

Quicksort

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2   then  $q \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r)$ 
3     QUICKSORT( $A, p, q - 1$ )
4     QUICKSORT( $A, q + 1, r$ )

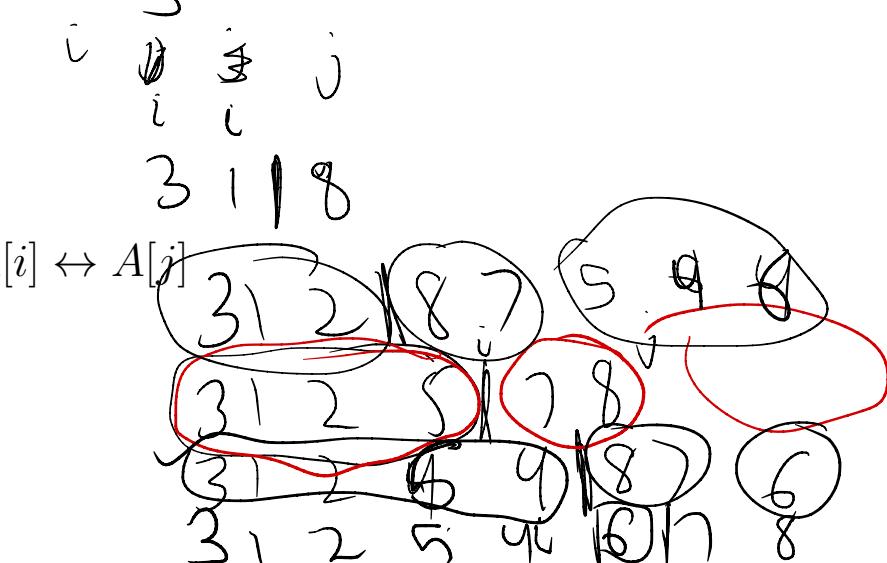
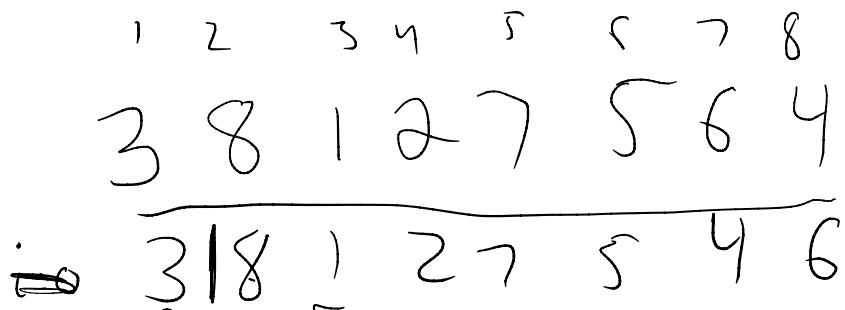
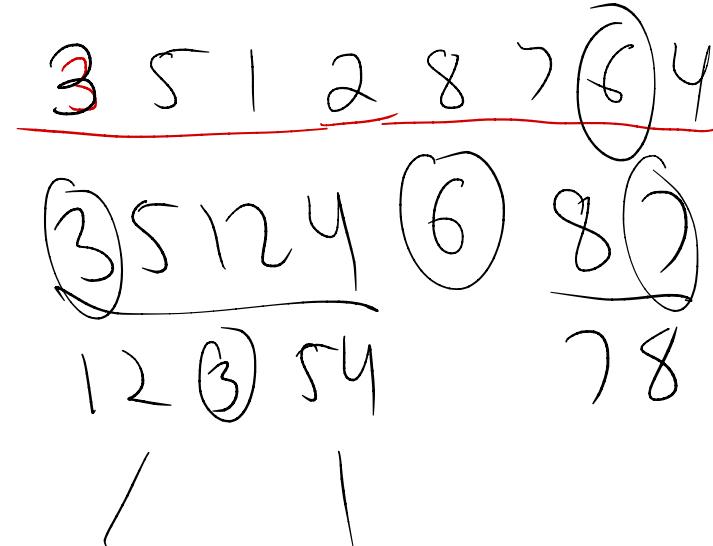
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3  $x \leftarrow A[r] \quad \boxed{x}$ 
4  $i \leftarrow p - 1$ 
5 for  $j \leftarrow p$  to  $r - 1$ 
6   do if  $(A[j] \leq x)$ 
7     then  $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
8   exchange  $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$ 
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Partition Loop Invariant

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Loop Invariant At the beginning of each iteration of the for loop in Partition

1. $A[p \dots i] \leq x$
2. $A[i + 1 \dots j - 1] > x$
3. $A[j \dots r - 1]$ is unexamined
4. $A[r] = x$

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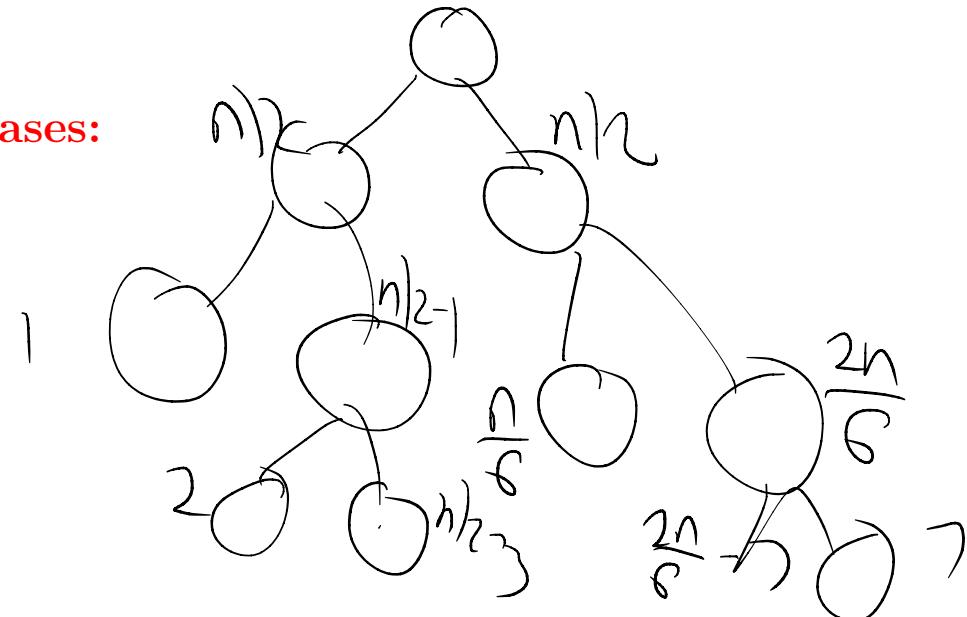
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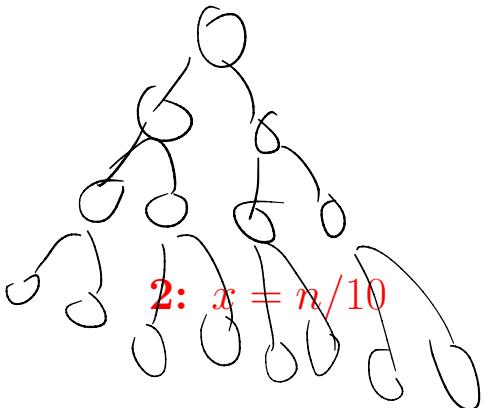
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Cases

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1: $x = n/2$



$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n/2) + T(n/2) + O(n) \\ &= 2T(n/2) + O(n) \\ &= O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n/10) + T(9n/10) + O(n) \\ &= O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

3: $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(1) + T(n - 1) + O(n) \\ &= T(n - 1) + O(n) \\ &= O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

What might this make us guess the answer is?

Following the Selection Analysis

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} (T(i) + T(n-i) + O(n))$$

could continue as in Selection.

Alternative Analysis

- We will count comparisons of data elements.
- Claim 1: The running time is dominated by comparison of data items.
- Claim 2: All comparisons are in line 6 of PARTITION, and compare some item $A[j]$ to the pivot element.
- Claim 3: Once an element is chosen as a pivot, it is never compared to any other element again.
- Claim 4: Each pair of elements is compared to each other at most once.

Analysis:

- Let the data be renamed Z_1, \dots, Z_n in sorted order.
- Use Z_{ij} to denote Z_i, Z_{i+1}, \dots, Z_j
- Let X_{ij} be the indicator random variable for the comparison of Z_i to Z_j .
- Let X be the random variable counting the number of comparisons.
- By claim 4, we have

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}$$

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Taking expectations

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] \quad \text{linearity of expectation} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n Pr(Z_i \text{ is compared to } Z_j) \end{aligned}$$

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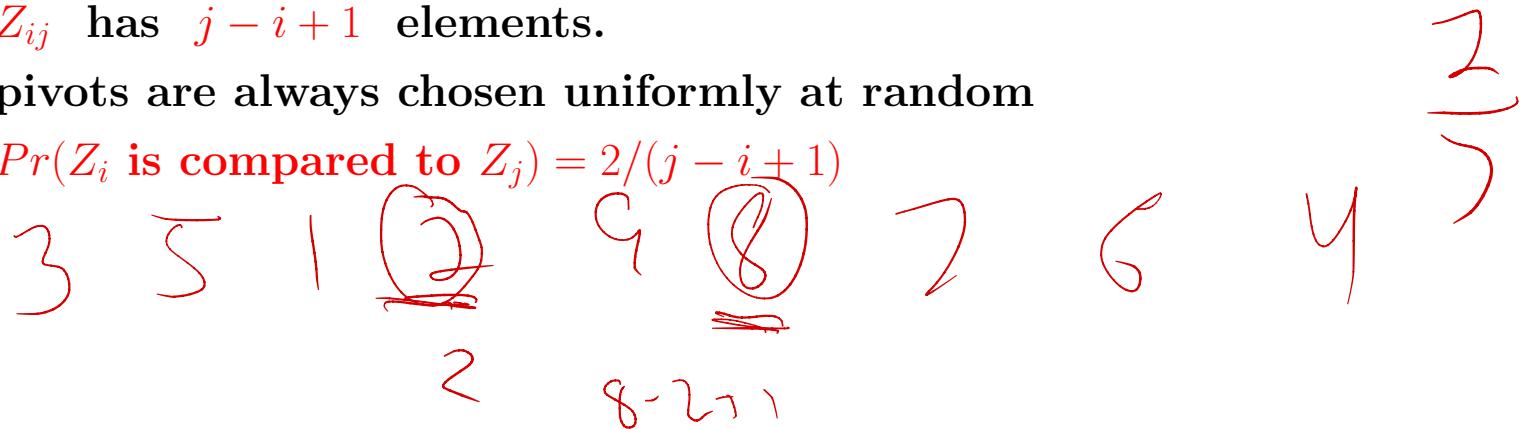
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 - Z_{ij} has $j - i + 1$ elements.
 - pivots are always chosen uniformly at random
 - $\Pr(Z_i \text{ is compared to } Z_j) = 2/(j - i + 1)$



Finishing analysis

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] \quad \text{linearity of expectation} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n Pr(Z_i \text{ is compared to } Z_j) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j - i + 1} \end{aligned}$$

make the transformation of variables $k = j - i + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j - i + 1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=2}^{n-i+1} \frac{2}{k} \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \ln(n - i + 1) \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \ln(n) \\ &= O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$