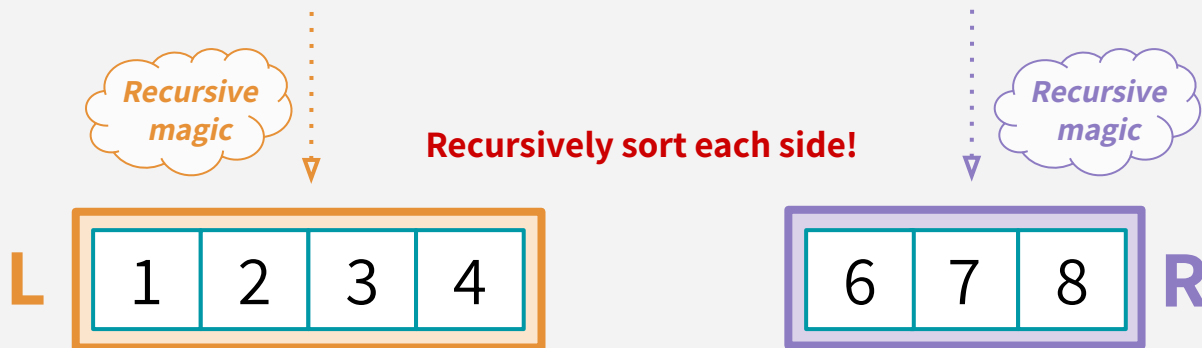
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# QUICKSORT: PSEUDO-PSEUDOCODE

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(recursion tree/table or substitution method!)

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## AN ASIDE: why is $E[|L|] = (n-1)/2$ ?

$$E[|L|] = E[|R|]$$

(by symmetry)

$$E[|L| + |R|] = n - 1$$

(because L and R make up everything except the pivot)

$$E[|L|] + E[|R|] = n - 1$$

(by linearity of expectation)

$$2 \cdot E[|L|] = n - 1$$

(plugging the first line)

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(Solving for  $E[|L|]$ )

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### **Why is this wrong?**

Well, for starters, we can use the exact same argument to prove something false...

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*Same recurrence relation!*

We also still have:

$$E[|L|] = E[|R|] = (n-1)/2$$

But now, one of  $|L|$  or  $|R|$  is *always*  $n-1$   
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        return A
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    pivot = e
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    PARTITION(A, pivot)
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    Replace A with L
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## Recurrence Relation for SLOWSORT

$$T(|R|) + O(n)$$

$$= O(1)$$

*Recurrence relation!*

all have:

$$|L| = (n-1)/2$$

... or  $|R|$  is always  $n-1$   
& the runtime is  $\Theta(n^2)$ , with probability 1

**RED FLAG:**

We could use the exact same (incorrect) proof to prove that **SLOWSort** has expected runtime  $O(n \log n)$ , when it actually has expected runtime of  $\Theta(n^2)$ ...

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Basically:

**$E[f(x)]$  is *not necessarily* the same as  $f(E[x])$**

e.g.  $E[X^2]$  is not the same as  $(E[X])^2$

We were reasoning about  $T(E[x])$  instead of  $E[T(x)]$

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Instead, to prove that the expected runtime of QuickSort is  $O(n \log n)$ , we're going to count the **number of comparisons** that this algorithm performs, and take the expectation of that!

How many times are any two items compared?





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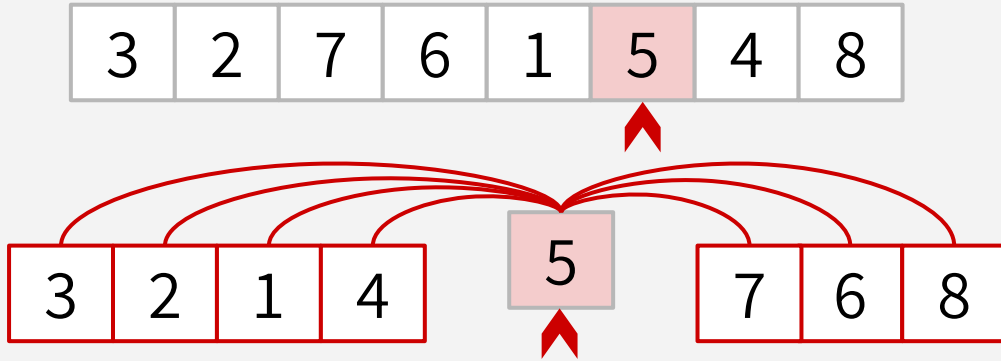
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**راه حل درست: تعداد مورد انتظار مقایسه دو عنصر با همدیگر چند بار است؟**

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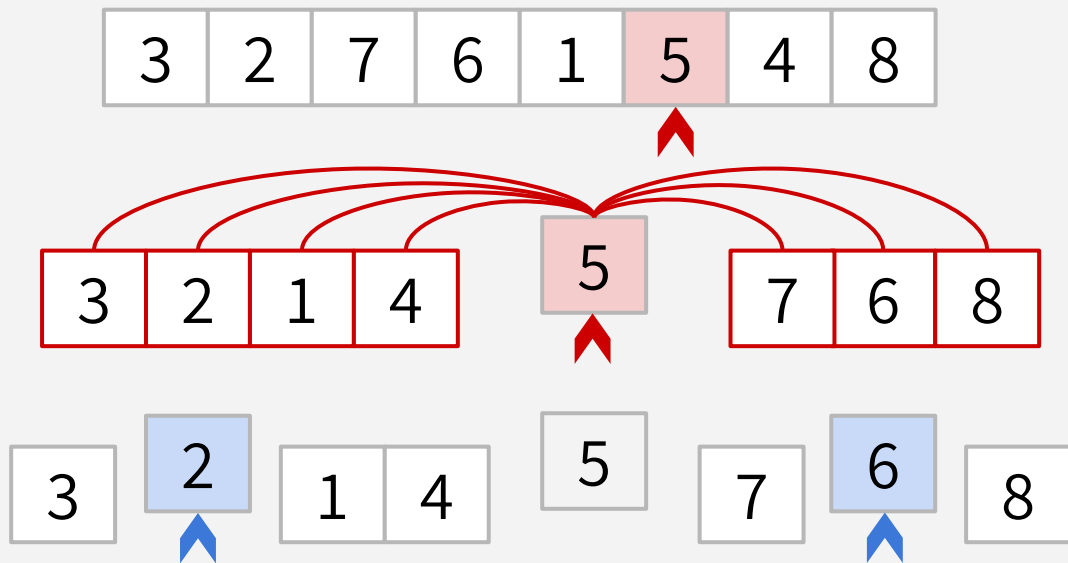


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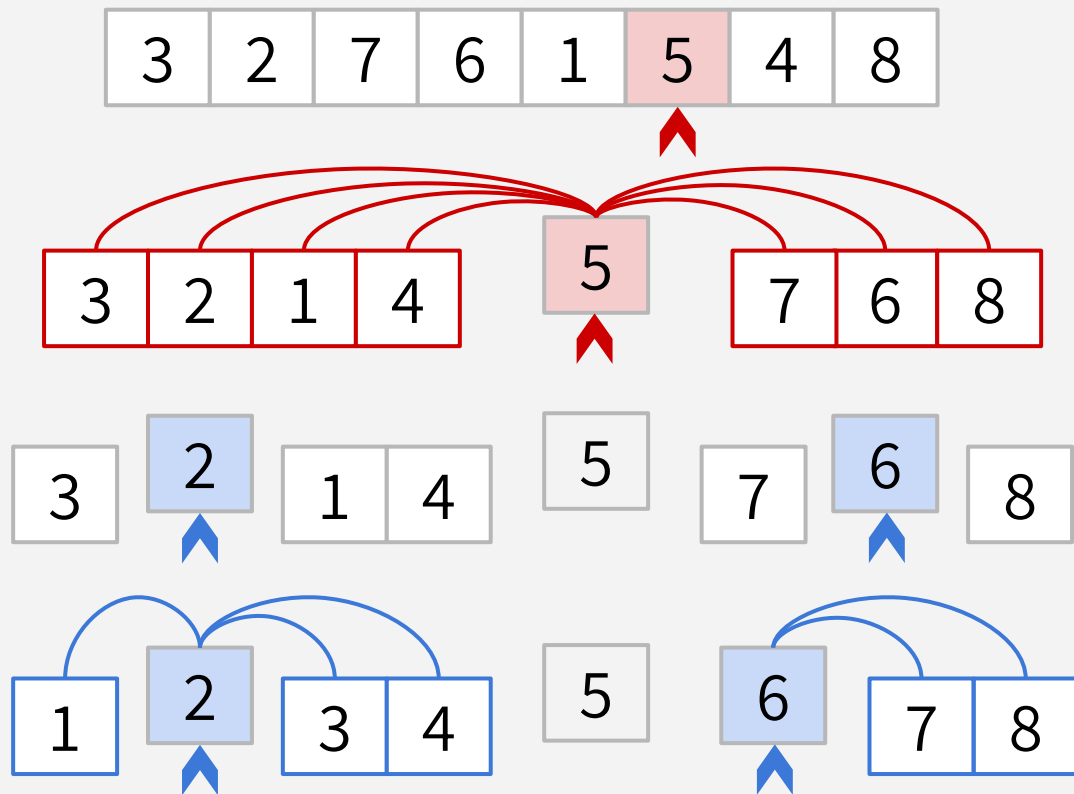
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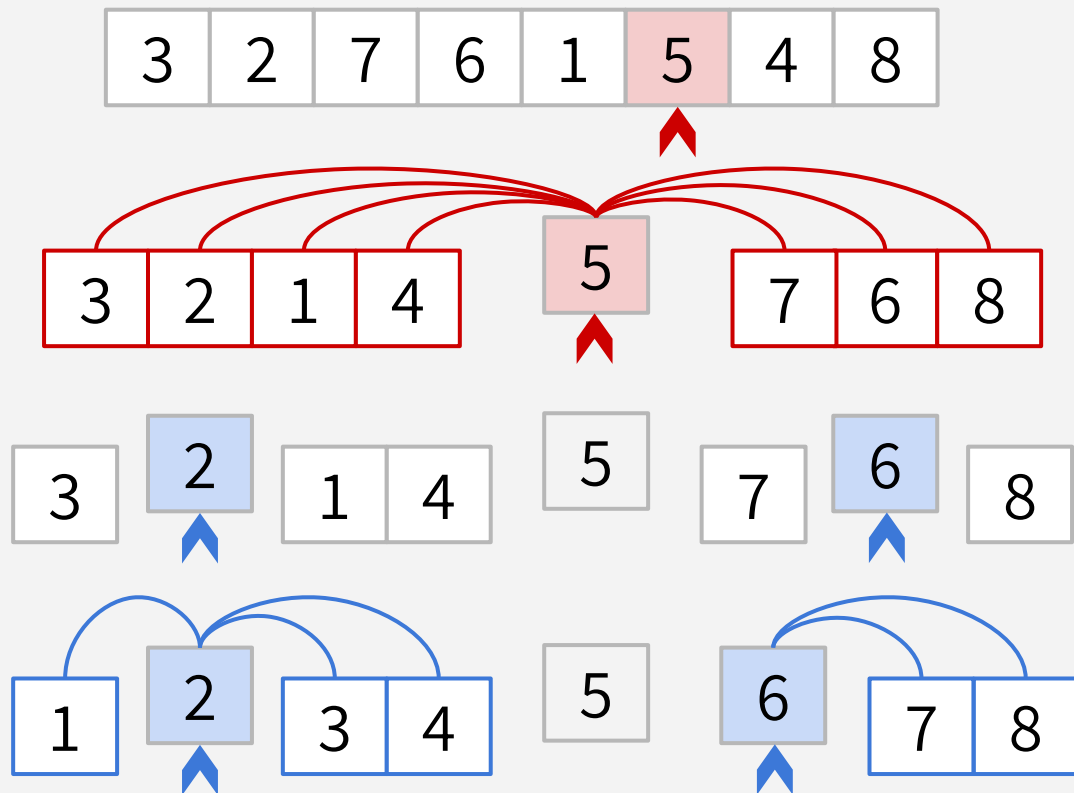
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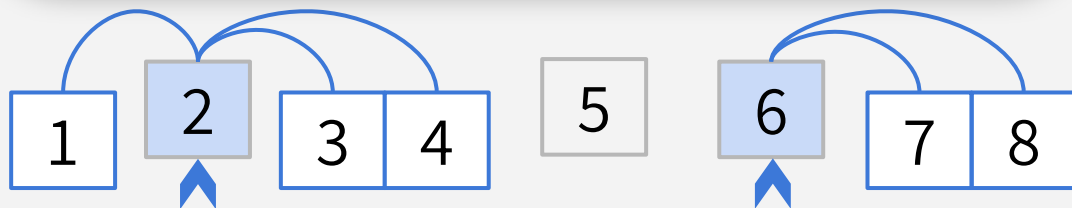
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Seems like whether or not two elements are compared has something to do with pivots...



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by linearity of expectation!

We need to figure out this value!

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So, what's  $E[X_{a,b}]$ ?

$$E[X_{a,b}] = 1 \cdot P(X_{a,b} = 1) + 0 \cdot P(X_{a,b} = 0) = P(X_{a,b} = 1)$$

So, what's  $P(X_{a,b} = 1)$ ? It's the probability that **a** and **b** are compared. Consider this example:

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$P(X_{3,7} = 1)$  is the probability that **3** and **7** are compared.

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This is exactly the probability that either 3 or 7 is first picked to be a pivot out of the highlighted entries.

1	2	3	4	5	7	8
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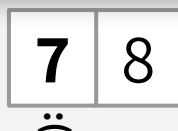
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(# elements from **a** to **b**, inclusive)



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If  $\mathbb{E}[\text{\# comparisons}] = O(n \log n)$ ,  
does this mean  $\mathbb{E}[\text{running time}]$   
is also  $O(n \log n)$ ?

**YES! Intuitively, the runtime is dominated by comparisons.**

$$= \sum_{a=0}^{n-2} \sum_{c=1}^{n-a-1} \frac{2}{c+1}$$

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$$\leq 2n \sum_{c=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{c}$$

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

We just computed  
 $\mathbb{E}[X_{a,b}] = P(X_{a,b} = 1)$

Introduce  $c = b - a$  to  
make notation nicer

Increase summation  
limits to make them  
nicer (hence the  $\leq$ )

Nothing in the  
summation depends on  
 $a$ , so pull 2 out

decrease each  
denominator  $\rightarrow$  we get  
the harmonic series!

# QUICKSORT

```
QUICKSORT(A):  
    if len(A) <= 1:  
        return  
    pivot = random.choice(A)  
    PARTITION A into:  
        L (less than pivot) and  
        R (greater than pivot)  
    Replace A with [L, pivot, R]  
    QUICKSORT(L)  
    QUICKSORT(R)
```

Worst case runtime:  
 **$O(n^2)$**

Expected runtime:  
 **$O(n \log n)$**



# BETTER WORST CASE RUNTIME

- Select a better pivot
  - Ideally, split the array into two equal parts
  - Select the median as pivot
- If the pivot is median, then we will have:
  - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$
- How to select the median in  $O(n)$ ?
  - Will see how to do it next week



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# مرتب سازی سریع در عمل

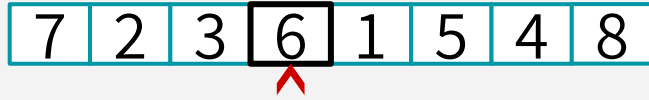
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# IMPLEMENTING QUICKSORT

In practice, a more clever approach is used to implement PARTITION, so that the entire QuickSort algorithm can be implemented “in-place”  
(i.e. via swaps, rather than constructing separate L or R subarrays)

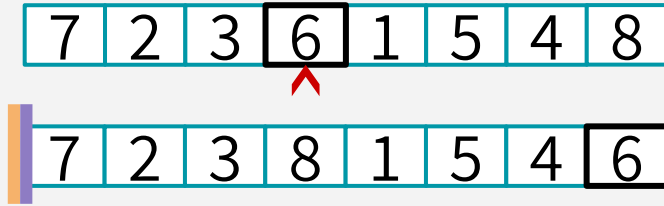
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with last element so  
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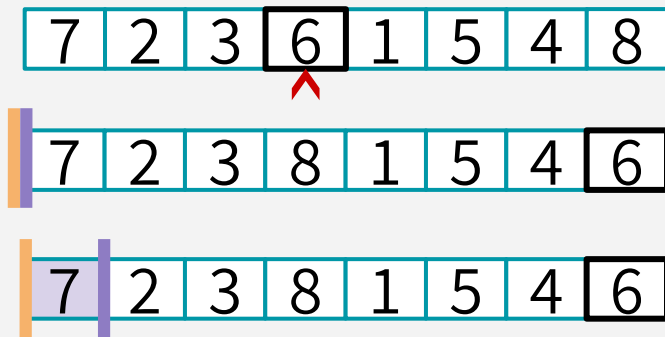


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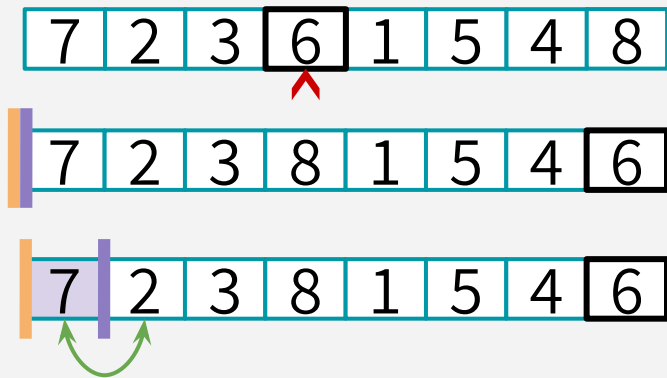
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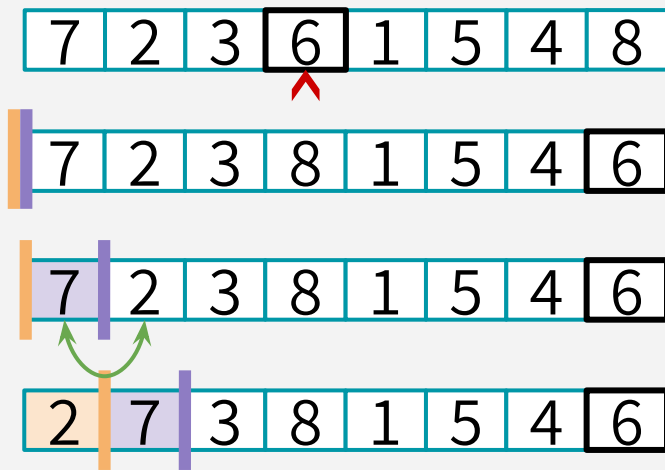


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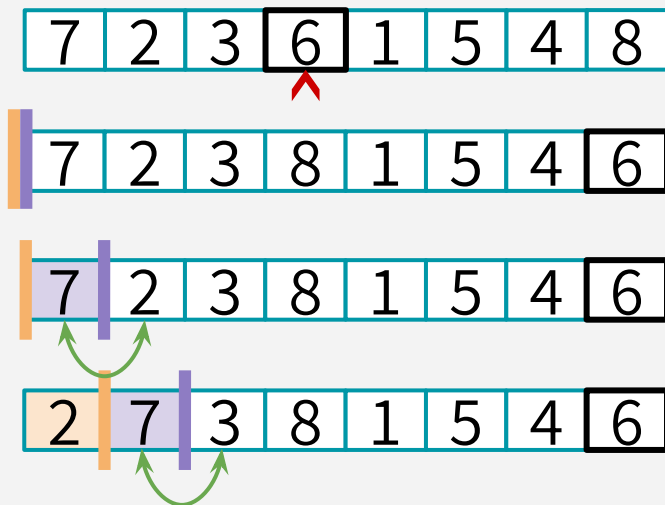


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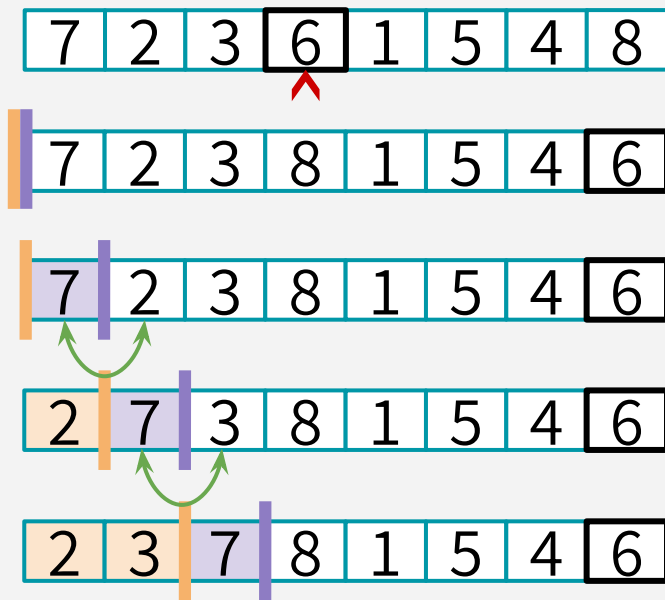


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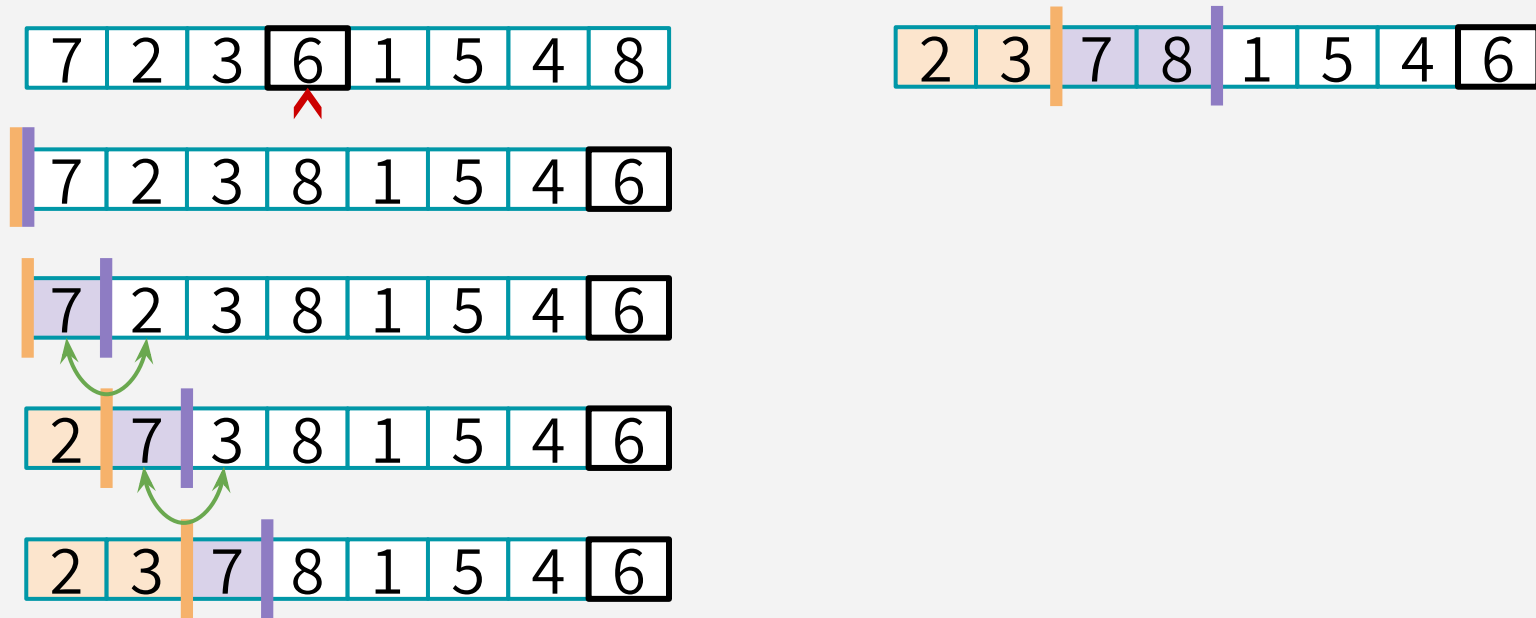


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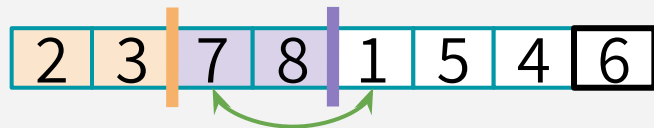
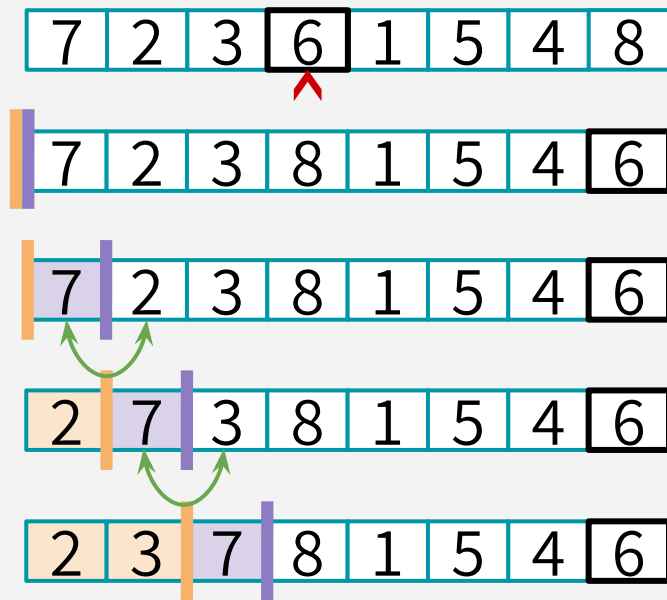


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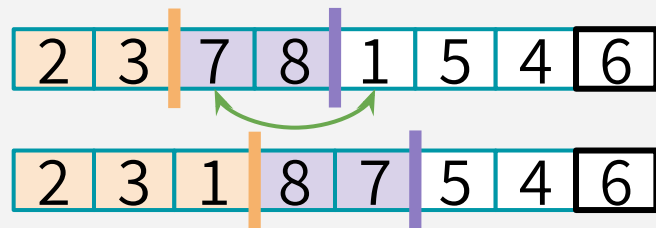
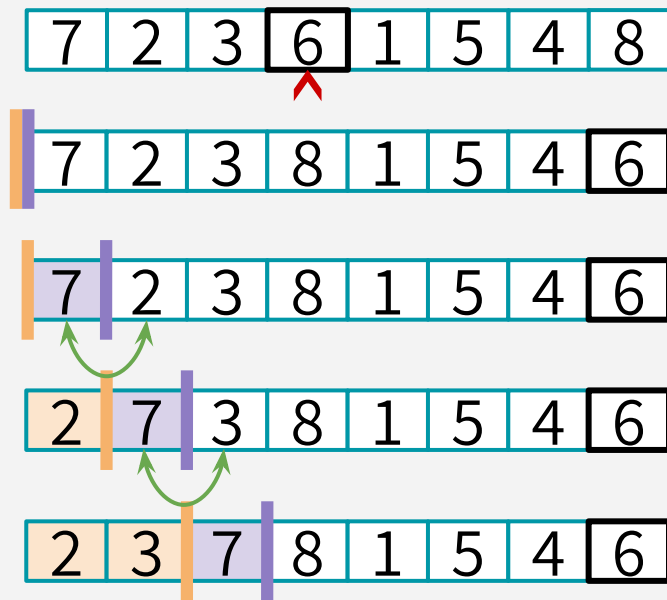


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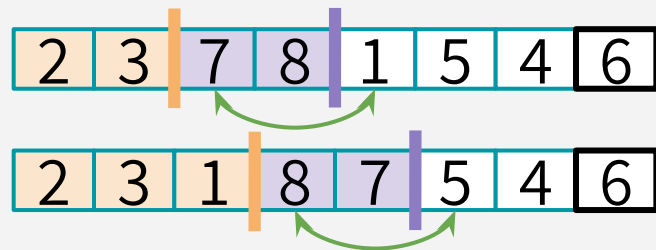
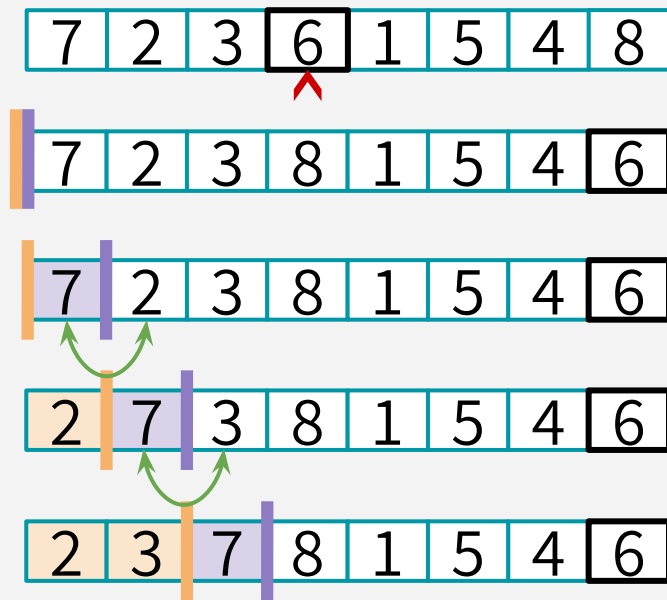


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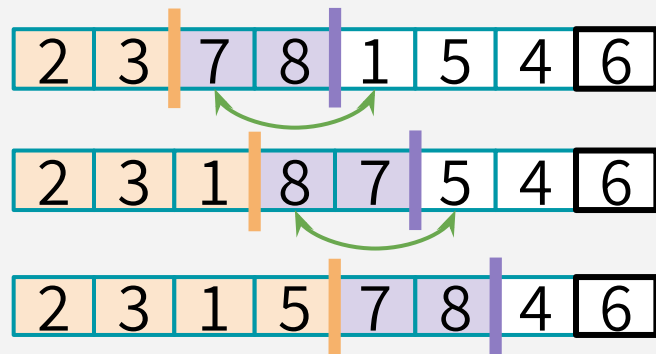
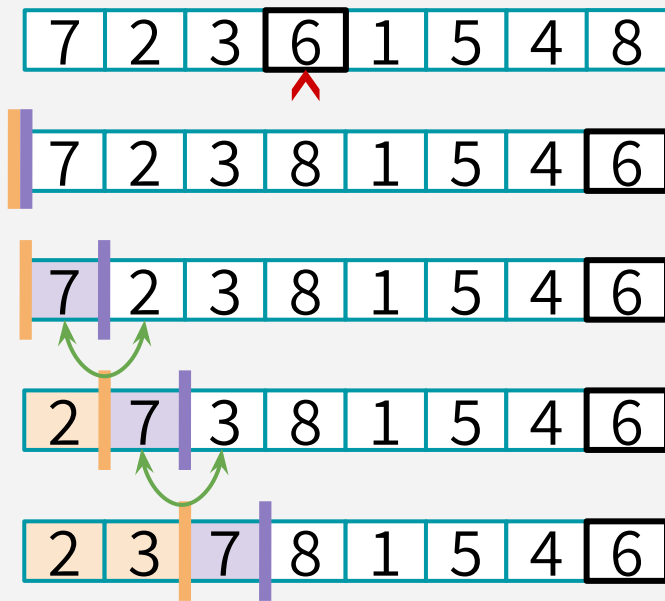
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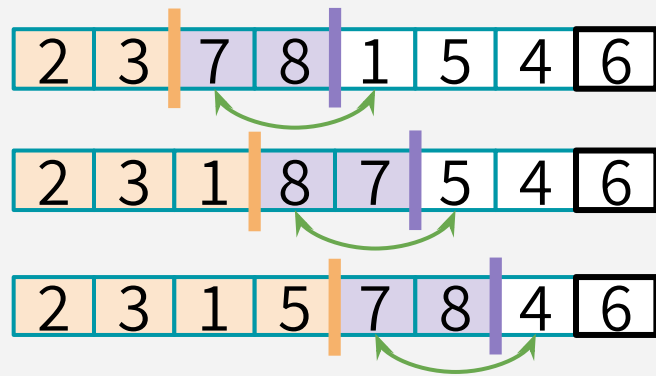
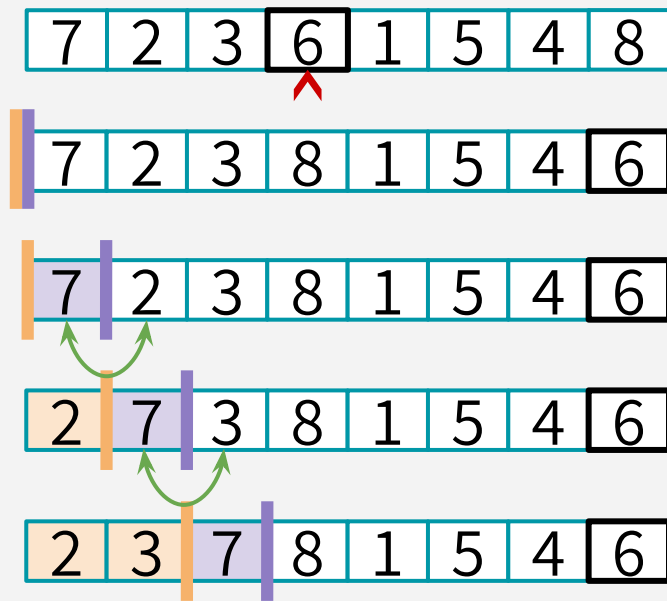


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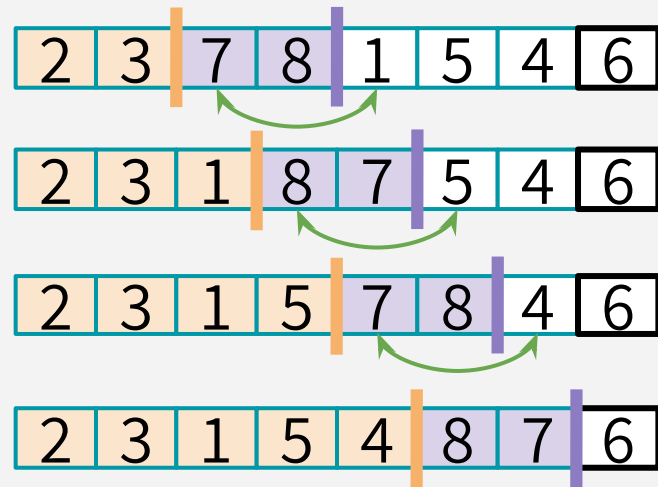
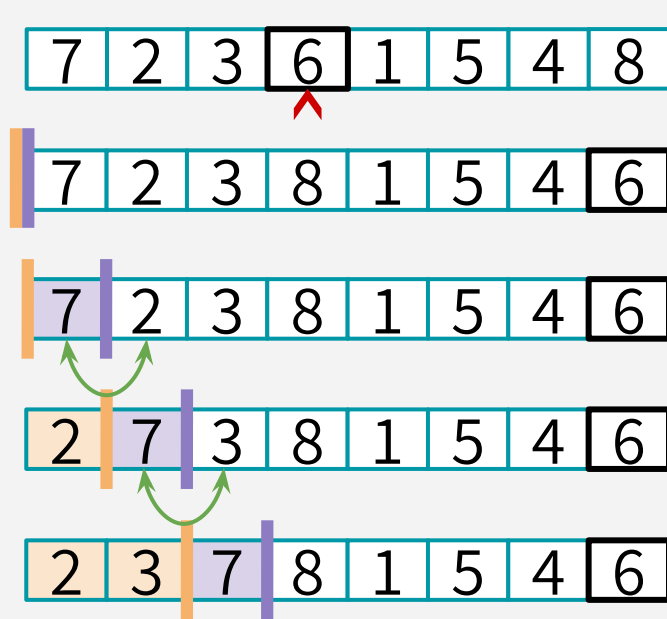


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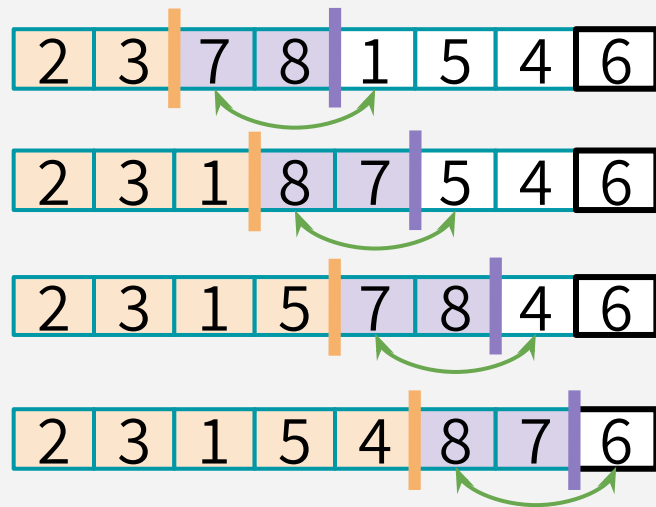
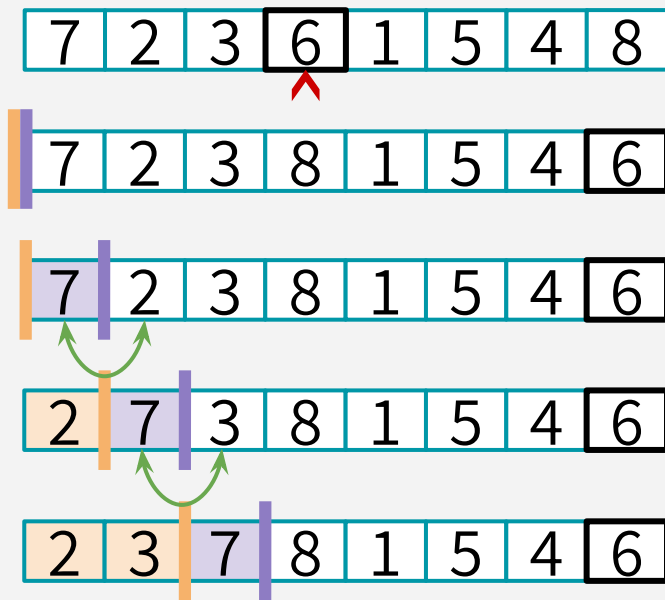


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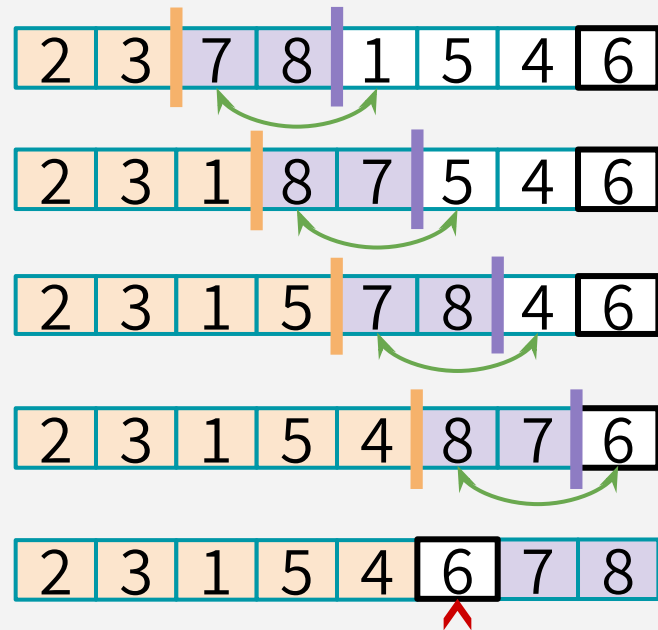
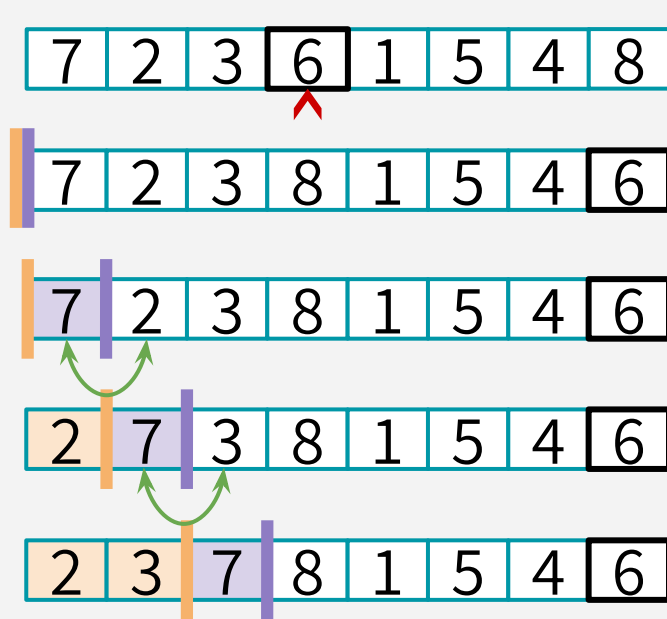


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# IMPLEMENTING QUICKSORT

There's another in-place partition algorithm called  
Hoare Partition that's even more efficient  
as it performs less swaps.  
*(you're not responsible for knowing it in this class)*



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# QUICKSORT vs. MERGESORT

		QuickSort (random pivot)	MergeSort (deterministic)
You do not need to understand any of this stuff	Runtime	<b>Worst-case: <math>O(n^2)</math></b> <b>Expected: <math>O(n \log n)</math></b>	<b>Worst-case: <math>O(n \log n)</math></b>
	Used by	Java (primitive types), C (qsort), Unix, gcc...	Java for objects, perl
	In-place? (i.e. with $O(\log n)$ extra memory)	Yes, pretty easily!	Easy if you sacrifice runtime ( $O(n \log n)$ MERGE runtime). <u>Not so easy</u> if you want to keep runtime & stability.
	Stable?	No	Yes
	Other Pros	Good cache locality if implemented for arrays	Merge step is really efficient with linked lists