

**QUICKSORT**

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Compression assignment

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**MergeSort**

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Call MergeSort on each half (resulting in two sorted halves)

Merge the two halves

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
ms(7 1 4 2 6 5 3 8)

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ms(7 1 4 2)                      ms(6 5 3 8)

1 7                      2 4                      ...  
ms(7 1)                      ms(4 2)

7                      1                      4                      2  
ms(7)                      ms(1)                      ms(4)                      ms(2)

merge!

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## MergeSort: implementation 1

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    if ( a.length <= 1 ) {
        return a;
    } else {
        int mid = a.length/2;
        E[] left = Arrays.copyOfRange(a, 0, mid);
        E[] right = Arrays.copyOfRange(a, mid, a.length);
        E[] sortedLeft = mergeSort(left);
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        return merge(sortedLeft, sortedRight);
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merge(data, low, mid, high)

```

How is this different?

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- doesn't require the extra copy!
- low/high specify the range we're sorting
- merge = mergeSortHelper(data, 0, data.length)

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## Merge:

merge(data, low, mid, high)

Assume:

- data starting at low up to, but not including, mid is sorted
- data starting at mid up to, but not including, high is sorted

Goal:

- data from low up to, but not including, high is sorted

Note: merge still requires an extra helper array!

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    for( int i = 0; i < size; i++ ) {
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$O(\text{left.length} + \text{right.length}) = O(n)$

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We stop when the length is 1:

$$1 = \frac{n}{2^{\text{level}}}$$

$$2^{\text{level}} = n$$

$$\text{level} = \log_2 n$$

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## MergeSort running time

$O(n)$  work at each level

$\log n$  levels

Overall runtime:  $O(n \log n)$  (best, worst, average)

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## MergeSort properties

Stable?

In-place?

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## MergeSort properties

Stable: yes!

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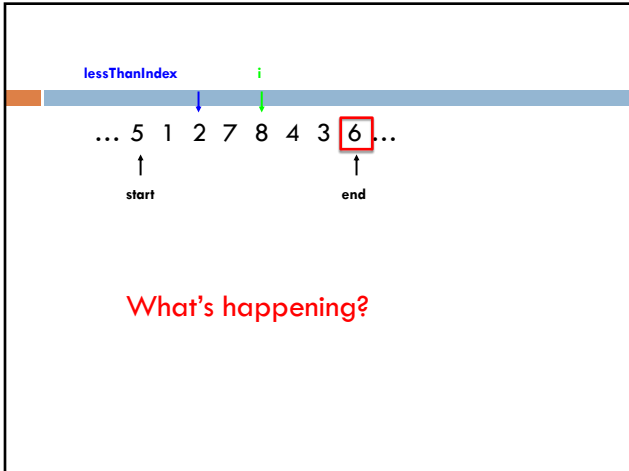
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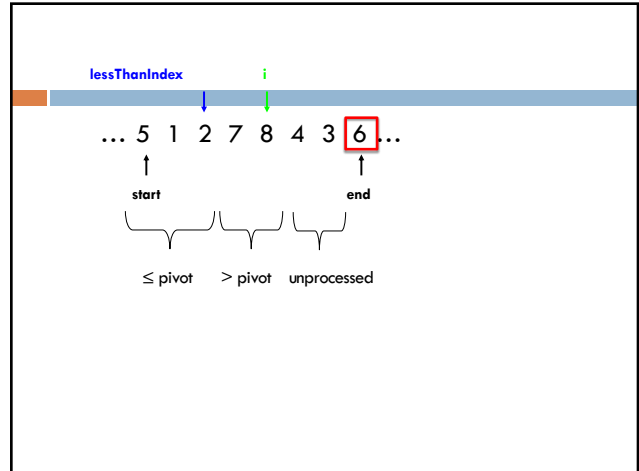
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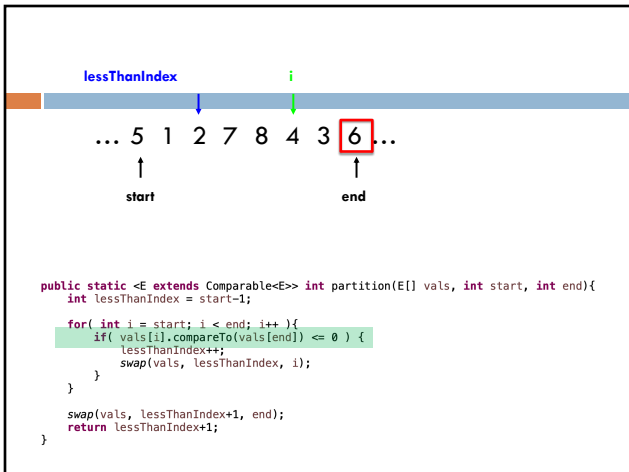
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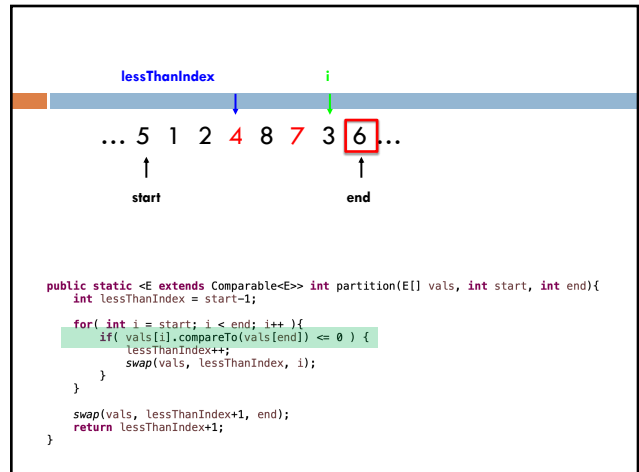
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```

- vals[end] is called the **pivot**
- Partitions the elements nums[start...end-1] in to two sets, those ≤ pivot and those > pivot
- Operates in place
- Final result:

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### Partition running time?

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**O(n)**

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## Quicksort

How can we use this method to sort?

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## Quicksort

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What happens here?

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## Running time of Quicksort?

### Worst case?

Each call to Partition splits the array into an empty array and n-1 array



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## Quicksort: Worst case running time

$$n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + \dots + 1 = O(n^2)$$

### When does this happen?

- sorted
- reverse sorted
- near sorted/reverse sorted

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### Quicksort best case?

Each call to Partition splits the array into two equal parts

How much work is done at each "level", i.e. running time of a level?

$O(n)$

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### Quicksort best case?

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How many levels are there?

Similar to mergesort, each call to Partition will throw away half the data until we're down to one element:  $\log_2 n$  levels

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### Quicksort best case?

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Overall runtime?

$O(n \log n)$

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### Quicksort Average case?

Two intuitions

- As long as the Partition procedure always splits the array into some constant ratio between the left and the right, say L-to-R, e.g. 9-to-1, then we maintain  $O(n \log n)$
- As long as we only have a constant number of "bad" partitions intermixed with a "good partition" then we maintain  $O(n \log n)$

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## How can we avoid the worst case?

Inject randomness into the data

```
void randomizedPartition(E [] nums, int start, int end){
    int i = randomInt(start, end);
    swap(nums, i, end);
    return partition = partition(nums, start, end);
}
```

Randomized quicksort is average case  $O(n \log n)$

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## What is the worst case running time of randomized Quicksort?

$O(n^2)$

We could still get very unlucky and pick “bad” partitions at every step

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## Quicksort properties

Stable?

In-place?

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## Quicksort properties

Stable: possible, but not the way we’ve written it (and requires more storage!)

In-place: yes!

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