

# QUICKSORT

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- Quicksort is based on principle of divide-and-conquer.
- Quicksort works by partitioning an array  $A[p..r]$  into two non empty sub arrays  $A[p..q]$  and  $A[q+1..r]$  such that every key in  $A[p..q]$  is less than or equal to every key in  $A[q+1..r]$ .
- Then, again two subarrays are sorted by recursive calls to quick sort.
- The three step divide-and-conquer process for quicksort is:
  - Divide:** partition the array  $A[p..r]$  into two subarrays  $A[p..q-1]$  and  $A[q+1..r]$  such that each element of  $A[p..q-1]$  is less than or equal to  $A[q]$  which is less than or equal to each element of  $A[q+1..r]$
  - Conquer:** Sort the two subarray  $A[p..q-1]$  and  $A[q+1..r]$  by recursive call to quicksort.
  - Combine:** Since the subarrays are sorted in place, no work is needed to combine them; the entire array  $A[p..r]$  is now sorted.

ⓐ QUICKSORT( $A, p, r$ )

1. if  $p \leq r$
2. then  $q \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r)$
3. QUICKSORT( $A, p, q-1$ )
4. QUICKSORT( $A, q+1, r$ )

PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )

1.  $x \leftarrow A[r]$
2.  $i \leftarrow p-1$
3. for  $j \leftarrow p$  to  $r-1$
4. do if  $A[j] \leq x$
5. then  $i \leftarrow i+1$
6. exchange  $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$
7. exchange  $A[i+1] \leftrightarrow A[r]$
8. return  $i+1$

- The running time of quicksort depends on whether the partitioning is balanced or unbalanced. It depends on which elements are used for partitioning.
- If partitioning is balanced, the algorithm runs asymptotically as fast as merge sort. If the partitioning is unbalanced, it can run asymptotically as slowly as insertion sort.



Step 1:  $p \rightarrow$ 

2	8	7	1	3	5	6	4
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 $x = \text{A[9]} = 4$

Step 2: 

2	8	7	1	3	5	6	4
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Step 3: 

2	8	7	1	3	5	6	4
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Step 4: 

2	8	7	1	3	5	6	4
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Step 5: 

2	1	7	8	3	5	6	4
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Step 6: 

2	1	3	8	7	5	6	4
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Step 7: 

2	1	3	8	7	5	6	4
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Step 8: 

2	1	3	8	7	5	6	4
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Step 9: 

2	1	3	4	7	5	6	8
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Best case time complexity of Quick sort:

If the two array contains  $n/2$  elements each then at that time we will go for best case analysis:

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

$$\log_2 n \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 a})$$

$$= \Theta(n^{\log_2 2})$$

$$= \Theta(n)$$

$$\text{So, } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 a} \log n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 a} \log n)$$

Worst case time complexity of Quick sort

→ This situation will occur when the array is divided into two parts such as one part contains zero element and 2nd part contains  $(n-1)$  elements.

→ Let us assume that the unbalanced partitioning arises in each recursive call. The partitioning costs  $\Theta(n)$  times.



The recursive call on an array of size 0 gives

$$T(0) = \Theta(1)$$

The recurrence for running time is

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(0) + \Theta(n)$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$T(n-1) = T(n-2) + \Theta(n) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$T(n-2) = T(n-3) + \Theta(n) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$T(n-3) = T(n-4) + \Theta(n) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

put eqn (2) in eqn (1), we get

$$T(n) = T(n-2)$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = T(n-1) + n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n-1) = T(n-2) + (n-1) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

put eqn (2) in eqn (1), we get

$$T(n) = T(n-2) + (n-1) + n \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$T(n-2) = T(n-3) + n-2 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

put eqn (4) in eqn (3), we get

$$T(n) = T(n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$T(n) = T(n-4) + (n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$T(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n^2+n}{2} = \Theta(n^2)$$

proof for worst case Analysis:

Let  $T(n)$  be the worst case running time of the algorithm QUICKSORT on an input of size  $n$ .

$$T(n) = \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (T(q) + T(n-q-1)) + \Theta(n) \quad \because 0 \leq q \leq n-1$$

By using substitution method, we guess that

$$T(n) \leq cn^2$$

By using induction method

$$T(q) \leq cq^2$$

$$T(n-q-1) \leq c(n-q-1)^2$$

$$\text{Then, } T(n) \leq \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (cq^2 + c(n-q-1)^2) + \Theta(n)$$

$$\leq c \cdot \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (q^2 + (n-q-1)^2) + \Theta(n)$$

$$q^2 + (n-q-1)^2 \leq (n-1)^2 \quad (\because 0 \leq q \leq n-1)$$

$$q^2 + (n-q-1)^2 \leq n^2 - 2n + 1$$



$$T(n) \leq cn^2 - c(2n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$\leq cn^2$$

we can pick the constant  $c$  large enough so that the  $(2n-1)$  term dominates the  $\Theta(n)$  term.

$$\therefore T(n) = O(n^2)$$

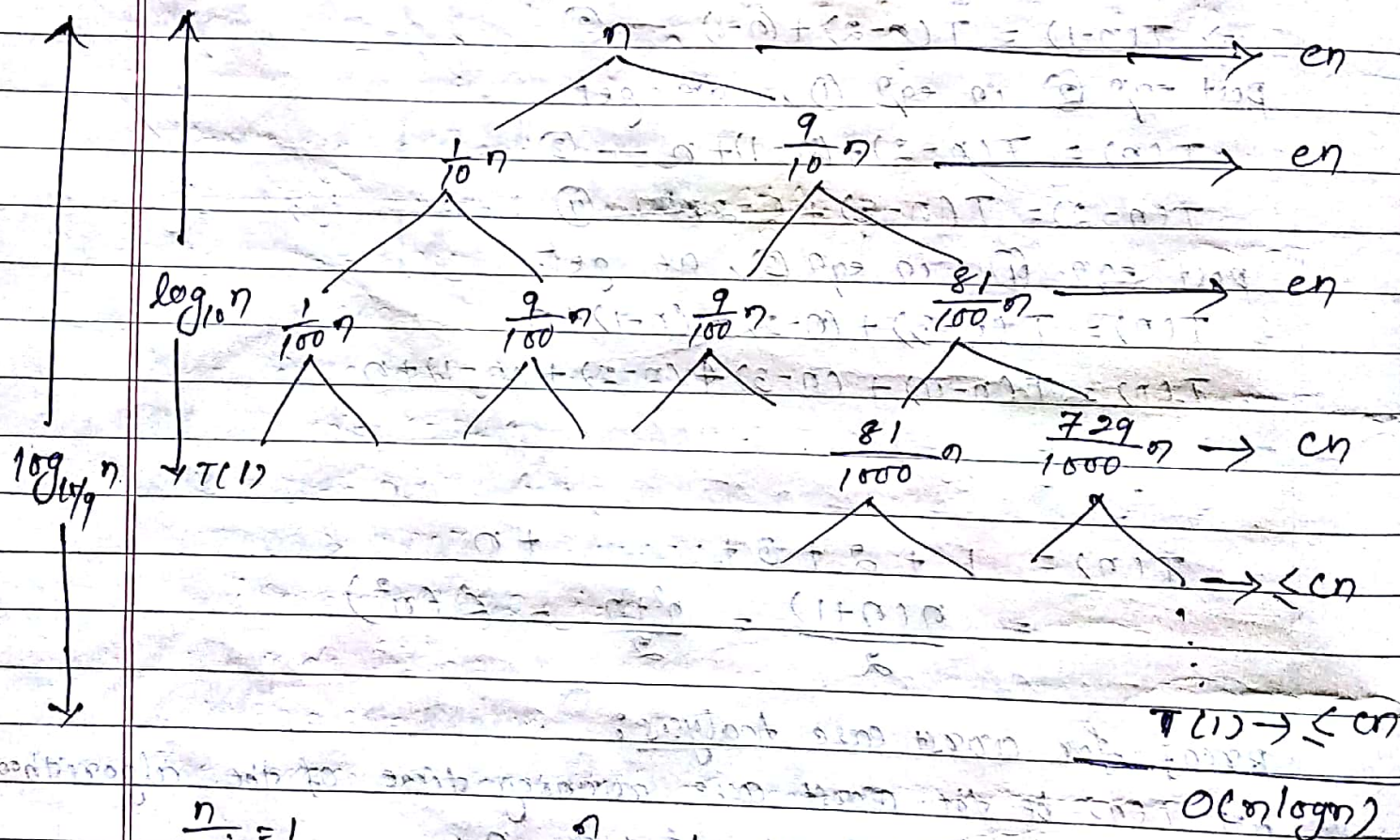
→ when the partition is unbalanced, quick sort takes  $\Omega(n^2)$  time. i.e.  $T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$

Thus, the worst case running time of quick sort is  $\Theta(n^2)$

Balanced partitioning:

The partitioning algorithm always produces a 9-to-1 proportional split which is unbalanced.

$$T(n) \leq T(9n/10) + T(n/10) + cn$$



$$\frac{n}{10^i} = 1 \Rightarrow n = 10^i \Rightarrow i = \log_{10} n$$

$$\frac{n}{(\frac{10}{9})^i} = 1 \Rightarrow i = \log_{\frac{10}{9}} n$$

$$T(n) = cn + cn + cn + \dots + \log_{10} n \text{ times}$$

$$= cn(1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + \log_{10} n)$$

$$= cn \log n$$

$$T(n) = O(n \log n)$$



### A RANDOMIZED VERSION OF QUICKSORT:

- In average case ~~bad~~ of quicksort, all the input numbers are equally likely. we can sometimes add randomization to an algorithm in order to obtain good average case performance over all inputs.
- Instead of always using  $A[r]$  as the pivot, we will use a randomly chosen element from the subarray  $A[p..r]$
- we do so by exchanging element  $A[r]$  with an element chosen random from  $A[p..r]$ .
- The pivot element  $x = A[r]$  is equal to be any of the  $(r-p+1)$  elements in the subarray.

### RANDOMIZED-PARTITION ( $A, p, r$ )

1.  $i \leftarrow \text{RANDOM}(p, r)$
2. exchange  $A[r] \leftrightarrow A[i]$
3. return PARTITION ( $A, p, r$ )

### RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT ( $A, p, r$ )

1. if  $p < r$
2. then  $q \leftarrow \text{RANDOMIZED-PARTITION}(A, p, r)$
3. RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT ( $A, p, q-1$ )
4. RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT ( $A, q+1, r$ )

→ By using RANDOMIZED-PARTITION, the running time of quicksort is  $O(n \log n)$ .