

Algorithm Quicksort

Major steps are as follows:

1. Pick a pivot (We will always pick pivot as median of three in our course)
2. Swap pivot with the last item in the array.
3. Place i at the first item of the array.
4. Place j at the last - 1 item of the array.
5. So long as i less than or equal to j do the following:
 1. Move i so that i is pointing to a value greater than or equal to the pivot.
 2. Move j so that j is pointing to a value less than or equal to the pivot.
 3. Then swap values pointed by i and j.
 4. Move i one step.
 5. Move j one step.
6. After the crossover, swap values pointed by i and the pivot.
7. Now you have divided array into three: L, pivot, R.
8. Now recursively call L and recursively call R.

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private void quicksort(int[] arr, int start, int stop) {

    int i, j;          // these are the moving pointers

    if (stop <= start) return;
    else {

        int pivotPos = medianOfThree(arr, start, stop);
        swap(arr, pivotPos, stop);
        int pivot = arr[stop];
        i = start;
        j = stop - 1;
        while (true) {
            while (i<=j && arr[i] < pivot) i++;
            while (i<=j && arr[j] > pivot) j--;
            if(i <= j) {
                swap(arr, i++,j--);
            }
            else break;
        }
        swap(arr, stop, i);
        quicksort(arr, start, i-1);
        quicksort(arr, i+1, stop);
    }
}

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