

Divide & Conquer

A general theme...

$$\text{Prob}(A[1..n]) = \begin{cases} \text{Combine}(\text{Prob}(A[1..m]), \text{Prob}(A[1..m+1])), & \text{if } n > n_0 \\ \text{Basis solution} & , \text{ if } n = n_0 \end{cases}$$

$m = n/2, n/4$

e.g.. Merge Sort, Binary Search...

m depends on the partition

e.g.. Quick Sort

Meaning of D&C

Divide the problem into a number of subproblems that are smaller instances of the same problem.

Conquer the subproblems by solving them recursively. If the subproblem sizes are small enough, however, just solve the subproblems in a straightforward manner.

Combine the solutions to the subproblems into the solution for the original problem

P1. Finding the minimum of n elements in an array

$fmin(A, begin, end)$

If $(begin == end)$ return $A[begin]$ $\longrightarrow T(1)=1$

Else

$mid = \lfloor (begin + end - 1) / 2 \rfloor$

Return $\min\{fmin(begin, mid), fmin(mid+1, end)\}$

1

$T(n/2)$

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$$T(n) = 1 + T(n/2) + T(n/2) = 2T(n/2) + 1$$

Can we divide in other fractions?

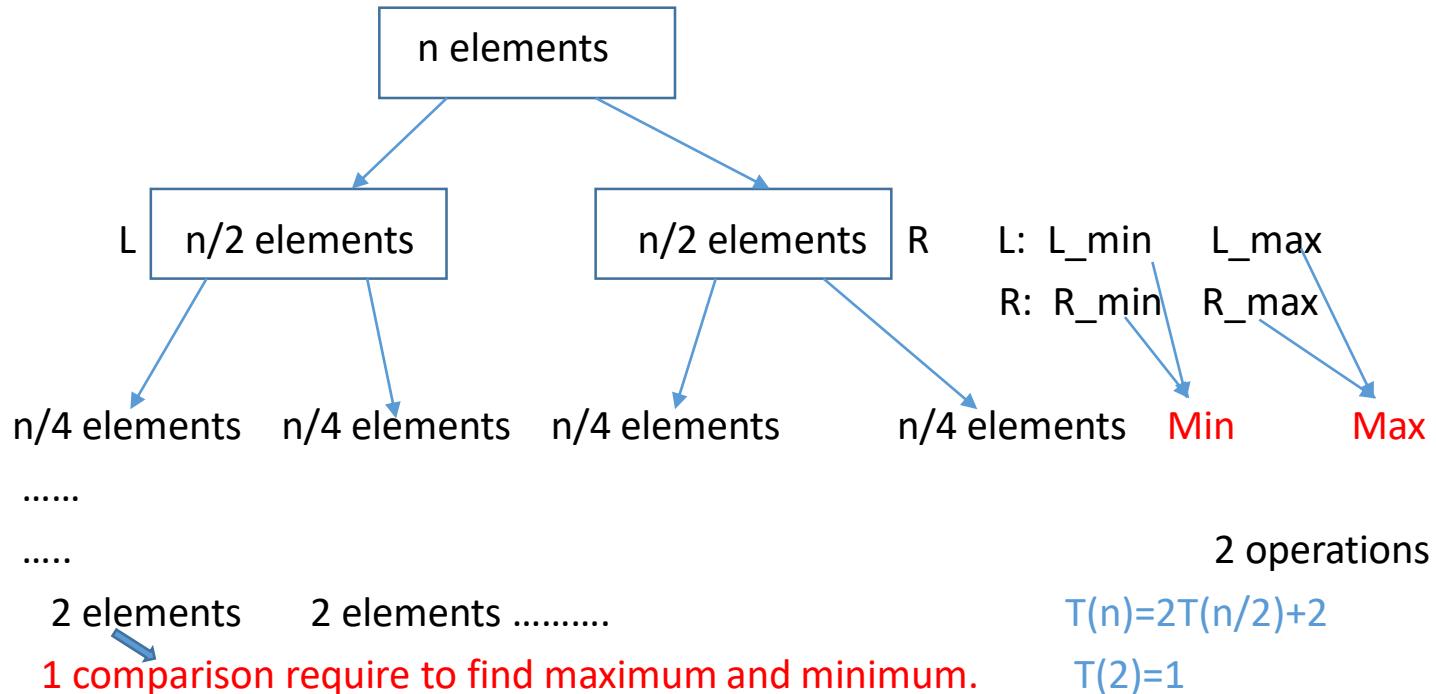
$n/3, 2n/3$

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + 1 \quad ??$$

$n/3, n/3, n/3$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/3) + 1 \quad ??$$

P2. Finding the maximum and the minimum of n elements in an array.



P3. Finding the maximum and the second maximum of n elements in an array.

Similarly, we can solve this problem too.

P4. Binary Search

$$T(n)=T(n/2)+\text{constant}$$

P5. Merge Sort

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$$

$$T(2) = \text{constant}$$

Merging two sorted arrays ??

Template: D&C

RecursiveD&C(A[1..n])

 solve base case (n_0)

 if (n > n_0)

 dosomething(A)

 A_1= extract(A)

 A_2= extract(A)

 B_1= RecursiveD&C(A_1)

 B_2= RecursiveD&C(A_2)

 B =rebuild(B_1, B_2)

 Return B

T(n)= constant, Base Case

= aT(f(n))+bT(g(n))+.. +ExtraWork

---- in constant time

other steps depend on problem

dosomething(A) { findmin, findmid
 findmax, findmedian
extract(A) ---- divide(A), partition(A)
rebuild(B_1,B_2)– merge, compare

P7. Compute a^n

I/P: a and an integer n

O/P: a^n .

P6. Bisection method: root finding

I/P: A polynomial function $f(x)$, and +ve integer n

O/P: integer root “ r ” s.t. $f(r)=0$, where $0 \leq r < n$

e.g. $f(x)=x^2-x-12=0$, $n=8$

$r=4$

Prove via induction

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c n$$

$$T(2) = \text{constant}$$

Thm: $T(n) = O(n)$ A guess... so need to prove via induction.

Proof: (by induction)

Base Case: $T(2) = \text{constant} = O(1)$

Ind Hyp: Assume statement is true for $k < n$, i.e., $T(k) = O(k)$. [Strong Induction]

Ind Step: To prove theorem for $T(n)$, using ind hyp $T(n/2) = O(n/2)$

$$T(n/2) \leq d n/2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c n$$

$$\leq 2d(n/2) + c n \quad (\text{by Hypothesis})$$

$$= (c+d) n = O(n)$$

can you find the the mistake ?

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + c n \\ &\leq 2b(n/2) + c n \quad (\text{by Hypothesis}) \\ &= (b+c)n \\ &\neq b n \end{aligned}$$

So, the guess is wrong

Prove via induction

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c n$$

$$T(2) = \text{constant}$$

Thm: $T(n) \leq b n \log n$ A guess and we later find 'b'. Need to prove via induction.

Proof: (by induction)

Base Case: $T(2) = \text{constant} \leq b \cdot 2 \log 2 = 2b$ [here, $\text{constant}/2 \leq b$]

Ind Hyp: Assume statement is true for $k < n$, i.e., $T(k) \leq bk$. [Strong Induction]

Ind Step: To prove theorem for $T(n)$, using ind hyp $T(n/2) \leq b n/2 \log n/2$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c n$$

$$\leq 2 b (n/2) \log n/2 + c n \quad (\text{by Hypothesis})$$

$$= 2 b n/2 \log (n/2) + c n = b n \log n - b n \log 2 + c n = b n \log n - b n + c n$$

$$= b n \log n - (b n - c n) \leq b n \log n$$

$b = \max\{\text{constant}/2, c\}$ – this guess will work

(if $b n - c n > 0$, $b > c$)

Not D&C Problem, but an interesting problem

Let given two sorted array A and B, find number of pairs (i, j) such that $A[i] > B[j]$.

For eg. A = [3, 6, 7, 9] B = [1, 2, 5, 8, 10]

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Naïve approach: check for each element of A, traverse in B.

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When **8** entered– How many elements are there in array A which are not traversed fully by the pointer of A? **1**

When **10** entered– How many elements are there in array A which are not traversed fully by the pointer of A? **0**

Merge and Count

Array got sorted and we got the count in $O(n)$

P8: Counting Inversion

I/P: Given an array A of distinct integers.

O/P: The number of inversions of A is the number of pairs (i,j) of array A with $i < j$ and $A[i] > A[j]$.

$A = [1, 3, 5, 4, 2]$

$0 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 0 = 4$ pairs $(3,2), (5,4) (5,2) (4,2)$

Application of inversion

My web-series order:

Breaking Bad Prison Break Panchayat Game of Thrones Mirzapur

1 2 3 4 5

Friend's web-series order:

Breaking Bad, Panchayat, Mirzapur , Game of Thrones, Prison Break

1 3 5 4 2



Naïve approach

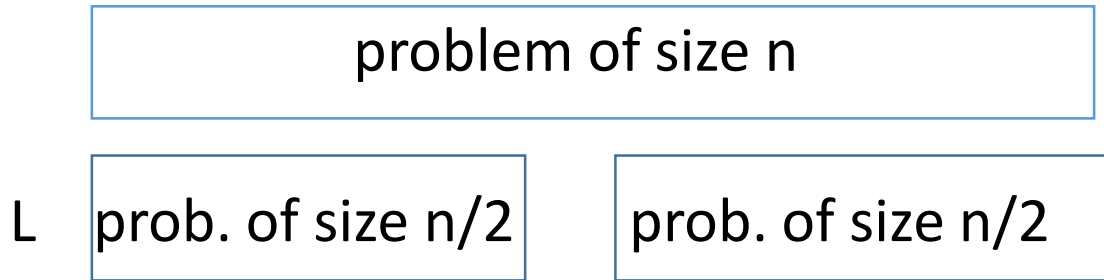
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inversion=0
for i=1 to n-1
    for j=i+1 to n
        if A[i] > A[j] then
            inversion=inversion +1
Return inversion
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$O(n^2)$ -algorithm.

Can we do better?

Using D&C. Any suggestion?

Divide problem in subproblems of size half and recurse, be **smart** to combine the solutions of subproblem.



$T(n) = 2T(n/2) +$ time required to combine solutions of two subproblems

inversions in L = N_L # inversions in R = N_R

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A way to combine solutions:

We need to solve the problem in $O(n \log n)$, and we are traversing both halves, so we cannot go beyond $O(n)$ to do extra work.

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Even smarter way to combine solutions:

Call Merge and Count routine (Last problem)

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$$

P9: Integer Multiplication: two n-digits numbers

I/P: $A = a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n$

$B = b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots b_n$

O/P: $A * B$

Eg:

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      5678
      1234
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    2 2 7 1 2
  1 7 0 3 4 -
1 1 3 5 6 - -
5 6 7 8 - - -
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7 0 0 6 5 2
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$2n$ operations are required: n for multiplications
 n for carry additions.

for each row: $2n$ operations

n rows: thus $2n^2$ operations in total.

need to add each column (at most $2n^2$ operations)

D&C Approach

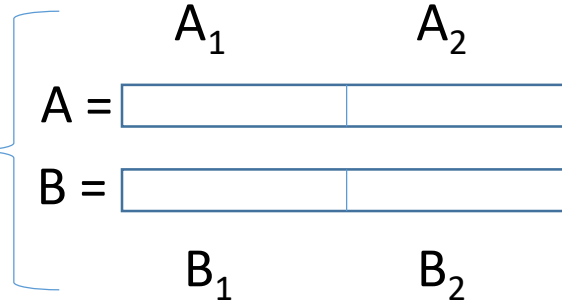
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O/P: $A * B$

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$B = b_1b_2b_3 \dots b_n$



$$5678 = 56 * 10^2 + 78$$

$$1234 = 12 * 10^2 + 34$$

$$A = A_1 * 10^{n/2} + A_2$$

$$B = B_1 * 10^{n/2} + B_2$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A = a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n \\
 B = b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots b_n
 \end{array}
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 \right.
 \begin{array}{cc}
 A_1 & A_2 \\
 B_1 & B_2
 \end{array}$$

$$A = A_1 * 10^{n/2} + A_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= B_1 * 10^{n/2} + B_2 \\
 AB &= A_1 * B_1 * 10^n + A_1 * B_2 * 10^{n/2} + \\
 &\quad A_2 * B_1 * 10^{n/2} + A_2 * B_2
 \end{aligned}$$

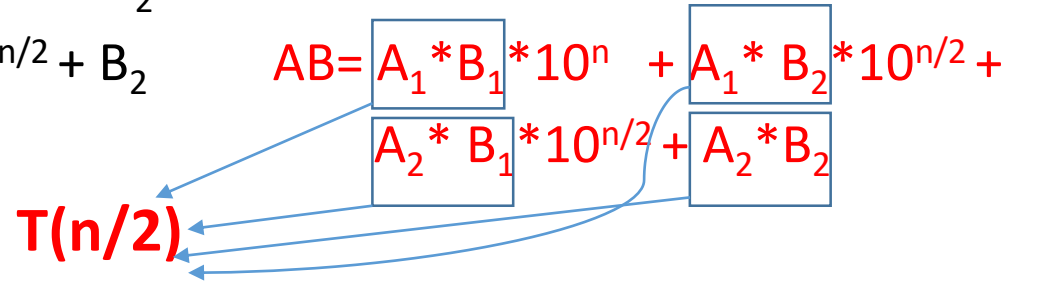
D&C Approach

$$A = A_1 * 10^{n/2} + A_2$$

$$B = B_1 * 10^{n/2} + B_2$$

$$AB = \begin{matrix} A_1 * B_1 * 10^n & + & A_1 * B_2 * 10^{n/2} \\ A_2 * B_1 * 10^{n/2} & + & A_2 * B_2 \end{matrix}$$

$T(n/2)$



$$T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + c n$$

for shifting and adding

shifting is easy

Another D&C Approach: Karatsuba Algo

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= A_1 * B_1 * 10^n + A_1 * B_2 * 10^{n/2} + A_2 * B_1 * 10^{n/2} + A_2 * B_2 \\ &= A_1 * B_1 * 10^n + (A_1 * B_2 + A_2 * B_1) * 10^{n/2} + A_2 * B_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(A_1 + A_2)(B_1 + B_2) = A_1 B_1 + A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1 + A_2 B_2$$

$$A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1 = (A_1 + A_2)(B_1 + B_2) - A_1 B_1 - A_2 B_2$$

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(by putting 2 in 1)

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The diagram shows three blue arrows originating from the boxed terms in the equation above. One arrow points from the first box ($A_1 * B_1 * 10^n$) to the red text $T(n/2)$. A second arrow points from the middle box ($((A_1 + A_2)(B_1 + B_2) - A_1 B_1 - A_2 B_2) * 10^{n/2}$) to the same red text $T(n/2)$. A third arrow points from the third box ($A_2 * B_2$) to the red text $T(n/2)$. Additionally, a thick blue arrow points from the middle box down to the text 'sum of two n/2 digits can give you at most n/2+1 digits'.

$T(n/2)$

sum of two $n/2$ digits can give you at most $n/2+1$ digits

Thus, we are multiplying two $(n/2+1)$ digits number ...

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$T(n/2)$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + cn = O(n^{\log 3}) = O(n^{1.58})$$

Example

$$A * B = 1234 * 4321$$

$$A_1 = 12 \quad A_1 B_1 = 12 * 43 \quad A_2 B_2 = 34 * 21$$

$$A_2 = 34 \quad (A_1 + A_2) (B_1 + B_2) - A_1 B_1 - A_2 B_2$$

$$B_1 = 43 \quad = (12 + 34)(43 + 21) - A_1 B_1 - A_2 B_2$$

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$$= (12 + 34) * (43 + 21) - A_1 B_1 - A_2 B_2$$

$$= (46) * (64) - A_1 B_1 - A_2 B_2$$

$$A_1 B_1 = 12 * 43$$

$$1 \quad 2$$

$$4 \quad 3$$

$$1 * 4 = 4$$

$$2 * 3 = 6$$

$$(1+2)(4+3) - 4 - 6 = 11$$

$$4 * 10^2 + 11 * 10 + 6 = 516$$

$$A_2 B_2 = 34 * 21$$

$$3 \quad 4$$

$$2 \quad 1$$

$$3 * 2 = 6$$

$$4 * 1 = 4$$

$$(3+4)(2+1) - 6 - 4 = 11$$

$$6 * 10^2 + 11 * 10 + 4 = 714$$

$$4 \quad 6$$

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$$4 * 6 = 24$$

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$$(4+6)(4+6) - 24 - 24 = 52$$

$$24 * 10^2 + 52 * 10 + 24 = 2944$$

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Final Solution:

$$A_1 B_1 10^4 + ((A_1 + A_2)(B_1 + B_2) - A_1 B_1 - A_2 B_2) 10^2 + A_2 B_2$$

$$516 * 10^4 + (2944 - 714 - 516) * 10^2 + 714$$

$$= 5332114$$

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$$4 \quad 3 \quad (A_1 + A_2) * (B_1 + B_2)$$

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$$(4 + 6)(4 + 6) - 24 - 24 = 52$$

$$24 * 10^2 + 52 * 10 + 24 = 2944$$

K-th smallest element

- I/P: Array of n numbers.
- OP: Select k -th smallest element

Naïve way: Sort it, and return it. $O(n \log n)$

Can we do better ? ---- in $O(n)$??

YES!!!!!! -----“**Median of Median**”- algorithm

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Let's try..Select(A,k)

Suppose we select a pivot element x of Array A (not randomly, just to explain).

A can be portioned in two sets... $A_1 = \{\text{all elements of } A < x\}$

$A_2 = \{\text{all elements of } A > x\}$

Select(A, k)

choose x ;

If $|A_1| = k-1$, return x ;

If $k < |A_1|$, Select($A[1], k$)

Else Select($A[2], k - |A_1| - 1$)

We are throwing away something, but might not be in fractions

Unlucky in all the recursive call

$$T(n) \leq T(n-1) + O(n) \text{ ----- } O(n^2)$$

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in each recursive call

choose x ;

Suppose, the selected pivot throw away this much $0.3n = 3n/10$,

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If $k < |A_1|$, Select($A[1], k$)

Else Select($A[2], k - |A_1| - 1$)

$$T(n) \leq () + T(7n/10) + Q(n)$$

↓
for partition

$$T(n) \leq (\text{need to do something to get a good pivot}) + T(7n/10) + O(n)$$

Divide array A into group of size 5.

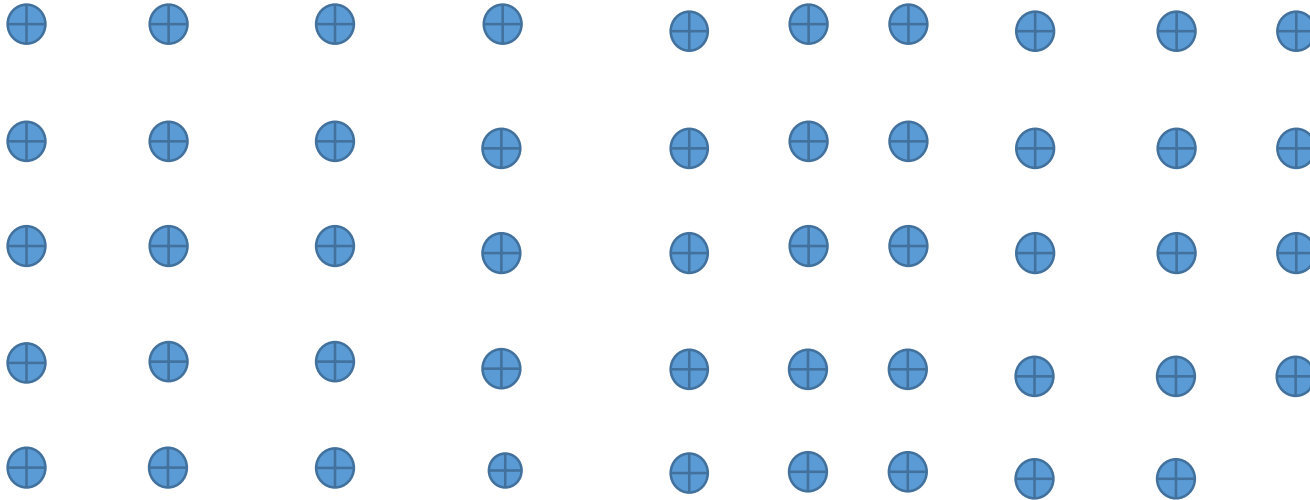
$n/5$ groups

Find the median of each group.

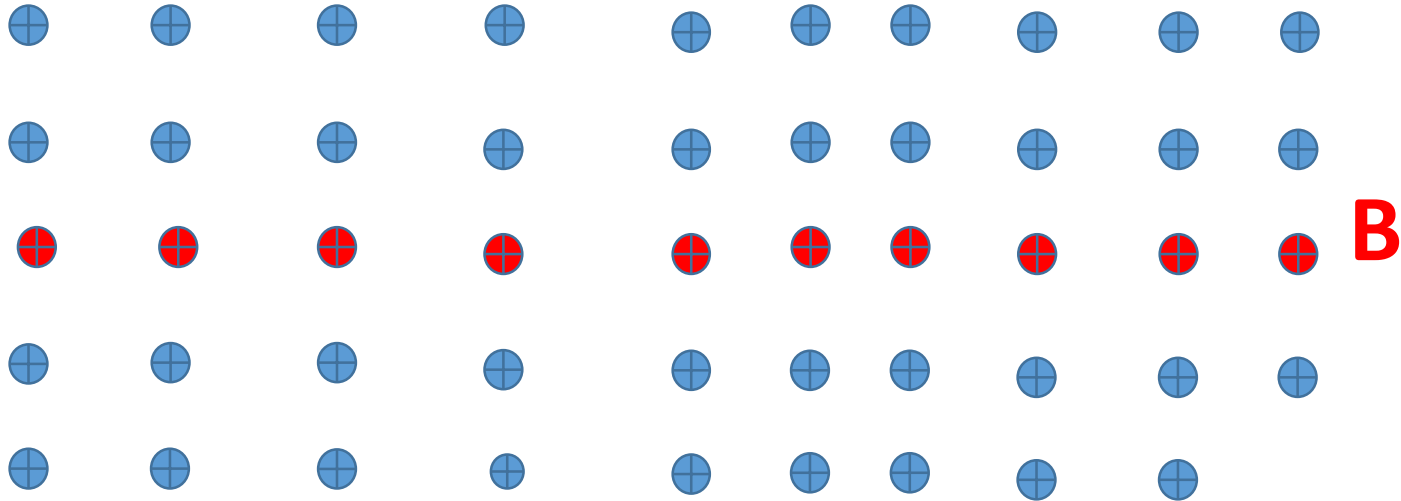
3rd element in each group— create the list of all selected -- B

Find median of medians using the same Select(B, $n/10$)

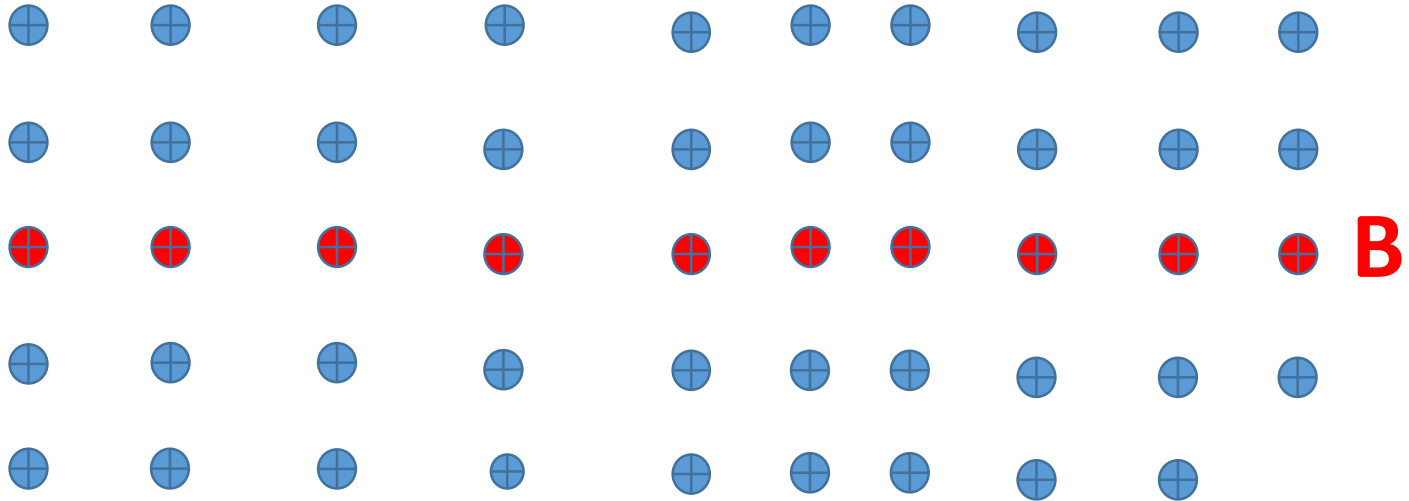
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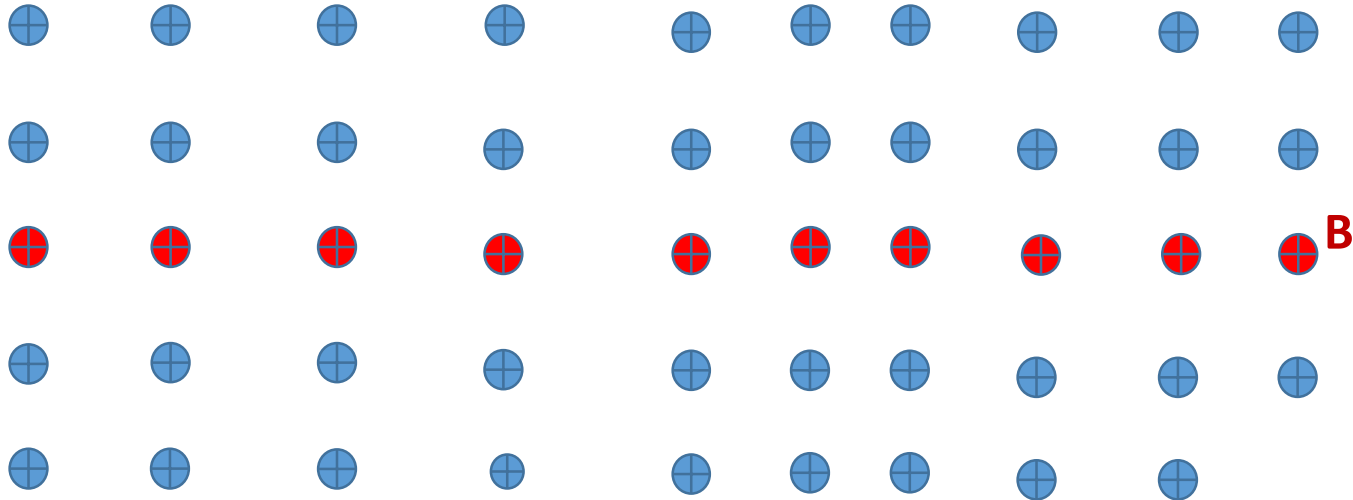


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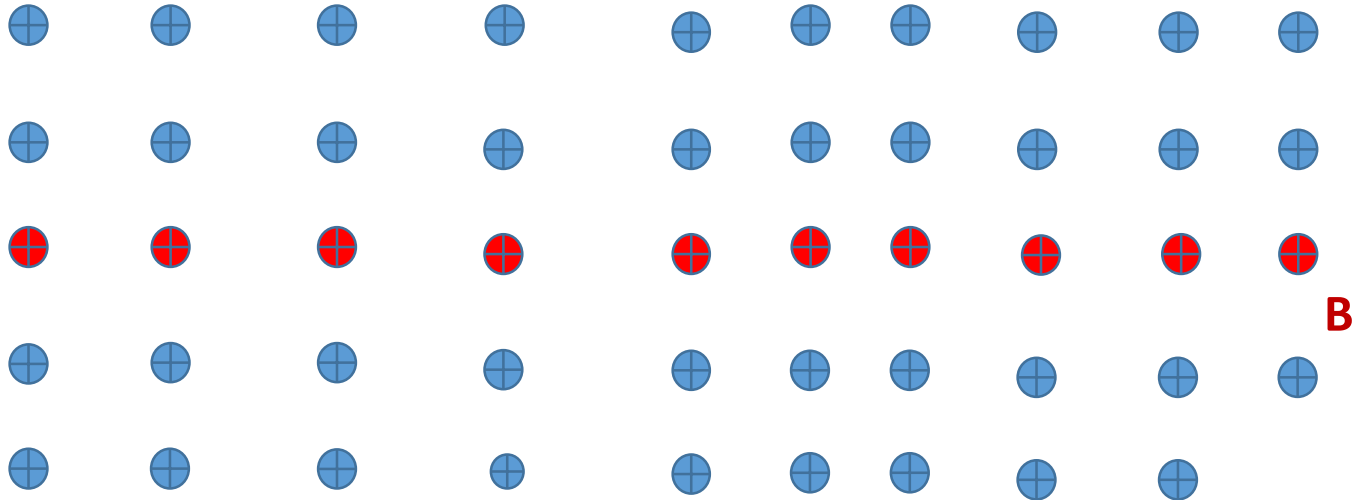
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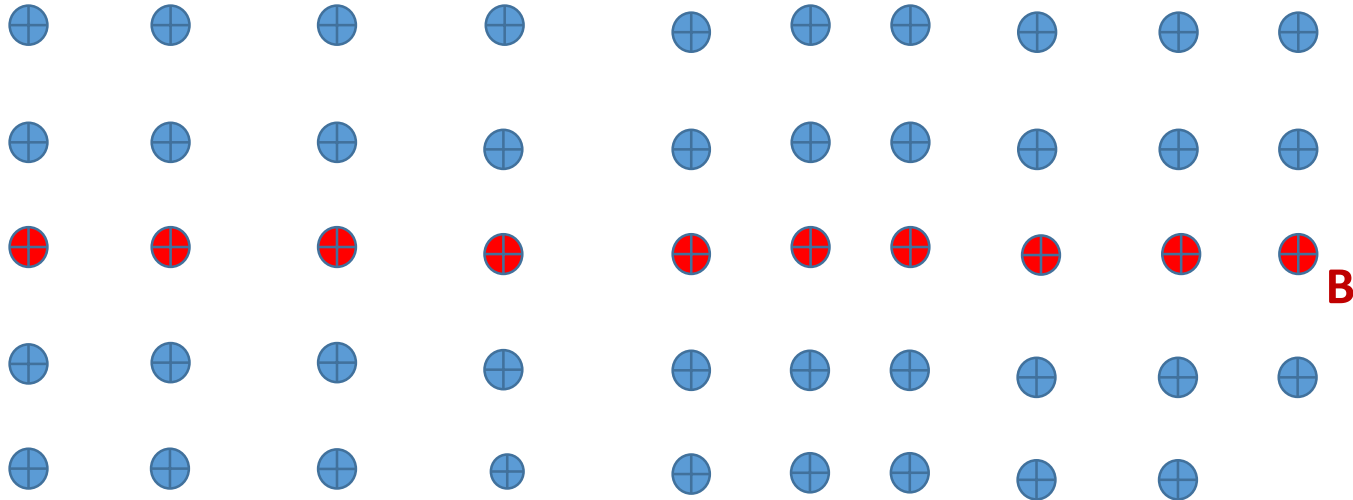
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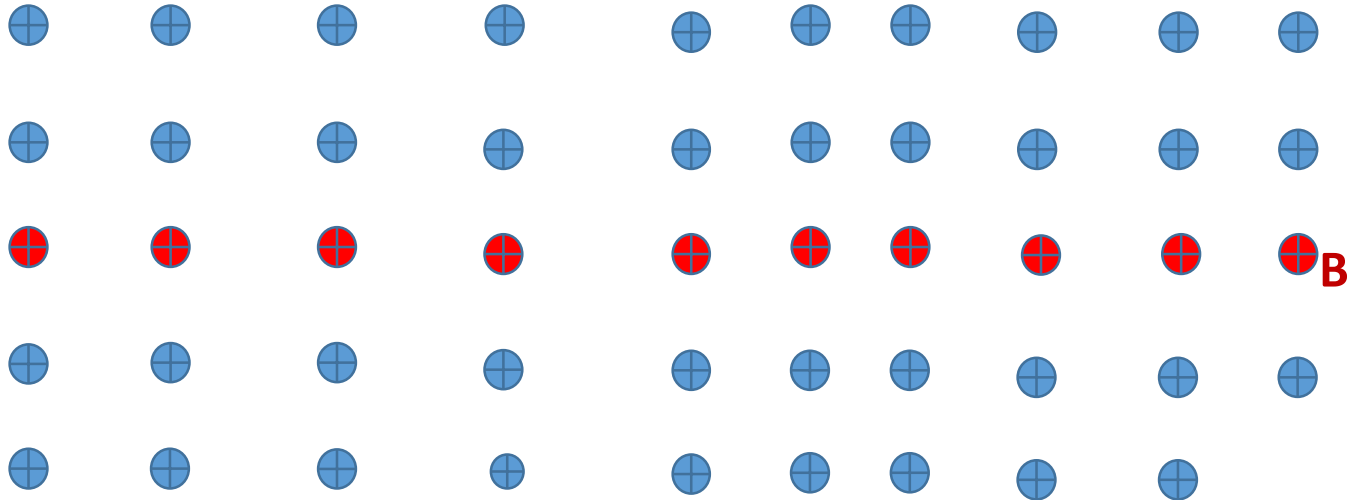


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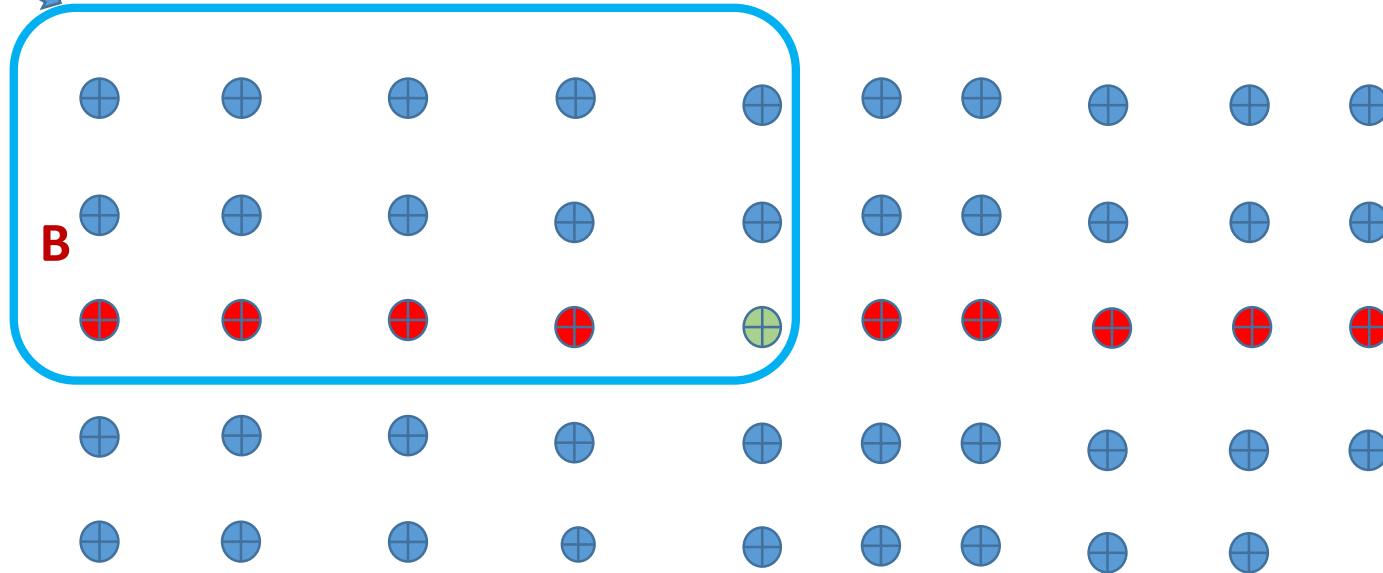
$T(n/5)$ is required....



Claim: The median of median will be a good pivot,
i.e., it throw away $3n/10$ elements.

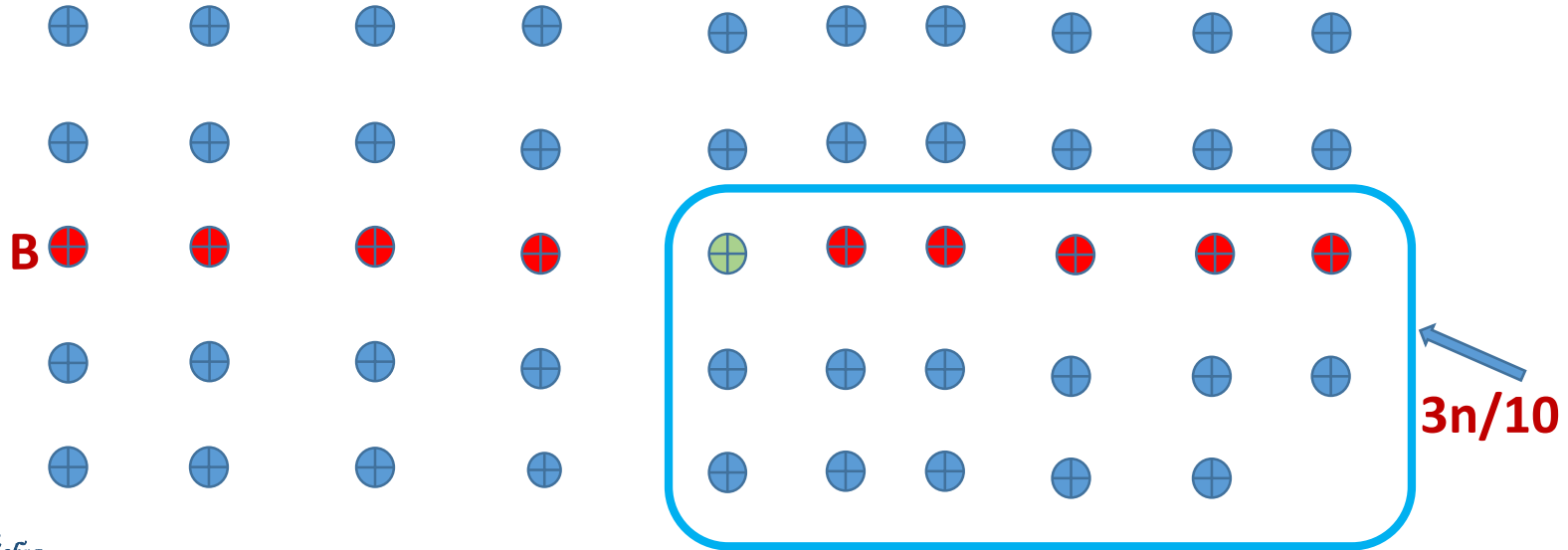
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Time Complexity Analysis.

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To prove $T(n) = O(n)$

Guess: $T(n) \leq Rn$ (for some R , we will later fix this R)

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- Ind step:
$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + cn \leq Rn/5 + R7n/10 + cn \\ &= (0.2R + 0.7R + c)n = (0.9R + c)n \\ &\text{If } 10c = R \quad \quad \quad = Rn \end{aligned}$$