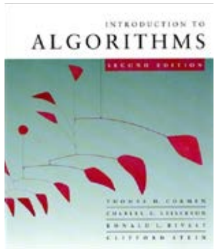
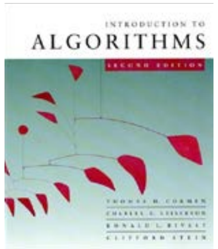


Quicksort

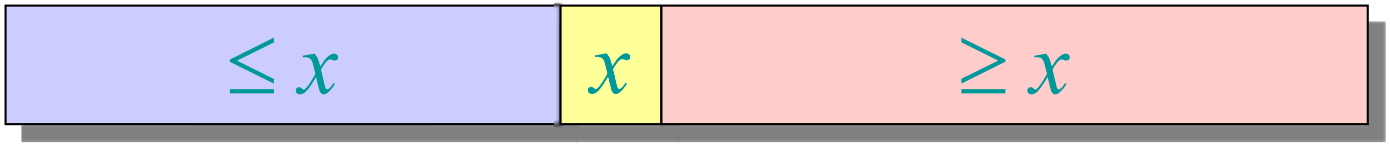
- Proposed by C.A.R. Hoare in 1962.
- Divide-and-conquer algorithm.
- Sorts “in place” (like insertion sort, but not like merge sort).
- Very practical (with tuning).



Divide and conquer

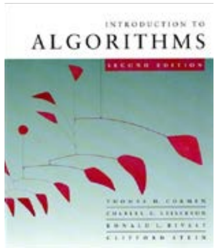
Quicksort an n-element array:

1. ***Divide:*** Partition the array into two subarrays around a ***pivot*** x such that elements in lower subarray $\leq x \leq$ elements in upper subarray.



2. ***Conquer:*** Recursively sort the two subarrays.
3. ***Combine:*** Trivial.

Key: *Linear-time partitioning subroutine.*



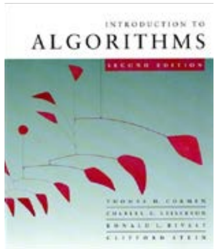
Partitioning subroutine

PARTITION(A, p, q) ⊳ $A[p\,.\,.\,q]$
    $x \leftarrow A[p]$ ⊳ pivot $= A[p]$
    $i \leftarrow p$
    for $j \leftarrow p + 1$ **to** q
        do if $A[j] \le x$
            then $i \leftarrow i + 1$
                   exchange $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$
    exchange $A[p] \leftrightarrow A[i]$
    return i

Running time $= O(n)$ for n elements.

Invariant:

x	$\le x$	$\ge x$	?
p	i	j	q



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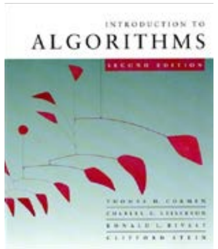

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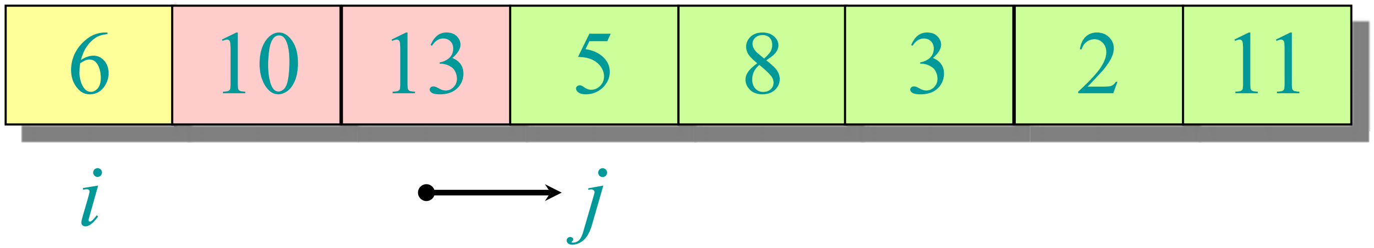

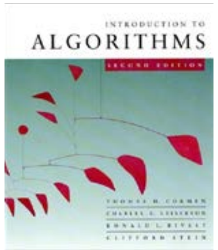

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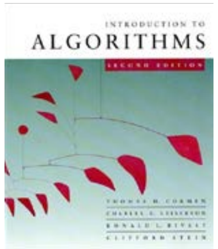

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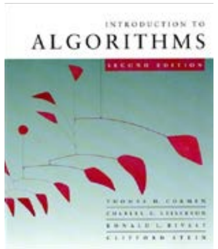

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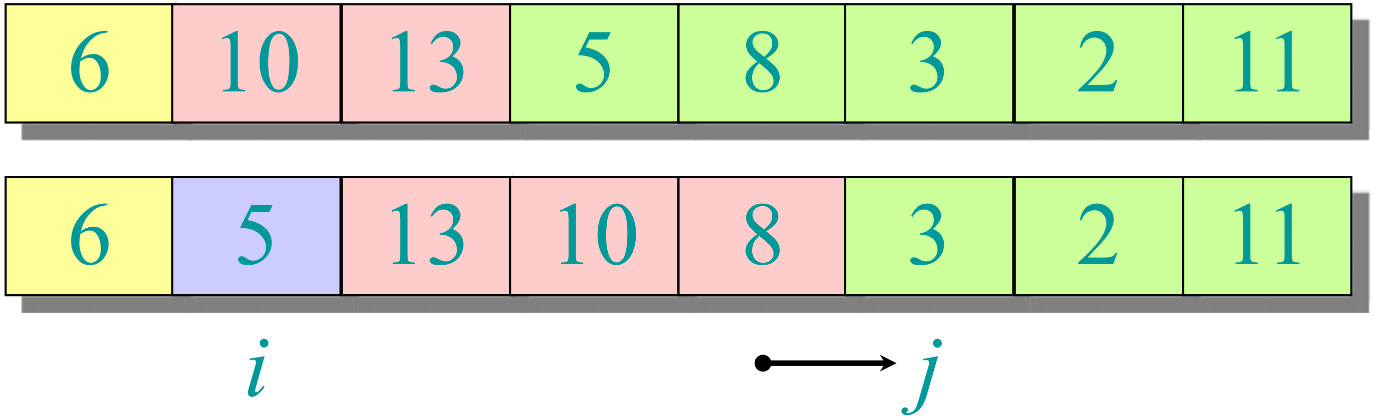

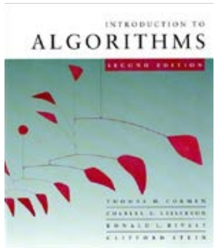

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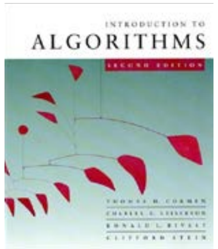

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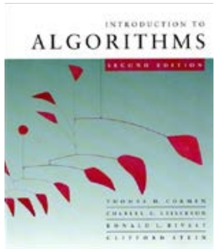

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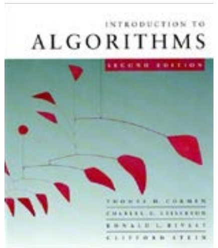

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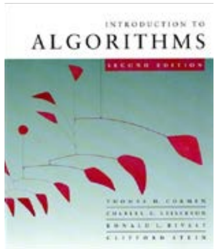

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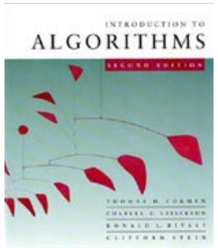


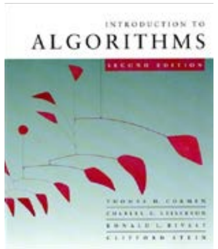
Pseudocode for quicksort

```
QUICKSORT(A, p, r)
    if p < r
        then q ← PARTITION(A, p, r)
            QUICKSORT(A, p, q–1)
            QUICKSORT(A, q+1, r)
```

Initial call: QUICKSORT$(A, 1, n)$

Analysis of quicksort

- Assume all input elements are distinct.
- In practice, there are better partitioning algorithms for when duplicate input elements may exist.
- Let $T(n)$ = worst-case running time on an array of n elements.



Worst-case of quicksort

- Input sorted or reverse sorted.
- Partition around min or max element.
- One side of partition always has no elements.

$$
\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= T(0) + T(n-1) + \Theta(n) \\
&= \Theta(1) + T(n-1) + \Theta(n) \\
&= T(n-1) + \Theta(n) \\
&= \Theta(n^2) \qquad \textbf{\textit{(arithmetic series)}}
\end{aligned}
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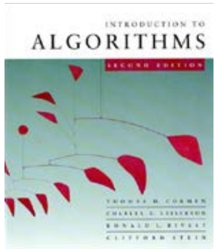

Best-case analysis

(For intuition only!)

If we're lucky, PARTITION splits the array evenly:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \\ &= \Theta(n \lg n) \end{aligned} \qquad \text{(same as merge sort)}$$

What if the split is always $\frac{1}{10} : \frac{9}{10}$?

$$T(n) = T\left(\tfrac{1}{10}n\right) + T\left(\tfrac{9}{10}n\right) + \Theta(n)$$

What is the solution to this recurrence?

