

1. My Answer: 9

My reason:

1st Iteration:

use as pivot
 $\underline{3}$ 17 -5 4 13 8 7 6 9
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2nd Iteration:

use as pivot
 -5 3 $\underline{17}$ 4 13 8 7 6 9
 -5 3 $\underline{9}$ 4 13 8 7 6 17

3rd Iteration:

use as pivot
 -5 3 $\underline{9}$ 4 13 8 7 6 17
 -5 3 $\underline{9}$ 4 6 8 7 13 17
 -5 3 $\underline{7}$ 4 6 8 $\underline{9}$ 13 17
 \rightarrow the 7th smallest element.

\Rightarrow The 7th smallest element is 9.
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2. My Answer: 6

My reason:

1st Iteration:

use as pivot
 $\underline{9}$ 8 6 4 -100
 -100 8 6 4 $\underline{9}$

2nd Iteration:

use as pivot
 $\underline{-100}$ 8 6 4 9
 \rightarrow No swapped, because -100 is the smallest element.

3rd Iteration:

use as pivot
 -100 $\underline{8}$ 6 4 9
 -100 $\underline{4}$ 6 8 9

4th Iteration:

use as pivot
 -100 $\underline{4}$ 6 8 9
 \rightarrow No swapped, because 4 is the smallest element.

5th Iteration:

use as pivot \rightarrow The median of the array.
 -100 4 $\underline{6}$ 8 9
 \rightarrow No swapped, because it's the only one element.

\Rightarrow 6 is the median element in this array.
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3. My Answer:

My reason:

The possible pivot elements should bigger than all numbers in the left.

3 is impossible, because 1 is smaller but it's on the right partition.

1 is impossible, because 3 is bigger but it's on the left partition.

2 is impossible, because 3 is bigger but it's on the left partition.

4 and 5 is possible, because two partition are valid.

8 is impossible, because 6 is smaller but it's on the right partition.

7 is impossible, because 6 is smaller but it's on the right partition.

6 is impossible, because 8 is bigger but it's on the left partition.

9 is possible, because two partition are valid.

\therefore The possible pivot elements are 4, 5, 9.
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4. My Answer: [0, 1, 1, 1, 3]

My reason:

Step 1:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 \rightarrow 0th index is swapped with the 0th.

Step 2:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5
 \rightarrow 1st index is swapped with the 1st.

Step 3:

1, 3, 2, 4, 5
 \rightarrow 2nd index is swapped with the 1st.

Step 4:

1, 4, 2, 3, 5
 \rightarrow 3rd index is swapped with the 1st.

Step 5:

1, 4, 2, 5, 3
 \rightarrow 4th index is swapped with the 3rd.

\therefore The sequence from the random number generate
 is 0th, 1st, 1st, 1st, 3rd, which is [0, 1, 1, 1, 3]
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5. My Answer: ^(a) 27 ^(b) 6 ^(c) As explained below
My reason

(a) Always N possible exchange, so total number of permutations is N^N

$$\therefore 3^3 = 27$$

\therefore The total number of permutations is 27. #

(b) Outer loop runs N times, and i possibilities, so total number of permutations is $N!$

$$\therefore 3! = 6$$

\therefore The total number of permutations is 6. #

(c) KFY shuffling algorithm generated 6 permutations, and it's equal to the number of combinations, which means an even distribution.

Faulty algorithm generated 27 permutations, which means outcomes are not evenly distributed.