

# Great Expectations

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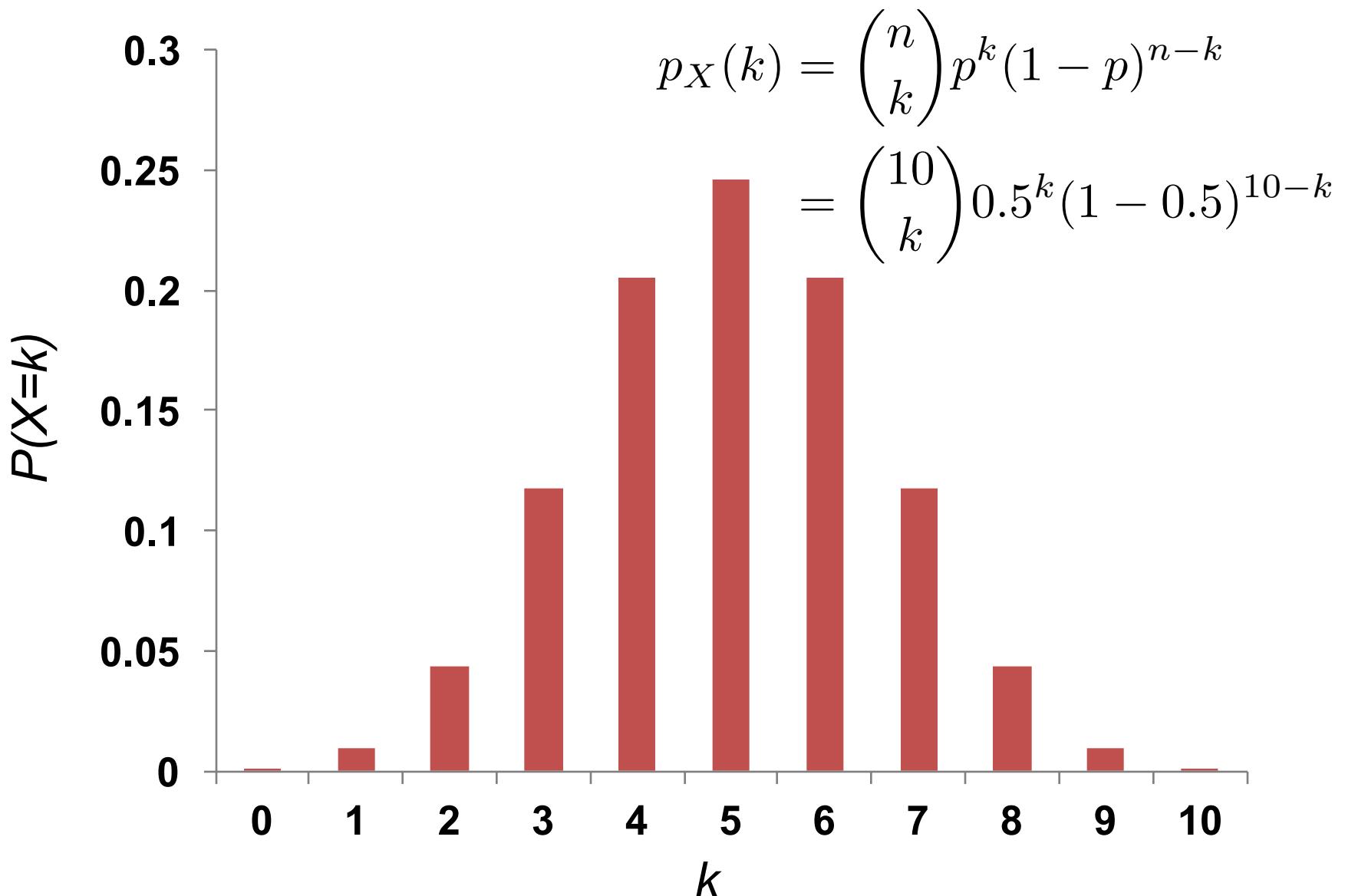
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(Just wanted you to know)*

# French Elections

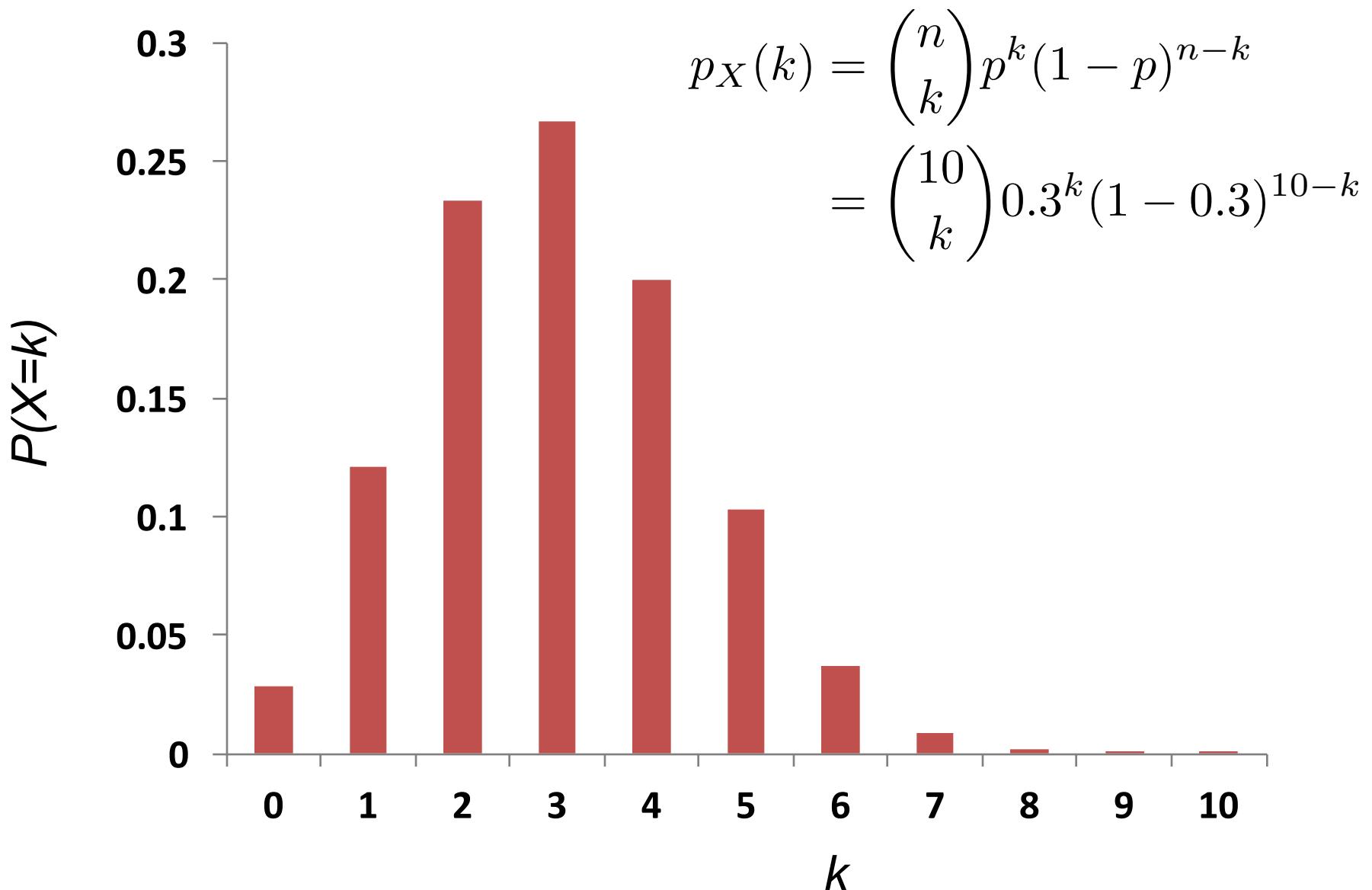


# Review

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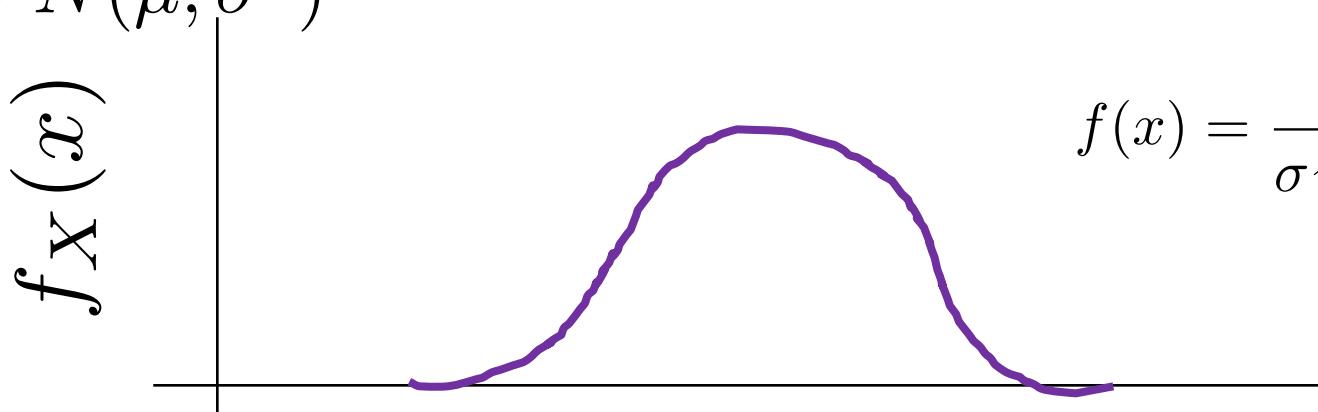


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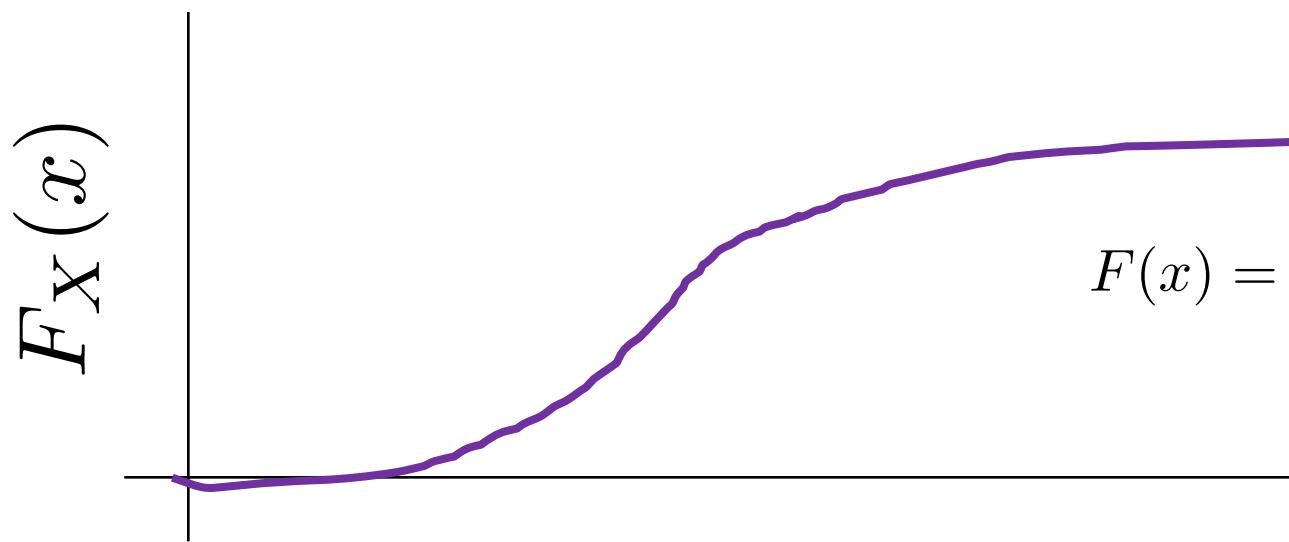


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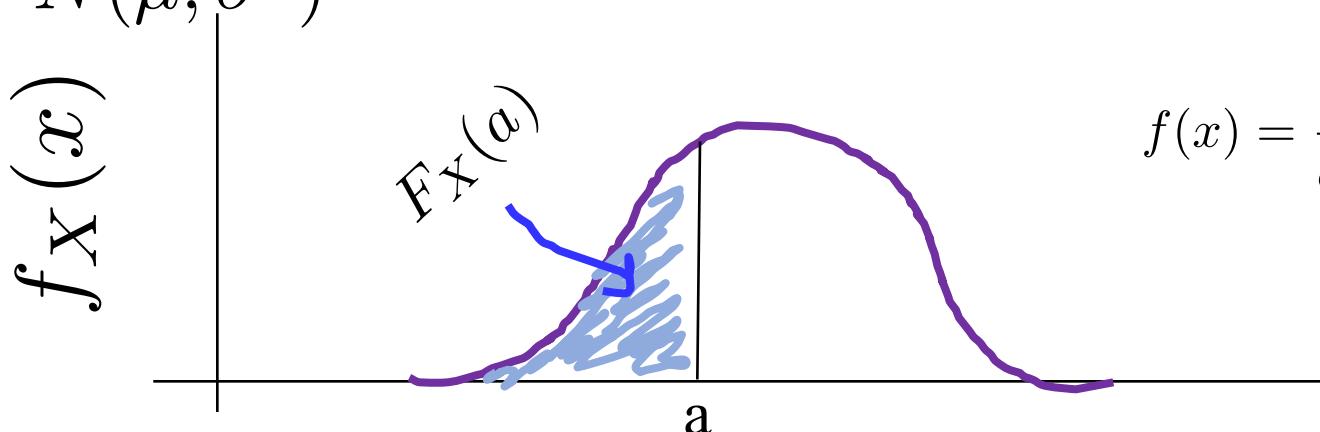


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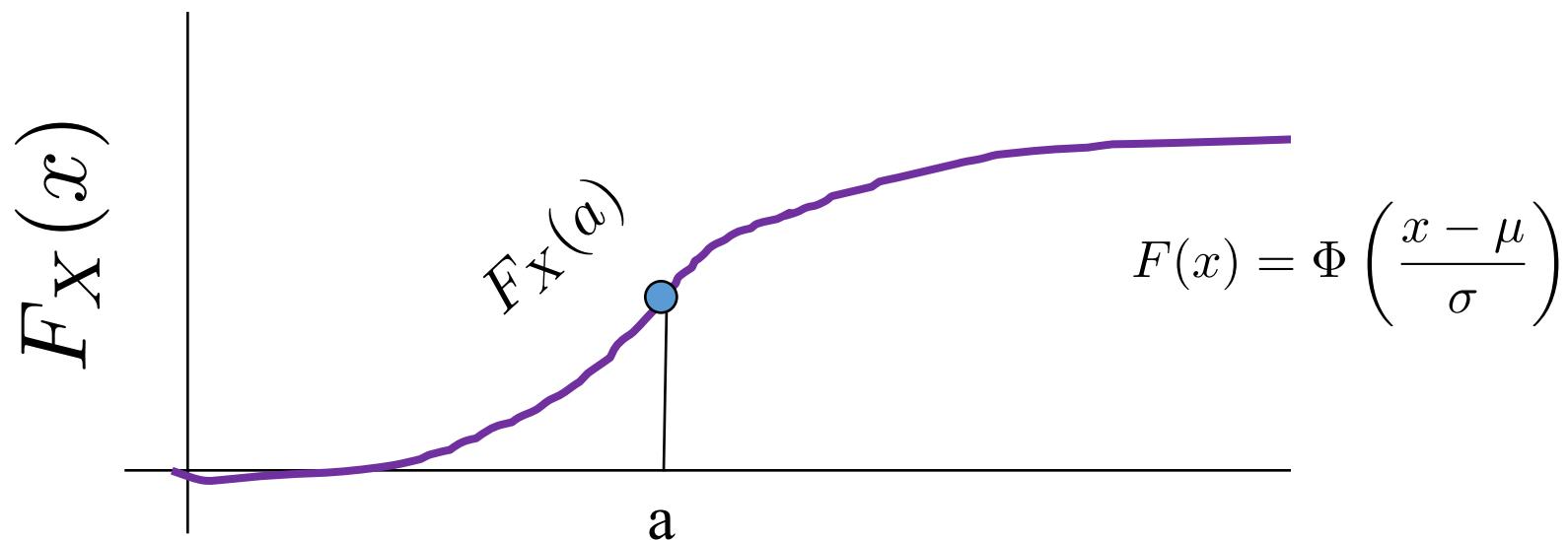
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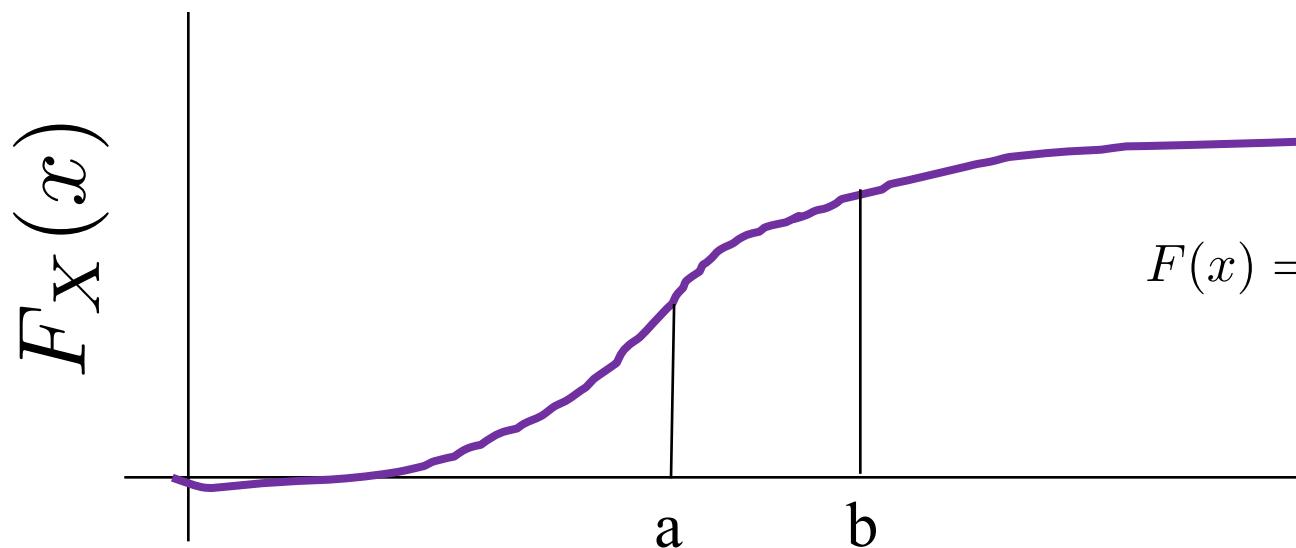
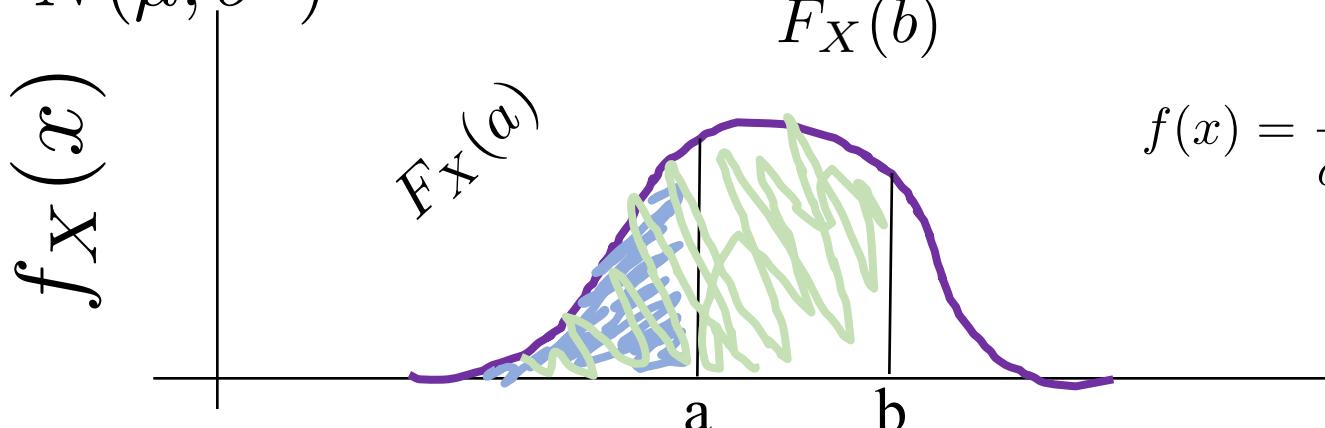


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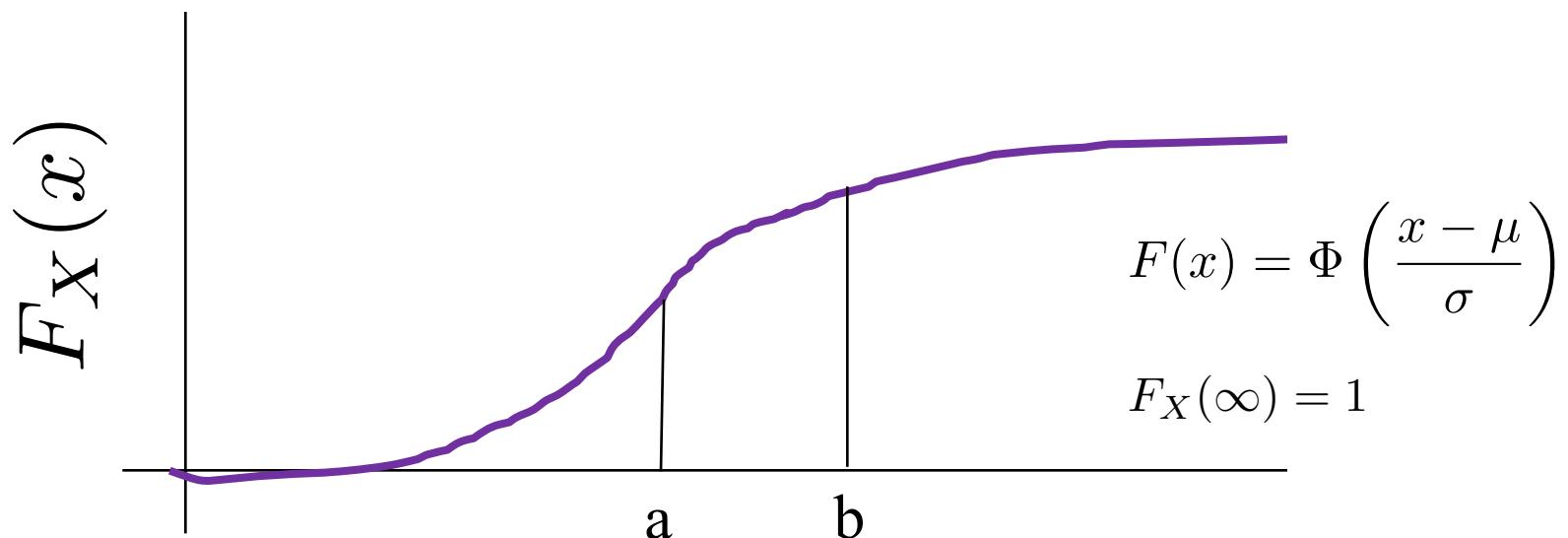
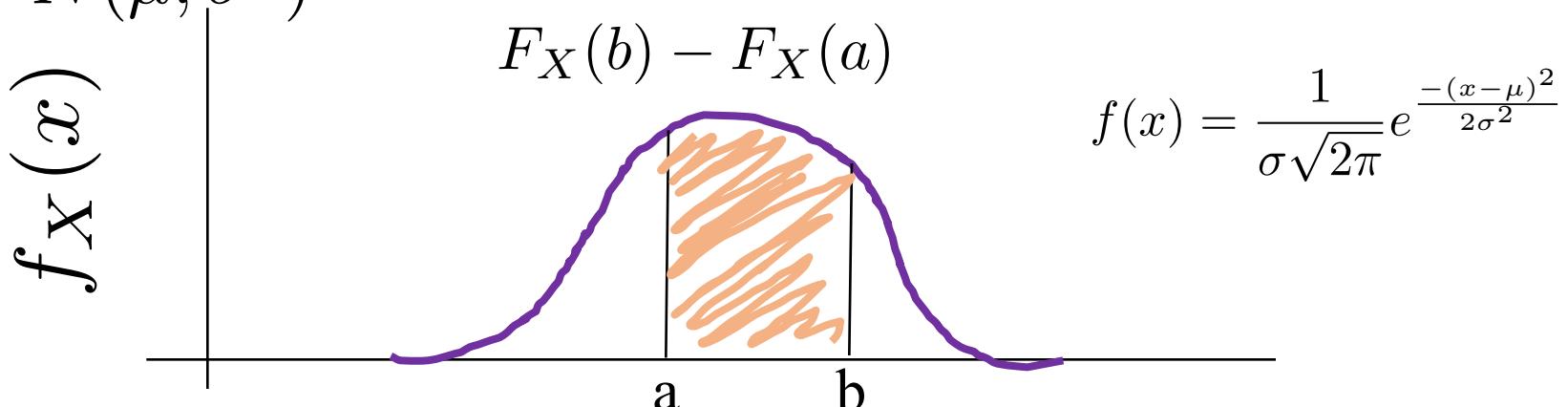
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F(-infinity)

# Expected Values of Sums

$$E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$$

Generalized:

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$$

Holds regardless of dependency between  $X_i$ 's

End Review

# From Expectation to Correlation via Covariance

# Covariance



# Bool Was Cool

- Let  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  be events with indicator RVs  $X_i$ 
  - If event  $E_i$  occurs, then  $X_i = 1$ , else  $X_i = 0$
  - Recall  $E[X_i] = P(E_i)$
  - Why?

$$E[X_i] = 0 \cdot (1 - P(E_i)) + 1 \cdot P(E_i)$$

Bernoulli aka Indicator Random Variables were studied extensively by George Bool

Bool died of being too cool

# Expectation of Binomial

- Let  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ 
  - $n$  independent trials
  - Let  $X_i = 1$  if  $i$ -th trial is “success”, 0 otherwise
  - $X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p) \quad E[X_i] = p$

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}E[Y] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] \\&= \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] \\&= E[X_1] + E[X_2] + \dots E[X_n] \\&= np\end{aligned}$$

# Expectation of Negative Binomial

- Let  $Y \sim \text{NegBin}(r, p)$ 
  - Recall  $Y$  is number of trials until  $r$  “successes”
  - Let  $X_i = \# \text{ of trials to get success after } (i - 1)\text{st success}$
  - $X_i \sim \text{Geo}(p)$  (i.e., Geometric RV)  $E[X_i] = \frac{1}{p}$

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_r = \sum_{i=1}^r X_i$$

$$E[Y] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^r X_i\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^r E[X_i]$$

$$= E[X_1] + E[X_2] + \dots + E[X_r]$$

$$= \frac{r}{p}$$

# Hash Tables (aka Toy Collecting)

- Consider a hash table with  $n$  buckets
  - Each string equally likely to get hashed into any bucket
  - Let  $X = \#$  strings to hash until each bucket  $\geq 1$  string
  - What is  $E[X]$ ?
  - Let  $X_i = \#$  of trials to get success after  $i$ -th success
    - where “success” is hashing string to previously empty bucket
    - After  $i$  buckets have  $\geq 1$  string, probability of hashing a string to an empty bucket is  $p = (n - i) / n$
    - $P(X_i = k) = \frac{n-i}{n} \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^{k-1}$  equivalently:  $X_i \sim \text{Geo}((n - i) / n)$
    - $E[X_i] = 1 / p = n / (n - i)$
  - $X = X_0 + X_1 + \dots + X_{n-1} \Rightarrow E[X] = E[X_0] + E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_{n-1}]$ 
$$E[X] = \frac{n}{n} + \frac{n}{n-1} + \frac{n}{n-2} + \dots + \frac{n}{1} = n \left[ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} + \dots + 1 \right] = O(n \log n)$$

This is your final answer



When stuck, brainstorm  
about random variables

# Let's Do Some Sorting!

5	3	7	4	8	6	2	1
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# QuickSort

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select  
“pivot”

# Recursive Insight

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Everything is sorted!

```
void Quicksort(int arr[], int n)
{
    if (n < 2) return;

    int boundary = Partition(arr, n);

    // Sort subarray up to pivot
    Quicksort(arr, boundary);

    // Sort subarray after pivot to end
    Quicksort(arr + boundary + 1, n - boundary - 1);
}
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“boundary” is the index of the pivot

This is equal to the number of elements before pivot

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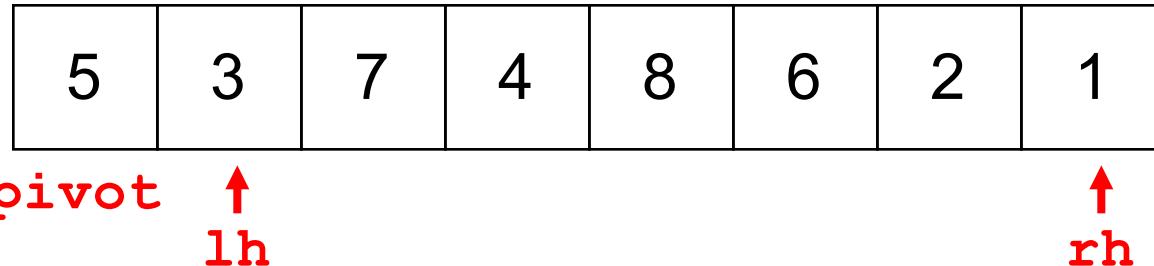
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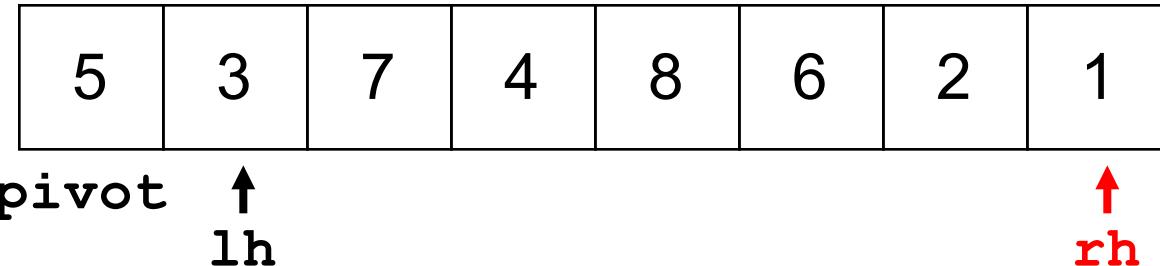


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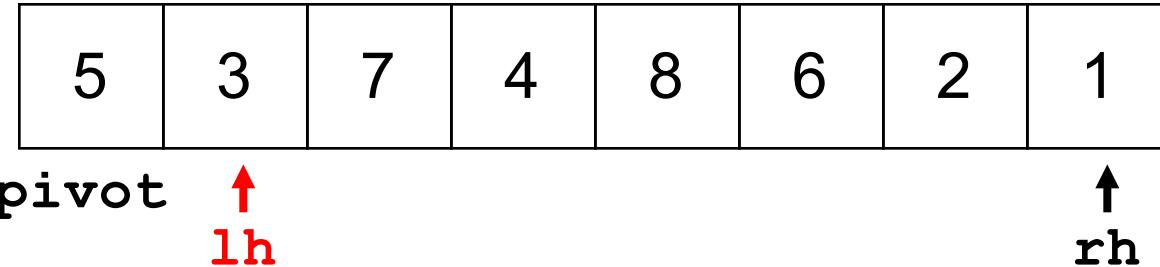


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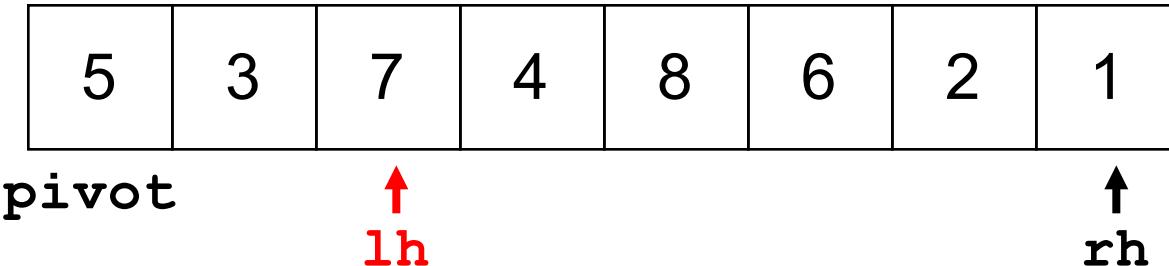


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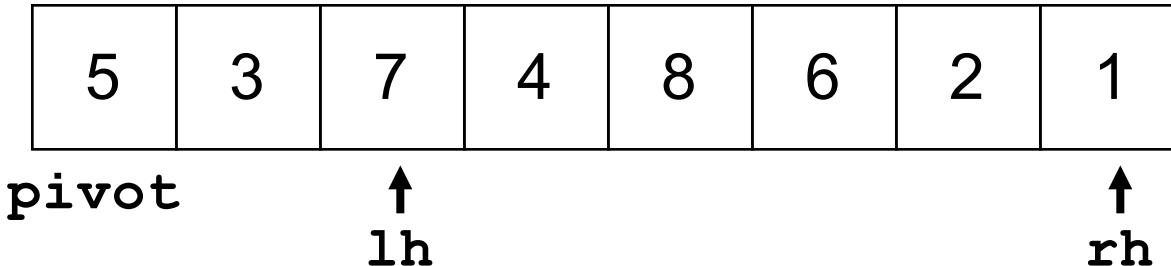
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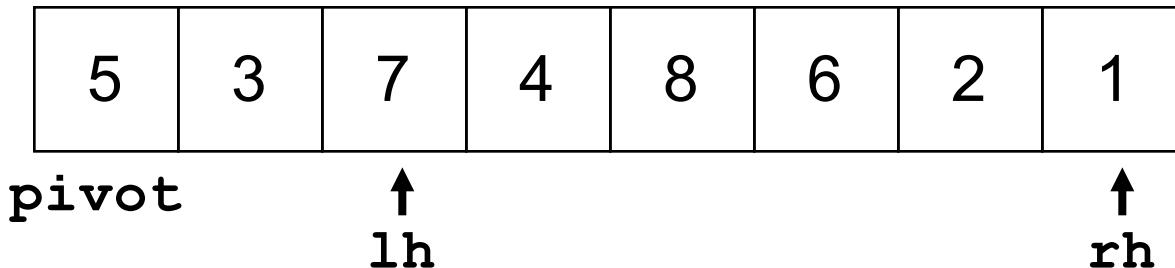


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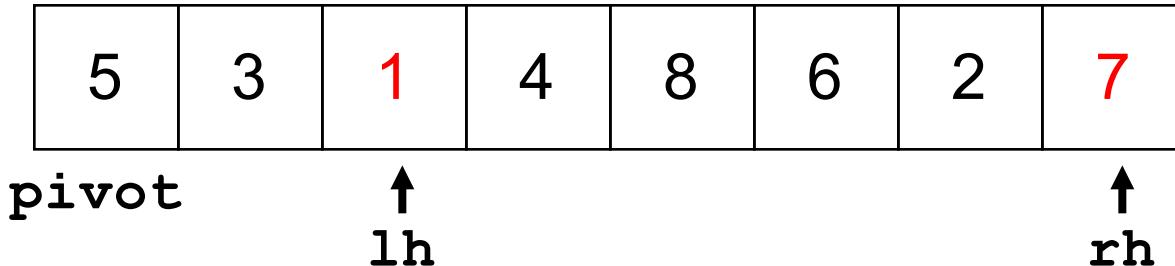


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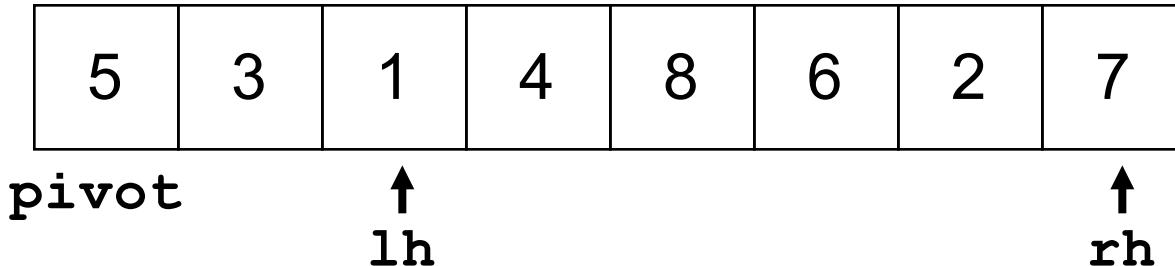


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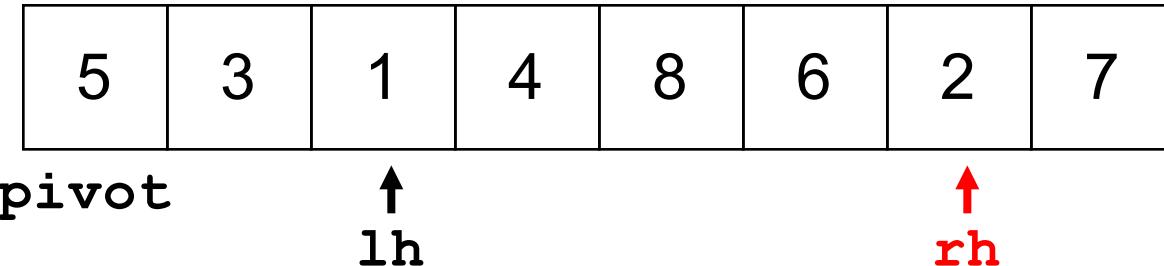


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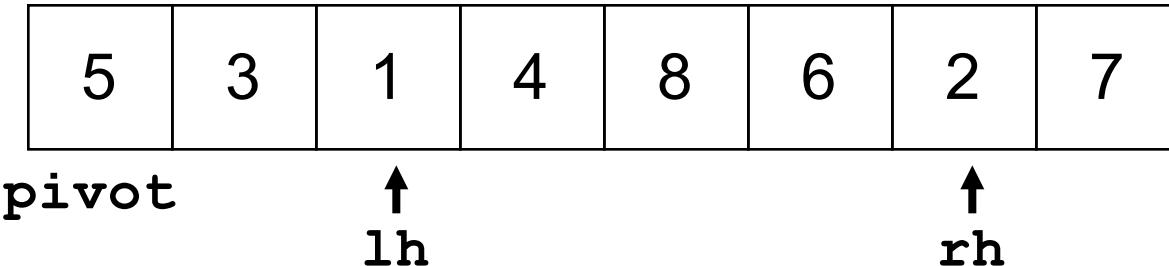


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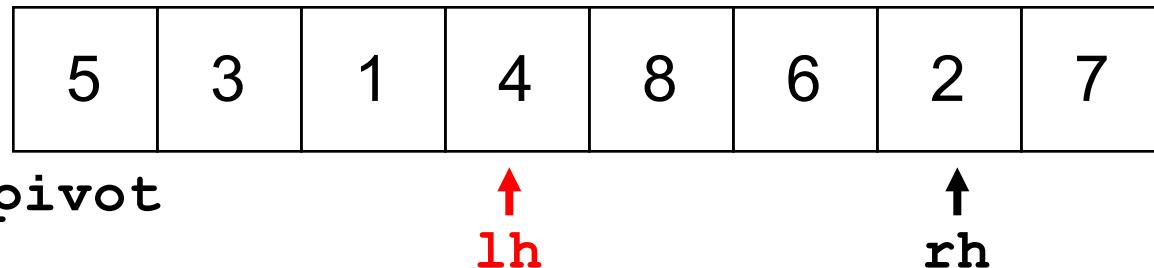


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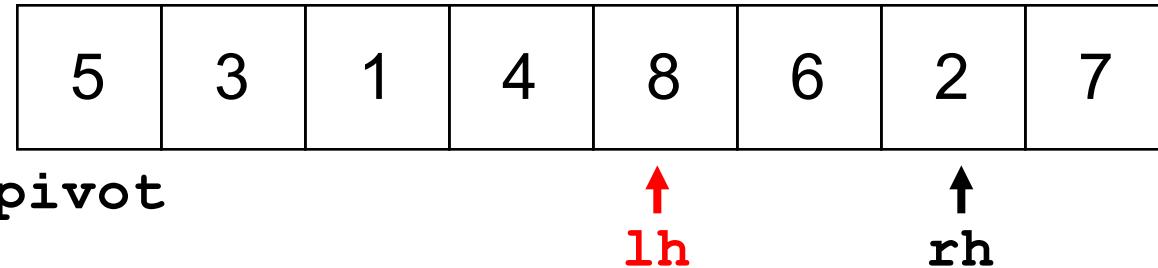


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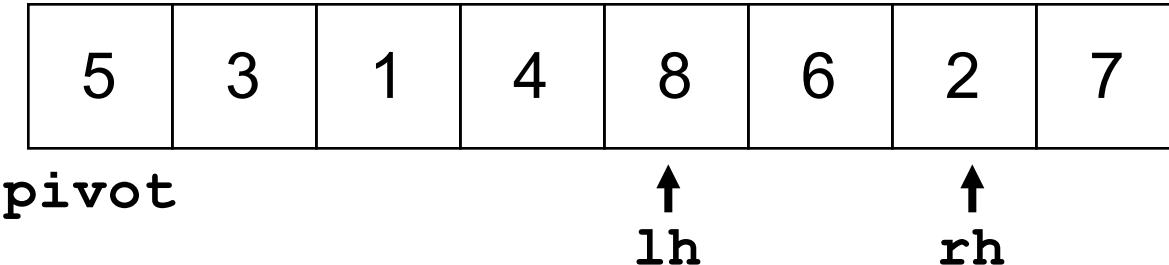
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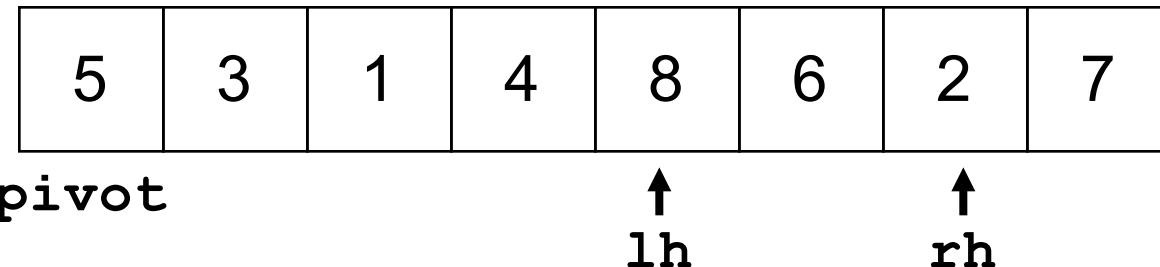


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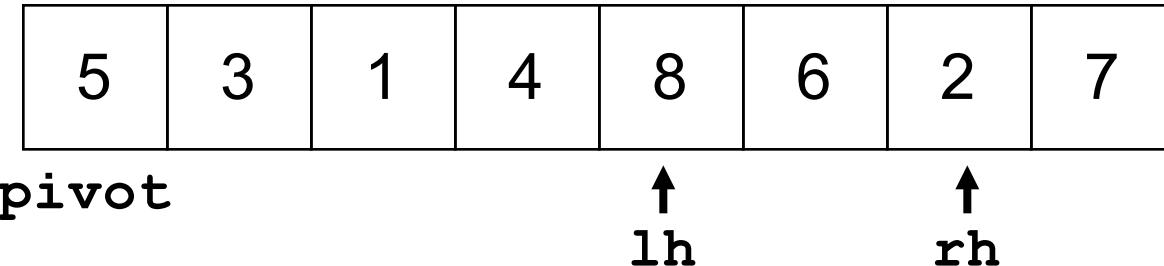


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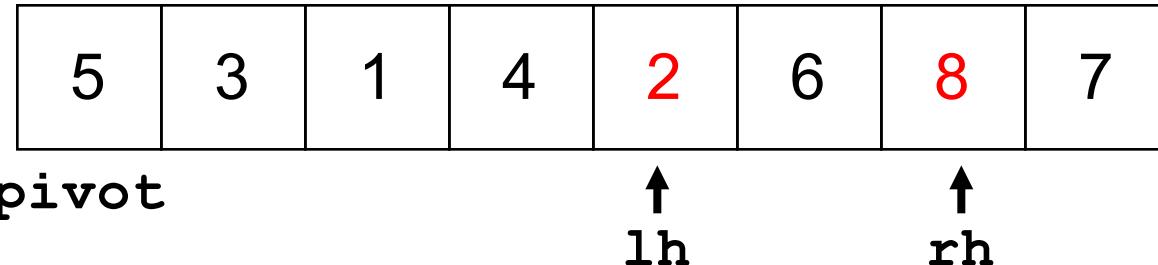


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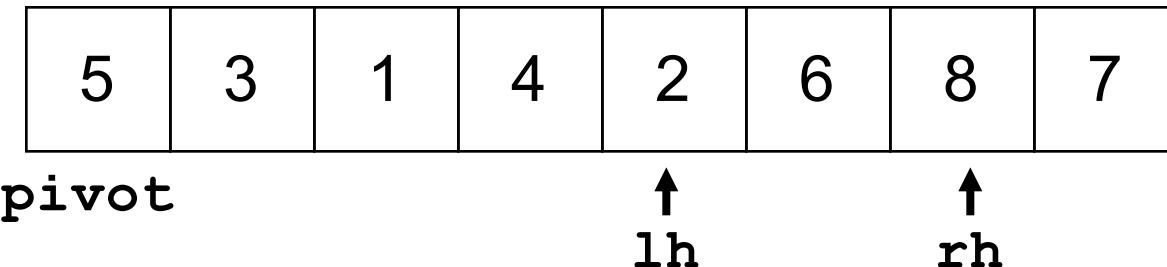


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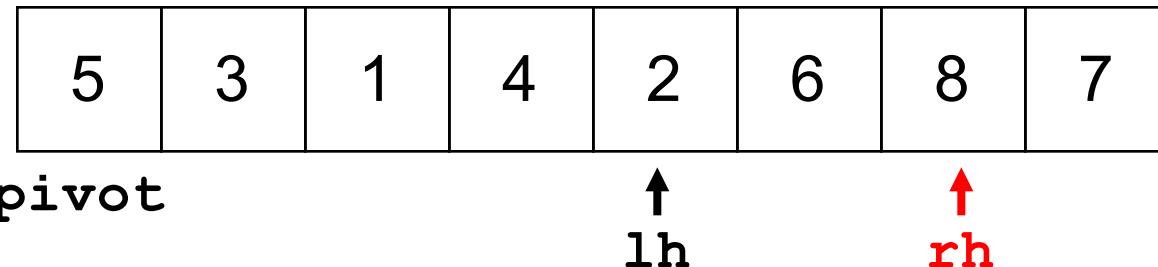


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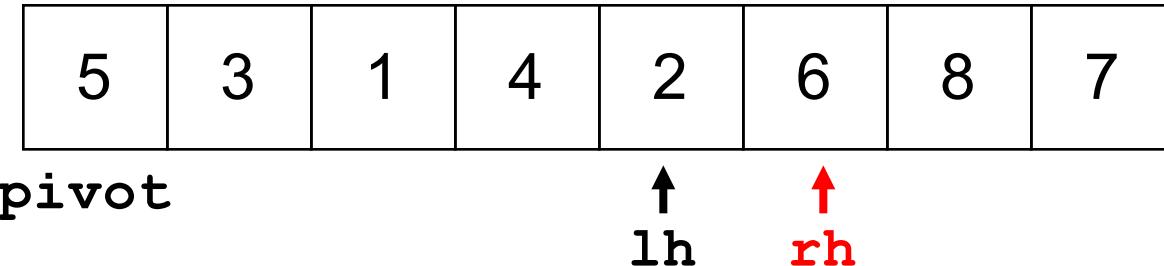


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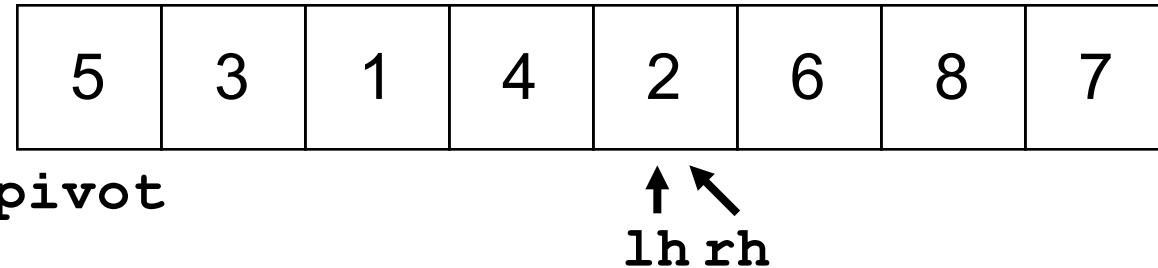
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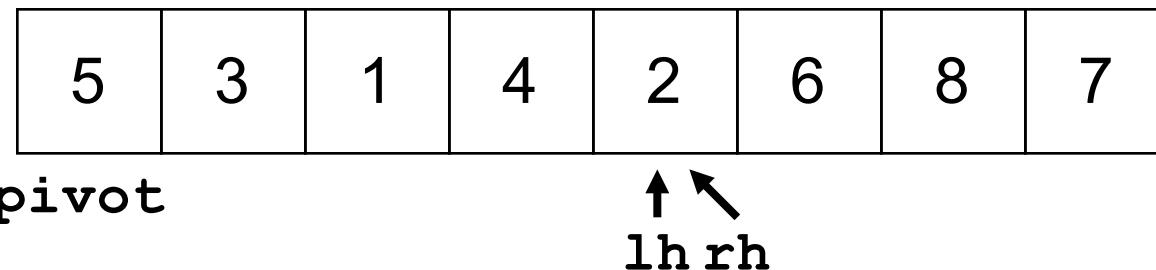


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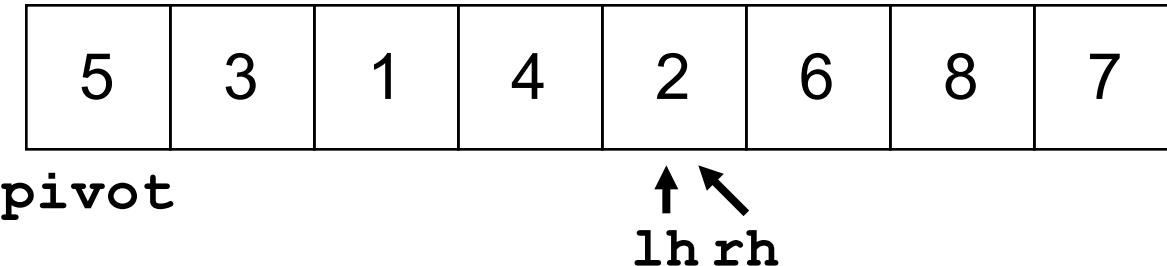
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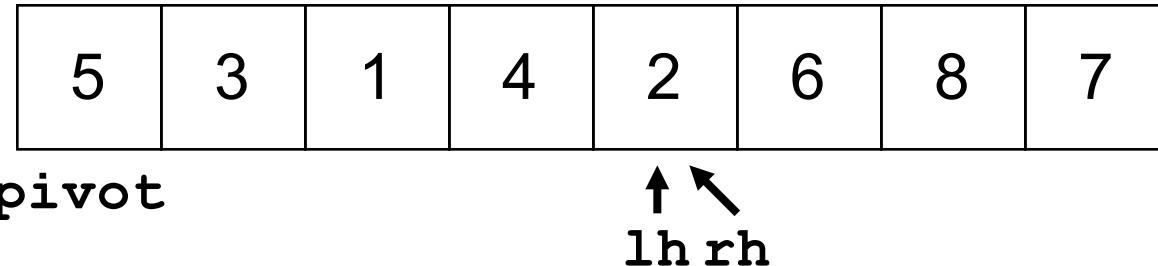
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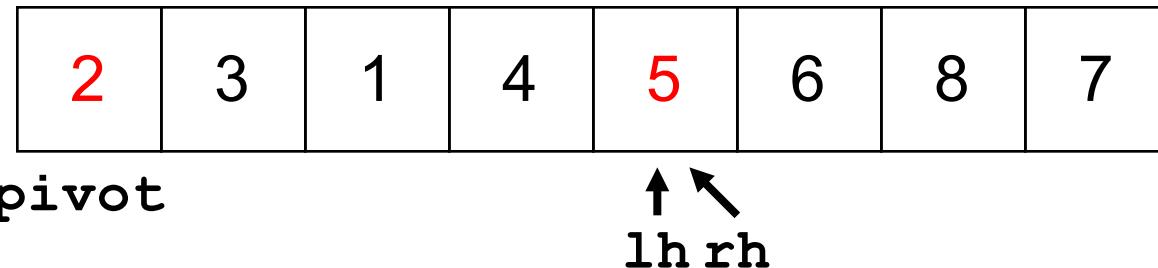


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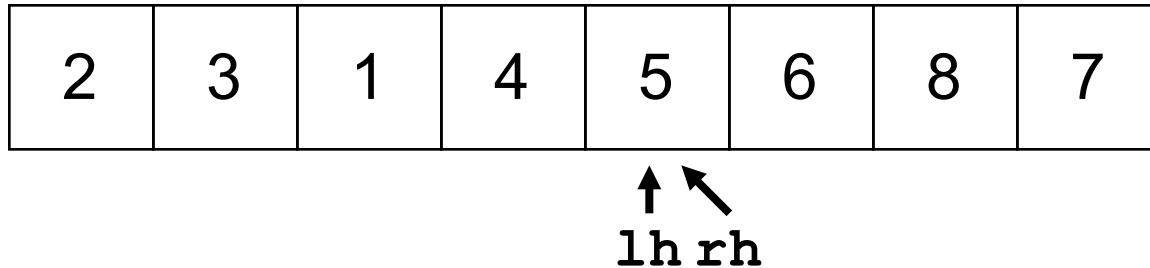


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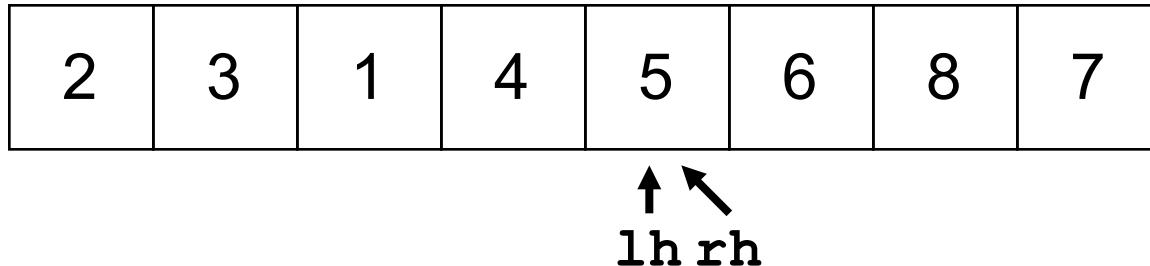


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    return lh;      Returns 4 (index of pivot)
}

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- Complexity of algorithm determined by number of comparisons made to pivot

```
void Quicksort(int arr[], int n)
{
    if (n < 2) return;

    int boundary = Partition(arr, n);

    // Sort subarray up to pivot
    Quicksort(arr, boundary);

    // Sort subarray after pivot to end
    Quicksort(arr + boundary + 1, n - boundary - 1);
}
```

“boundary” is the index of the pivot

This is equal to the number of elements before pivot

# Complexity QuickSort

- QuickSort is  $O(n \log n)$ , where  $n = \# \text{ elems to sort}$ 
  - But in “worst case” it can be  $O(n^2)$
  - Worst case occurs when every time pivot is selected, it is maximal or minimal remaining element
- What is  $P(\text{QuickSort worst case})$ ?
  - On each recursive call, pivot = max/min element, so we are left with  $n - 1$  elements for next recursive call
  - 2 possible “bad” pivots (max/min) on each recursive call

$$P(\text{Worst case}) = \frac{2}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{n-1} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{2}{2} = \frac{2^{n-1}}{n!}$$

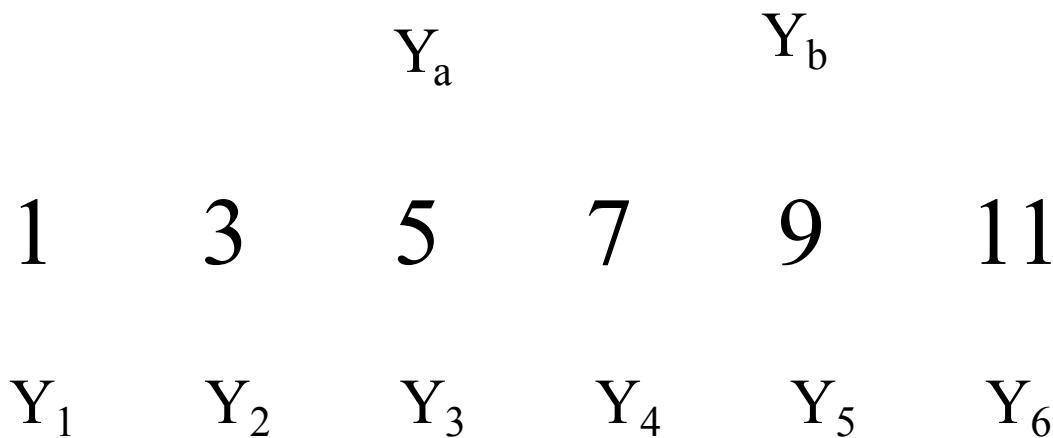
- Saw similar behavior for BSTs on problem set #1
  - $P(\text{Worst case})$  gets small very fast as  $n$  grows!

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When are  $Y_a$  and  $Y_b$  are compared?

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Whether or not they are compared  
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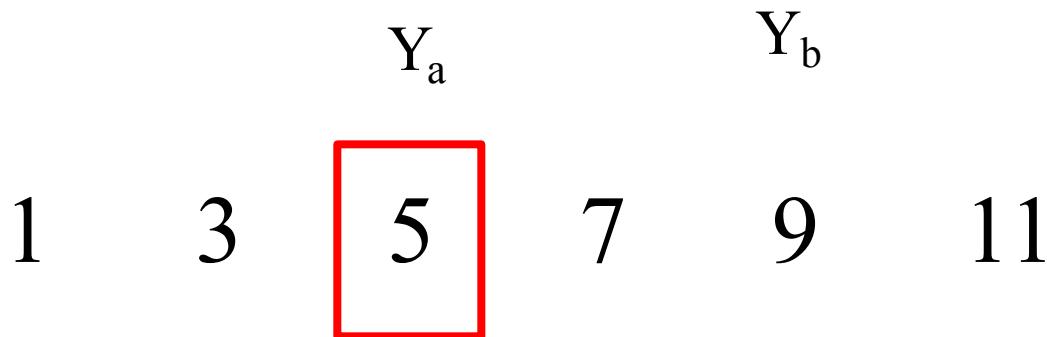
$Y_a$

$Y_b$

1      3      5      7      9      11

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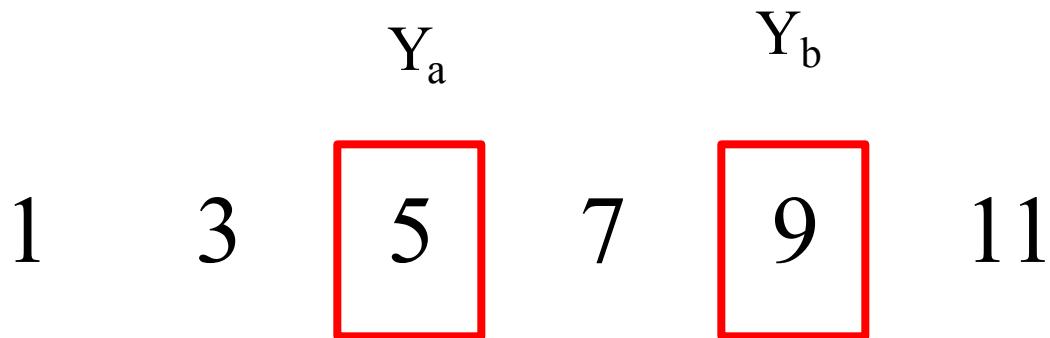
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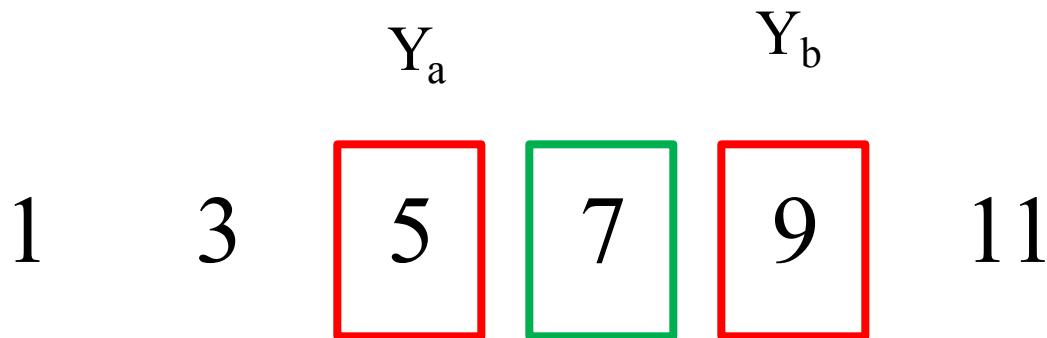
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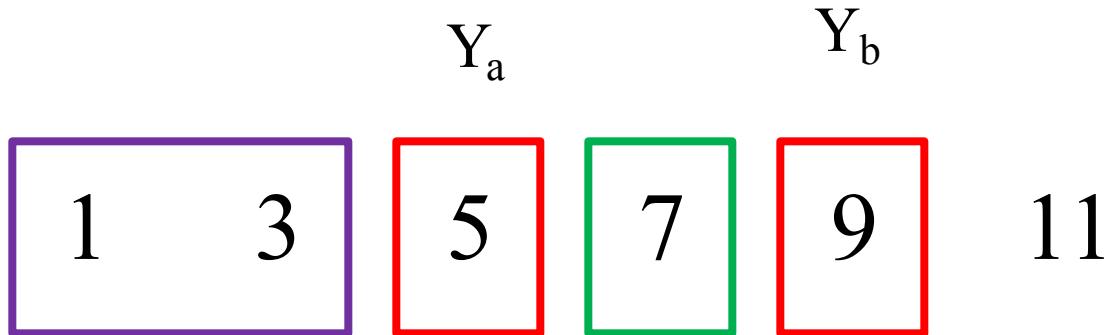
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Consider pivot choice: 7

They are **not** compared

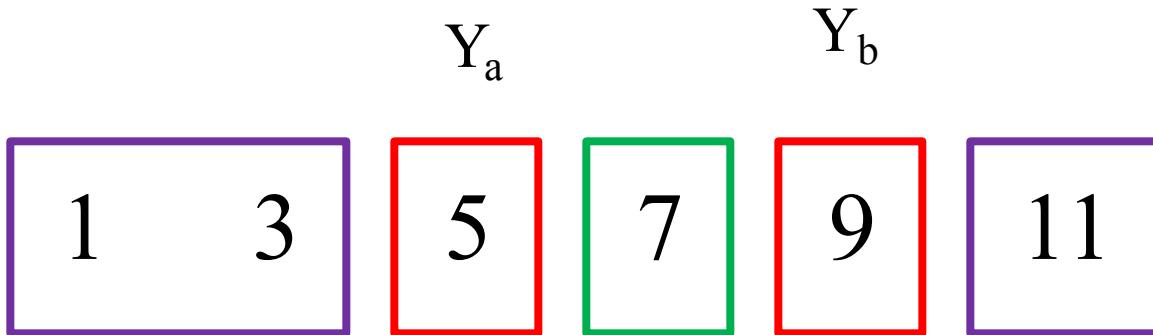
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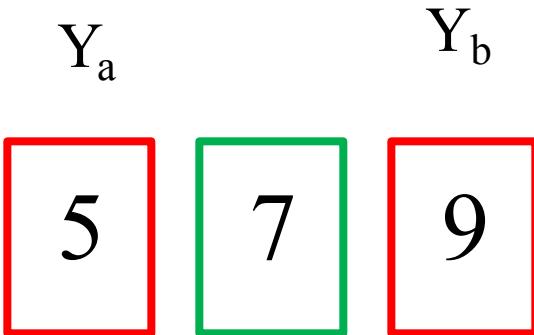
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# $P(Y_a \text{ and } Y_b \text{ ever compared})$



Are  $Y_a$  and  $Y_b$  compared?

Keep repeating pivot choice until you get a pivot  
In the range  $[Y_a, Y_b]$  inclusive

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# Expected Running Time of QuickSort

Aside:

$$X = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^n I_{a,b}$$

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When  $a = 1$

$$I_{1,2} + I_{1,3} + \dots + I_{1,n}$$

When  $a = 2$

$$+ I_{2,3} + \dots + I_{2,n}$$

When  $a = n-1$

$$+ I_{n-1,n}$$

Contains a comparison between each  $i$  and  $j$   
(where  $i$  does not equal  $j$ )  
exactly once

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# P(Y<sub>a</sub> and Y<sub>b</sub> ever compared)

- Consider when Y<sub>a</sub> and Y<sub>b</sub> are directly compared
  - We only care about case where pivot chosen from set: {Y<sub>a</sub>, Y<sub>a+1</sub>, Y<sub>a+2</sub>, ..., Y<sub>b</sub>}
  - From that set either Y<sub>a</sub> and Y<sub>b</sub> must be selected as pivot (with equal probability) in order to be compared
  - So,

$$P(Y_a \text{ and } Y_b \text{ ever compared}) = \frac{2}{b - a + 1}$$

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# Bring it on Home (i.e. Solve the Sum)

$$E[X] = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^n \frac{2}{b-a+1}$$
$$\sum_{b=a+1}^n \frac{2}{b-a+1} \approx \int_{a+1}^n \frac{2}{b-a+1} db$$

Recall:  $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x)$

$$= 2 \ln(b-a+1) \Big|_{a+1}^n = 2 \ln(n-a+1) - 2 \ln(2)$$
$$\approx 2 \ln(n-a+1) \text{ for large } n$$

$$E[X] \approx \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} 2 \ln(n-a+1) \approx 2 \int_{a=1}^{n-1} \ln(n-a+1) da$$

Let  $y = n-a+1$

$$= -2 \int_{y=n}^2 \ln(y) dy$$
$$= -2(y \ln(y) - y) \Big|_n^2$$

Recall:  
 $\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x$

$$= -2[(2 \ln(2) - 2) - (n \ln(n) - n)] \approx 2n \ln(n) - 2n = O(n \log n)$$

Thanks  
Riemann

Ahhh ☺

# Break

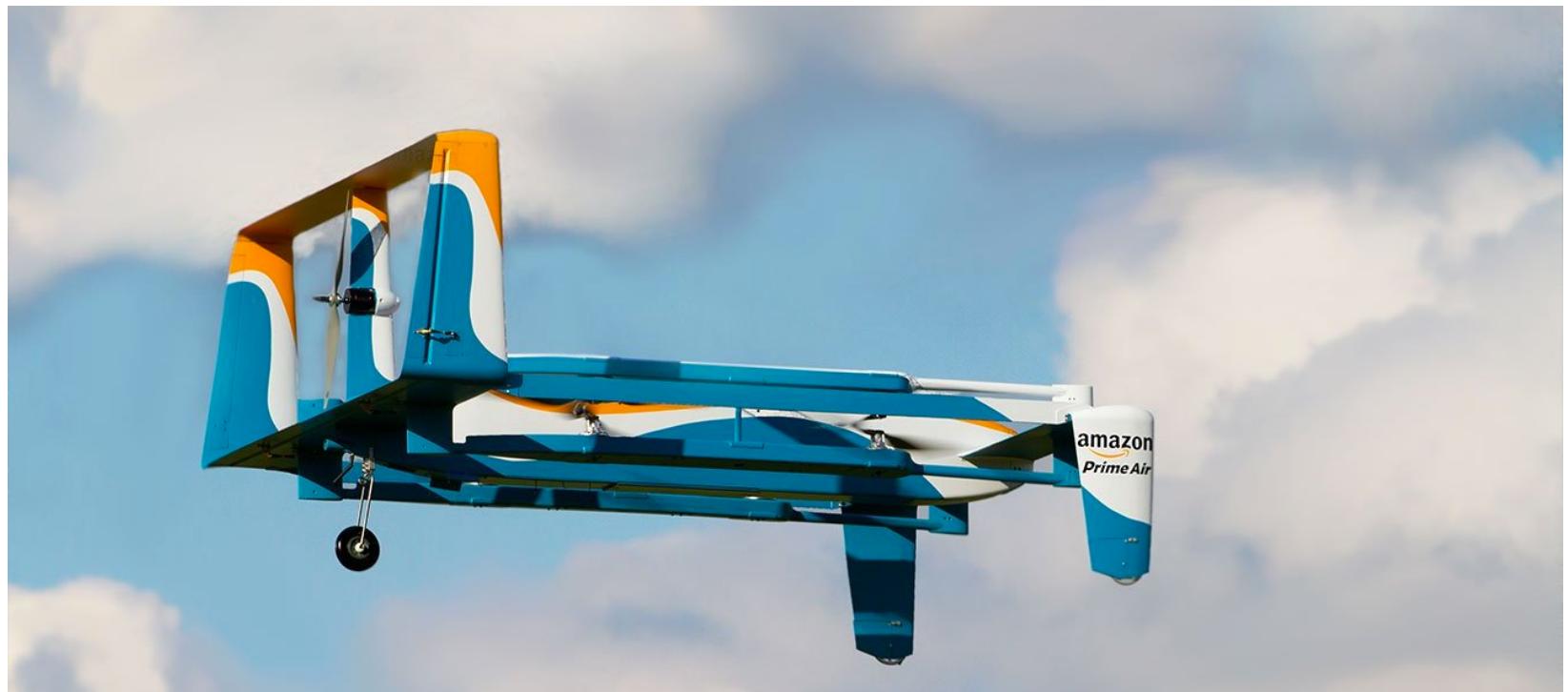
# Computer Cluster Utilization

- Computer cluster with  $k$  servers
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  - $X = \#$  of events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  that occur
  - $Y = \#$  servers that receive  $\geq 1$  request  $= k - X$
  - $E[Y]$  after first  $n$  requests?
  - Since requests independent:  $P(A_i) = (1 - p_i)^n$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^k P(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^n$$

$$E[Y] = k - E[X] = k - \sum_{i=1}^k (1 - p_i)^n$$

when  $p_i = \frac{1}{k}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $E[Y] = k - \sum_{i=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^n = k \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)^n\right)$





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- This is really another “Coupon Collector” problem
  - Each server is a “coupon type”
  - Request to server = collecting a coupon of that type
- Hash table version
  - Each server is a bucket in table
  - Request to server = string gets hashed to that bucket

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- $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly discrete random variables
  - Recall conditional PMF of  $X$  given  $Y = y$ :

$$p_{X|Y}(x | y) = P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x, y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

- Define conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $Y = y$ :
- $E[X | Y = y] = \sum_x x P(X = x | Y = y) = \sum_x x p_{X|Y}(x | y)$
- Analogously, jointly continuous random variables:

$$f_{X|Y}(x | y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$E[X | Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x | y) dx$$

# Rolling Dice

- Roll two 6-sided dice  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ 
  - $X = \text{value of } D_1 + D_2$        $Y = \text{value of } D_2$
  - What is  $E[X | Y = 6]$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}E[X | Y = 6] &= \sum_x x P(X = x | Y = 6) \\&= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)(7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12) = \frac{57}{6} = 9.5\end{aligned}$$

- Intuitively makes sense:  $6 + E[\text{value of } D_1] = 6 + 3.5$

# Properties of Conditional Expectation

- $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly distributed random variables

$$E[g(X) | Y = y] = \sum_x g(x) p_{X|Y}(x | y) \quad \text{or} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X|Y}(x | y) dx$$

- Expectation of conditional sum:

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i | Y = y\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i | Y = y]$$

# Expectations of Conditional Expectation

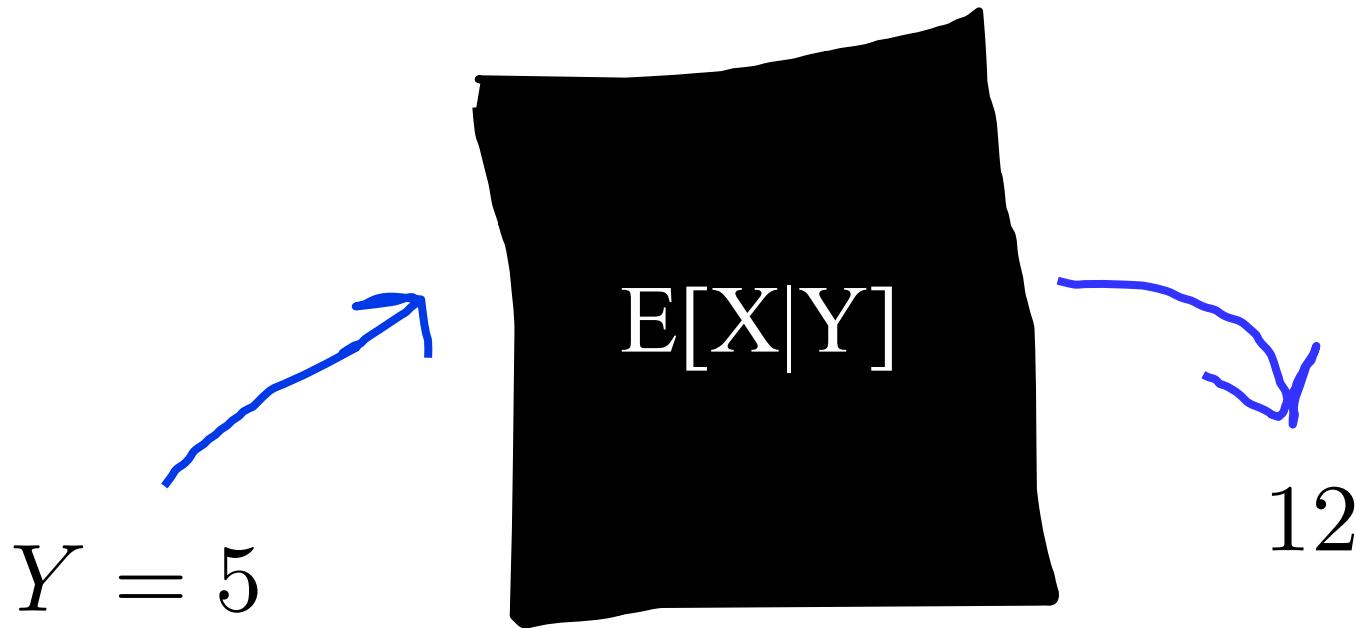
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This is a function

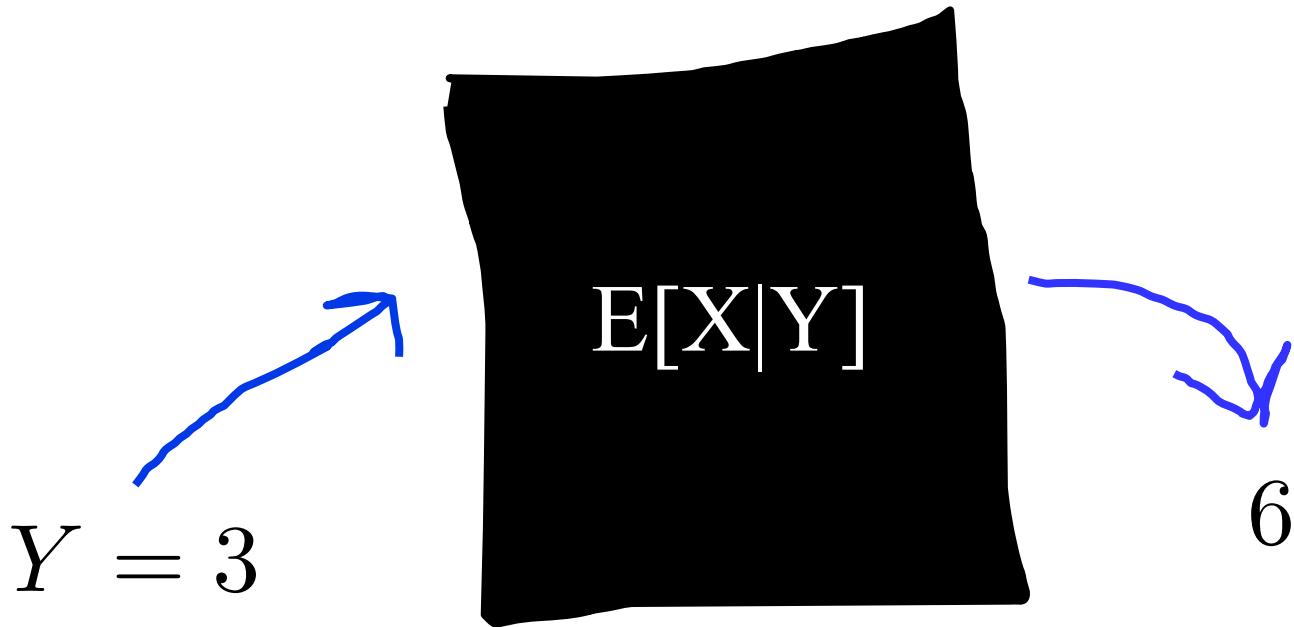
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# Analyzing Recursive Code

```
int Recurse() {  
    int x = randomInt(1, 3); // Equally likely values  
  
    if (x == 1) return 3;  
    else if (x == 2) return (5 + Recurse());  
    else return (7 + Recurse());  
}
```

- Let  $Y$  = value returned by `Recurse()`. What is  $E[Y]$ ?

$$E[Y] = E[Y | X = 1]P(X = 1) + E[Y | X = 2]P(X = 2) + E[Y | X = 3]P(X = 3)$$

$$E[Y | X = 1] = 3$$

$$E[Y | X = 2] = E[5 + Y] = 5 + E[Y]$$

$$E[Y | X = 3] = E[7 + Y] = 7 + E[Y]$$

$$E[Y] = 3(1/3) + (5 + E[Y])(1/3) + (7 + E[Y])(1/3) = (1/3)(15 + 2E[Y])$$

$$E[Y] = 15$$

Protip: do this in CS161