

5.1 Dutch national flag problem

We can solve this problem by using a quick-sort like algorithm.
Which will give you $O(n)$ time complexity.

using partitioning technique, given A and a pivot-index.

$A[:pivot_index] + A[pivot_index] + A[pivot_index:]$

lesser = 0
greater = len(A) - 1
pivot = A[pivot_index]

two passes.

1. for i in range(len(A)):

if $A[i] \leq pivot$:

swap(i , lesser)

lesser += 1

2. for j in reversed(range(len(A))):

if $A[j] \geq pivot$:

swap(j , greater)

greater -= 1