Quicksort

QUICKSORT(A, p, r)

if $p < r$
  then $q \leftarrow$ PARTITION(A, p, r)
    QUICKSORT$(A, p, q-1)$
    QUICKSORT$(A, q+1, r)$

PARTITION(A, p, r)

$y \leftarrow$ RANDOM(p, r)
Exchange $A[y]$ **and** $A[r]$
$x \leftarrow A[r]$
$i \leftarrow p-1$
for $j \leftarrow p$ **to** $r-1$
  do if $A[j] \leq x$
    then $i \leftarrow i+1$
      exchange $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$
exchange $A[i+1] \leftrightarrow A[r]$
return $i+1$

Partition Loop Invariant

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y ← random(p, r)
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for j ← p to r − 1
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                then i ← i + 1
                        exchange A[i] ↔ A[j]
exchange A[i + 1] ↔ A[r]
return i + 1
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Loop Invariant **At the beginning of each iteration of the for loop in Partition**

1. $A[p \dots i] \leq x$
2. $A[i+1 \dots j-1] > x$
3. $A[j \dots r-1]$ **is unexamined**
4. $A[r] = x$

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n/10) + T(9n/10) + O(n) \\ &= O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

3: $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(1) + T(n-1) + O(n) \\ &= T(n-1) + O(n) \\ &= O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

What might this make us guess the answer is?

Following the Selection Analysis

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{n} \left(T(i) + T(n-i) + O(n) \right)$$

could continue as in Selection.

Alternative Analysis

- **We will count comparisons of data elements.**
- **Claim 1: The running time is dominated by comparison of data items.**
- **Claim 2: All comparisons are in line 6 of** PARTITION**, and compare some item $A[j]$ to the pivot element.**
- **Claim 3: Once an element is chosen as a pivot, it is never compared to any other element again.**
- **Claim 4: Each pair of elements is compared to each other at most once.**

Analysis:

- **Let the data be renamed $Z_1, \ldots, Z_n$ in sorted order.**
- **Use Z_{ij} to denote $Z_i, Z_{i+1}, \ldots, Z_j$**
- **Let X_{ij} be the indicator random variable for the comparison of Z_i to Z_j .**
- **Let X be the random variable counting the number of comparisons.**
- **By claim 4, we have**

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} X_{ij}$$

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Taking expecations

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= E[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} X_{ij}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} E[X_{ij}] \quad \textbf{linearity of expecation} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} Pr(Z_i \textbf{ is compared to } Z_j) \end{aligned}$$

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  - Z_{ij} **has** $j - i + 1$ **elements.**
  - **pivots are always chosen uniformly at random**
  - $Pr(Z_i$ **is compared to** $Z_j) = 2/(j - i + 1)$

Finishing analysis

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\begin{aligned}
E[X] &= E[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} X_{ij}] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} E[X_{ij}] \quad \textbf{linearity of expecation} \\
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\end{aligned}
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make the transformation of variables $k = j - i + 1$

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\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n} \frac{2}{j-i+1} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-i+1} \frac{2}{k} \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(n-i+1) \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(n) \\
&= O(n \log n)
\end{aligned}
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