

# QuickSort: High-Level Description

[Hoare circa 1961]

QuickSort (array  $A$ , length  $n$ )

- if  $n = 1$  return
- $p = \text{ChoosePivot}(A, n)$
- Partition  $A$  around  $p$
- recursively sort 1st part
- recursively sort 2nd part

[currently unimplemented]



# Pseudocode for Partition

Partition ( $A, l, r$ )     [input  $\approx A[l \dots r]$ ]

- $p := A[l]$
- $i := l + 1$
- for  $j = l + 1$  to  $r$ 
  - if  $A[j] < p$      [if  $A[j] > p$ , do nothing]
  - Swap  $A[j]$  and  $A[i]$
  - $i := i + 1$
- Swap  $A[l]$  and  $A[i - 1]$

