



Quicksort 1 - Partition

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The previous challenges covered [Insertion Sort](#), which is a simple and intuitive sorting algorithm with an average case performance of $O(n^2)$. In these next few challenges, we're covering a *divide-and-conquer* algorithm called [Quicksort](#) (also known as *Partition Sort*).

Step 1: Divide

Choose some pivot element, p , and partition your unsorted array, ar , into three smaller arrays: *left*, *right*, and *equal*, where each element in *left* $< p$, each element in *right* $> p$, and each element in *equal* $= p$.

Challenge

Given ar and $p = ar[0]$, partition ar into *left*, *right*, and *equal* using the *Divide* instructions above. Then print each element in *left* followed by each element in *equal*, followed by each element in *right* on a single line. Your output should be space-separated.

Note: There is no need to sort the elements *in-place*; you can create two lists and stitch them together at the end.

Input Format

The first line contains n (the size of ar).

The second line contains n space-separated integers describing ar (the unsorted array). The first integer (corresponding to $ar[0]$) is your pivot element, p .

Constraints

- $1 \leq n \leq 1000$
- $-1000 \leq x \leq 1000, x \in ar$
- All elements will be unique.
- Multiple answer can exists for the given test case. Print any one of them.

Output Format

On a single line, print the partitioned numbers (i.e.: the elements in *left*, then the elements in *equal*, and then the elements in *right*). Each integer should be separated by a single space.

Sample Input

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5
4 5 3 7 2
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Sample Output

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3 2 4 5 7
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Explanation

$ar = [4, 5, 3, 7, 2]$

Pivot: $p = ar[0] = 4$.

$left = \{ \}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{ \}$

$ar[1] = 5 \geq p$, so it's added to *right*.

$left = \{\}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{5\}$

$ar[2] = 3 < p$, so it's added to *left*.

$left = \{3\}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{5\}$

$ar[3] = 7 \geq p$, so it's added to *right*.

$left = \{3\}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{5, 7\}$

$ar[4] = 2 < p$, so it's added to *left*.

$left = \{3, 2\}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{5, 7\}$

We then print the elements of *left*, followed by *equal*, followed by *right*, we get: 3 2 4 5 7.

This example is only one correct answer based on the implementation shown, but it is not the only correct answer (e.g.: another valid solution would be 2 3 4 5 7).

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