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Time Complexity Comparison:

1. Bubble Sort:

- Best Case: $O(n)$ (when array is already sorted)
- Average Case: $O(n^2)$
- Worst Case: $O(n^2)$
- Explanation: Repeatedly compares and swaps adjacent elements. Simple but inefficient for large datasets.

2. Quick Sort:

- Best Case: $O(n \log n)$
- Average Case: $O(n \log n)$
- Worst Case: $O(n^2)$ (when pivot selection is poor)
- Explanation: Uses divide-and-conquer to partition the array and sort recursively. Much faster on average than Bubble Sort.

Why Quick Sort is Preferred:

- Quick Sort performs significantly better than Bubble Sort for large data sets due to its average-case time complexity of $O(n \log n)$.
- It is also in-place and generally faster than other $O(n \log n)$ algorithms like Merge Sort in practice.
- While Bubble Sort is easier to implement and understand, it's only suitable for educational purposes or very

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small datasets.