

4. a) Monte Carlo: Choose random k st. $0 \leq k < n$
Pick $A[k]$ as dominant element.

Picking a random element is $O(1)$. Since the element is dominant in the array, there is a $> \frac{1}{2}$ probability to pick the right one.

b) las-vegas (A, n)

A : array, n : size of A

$k \leftarrow \text{random}(0, n)$

// $0 \leq k < n$

$\text{elem} \leftarrow A[k]$

$\text{count} \leftarrow 0$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n-1$ do {if $\text{count} > n/2$ return elem

if $\text{elem} == A[i]$ {

count++

} else {

if $\text{count} != 0$

count--

else {

$\text{elem} \leftarrow A[i]$

count $\leftarrow 1$

}

}

}

return elem

If $A[k]$ is indeed dominant, the counter will always remain positive and we'll return $A[k]$. If it is not, the counter will eventually reach 0 as the # dominant elements $\geq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1$ and the variable elem would become the dominant ~~variable~~ element. If counter is ever $> n/2$, we return the element. Since we loop through the array once, ^{at max.} run-time is $O(n)$.