

# Selection

The problem: Find the  $k$ th smallest key in a set of keys.

1. Selection of the minimum.

$\theta(n)$  { function Min  
min := 1;  
for  $i := 2$  to  $n$  do if  $A[\text{min}] > A[i]$  then  $\text{min} := i$  endif  
endfor

2. Randomized Selection: Similar to Quicksort

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function Random-Select (p, r, i)
  if p = r then return p
  else  $q := \text{Random-Partition}(p, r)$ 
        $k := q - p + 1;$ 
       if  $i \leq k$  then Return
           Random-Select (p, q, i)
       else Return
           Random-Select (q+1, r, i-k)
  endif
endif
```

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## Average Case Analysis:

Recall with prob.  $\frac{2}{n}$  the array is split 1 and  $(n-1)$ , and for  $2 \leq k \leq n-1$ , ~~the~~ with prob. is  $\frac{1}{n}$  it is split  $k$  and  $(n-k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq \frac{1}{n} (T(\max\{1, n-1\}) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} T(\max\{k, n-k\})) + \Theta(n) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} (T(n-1) + 2 \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} T(k)) + \Theta(n) \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} T(k) + O(n) \end{aligned}$$

Assume inductively that

$$T(n) \leq cn \text{ for a large enough } c.$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq \frac{2c}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} k \right) + O(n) \\ &\leq c(n-1) - \frac{c}{2} \left( \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right) + O(n) \\ &\leq \frac{3c}{4} n + O(n) \leq cn \text{ if } c \text{ is large enough.} \end{aligned}$$

Think about which  $c$  you should choose.

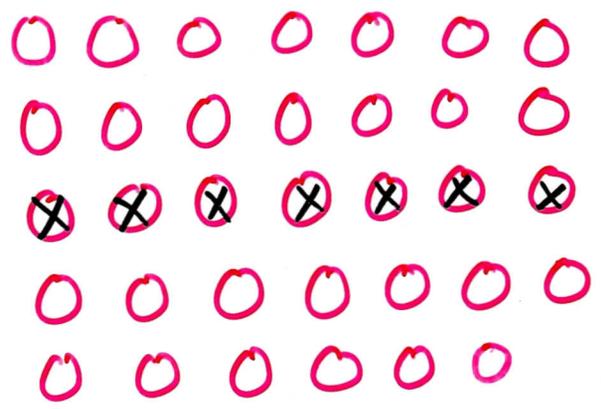
### 3. Deterministic Selection

Observe that the randomized one takes  $\Omega(n^2)$  in the worst-case if splits are unbalanced.

It is possible to select in  $O(n)$  time.

#### Algorithm

1. Divide the keys in groups of 5



(e.g. for  $k = \lceil n/5 \rceil$ ,  $A[j], A[j+k], A[j+2k], A[j+3k], A[j+4k]$  is a group for  $1 \leq j \leq k-1$ .)

2. Find the median of each group.  
(use some simple sorting on each group)

3. Recurse on the  $\lceil n/5 \rceil$  medians

4. Partition the array with the median-of-medians as pivot.

5. if  $i \leq q$  then find the key on the low part else find the  $(i-q)$ th key on higher part

## 4. Insertion Sort with Jumps

Procedure Insertion-Sort ( $p, k, n$ );

$last := p + k$ ;

  while  $last \leq n$  do

$pos := last$ ;

    while  $pos > p$  and  $A[pos] > A[pos - k]$  do

$A[pos] \leftrightarrow A[pos - k]$ ;

$pos := pos - k$

    endwhile

$last := last + k$ ;

  endwhile



We will use this sort in our Selection algorithm.

We implement the high-level algorithm for the selection.

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function Select (p, r, i)
  if r-p+1 ≤ 50 then Insertion-Sort (p, 1, r)
    return A[p+i-1]
  else
    k = ((r-p+1)+4) div 5
    for j := 0 to k-1 do
      Insertion-Sort (p+j, k, r)
    endfor
    medmed := Select (p+2k, p+3k-1, k div 2)
    A[p] ↔ A[medmed]
    q := Partition (p, r)
    if i ≤ q-p+1 then return
      Select (p, q, i)
    else return
      Select (q+1, r, i-(q-p+1))
    endif
  endif
endfunction

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Small data [

mod 5 ←

Sorting 5 elements in each group ←

median of medians ←

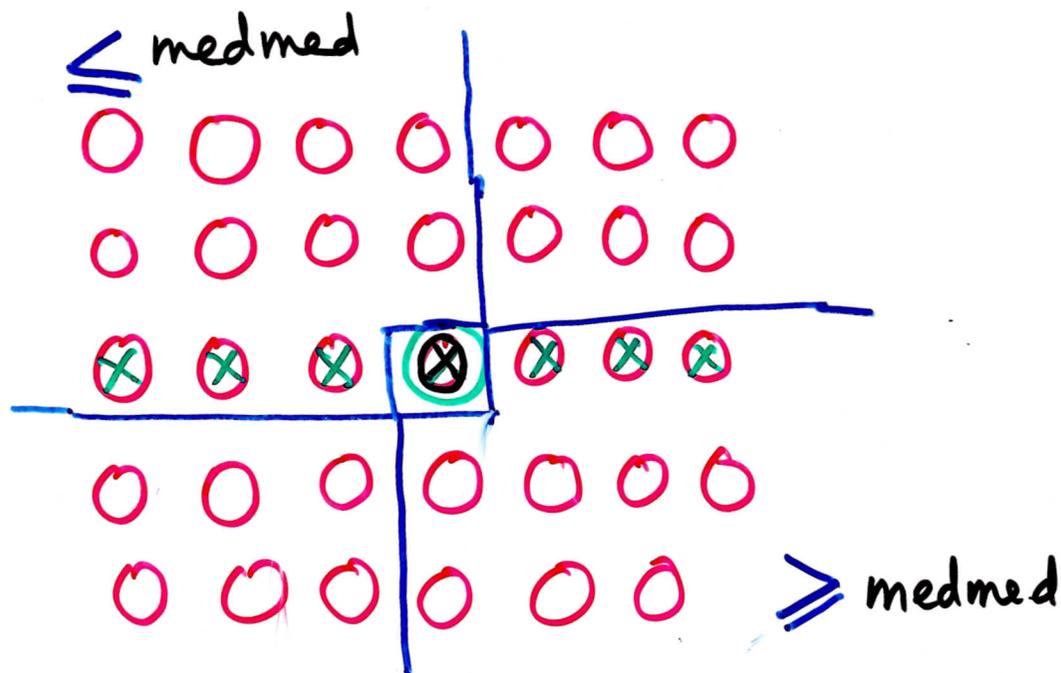
Partition with median of medians ←

prune and search ←

endif

Analysis. For analysis we ignore the ceiling and floor functions.

- The number of medians less than or greater than the medmed is  $\frac{n}{10}$
- The number of elements less than or greater than these medians is  $\frac{2n}{10}$



- We throw away (prune) at least  $\frac{3n}{10}$  elements.

## Recurrence relation for time complexity

$$T(n) \leq T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + O(n)$$

Prove  $T(n) = O(n)$  by assuming

$$T(n) \leq cn. \quad \leftarrow \text{Inductive hypothesis}$$

$$T(n) \leq c \frac{n}{5} + c \frac{7n}{10} + O(n)$$

↑  
Applying  
induction

$$\leq c \cdot \frac{9n}{10} + O(n)$$

$$\leq c \cdot \frac{9}{10} n + c' n$$

$$\leq cn \left( \frac{9}{10} + \frac{c'}{c} \right)$$

Choose  $c$  such that  $\frac{c'}{c} + \frac{9}{10} \leq 1$

choice of  $c$  is  
upto us.

$$\text{or, } \underline{c \geq 10c'}$$