

Quicksort 1 - Partition

The previous challenges covered [Insertion Sort](#), which is a simple and intuitive sorting algorithm with an average case performance of $O(n^2)$. In these next few challenges, we're covering a *divide-and-conquer* algorithm called [Quicksort](#) (also known as *Partition Sort*).

Step 1: Divide

Choose some pivot element, p , and partition your unsorted array, ar , into three smaller arrays: $left$, $right$, and $equal$, where each element in $left < p$, each element in $right > p$, and each element in $equal = p$.

Challenge

Given ar and $p=ar[0]$, partition ar into $left$, $right$, and $equal$ using the *Divide* instructions above. Then print each element in $left$ followed by each element in $equal$, followed by each element in $right$ on a single line. Your output should be space-separated.

Note: There is no need to sort the elements [in-place](#); you can create two lists and stitch them together at the end.

Input Format

The first line contains n (the size of ar).
The second line contains n space-separated integers describing ar (the unsorted array). The first integer (corresponding to $ar[0]$) is your pivot element, p .

Constraints

- $1 \leq n \leq 1000$
- $-1000 \leq x \leq 1000, x \in ar$
- All elements will be unique.
- Multiple answer can exists for the given test case. Print any one of them.

Output Format

On a single line, print the partitioned numbers (i.e.: the elements in $left$, then the elements in $equal$, and then the elements in $right$). Each integer should be separated by a single space.

Sample Input

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5
4 5 3 7 2
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Sample Output

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3 2 4 5 7
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Explanation

$ar = [4, 5, 3, 7, 2]$

Pivot: $p = \text{ar}[0] = 4$.

$\text{left} = \{\}$; $\text{equal} = \{4\}$; $\text{right} = \{\}$

$\text{ar}[0] = 4 \geq p$, so it's added to right .

$\text{left} = \{\}$; $\text{equal} = \{4\}$; $\text{right} = \{4\}$

$\text{ar}[1] = 5 \geq p$, so it's added to right .

$\text{left} = \{\}$; $\text{equal} = \{4\}$; $\text{right} = \{4, 5\}$

$\text{ar}[2] = 3 < p$, so it's added to left .

$\text{left} = \{3\}$; $\text{equal} = \{4\}$; $\text{right} = \{4, 5\}$

$\text{ar}[2] = 7 \geq p$, so it's added to right .

$\text{left} = \{3\}$; $\text{equal} = \{4\}$; $\text{right} = \{4, 5, 7\}$

$\text{ar}[2] = 2 < p$, so it's added to left .

$\text{left} = \{3, 2\}$; $\text{equal} = \{4\}$; $\text{right} = \{4, 5, 7\}$

We then print the elements of left , followed by equal , followed by right , we get: **3 2 4 5 7**.

This example is only one correct answer based on the implementation shown, but it is not the only correct answer (e.g.: another valid solution would be **2 3 4 5 7**).