

divide and conquer, compare the middle elements of two arrays, and recurse. $O(\log(n + m))$.

in general, finding the t -th largest element in the union of k sorted array with respective sizes n_1, \dots, n_k takes time $O(k + \sum_{i=1}^k \log n_i)$ [1].

<https://cstheory.stackexchange.com/questions/20944/select-in-union-of-sorted-arrays-already-known/20955#20955>.

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