

SORTING METHODS

PARTITION ILLUSTRATION

```
arr[] = {10, 80, 30, 90, 40, 50, 70}
Indexes: 0  1  2  3  4  5  6
```

```
low = 0, high = 6, pivot = arr[h] = 70
Initialize index of smaller element, i = -1
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Traverse elements from j = low to high-1

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j = 0 : Since arr[j] <= pivot, do i++ and swap(arr[i], arr[j])
i = 0
```

```
arr[] = {10, 80, 30, 90, 40, 50, 70} // No change as i and j
// are same
```

```
j = 1 : Since arr[j] > pivot, do nothing
// No change in i and arr[]
```

```
j = 2 : Since arr[j] <= pivot, do i++ and swap(arr[i], arr[j])
i = 1
```

```
arr[] = {10, 30, 80, 90, 40, 50, 70} // We swap 80 and 30
```

```
j = 3 : Since arr[j] > pivot, do nothing
// No change in i and arr[]
```

```
j = 4 : Since arr[j] <= pivot, do i++ and swap(arr[i], arr[j])
i = 2
```

```
arr[] = {10, 30, 40, 90, 80, 50, 70} // 80 and 40 Swapped
```

```
j = 5 : Since arr[j] <= pivot, do i++ and swap arr[i] with arr[j]
i = 3
```

```
arr[] = {10, 30, 40, 50, 80, 90, 70} // 90 and 50 Swapped
```

We come out of loop because j is now equal to high-1.

Finally we place pivot at correct position by swapping arr[i+1] and arr[high] (or pivot)

```
arr[] = {10, 30, 40, 50, 70, 90, 80} // 80 and 70 Swapped
```

Now 70 is at its correct place. All elements smaller than 70 are before it and all elements greater than 70 are after it.

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QUICK SORT FUNCTION CODE

```
/* This function takes last element as pivot, places
the pivot element at its correct position in sorted
array, and places all smaller (smaller than pivot)
to left of pivot and all greater elements to right
of pivot */
int partition (int arr[], int low, int high)
{
    int pivot = arr[high];    // pivot
    int i = (low - 1);    // Index of smaller element

    for (int j = low; j <= high- 1; j++)
    {
        // If current element is smaller than or
        // equal to pivot
        if (arr[j] <= pivot)
        {
            i++;    // increment index of smaller element
            swap(&arr[i], &arr[j]);
        }
    }
    swap(&arr[i + 1], &arr[high]);
    return (i + 1);
}

/* The main function that implements QuickSort
arr[] --> Array to be sorted,
low  --> Starting index,
high --> Ending index */
void quickSort(int arr[], int low, int high)
{
    if (low < high)
    {
        /* pi is partitioning index, arr[p] is now
        at right place */
        int pi = partition(arr, low, high);

        // Separately sort elements before
        // partition and after partition
        quickSort(arr, low, pi - 1);
        quickSort(arr, pi + 1, high);
    }
}
```