

# Quick Sort

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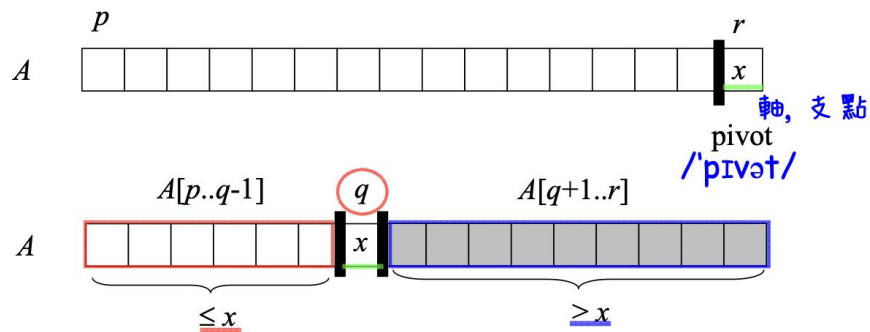
# What is Quick Sort?

- Quick Sort is a **divide and conquer** algorithm, which relies on a **partition operation**:
  - to partition an array an element called a **pivot** is selected.
- All elements smaller than the pivot are moved before it, and all greater elements are moved after it.
- The lesser and greater sublists are then recursively sorted

# Quick Sort

QuickSort( $A[p \dots r]$ )

Divide: use pivot partition  $A[p \dots r]$  into  $A[p \dots q-1]$  and  $A[q+1 \dots r]$



Conquer: recursively sort  $A[p \dots q-1]$  and  $A[q+1 \dots r]$

# Quick Sort

**QuickSort(A, p, r)**

if  $p < r$  then

q := Partition(A, p, r)	/* divide */
QuickSort(A, p, q - 1)	/* conquer */
QuickSort(A, q + 1, r)	/* conquer */

# Partition

Partition(A, p, r)

  i := p

  for j := p to r - 1

    if A[j] <= A[r] then

      exchange(A[i], A[j])

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  exchange(A[i], A[r])

  return i

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take  $A[r]$  as pivot!

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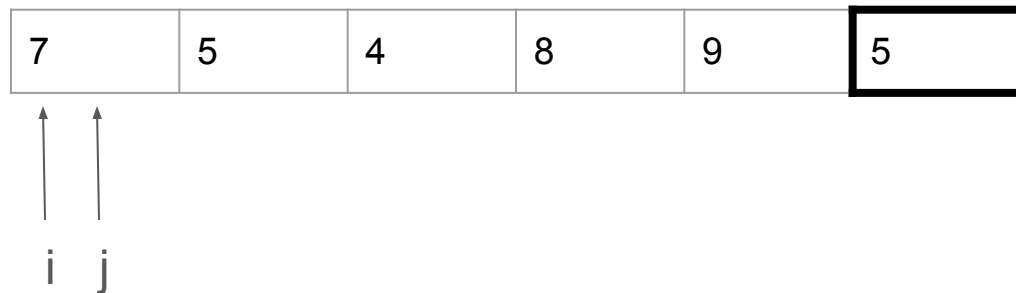
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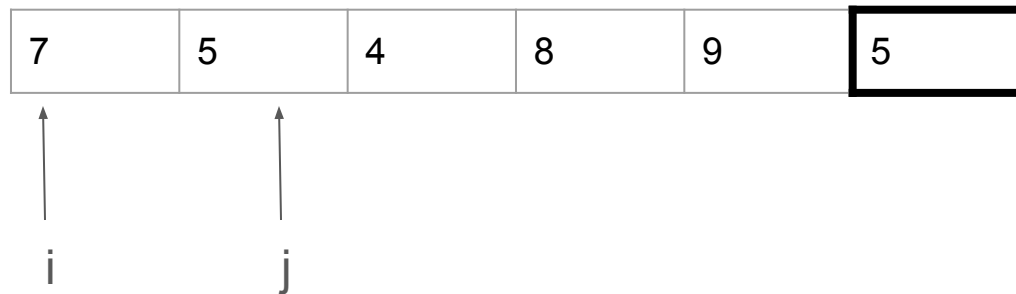
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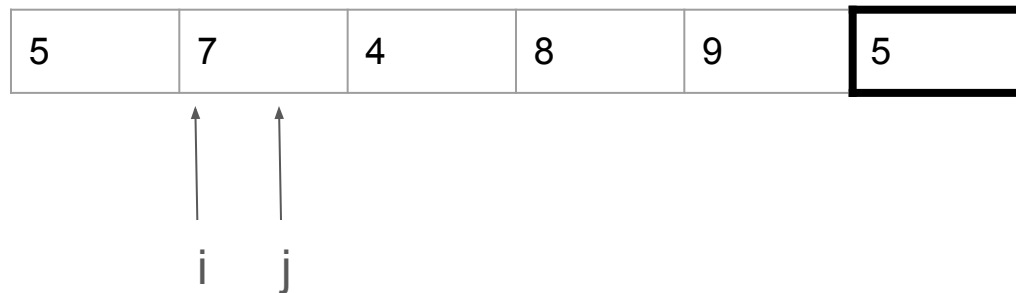
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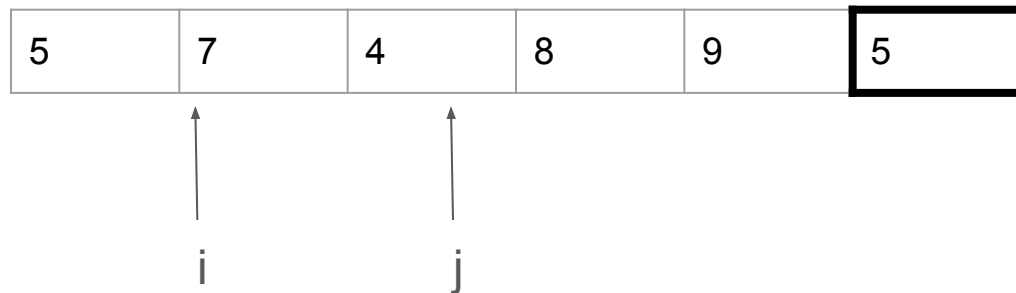
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$i$        $j$

Diagram illustrating the initial state of the array [5, 4, 7, 8, 9, 5] for the two-pointer approach. The pointers  $i$  and  $j$  are positioned at the third element (7) and the sixth element (5) respectively.





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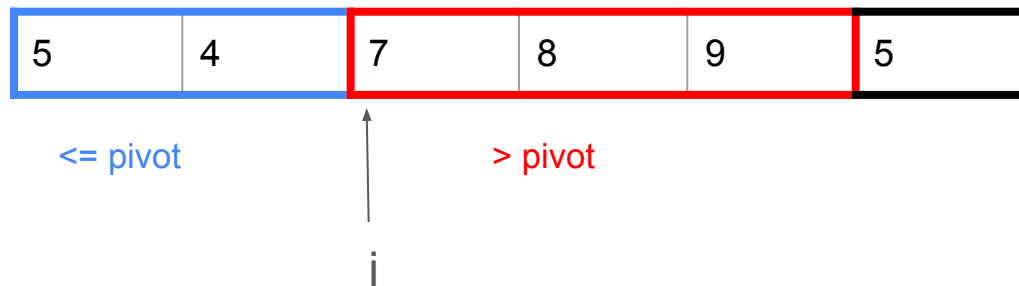
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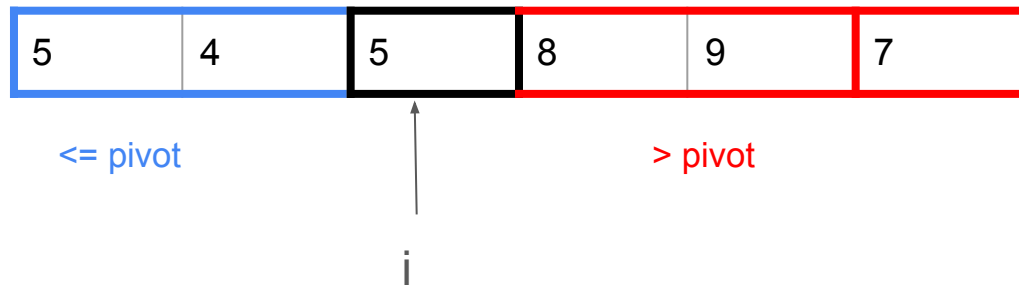
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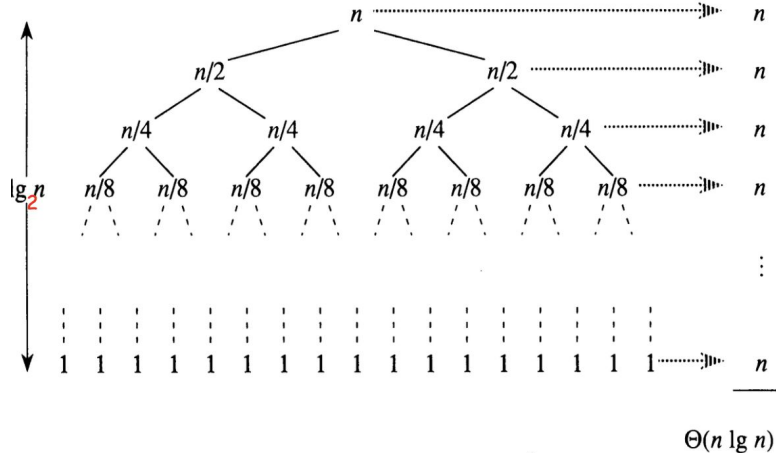


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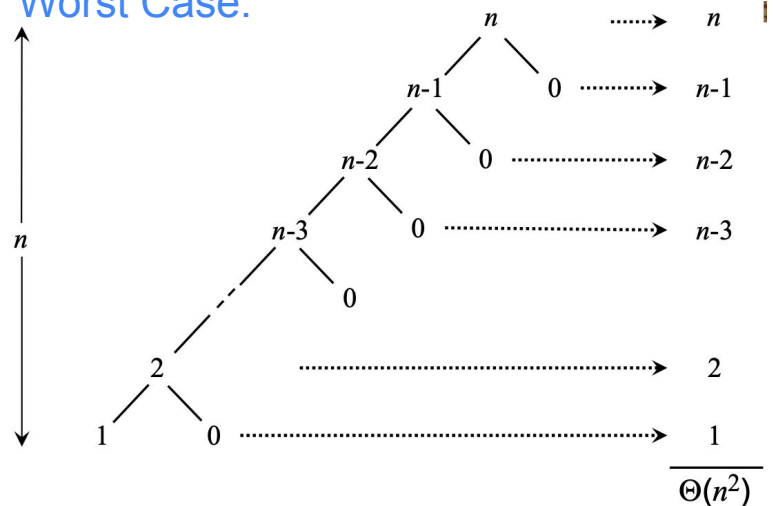
Best Case: choose the medium as pivot

Worst Case: for example  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-2, n-1, n\}$

Best Case:



Worst Case:





# Analysis

Average Case:

$$T(N) = (N - 1) + \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (T(i - 1) + T(N - i))$$

$$= (N - 1) + \frac{2}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} T(i)$$

For simplicity, assume

$$T(N) = (N + 1) + \frac{2}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} T(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow N \cdot T(N) = N^2 + N + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} T(i) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (N - 1) \cdot T(N - 1) = (N - 1)^2 + N - 1 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} T(i) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

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$$N \cdot T(N) = (N+1)T(N-1) + 2N$$

$$\Rightarrow T(N) = \frac{N+1}{N} T(N-1) + 2$$

$$= \frac{N+1}{N} \cdot \frac{N}{N-1} T(N-2) + 2 \frac{N+1}{N} + 2$$

= ...

$$= \frac{N+1}{2} T(1) + 2(N+1) \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} \right) + 2$$

$$= \Theta(N) + \Theta(N) \cdot \Theta(\lg N) + 2$$

$$= \Theta(N \lg N)$$

# Randomized-Partition

A simple way to prevent almost sorted or attack

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Randomized-Partition(A, p, r)
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  i := Random(p, r)
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  exchange(A[i], A[r])
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  return Partition(A, p, r)
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Quick Select

# What is Quick Select?

- Selection in expected linear time
- Quick Select is a **prune-and-search** algorithm, which relies on a **partition operation**
- If the pivot is the kth element we're looking for, return it.
- Otherwise, recursively select from the appropriate sublist:
  - If  $k \leq \text{size of left sublist}$ , select from the left sublist
  - Else, select from the right sublist, adjusting k accordingly

# Quick Select

**QuickSelect(A, p, r, k)**

if  $p = r$  then return  $A[p]$

$q := \text{Partition}(A, p, r)$  /\* prune \*/

$i := q - p + 1$

if  $k = i$  then return  $A[q]$

else if  $k < i$  then

return QuickSelect(A, p,  $q - 1$ , k) /\* search \*/

else return QuickSelect(A,  $q + 1$ , r,  $k - i$ ) /\* search \*/

# Analysis

Worst Case:  $T(N) = O(N) + T(N - 1) = O(N^2)$

Average Case:

$$\begin{aligned} E(N) &= O(N) + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E(\max(i - 1, N - i)) \\ &= O(N) + \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \rfloor}^{N-1} E(i) \\ &= O(N) \end{aligned}$$

Practice



# Quick Sort Implementation

QuickSort(A, p, r)

<https://gist.github.com/LJH-coding/f236b6044c842e67ff58a005208d6f79>

# NTHUOJ 14148

<https://acm.cs.nthu.edu.tw/problem/14148/>

find out the k-th highest element in the array

use QuickSelect!

<https://gist.github.com/LJH-coding/4420611126cf6dcc9ebe905f923e263c>