

# CS 577 - Divide and Conquer

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## Tendencies of DC

- Naturally recursive solutions
- Solving complexities often involve recurrences.
- Often used to improve efficiency of efficient solutions, e.g.  $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n \log n)$ .
- Used in conjunction with other techniques.

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## Methods

- Unwind / Recurrence Tree
- Guess
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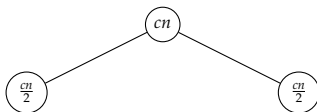
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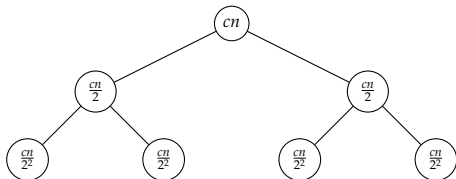


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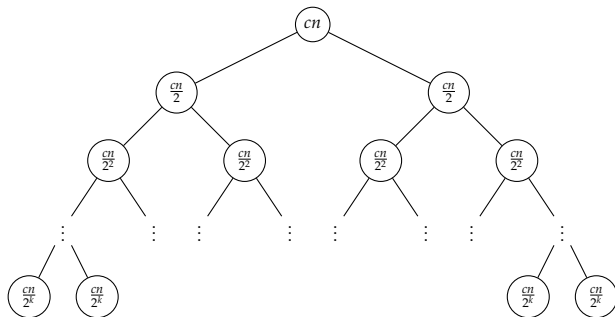


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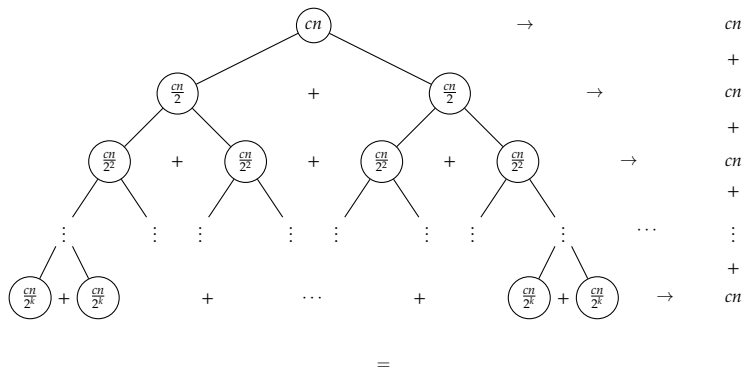


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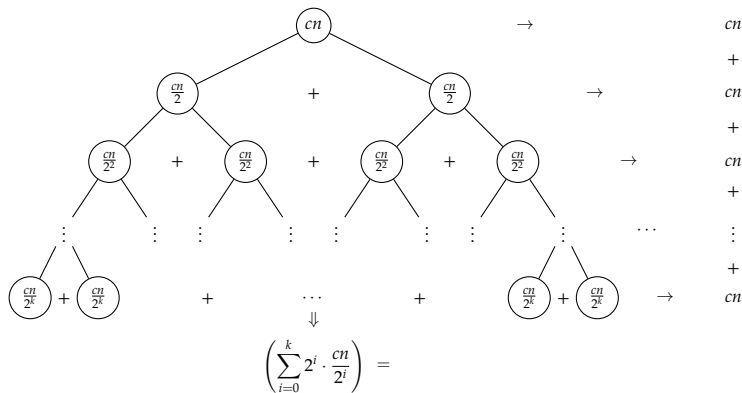
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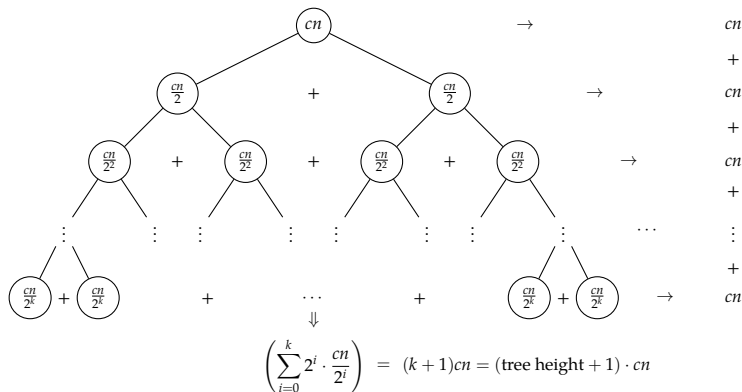
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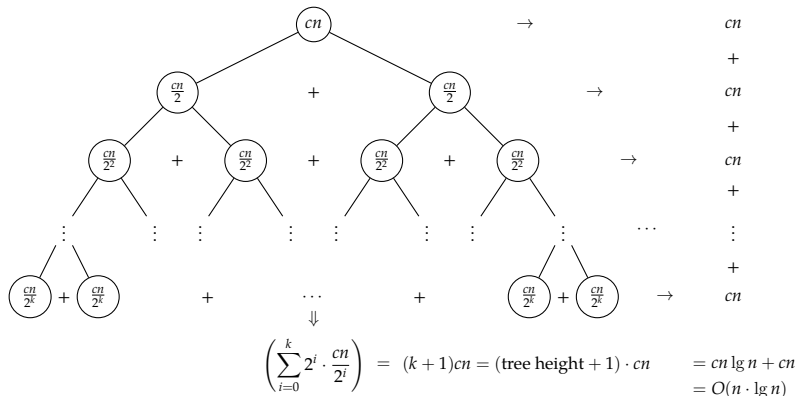


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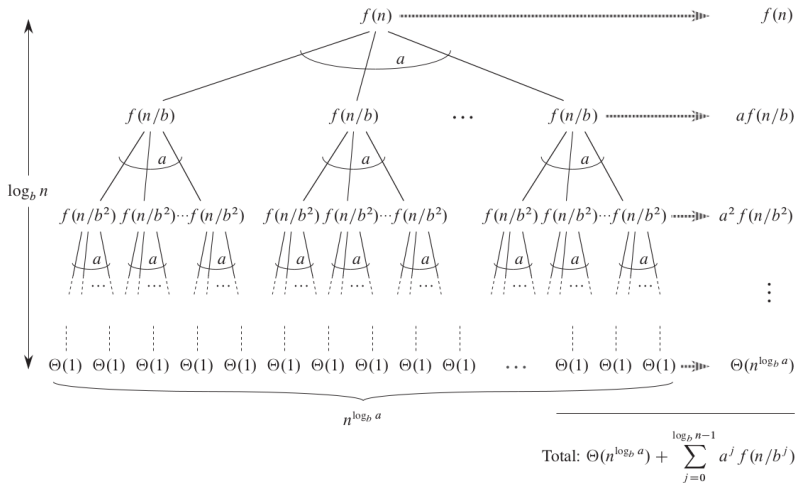
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$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) ,$$

where we interpret  $n = b$  to mean either  $\lfloor n/b \rfloor$  or  $\lceil n/b \rceil$ . Then  $T(n)$  has the following asymptotic bounds:

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## Theorem 2

*Given a recurrence of the form:*

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(n/b_i) + f(n) ,$$

*where  $k$  is a constant,  $a_i > 0$  and  $b_i > 1$  are constants for all  $i$ , and  $f(n) = \Omega(n^c)$  and  $f(n) = O(n^d)$  for some constants  $0 < c \leq d$ .*

*Then,*

$$T(n) = \Theta \left( n^{\rho} \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{f(u)}{u^{\rho+1}} du \right) \right) ,$$

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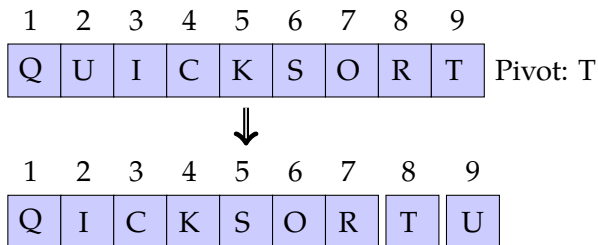
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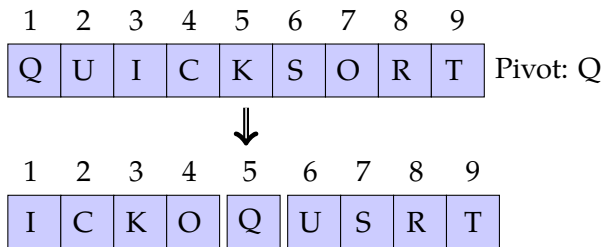
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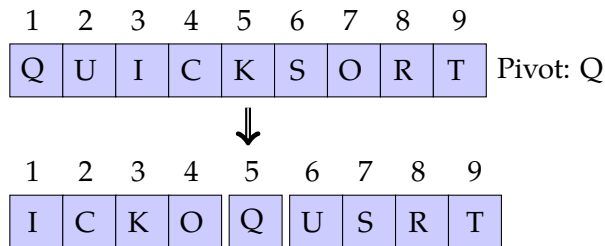
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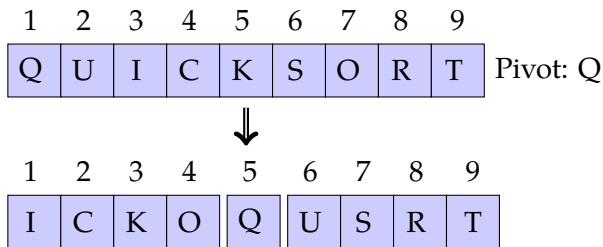
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## MEDIAN OF MEDIAN

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**Algorithm:** MOMSELECT

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**Input** : A array  $A[1..n]$  and an int  $k$ .

**Output:** The  $k$ th element of  $A$ .

**if**  $n$  is small **then** Solve by brute force.

$m := \lceil n/5 \rceil$

**for**  $i := 1$  to  $m$  **do**

$M[i] :=$  brute force find median of  $A[5i - 4..5i]$

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$mom := \text{MOMSELECT}(M[1..m], \lfloor m/3 \rfloor)$

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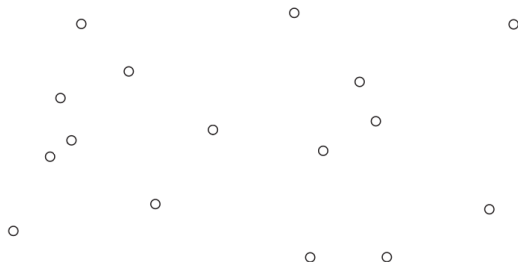
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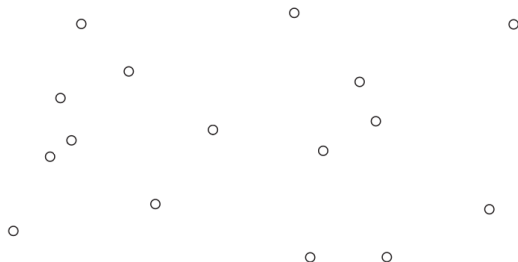
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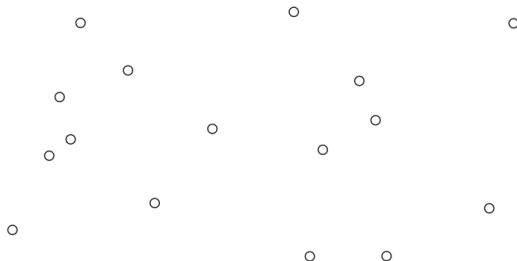


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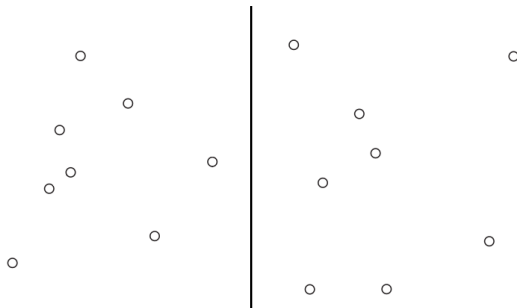
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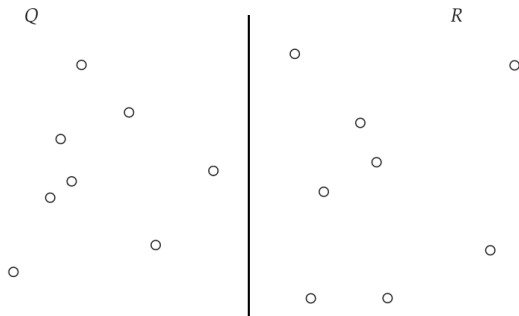
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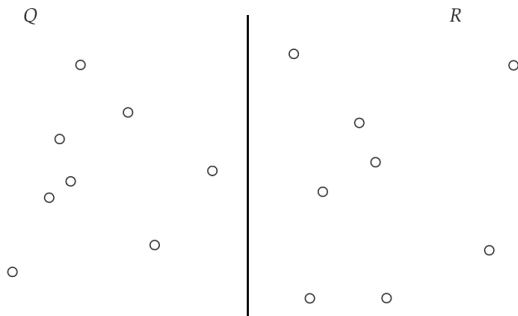
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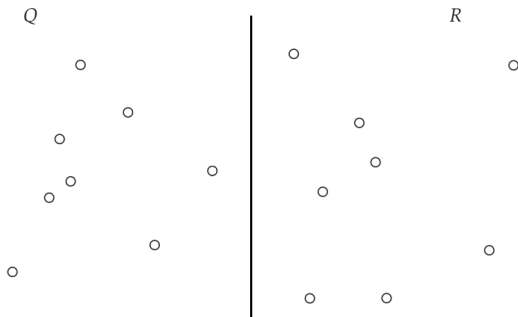
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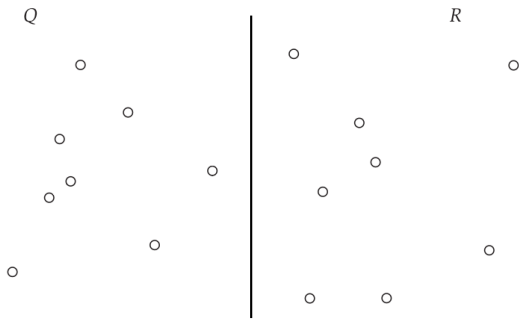
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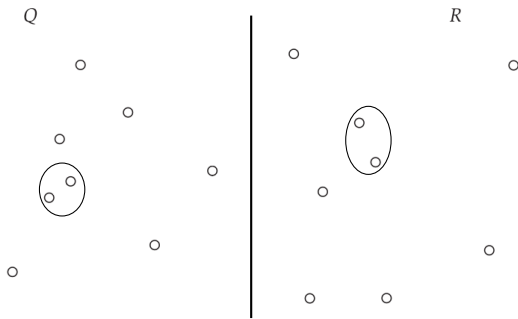
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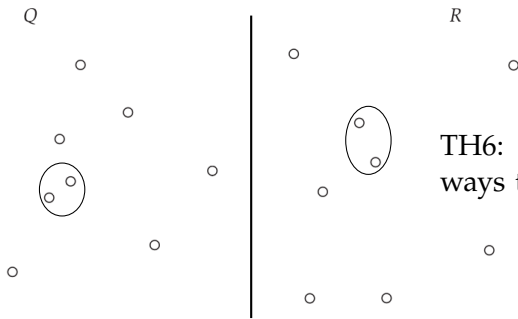


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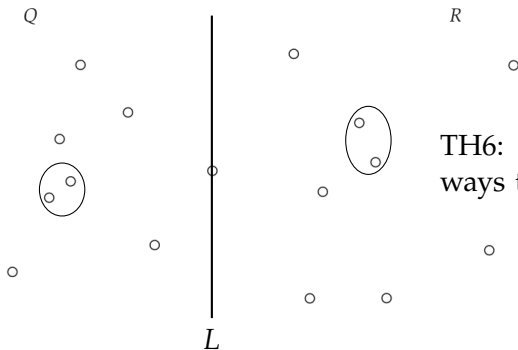


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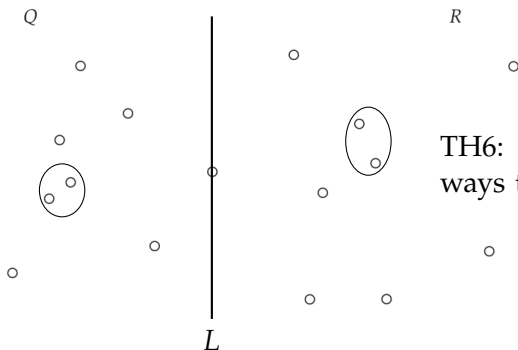


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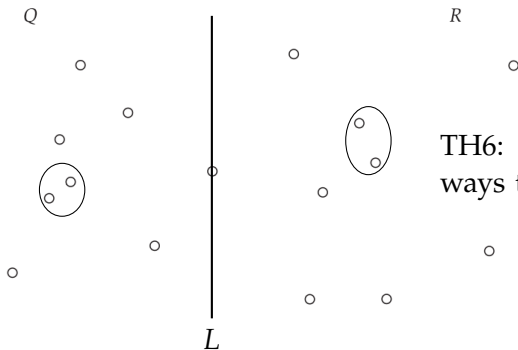


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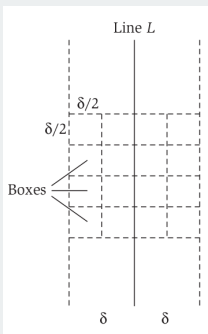


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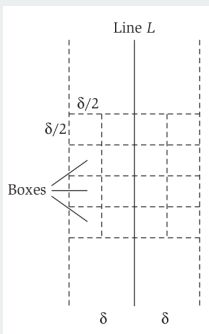


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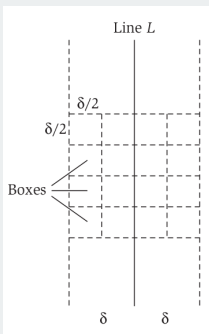


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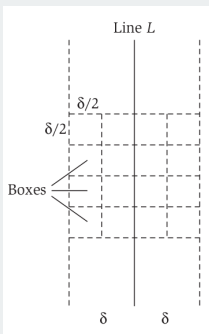


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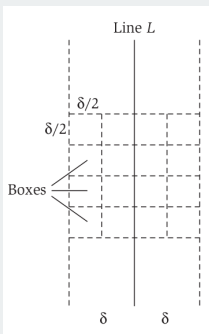


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$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \Theta(n^2)$$



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$R := \text{max subarray in } A[m, j] \text{ for } j = m \rightarrow n$

**return**  $L \cup R$  // subarray formed by combining  $L$  and  $R$ .

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- Complexity: Same recurrence as MERGESORT.

# APPENDIX

# REFERENCES

# IMAGE SOURCES I



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<https://brand.wisc.edu/web/logos/>



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