

QuickSort

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QuickSort(A, p, r):
  if p ≥ r then return
  q ← partition(A, p, r)
  QuickSort(A, p, q-1)
  QuickSort(A, q+1, r)

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Running Time:

Partition() → $T(n) = \Theta(n)$

Quick-Sort() → $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$
 $= \Theta(n \log n)$

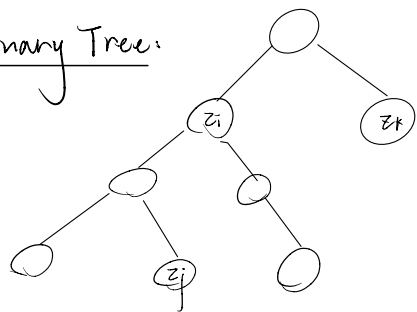
Pivot Selection:

- Best case: always median → $\Theta(n \log n)$
- Worst case: always smallest → $\Theta(n^2)$

⇒ Randomly choose an item as pivot ⇒ Worst Case almost never happens!
"Randomized Algorithm"

Observation:

Binary Tree:



z_i, z_j are compared once iff:

- z_i is an ancestor of z_j
- or
- z_j is an ancestor of z_i

Otherwise they have never been compared (e.g. z_i & z_k)

Let x_{ij} be Indicator random Variable.

$x_{ij} = 1$ if x_i, x_j have been compared once

$E(x_{ij}) = \frac{2}{j-i+1}$. Since if x_i is x_j 's ancestor ($i < j$)

then x_i is the first pivot of subset $\{x_i \dots x_j\}$.

also noted that $\{x_i \dots x_j\}$'s pivot is random selected.

∴ " x_i is x_j 's ancestor" has probability $\frac{1}{j-i+1}$

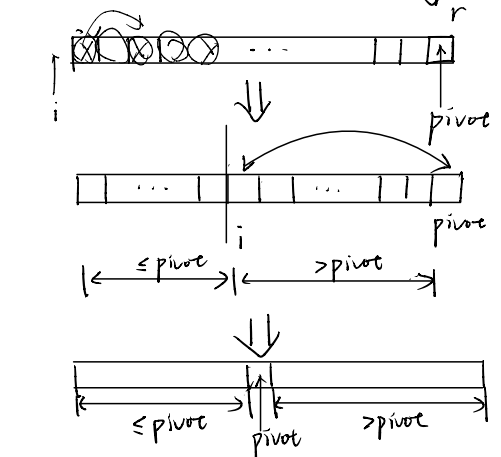
So as " x_j is x_i 's ancestor"

∴ $E(x_{ij}) = \frac{2}{j-i+1}$ ($i < j$)

∴ $E(X) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} E(x_{ij}) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{2}{j-i+1}$

Quick Sort chooses an item as "pivot"

Visualization:



Random Selection

Unsorted array $A[1 \dots n]$, integer i .
 return i -th smallest element of $A[1 \dots n]$

Select(A, p, r, i):

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

Randomly choose an element in $A[p \dots r]$

and swap it with $A[r]$ // pivot

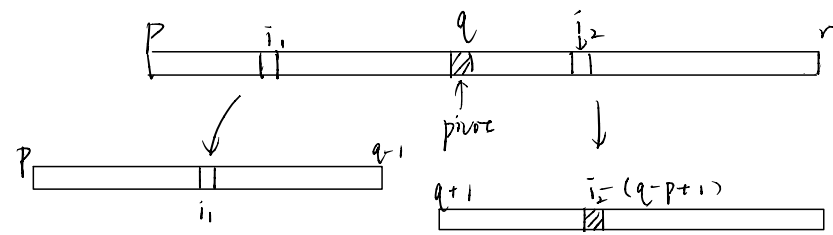
$q \leftarrow \text{partition}(A, p, r)$ // Same with partition in QuickSort

$k = i - p + 1$

if $i = k$ then return $A[q]$ // $A[q]$ is i -th smallest element.

else if $i < k$ then return Select($A, p, q-1, i$)

else return Select($A, q+1, r, i-k$)



Analysis:



if pivot falls in this area.
 then "at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of items are thrown away"
 ⇒ Call a pivot "good" if in this area
 "bad" otherwise.

$P(\text{good}) = 1/2$. after i good pivot → total # items $\leq (\frac{3}{4})^i n$

Let i -th stage be: time between i & $i+1$ "good" pivot.

$E(X_i) = 2$ (X_i : # of pivots in i -th stage)

equivalent to: flip a coin, already i heads. want to have $i+1$ heads.

Let Y_i be the running time of i -th stage.

$Y_i \leq X_i \cdot (\frac{3}{4})^i \cdot n$

$E(Y_i) \leq E(X_i) \cdot (\frac{3}{4})^i \cdot n = 2 \cdot (\frac{3}{4})^i \cdot n$

$E(Y) = \sum_i E(Y_i) = 2n \cdot \sum_i (\frac{3}{4})^i = O(n)$

$$E(X_i) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i (1-p)^{i-1} p}{(1-p)^2 - p} = \frac{1}{p^2 - p} = \frac{1}{p}$$

"waiting time problem"

Then, will show that

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{2}{j-i+1} = \Theta(n \log n)$$

$i \backslash j$	2	3	4	5	...	n	Sum of row
1	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	...	$\frac{2}{n}$	$\Theta(\log n)$
2		$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	...	$\frac{2}{n-1}$	$\Theta(\log n)$
3			$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	...	$\frac{2}{n-2}$	$\Theta(\log n)$
...							
$n-1$						$\frac{2}{2}$	$\Theta(\log n)$

⇒ each row has sum of $\Theta(\log n)$, n rows ⇒ Total Sum = $\Theta(n \log n)$

∴ $E(X) = \Theta(n \log n)$

∴ $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$. Since X is expected number of all comparisons. (Average Case)

Why Quick Sort (better than merge Sort)?

Small hidden Constant & Cache-efficiency

Real Algorithmic Engineering

QuickSort (at first)

if recursion too deep → insertion Sort / heap Sort.