The previous challenges covered **Insertion Sort**, which is a simple and intuitive sorting algorithm with a running time of  $O(n^2)$ . In these next few challenges, we're covering a divide-and-conquer algorithm called **Quicksort** (also known as *Partition Sort*). This challenge is a modified version of the algorithm that only addresses partitioning. It is implemented as follows:

### Step 1: Divide

Choose some pivot element, p, and partition your unsorted array, arr, into three smaller arrays: left, right, and equal, where each element in left < p, each element in right > p, and each element in equal = p.

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For example: Assume arr = [5, 7, 4, 3, 8]
The pivot is at arr[0] = 5
arr is divided into left = \{4,3\}, equal = \{5\}, and right = \{7,8\}.
Putting them all together, you get \{4, 3, 5, 7, 8\}. Another valid solution is \{3, 4, 5, 8, 7\}.
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Given arr and p = arr[0], partition arr into left, right, and equal using the *Divide* instructions above. Then print each element in left followed by each element in equal, followed by each element in **right** on a single line. Your output should be space-separated and does not have to maintain ordering of the elements within the three categories.

## **Function Description**

Complete the *quickSort* function in the editor below. It should return an array of integers as described above.

quickSort has the following parameter(s):

• arr: an array of integers where arr[0] is the pivot element

# **Input Format**

The first line contains n, the size of the array arr.

The second line contains n space-separated integers describing arr (the unsorted array). The first integer (corresponding to arr[0]) is your pivot element, p.

## **Constraints**

- $1 \leq n \leq 1000$   $-1000 \leq arr[i] \leq 1000$  where  $0 \leq i < n$
- All elements will be unique.

## **Output Format**

On a single line, print the partitioned numbers (i.e.: the elements in left, then the elements in equal, and then the elements in *right*). Each integer should be separated by a single space.

## **Sample Input**

4 5 3 7 2

#### **Sample Output**

3 2 4 5 7

#### **Explanation**

$$arr = [4, 5, 3, 7, 2]$$
 Pivot:  $p = arr[0] = 4$ .  $left = \{\}$ ;  $equal = \{4\}$ ;  $right = \{\}$   $arr[1] = 5 > p$ , so it's added to  $right$ .  $left = \{\}$ ;  $equal = \{4\}$ ;  $right = \{5\}$ 

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arr[2] = 3 < p, so it's added to left. left = \{3\}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{5\} arr[3] = 7 > p, so it's added to right. left = \{3\}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{5,7\} arr[4] = 2 < p, so it's added to left. left = \{3,2\}; equal = \{4\}; right = \{5,7\}
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We then print the elements of left, followed by equal, followed by right, we get: 3 2 4 5 7.

You don't need to maintain ordering, so another valid solution would be 2 3 4 5 7.