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## 2 SELECTION

**Finding largest:**  $n - 1$  comparisons

**Finding second largest:** .

- Two scans:  $(n - 1) + (n - 2) = 2n - 3$  comparisons

- Divide & Conquer:

$$\begin{aligned} W(n) &= 2W(n/2) + 2 \\ &= 2 + 2(2 + 2W(n/2^2)) \\ &= 2 + 2^2 + 2^2W(n/2^2) \\ &= 2 + 2^2 + 2^2(2 + 2W(n/2^3)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^3 W(n/2^3)$$

Let  $n = 2^k$ ,

We know,  $W(2) = 1 \Rightarrow W(n/2^{k-1}) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} W(n) &= 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^{k-1} + \\ &2^{k-1} W(n/2^{k-1}) \\ &= 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-1} \\ &= (2^k - 2) + 2^{k-1} \\ &= n - 2 + n/2 \\ &= 3n/2 - 2 \end{aligned}$$

- Using Tournament Tree

To build a tournament tree requires  $n - 1$  comparisons.

$$W(n) = n - 1 \text{ for max}$$

$$W(n) = n - 1 + (\log_2 n - 1) \text{ for 2max}$$



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## 2.1 Selection of $k$ th smallest/largest

### 1. Sorting based

$$W(n) = O(n \log n)$$

### 2. Tournament tree based

$$W(n) = O(n + k \log n) = O(n) \text{ for } k \leq \frac{n}{\log n}$$

or  $k \geq \frac{n}{\log n}$

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## 2.2 A Good Av. Case Algorithm

Divide & conquer

**Selection**( $A[p, r], k$ ):

$j = \text{Partition2}(A, p, r)$

**if**  $k < j$

**return**  $\text{Selection}(A[p..(j - 1)], k)$

**else if**  $k = j$  **then return**  $L[j]$

**else**  $\{k > j\}$

**return**  $\text{Selection}(A[j + 1..r], k - j)$

$$W(n) = n - 1 + W(n - 1) = O(n^2)$$

$$A(n) \approx n - 1 + A(n/2)$$

$$= (n - 1) + (n/2 - 1) + (n/4 - 1) + \cdots + 1$$

$$< 2n \in O(n)$$

(gross simplification)

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### 2.3 Worst-case $O(n)$ algorithm

To improve  $W(n)$ , we must ensure a good split point.

#### **Selection'**( $A[p, r], k$ )

1. Divide  $A$  in  $\frac{n}{r}$  sublist ( $r = 5, 7$ , etc.),  $n = r - p + 1$ .
2. Find median of each of the  $\frac{n}{r}$  sublists.
3. Recursively find median of these  $\frac{n}{r}$  medians.
4. Use median of medians (MM) as the pivot in the previous algorithm for selection:

Let MM be at index  $i$ . Swap( $A[p], A[i]$ )

$$j = \text{Partition2}(A, p, r)$$

5. Choose the appropriate partition for further search:

**if**  $k < j$

**return** Selection'(A[p..(j - 1)], k)

**else if**  $k=j$  **then return**  $L[j]$

**else**  $\{k > j\}$  **return** Selection'(A[j + 1..r], k - j)



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## 2.4 Time Complexity

$T(n) \leq cn$  (Steps 1, 2, 4: for finding  $n/r$  medians and for partitioning the array based on pivot chosen as median of medians)

+  $T(n/5)$  (for step 3, recursively finding median of  $n/5$  medians)

+  $T(3n/4)$  (for recursive call to larger partition)

**To Prove:** Let

$$T(n) \leq cn + T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right)$$

for  $n \geq 5$ . Then

$$T(n) \leq 20cn.$$

Choose  $c$  large enough such that  $T(n) \leq cn$  for  $n \leq 24$  (for list of size less than 5, there is no recursive call).

**Basis:** For  $n \leq 24$ , by choice of  $c$ ,  $T(n) \leq cn \leq 20cn$ .

**Hypothesis:** Assume for  $k \geq 24$ ,  $T(k) \leq 20ck$ .

**Induction:**

To show that  $T(k+1) \leq 20c(k+1)$ .

$$T(k+1) \leq c(k+1) + T\left(\frac{k+1}{5}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& T\left(\frac{3(k+1)}{4}\right) \\
& \leq c(k+1) + 20\left(\frac{k+1}{5}\right)c \\
& \quad 20\left(\frac{3(k+1)}{4}\right)c \\
& = (k+1)(c + 4c + 15c) \\
& = 20(k+1)c
\end{aligned}$$

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How to make quicksort  $O(n \log n)$ ? Use selection algo to find the median.

Use median as partitioning element in Quicksort.

Complexity  $T(n) = cn + 2T(n/2) = O(n \log n)$