

Searching and Selection

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Reference

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References

“Selecting the Top Three Elements” by Aigner, 1982.

The largest k elements (Problem 3.5)

Close to median (Problem 3.6)

Medians of sorted arrays (Problem 3.7)

Weighted median (Problem 3.9)

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max / min differences (Problem 4.5)

- (a) unsorted; $\max |x - y|$; $O(n)$
- (b) sorted; $\max |x - y|$; $O(1)$
- (c) unsorted; $\min |x - y|$; $O(n \log n)$
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$$i + j \leq n - 1 \implies x > M_{ij}$$

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