

CS 170 Homework 2

Due 2025/2/23, at 10:00 am (grace period until 11:59pm)

1 Study Group

List the names and SIDs of the members in your study group. If you have no collaborators, you must explicitly write “none”.

Solution: I worked on this homework with the following collaborators:

- none, which is only me, Sillycheese

2 Median of Medians

- (a) (2 points) Let us see an example of QuickSelect in action. Suppose you always pick the first element as the pivot. Compute QuickSelect(A, 6) for the following array:

Solution: [78,13,97,45,48,26,85,100,78] k=4

[13,45,48,26] k=4

[45,48,26] k=3

[48] k=1

- (b) (2 points) Consider the array

shuffled into some arbitrary order. What is the worst-case runtime of QuickSelect(A, $n/2$) in terms of n ? Construct a sequence of ‘bad’ pivot choices that achieves this worst-case runtime.

Solution:

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} = O(n^2)$$

- (c) (3 points) Let p be the pivot chosen by DeterministicSelect on A . Show that at least $3n/10$ elements in A are less than or equal to p , and that at least $3n/10$ elements are greater than or equal to p .

Solution: firstly, at least half of medians array is less than p , so it is $n/10$. then go back to every median’s subarray and add them. It is $\frac{2n+n}{10}$ (also need to add itself). so at least $\frac{3n}{10}$ elements in A are less than or equal to p .

Same to the greater issue.

- (d) In this problem, we will show that the worst-case runtime of DeterministicSelect(A, k) using the ‘Median of Medians’ strategy is $O(n)$.

- i. Find a recurrence relation for the time complexity of the algorithm, $T(n)$.

Solution:

$$T(n) \leq T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + O(n)$$

$T(n/5)$ is to find the medians in each subarray.

$T(7n/10)$ is the at most size of partition size, which is used to recursive call to the DC

$O(n)$ is just build array and partition time.

- ii. Use the recurrence relation to show that, for some sufficiently large $c > 0$, the inequality $T(n) \leq c \cdot n$ always holds.

Solution:

$$T(n) \leq c(n/5) + c(7n/10) + O(n) \leq c$$