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Hands On-6

Average runtime complexity of non-random pivot Quicksort.

Recurrence relation

$T(n)$ = Partitioning + recursive calls.

Partitioning = $O(n)$

Recursive cost (Pivot at index k)

$$T(k) + T(n-k-1)$$

~~if pivot is at 0 or n-1~~

$$\therefore T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (T(i) + T(n-i-1)) + O(n)$$

For average case: The pivot divides the array in roughly 2 equal parts:

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$T(n) = 2\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + O\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)\right) + O(n)$$

$$T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 3(O(n))$$

General form

$$\text{After } \log(n) \text{ steps: } T(n) = 2^k T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + k(O(n)) \quad | \quad k = \log(n)$$

$$T(n) = n T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log(n)}}\right) + \log(n) O(n)$$

$$T(n) = n T(1) + O(n \log(n))$$

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