

6. Quick Sort

Theory-

- This algorithm is divide and conquer approach that uses recursion.
- It makes the list into two parts based on comparison with any pivot element.

Algorithm-

'A' be an unsorted array with n no. of elements.

Step 1: take any element as pivot

$PV = A[0]$ $low = 0$ $high = n$

Step 2: if $low < high$ follow step 3, 4, 5

Step 3: a) $i = low + 1, j = high$

b) while $i < j$ do ①, ②, ③ steps

c) while $A[i] < PV$ do ④

d) $i \leftarrow i + 1$

e) while $A[j] > PV$ do ⑤

f) $j \leftarrow j - 1$

g) swap $A[i]$ & $A[j]$

h) if $i > j$ do ① & ⑤ steps

i) swap PV & $A[j]$

j) return j value to PV i ($PV \leftarrow j$)

Step 4: follow step 2 for array A with
 $low = low$ & $high = PV - 1$

Step 5: follow step for array A with
 $low = PV + 1$ & $high = high$.

Process -

Array A is

0	1	2	3	4
6	8	7	3	11

 with $n=5$
Let $\text{pivot} = A[0]$ & $\text{low}=0, \text{high}=4$

Partition process:

pivot

$i = \text{low} + 1$ & $j = \text{high}$

A: 6 8 7 3 11

while $i < j$ follow below steps:

→ while $A[i] < \text{pivot}$ $i \leftarrow i + 1$

A becomes

6	8	7	3	11
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pivot \rightarrow i j

→ While $A[j] > \text{pivot}$ $j \leftarrow j - 1$

A becomes

6	8	7	3	11
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pivot i j ←

→ Now swap $A[i]$ & $A[j]$

\Rightarrow A:

6	3	7	8	11
pv	j	i		

After few iterations A becomes

\Rightarrow A:

6	3	7	8	11
pv	j	i		

Where now $j < i$ so swap pv & $A[j]$

and $\text{pv} \leftarrow j$

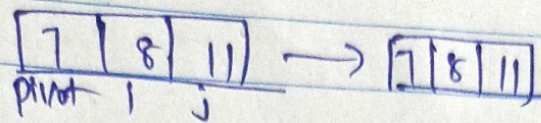
Now A:

3	6	7	8	11
left	pv		right	
array			array	

Now we partition left & right subarray's also with recursively.

So left subarray has one element so no partition.

Right subarray becomes



left subarray is 3
i, j, pivot

if we recombine all elements then
total array is:

A: 3, 6, 7, 8, 11 (sorted array)

Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int swap(int a, int b){
    int t;
    t=a;
    a=b;
    b=t;
}
int partition(int A[], int low, int high){
    int pivot = A[low];
    int i = low+1, j = high;
    while(i < j){
        while(A[i] <= pivot)
            i++;
        while(A[j] > pivot)
            j--;
        if(i < j)
            swap(A[i], A[j]);
        swap(A[j], pivot);
        return j;
    }
}
```


Output-

Enter no. of elements: 7

Enter elements -

6

4

1

4

8

1

5

After sorting: 1 4 4 5 6 7 8

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int quicksort(int A[], int low, int high) {  
    int partition index;  
    if (low < high) {  
        partition index = partition(A, low, high);  
        quicksort(A, low, partition index - 1);  
        quicksort(A, partition index + 1, high);  
    }  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int A[], n, i;  
    printf("Enter no. of elements: ");  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    printf("Enter elements: \n");  
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        scanf("%d", &A[i]);  
    quicksort(A, 0, n);  
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        printf("%d", A[i]);  
    return 0;  
}
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