

# Sorting Practice

For all sorting algorithms: **Time and Space complexity. Stable? Adaptive? (Data moves)**

Algorithm	Stable	Adaptive	Time complexity			Space complexity
			Worst	Avg	Best	
Merge sort	Y	N	$N \lg N$	$N \lg N$	$N \lg N$	N
Quick sort	N	N	$N^2$	$N \lg N$	$N \lg N$	Best: $\lg N$ Worst: N

## Quick sort

**QS1.** Is quick sort stable?

If yes, prove it. If no, give an example array, A, (of size 5 or less), sort it with Quick\_Sort, and indicate why it is not stable. Use the original array and the final, sorted array to base your proof (do not base your proof on a partially sorted array).

Hint: Focus on the pivot jump.

No. It is not stable. Example for last item used as pivot: [1,6a,6b] after partition, because of the pivot swap we get: [1,6b,6a] and the algorithm ends ([1]and [6a] are base cases).

**QS2.** a) We make the call: `int res = partition(a, 0, 6);`

for each of the 2 example arrays **a** given in the table below. Give the arrays after the call, and the value returned in **res**. Use the partition method from Cormen with **LAST** item used as pivot .

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	res
Original array <b>a</b> example 1	13	7	12	8	6	15	10	
Array after partition	7	8	6	10	12	15	13	3
Original array <b>a</b> example 2	17	11	12	16	3	8	9	
Array example 2 after partition	3	8	9	16	17	11	12	2

b) We make the call: `int res = partition(a, 0, 6);`

for each of the 2 example arrays **a** given in the table below. Give the arrays after the call, and the value returned in **res**. Use the partition method from web with **FIRST** item used as pivot .

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	res
Original array <b>a</b> example 1	13	7	12	8	6	15	10	
Array after partition	10	7	12	8	6	13	15	5
Original array <b>a</b> example 2	17	11	12	16	3	8	9	
Array example 2 after partition	9	11	12	16	3	8	17	6

## Merge sort

**MS1.** Show the array below after each call to the Merge (not Mergesort). Highlight the elements that are modified or “touched” by merge.

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5
Orig array	15	11	12	13	17	10
	11	15	12	13	17	10
	11	12	15	13	17	10
	11	12	15	13	17	10
	11	12	15	10	13	17
	10	11	12	13	15	17