

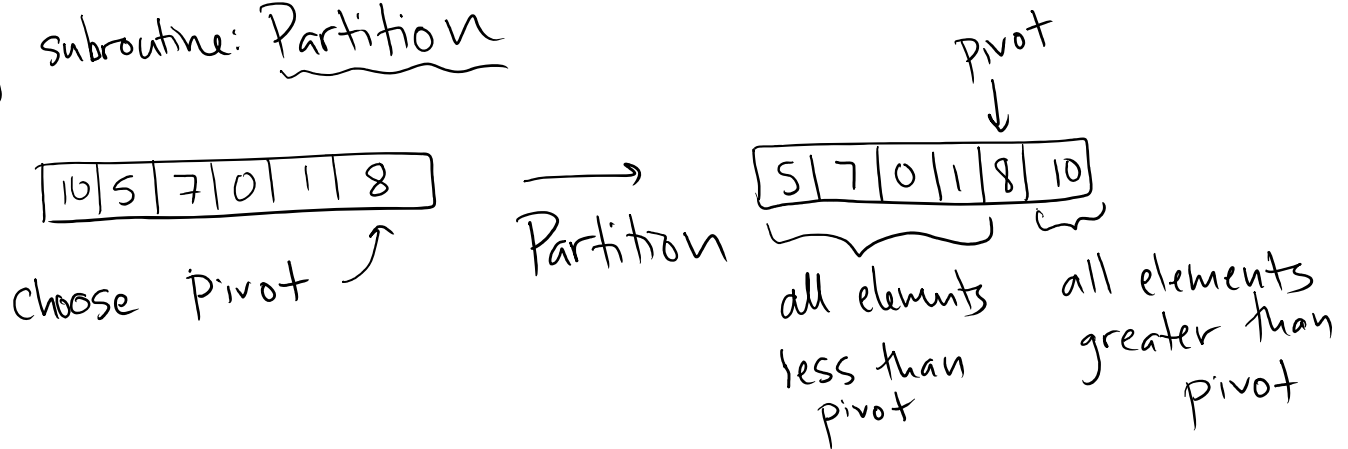
## Announcements

- I am away Wed./Fri
  - Friday: in-class quiz (Prof Andrews)
  - I will post video lectures to website.  
You may want to come to class and watch discuss together
  - Self-Grade/Reflections: Due by 3 pm Wed to my mailbox or submitted on Canvas
    - ↑ outside MBH 633
  - Extra Office Hours on Wed, Thurs, Friday  
Book at [Calendly.com/skimmel](https://calendly.com/skimmel)  
Will use ZOOM. I will send Meeting ID  
Go to [Middlebury.zoom.us](https://middlebury.zoom.us)  
Click Join & put in ID
  - \* on HW
  - Warner 208, Thurs. 3-4:30

# Randomization in Recursive Algorithms

## QuickSort Review

Key subroutine: Partition



Input: Array  $A$  of length  $n$ , no repeated elements

Output: Array with sorted elements

QuickSort(array  $A$ )

1. Base case

2.  $\text{pivot} = \text{ChoosePivot}(A)$

3.  $\text{Partition}(A, \text{pivot})$

4. Let  $A_L$  be array left of pivot and  $A_R$  be array right of pivot. } Divide

← pivot is not included in recursive calls. Important for our analysis!

5. QuickSort( $A_L$ )

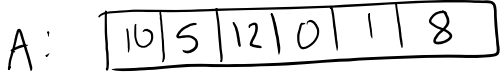
6. QuickSort( $A_R$ )

} Conquer

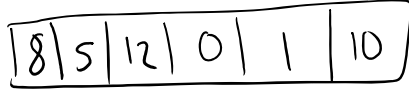
$p = \text{value of pivot}$

Fix

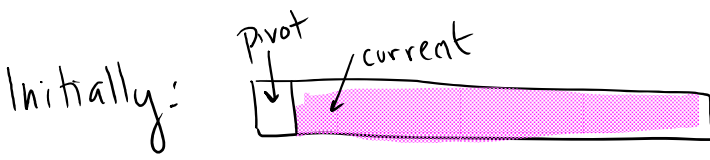
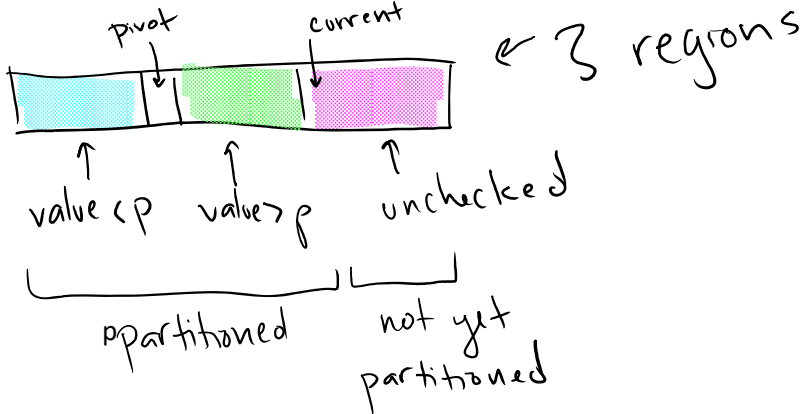
# Partition(A, p)



(1) Move pivot to start



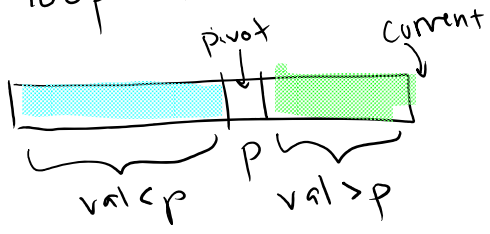
(2) Loop with loop invariant:



At each step of loop:

- compares current to pivot
- does some swaps to maintain invariant including current
- increases current

(3) Maintains loop invariant! So at end



Lemma: Running time of QuickSort is  $O(\# \text{ of comparisons})$

Pf: Partition does most of the work, & Partition scaling is  $O(\# \text{ of comparisons.})$

Q: How many comparisons are done by Partition on input array of size  $n$ ?

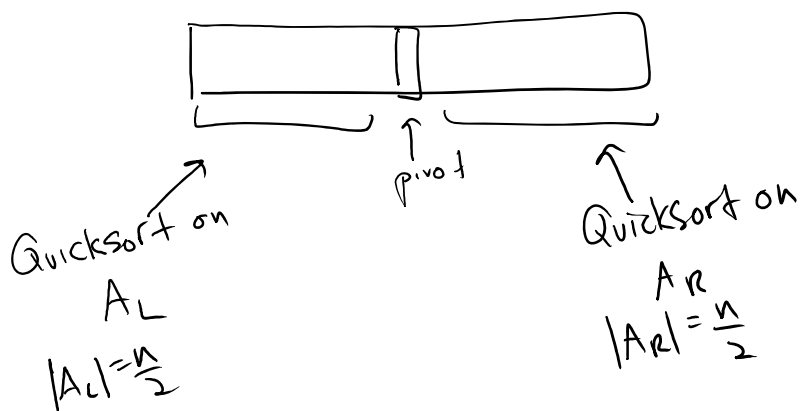
A:  $O(\sqrt{n})$     B:  $O(n)$     C:  $O(n \log n)$     D:  $O(n^2)$

↑  
current increases by 1, goes from  $1 \rightarrow n$ .

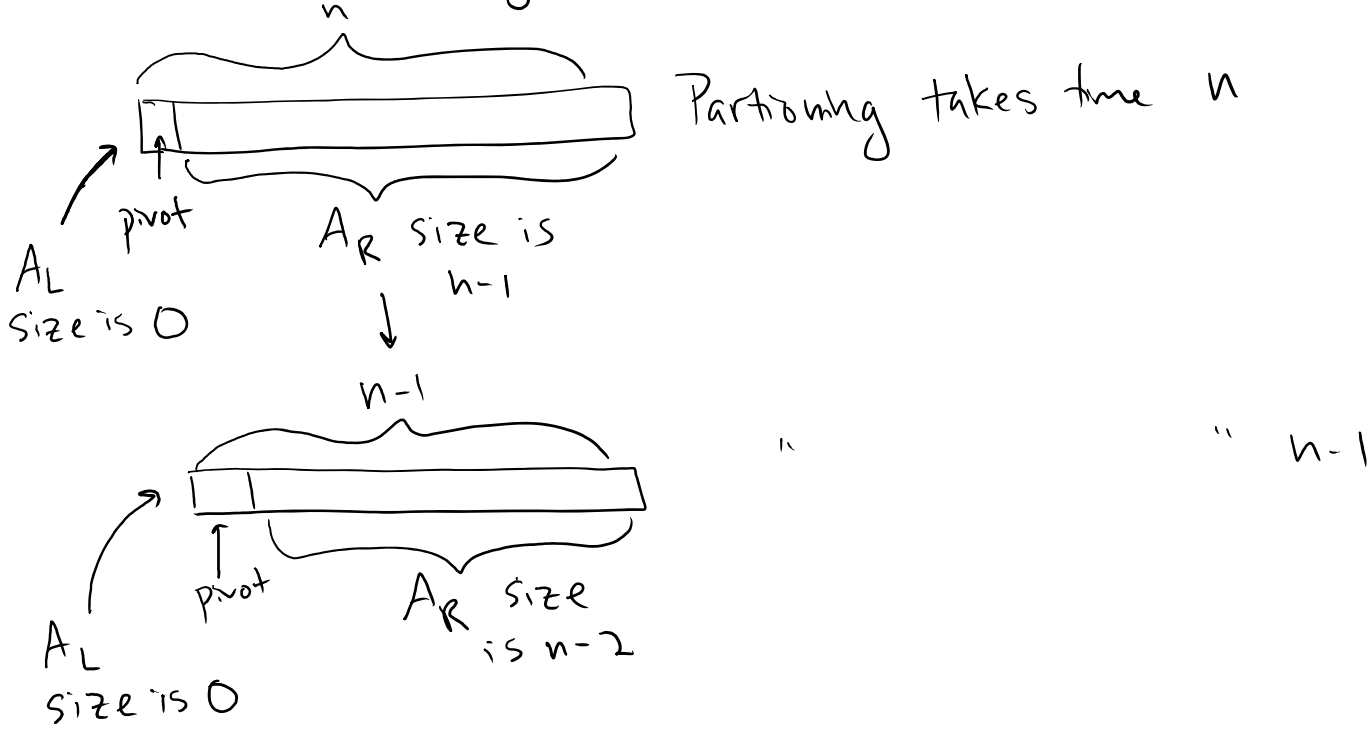
Q: What is the runtime of QuickSort when the pivot is always chosen to be  $(\frac{n}{2})^{\text{th}}$  largest element of array?

A:  $O(\sqrt{n})$     B:  $O(n)$     C:  $O(n \log n)$     D:  $O(n^2)$

Use master method  
 $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$



Q: What is the run time of QuickSort if the pivot is always chosen to be the smallest item in array? A:  $O(n)$  B:  $O(n \log n)$  C:  $O(n^{3/2})$  D:  $O(n^2)$

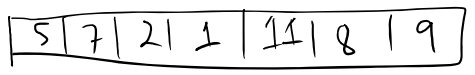


Run time:  $n + n-1 + \dots + 1 = O(n^2)$       Formula:  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

Choice of pivot important!

	Bad Choice	Good Choice
Run Time	$O(n^2)$	$O(n \log n)$

We will show: random choice of pivot is good!



pivot = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 each chosen with probability  $1/7$

We will calculate average run time:

Hard  
b/c  
need to  
know  
distribution  
of inputs

Over  
choice of  
input array

Over choice  
of pivots  
for the worst case  
input array

We'll show  
Our analysis  
holds for  
any array,  
including  
worst case

Why is average run time a good measure?

\* The probability of doing asymptotically worse than average is small \* (won't prove here.)

Fix array  $A$ .

- Sample Space (set of possible events)  $S = \{ \sigma : \sigma \text{ is a possible set of pivot choices} \}$

- Probability of  $\sigma = P_r(\sigma)$

- Key random variable:  $C(\sigma) = \#$  of comparison operations required when pivot choices given by  $\sigma$ , for input  $A$