

3. Average runtime complexity of non-random pivot of quicksort.

Let n be the no. of elements to be sorted

and k be position of partition.

There are ' $k-1$ ' elements in left sub array and ' $n-k$ ' elements in right subarray

Assume left to right moves over k smaller element and thus k comparisons. So when right to left crosses left-to-right it has made $(n-k+1)$ comparisons. So first call on partition makes $(n+1)$ comparisons.

The recurrence relation can be written as

$$T(n) = (n+1) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n [T(k-1) + T(n-k)]$$

here let's assume k iterations array size, will be 1 when reaches base case.

$$T(n) = \log_2 n \cdot O(1) + n \cdot T(1)$$

Here $T(1)$ is constant

After solving the recurrence relation we have.

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