

SELECT(i, n)

1. Divide the n elements into groups of 5. Find the median of each 5-element group by rote.
2. Recursively SELECT the median x of the $\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$ group medians to be the pivot.
3. Partition around the pivot x . Let $k = \text{rank}(x)$.
4. **if** $i = k$ **then return** x
elseif $i < k$
 then recursively SELECT the i th
 smallest element in the lower part
else recursively SELECT the $(i-k)$ th
 smallest element in the upper part