

Solution 1

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1 // Copyright © 2020 AlgoExpert, LLC. All rights reserved.
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3 class Program {
4     // Best: O(n) time | O(1) space
5     // Average: O(n) time | O(1) space
6     // Worst: O(n^2) time | O(1) space
7     public static int quickselect(int[] array, int k) {
8         int position = k - 1;
9         return quickselect(array, 0, array.length - 1, position);
10    }
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12    public static int quickselect(int[] array, int startIdx, int endIdx, int position) {
13        while (true) {
14            if (startIdx > endIdx) {
15                throw new RuntimeException("Your Algorithm should never arrive here!");
16            }
17            int pivotIdx = startIdx;
18            int leftIdx = startIdx + 1;
19            int rightIdx = endIdx;
20            while (leftIdx <= rightIdx) {
21                if (array[leftIdx] > array[pivotIdx] && array[rightIdx] < array[pivotIdx]) {
22                    swap(leftIdx, rightIdx, array);
23                }
24                if (array[leftIdx] <= array[pivotIdx]) {
25                    leftIdx++;
26                }
27                if (array[rightIdx] >= array[pivotIdx]) {
28                    rightIdx--;
29                }
30            }
31            swap(pivotIdx, rightIdx, array);
32            if (rightIdx == position) {
33                return array[rightIdx];
34            } else if (rightIdx < position) {
35                startIdx = rightIdx + 1;
36            } else {
37                endIdx = rightIdx - 1;
38            }
39        }
40    }
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42    public static void swap(int i, int j, int[] array) {
43        int temp = array[j];
44        array[j] = array[i];
45        array[i] = temp;
46    }
47 }
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