

Searching and Sorting Algorithms

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Today Objectives

- ▶ Introduce searching and sorting algorithms
- ▶ Describe how to perform case analysis for searching and sorting algorithms.
- ▶ Describe the efficiency of sorting and searching algorithms.

Searching



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- ▶ Searching is a common task in computer programming.
- ▶ Searching is the process of looking for a specific element in a database.

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Context

- ▶ In this class, we will study searching algorithms and perform demos for numerical arrays.
- ▶ Many algorithms and data structures are devoted to searching but, we will study only two approaches: **linear search** and **binary search**.

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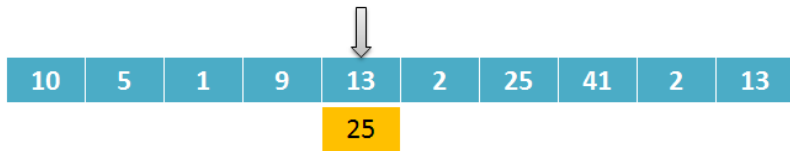
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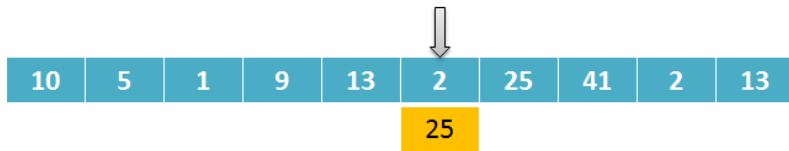
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Recursive linear search `LinearSearch(value, list)`:

- ▶ if the list is empty, return not found;
- ▶ else,
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 - ▶ else
 - ▶ return `LinearSearch(value, remainder of the list)`

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5         else  
6             return search(remain(a,1),x);  
7 }
```

Linear Search

- ▶ **In the worst scenario**, we have to search all the elements in the array. If there is n elements in the array, we need n operations.
- ▶ **In the best scenario search**, we need only one operation to find the key element. The first element in the array matches the key.
- ▶ **In average**, we need $\frac{n}{2}$ operations to finish the searching process.

Linear Search is not really efficient. Binary Search is a better option for searching arrays.

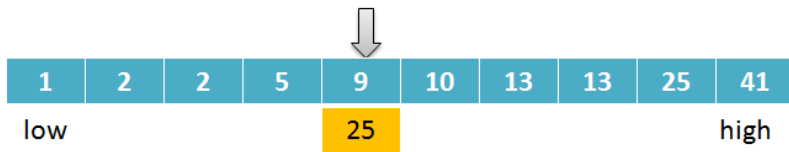
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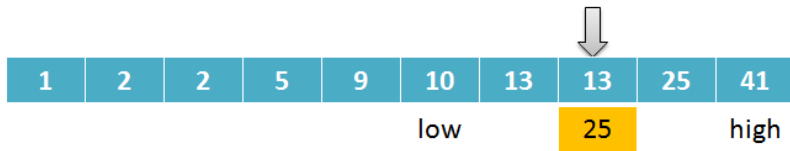
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Iterative binary search

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1  int bsearch(int a[], int sz, int x){
2      int low = 0, high = sz - 1;
3      while(low <= high) {
4          int mid = (low+high)/2;
5          if(x < a[mid])
6              high = mid - 1;
7          else if(x > a[mid])
8              low = mid + 1;
9          else
10             return a[mid];
11     }
12     return -1;
13 }
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Binary Search

Recursive binary search

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1  int rbsearch(int a[], int low, int high, int x)
2  {
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→ Sorting algorithms for indexing or grouping elements are needed.

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- ▶ Numbers are said to be in ascending order when they are arranged from the smallest to the largest number. Example: 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 15, 21, 23.
- ▶ Descending order indicates that numbers are arranged from the largest to the smallest number. Example: 23, 21, 15, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2.

Sorting

- ▶ Sorting data is one of the most important computing applications. For complex data such as image, voice, video, text, document, sorting this data requires advance algorithms.
- ▶ In this lecture, we explore the simplest known sorting algorithms for numbers:
 - ▶ Elementary sorting: *Selection Sort, Insertion Sort, Bubble Sort.*
 - ▶ Advance sorting: *Quick Sort, Merge Sort.*

Visualize sorting algorithms:

- ▶ <http://math.hws.edu/eck/js/sorting/xSortLab.html>
- ▶ <https://www.toptal.com/developers/sorting-algorithms>

Elementary Sorting

Problematics

Given an array of n elements denoted by $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$, the objective is to sort this sequence in **ascending order** such as:

$$a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_{n-1}.$$

In this lecture, we focus on sorting arrays in ascending order in our samples.

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- ▶ **Memory consumption:** it concerns a program consuming computer resources. Cheap memory usage is preferred.

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- ▶ The algorithm proceeds by:
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 - ▶ swap this element with the **leftmost unsorted element**, it equivalent to move this element from the unsorted sublist to the sorted one,
 - ▶ continue to proceed all elements in the **unsorted sublist**.

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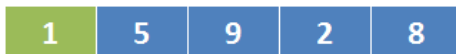


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$a_{\min} = a_1 = 1$, swap a_0 and a_1

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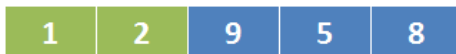


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$a_{\min} = a_3 = 2$, swap a_1 and a_3

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$a_{\min} = a_3 = 5$, swap a_2 and a_3

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$a_{\min} = a_4 = 5$, swap a_3 and a_4

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C/C++ Code

```
1 void selection(int a[], int n) {  
2     int i, j;  
3     for (i = 0 ; i<n-1 ; i++) {  
4         min = i;  
5         for (j =i+1; j < n ; j++) {  
6             if (a[j] < a[min])  
7                 min = j;  
8         }  
9         swap(&a[min] , &a[j]);  
10    }  
11 }
```

Selection Sort

Complexity

Count operations inside the loop

- ▶ first iteration does $n-1$ comparisons, second does $n-2$, and so on
- ▶ one swap per iteration

Total operations:

$$n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + \dots + 2 + 1 = n(n-1) / 2$$

Thus the complexity of Selection Sort is $O(n^2)$

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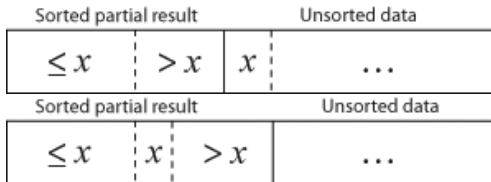
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 - ▶ find the location it belongs within the sorted list and inserts it there.
 - ▶ repeat until no elements remain in the **unsorted sublist**.



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$a_0 > a_1$, insert a_1 before a_0

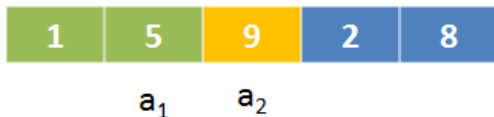
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$a_1 < a_2$, no movement requires

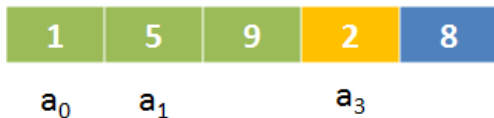
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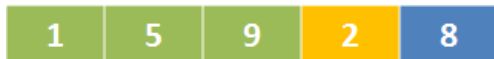
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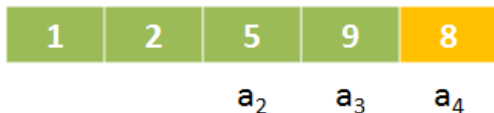
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 a_2 a_3 a_4

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 a_2 and a_3

```
1: for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - 1$  do
2:    $j \leftarrow i$ 
3:   while  $j > 0$  &&  $a[j - 1] > a[j]$  do
4:     swap  $a[j - 1]$  and  $a[j]$ 
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6:   end while
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Insertion Sort



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6:   end while  
7: end for
```

Insertion Sort

C/C++ Code

```
1 void insertion(int a[], int n) {  
2     int i, j;  
3     for (i = 0 ; i<n ; i++) {  
4         j = i;  
5         while ((j > 0) && a[j-1] > a[j]){  
6             swap(&a[j], &a[j-1]);  
7             j --;  
8         }  
9     }  
10 }
```


Insertion Sort

Complexity

Count operations inside the loop

- ▶ first iteration does 1 comparisons, second does ≤ 2 , third ≤ 3 and so on
- ▶ last iteration potentially follows with $n-1$ comparisons

Total operations:

$$n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + \dots + 2 + 1 = n(n-1) / 2$$

Thus the complexity of Insertion Sort is $O(n^2)$. However what are the complexities for the best and the worst?

Bubble Sort

Principle

Bubble Sort algorithm proceeds by:

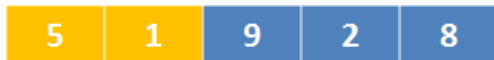
- ▶ compare each pair of **adjacent elements** and swaps them if they are in the wrong order.
- ▶ pass through the list and repeat until no swaps are needed.

Bubble Sort



```
1: repeat
2:   swapped  $\leftarrow$  false
3:   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
4:     if  $a[i - 1] > a[i]$  then
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Bubble Sort

 a_0 a_1

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Bubble Sort

 a_0 a_1

$a_0 > a_1$, swap a_0 and a_1

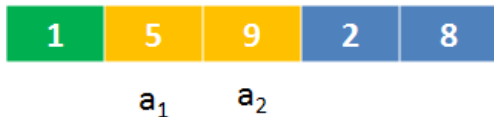
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Bubble Sort



$a_1 < a_2$, no swap requires

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Bubble Sort

 a_2 a_3

$a_2 > a_3$, swap a_2 and a_3

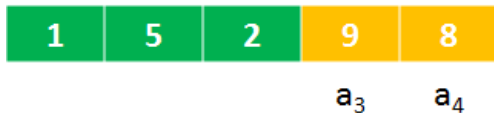
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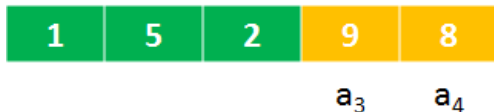
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Bubble Sort



$a_3 > a_4$, swap a_3 and a_4

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Bubble Sort

 a_0 a_1

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Bubble Sort

 a_0 a_1

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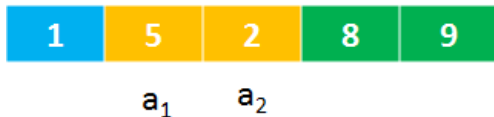
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Bubble Sort



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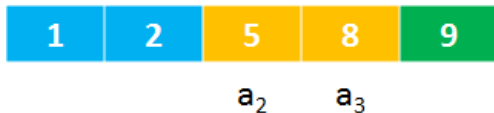
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Bubble Sort

 a_2 a_3

$a_2 < a_3$, no swap requires

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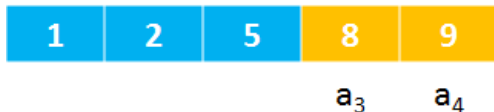
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```

Bubble Sort



$a_3 < a_4$, no swap requires

```
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2:   swapped  $\leftarrow$  false
3:   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
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Bubble Sort



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Bubble Sort



no further swap is needed

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6:       swapped  $\leftarrow$  true  
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9: until swapped = false
```

Bubble Sort

C/C++ Code

```
1 void bubble(int a[], int n) {
2     int i;
3     swapped = false;
4     while (swapped == false)
5         for (i = 1; i < n-1; i++)
6             if (a[i-1] > a[i]){
7                 swap(&a[i-1], &a[i+1]);
8                 swapped = true;
9             }
10 }
```

Bubble Sort

Complexity

Count operations inside the loop

- ▶ first iteration does $n-1$ comparisons and $n-1$ swaps,
- ▶ second does $n-2$ comparisons and $n-2$ swaps,
- ▶ $(n-1)$ st iteration does one comparisons and one swap.

Total operations:

$$2(n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + \dots + 2 + 1) = n(n-1)$$

Thus the complexity of Selection Sort is $O(n^2)$.

Conclusion

- ▶ Selection Sort, Insertion Sort and Bubble Sort have a complexity of $O(n^2)$ in the worst case where the array is in descending order. The best case is that the array is already sorted in the right order.
- ▶ Since the complexity is too high, sorting algorithms are sensible to the size of array n . If n is too big, the cost is very expensive.
- ▶ Sorting algorithms have to be improved to accelerate running time.

Efficient Sorting

The previous algorithms have a high complexity $O(n^2)$, many efficient sorting algorithms are proposed while improving the running cost (average complexity $O(n \log n)$).

The most common are:

- ▶ Merge Sort
- ▶ Quick Sort

Efficient Sorting

The most common strategy is to use **Recursive** and **Divide and Conquer** algorithms

- ▶ **Divide:** If the input size is too large to deal with in a straightforward manner, divide the data into two or more disjoint subsets.
- ▶ **Recur:** Use divide and conquer to solve the subproblems associated with the data subsets.
- ▶ **Conquer:** Take the solutions to the sub-problems and merge these solutions into a solution for the original problem.

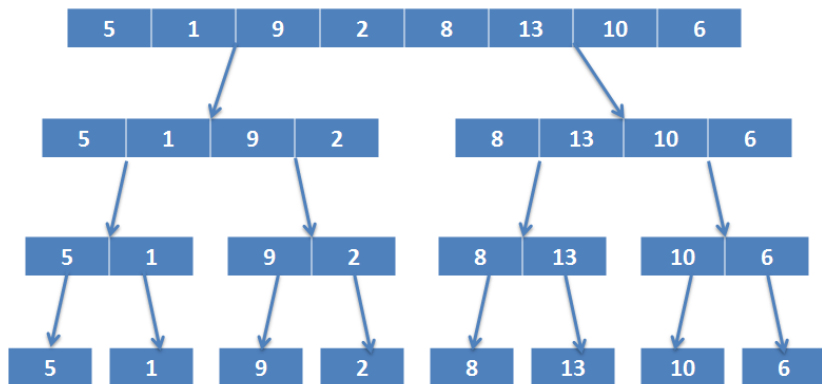
Merge Sort

Principle

Merge sort is a divide and conquer algorithm which can proceed by:

- ▶ **Divide**: divide the unsorted array into n sub-arrays.
- ▶ **Conquer**: each sub-array contains one element and an array of one element is considered sorted.
- ▶ **Recur**: merge sub-arrays repeatedly to produce new sorted sub-array until there is only one sub-array remaining.
- ▶ the last sub-array will be the sorted array.

Merge Sort



Divide the unsorted array into 1-element sub-arrays.

Merge Sort



Merge sub-arrays repeatedly to produce new sorted sub-arrays until there is only one sub-array remaining.

Merge Sort



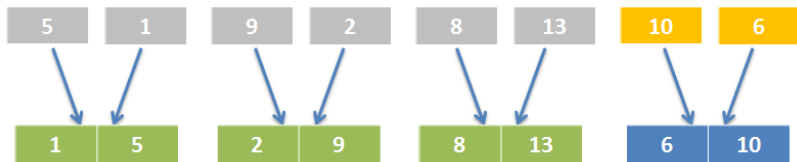
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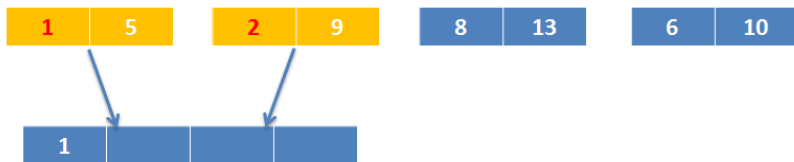
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Merge Sort

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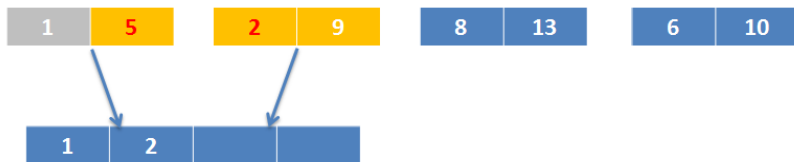
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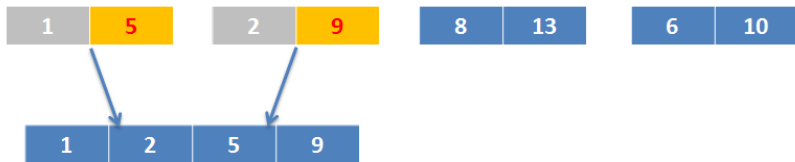
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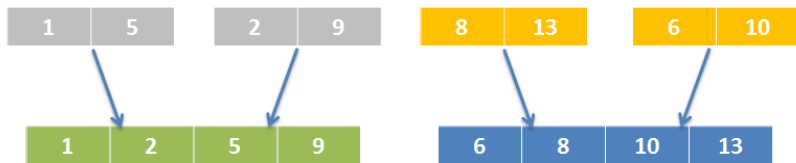
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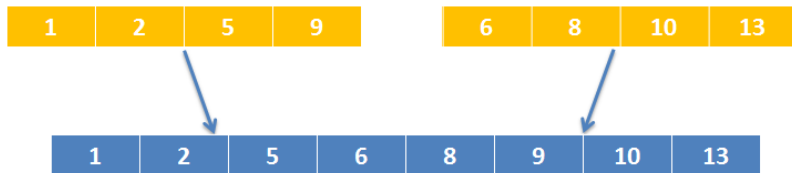
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Merge Sort

Merge Sort algorithm can be written as following:

mergeSort (a, p, r)

- 1: **if** ($p > r$) **then**
- 2: $q \leftarrow (p+r)/2$;
- 3: mergeSort (a, p, q)
- 4: mergeSort (a, q+1, r)
- 5: merge (a, p, q, r)
- 6: **end if**

where merge is a function allowing to combine sub-arrays.

Merge Sort

Q. How much memory does mergesort require?

A. Too much!

- ▶ Original input array = n .
- ▶ Auxiliary array for merging = n .
- ▶ Local variables: constant.
- ▶ Function call stack: $\log n$
- ▶ Total = $2n + O(\log n)$.

Q: How much memory do other sorting algorithms require?

A: $n + O(1)$ (for constant) for selection sort, insertion sort and selection sort.

Quick Sort

Principle

Quick sort can be considered as a divide and conquer algorithm which can proceed by:

- ▶ Select randomly an element, called a pivot, from the array.
- ▶ **Conquer** : arrange the array so that all elements with values less than the pivot come before the pivot (lower part), while all elements with values greater than the pivot come after it (higher part).
- ▶ **Divide**: the array is now divided into two parts: lower and higher parts.
- ▶ **Recur**: apply recursively and separately the above steps to these two parts.

Quick Sort

5	1	9	2	8	13	10	6
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Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

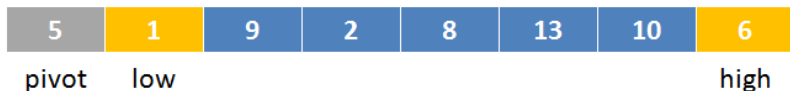
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pivot

Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

Quick Sort



Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

Quick Sort



$\text{low} < \text{pivot}$, move low index to the right

Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

Quick Sort



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Quick Sort



low > pivot, check high and stop low

Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

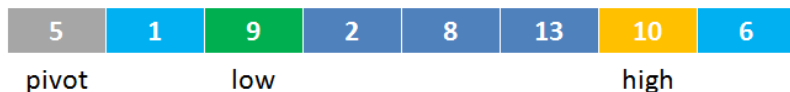
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high > pivot, move high to the left

Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

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$\text{high} > \text{pivot}$, move high to the left

Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

Quick Sort



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Quick Sort



$\text{high} < \text{pivot}$, swap low and high

Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

Quick Sort



low index \geq high index, swap pivot and low

Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

Quick Sort

2	1	5	9	8	13	10	6
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Choose a pivot and arrange elements respectively into lower and higher parts

Quick Sort



- ▶ At the end of this step, we have two new arrays to be sorted.
- ▶ Each array will be sorted using Quick Sort algorithm.
- ▶ The base case for recursive calls is where each array has one element or two elements.

Quick Sort

Quick Sort algorithm can be written as following:

quickSort (a, low, high)

- 1: **if** (low < high) **then**
- 2: $p \leftarrow \text{partition}(a, \text{low}, \text{high})$
- 3: quicksort(a, low, p - 1)
- 4: quicksort(a, p + 1, high)
- 5: **end if**

Quick Sort

partition (a, low, high)

```
1: pivot  $\leftarrow$  a[high]
2: i  $\leftarrow$  low
3: for j  $\leftarrow$  low to high -1 do
4:   if a[j]  $\geq$  pivot then
5:     swap (a[i],a[j])
6:     i := i + 1
7:   end if
8: end for
9: swap (a[i],a[j])
10: return i
```

Conclusion

Complexity Comparison

Algorithm	Best	Average	Worst	Space
Quick Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$
Merge Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$
Bubble Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$