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Quiz-Standard 20

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1 Instructions

- The solutions **should be typed**, using proper mathematical notation. We cannot accept hand-written solutions. Here's a short intro to LATEX.
- You should submit your work through the **class Canvas page** only. Please submit one PDF file, compiled using this LaTeX template.
- You may not need a full page for your solutions; pagebreaks are there to help Gradescope automatically find where each problem is. Even if you do not attempt every problem, please submit this document with no fewer pages than the blank template (or Gradescope has issues with it).
- You may not collaborate with other students. Copying from any source is an Honor Code violation. Furthermore, all submissions must be in your own words and reflect your understanding of the material. If there is any confusion about this policy, it is your responsibility to clarify before the due date.
- Posting to any service including, but not limited to Chegg, Discord, Reddit, StackExchange, etc., for help on an assignment is a violation of the Honor Code.
- You **must** virtually sign the Honor Code (see Section 2). Failure to do so will result in your assignment not being graded.

2 Honor Code (Make Sure to Virtually Sign)

Problem 1.

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- I have neither copied nor provided others solutions they can copy.

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3 Standard 20- Quicksort

Problem 2. Consider a modification of QUICKSORT, where we modify Partition so that the algorithm chooses the maximum as the pivot for three levels of recursion, then the median as the pivot at the next level, and this repeats so the maximum is the pivot for the next three levels, then the median for one level, etc.

Your job is to write down a recurrence relation for the running time of this version of QUICKSORT given an array n distinct elements and solve it asymptotically, i.e. give your answer as $\Theta(f(n))$ for some function f. Show your work.

Answer. We know that for the worst case run time of quicksort $T(n) \le cn^2$ and for the best case $T(n) \le cn \log(n)$ from lecture and previous homeworks. We also know that the probability of the worst case happening in this modification is that it will be run 3/4 of the time and likewise the best case is run 1/4 of the time because we know that for every 3 out of 4 depths of the tree the worst case scenario is being run. Thus, $T(n) = 3/4cn^2 + 1/4cn \log(n)$ This can be simplified to: $T(n) = n/4(3cn + c \log(n))$ from here we can see that:

$$T(n) \leq \frac{n}{4}(3cn+cn)$$

$$T(n) \leq \frac{n^2}{4}(3c+c)$$
Therefore from there we know that $T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$