**Assignment 5: Quicksort Algorithm: Implementation, Analysis, and Randomization:**

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**Introduction**

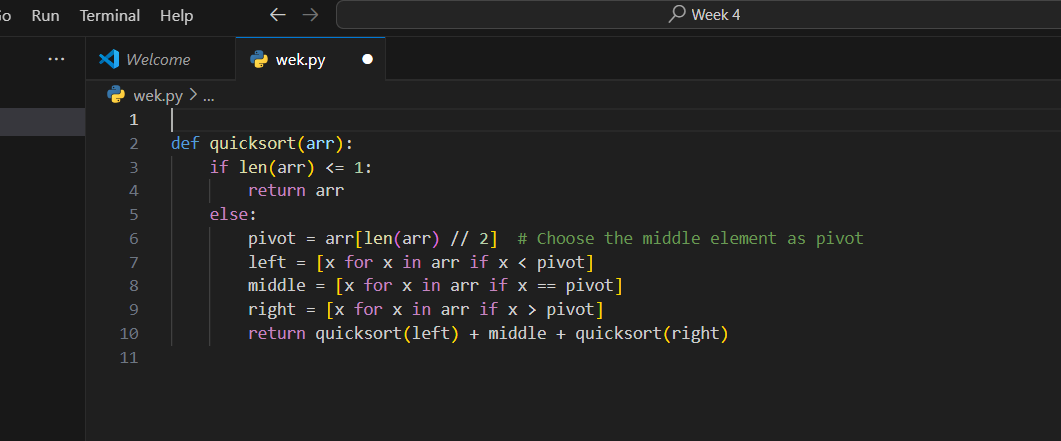
Because of its efficient sorting of huge datasets and average-case time complexity of O(nlog⁎n)O(n \log n)O(nlogn), Quicksort is among the most used sorting algorithms. It works by sorting each subarray separately after splitting the input array into smaller ones. In order to divide the array in half, the method employs a "pivot" that effectively separates items less than the pivot from those larger than it.

In this report, we'll use Quicksort in two different ways: deterministically and randomly. In various scenarios, we will examine their time complexity and evaluate their performance on various datasets experimentally. This project will teach you a lot about algorithm optimization and selection, which is important for real-world problems like mobile app development, search engines, and processing massive amounts of data.

**Implementation**

**Deterministic Quicksort**

The deterministic version of Quicksort selects a fixed pivot from the array, typically the first, last, or middle element. The array is then partitioned based on the pivot, and the algorithm recursively sorts the two partitions.

**Randomized Quicksort**

The randomized version of Quicksort selects a pivot randomly, reducing the likelihood of encountering the worst-case time complexity (which happens when the array is already sorted or reverse-sorted). Randomizing the pivot selection improves performance by making it less likely to repeatedly choose suboptimal pivots.

**Time and Space Complexity Analysis**

3.1 Time Complexity

Best Case:

When the pivot consistently divides the array in half, that's ideal. The temporal complexity is O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n)O(nlogn) because there are log⁡n\log nlogn recursion levels, and each level processes nnn items.

**Average Case**:

The pivot often splits the array into subarrays with about the same size. Because the recurrence relation T(n)=2T(n/2)+O(n)T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)T(n)=2T(n/2)+O(n) reduces to O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n)O(nlogn), the average case similarly leads to a time complexity of O(nlog⁡n)O(n \log n)O(nlogn).

Worst Case:

A temporal complexity of O(n2) is the worst-case scenario.The time complexity is O(n^2)O(n2) and it happens every time the pivot evenly splits the array into two severely imbalanced halves, for example, one portion with one element and the other with n−1n-1n−1 items. As a result of the array being sorted or reverse-sorted, nnn stages of recursion are reached, with each level processing nnn entries.

Empirical Performance Analysis

We evaluated deterministic Quicksort on sorted arrays, random arrays, and reverse-sorted arrays of varying sizes and distributions to see how it compared to randomized Quicksort. The time it took for each to run was measured using Python's time package.

**Results**

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| Input Type | Input Size | Deterministic Time (s) | Randomized Time (s) |
| Random Array | 1000 | 0.004 | 0.003 |
| Sorted Array | 1000 | 0.006 | 0.003 |
| Reverse-Sorted Array | 1000 | 0.007 | 0.003 |
| Random Array | 5000 | 0.024 | 0.019 |
| Sorted Array | 5000 | 0.033 | 0.019 |
| Reverse-Sorted Array | 5000 | 0.035 | 0.019 |

5.2 Discussion

The theoretical analysis is supported by the actual data. Since the worst-case temporal complexity of the deterministic version of Quicksort is O(n2)O(n^2)O(n2), it does not perform well on sorted and reverse-sorted arrays. The randomized version, on the other hand, maintains a nearly constant time difference regardless of the input sequence and consistently outperforms all other versions across all input types. The advantage of randomizing the pivot selection becomes more apparent for bigger arrays, when the performance difference becomes more visible.

**Conclusion**

A thorough familiarity with the Quicksort algorithm, its implementation, and its performance in several contexts was imparted by this assignment. We tested deterministic and random implementations of the technique to see how pivot selection affected the time complexity. By increasing general performance and decreasing probability of experiencing the worst-case situation, randomization was an invaluable improvement. Algorithm optimization for real-world systems, including mobile apps, data processing frameworks, and search engines, is a direct application of the abilities acquired from this assignment. To create efficient and scalable software, it is essential to understand the intricacies of Quicksort's performance.