

# CSCI 3104 PS8a

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TOTAL POINTS

**14 / 14**

## QUESTION 1

**1 2 / 2**

- ✓ **+ 2 pts** Totally correct.
- + **1.5 pts** Only one pair is incorrect.
- + **1 pts** Partially correct.
- + **0 pts** Incorrect/Not attempted.

## QUESTION 2

**2 3 / 3**

- ✓ **+ 0.75 pts** Correct first iteration
- ✓ **+ 0.75 pts** Correct second iteration
- ✓ **+ 0.75 pts** Correct third iteration
- ✓ **+ 0.75 pts** Correct fourth iteration
- + **0 pts** You are not following the partition procedure presented in class. On future assignments and quizzes/exams, please use the partition procedure presented in class. Need to swap pivot and first element before partitioning.
- + **0.3 pts** Correctly chooses pivot for fourth iteration, but does not show fourth iteration explicitly.
- + **0.5 pts** Incorrect partitions with insufficient supporting work to illustrate the logic or array manipulations.
- + **1 pts** Incorrect partitioning procedure, but some supporting work
- + **0.3 pts** Correct pivot for second iteration, but incorrect partitioning
- + **0.3 pts** Incorrect pivot for third iteration
- + **0.5 pts** Clearly show how the array A is being manipulated. Your work is extremely unclear.
- + **0 pts** Incorrect pivot and partitioning at second iteration
- **1 pts** Choose end element as pivot, as discussed in class
- + **0 pts** Empty solution submitted or incorrect work

shown.

## QUESTION 3

**3 1 / 1**

- ✓ **+ 1 pts** Explain correctly that can avoid choosing the bad pivot.
- + **0.5 pts** The Median of Medians algorithm doesn't necessarily select the best pivot or actual median; rather, it avoids bad pivots.
- + **0 pts** Incorrect.

## QUESTION 4

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- ✓ **+ 1 pts** Divides the elements correctly into groups of size 5.
- ✓ **+ 0.5 pts** Correctly sorts each group
- ✓ **+ 0.5 pts** Takes median of each group
- ✓ **+ 0.5 pts** Correctly finds median of medians
- ✓ **+ 0.5 pts** Partitions A around median of medians
- ✓ **+ 0.5 pts** Uses median of median algorithms again on right sub-array of A.
- + **0 pts** Please adhere to the partition algorithm from class. This will be expected on quizzes and exams
- ✓ **+ 0.5 pts** Correct 4th-largest element
- + **0 pts** The problem is asking you to work through the algorithm.
- **0.5 pts** Extraneous element in array
- + **0 pts** Student Dropped
- + **0 pts** Incorrect or Not attempted

## QUESTION 5

4 pts

**5.1 2 / 2**

- ✓ **+ 2 pts** Correct
- + **1.5 pts** Correct reasoning, but you should provide

the explicit recurrence relation if you are referencing it.

- + **1 pts** Correctly identifies divide and conquer strategy, but does not make the strategy precise
- + **1 pts** Discusses the divide and conquer strategy, but your reasoning is incorrect or is missing details
- + **0 pts** Incorrect answer
- + **1 pts** Incorrect complexity
- + **1.5 pts** Makes incorrect assumptions about the structure of the problem, but otherwise correctly explained why the algorithm runs in sub-linear time
- + **1.5 pts** Used little-o rather than Big-O
- + **1.5 pts** Algorithm adapts binary search, not quicksort

- + **0 pts** No answer
- + **1 pts** Need to discuss the techniques which give rise to this complexity
- + **0.5 pts** Need to discuss the techniques. You also need to explicitly discuss and solve the recurrence. The work you provided is not very descriptive or clear.

- + **1.5 pts** Solve the recurrence

- ☞ Note that divide and conquer does not imply sublinear time. The algorithm basically uses binary search, which is why we obtain sublinear time.

Also, as a minor LaTeX point, you want to use  $\Theta$  to provide the Big-Theta. You are using  $\theta$ .

## 5.2 2 / 2

- ✓ + **2 pts** Correct
- + **0 pts** Incorrect, insufficient or no answer
- + **0.5 pts** Correctly modifies the base case. How do you handle the recursive calls?
- + **1.5 pts** Minor error in base case.
- + **1 pts** Missing base case
- + **0.5 pts** Missing base case and incorrect recursive calls
- + **0.5 pts** Your answer lacks sufficient detail or has

major errors

- + **0.5 pts** Return statements are mismatched and you are not taking into account the left endpoints
- + **1 pts** Your return statements are mismatched
- + **0.5 pts** Modify the algorithm from class. Don't just provide linear search
- + **1.5 pts** Minor errors with recursive calls.
- + **0 pts** Student Dropped
- + **0.5 pts** Incorrect recursive calls.

- ☞ Correct, but note that you can invoke `findValley(A, mid+1, r)` and `findValley(A, p, mid-1)`. If mid is not a valley, you need not consider it again on future recursive calls.

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*Advice 1:* For every problem in this class, you must justify your answer: show how you arrived at it and why it is correct. If there are assumptions you need to make along the way, state those clearly.

*Advice 2:* Verbal reasoning is typically insufficient for full credit. Instead, write a logical argument, in the style of a mathematical proof.

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1. (2 pts) If the arrays,  $A = [12, 14, 23, 34]$  and  $B = [11, 13, 22, 35]$  are merged, list the indices in  $A$  and  $B$  that are compared to each other. For example,  $A[0], B[0]$  means that  $A[0]$  is compared to  $B[0]$ .

*Solution.*

$A[0]B[0]$ ,  $A[0]B[1]$ ,  $A[1]B[1]$ ,  $A[1]B[2]$ ,  $A[2]B[2]$ ,  $A[2]B[3]$ ,  $A[3]B[3]$ .

Added to array in later while loop:  $B[3]$

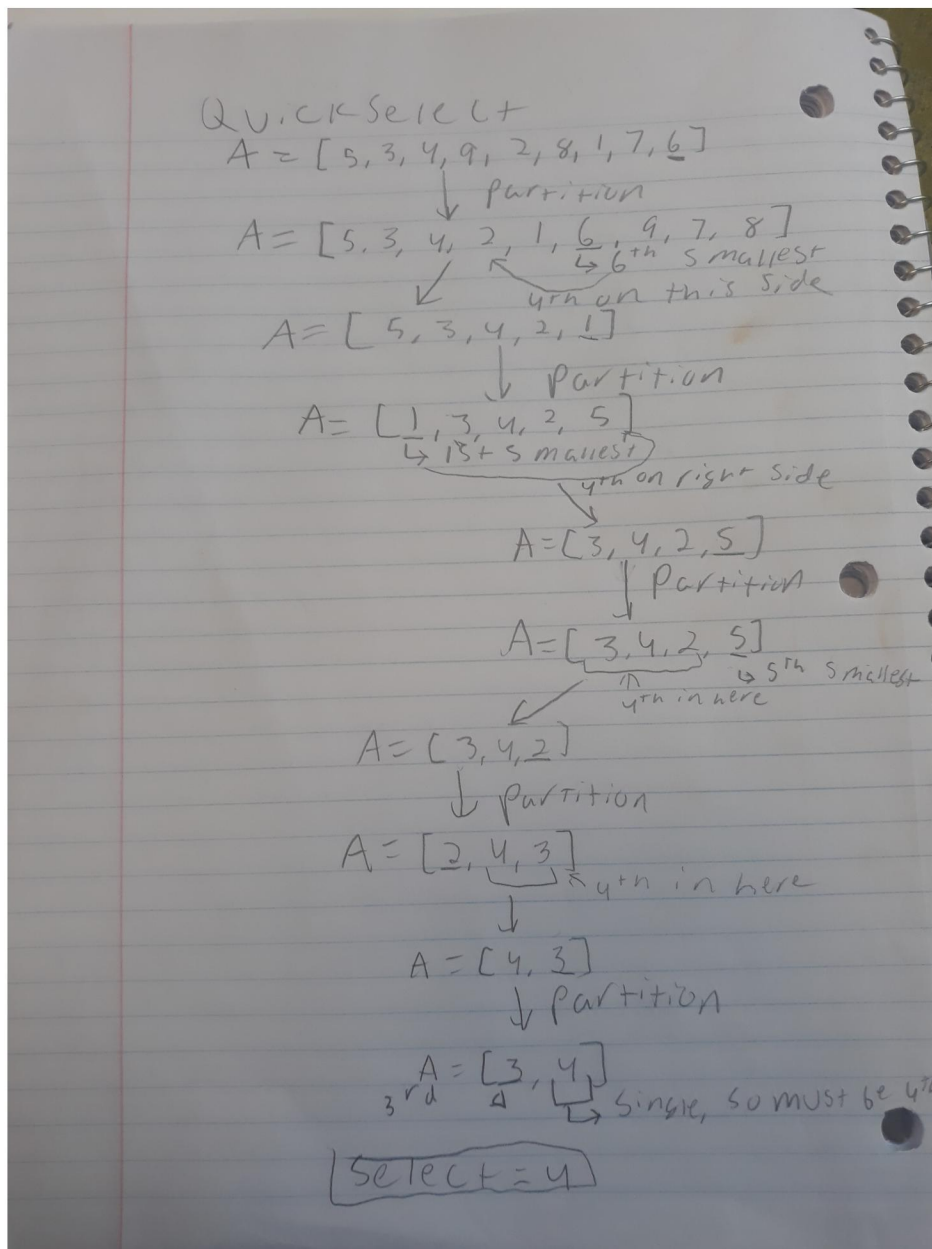
End: Arr= $[11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 34, 35]$

2. (3 pts) Illustrate how to apply the QuickSelect algorithm to find the  $k = 4$ th smallest element in the given array:  $A = [5, 3, 4, 9, 2, 8, 1, 7, 6]$  by showing the recursion call tree.

*Solution.*

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3. (1 pt) Explain in 2-3 sentences the purpose of the Median of Medians algorithm.

*Solution.*

Median of Medians is used to guarantee the average case of a quicksort. It splits the array into arrays of 5, obtains the medians of those, and then gets the median of the medians (hence the name). This is then used as a pivot, as it gets as close to the center as it can and, thus tries for the best case run of the sort.

4. (4 pts) Illustrate how to apply the Median of Medians algorithm (A Deterministic QuickSelect algorithm) to find the 4th largest element in the following array:  $A = [6, 10, 80, 18, 20, 82, 33, 35, 0, 31, 99, 22, 56, 3, 32, 73, 85, 29, 60, 68, 99, 23, 57, 72, 25]$ .

*Solution.*

$B=[6, 10, 80, 18, 20]$ ,  $C=[82, 33, 35, 0, 31]$ ,  $D=[99, 22, 56, 3, 32]$ ,  
 $E=[73, 85, 29, 60, 68]$ ,  $F=[99, 23, 57, 72, 25]$

$B=[6, 10, 18, 20, 80]$ ,  $C=[0, 31, 33, 35, 82]$ ,  $D=[3, 22, 32, 56, 99]$ ,  
 $E=[29, 60, 68, 73, 85]$ ,  $F=[23, 25, 57, 72, 99]$

Medians: 18, 33, 32, 68, 57. — > 18, 32, 33, 57, 68.

Median: 33

Sort with pivot 33:  $A = [6, 10, 18, 20, 25, 0, 31, 22, 3, 32, 29, 23, \text{---}33\text{---}, 82, 80, 73, 85, 99, 60, 68, 99, 35, 57, 72, 56]$  (Largest, so right side next)

$A=[82, 80, 73, 85, 99, 60, 68, 99, 35, 57, 72, 56]$

$B=[82, 80, 73, 85, 99]$ ,  $C=[60, 68, 99, 35, 57]$ ,  $D=[72, 56]$

$B=[73, 80, 82, 85, 99]$ ,  $C=[35, 57, 60, 68, 99]$   $D=[56, 72]$

Medians= 82, 60, 56 (in case of 2, I choose lower)

Median=60

Sort with Pivot 60:  $A=[56, 35, 57, \text{---}60\text{---}, 99, 82, 68, 99, 80, 73, 72, 85]$

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A=[ 99, 82, 68, 99, 80, 73, 72, 85]

B=[99, 82, 68, 99, 80], C=[73, 72, 85]

B=[68, 80, 82, 99, 99], C=[72, 73, 85]

Medians: 82, 73

Median=73

A=[68, 72, —73—, 99, 80, 85, 82, 99]

A=[99, 80, 85, 82, 99]

A=[80, 82, 85, 99, 99] (Could get the answer here, but going to wait until quicksorted to single term)

Median=85

A=[80, 82, 85, 99, 99] (use left this time)

A=[80, 82]

A=[80,82] (sorted). A[1]=4th largest (now definitely sorted)

4th Largest = 82

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5. (4 pts) In Tuesday's lecture, we saw how the peaked array algorithm can find the maximum element in an array with one peak. For example,  $A = [15, 16, 17, 14, 12]$  is a peaked array.

- (a) (2 pts) Explain how the peaked array algorithm works in sub-linear time? (You may use the recurrence relation to help with the explanation)

*Solution.*

This is sublinear time because the array is splitting every time. An array of length 16, when split in half here, becomes 8, then 4, then 2, then 1. This is the exact function of  $\log_2(x)$ , being 0,1,2,3,4 when plugged in.

Now, for more concrete math,  $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^0$  (A single split in half per recursive call ( $b=2$ ), being only called once per recursive call ( $a=1$ ), with no loops, making for constant time ( $n^0$ ,  $c=0$ ))

We have a,b,c for master theorem.

$\log_2(1) = 0$

$0 = 0$

$\theta(n^0 \log(n))$

$\theta(\log(n))$

Therefore, both by what logarithm is and a recurrence relation, we know that this algorithm is  $\theta(\log(n))$ , which is faster than linear time.

- (b) (2 pts) Re-write the peaked array algorithm to find a single valley in an array, such as  $A = [56, 43, 32, 21, 23, 25, 57]$ . The valley would be 21.

*Solution.*

def valley(A,p,r):

    --> mid=math.floor( $\frac{p+r}{2}$ )

    --> if p-r+1==3:

        --/ --> return A[mid]

    --> elif A[mid-1]>A[mid] and A[mid]<A[mid+1]:

        ---> return A[mid]

    --> elif A[mid]>A[mid+1]:

        --/ --> valley(A, mid, r)

    --> else:

        --/ --> valley(A,p,mid)