

## QUICK SORT

$A[0] \dots A[s-1]$      $A[s]$      $A[s+1] \dots A[n-1]$   
 all are  $\leq A[s]$     all are  $\geq A[s]$

eg:- 2, 1, 3, 4, 5 sort using quicksort.

Choose 1 elt as pivot elt.

A/c to algorithm we choose the 1<sup>st</sup> elt as pivot elt.

Pivot elt = 2.

→ 2 1 3 4 5  
↑ ↑ ↑ increments

i - pointing to 1<sup>st</sup> elt      j ↓ decrements.  
j - pointing to last elt.

Any comparison is made with PIVOT.

→ ①<sup>st</sup> comparison -  $2 = 2$   
 It <sup>pointed by ?</sup> ~~compared~~ is less than or equal to  
 pivot → increment  $i$ .

$2 > 2$  So  $p \leftarrow p + 1$

$\rightarrow$  9<sup>nd</sup> - 9 1 3 4 5 (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
 $i \uparrow$   $j \downarrow$   $i \leftarrow i+1$   $j \rightarrow j-1$

→ 3<sup>rd</sup> comparison: 2 1 3 4 5 3 > 3<sup>prev</sup>

if the elt pointed by  $j$  is greater than

pivot  $\rightarrow$  decrement  $j$ .

→ 4<sup>th</sup> comparison: 2 1 3 4 5 5 > 2



5<sup>th</sup> comparison  $6 > 2$       2    1    3    4    5  
 $\uparrow i \uparrow j$

6<sup>th</sup> comparison -

3 > 2      2    1    3    4    5  
 $\uparrow j \uparrow i$

7<sup>th</sup> comparison -

2 = 2      2    1    3    4    5  
 $\uparrow j \uparrow i$

Compare positions  $i$  &  $j$

If ~~if~~  $i < j$

Swap  $a[i]$  &  $a[j]$

else

Swap  $a[j]$  & pivot

So, swap ~~sw~~ 1 & pivot.

1    2    3    4    5  
 1 subdivision  $\uparrow$  pivot       $\rightarrow$  another subdivision

eg: 12, 14, 13, 9, 5, 4

12    14    13    9    5    4  
 $\uparrow i \uparrow j$

$\rightarrow 12 \leq 12$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

12    14    13    9    5    4  
 $\uparrow i \uparrow j$

$\rightarrow 14 > 12$

decrement  $j$ . Compare  $a[j]$  & pivot.  
 $4 < 12$



So, No decrement  $j$ .

Now compare  $i$  &  $j$  positions.

Since,  $i < j$

$a[i]$  and  $a[j]$  are swapped.

12    4    13    9    5    14.  
           $\uparrow i$                      $\uparrow j$

→  $4 < 12$

Increment  $i$ .

12    4    13    9    5    14  
           $\uparrow i$                      $\uparrow j$

→  $13 > 12$

Stop  $i$ . Look for  $j$ .

$14 > 12$ .

12    4    13    9    5    14  
           $\uparrow i$                      $\uparrow j$

→  $5 < 12$ .

Stop decrementing  $j$ .

Compare  $i$  &  $j$  positions.

$i < j$

Swap  $a[i]$  &  $a[j]$

12    4    5    9    13    14  
           $\uparrow i$                      $\uparrow j$

→  $5 < 12$ . Increment  $i$ .

12    4    5    9    13    14  
           $\uparrow i$      $\uparrow j$

→  $9 < 12$  Increment  $i$

12    4    5    9    13    14  
           $\uparrow i$   $\uparrow j$



→ 13 12 Look for j  
13 > 12. decrement j.

12 4 5 9 13 14  
↑i ↑j

→ 9 < 12 stop.

compare i & j positions.

j < i → so swap a[j] & pivot.

9 4 5 12 13 14  
pivot ↑ ↑j ↑i

When pivot is swapped,

the left array becomes 1 subproblem  
& the right array becomes 1 subproblem.

9 4 5 [12] 13 14  
↓ ↓  
① ②

Solve ① & ② by Quick sort.



## Algorithm Quicksort ( $A[l..r]$ )

Sorts a subarray by quicksort.

input - subarray of array  $A[0..n-1]$ , defined by its left and right indices  $l$  and  $r$ .

output - subarray  $A[l..r]$  sorted in nondecreasing order.

if  $l < r$

$s \leftarrow \text{Partition}(A[l..r])$  //  $s$  is a split position

Quicksort( $A[l..s-1]$ )

Quicksort( $A[s+1..r]$ ).

$\rightarrow \text{Partition}(A[l..r])$

$\text{pivot} \leftarrow A[l]$

$i \leftarrow l$

$j \leftarrow r+1$

repeat.

~~while  $A[i] \leq \text{pivot}$  &  $i \leq j$~~   
 ~~$i \leftarrow i+1$~~

repeat  $i \leftarrow i+1$  until  $i \geq j$  or  $A[i] > \text{pivot}$ .

repeat  $j \leftarrow j-1$  until  $A[j] \leq \text{pivot}$

if  $i < j$

Swap  $A[i]$  &  $A[j]$

until  $i \geq j$ .

swap  $A[j]$  & pivot

return  $j$ .

pivot = 3

3 2 1 4 5  
↑ i                    ↑ j



3 4 5 1 2

3 - pivot

3 4 5 1 2  
↑<sub>i</sub> ↑<sub>j</sub>

→  $3 \leq 3$   $i \rightarrow i+1$   
4 > 3 X stop i → verify j

2 < 3 → stop

Compare i & j

$i < j$

→ 3 2 5 1 4  
↑<sub>i</sub> ↑<sub>j</sub>

→ 2 < 3  $i = i+1$

→ 5 > 3 stop i

4 > 3  $j = j-1$

3 2 5 1 4  
↑<sub>i</sub> ↑<sub>j</sub>

1 < 3 stop j

Compare i & j

$i < j$  swap  $a[i]$  &  $a[j]$

3 2 1 5 4  
↑<sub>i</sub> ↑<sub>j</sub>

→ 1 < 3  $i = i+1$

5 > 3 stop i

verify j →

5 > 3  $j = j-1$

1 < 3 stop j

3 2 1 5 4  
↑<sub>j</sub> ↑<sub>i</sub>

Compare i & j

$i > j$

swap  $a[j]$  & pivot

1 2 [3] 5 4



# Analysis-

## Basic Operation- Comparison

(These occur in partition)

Best Case- Sets are partitioned into subsets of equal size.

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = a \cdot T(n/b) + f(n)$$

No. of comparisons

$$= \text{No. of elts} + \text{const.}$$

atleast 'n' comparisons.

So,

$$f(n) \in O(n^d)$$

$$f(n) = O(n)$$

$$C(n) = 2 \cdot C(n/2) + f(n)$$

$$\boxed{C(n) = 2 \cdot C(n/2) + n} \quad n > 1$$

Applying master's theorem,

$$a = 2, b = 2, d = 1$$

$$a = b^d \quad 2 = 2^1$$

$$O(n^d \log_b n)$$

$$= O(n^1 \log_2 n)$$

$$= O(n \log n)$$

$$\boxed{C_{\text{best}}(n) = O(n \log_2 n)}$$

$$\boxed{C_{\text{best}}(1) = 1}$$

eg: 3 4 5 1 2

①  $4 < 3$  stop i

②  $2 < 3$  stop j

Compare i & j

$i < j$

3 2 5 1 4

↑ i

↑ j

③  $2 < 3$   $i = i + 1$

④  $5 > 3$  stop i

⑤  $4 > 3$   $j = j - 1$

⑥  $1 < 3$  stop j

Compare i & j

$i < j$

3 2 1 5 4

↑ i

↑ j

⑦  $1 < 3$   $i = i + 1$

⑧  $5 > 3$  stop i

⑨  $1 > 3$   $j = j - 1$

$i > j$

swap a[i] & pivot

1 2 [3] 5 4

$$q = 5 + 4$$

$$\text{Comparisons} = (n) + \text{const.}$$



Worst Case - Array is already sorted.

1 2 3 4 5  
↑ ↑

Pivot = 1

→  $1 \leq 1$   $i = i + 1$

→  $2 > 1$  stop  $i$

$5 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

$4 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

$3 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

$2 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

$1 > 1$  stop  $j$

1 2 3 4 5  
↑ ↑

Compare  $i$  &  $j$ :  $i > j$

swap  $a[j]$  & pivot.

[1] 2 3 4 5

sort it by quicksort.

→ Now pivot is taken as 2 and solved as usual.

1 [2] 3 4 5

solve by quicksort.

→ Pivot = 3

1 2 [3] 4 5

solve by quicksort.

→ Pivot = 4

1 2 3 [4] 5

①  $2 > 1$  stop  $i$

②  $5 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

③  $4 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

④  $3 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

⑤  $2 > 1$   $j = j - 1$

⑥  $1 > 1$  x stop  $j$

1 2 3 4 5  
↑ ↑

$i > j$  swap  $a[j]$  & pivot.



①  $3 > 2$  stop  $i$

②  $5 > 2$   $j = j - 1$

③  $4 > 2$   $j = j - 1$

④  $3 > 2$   $j = j - 1$

⑤  $2 > 2$  stop  $j$

Compare  $i$  &  $j$ .

$j < i$

swap  $a[i]$  &  $a[j]$

So,

When an array of  $n$  elements are sorted the no. of comparisons will be  $n+1$ .

1 2 3 4 5  $\rightarrow$  6 comparisons.

1 [2 3 4 5]  $\rightarrow$  5 comparisons

1 2 [3 4 5]  $\rightarrow$  4 comparisons

1 2 3 [4 5]  $\rightarrow$  3 comparisons.

1 2 3 4 5  $\rightarrow$  No comparisons.

Generalising, No. of comparisons -

$$= (n+1) + (n) + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 + 0 + 3.$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} - 1 - 2 = 3 + 4 + \dots + n + (n+1)$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} - 6 = 3 + 4 + \dots + n + (n+1)$$

No. of comparisons  $\approx O(n^2)$

2 3 4 5  
 $\uparrow j$   $\uparrow i$

Array size - 4

No. of comparisons - 6



$$C\text{-worst}(n) = C\text{-worst}(n-1) + 1 \quad n > 1$$

BCZ as the array is sorted u will have only 1 subarray when u swap with pivot.

$$\text{So, } a = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} C\text{-worst}(n) &= (n+1) + (n) + (n-1) + \dots + 3 \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} - 3 \approx \theta(n^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$C\text{-worst}(1) = 0.$$

$$C\text{-worst}(2) = C\text{-worst} + 3.$$