

# Solution for Problem Set 5

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## Problem 1

(a)

### Overview:

QuickSelect(A, i) will divide an array to two parts via the i-th smallest element in time  $O(n)$ . We can use QuickSelect(A, i) to  $k$ -sort an arbitrary array in  $O(n \log k)$  time. If  $n/2$  is even, select median and partition it by QuickSelect(A,  $n/2$ ). If  $n/2$  is odd, remove a small part by QuickSelect(A,  $n/k$ ) and then it will be same with case that is even. Each times we use  $O(n)$  time and it will be  $\log k$  times, so the final time complexity is  $O(n \log k)$ .

### Algorithm:

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#### Algorithm 1 K-Sort

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function K-SORT( $A[1..n]$ ,  $k$ )
    if  $n == k$  then
        return
    end if
    if  $n/2$  is even then
        QuickSelect( $A[1..n]$ ,  $n/2$ )
        K-Sort( $A[1..n/2]$ ,  $k$ )
        K-Sort( $A[n/2+1..n]$ ,  $k$ )
    end if
    if  $n/2$  is odd then
        QuickSelect( $A[1..n]$ ,  $n/k$ )
        QuickSelect( $A[n/k+1..n]$ ,  $(n-n/k+1)/2$ )
        K-Sort( $A[n/k+1...(n+n/k)/2]$ ,  $k$ )
        K-Sort( $A[(n+n/k)/2+1..n]$ ,  $k$ )
    end if
end function
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### Correctness:

After the first call, the array will be divided into two or three part, and  $A[1..n/2] \prec A[n/2 + 1..n]$ , or  $A[1..n/k] \prec A[n/k + 1...(n + n/k)/2] \prec A[(n + n/k)/2 + 1..n]$ .

After several times of this process, the length of smallest part will be  $k$  and  $A[1 \dots n/k] \prec A[n/k + 1 \dots 2n/k] \prec \dots \prec A[n - n/k + 1 \dots n]$ . It is  $k$ -sorted.

### Time Complexity:

When  $n = k$ ,  $T(n) = \Theta(1)$ .

When  $n$  is even,  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$ .

When  $n$  is odd,  $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2} - \frac{2n}{k}) + O(n) \leq T(\frac{n}{k}) + 2T(\frac{n}{2} - \frac{2n}{k}) + O(n)$ .

So by the recursive tree method we can know that the final time complexity is  $T(n) = O(n \log k)$ .

### (b)

There are  $k$  blocks and total size is  $n$ , so there are  $\frac{n!}{((n/k)!)^k}$  different possible permutations for the  $k$  blocks.

Each comparison as a question can divide it into two parts, so it is like a binary tree. The thing we need to do is find the height of the tree.

$$\log\left(\frac{n!}{((n/k)!)^k}\right) = \log(n) + \log(n-1) + \dots + \log(2) - k(\log(\frac{n}{k}) + \log(\frac{n}{k} - 1) + \dots + \log(2)) = \Omega(n \log n - k \cdot \frac{n}{k} \log \frac{n}{k}) = \Omega(n \log k)$$

So any comparison-based  $k$ -sorted algorithm requires  $\Omega(n \log k)$  comparisons in the worst case.

## Problem 2

### (a)

We can think that we are putting coins into two boxes one by one.

$$p = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (1 - \frac{1}{2})(1 - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

### (b)

**Overview:**

At the beginning, we randomly choose  $n/2$  of  $n$  coins to put on one pan, and the remaining  $n/2$  coins on the other pan. There are two cases. If it is unbalanced, we find the fake coins by `FindTheLighter` and `FindTheHeavier` function. If it is balanced, we recall the function recursively in the two parts. Finally we will get the fake coins.

### Algorithm:

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#### Algorithm 2 FindFakeCoins

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function FINDTHELIGHTER( $A[1..n]$ )
    if  $n == 1$  then
        return  $A[1]$ 
    end if
    if  $n == 2$  then
        lighter = Balance( $A[1]$ ,  $A[2]$ )
        return lighter
    end if
    lighter group = Balance(one part of  $A$  randomly, other part of  $A$ )
    return FindTheLighter(lighter group)
end function

function FINDTHEHEAVIER( $A[1..n]$ )
    if  $n == 1$  then
        return  $A[1]$ 
    end if
    if  $n == 2$  then
        heavier = Balance( $A[1]$ ,  $A[2]$ )
        return heavier
    end if
    heavier group = Balance(one part of  $A$  randomly, other part of  $A$ )
    return FindTheHeavier(heavier group)
end function

function FINDFAKECOINS( $A[1..n]$ )
    let  $B$  = one part of  $A$  randomly,  $C$  = other part of  $A$ 
    is it balanced, lighter group, heavier group = Balance( $B$ ,  $C$ )
    if it is balanced then
        isFound, lighter, heavier = FindFakeCoins( $B$ )
        isFound, lighter, heavier = FindFakeCoins( $C$ )
        return is it found, lighter, heavier
    else
        return true, FindTheLighter(lighter group), FindTheHeavier(heavier group)
    end if
end function

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The times of using Balance in FindTheLighter( $A[1..n]$ ) or FindTheHeavier( $A[1..n]$ ) is  $\log n$ .

The times of using Balance in FindFakeCoins( $A[1..n]$ ) where there are no fake coins is

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\log n} 2^{k-1} = n - 1.$$

Let  $E(n)$  be the expected number of times my algorithm uses the Balance.

$$\text{So, } E(n) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \log \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right) + E\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \right) = \log n + \frac{n}{4} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} E\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

and  $E(2) = 1$

Let  $n = 2^k$ , and then

$$E(n) = E(2^k) = k + 2^{k-2} - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} E(2^{k-1}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\log n} \frac{2^k}{2^{\log n}} \cdot \left( k + 2^{k-2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) =$$

$$\frac{n}{3} + \frac{14}{3n} + 2 \log n - 5$$

## Problem 3

(a)

Modify the merge sort algorithm. Let  $S$  be  $A$  and  $W$  be  $B$ .

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### Algorithm 3 MergeSort

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function MERGE(leftA, rightA, leftB, rightB)
     $m = \text{length of leftA}$ 
     $m' = \text{length of rightA}$ 
     $\text{solA}[1...(m+m')], \text{solB}[1...(m+m')]$ 
     $i = 1, j = 1, k = 1$ 
    while  $i \leq m + m'$  do
        if  $k > m'$  or  $j \leq m$  and  $\text{leftA}[j] * \text{leftB}[j] \leq \text{rightA}[k] * \text{rightB}[k]$  then
             $\text{solA}[i] = \text{leftA}[j]$ 
             $\text{solB}[i] = \text{leftB}[j]$ 
             $j = j + 1$ 
        else
             $\text{solA}[i] = \text{rightA}[k]$ 
             $\text{solB}[i] = \text{rightB}[k]$ 
             $k = k + 1$ 
        end if
         $i = i + 1$ 
    end while
    return  $\text{solA}[1...(m+m')], \text{solB}[1...(m+m')]$ 
end function

function MERGESORT( $A, B$ )
    if  $n == 1$  then
         $\text{solA}[1...n] = A[1...n]$ 
         $\text{solB}[1...n] = B[1...n]$ 
    else
         $\text{leftSolA}[1...(n/2)], \text{leftSolB}[1...(n/2)] = \text{MergeSort}(A[1...(n/2)], B[1...(n/2)])$ 
         $\text{rightSolA}[1...(n/2)], \text{rightSolB}[1...(n/2)] = \text{MergeSort}(A[(n/2+1)...n], B$ 
         $[(n/2+1)...n])$ 

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        solA[1...n] = Merge(leftSolA[1...(n/2)], rightSolA[1...(n/2)], leftSolB[1...(n/2)],
        rightSolB[1...(n/2)])
    end if
    return solA[1...n], solB[1...n]
end function
function MAGICALMEAN(A, B)
    A', B' = MergeSort(A, B)
    return A'[n/2]
end function

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### Correctness:

**Base:**  $A[n]$  or  $B[n]$  is only one element and it is sorted.

**I.H:** After merge sort,  $A[1...(n/2)]$  and  $A[(n/2 + 1)...n]$ ,  $B[1...(n/2)]$  and  $B[(n/2 + 1)...n]$  are sorted.

### I.S:

After the  $i$ -th loop,  $\text{solA}[1...i] \prec \text{leftA}[j+1...m]$  and  $\text{solA}[1...i] \prec \text{rightA}[k+1...m]$ , other is same. So after the loop,  $\text{solA}[1...(m+m')]$  is sorted and  $\text{solB}[1...(m+m')]$  is sorted.

Finally, we return  $A'[n/2]$ , which is the magical-mean.

### Time Complexity:

$$\therefore T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$\therefore T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

**(b)**

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### Algorithm 4 MergeSort

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function MEDIANOFMEDIANS(A, B)
     $\langle GA_1, GB_1, \dots, GA_{n/5}, GB_{n/5} \rangle = \text{CreateGroups}(A, B)$ 
    for i = 1 to n/5 do
        MergeSort( $GA_i, GB_i$ )
    end for
    MA, MB = GetMediansFromSortedGroups( $GA_1, GB_1, \dots, GA_{n/5}, GB_{n/5}$ )
    return QuickSelect(MA, MB, (n/5)/2)
end function
function QUICKSELECT(A, B, i)
    if A.size == 1 then
        return A[1], B[1]
    else
        ma, mb = MedianOfMedians(A, B)
        q = PartitionWithPivot(A, B, ma, mb)
        if i == q then

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        return A[q]
    else if i < q then
        return QuickSelect(A[1...(q-1)], B[1...(q-1)], i)
    else
        return QuickSelect(A[(q+1)...A.size], B[(q+1)...A.size], i - q)
    end if
end if
end function
function MAGICALMEDIAN(A, B)
    ma, mb = QuickSelect(A, B, n/2)
    return ma
end function

```

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### Correctness:

In basic case, if  $A.size == 1$ , return the  $A[1]$  and  $B[1]$ .

After partition,  $A[1...(q-1)] \prec A[(q+1)...A.size]$  for weighted set. At the next times, if  $i < q$ , we can get the  $i$ -th value in  $A[1...(q-1)]$  by  $QuickSelect(A[1...(q-1)], i)$ ; if  $i > q$ , we can get the  $(i - q)$ -th value in  $A[(q+1)...A.size]$  by  $QuickSelect(A[(q+1)...A.size], i-q)$ .

Finally, we can get the  $i$ -th value for the weighted set by  $MagicalMedian(A, B)$ .

### Time Complexity:

Let  $T(n)$  be the time complexity of  $QuickSelect$ , so  $T(0.2n)$  is time complexity of  $MedianOfMedians$ . Then the problem will be scaled down to  $T(0.7n)$  at most. The time complexity of partition is  $O(n)$ , so

$$T(n) \leq T(0.7n) + T(0.2n) + O(n)$$

Using recursive tree method, we can know

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

## Problem 4

(a)

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### Algorithm 5 Sort

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function SORT(A)
    isSame = true
    zero = NULL
    one = NULL
    sum = 0
    for i = 2 to n do
        if isSame == true then

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    result = compare(A[1], A[i])
    if result == "x < y" then
        isSame = false
        zero = A[1]
        one = A[i]
    else if result == "x > y" then
        isSame = false
        zero = A[i]
        one = A[1]
        sum = i - 1
    end if
else
    result = compare(zero, A[i])
    if result == "x < y" then
        sum = sum + 1
    end if
end if
end for
if isSame == true then
    return A[1...n]
end if
for i = 1 to n do
    B[i] = (i <= (n - sum)) ? 0 : 1
end for
return B[1...n]
end function

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**(b)**

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### Algorithm 6 Sort

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function BUCKETSORT( $A, i$ )
     $k = 52$ 
     $\langle L_1, L_2, \dots, L_k \rangle = \text{CreateBuckets}(k)$ 
    for  $i = 1$  to  $A.\text{length}$  do
        AssignToBucket( $A[i]$ )
    end for
    for  $i = 1$  to  $k$  do
        for  $j = 1$  to  $L_i.\text{length}$  do
            if  $L_i[j]$  don't have  $(i + 1)$  digit then
                 $L_i^1.\text{add}(L_i[j])$ 
            else
                 $L_i^2.\text{add}(L_i[j])$ 
            end if
        end for
    end for
    return  $\langle L_1^1, L_1^2, \dots, L_k^1, L_k^2 \rangle$ 
end function

function RADIXSORT( $A, i$ )
     $L_1^1, L_1^2, \dots, L_k^2 = \text{BucketSort}(A, i)$ 
    for  $i = 1$  to  $k$  do

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 $L_k^1 = \text{RadixSort}(L_k^1, i + 1)$ 
 $L_k^2 = \text{RadixSort}(L_k^2, i + 1)$ 
end for
return CombineBuckets( $L_1^1, L_1^2, \dots, L_k^2$ )
end function
function SORT( $A, i$ )
  return RadixSort( $A, 1$ )
end function

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### Time Complexity:

Time of BucketSort is  $T_1(n) = O(n)$

And we can make sure that each BucketSort consume a layer of characters of input array. Finally, we sort the input array based on each characters of strings, and we know that the total number of characters over all the strings is  $n$ .

So, the time of Sort is  $T(n) = O(n)$ .

## Problem 5

(a)

We assume that there are no central vertex.

We choose an partition that there are tree subtrees,  $a_1, b_1, c_1$ , and  $a_1 > \frac{n}{2}$ . We move the central vertex to  $a_1$  tree direction so that  $a_2 < \frac{n}{2}$ , because of the assumption, we can think that  $b_2 > \frac{n}{2}$ .

$$\therefore b_2 = b_1 + c_1 + 1 > \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\therefore b_2 = b_1 + c_1 + 1 = (n - 1 - a_1 - c_1) + c_1 + 1 = n - a_1 > \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_1 < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_1 < \frac{n}{2} \text{ contradict with } a_1 > \frac{n}{2}$$

$\therefore$  the assumption is wrong

$\therefore$  every tree has a central vertex

(b)



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**Algorithm 7** FindCentralVertex

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```
function PREORDERTRAV(r)
  if r != NULL then
    count = 1
    for each child u of r do
      count = count + PreorderTrav(u)
    end for
    hashTable.add(key: r, value: count)
    return count
  end if
end function
function FINDCENTRALVERTEX(root)
  PreorderTrav(root)
  leftCount = hashTable(key: root.left)
  rightCount = hashTable(key: root.right)
  largerCount = leftCount > rightCount ? leftCount : rightCount
  cur = leftCount > rightCount ? root.left : root.right
  while largerCount > hashTable(key: root) / 2 do
    largerCount = leftCount > rightCount ? leftCount : rightCount
    cur = leftCount > rightCount ? cur.left : cur.right
    leftCount = hashTable(cur.left)
    rightCount = hashTable(cur.right)
  end while
  return cur
end function
```

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**Correctness:**

Just same with **(a)**.

**Time Complexity:**

Time complexity of PreorderTrav is  $T_1(n) = \Theta(n)$ . And we know the while-loop will be executed no more than the height of tree times. So the final time complexity is  $T(n) = \Theta(n) + O(n) = O(n)$ .

## Problem 6

**(a)**

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**Algorithm 8** kthElement

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```
function KTHELEMENT(A[1...m], B[1...n], k)
  if m == 0 then
    return B[k]
  end if
  if n == 0 then
    return A[k]
  end if
```

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midA = m / 2
midB = n / 2
if midA + midB < k then
    if A[midA] < B[midB] then
        return kthElement(A[midA + 1...m], B[1...n], k - midA)
    else
        return kthElement(A[1...m], B[midB + 1...n], k - midB)
    end if
else
    if A[midA] < B[midB] then
        return kthElement(A[1...m], B[1...midB - 1], k)
    else
        return kthElement(A[1...midA - 1], B[1...n], k)
    end if
end if
end function

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### Time Complexity:

Because it divide  $A[1...m]$  or  $B[1...n]$  into two parts with equal length, so the time complexity is  $T(n) = O(\log n + \log m)$ .

Because  $\log(m + n) < O(\log n + \log m) = O[(\log(nm))] < O(\log[(m + n)^2]) = O(2 \log(m + n))$ ,

We can know that  $T(n) = O(\log(m + n))$

**(b)**

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### Algorithm 9 InorderTravIter

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function INORDERTRAVITER(root)
    if root.left is not NULL then
        last = root
        cur = root.left
    else if root.right is not NULL then
        Visit(root)
        last = root
        cur = root.right
    else
        Visit(root)
        return
    end if
    while True do
        if last.left == cur || last.right == cur then
            if cur.left is not NULL then
                last = cur
                cur = cur.left
            else if cur.right is not NULL then
                Visit(cur)
                last = cur

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        cur = cur.right
    else
        Visit(cur)
        temp = last
        last = cur
        cur = temp
    end if
else if cur.left == last then
    Visit(cur)
    if cur.parent == NULL then
        Break
    end if
    if cur.right is not NULL then
        last = cur
        cur = cur.right
    else
        end if
    else if cur.right == last then
        if cur.parent == NULL then
            Break
        end if
        last = cur
        cur = cur.parent
    end if
end while
end function

```

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The algorithm use `last` and `cur` to replace stack, so the space complexity is  $O(1)$ . We use inorder travel strategy, so the time complexity is  $O(n)$ .