# Algorithms & Models of Computation CS/ECE 374, Fall 2020

10.7 Quick Sort

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## Quick Sort: Example

array: 16, 12, 14, 20, 5, 3, 18, 19, 1

2 pivot: 16

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- Typically, pivot is the first or last element of array. Then,

$$extbf{\textit{T}}( extbf{\textit{n}}) = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} ( extbf{\textit{T}}( extbf{\textit{k}} - 1) + extbf{\textit{T}}( extbf{\textit{n}} - extbf{\textit{k}}) + extbf{\textit{O}}( extbf{\textit{n}}))$$

In the worst case T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n), which means  $T(n) = O(n^2)$ . Happens if array is already sorted and pivot is always first element.

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