

### CS202 HW 3

1. Written assignment: Printed textbook 2.17 and 2.22.
2. Coding assignment: Given an *unordered* array  $A$  of  $n$  `int`'s and an `int`  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k < n$ , find the  $k$ -th smallest value in  $A$ , where  $k$  is 0-indexed.

For example if  $A = \{3, 2, 1, 4\}$  and  $k = 0$ , then the  $k$ -th smallest value is 1. If  $A = \{5, 7, 2, 8\}$  and  $k = 2$ , then the  $k$ -th smallest value is 7.

Solve this problem using two different algorithms and compare their performance. Do the following:

- (a) Implement a simple algorithm that sorts all elements in  $A$  and returns the value at index  $k$ .
- (b) Implement a more efficient divide-and-conquer selection algorithm that is discussed in class and in Section 2.4 of the textbook.
- (c) Analyze the running time of both algorithms. Create a line plot that compares the observed running time of both algorithms on inputs of different sizes. Does the observed running time of both algorithms match your analysis?

Download a template file `Selection.java` from Moodle and add your code to methods `select1` and `select2`. You should only modify the variable  $n$  in the main method to conduct your experiments. Do not change other code in the main method.