

## Sorting 2: QuickSort & Comparator Problem

### Agenda

- Pivot partition
- Quick Sort
- Comparator problems

### Partition

Given an array, consider first element as pivot, rearrange array s.t. all elements  $<$  pivot are on left side of pivot & rest are on right side of pivot.

$A = [ \textcircled{54} \quad 26 \quad 93 \quad 17 \quad 77 \quad 31 \quad 44 \quad 55 ]$   
pivot

$< \text{pivot}$	pivot	$\geq \text{pivot}$
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26 17 31 44      54      93 77 55

partitioning

$A = [10, 13, 7, 8, 25, 20, 23, 5]$

$left = [7, 8, 5]$

$right = [13, 25, 20, 23]$

Arrange smaller elements on left

index 0 to i contains smaller elements than pivot

Code

$\text{int partition}(A, l, r) \{$

$\text{pivot} = A[r]$  // rightmost element as pivot

$i = l - 1$  //  $l - i$  elements  $<$  pivot

$\text{for}(j = l \text{ to } r - 1) \{$

$\text{if}(A[j] < \text{pivot}) \{$

$i++$

$\text{swap}(A[i], A[j])$

$\}$

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//  $(i - l)$  elements  $<$  pivot

$(i + 1 - r)$   $>$  pivot

$A[r]$   $=$  pivot

$TC = O(N)$

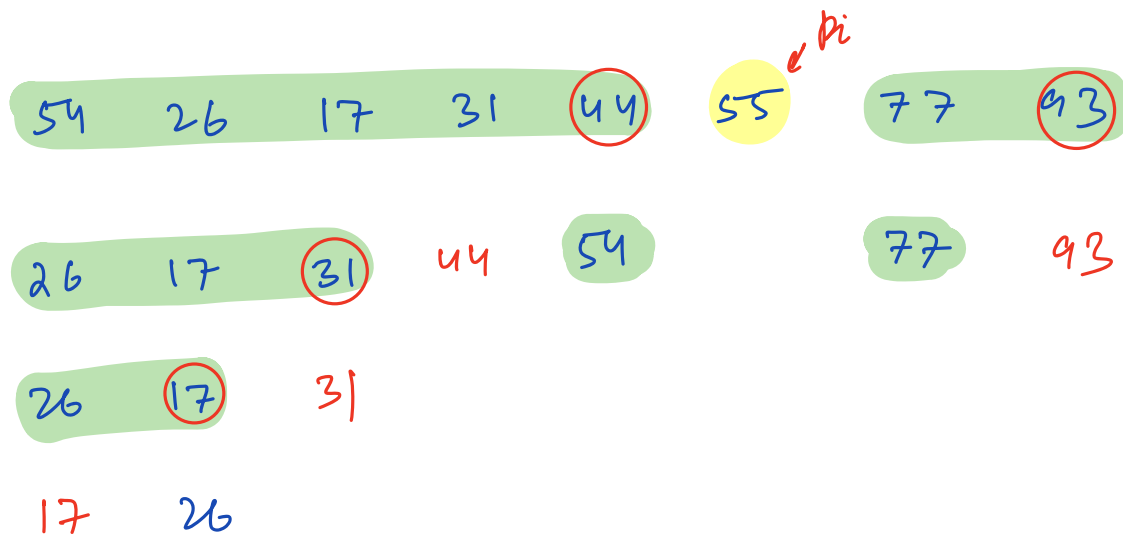
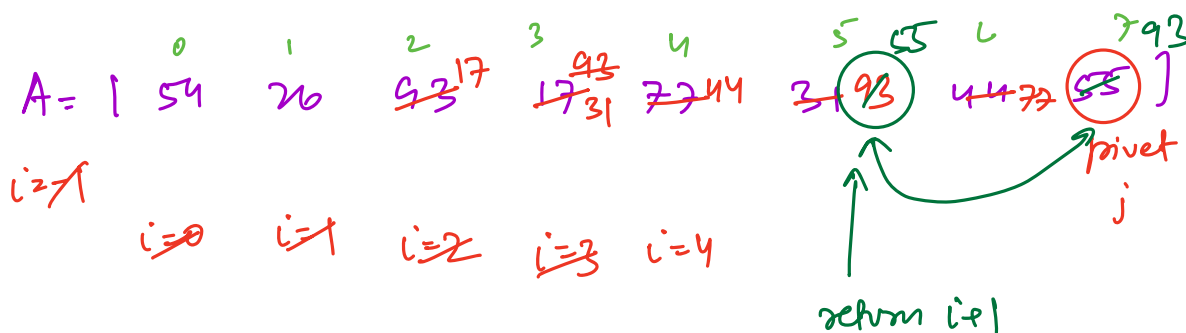
$OC(r - l)$

$SC = O(1)$

swap (A[i+1], A[r])

return i+1

}



17 26 31 44 54 55 77 93

## QuickSort

```
void quickSort (A[], l, r) {
    if (l < r) {
        pi = partition (A, l, r)
```

Divide &  
conquer  
strategy

```

    quicksort (A, l, pi-1)
    quicksort (A, pi+1, r)
  }
}

```

OR

```

void quicksort (A, l, r) {

```

```

    if (l >= r) return

```

```

    pi = partition (A, l, r)

```

```

    quicksort (A, l, pi-1)

```

```

    quicksort (A, pi+1, r)

```

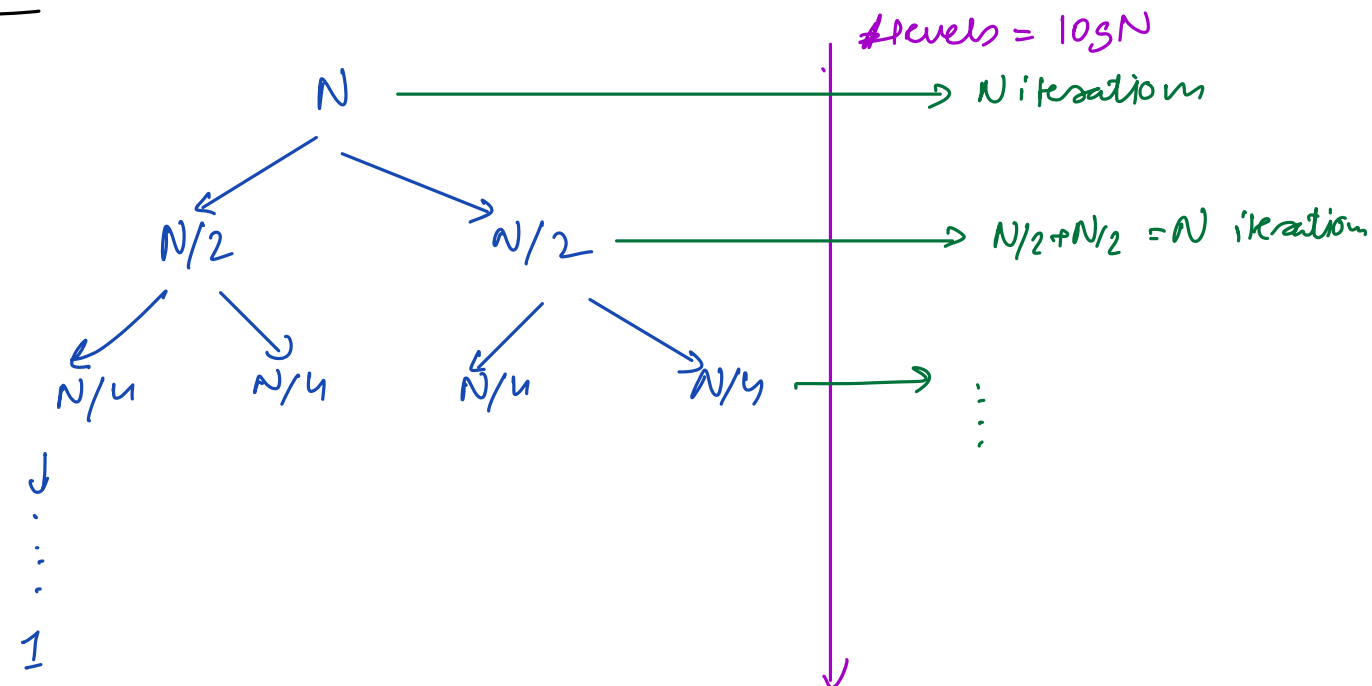
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}

```

Time Complexity

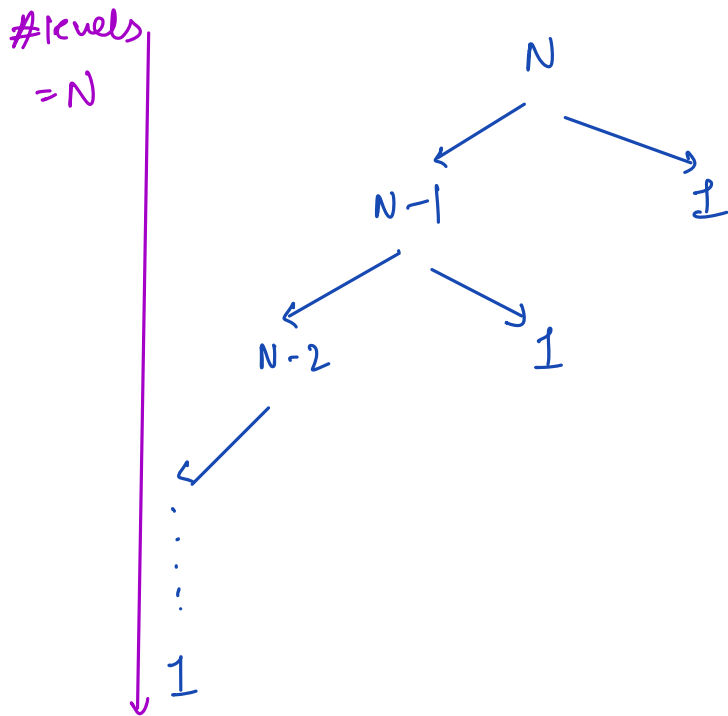
Best Case



$$TC = O(N \log N)$$

$$SC = O(\log N)$$

Worst Case



$$TC = O(N^2)$$

$$SC = O(N)$$

1 2 3 4 (5)

1 2 3 (4) 5

1 2 (3) 4

1 (2) 3

(1) 2

## Randomized Quick Sort

## How to choose random?

1. Get a random integer from  $[l, r]$  using "random" library.
2. Swap  $a[r]$  with  $a[\text{random\_index}]$
3. Run  $\text{partition}()$  with  $a[r]$  as pivot

int partition (A, l, r) {

```
int random_index = randInt( l, r ) // random value
                                  from (l, r)
```

swap ( a[r], a[random-index])

$\text{pivot} = A[r]$  // right most

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Given  $N$  elements, probability of random element being maximum =  $1/N$

Again, probability of maximum element =  $1/N-1$

$$\therefore 1/N-2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \approx \frac{1}{N-1} \approx \frac{1}{N-2} \approx \dots \approx 1 = \frac{1}{N!}$$

$$N=10, \quad \frac{1}{10!} = ? \quad 2.7 \times 10^{-7} \approx 0$$

Hence, on average TC of quicksort =  $O(N \log N)$

### Comparator

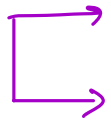
compare 2 values & return a result indicating whether the values are equal, less than or greater than.

Java, Py, JS, C#, Ruby

```
int compare ( first, second ) {
    return
        {
            -ive  => first should come before second
            0     => both are equal
            +ive  => first should come after second
        }
}
```

eg sort in ascending  $\Rightarrow$  return (first - second)  
 sort in descending  $\Rightarrow$  return (second - first)

bool compare ( first , second ) { <sup>C++</sup>

return  true  $\Rightarrow$  first should come before second  
false  $\Rightarrow$  first should come after second

}

$$TC \text{ of sort} = O(N \log N) \times (TC \text{ of custom comparator})$$

### Question

Given an array, sort the data w.r.t count of factors. If factor count is same, sort based on magnitude.

A = [ 9 3 10 16 4 ]

# factors 3 2 4 5 3

sorted  $\rightarrow$  3 4 9 10 16

A = [ 10 4 5 13 1 ]

# factors: 4 3 2 2 1

sorted  $\rightarrow$  1 5 13 4 10



code (C++)

```
vector<int> solve ( vector<int> A ) {  
    sort ( A.begin(), A.end(), compare )  
    return A  
}
```

```
bool compare ( int x, int y )  
  
    int fx = factors(x) → TODO  
    int fy = factors(y) → TODO  
  
    if ( fx != fy ) {  
        return (fx < fy);  
    }  
    return x < y  
}
```

if  $fx < fy \Rightarrow x$  before  $y$   
else  $\Rightarrow x$  after  $y$

(Java)

```
ArrayList<Integer> solve ( ArrayList<Integer> A ) {  
    Collections.sort ( A , new Comparator<Integer>() {  
        @ override
```

```
public int cmp (Integer x, Integer y) {
```

```
    fx = factors(x)
```

```
    fy = factors(y)
```

```
    if (fx != fy) {
```

```
        return fx - fy
```

```
    }
```

```
    return x - y
```

```
}
```

```
});
```

```
return A;
```

```
}
```

### Question

Given an array of non-negative integers, arrange them s.t. we get largest no. & return it.

$A = [2, 5, 7]$

ans = "752"

$A = [10, 2] \xrightarrow[\text{in desc}]{\text{sort}} "102"$

$am = "210"$

$A = [3, 30, 34, 5, 9] \xrightarrow[\text{desc}]{\text{sort in}} "3430953"$

$am = "9534330"$

$A = [10, 5, 2, 8, 200]$

$am = "85220010"$

let's use custom sorting

$x, y \Rightarrow$  create string  $"xy"$   
&  $"yx"$

$x = 542$

$xy = "54260"$

$y = 60$

$yx = "60542" \checkmark$

$\Rightarrow x$  should come after  $y$

C++

```
string largestNum( vector<int> A ) {  
    sort( A.begin(), A.end(), compare );  
    string ans = "";  
    for( auto x : A ) {  
        ans += to_string(x)  
    }  
    if (ans[0] == '0') return "0"  
    return ans  
}
```

```
bool compare( int x, int y ) {  
    string xy = to_string(x) + to_string(y)  
    string yx = to_string(y) + to_string(x)  
    return (xy > yx)  
}
```

Java

```
String largestNum ( ArrayList<Integer> A ) {
```

```
    Collections.sort ( A, new Comparator<Integer> () {
```

```
        public int comp ( Integer x, Integer y ) {
```

```
            String xy = String.valueOf(x) + String.valueOf(y)
```

```
            String yx = String.valueOf(y) + String.valueOf(x)
```

```
            if ( xy.compareTo(yx) > 0 ) {
```

```
                return -1
```

```
            } else {
```

```
                return 1
```

```
            }
```

```
        } );
```

```
        StringBuilder ans = new StringBuilder();
```

```
        for ( int x : A ) {
```

```
            ans.append ( String.valueOf(x) )
```

```
        }
```

```
        if ( ans.charAt(0) == '0' )
```

```
            return "0"
```

```
        return ans.toString();
```

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$A = [3, 30, 34, 5, 9]$

↓ sorting

$[9, 5, 34, 3, 30]$