CS473 - Algorithms I

Lecture 7
Medians and Order Statistics

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Medians and Order Statistics

i^{th} order statistic: i^{th} smallest element of a set of n elements

minimum: first order statistic

maximum: n^{th} order statistic

median: "halfway point" of the set

$$i = \lfloor (n+1)/2 \rfloor \text{ or } \lceil (n+1)/2 \rceil$$

Selection Problem

- *Selection problem*: Select the i^{th} smallest of n elements

- *Naïve algorithm*: Sort the input array A; then return A[i]

  $T(n) = \Theta(n\lg n)$

  using e.g. merge sort (but not quicksort)

- Can we do any better?

Selection in Expected Linear Time

- Randomized algorithm using divide and conquer

- Similar to randomized quicksort
  - *Like quicksort*: Partitions input array recursively
  - *Unlike quicksort*: Makes a single recursive call

    Reminder: *Quicksort makes two recursive calls*

- Expected runtime: $\Theta(n)$

  Reminder: *Expected runtime of quicksort:* $\Theta(n \lg n)$

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Selection in Expected Linear Time: Example 1

Select the 2nd smallest element:

6	10	13	5	8	3	2	11

$i = 2$

Partition the input array:

2	3	5	13	8	10	6	11

make a recursive call to
select the 2nd smallest
element in left subarray

Selection in Expected Linear Time: Example 2

Select the 7^{th} smallest element:

6	10	13	5	8	3	2	11

$i = 7$

Partition the input array:

2	3	5	13	8	10	6	11

make a recursive call to select the 4^{th} smallest element in right subarray

Selection in Expected Linear Time

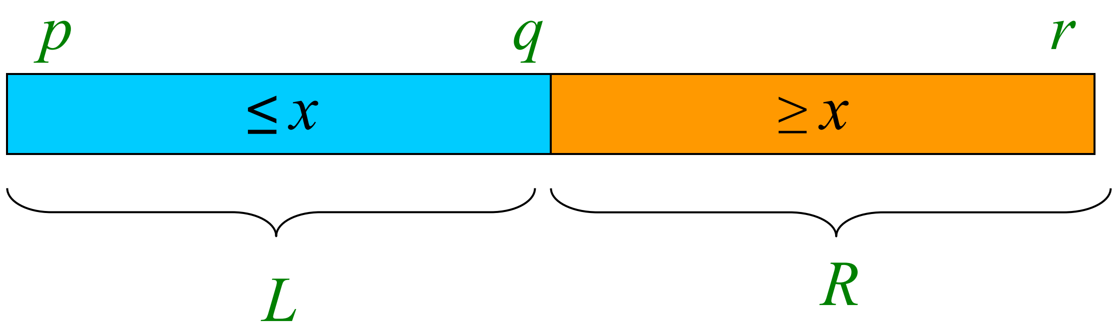
R-SELECT(**A**,***p***,***r***,***i***)
    if $p = r$ then
        return **A**[***p***]
  $q \leftarrow$ R-PARTITION(**A**, ***p***, ***r***)
  $k \leftarrow q - p + 1$
  if $i \leq k$ then
        return R-SELECT(**A**, ***p***, ***q***, ***i***)
else
        return R-SELECT(**A**, ***q***+1, ***r***, ***i-k***)

$\leq x$ (k smallest elements)	$\geq x$

p $\qquad$ q $\qquad$ r

$x = pivot$

Selection in Expected Linear Time



$x = pivot$

- All elements in L ≤ all elements in R
- L contains $|L| = q - p + 1$ = k smallest elements of A[p...r]

if $i \le |L| = k$ then

search L recursively for its i-th smallest element

else

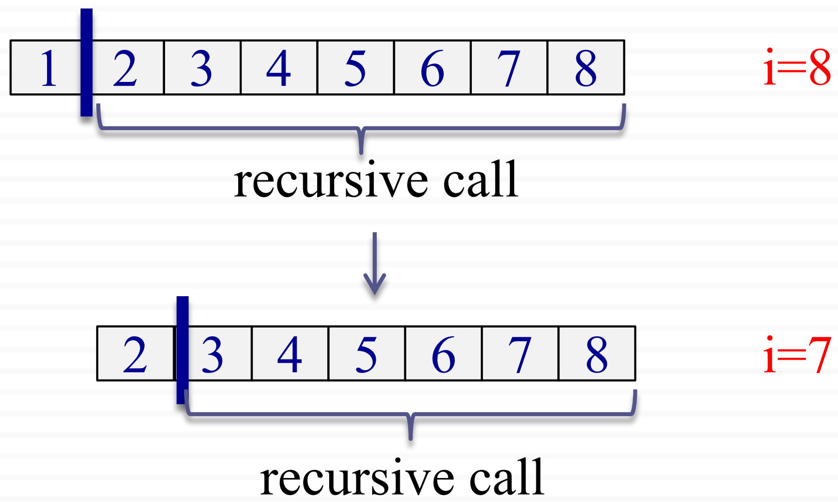
search R recursively for its (i-k)-th smallest element

Runtime Analysis

- ***Worst case:***

Imbalanced partitioning at every level

<u>and</u> the recursive call always to the larger partition



Runtime Analysis

- ***Worst case:***

  $T(n) = T(n\text{-}1) + \Theta(n)$

  ➔ $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

  Worse than the naïve method (based on sorting)

- ***Best case***: Balanced partitioning at every recursive level

  $T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$

  ➔ $T(n) = \Theta(n)$

- ***Avg case***: Expected runtime – need analysis

Reminder: Various Outcomes of H-PARTITION

$\mathbf{P}(\text{rank}(x) = i) = 1/n$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

x: pivot

$|L|$: size of left region

if $\text{rank}(x) = 1$ **then** $|L| = 1$

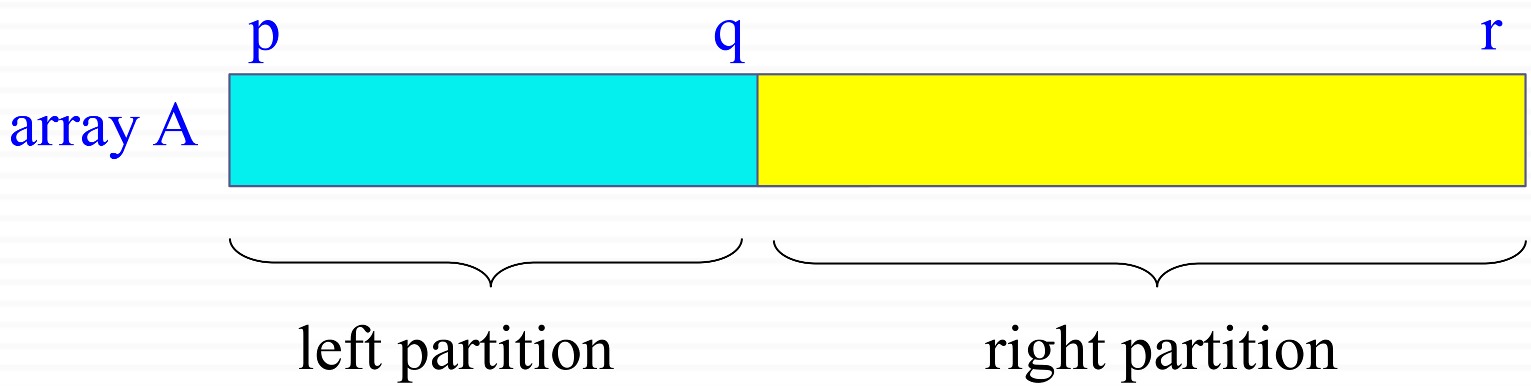
if $\text{rank}(x) > 1$ **then** $|L| = \text{rank}(x) - 1$

$\mathbf{P}(|L| = 1) = \mathbf{P}(\text{rank}(x) = 1) + \mathbf{P}(\text{rank}(x) = 2)$ ⇒ $\mathbf{P}(|L| = 1) = 2/n$

$\mathbf{P}(|L| = i) = \mathbf{P}(\text{rank}(x) = i+1)$ for $1 < i < n$ ⇒ $\mathbf{P}(|L| = i) = 1/n$ for $1 < i < n$

Average Case Analysis of Randomized Select

- To compute the upper bound for the avg case, assume that the i^{th} element always falls into the larger partition.

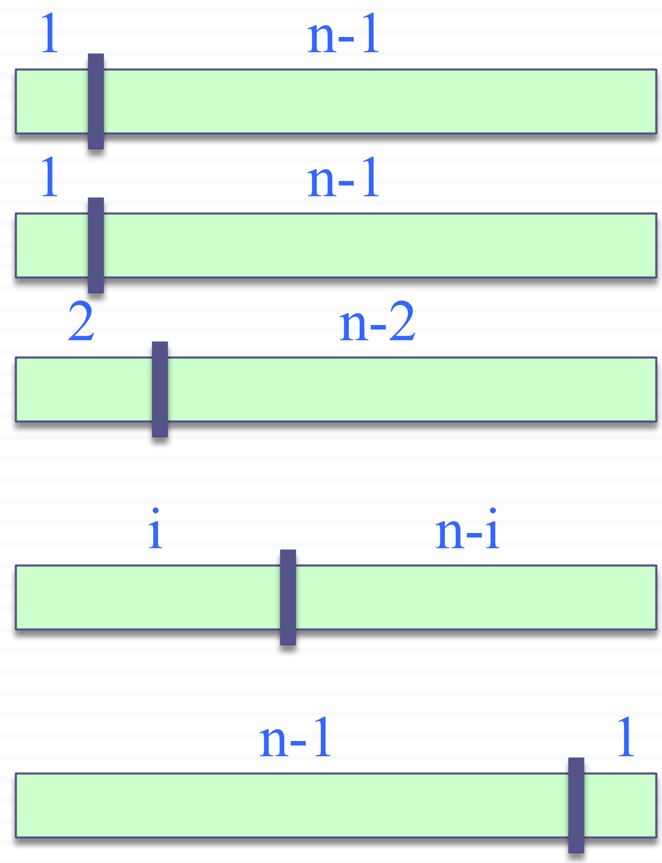


We will analyze the case where the recursive call is always made to the larger partition

➔ this will give us an upper bound for the avg case

Various Outcomes of H-PARTITION

rank(x)	prob.	T(n)
1	1/n	$\leq T(\max(1, n-1)) + \Theta(n)$
2	1/n	$\leq T(\max(1, n-1)) + \Theta(n)$
3	1/n	$\leq T(\max(2, n-2)) + \Theta(n)$
⋮	⋮	⋮
i+1	1/n	$\leq T(\max(i, n-i)) + \Theta(n)$
⋮	⋮	⋮
n	1/n	$\leq T(\max(n-1, 1)) + \Theta(n)$



Average-Case Analysis of Randomized Select

Recall: $P(|L|=i) = \begin{cases} 2/n & \text{for } i = 1 \\ 1/n & \text{for } i = 2,3,\dots,n-1 \end{cases}$

Upper bound: Assume i-th element always falls into the larger part

$$T(n) \le \frac{1}{n} T(\max(1, n-1)) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} T(\max(q, n-q)) + O(n)$$

Note: $\frac{1}{n} T(\max(1, n-1)) = \frac{1}{n} T(n-1) = \frac{1}{n} O(n^2) = O(n)$

$$\therefore \quad T(n) \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} T(\max(q, n-q)) + O(n)$$

Average-Case Analysis of Randomized Select

$$\therefore\ T(n) \le \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} T(\max(q, n-q)) + O(n)$$

$$\max(q, n-q) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } q \ge \lceil n/2 \rceil \\ n-q & \text{if } q < \lceil n/2 \rceil \end{cases}$$

n is odd: $T(k)$ appears twice for $k = \lceil n/2 \rceil + 1, \lceil n/2 \rceil + 2, \ldots, n-1$

n is even: $T(\lceil n/2 \rceil)$ appears once T(k) appears twice for

$k = \lceil n/2 \rceil + 1, \lceil n/2 \rceil + 2, \ldots, n-1$

Hence, in both cases: $\sum_{q=1}^{n-1} T(\max(q, n-q)) + O(n) \le 2 \sum_{q=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{n-1} T(q) + O(n)$

$$\therefore\ T(n) \le \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{n-1} T(q) + O(n)$$

Average-Case Analysis of Randomized Select

$$T(n) \le \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{n-1} T(q) + O(n)$$

By substitution guess $T(n) = O(n)$

Inductive hypothesis: $T(k) \le ck, \quad \forall\, k < n$

$$T(n) \le (2/n) \sum_{k=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{n-1} ck + O(n)$$

$$= \frac{2c}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} k \right) + O(n)$$

$$\frac{2c}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2}\, n\,(n-1) - \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1 \right) \right) + O(n)$$

Average-Case Analysis of Randomized Select

$$T(n) \le \frac{2c}{n}\left(\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) - \frac{1}{2}\left\lceil\frac{n}{2}\right\rceil\left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)\right) + O(n)$$

$$\le c(n-1) - \frac{c}{4}n + \frac{c}{2} + O(n)$$

$$= cn - \frac{c}{4}n - \frac{c}{2} + O(n)$$

$$= cn - \left(\left(\frac{c}{4}n + \frac{c}{2}\right) - O(n)\right)$$

$$\le cn$$

since we can choose c large enough so that **($cn/4+c/2$) dominates $O(n)$**

Summary of Randomized Order-Statistic Selection

- Works fast: linear expected time
- Excellent algorithm in practise
- But, the worst case is very bad: $\Theta(n^2)$

Q: Is there an algorithm that runs in linear time in the worst case?

A: Yes, due to Blum, Floyd, Pratt, Rivest & Tarjan[1973]

Idea: Generate a good pivot recursively..

Selection in Worst Case Linear Time

SELECT(S, n, i) ▷ return ***i***-th element in set S with ***n*** elements

if $n \leq 5$ then

SORT S and return the i-th element

DIVIDE S into $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ groups

▷ first $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ groups are of size 5, last group is of size n mod 5

FIND median set $M = \{m_1, \ldots, m_{\lceil n/5 \rceil}\}$ ▷ m_j: median of j-th group

$x \leftarrow$ SELECT(M, $\lceil n/5 \rceil$, $\lfloor (\lceil n/5 \rceil + 1)/2 \rfloor$)

PARTITION set S around the pivot x into L and R

if $i \leq |L|$ then

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else

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Selection in Worst Case Linear Time - Example

Input: Array S and index i

Output: The i^{th} smallest value

S = {25 9 16 8 11 27 39 42 15 6 32 14 36 20 33 22 31 4 17 3 30 41
2 13 19 7 21 10 34 1 37 23 40 5 29 18 24 12 38 28 26 35 43}

Selection in Worst Case Linear Time - Example

Step 1: Divide the input array into groups of size 5

25	27	32	22	30	7	37	18	26
9	39	14	31	41	21	23	24	35
16	42	36	4	2	10	40	12	43
8	15	20	17	13	34	5	38	
11	6	33	3	19	1	29	28	

Selection in Worst Case Linear Time - Example

Step 2: Compute the median of each group → $\Theta(n)$

9	15	14	4	2	7	5	18	
8	6	20	3	13	1	23	12	26
$\boxed{11}$	$\boxed{27}$	$\boxed{32}$	$\boxed{17}$	$\boxed{19}$	$\boxed{10}$	$\boxed{29}$	$\boxed{24}$	$\boxed{35}$
16	42	33	31	30	34	40	28	43
25	39	36	22	41	21	37	38	

Let M be the set of the medians computed:

$$M = \{11, 27, 32, 17, 19, 10, 29, 24, 35\}$$

Selection in Worst Case Linear Time - Example

Step 3: Compute the median of the median group M

x ← SELECT (M, |M|, $\left\lfloor (|M|+1)/2 \right\rfloor$) where $|M| = \lceil n/5 \rceil$

	9	15	14	4	2	7	5	18	
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M	11	27	32	17	19	10	29	24	35
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→ median = 24

The runtime of the recursive call: T(|M|) $= T\left(\lceil n/5 \rceil\right)$

Selection in Worst Case Linear Time - Example

Step 4: Partition the input array S around the median-of-medians x

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Partition S around x = 24

Claim: Partitioning around x is guaranteed to be *well-balanced*.

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2 out of 5 in each group less than the median in the group, which is less than x

About 3n/10 elts less than x

about 2n/10

About half of the medians less than x

about n/10

2	7	4	9	18	14	5	15	
13	1	3	8	12	20	23	6	26
19	10	17	11	24	32	29	27	35
30	34	31	16	28	33	40	42	43
41	21	22	25	38	36	37	39	

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Partitioning S around x = 24 will lead to partitions of sizes ~3n/10 and ~7n/10 in the worst case.

Step 5: Make a recursive call to one of the partitions

if $i \le |L|$ then
    return SELECT(L, $|L|$, i)
else
    return SELECT(R, n–$|L|$, i–$|L|$)

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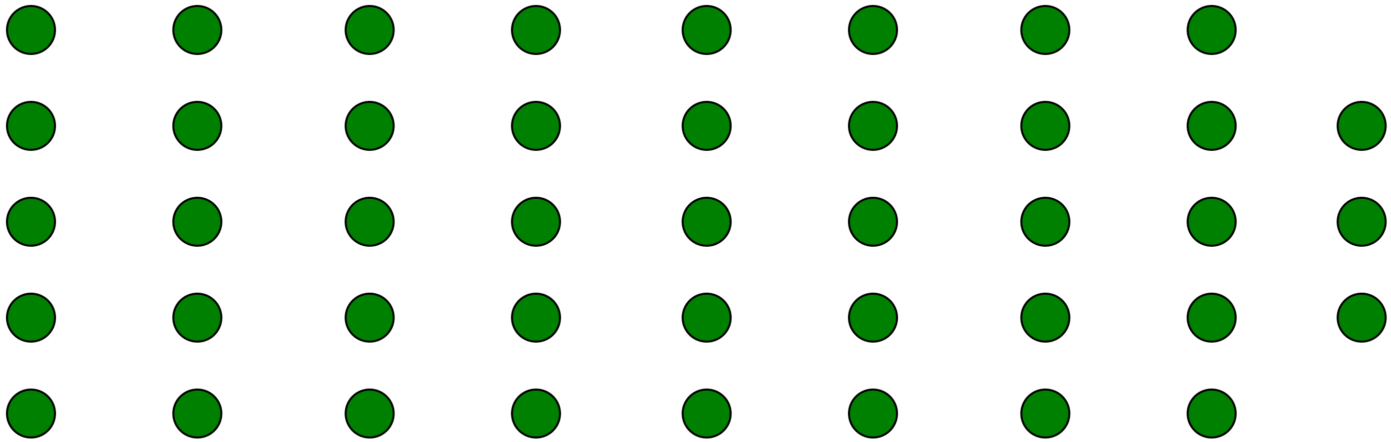

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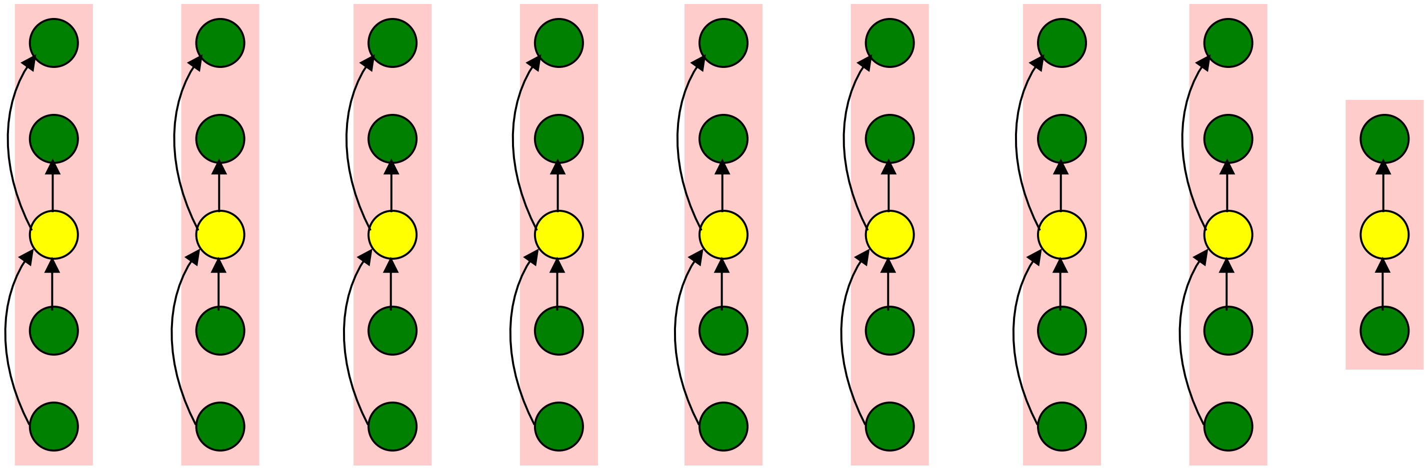
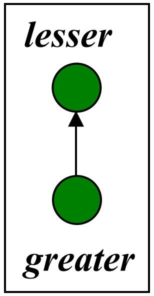
Choosing the Pivot





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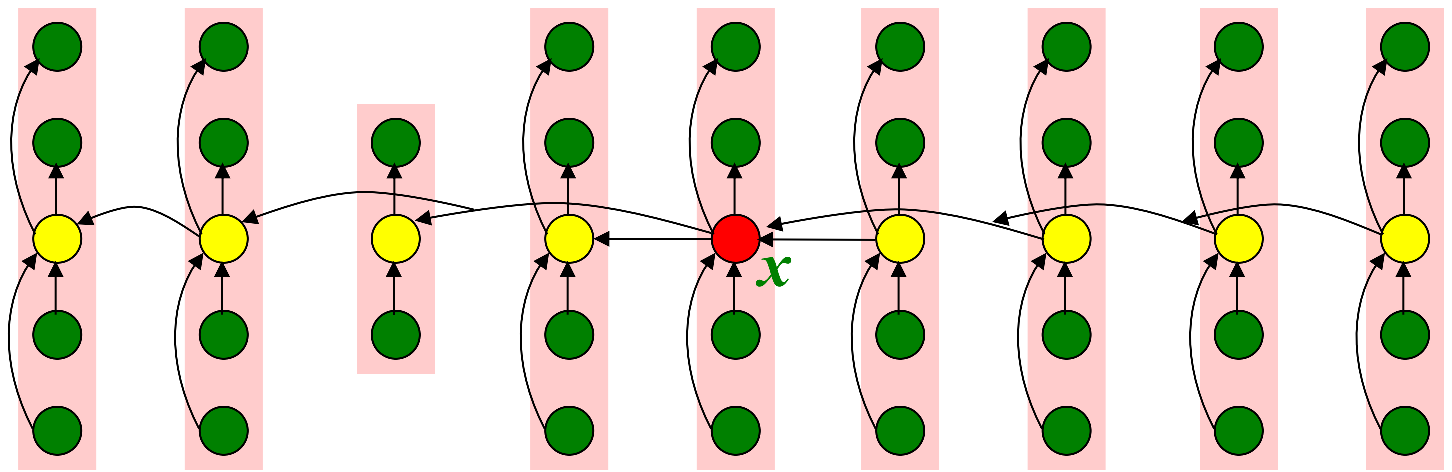

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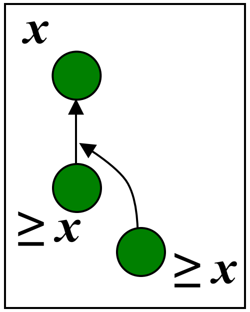
2. Find the median of each group
3. Recursively select the median x of the medians



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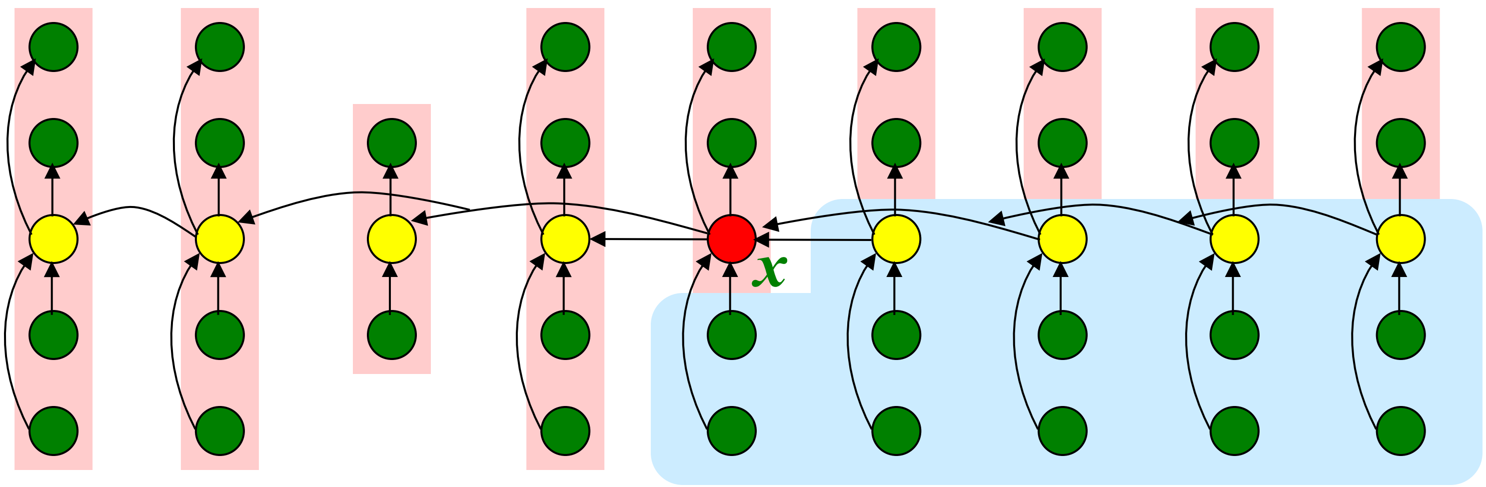
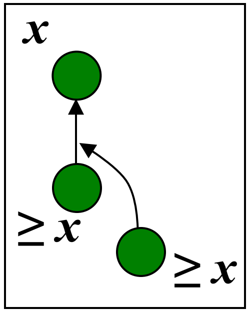


At least half of the medians $\geq x$

Thus $m = \left\lceil \lceil n/5 \rceil / 2 \right\rceil$ groups contribute 3 elements to R except possibly the last group and the group that contains x

$$|R| \geq 3\left(m-2\right) \geq \frac{3n}{10} - 6$$



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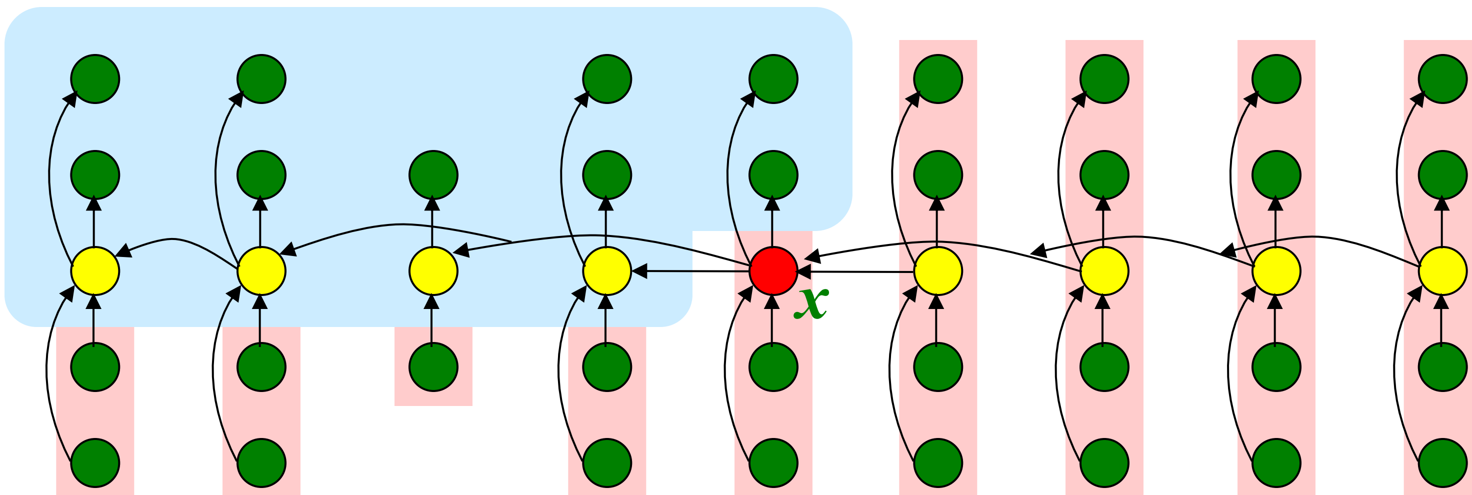
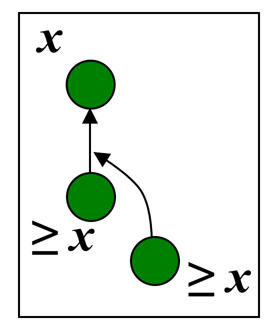


Similarly

$$|L| \geq \frac{3n}{10} - 6$$

Therefore, SELECT is recursively called on at most

$$n - \left(\frac{3n}{10} - 6\right) = \frac{7n}{10} + 6 \text{ elements}$$



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$T(\frac{7n}{10} + 6)$ { if $i \le |L|$ then

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Selection in Worst Case Linear Time

Thus recurrence becomes

$$T(n) \leq T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\frac{7n}{10} + 6\right) + \Theta(n)$$

Guess $T(n) = O(n)$ and prove by induction

Inductive step: $T(n) \leq c\lceil n/5 \rceil + c\,(7n/10+6) + \Theta(n)$

$\leq cn/5 + c + 7cn/10 + 6c + \Theta(n)$

$= 9cn/10 + 7c + \Theta(n)$

$= cn - [c(n/10 - 7) - \Theta(n)] \leq cn$ for large c

Work at each level of recursion is a constant factor (9/10) smaller