

Median-of-Median Algorithms with different Stopping Lengths

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Q1.

Since we are given m longer part of the L -length bar, it is equivalent to m samples sampled uniformly from $[\frac{L}{2}, L]$. The smallest value in these m -longer samples are the 1st order statistics of these samples drawn from uniform distribution.

It can interpreted as that the m sticks falls on to the $[\frac{L}{2}, L]$ region, therefore, the region is dissembled into $m + 1$ sectors, the length of the $m + 1$ sectors should be uniformly distributed. Therefore, the shortest stick should fall in the sector closest to the starting point $\frac{L}{2}$, the sector length mean is $\frac{L}{2*(m+1)}$. Therefore, the mean length of the smallest of these m -many longer-pieces of candy stick is $\frac{L}{2} + \frac{L}{2*(m+1)} = \frac{m+2}{2(m+1)}L$.

Q2.

From Q1, we have found that the shortest length of the worst case array length is $\frac{m+2}{2(m+1)}L$. Therefore, we will have the following formula for the execute time if the array size is n :

$$A(n) \leq c * (n - 1) + A\left(\frac{m+2}{2(m+1)}n\right) \leq c * n + A\left(\frac{m+2}{2(m+1)}n\right)$$

Following the previous process:

$$A(n) \leq \frac{2(m+1)}{m+2}c * n$$