

Lab: Efficient Algorithms for selected Problems Winter 2019/20

Problem Set 0

1 Median (Demonstration Exercise)

Task: Let n be an integer. Let a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1} be also integers. The *median* of (a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}) is defined as

$$m((a_0,\ldots,a_{n-1})) = \begin{cases} \tilde{a}_{(n-1)/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\tilde{a}_{n/2-1} + \tilde{a}_{n/2}) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Here $(\tilde{a}_0, \dots, \tilde{a}_{n-1})$ denotes the vector containing the a_i in sorted order.

Input: The first line contains the length of the vector n. In the following n lines the values a_i are specified.

Output: Output the median.

Sample Input:

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1 2

Sample Output:

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