

CS341
LECTURE 8
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Quick Select

- Suppose we choose a pivot element y in the array A , and we restructure A so that all elements less than y precede y in A , and all elements greater than y occur after y in A .
- Quick Sort: recursively sort the two splits (worst case $\Theta(n^2)$ best case $n \log(n)$)
- So what we do instead is check if the pivot is the item we are looking for we are done with the search
- However if it's bigger or smaller we recursively run the algorithm on the bigger or smaller half of the split.
- This allows for only one recursive call per cycle.
- This gives an average case of $\Theta(n)$
- To get a worst case $\Theta(n)$
- Split into 5's for the first $10r + 5$ elements
- find the median of each set of 5
- then use the median of medians to find the pivot