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## Sorting Algorithms

A sorting algorithm is used to rearrange a given array or list elements according to comparison operators on the elements.

→ The comparison operator is used to decide the new order of elements in the respective data structure.

Example: -

input → P i k a c h u

sorted → P a c h i k u

\* the character with lesser ASCII value will be placed first than the character with higher ASCII value.



Quick sort! -

→ an in place sorting algorithm with worst case time complexity of  $\boxed{n^2}$ .

Implementation! -

→ can be implemented both iteratively and recursively.

But: → recursive is more convenient, intuitive and simplistic.  
Not, iterative.

three parts:

1. partitioning the array (list) about the pivot.
2. passing the smaller arrays (lists) to the recursive calls.
3. joining the sorted lists that are returned from the recursive call and the pivot.

To-do! -

- will use left use the first element as pivot
- Elements smaller than or equal to the pivot will go to the left of the frontier (imagine a frontier next to the pivot).
- while greater ones will stay at right!



→ traverse till the end of the list  
Now: → swap the pivot with  
the element just before the partition  
\* → left and right (to pivot)  
arrays are passed to  
the recursive call.

→ then, finally join the  
sorted arrays (pivot will be  
in between them).

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Code: def QuickSort(arr):  
    elements = len(arr)  
    if elements < 2: # Base case  
        return arr  
  
    curr_pos = 0 # pos of the partition ele.  
    for i in range(1, elements): # partition loop  
        if arr[i] <= arr[0]:  
            curr_pos + 1  
            temp = arr[i]  
            arr[i] = arr[curr_pos]  
            arr[curr_pos] = temp  
  
    temp = arr[0]  
    arr[0] = arr[curr_pos]  
    arr[curr_pos] = temp  
  
    left = QuickSort(arr[0:curr_pos])  
    right = QuickSort(arr[curr_pos:0])  
  
    arr = left + [arr[curr_pos]] + right  
    return arr
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