

Quicksort

Computational effort

Best Case	Average Case	Worst Case
$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$o(n^2)$

WORST CASE: sorted or reversely sorted list

BEST CASE: pivot = median for every iteration

Pseudocode

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procedure quicksort(a,l,r)
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begin
  if r > l then
    begin
      i := l - 1
      j := r
      pivot := a[r].key
      "begin - loop"
      repeat i := i + 1 until a[i].key >= pivot;
      repeat j := j - 1 until a[j].key <= pivot;
      if i >= j
        then "exit-loop";
      t := a[i];
      a[i] := a[j];
      a[j] := t;
      "end-loop";
      t := a[i];
      a[i] := a[r];
      a[r] := t
      quicksort(a,l,i - 1)
      quicksort(a,i+1,r)
    end
  end
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