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Did you know?

Merge Sort follows the Divide and Conquer approach. It works by recursively dividing the input array into two halves, recursively sorting the two halves and finally merging them back together to obtain the sorted array.

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Explanation

Divide: Divide the list or array recursively into two halves until it can no more be divided.

Conquer: Each subarray is sorted individually using the merge sort algorithm.

Merge: The sorted subarrays are merged back together in sorted order. The process continues until all elements from both subarrays have been merged.

Step by step explanation





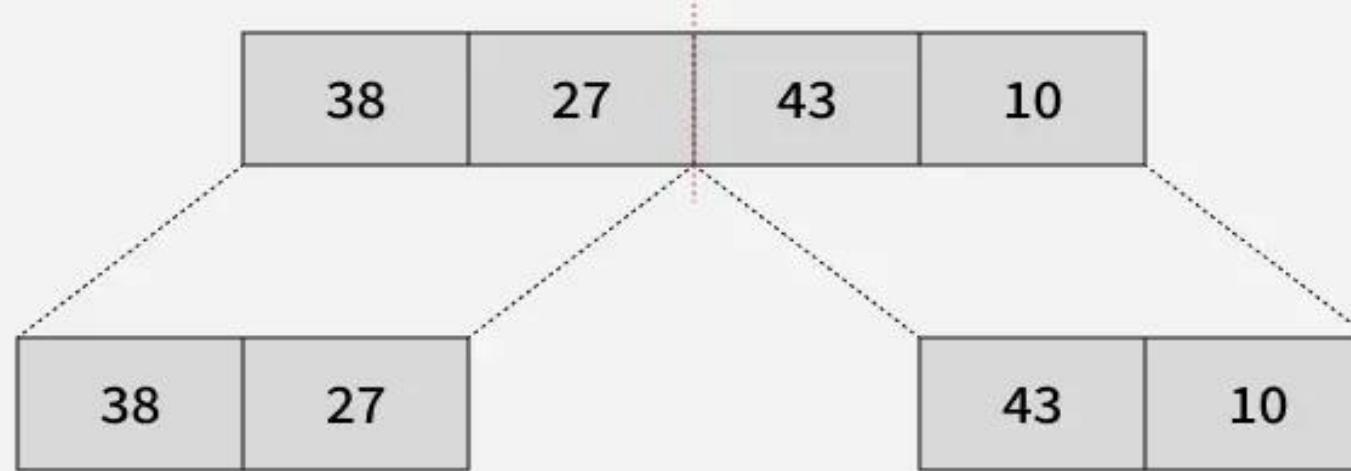
Step 1



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Step

Splitting the Array into two equal halves

Divide





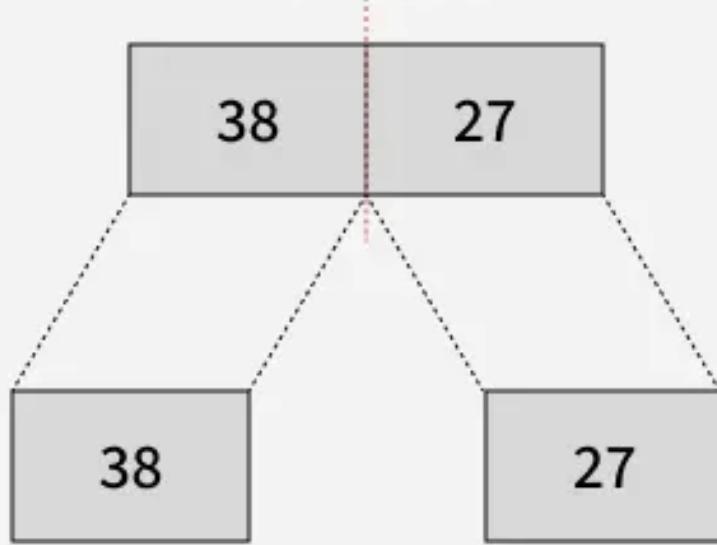
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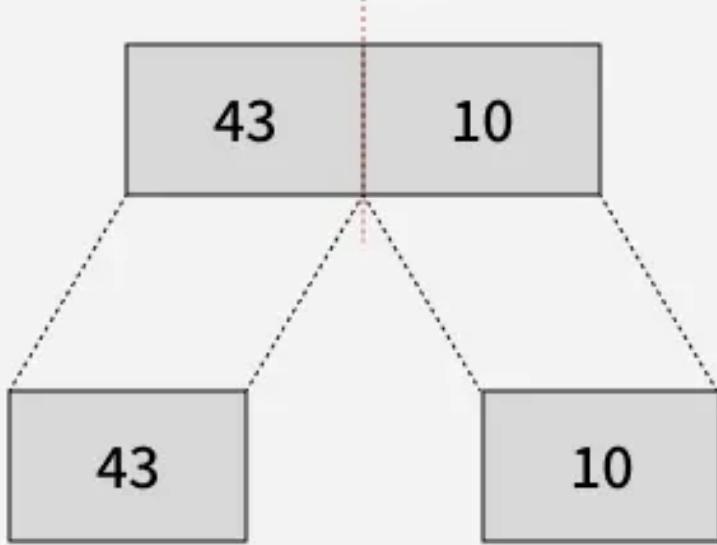
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Splitting the subarrays into two halves

Divide



Divide



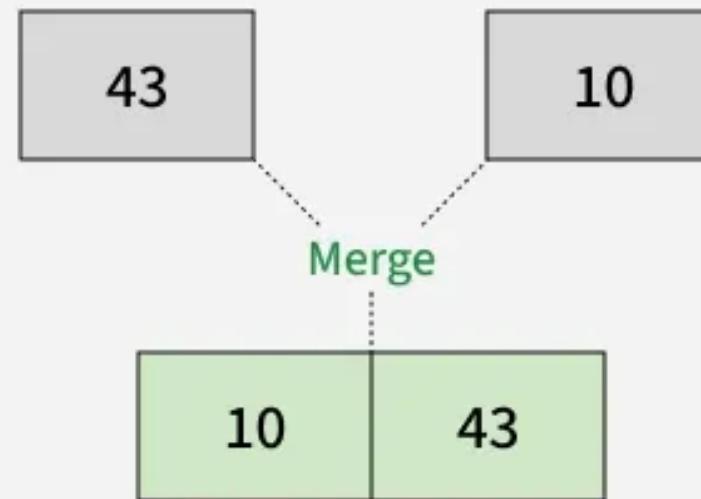
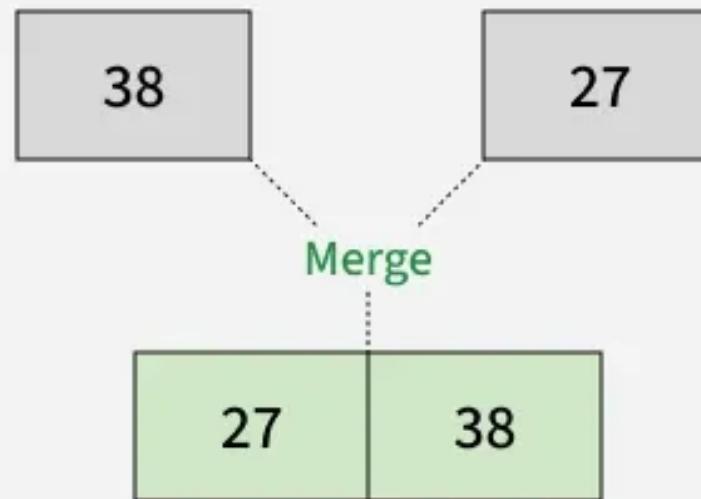


Step 3



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Step

Merging unit length cells into sorted subarrays





Step 4



04
Step

Merging sorted subarrays into the sorted array



Merge



★ Advantages of Merge Sort ★



Stable Sorting Algorithm

Simple To Implement

Performs well on large datasets

★ Disadvantages of Merge Sort ★

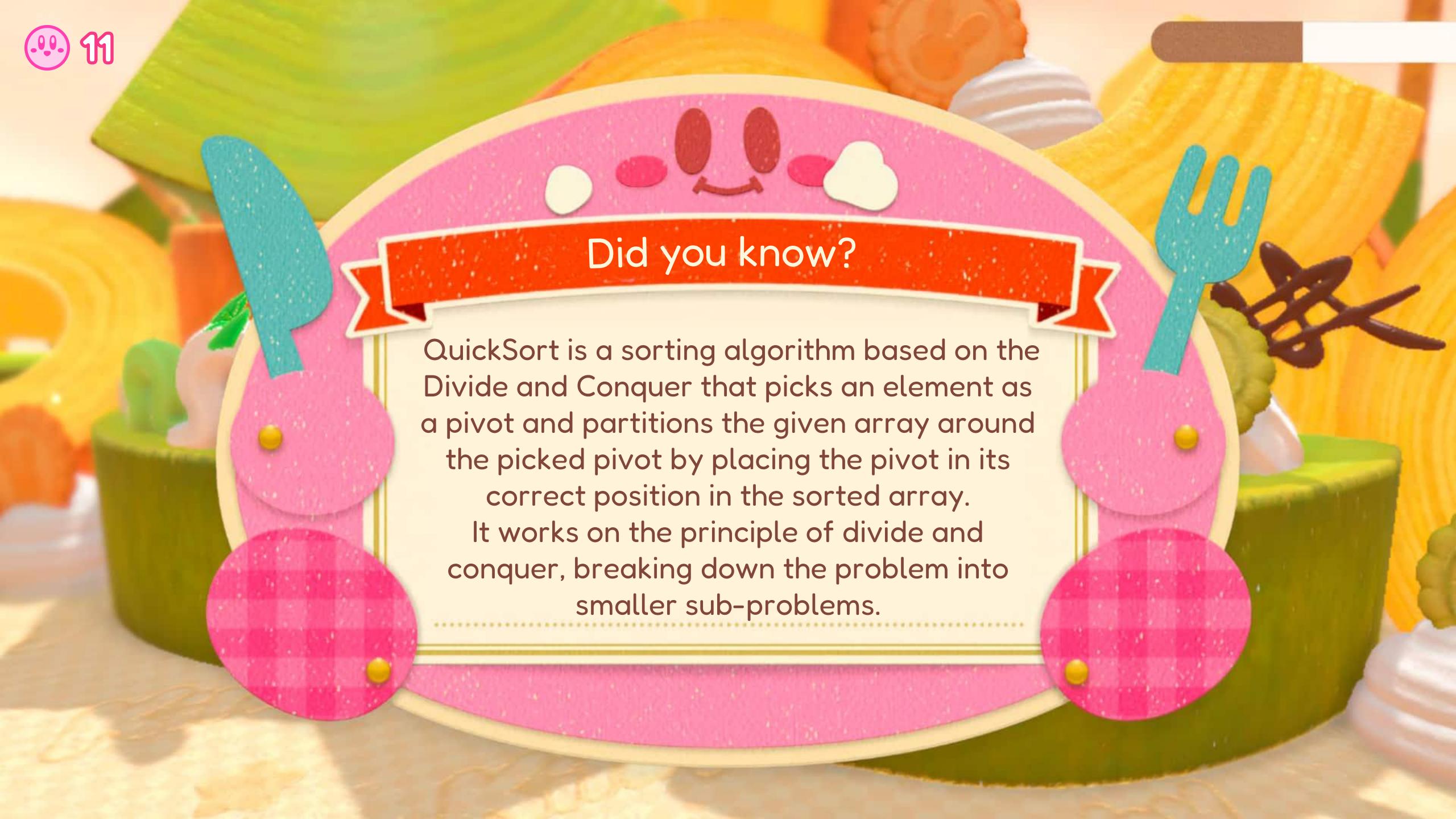
Not an in-place Algorithm

Space Complexity

Slower than Quicksort







Did you know?

QuickSort is a sorting algorithm based on the Divide and Conquer that picks an element as a pivot and partitions the given array around the picked pivot by placing the pivot in its correct position in the sorted array.

It works on the principle of divide and conquer, breaking down the problem into smaller sub-problems.

Explanation

Step by step explanation

Choose a Pivot: Select an element from the array as the pivot. The choice of pivot can vary (e.g., first element, last element, random element, or median).

Partition the Array: Re arrange the array around the pivot. After partitioning, all elements smaller than the pivot will be on its left, and all elements greater than the pivot will be on its right. The pivot is then in its correct position, and we obtain the index of the pivot.

Recursively Call: Recursively apply the same process to the two partitioned sub-arrays (left and right of the pivot).

Base Case: The recursion stops when there is only one element left in the sub-array, as a single element is already sorted.



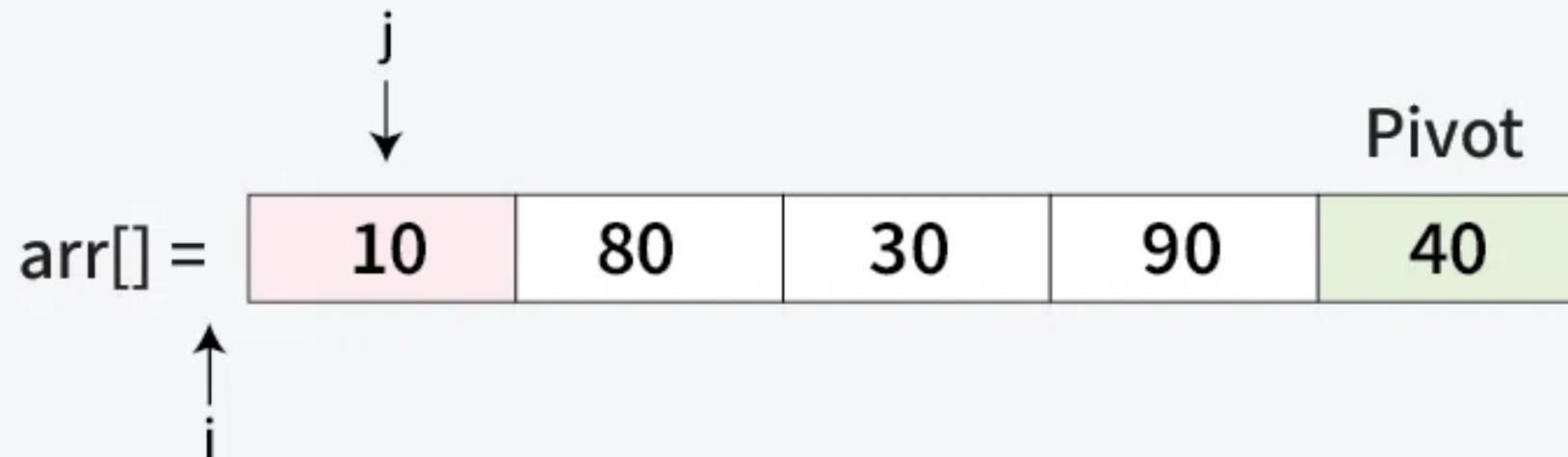


Step 1



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Pivot Selection: The last element $\text{arr}[4] = 40$ is chosen as the pivot.
Initial Pointers: $i = -1$ and $j = 0$.



Quick sort



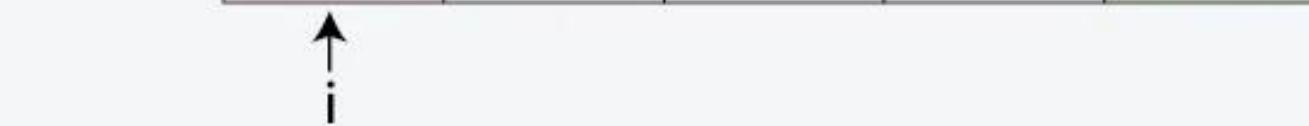
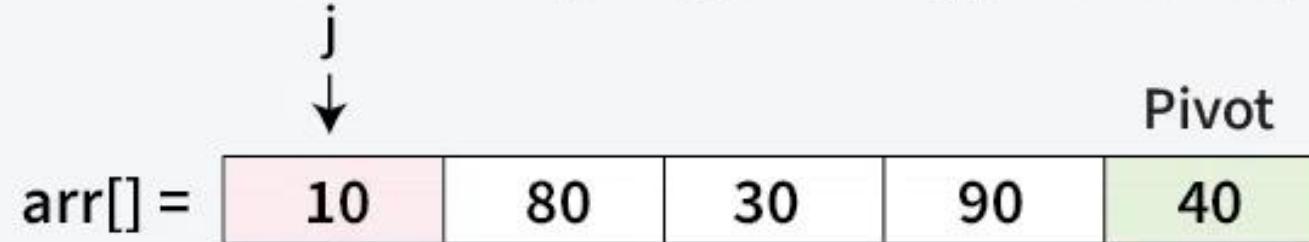


Step 2



02
Step

Since, $\text{arr}[j] < \text{pivot}$ ($10 < 40$)
Increment i to 0 and swap $\text{arr}[i]$ with $\text{arr}[j]$. Increment j by 1



Quick sort



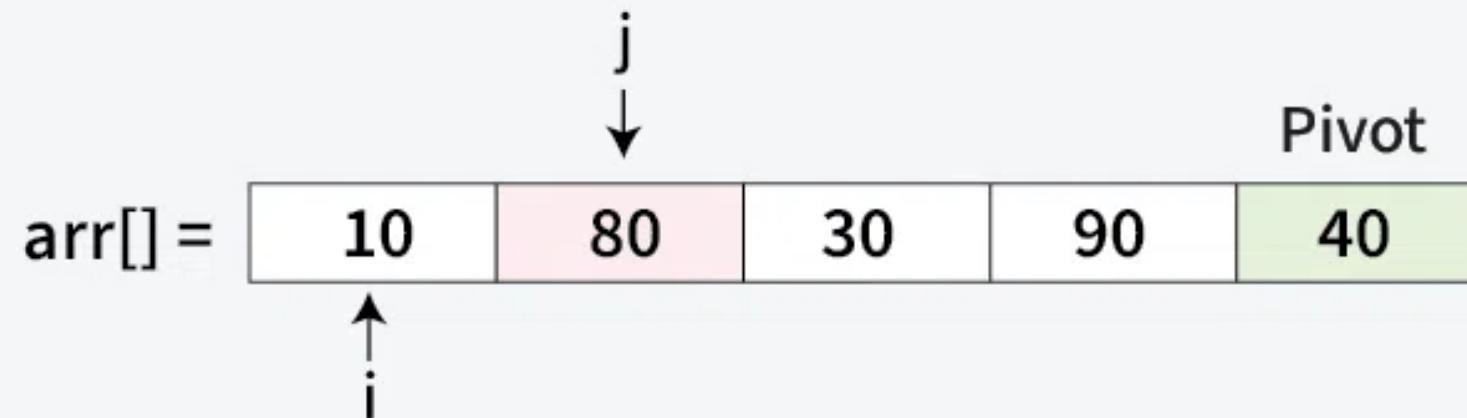


Step 3



03
Step

Since, $\text{arr}[j] > \text{pivot}$ ($80 > 40$)
No swap needed. Increment j by 1



Quick sort



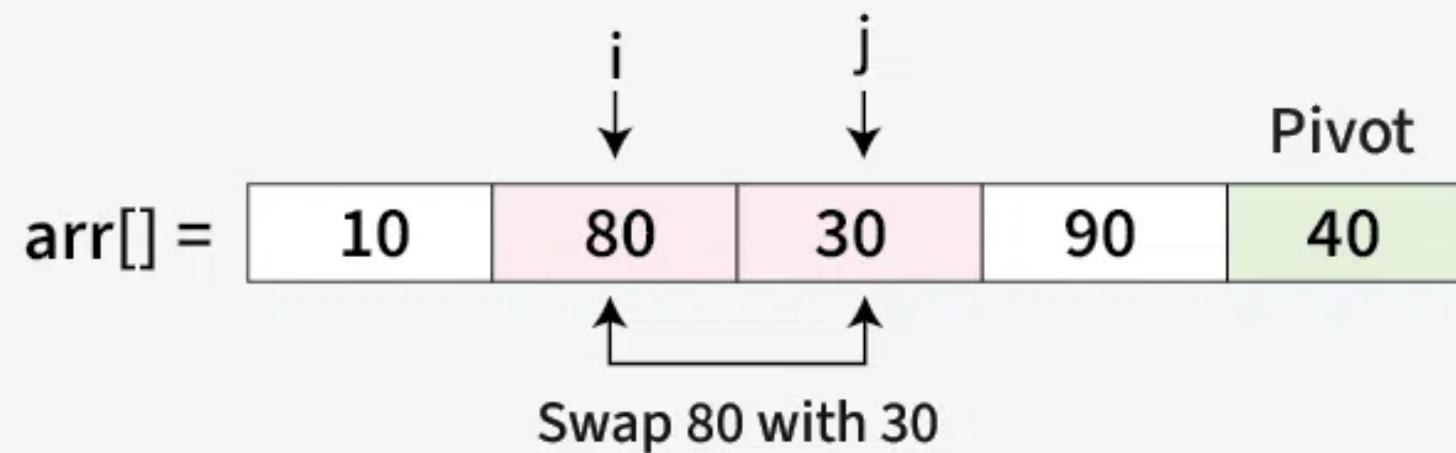


Step 4



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Step

Since, $\text{arr}[j] < \text{pivot}$ ($30 < 40$)
Increment i by 1 and swap $\text{arr}[i]$ with $\text{arr}[j]$. Increment j by 1



Quick sort



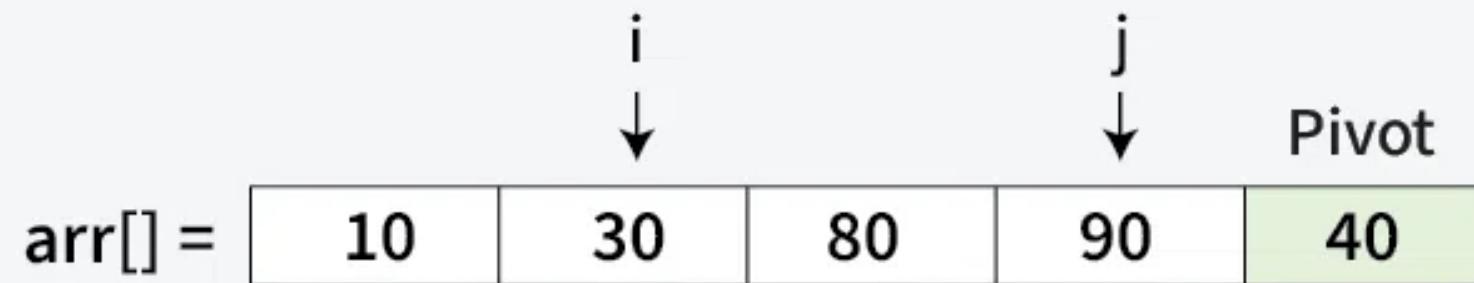


Step 5



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Step

Since, arr[j] > pivot ($90 > 40$)
No swap needed. Increment j by 1



Quick sort



★ Advantages of Quick Sort ★



Cache friendly

Efficient on large dataset

Doesn't require a lot of memory

★ Disadvantages of Quick Sort ★

$O(N^2)$
Complexity

not a good choice for small data sets.

Not a stable sort





Thank you!