

Quick Sort

- divide and conquer algorithm
- recursive algorithm
- uses pivot element to partition the array into two parts
 - elements < pivot – move it to its left ,
 - elements > pivot – move It to its right
- after partitioning the array the pivot will then be in its correct sorted position but right and right partition will not be sorted
- process is now repeated for the left array and right array
- eventually, every element has been the pivot, so every element will be in its correct sorted position
- as with the merge sort, we'll end up partitioning the array into a series of 1 element arrays
- does this in place – we don't need any temporary array
- in-place algorithm
- time complexity is $O(n \log n)$ – base 2
- unstable algorithm

Implementation of choosing first element in the array (or subarray) as a Pivot

STEP	20	35	-15	7	55	1	-22	Pivot
0	-22	35	-15	7	55	1	-22	20
1	-22	35	-15	7	55	1	35	20
2	-22	1	-15	7	55	1	35	20
3	-22	1	-15	7	55	55	35	20
4	-22	1	-15	7	20	55	35	-22
5	-22	1	-15	7	20	55	35	1
6	-22	-15	-15	7	20	55	35	1
7	-22	-15	1	7	20	55	35	55
8	-22	-15	1	7	20	35	35	55
9	-22	-15	1	7	20	35	55	SORTED