

Lab 3

Due No Due Date **Points** 1

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Lab 3: Sorting algorithm

Random Number Generation

If you want to implement in C, you can use the following C pattern for generating random numbers for this assignment

```
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

srand(time(NULL));    // should only be called once
int r = rand();        // returns a pseudo-random integer between 0 and RAND_MAX
r = r % M              // Mod r by M so that r is a uniformly distributed random integer between 0 and M-1, both
                      // ends included
r = r + K              // r is uniformly distributed integer between K and M-1+K
```

Randomized Quick Sort

The quicksort algorithm has a **worst-case** running time of $\Theta(n^2)$ on an input array of n numbers. Despite this slow worst-case running time, quicksort is often the best practical choice for sorting because it is remarkably efficient **on the average**: its **expected** running time is $\Theta(n \lg n)$, and the constant factors hidden in the $\Theta(n \lg n)$ notation are quite small. It also has the advantage of sorting in place.

We can sometimes add randomization to the algorithm in order to obtain good expected performance over **all** inputs. Many people regard the resulting randomized version of quicksort as the sorting algorithm of choice for large enough inputs.

We implement an ascending order randomized quick sort here.

Pseudo Code:

```
//Partition the subarray A[p...r]
RANDOMIZED_PARTITION(A,p,r):
    k = Rand(p,r) //pick a random pivot index between p and r
    swap(A[k],A[r]) // put the pivot at the end of the subarray
    x = A[r]
    i = p - 1
    for j = p to r - 1:
        if(A[j] <= x):
            i = i + 1
            swap(A[i],A[j])
    }
    swap(A[i+1],A[r])
    return i+1 // return the new position of the pivot element
```

```
RANDOMIZED_QUICK_SORT(A,p,r):  
  if p < r:  
    q = RANDOMIZED_PARTITION(A,p,r)  
    RANDOMIZED_QUICK_SORT(A,p,q-1)  
    RANDOMIZED_QUICK_SORT(A,q+1,r)
```

Test

Sort some random array and the descending array [100000,99999,...,3,2,1] and the already sorted ascending array [1,2,3...,99999,100000] in to ascending order.

You may also want to try using a fixed pivot instead of a randomized pivot(like always choose the last element of the subarray) to see how it affects the performance of the quick sort algorithm.