

Course MiniProject

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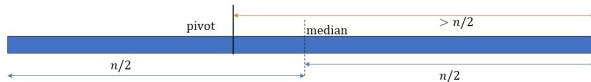
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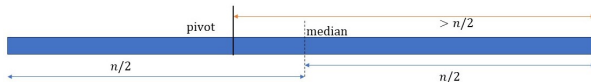
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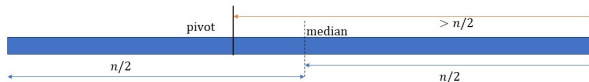
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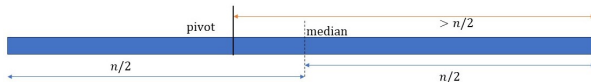
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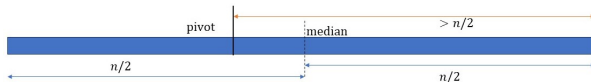
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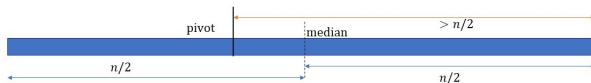
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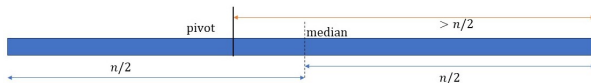
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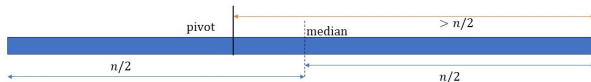


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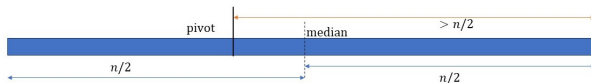
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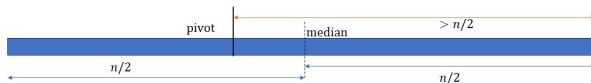
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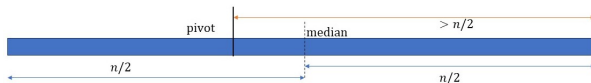
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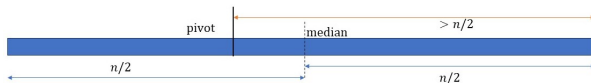
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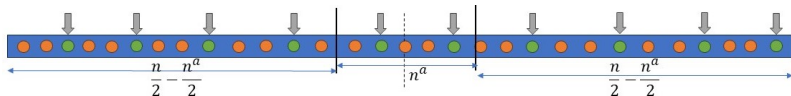
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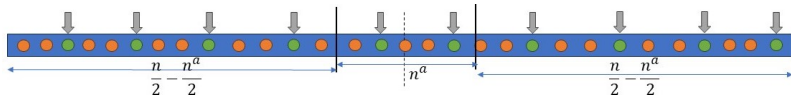
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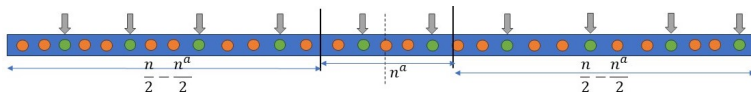
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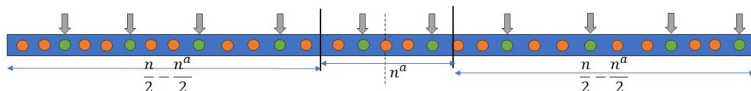
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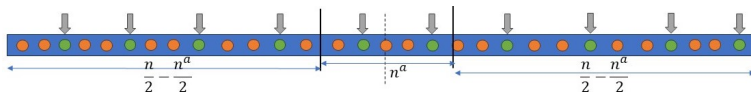
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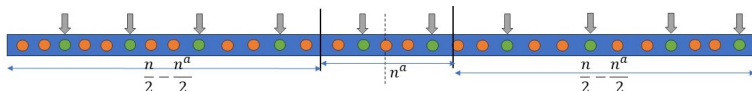
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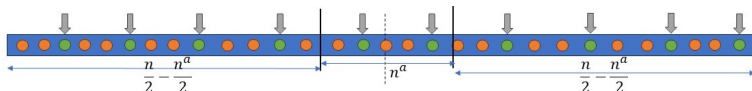
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$(A_{\text{new}}, x_1, x_2) \leftarrow \text{partition}(A, p_1, p_2)$; // x_1, x_2 ranks of pivots

$C \leftarrow A_{\text{new}}[x_1 : x_2]$;

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if $x_1 \leq \frac{n}{2} \leq x_2$ **then**

return $C[\frac{n}{2} - x_1 + 1]$;

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$Median \leftarrow$ Compute the exact median by $O(n)$
 deterministic algorithm;

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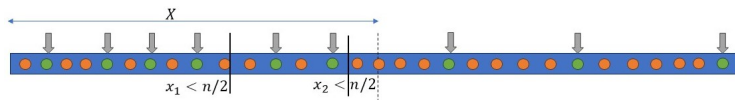
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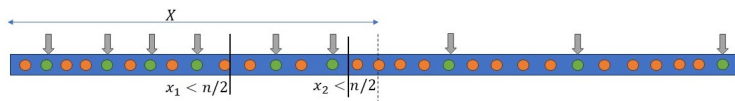
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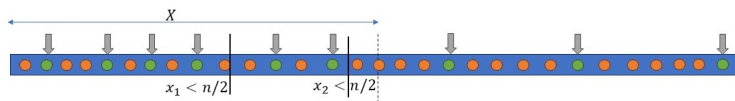
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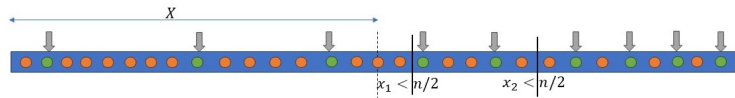
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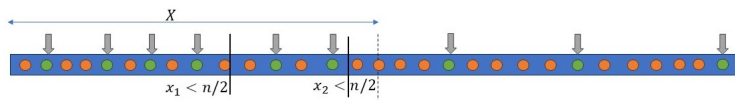


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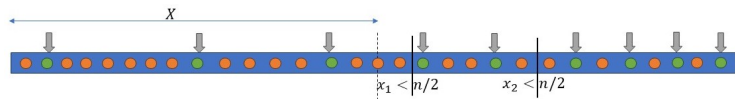


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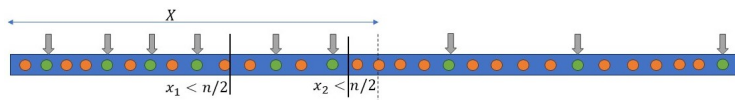
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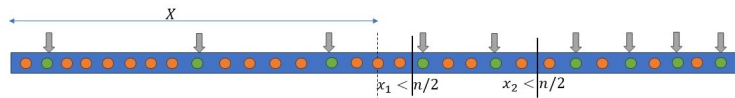
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Clearly, $E[X] = \frac{n^b}{2} \implies E_1 = |X - E[X]| \geq d, d = \frac{n^b}{2^{n^{1-a}}}$

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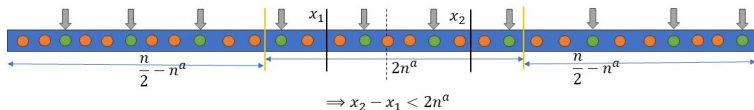
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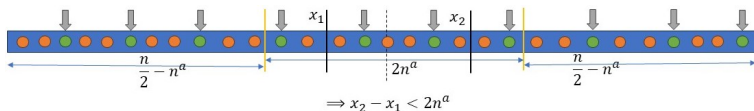
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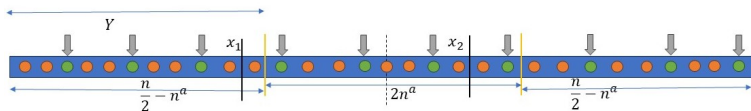
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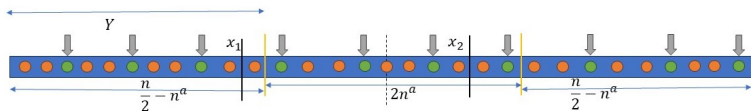
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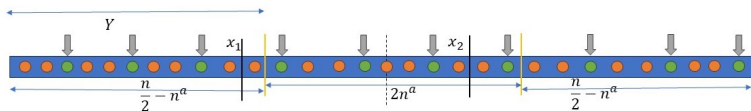
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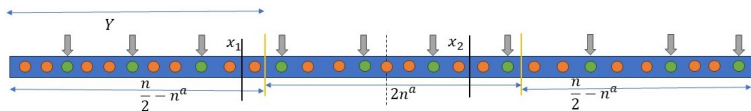
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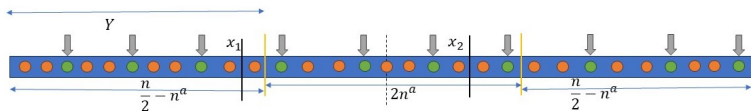
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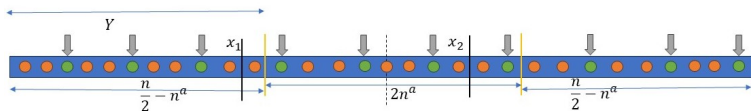
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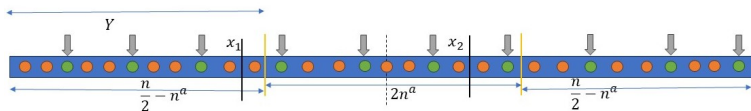
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