

Divide and conquer

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Divide and conquer- general strategy

In **divide-and-conquer**, we solve a problem **recursively**, applying **three steps** at each level of the **recursion**:

1. **Divide**- the problem into a number of sub-problems that are **smaller instances** of the same problem.
2. **Conquer**- the sub-problems by **solving** them recursively. If the sub-problem sizes are **small** enough, just solve the sub-problems in a **straightforward** manner.
3. **Combine** the **solutions** of the sub-problems into the solution for the **original problem**.

Divide and conquer- general strategy

- When the **subproblems** are **large enough** to solve recursively, we call that the **recursive case**.
- Once the subproblems become **small enough** that we no longer recurse, we say that the recursion “**bottoms out**” and that we have gotten down to the **base case**.
- **Recurrences relations** go hand in hand with the **divide-and-conquer paradigm**, because they give us a **natural way** to characterize the **running times** of divide-and-conquer algorithms.

Divide and conquer- binary search

Binary search

BS(a, i, j, x)

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{ mid=(i+j)/2;
  if (a[mid]==x)
    return mid;
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Else

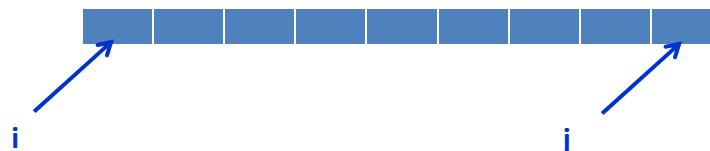
```
  if (a[mid]>x)
    BS(a,i,mid-1,x);
  else
    BS(a,mid+1,j,x);
}
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + C & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

C – constant time needed for comparison and computing mid can be taken as 1

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Array a



Divide and conquer- binary search working

-In each step problem size is reduced to half

Binary Search										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Search 23	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91
	L=0				M=4					H=9
23 > 16 take 2 nd half	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91
	0	1	2	3	4	L=5	6	M=7	8	H=9
23 > 56 take 1 st half	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91
	0	1	2	3	4	L=5, M=5	H=6		7	8
Found 23, Return 5	2	5	8	12	16	23	38	56	72	91

Recurrence relations- Substitution method

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$$

$$= (T(n/4) + 1) + 1$$

$$= 2 + T(n/4)$$

$$= 2 + (T(n/8) + 1)$$

$$= 3 + T(n/8)$$

.....

$$= k + T(n/2^k) \quad \text{max value of } k \text{ can be } \log n$$

$$= \log n + T(n/2^{\log n})$$

$$= \log n + T(1)$$

$$= \log n$$

$$\Rightarrow O(\log n)$$

Recurrence relations- Substitution method

To prove that our guess is correct $T(n) = O(\log n)$
we have to prove that $T(n) \leq c * \log n$ using induction

$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$ known, since $T(n/2) \leq c * \log n/2$

$$\leq c * \log n/2 + 1$$

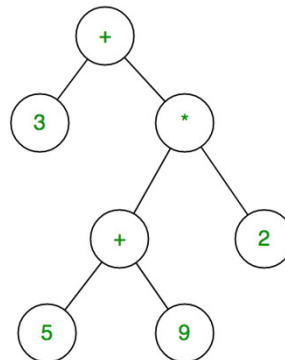
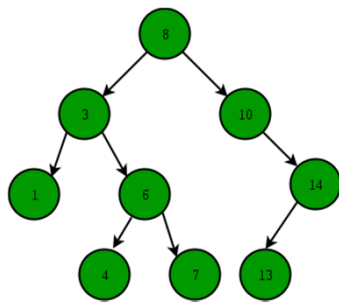
$$= c * (\log n - \log 2) + 1$$

$$= c * \log n - c * \log 2 + 1$$

$$T(n) \leq c * \log n$$

Applications of binary search

- Finding **duplicates** in the list of numbers
- Binary search tree** can represent **arithmetic expression** including operands (**leaf**) and operators (**non-leaf nodes**). Traversal of the tree will lead to **infix**, **prefix** and **postfix form** of expressions
- Taking 2 way decisions



Quick sort- Overview

- Quicksort uses this basic process in order to sort:
 1. Pick a **pivot (central point)**
 2. **Partition** the array into 3 subarrays:
 - A. **items \leq pivot,**
 - B. **the pivot,**
 - C. **items $>$ pivot**
 3. Recursively quicksort A and C
- Quick sort uses **in-place** sort, i.e the **original array itself** is **modified** and thus do not require **additional space**.
- There is **no need** of combining also.
- Left sub array** contains all those elements which are **less than or equal to pivot** and **RHS sub array** contains **elements greater than the pivot**.

Quick sort- Algorithm

initial call is $\text{QUICKSORT}(A, 1, A.length)$.

```

QUICKSORT( $A, p, r$ )
1  if  $p < r$ 
2     $q = \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r)$ 
3     $\text{QUICKSORT}(A, p, q - 1)$ 
4     $\text{QUICKSORT}(A, q + 1, r)$ 

PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )
1   $x = A[r]$  ← Pivot last element
2   $i = p - 1$ 
3  for  $j = p$  to  $r - 1$ 
4    if  $A[j] \leq x$ 
5       $i = i + 1$ 
6      exchange  $A[i]$  with  $A[j]$ 
7  exchange  $A[i + 1]$  with  $A[r]$ 
8  return  $i + 1$ 

```

See the trace of Partition algorithm

Quick sort- Performance

- The running time of quicksort depends on whether the partitioning is **balanced** or **unbalanced**, which in turn depends on which elements are used for **partitioning**.
- If the partitioning is **balanced (around $n/2$ elements in each partition)**, the algorithm runs asymptotically as fast as **merge sort i.e $O(n \log n)$** .
- If the partitioning is **unbalanced**, however, it can run asymptotically as **slowly as insertion sort $O(n^2)$** .
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Quick sort- Performance

- **Worst-case partitioning** :-The worst-case behavior for **quicksort** occurs when the partitioning routine produces one subproblem with **$(n - 1)$ elements** and one with **0 elements**.
- This will happen when the array is **completely sorted**.
- Let us assume that this **unbalanced partitioning** arises in **each recursive call**.

The partitioning costs $\Theta(n)$ time. Since the recursive call on an array of size 0 just returns, $T(0) = \Theta(1)$, and the recurrence for the running time is

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + T(0) + \Theta(n)$$

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Quick sort- Performance worst case

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= T(n-1) + cn \quad \text{for } c \geq 1$$

$$= cn + T(n-1)$$

Substitution method

$$= cn + cn + T(n-2)$$

$$= 2cn + T(n-2)$$

$$= 3cn + T(n-3)$$

.....

$$= (n-1)cn + T(n-(n-1))$$

$$= (n-1)cn + T(1)$$

$$= cn^2 - cn + 1 \Rightarrow O(n^2)$$

Quick sort- Performance best case

- In the **most even possible split**, PARTITION produces two subproblems, each of size no more than $n/2$, since one is of size **floor($n/2$)** and one of size **ceil($n/2$)-1**.
- In this case, quicksort runs **much faster**. The recurrence for the running time is then

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

Quick sort- Performance best case

Substitution method

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \\
 &= 2T(n/2) + cn \quad \text{for } c \geq 1 \\
 &= 2(2T(n/4) + cn) + cn \\
 &= 4T(n/4) + 2cn \\
 &= 4(2T(n/8) + cn) + 2cn \\
 &= 8T(n/8) + 3cn \\
 &\dots\dots\dots \\
 &= kT(n/2^k) + kcn \quad 2^k = n \text{ thus } k = \log_2 n \\
 &= \log_2 n T(1) + cn \log_2 n \\
 &= \log_2 n + cn \log_2 n = \log_2 n(cn + 1) = cn \log_2 n \\
 &\Rightarrow O(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Quick sort- Performance average case

- Quick sort, produces around 80% balanced partitions and 20% unbalanced partitions on a **random input** and thus average case time complexity is **$O(n \log n)$** , even though the constants involved are higher than the **best case**

Divide and conquer- Merge sort

Proposed by [John von Neumann](#), 1945



- The **merge sort** algorithm follows the **divide-and-conquer** paradigm. Intuitively, it operates as follows.
- Divide:** Divide the n -element sequence to be sorted into two subsequences of $n/2$ elements each.
- Conquer:** Sort the **two subsequences** recursively using **merge sort**.
- Combine:** **Merge** the two sorted subsequences to produce the **sorted** answer.
- The recursion “**bottoms out**” when the sequence to be sorted has **length 1**, in which case there is **no work to be done**, since every sequence of **length 1** is already in **sorted order**.

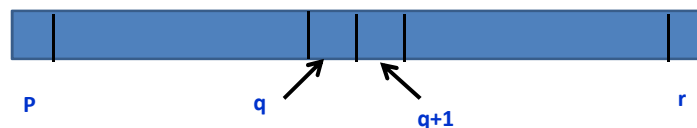
Divide and conquer- Merge sort

initial call **MERGE-SORT**(A , 1, A :length), where A :length = n .

MERGE-SORT(A , p , r)

```

1  if  $p < r$ 
2     $q = \lfloor (p + r) / 2 \rfloor$ 
3    MERGE-SORT( $A$ ,  $p$ ,  $q$ )
4    MERGE-SORT( $A$ ,  $q + 1$ ,  $r$ )
5    MERGE( $A$ ,  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ )
  
```



Divide and conquer- Merge sort

- The key operation of the merge sort algorithm is the **merging** of **two sorted sequences** in the “**combine**” step. We merge by calling the procedure **MERGE(A, p, q, r)**, where **A** is an array and **p, q**, and **r** are **indices** into the array such that **p ≤ q < r**.
- The **procedure merge** assumes that the subarrays **A[p,... q]** and **A[q+1,..., r]** are in **sorted order**. It **merges** them to form a single sorted subarray that replaces the current subarray **A[p,...,r]**.

The procedure merge takes time of $\Theta(n)$, where $n = r - p + 1$, the total number of elements to be merged.

Divide and conquer- Merge sort

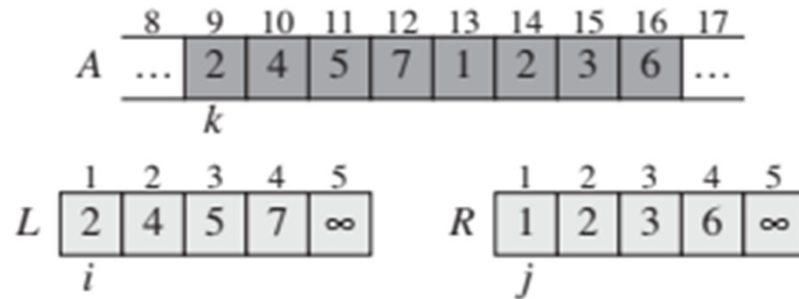
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MERGE(A, p, q, r)
1   $n_1 = q - p + 1$     No of elements in left half of A
2   $n_2 = r - q$         No of elements in right half of A
3  let  $L[1 \dots n_1 + 1]$  and  $R[1 \dots n_2 + 1]$  be new arrays
4  for  $i = 1$  to  $n_1$ 
5       $L[i] = A[p + i - 1]$     Copy left half of A
6  for  $j = 1$  to  $n_2$ 
7       $R[j] = A[q + j]$         Copy right half of A
8   $L[n_1 + 1] = \infty$ 
9   $R[n_2 + 1] = \infty$  }      Add sentinels-guards
10  $i = 1$ 
11  $j = 1$ 
12 for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
13     if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
14          $A[k] = L[i]$ 
15          $i = i + 1$ 
16     else  $A[k] = R[j]$ 
17          $j = j + 1$ 
  
```

Merging of L and R in A

Working of merge Procedure

call MERGE(A , 9, 12, 16),



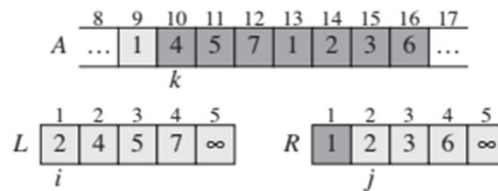
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  if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
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  else  $A[k] = R[j]$ 
     $j = j + 1$ 

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(a)

Working of merge procedure

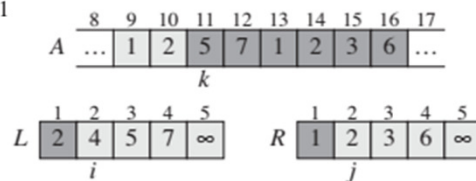


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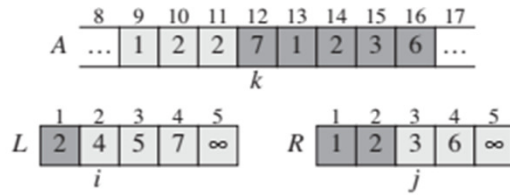
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(b)



(c)

Working of merge procedure

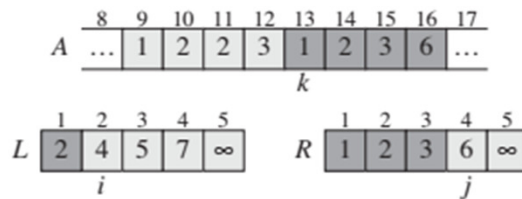


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for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
  if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
     $A[k] = L[i]$ 
     $i = i + 1$ 
  else  $A[k] = R[j]$ 
     $j = j + 1$ 

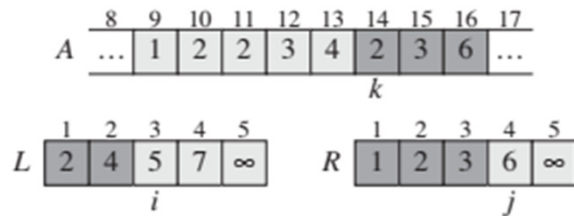
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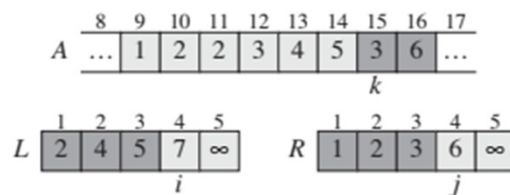


(e)

Working of merge procedure



(f)



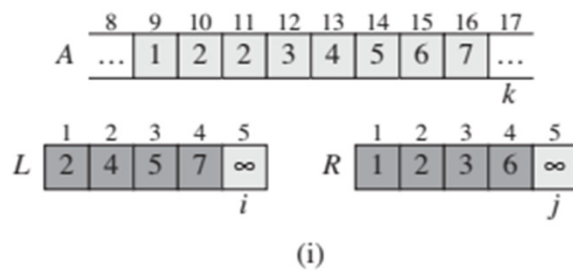
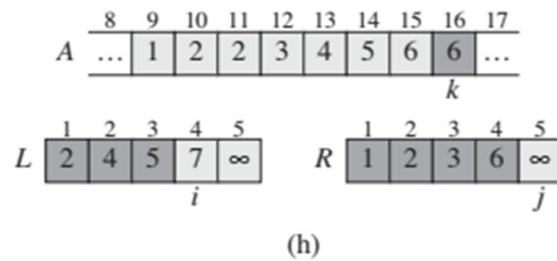
(g)

Working of merge procedure

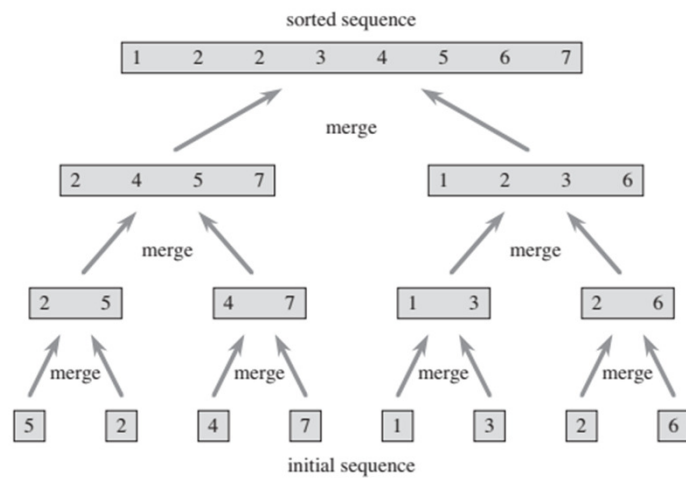
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for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
  if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
     $A[k] = L[i]$ 
     $i = i + 1$ 
  else  $A[k] = R[j]$ 
     $j = j + 1$ 

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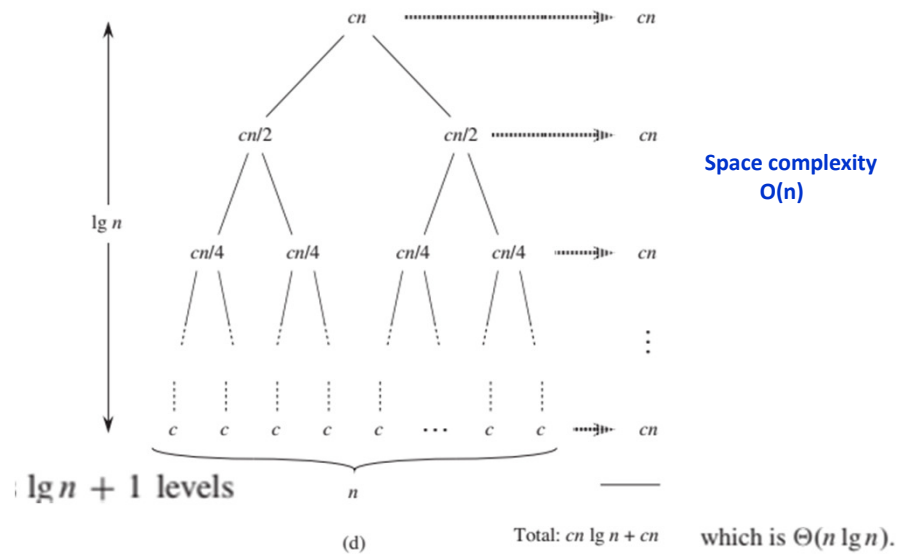
Working of merge sort



The operation of merge sort on the array $A = [5; 2; 4; 7; 1; 3; 2; 6]$. The lengths of the sorted sequences being merged increase as the algorithm progresses from bottom to top.

Analysis of merge sort

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn.$$



Analysis of merge sort

Time complexity of Merge sort is $\Theta(n \log n)$ for all the best, worst and average cases since it divides the array into half always.

Finding majority element from an array

- An element x is a **majority element** in an array A of size n , if it appears **more than $n/2$** times in A

$A = \{2, 2, 3, 4, 2, 2, 2, 6\}$

Majority element in A is **2**, since it appears in A 5 times which is more than $8/2=4$

$B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 2, 6\}$

Array B **don't** have majority element

Algorithm Finding majority element-Divide and Conquer

Algorithm **Majority**($A[1..n]$):

If $|A| = 0$ then output *null*, else if $|A| = 1$ then output $A[1]$; else:

- If $n = |A|$ is odd then
 - check whether $A[n]$ is a majority in A by counting the number of occurrences of value $A[n]$; //O(n) work
 - if yes then output $A[n]$, otherwise decrease n by one
- Initialize additional array B of size $|A|/2$
- Set j to 0
- For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n/2$ do:
 - if $A[2i-1] = A[2i]$ then
 - increase j by one
 - set $B[j]$ to $A[2i]$
- Find if there is a majority in $B[1..j]$ by executing **Majority**($B[1..j]$)
- If a majority value x in $B[1..j]$ is returned then check whether x is a majority in A , by going through array A and counting the number of occurrences of value x in A ; if successful output x ; otherwise *null*

Algorithm Finding majority element-Divide and Conquer

Majority element algorithm:

- Phase 1: Use divide-and-conquer to find candidate value M
- Phase 2: Check if M really is a majority element, $\theta(n)$ time, simple loop

Phase 1 details:

- Divide:
 - Group the elements of A into $n/2$ pairs
 - If n is odd, there is one unpaired element, x
 - Check if this x is majority element of A
 - If so, then return x, but otherwise discard x
 - Compare each pair (y, z)
 - If (y==z) keep y and discard z
 - If (y!=z) discard both y and z
 - So we keep $\leq n/2$ elements
- Conquer: One recursive call on subarray of size $\leq n/2$
- Combine: Nothing remains to be done, so omit this step

Algorithm Finding majority element-Divide and Conquer

Example:

A = [7, 7, 5, 2, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 5, 7]
 (7, 7) (5, 2) (5, 5) (4, 5) (5, 5) (7)
 A = [7, 5, 5]
 (7, 5) (5) \Rightarrow return 5 (candidate, also majority)

Example:

A = [1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 9, 9]
 (1, 2) (3, 1) (2, 3) (1, 2) (9, 9)
 A = [9] \Rightarrow return 9 (candidate, but not majority)

Algorithm Finding majority element-Divide and Conquer

Let $T(n)$ = running time of Phase 1 on array of size n

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + \theta(n)$$

- Number of recursive subproblems = 1
- Size of each subproblem = $n/2$ [worst-case]
- Time for all the non-recursive steps = $\theta(n)$

Running time is $T(n) = O(n)$

Space complexity is n - for A + $(n/2)$ for B = $O(n)$

Order statistics

- The i th **order statistic** of a set of n elements is the i th smallest element.
- For example, the **minimum** of a set of elements is the **first order statistic** ($i = 1$), and the **maximum** is the **n th order statistic** ($i = n$).

A median, informally, is the "*halfway point*" of the set.

When n is odd, the median is unique, occurring at $i = (n+1)/2$.

When n is even, there are two medians, occurring at $i = n/2$ and

$i = n/2 + 1$. Thus, regardless of the parity of n , medians occur at $i = \lfloor (n+1)/2 \rfloor$

(the lower median) and $i = \lceil (n+1)/2 \rceil$ (the upper median). We use the term median to refer to the lower median.

Order statistics

$n=7=\text{odd}$

$\text{Median}=(n+1)/2=8/2=4$

$A=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]$

$n=6=\text{even}$

Lower

$\text{Median}=\text{floor}((n+1)/2)=\text{floor}(7/2)=3$

$B=[1,2,3,4,5,6]$

upper

$\text{Median}=\text{ceil}((n+1)/2)=\text{ceil}(7/2)=4$

Order statistics-Selection Problem

- Problem of selecting the i th order statistic from a set of n distinct numbers is crucial for many applications.
- We assume for convenience that the set contains distinct numbers, but the same approach can be extended to a set contains repeated values.
- The problem is called as “Selection Problem”

$A=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7]$

Finding i th
ordered element

Order statistics-Selection Problem

Selection Problem can be formally specified as follows

Input : - A set A of n (distinct) numbers and
an integer i with $1 \leq i \leq n$

Output : - The element $x \in A$ that is larger than
exactly $(i-1)$ other elements of A

We can solve the selection problem in $O(n \log n)$ time, since we can sort the numbers using **merge sort** and then simply index the *ith element* in the **output array**.

Order statistics- maximum and minimum

- How many comparisons are necessary to determine the **minimum** of a set of n elements?
- We can easily obtain an upper bound of **$(n-1)$** comparisons: examine each element of the set in turn and keep track of the smallest element seen so far.
- In the following **procedure**, we assume that the set resides in array **A** , where **$A.length=n$** .

MINIMUM(A)

$(n-1)$ comparison is optimal

```

1  min =  $A[1]$ 
2  for  $i = 2$  to  $A.length$ 
3      if  $min > A[i]$ 
4           $min = A[i]$ 
5  return min
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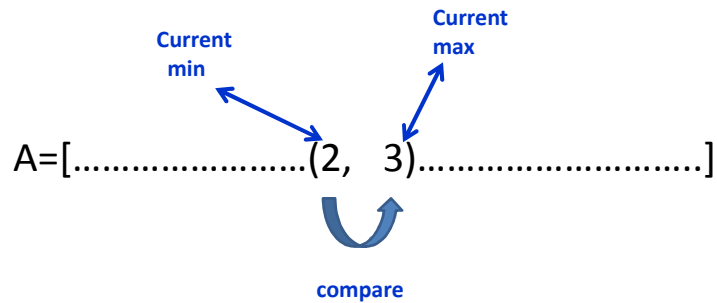
Simultaneous minimum and maximum

- In some applications, we must find **both** the minimum and the maximum of a set of n elements.
- how to determine both the minimum and the maximum of n elements using $O(n)$ comparisons, which is asymptotically optimal: simply find the **minimum** and **maximum independently**, using $(n - 1)$ comparisons for each, for a total of $(n-1)+(n-1)= (2n - 2)$ comparisons.

Simultaneous minimum and maximum

- In fact, we can find both the minimum and the maximum using at most $3 \text{ floor}(n/2)$ comparisons by maintaining both the minimum and maximum elements seen thus far.
- Rather than processing **each element** of the input by comparing it against the **current minimum** and **maximum**, at a cost of **2 comparisons** per **element**,
- We can process **elements in pairs**. We compare **pairs of elements** from the input first **with each other**, and then we compare the **smaller** with the **current minimum** and the **larger** to the **current maximum**, at a cost of **3 comparisons** for **every 2 elements**.

Simultaneous minimum and maximum



How to set current min and max depends upon value of n.?

Simultaneous minimum and maximum

- **If n is odd**, we set both the **min** and **max** to the value of the **first element**, and then we process the rest of the elements in pairs.
- **If n is even**, we perform **1 comparison** on the **first 2 elements** to determine the initial values of the min and max, and then process the **rest** of the **elements in pairs** as in the case for odd n.

Simultaneous minimum and maximum

Let us find total number of comparisons.

If n is odd, then we need $3 \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ comparisons.

If n is even, we perform 1 initial comparison followed by

$3(n-2)/2$ comparisons, for a total of $(3(n-2)/2) + 1 = 3n/2 - 2$.

Thus, in either case, the total number of comparisons is at most $3 \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$
 $\Rightarrow O(n)$.

divide-and-conquer algorithm for the -selection problem

- Selecting **i th smallest element** from an unsorted array.
- The algorithm **RANDOMIZED-SELECT** is used to find **i th smallest element in $A[p, \dots, r]$** .
- The algorithm **RANDOMIZED-SELECT** is modeled after the **quicksort algorithm**.
- As in **quicksort**, we **partition** the input array **recursively**. But **unlike quicksort**, which recursively processes both sides of the partition, **RANDOMIZED-SELECT** works **on only one side** of the partition.
- In quick sort pivot is always the last element but in **RANDOMIZED-SELECT**, **Pivot is randomly chosen**.
- This difference shows up in the analysis: whereas quicksort has an expected running time of **$O(n \log n)$** , the expected running time of **RANDOMIZED-SELECT** is, **$O(n)$** assuming that the **elements are distinct**.

RANDOMIZED-PARTITION Algorithm

- Quick sort always uses the last element of the array $A[r]$ as a pivot in partitioning, but RANDOMIZED-PARTITION uses a random number for choosing the pivot.
- Random choosing of pivot is expected to provide balanced partitioning on an average.

```

RANDOMIZED-PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )
1   $i = \text{RANDOM}(p, r)$ 
2  exchange  $A[r]$  with  $A[i]$    $A[i]$  is pivot now
3  return PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )

```

- i is the random number generated between p and r , using function RANDOM. The elements $A[i]$ and $A[r]$ are exchanged and thus, the call to the PARTITION algorithm uses $A[i]$ as a pivot to partition the array A .

divide-and-conquer algorithm for the selection problem

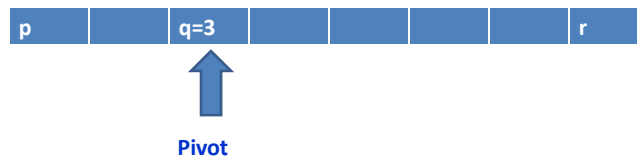
- RANDOMIZED-SELECT uses the procedure RANDOMIZED-PARTITION. It is a randomized algorithm, since its behavior is determined in part by the output of a random-number generator.
- The following code for RANDOMIZED-SELECT returns the i th smallest element of the array $A[p, \dots, r]$.
- The RANDOMIZED-SELECT procedure works as follows. Line 1 checks for the base case of the recursion, in which the subarray $A[p, \dots, r]$ consists of just one element.
- In this case, i must equal 1, and we simply return $A[p]$ in line 2 as the i th smallest element.

divide-and-conquer algorithm for the selection problem

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RANDOMIZED-SELECT( $A, p, r, i$ )  Return  $i$ th smallest element in  $A[p, \dots, r]$ 
1  if  $p == r$ 
2      return  $A[p]$ 
3   $q = \text{RANDOMIZED-PARTITION}(A, p, r)$    $A[q]$  is pivot
4   $k = q - p + 1$   No of elements  $\leq$  pivot
5  if  $i == k$   // the pivot value is the answer
6      return  $A[q]$ 
7  elseif  $i < k$ 
8      return RANDOMIZED-SELECT( $A, p, q - 1, i$ )  Use left half
9  else return RANDOMIZED-SELECT( $A, q + 1, r, i - k$ )

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RANDOMIZED-SELECT

assume

$i=2$



$K = q - p + 1 = 3 - 1 + 1 = 3$
 if $i < k$
 yes $i=2$

RANDOMIZED-SELECT($A, p, q - 1, i$)

$i=7$



$K = q - p + 1 = 3 - 1 + 1 = 3$
 if $i > k$ ($7 > 3$)
 Now $i = i - k = (7 - 3) = 4$
 $i=4$

RANDOMIZED-SELECT($A, q + 1, r, i - k$)


RANDOMIZED-SELECT

RANDOMIZED-SELECT(A, p, r, i)

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The call to **RANDOMIZED-PARTITION** in **line 3** partitions the array $A[p, \dots, r]$ into two (possibly empty) subarrays $A[p, \dots, (q-1)]$ and $A[(q+1), \dots, r]$ such that each element of $A[p, \dots, (q-1)]$ is less than or equal $A[q]$, which in turn is less than each element of $A[(q+1), \dots, r]$.


divide-and-conquer algorithm for the selection problem

RANDOMIZED-SELECT(A, p, r, i)

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5  if  $i == k$            // the pivot value is the answer
6      return  $A[q]$ 
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8      return RANDOMIZED-SELECT( $A, p, q - 1, i$ )
9  else return RANDOMIZED-SELECT( $A, q + 1, r, i - k$ )

```



Line 4 computes the **number k of elements** in the subarray $A[p, \dots, q]$ that is, the number of elements in the low side of the partition, **plus one** for the pivot element.

divide-and-conquer algo.-- selection problem

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```

Line 5 then checks whether $A[q]$ is the i th smallest element. If it is, then line 6 returns $A[q]$. Otherwise, the algorithm determines in which of the two subarrays $A[p, \dots, (q-1)]$ and $A[(q+1), \dots, r]$ the i th smallest element lies.

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RANDOMIZED-SELECT( $A, p, r, i$ )
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2      return  $A[p]$ 
3   $q = \text{RANDOMIZED-PARTITION}(A, p, r)$ 
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5  if  $i == k$            // the pivot value is the answer
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- If $i < k$, then the desired element lies on the **low side** of the partition, and line 8 recursively selects it from the subarray. (k number elements in low subarray)
- If $i > k$, however, then the desired element lies on the **high side** of the partition. Thus, the desired element is the $(i-k)$ th smallest element of $A[(q+1), \dots, r]$, which line 9 finds recursively.

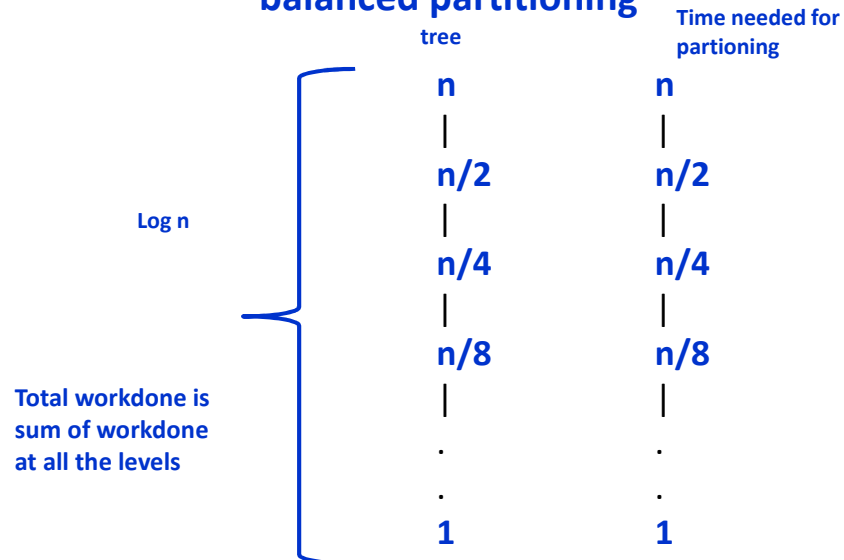
Performance of algorithm for the selection problem- RANDOMIZED-SELECT

1. In worst case all the unbalanced partitions will be generated and thus it is $O(n^2)$. (same as worst case of quick sort one partition is $(n-1)$ and other is of size zero)
 2. For the best case (assume exactly) balanced partitions are generated but only one partition is processed in Randomized - selection
- Thus, the total workdone is
 $n + n/2 + n/4 + \dots + 1 = (2n - 1)$, thus is $O(n)$ (linear) time

Recurrence relation is

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + cn & \end{cases}$$

Time Complexity of RANDOMIZED-SELECT- balanced partitioning



**Time Complexity of RANDOMIZED-SELECT-
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