

# ADVANCED ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

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# MEDIAN AND ORDER STATISTICS

# ORDER STATISTICS

The  $k$  -  $th$  order statistic is the  $k$  -  $th$  smallest element of an array.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	4	13	14	23	27	41	54	65	75

↑ 7<sup>th</sup> order statistic

The lower median is the  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  -  $th$  order statistic *floor()*

The upper median is the  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  -  $th$  order statistic *ceil()*

If  $n$  is odd, lower and upper median are the same

3	4	13	14	23	27	41	54	65	75
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lower median    ↑    ↑    upper median

□ Selecting  $i$  –  $th$  ranked item from a collection

- First:  $i = 1$
- Last:  $i = n$

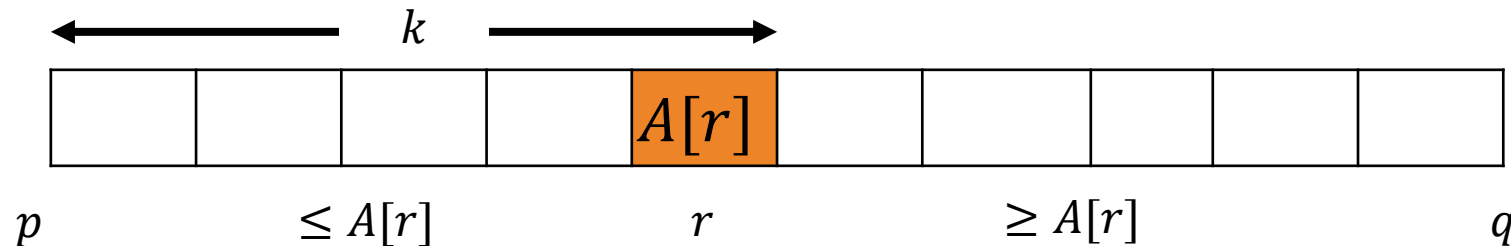
□ Median (s):  $i = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$

- ❑ Assume collection is unordered, otherwise trivial
  - find  $i$  –  $th$  order stat =  $A[i]$
- ❑ Can sort first –  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ , but can do better –  $\Theta(n)$
- ❑ I can find max and min in  $\Theta(n)$  time (obvious)
- ❑ Can we find any order statistic in linear time? (not obvious!)

- ❑ How can we modify **Quicksort** to obtain expected-case  $\Theta(n)$ ?
- ❑ Pivot, partition, but recur only on one set of data. **No join.**

# RANDOMIZED SELECTION

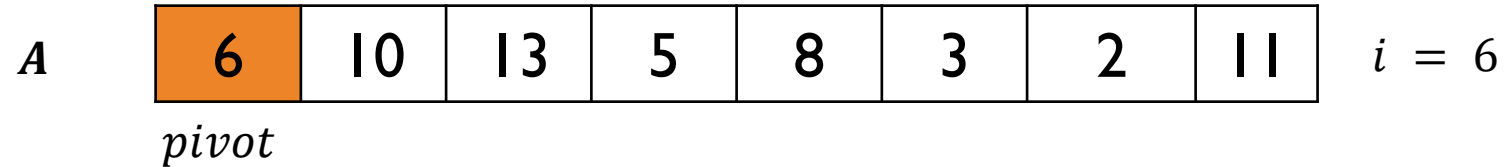
```
RAND-SELECT ( $A, p, q, i$ ) //  $i$  –  $th$  smallest of  $A[p \dots q]$   
  if  $p = q$  then return  $A[p]$   
   $r \leftarrow$  RAND-PARTITION ( $A, p, q$ )  
   $k \leftarrow r - p + 1$  //  $k = \text{rank}(A[r])$   
  if  $i = k$  then //  $i$  –  $th$  smallest element is found  
    return  $A[r]$   
  if  $i < k$  then // search on the left array  
    return RAND-SELECT ( $A, p, r - 1, i$ )  
  else // search on the right array  
    return RAND-SELECT ( $A, r + 1, q, i - k$ )
```



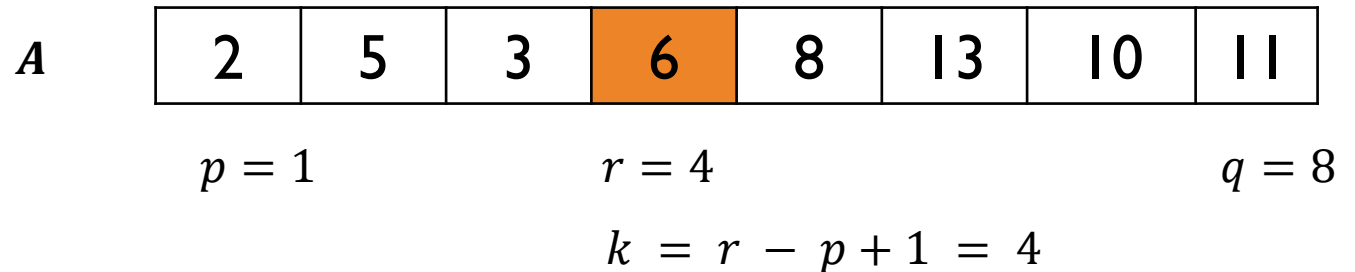
# RAND-SELECT | EXAMPLE

❑ Select the  $i = 6th$  smallest element

```
RAND-SELECT (A, p, q, i) // i - th smallest of A[p .. q]
if p = q then return A [ p ]
r ← RAND-PARTITION (A, p, q)
k ← r - p + 1 // k = rank(A[r])
if i = k then // i - th smallest element is found
    return A [ r ]
if i < k then // search on the left array
    return RAND-SELECT ( A, p, r - 1, i)
else // search on the right array
    return RAND-SELECT ( A, r + 1, q, i - k)
```



*partition ( A, p = 1, q = 8, i = 6)*



$i > k \Rightarrow$  Search on the right partition  $\Rightarrow$  Select the  $(i - k) = 6 - 4 = 2 - nd$  smallest in the right

$\Rightarrow$  *partition (A, r + 1, q, i - k)*

$\Rightarrow$  *partition (A, p = 4 + 1, q = 8, i = 6 - 4)*

$\Rightarrow$  *partition (A, p = 5, q = 8, i = 2)*



## RAND-SELECT | EXAMPLE

❑ Select the  $i = 2$ th smallest in the right *partition* ( $A, p = 5, q = 8, i = 2$ )

```
RAND-SELECT (A, p, q, i) // i - th smallest of A[p .. q]
if p = q then return A [ p ]
r ← RAND-PARTITION (A, p, q)
k ← r - p + 1 // k = rank(A[r])
if i = k then // i - th smallest element is found
    return A [ r ]
if i < k then // search on the left array
    return RAND-SELECT ( A, p, r - 1, i )
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```

$p = 5$				$q = 8$			
2	5	3	6	8	13	10	11

$p = 5$				$q = 8$			
2	5	3	6	8	10	11	13

$$r = 7$$
$$k = 7 - 5 + 1 = 3$$

$i < k \rightarrow$  Search on the left partition  $\rightarrow$  Select the  $(i - \text{th}) = 2 - \text{nd}$  smallest in the left

$\rightarrow$  *partition* ( $A, p, r - 1, i$ )

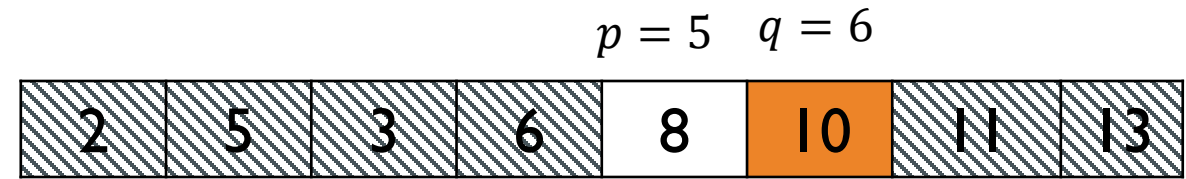
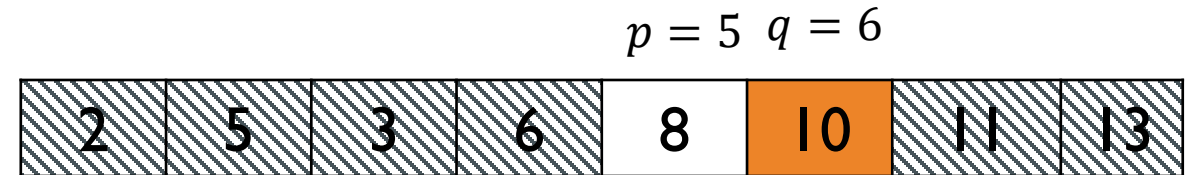
$\rightarrow$  *partition* ( $A, p = 5, q = 7 - 1, i = 2$ )

$\rightarrow$  *partition* ( $A, p = 5, q = 6, i = 2$ )

## RAND-SELECT | EXAMPLE

❑ Select the  $i$ th = 2th smallest *partition* ( $A$ ,  $p = 5, q = 6, i = 2$ )

```
RAND-SELECT ( $A, p, q, i$ ) //  $i$ -th smallest of  $A[p..q]$ 
  if  $p = q$  then return  $A[p]$ 
   $r \leftarrow \text{RAND-PARTITION}(A, p, q)$ 
   $k \leftarrow r - p + 1$  //  $k = \text{rank}(A[r])$ 
  if  $i = k$  then //  $i$ -th smallest element is found
    return  $A[r]$ 
  if  $i < k$  then // search on the left array
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  else // search on the right array
    return RAND-SELECT ( $A, r + 1, q, i - k$ )
```



$$r = 6$$

$$k = r - p + 1 = 2$$

$$i = k = 2$$

if  $i = k$  then //  $i$ -th smallest element is found  
return  $A[r]$

RAND-SELECT (A, p, q, i) // i -th smallest of A[ p .. q]

if p = q then return A [ p ]

$O(1)$

r ← RAND-PARTITION (A, p, q)

$O(n)$

k ← r - p + 1 //k = rank(A [ r])

$O(1)$

if i = k then //ith smallest element is found

$O(1)$

return A [ r ]

if i < k then // search on the left array

return RAND-SELECT ( A, p, r - 1, i )

T(problem of smaller size)

else // search on the right array

return RAND-SELECT ( A, r + 1, q, i - k )

T(problem of smaller size)

□ If the selected pivot leads to two partitions of size  $\frac{9}{10}n$  and  $\frac{1}{10}n$  and the  $i$  –  $th$  element is located in the  $\frac{9}{10}n$  partition *then*

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{9}{10}n\right) + O(n)$$

How to solve the recursion?

- Master Theorem?
- Substitution?
- Recursion tree?

## □ Master Theorem

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{9}{10}n\right) + O(n)$$

The master method applies to recurrences of the form

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

where  $a \geq 1, b > 1$ ,

and  $f$  is asymptotically positive.

$$a = 1; b = \frac{10}{9}; f(n) = n$$

Master theorem can be applied!

Compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$  :

**Case 1:**

If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$  for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

**Case 2:**

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ . Then:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$

**Case 3:**

If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$  for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ . and  $a f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq c f(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1 \forall n$ . Then:  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

$$a = 1; b = \frac{10}{9}; f(n) = n$$

$$\log_b a = \log_{\frac{10}{9}} 1 = 0$$

$$f(n) = n = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon}) = \Omega(n^{0 + \varepsilon}) \text{ for } \varepsilon = 1 > 0.$$

and

$$a f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = 1 * f\left(\frac{9n}{10}\right) = \frac{9n}{10} \leq \frac{9}{10} f(n) \text{ for } c = \frac{9}{10} < 1 \forall n.$$

*Then:*

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n)$$

□ We will get linear time for the RandSelect algorithm even if we always look at the longest  $\frac{9}{10}n$  partition

But ...?



What if we select the worst pivot?

The selected pivot is always the min (or max) or the array is already sorted

□ → Worst case: One partition of size 0 and another of size  $n - 1$

□  $T(n) = T(n - 1) + O(n)$

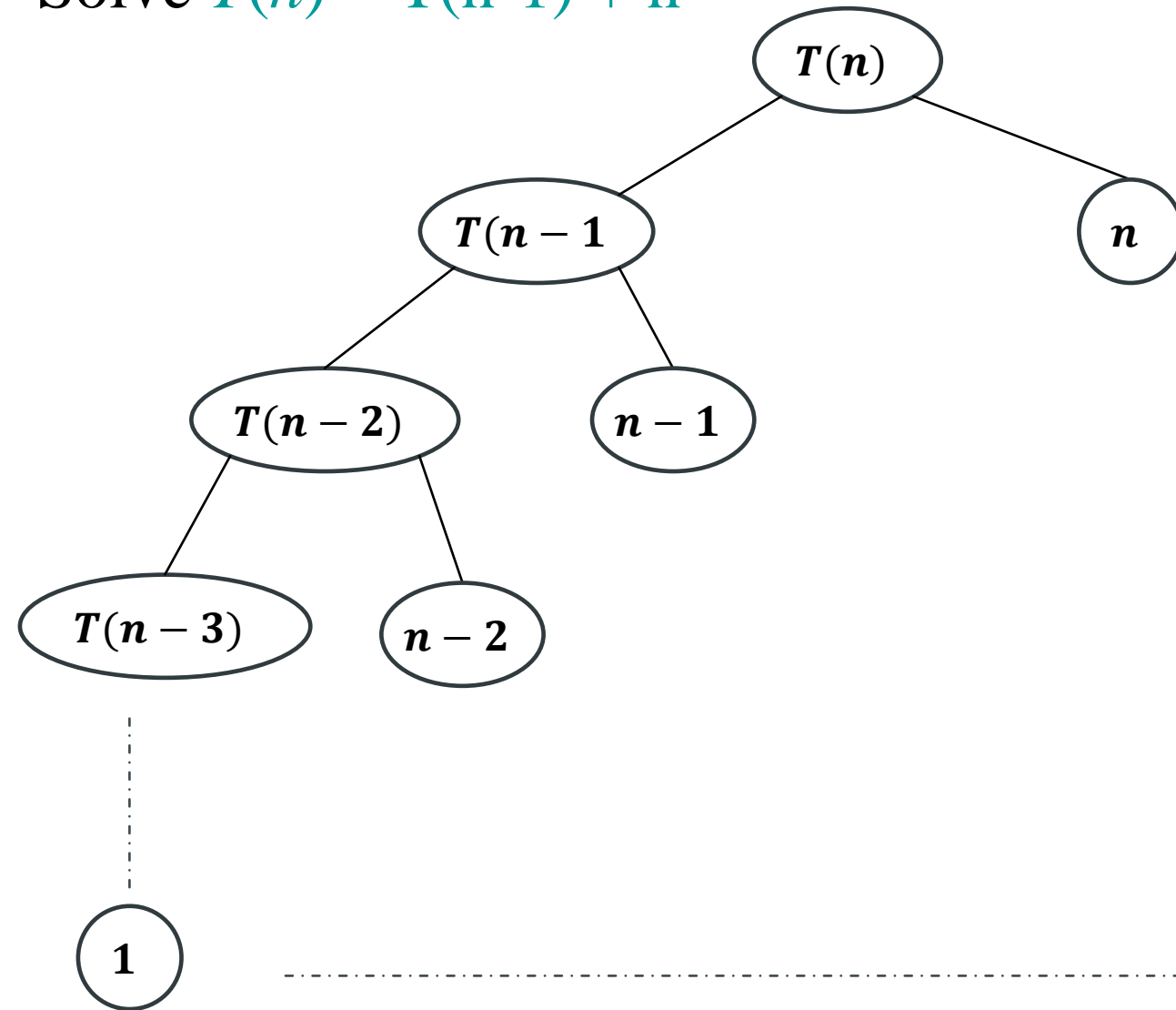
Master theorem does not apply?

Recursion tree?

Substitution method?

# RAND-SELECT ANALYSIS

Solve  $T(n) = T(n-1) + n$



$$(n) + (n - 1) + (n - 2) + (n - 3) + \dots 2 + 1 =$$

Arithmetic series

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum} &= n * \left( \frac{a_1 + a_n}{2} \right) \\ &= n * \left( \frac{1 + n}{2} \right) = O(n^2) = \text{Worse than sorting!} \end{aligned}$$

Is there an algorithm that runs in linear time in the worst case?

Yes, due to Blum, Floyd, Pratt, Rivest, and Tarjan [1973].


**Generate a good pivot recursively.** This algorithm has a large constants though and therefore is not efficient in practice!!!!

## MEDIAN-OF-MEDIAN ALGORITHM

# MEDIAN-OF-MEDIAN ALGORITHMS

```
RAND-SELECT2(A, p, q, i) // i - th smallest of A[ p .. q]
if p = q then return A [ p ]
x ← GOOD_PIVOT (A, p, q)
r ← PARTITION_WITH_PIVOT(A, p, q, x)
k ← r - p + 1 //k = rank(A [r])
if i = k then // i - th smallest element is found
    return A [ r ]
if i < k then // search on the left array
    return RAND-SELECT ( A, p, r - 1, i )
else // search on the right array
    return RAND-SELECT ( A, r + 1, q, i - k )
```

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else // search on the right array
    return RAND-SELECT ( A, r + 1, q, i - k )
```



**Good-Pivot**(A, p, r)

```
B ← array of length [(r - p + 1)/5]
for j ← p to r by 5
    B[1 + (j - p)/5] ← median of A[j.. min(j + 4, r)]
return RAND-SELECT2(B, 1, B.length, [B.length/2])
```

## EXAMPLE

[4, 8, 2, 3, 1, 5, 4, 7, 4, 7, 9, 8, 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 1, 4, 10, 5, 1, 4, 3, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, 4, 10, 6, 7, 9, 8],  $k = 25$

4
8
2
3
1

5
4
7
4
7

9
8
1
3
3

2
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1
4
10

5
1
4
3
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6
6
9
10
4

10
6
7
9
8

# EXAMPLE

[4, 8, 2, 3, 1, 5, 4, 7, 4, 7, 9, 8, 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 1, 4, 10, 5, 1, 4, 3, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, 4, 10, 6, 7, 9, 8],  $k = 25$

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# EXAMPLE

[4, 8, 2, 3, 1, 5, 4, 7, 4, 7, 9, 8, 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 1, 4, 10, 5, 1, 4, 3, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, 4, 10, 6, 7, 9, 8],  $k = 25$

1	4	1	1	1	4	6
2	4	3	2	3	6	7
3	5	3	4	4	6	8
4	7	8	4	5	9	9
8	7	9	10	6	10	10



# EXAMPLE

[4, 8, 2, 3, 1, 5, 4, 7, 4, 7, 9, 8, 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 1, 4, 10, 5, 1, 4, 3, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, 4, 10, 6, 7, 9, 8],  $k = 25$

1	4	1	1	1	4	6
2	4	3	2	3	6	7
3	5	3	4	4	6	8
4	7	8	4	5	9	9
8	7	9	10	6	10	10

3	5	3	4	4	6	8
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# EXAMPLE

What is the median of medians?

3	5	3	4	4	6	8
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3
5
3
4
4

6
8

Sort



3
3
4
4
5

6
8

median



3
3
4
4
5

6
8

4	6
---	---

Input is too small → Sort and get the median



4
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median of medians?

## EXAMPLE

[4, 8, 2, 3, 1, 5, 4, 7, 4, 7, 9, 8, 1, 3, 3, 2, 4, 1, 4, 10, 5, 1, 4, 3, 6, 6, 6, 9, 10, 4, 10, 6, 7, 9, 8],  $k = 25$

4

median of medians?

Left: 17

4	2	3	1	4	4	1	3	3	2	4	1	4	1	4	3	4	$\leq 4$
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Right: 18

8	5	7	7	9	8	10	5	6	6	6	9	10	10	6	7	9	8	$> 4$
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$K = 25 \geq 17 \rightarrow$  we must search on the right side.

The new index we are looking for is:  $25 - 17 = 8 \rightarrow 8^{th}$  smallest element in the Right array

## EXAMPLE

8	5	7	7	9	8	10	5	6	6	6	9	10	10	6	7	9	8
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$k = 8$

8
5
7
7
9

8
10
5
6
6

6
9
10
10
6

7
9
8

Search for a good pivot → median of medians

## EXAMPLE

8	5	7	7	9	8	10	5	6	6	6	9	10	10	6	7	9	8
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$k = 8$

5
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7
8
9

Sorting

## EXAMPLE

8	5	7	7	9	8	10	5	6	6	6	9	10	10	6	7	9	8
---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	---	---

$k = 8$

5
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9

Computing medians

## EXAMPLE

8	5	7	7	9	8	10	5	6	6	6	9	10	10	6	7	9	8
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$k = 8$

5
7
7
8
9

5
6
6
8
10

6
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9
10
10

7
8
9

7	6	9	8
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What is the median of median?

## EXAMPLE

8	5	7	7	9	8	10	5	6	6	6	9	10	10	6	7	9	8
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$k = 8$

5
7
7
8
9

5
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6
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10
10

7
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9

6	7	8	9
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6	7	8	9
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Input is too small  $\rightarrow$  Sort and get  $\text{Arr}[n/2]$   
Otherwise, recursively apply median of median  
algorithm on the Arr



## EXAMPLE

8	5	7	7	9	8	10	5	6	6	6	9	10	10	6	7	9	8
---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---	---	---	---

$k = 8$

7

median of medians?

Left: 9

5	7	7	5	6	6	6	6	7
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$\leq 7$

Right: 9

8	9	8	10	9	10	10	9	8
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$> 7$

$K = 8 \leq 9 \rightarrow$  we must search on the left side.

The new index we are looking for is: 8  $\rightarrow$  8<sup>th</sup> smallest element in the left array

## EXAMPLE

5	7	7	5	6	6	6	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

$k = 8$

5
7
7
5
6

6
6
6
7

Search for a good pivot → median of medians

## EXAMPLE

5	7	7	5	6	6	6	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

$k = 8$

5
5
6
7
7

6
6
6
7

Sorting

## EXAMPLE

5	7	7	5	6	6	6	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

$k = 8$

5	6
5	6
6	6
7	6
7	7

Computing medians

## EXAMPLE

5	7	7	5	6	6	6	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

$k = 8$

5
5
6
7
7

6
6
6
7

6	6
---	---

What is the median of median?

## EXAMPLE

5	7	7	5	6	6	6	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

$k = 8$

6

median of medians?

Left: 6

5	5	6	6	6	6
---	---	---	---	---	---

$\leq 6$

Right: 3

7	7	7
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$> 6$

$K = 8 \geq 6 \rightarrow$  we must search on the right side.

The new index we are looking for is:  $8-6 \rightarrow 2^{\text{th}}$  smallest element in the right array

## EXAMPLE

7	7	7
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$k = 2$

The input is too small now, → Sort

The 25<sup>th</sup> smallest element in the original list is: 7

## EXAMPLE

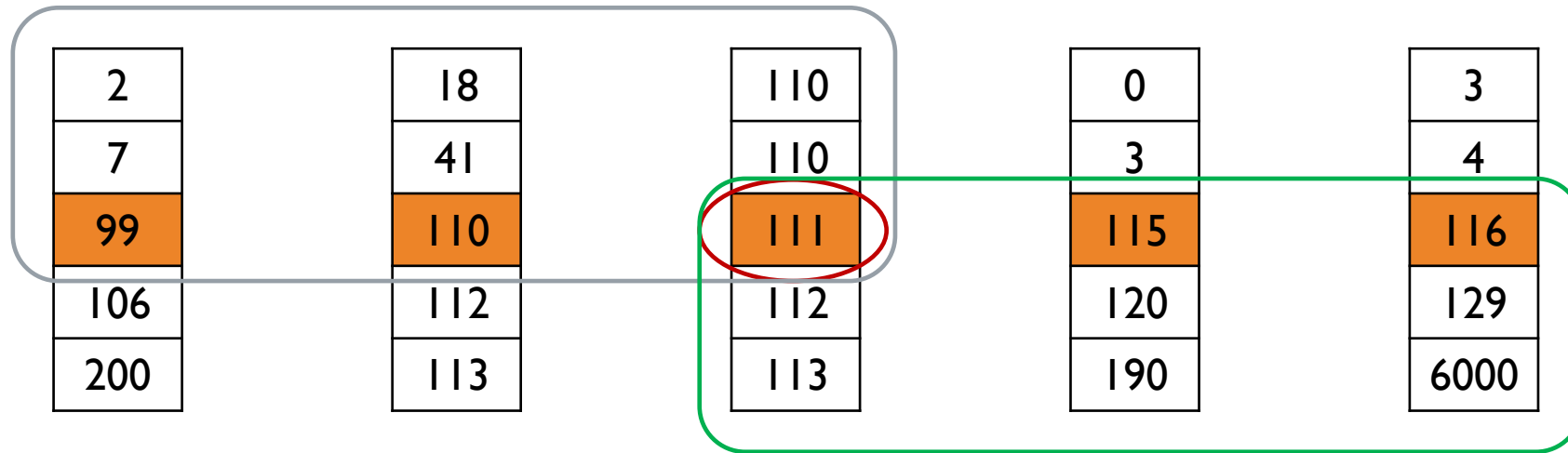
If we were to sort the original array!!

4	8	2	3	1	5	4	7	4	7	9	8	1	3	3	2	4	1	4	10	5	1	4	3	6	6	6	9	10	4	10	6	7	9	7
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	10	10	10



# MEDIAN-OF-MEDIAN ALGORITHMS | ANALYSIS



99 is median  $\rightarrow 99 > 7, 2$

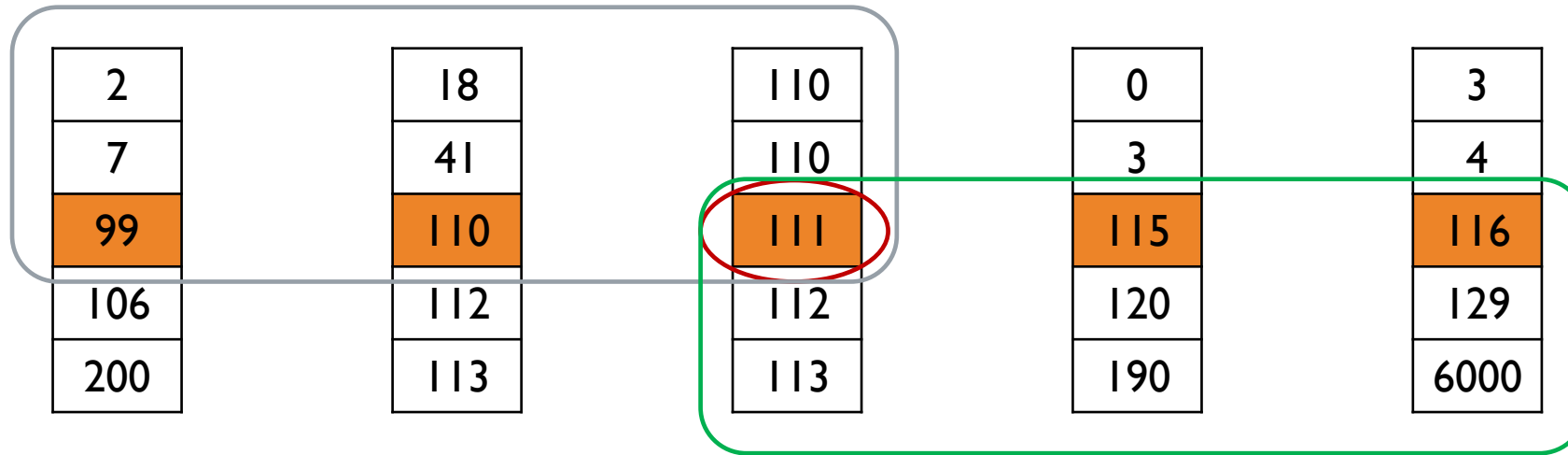
110 is median  $\rightarrow 110 > 41, 18$

111 is median  $\rightarrow 111 > 110, 110$

111 is median of median  $\rightarrow 111 > 110, 99$

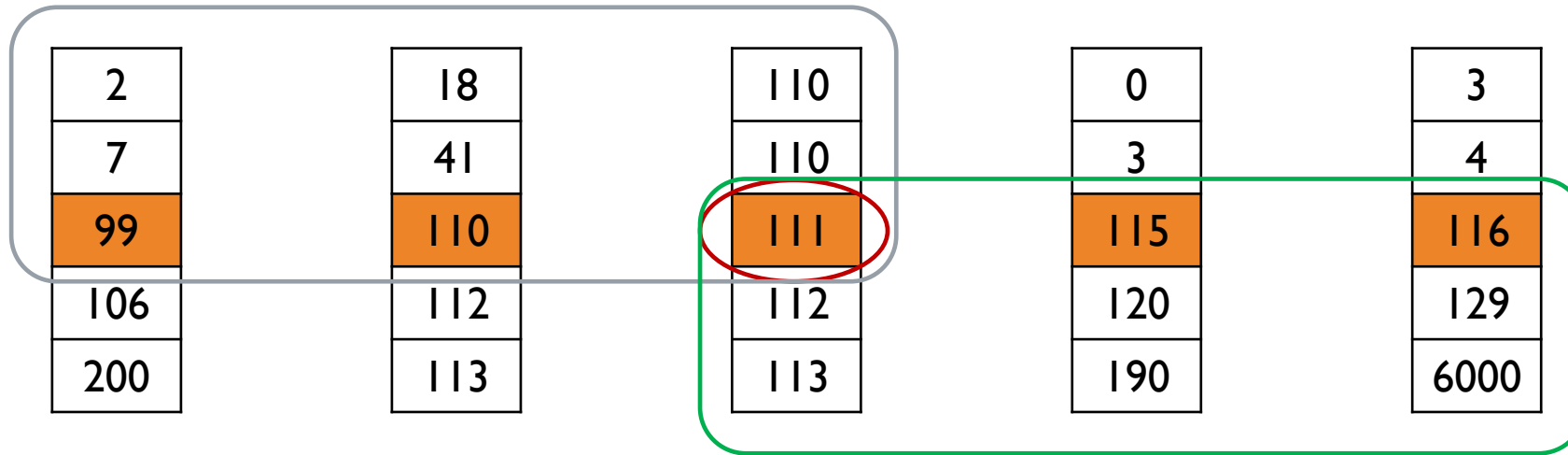
$\rightarrow 111 > 110, 110, 110, 41, 18, 99, 7, 2 \geq 9/25$

# MEDIAN-OF-MEDIAN ALGORITHMS | ANALYSIS



- **Top left:** Every item in this quadrant is **strictly less** than the median
- **Bottom left:** These items may be bigger (or smaller!) than the median
- **Top right:** These items may be bigger (or smaller!) than the median
- **Bottom right:** Every item in this quadrant is **strictly greater** than the median

# MEDIAN-OF-MEDIAN ALGORITHMS | ANALYSIS



- Every item in the top left is strictly less than our pivot.
- How many items are there as a function of  $n$ ?
- Each column has 5 items, of which we'll take 3;
- We're taking half of the columns, thus:  $((n/5)/2) \times 3 = (3/10)n$  elements

Therefore, at minimum, at each step, we will remove 30% of the elements.

→ In the worst case, we will always look at  $(7/10)$  elements which is  $< (9/10)$

→ Linear time for the Rand-Select algorithm

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  r ← PARTITION_WITH_PIVOT (A, p, q, x )
  k ← r - p + 1 //k = rank(A [ r])
  if i = k then    //ith smallest element is found
    return A [ r ]
  if i < k then    // search on the left array
    return RAND-SELECT ( A, p, r - 1, i )
  else            // search on the right array
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```

```
Good-Pivot(A, p, r)
B ← array of length [(r - p + 1)/5]
for j ← p to r by 5
  B[1 + (j - p)/5] ← median of A[j.. min(j + 4, r)]
return RAND-SELECT2(B, 1, B.length, [B.length/2])
```

- $\theta(n)$  work to partition the elements
- Solve 1 subproblem  $(1/5)$  the size of the original to compute the median of medians
- Solve 1 subproblem  $(7/10)$  the size of the original as the recursive step
- This yields the following equation for the total runtime:

$$T(n) = \theta(n) + T\left(\frac{1}{5}n\right) + T\left(\frac{7}{10}n\right)$$

- It's not straightforward to prove why this is  $O(n)$
- The master theorem can not be used to show that this recurrence equals  $O(n)$
- Proof by substitution/induction?

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- It's not straightforward to prove why this is  $O(n)$
- To prove  $T(n) = O(n)$ , we must prove that there exists constants  $c > 0, n_0 > 0$ ,
- such that  $0 \leq T(n) \leq c \cdot n \forall n \geq n_0$   
 $0 \leq \theta(n) + T\left(\frac{1}{5}n\right) + T\left(\frac{7}{10}n\right) \leq c \cdot n \forall n \geq n_0, c > 0, n_0 > 0?$
- **By Induction:** Suppose it is true for any  $k < n \Rightarrow T(k) \leq c \cdot k$ , then prove it is true for  $n$

- $T(k) \leq c \cdot k \Rightarrow T\left(\frac{1}{5}n\right) \leq c \cdot \frac{1}{5}n \ (k = \frac{1}{5}n)$
- $T(k) \leq c \cdot k \Rightarrow T\left(\frac{7}{10}n\right) \leq c \cdot \frac{7}{10}n \ (k = \frac{7}{10}n)$
- $T(n) \leq \theta(n) + c \cdot \frac{1}{5}n + c \cdot \frac{7}{10}n$   
 $\leq \theta(n) + \frac{9c}{10}n$   
 $\leq \theta(n) + \frac{10c}{10}n - \frac{c}{10}n$   
 $\leq cn - \left(\frac{c}{10}n - \theta(n)\right)$   
 $\leq cn$  if  $\left(\left(\frac{c}{10}n - \theta(n)\right) \geq 0\right)$ , true for some constant  $c > 0$

