

CO202 – Software Engineering – Algorithms

# Randomised Algorithms - Solutions

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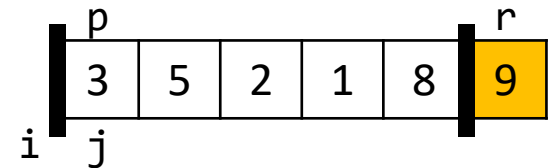
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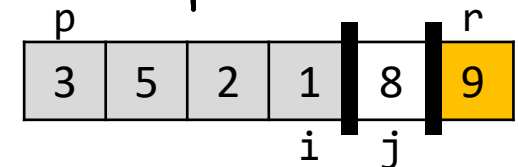
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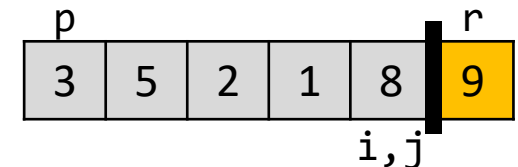
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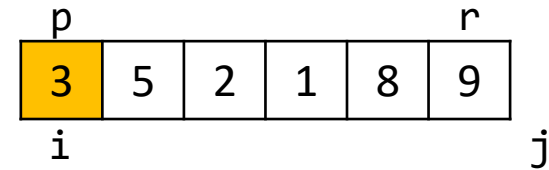
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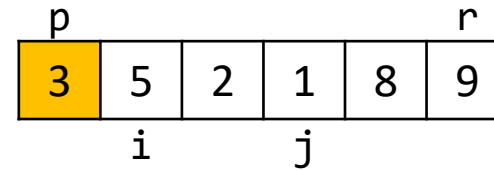
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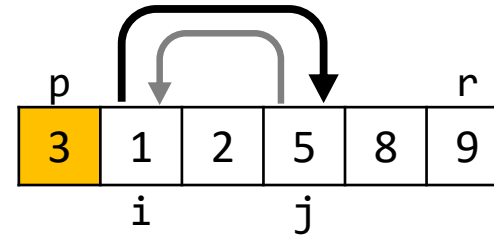
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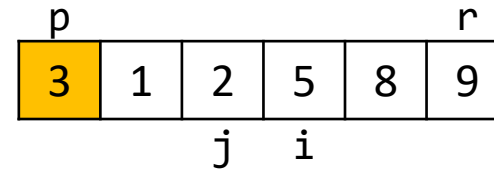
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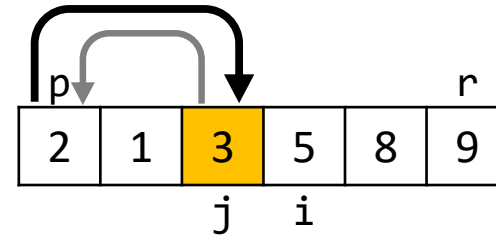




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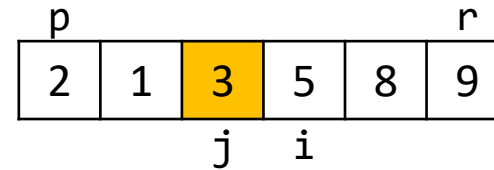
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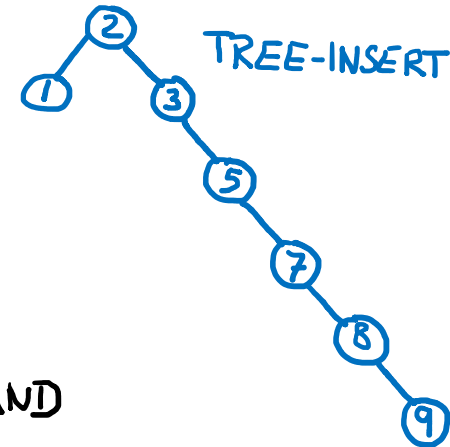
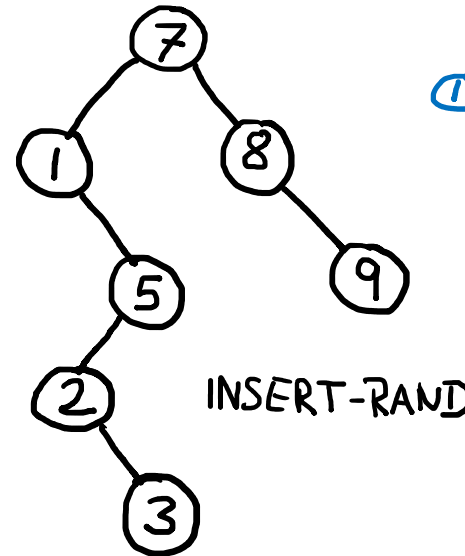
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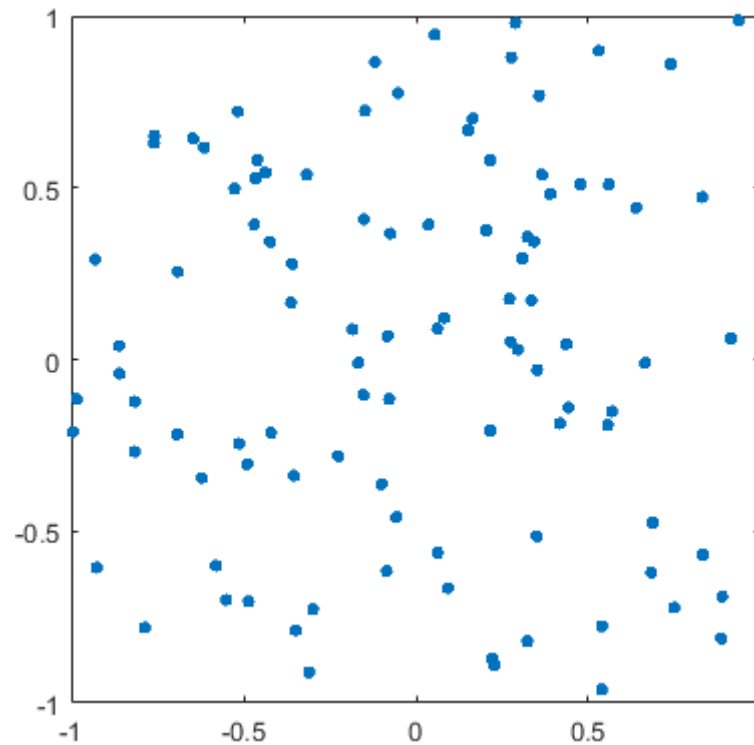
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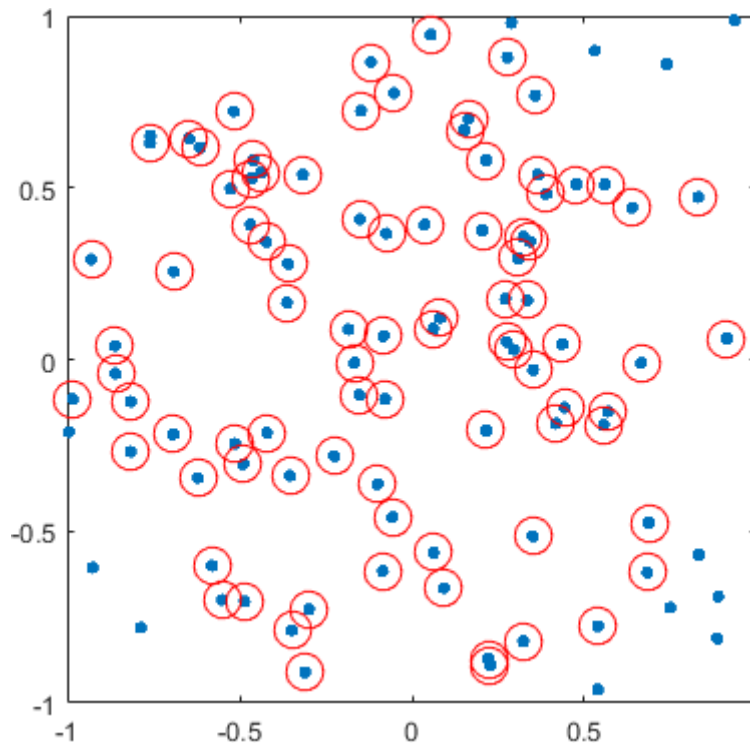
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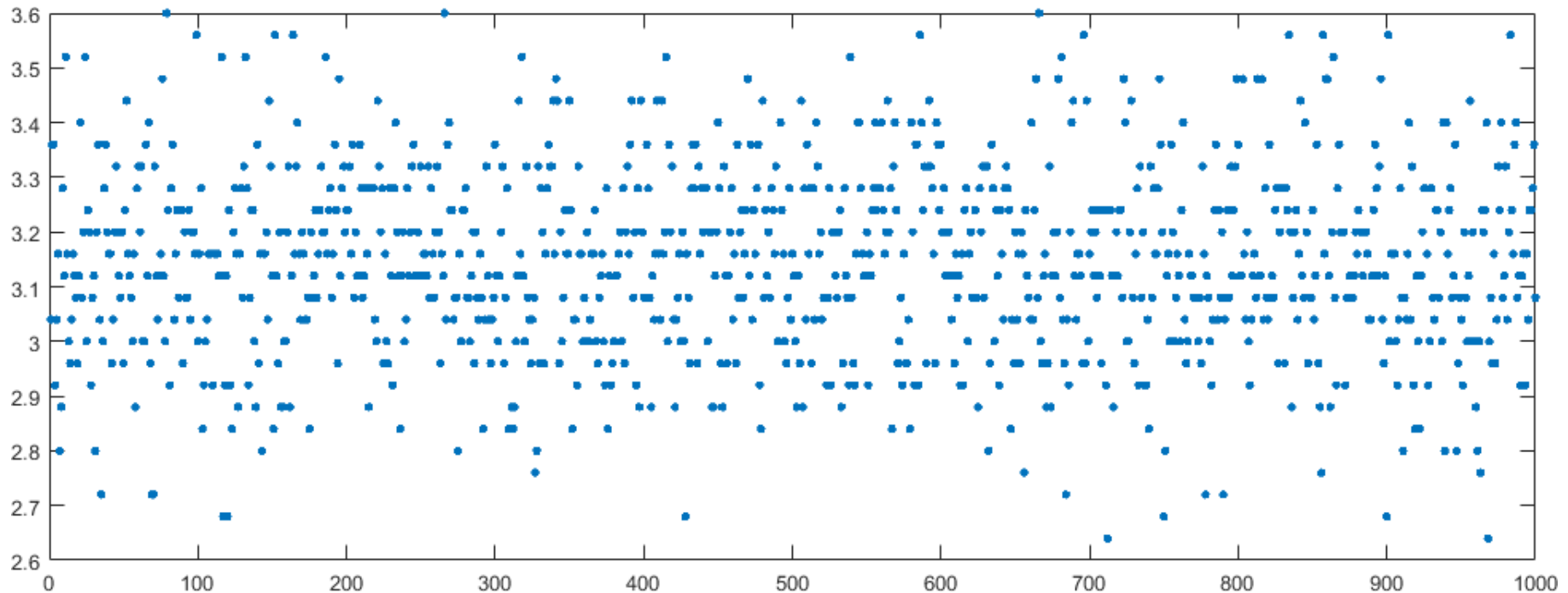
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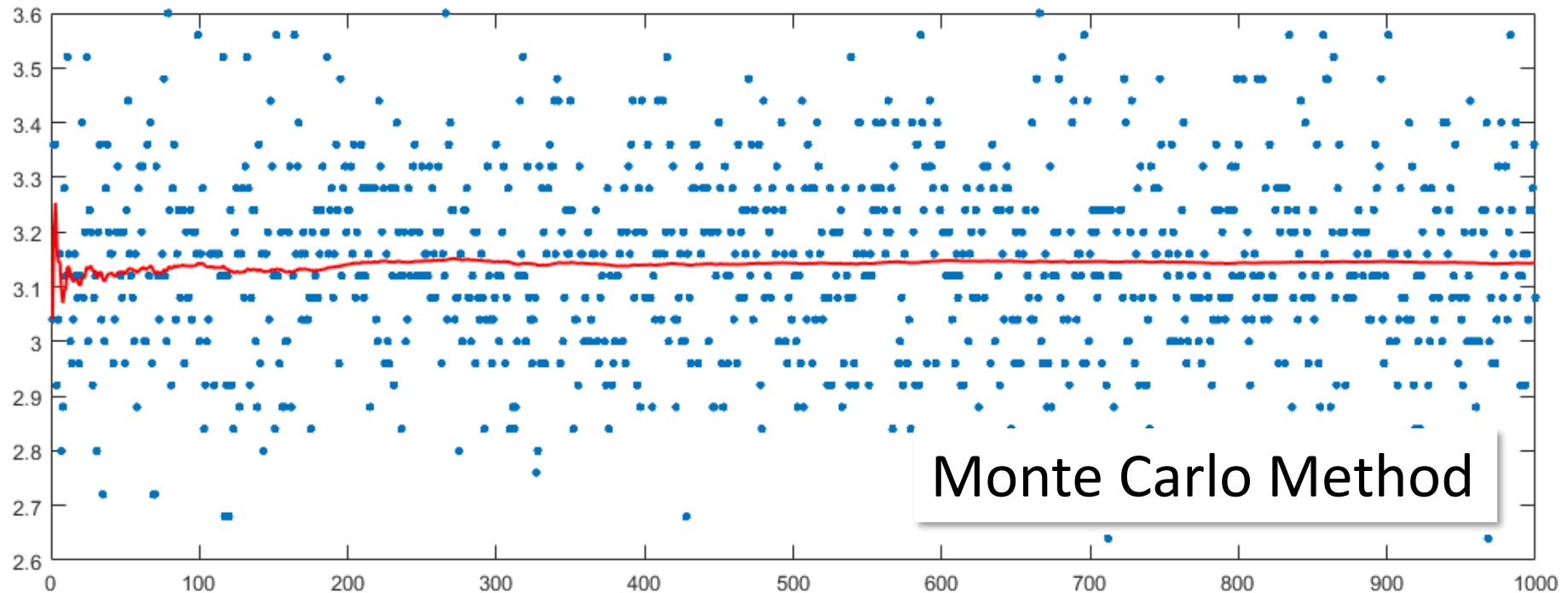




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Algorithm  $FKS(A, k)$

*Step 1:* If  $n = 1$ , output  $a_1$ , otherwise choose random  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

*Step 2:* Compute  $A_{<} = \{b \in A \mid b < a_i\}$  and  $A_{>} = \{c \in A \mid c > a_i\}$

*Step 3:*

- if  $|A_{<}| > k$ , then call  $FKS(A_{<}, k)$
- if  $|A_{<}| = k - 1$ , then output  $a_i$
- otherwise call  $FKS(A_{>}, k - |A_{<}| - 1)$