

**CS265**  
**Advanced Programming**  
**Techniques**

**Quicksort**

## Example - Quicksort

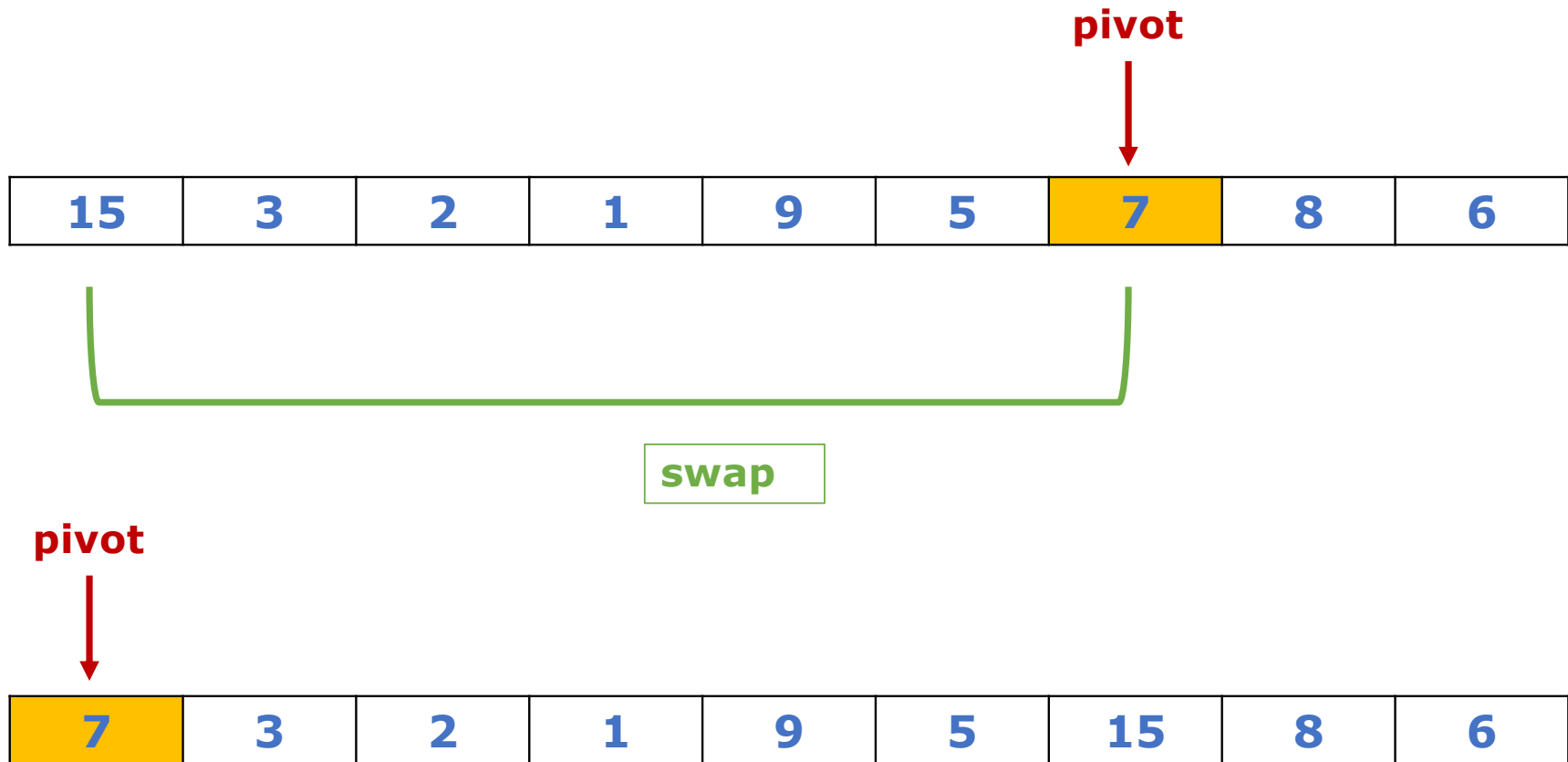
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Randomly pick a pivot

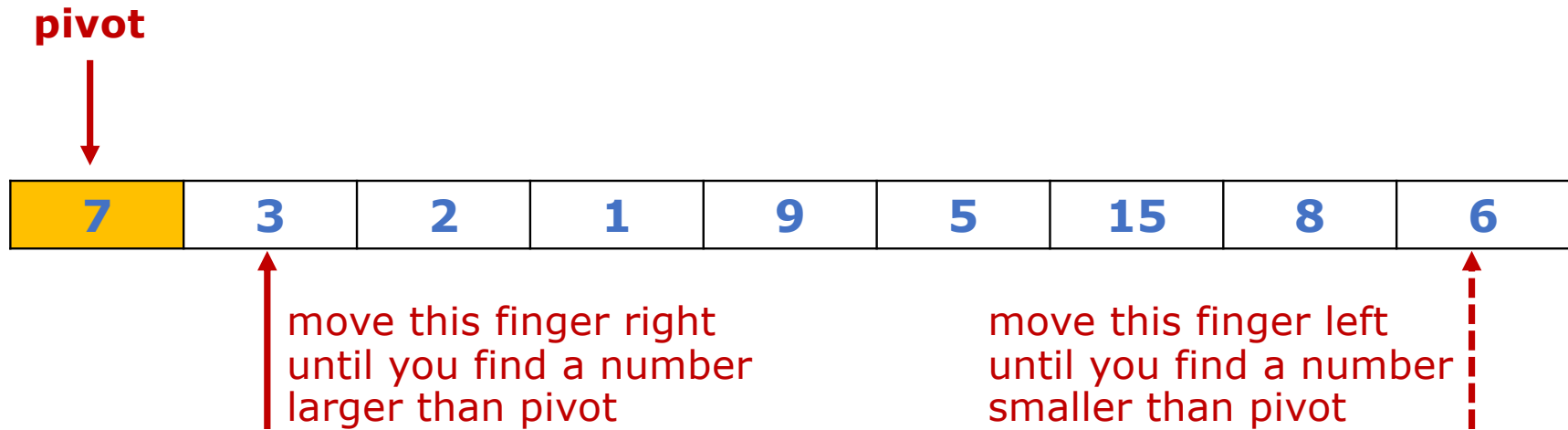
**pivot**  
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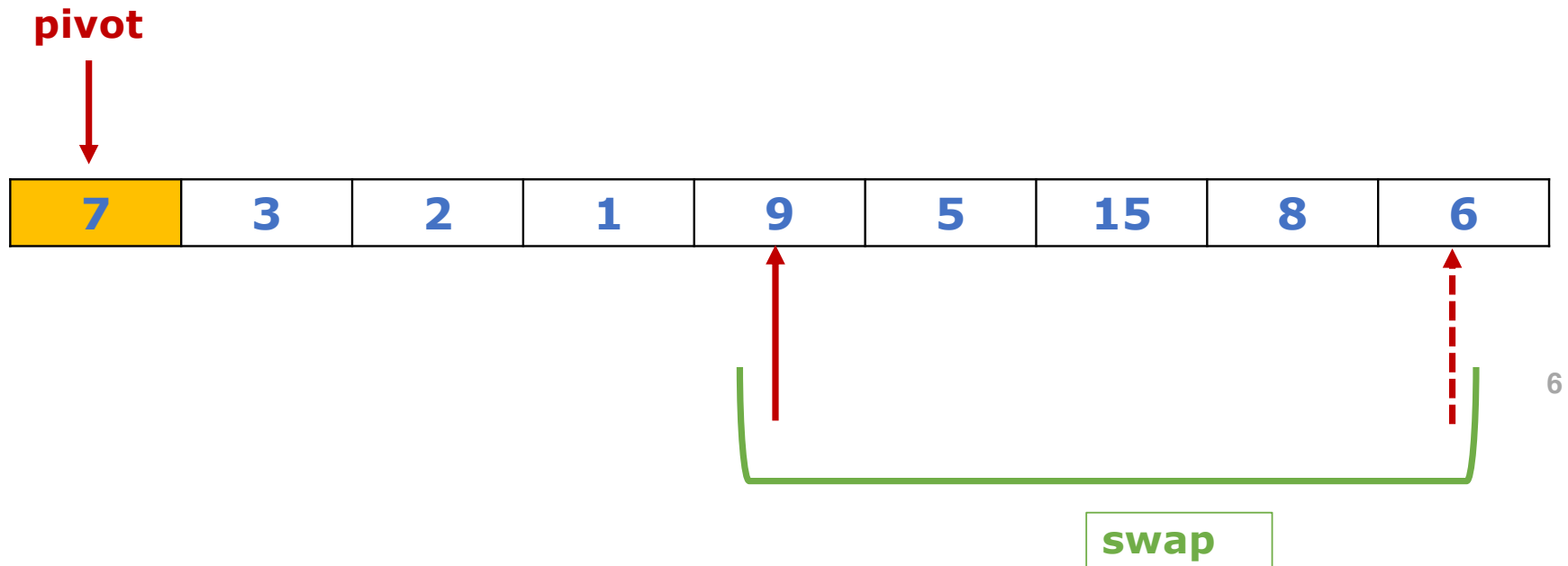
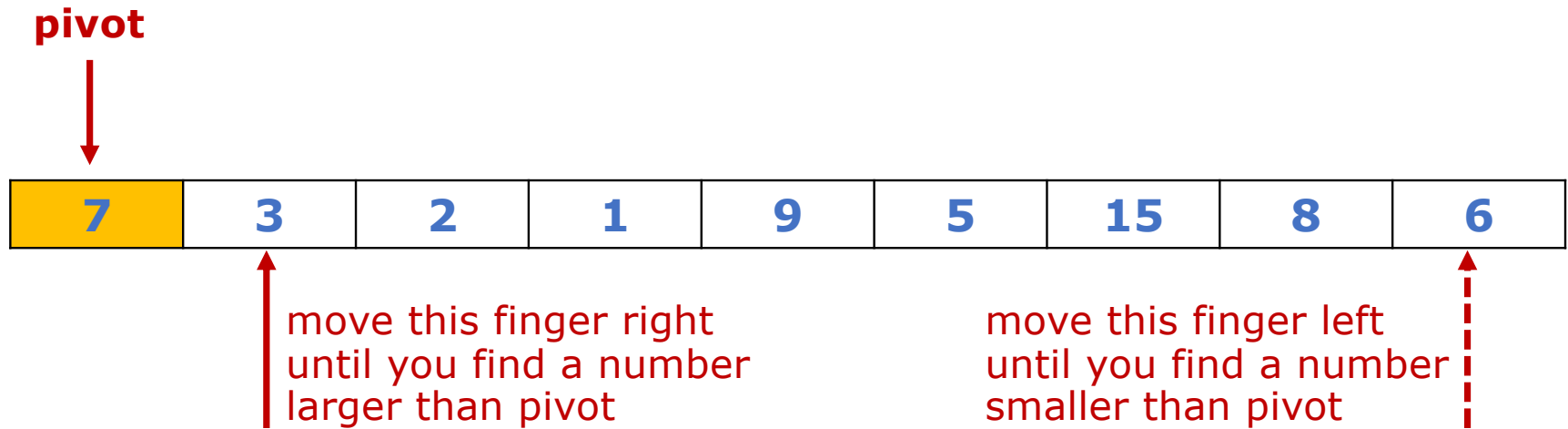
Move the pivot to the first spot temporarily



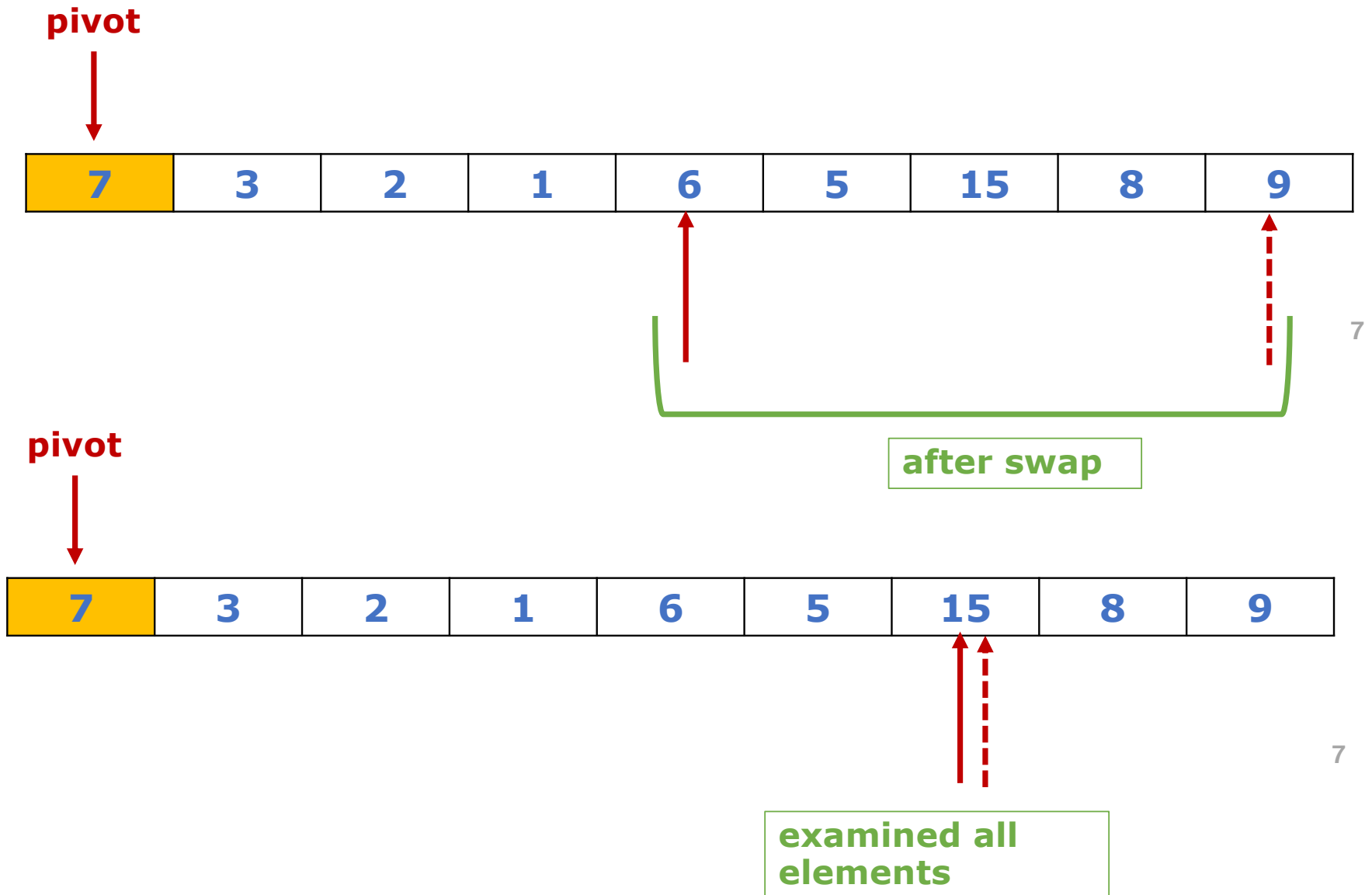
Divide the array into the number smaller than pivot and larger than pivot



Find the number (from the left finger) larger than the pivot and the number (from the right finger) smaller than the pivot and swap them



Swap the elements and continue two-finger method – continue until the fingers meet



Swap the pivot back in place – Pivot now in the right spot

**pivot**

7	3	2	1	6	5	15	8	9
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swap

**pivot**

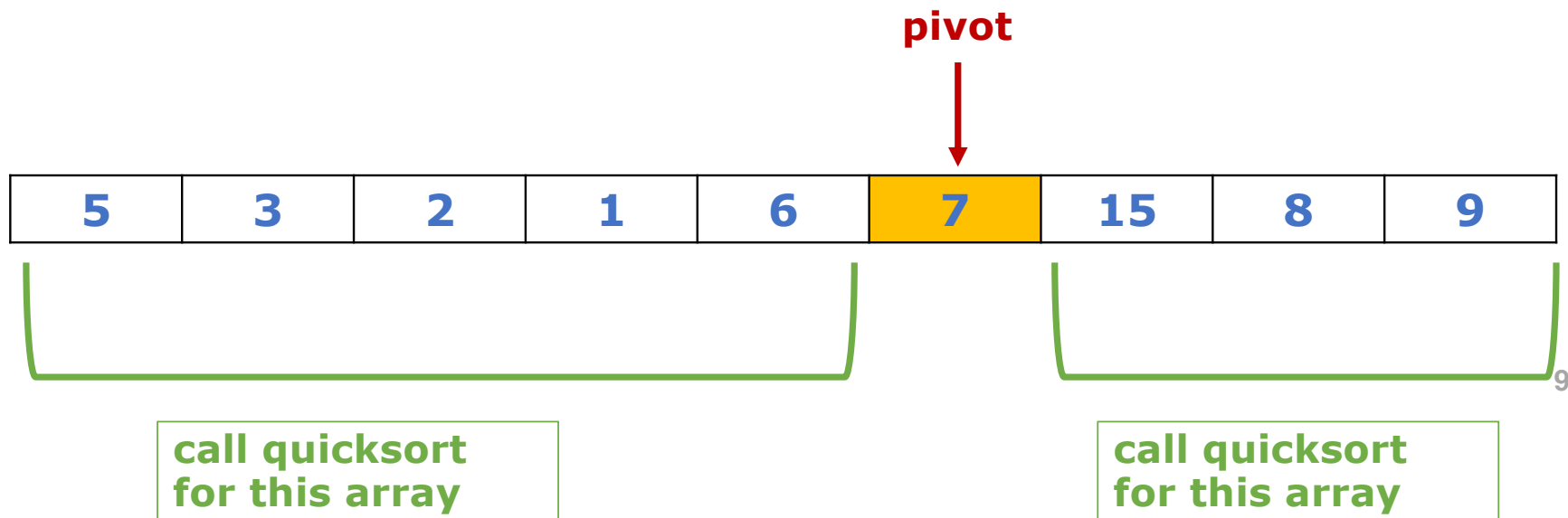
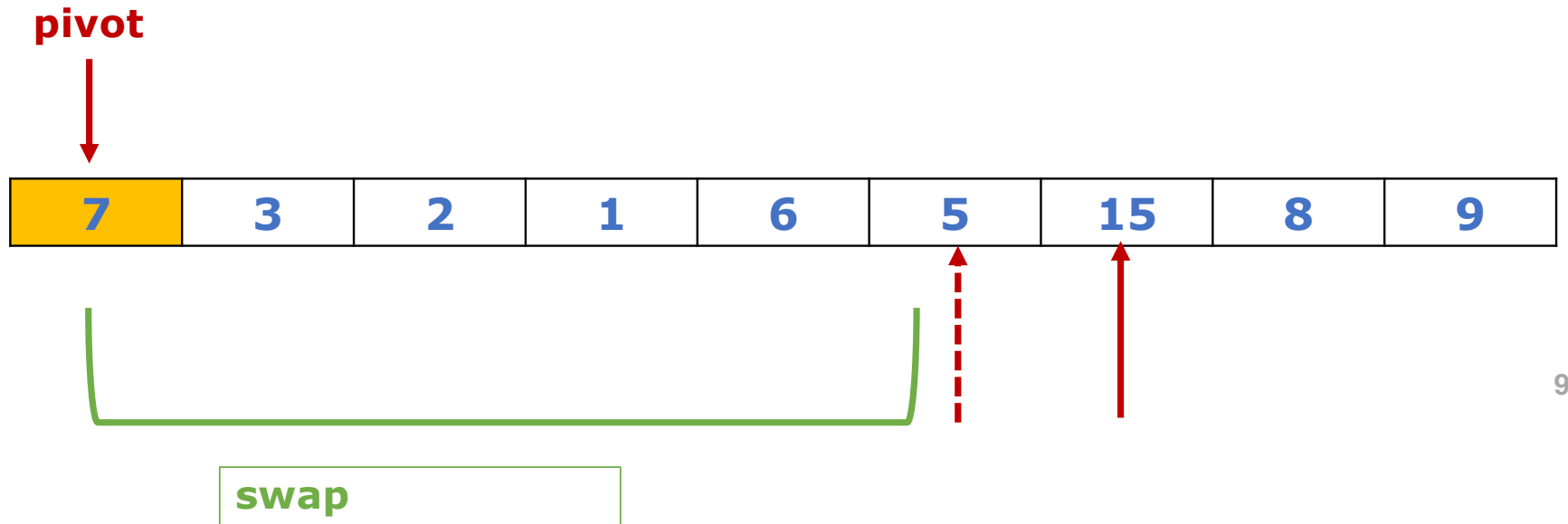
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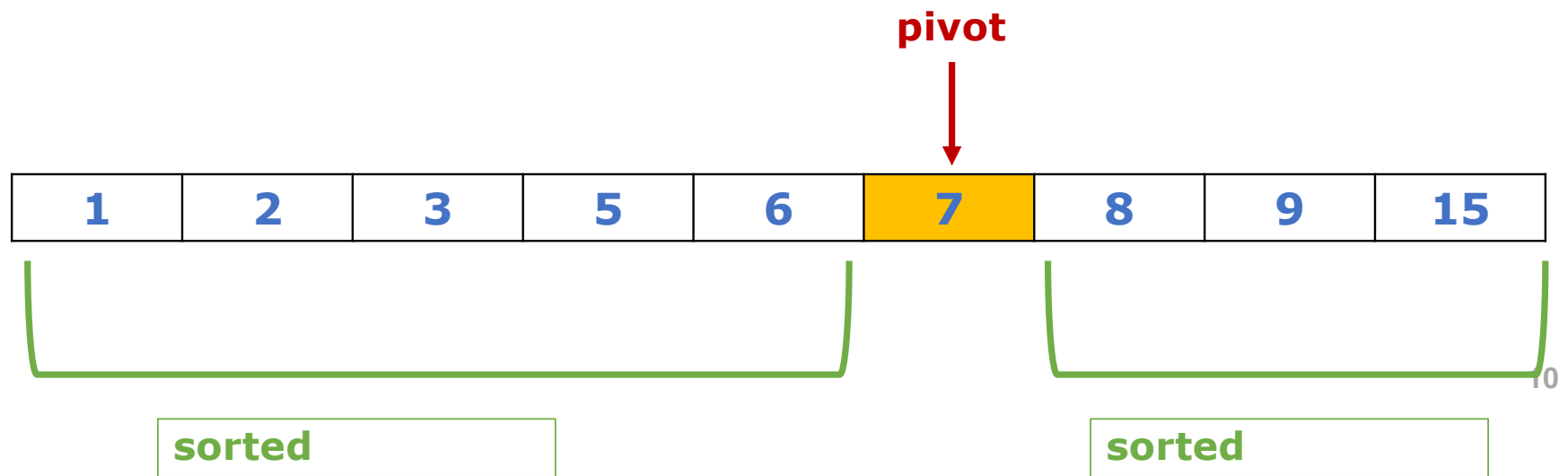
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Run quicksort recursively on the subarray to the left and on the subarray to the right



## The final sorted array



## Resources

You tube video

[https://www.google.com/search?q=quick+sort+pivot+to+the+feont&oq=quick+sort+pivot+to+the+feont&aqs=chrome..69i57j33.8923j0j4&client=ms-android-google&sourceid=chrome-mobile&ie=UTF-8#kpvalbx=\\_CUfBXoqfD-akggebkp-YDQ55](https://www.google.com/search?q=quick+sort+pivot+to+the+feont&oq=quick+sort+pivot+to+the+feont&aqs=chrome..69i57j33.8923j0j4&client=ms-android-google&sourceid=chrome-mobile&ie=UTF-8#kpvalbx=_CUfBXoqfD-akggebkp-YDQ55)