

Q3 Find the k^{th} smallest & largest element in the array.

i/p $\rightarrow \{7, 10, 4, 3, 20, 15\}$

$k = 3$

o/p $\rightarrow \text{maxi} = 10$

$\text{mini} = 7$

The approach is that if we sort the array & then find the desired elements. Like if we want to find k^{th} minimum element, then $\text{arr}[k-1]$ is the answer. If we want to find k^{th} largest element, then $\text{arr}[n-k]$ will be the k^{th} largest element where n is the no. of elements in the array.

Dry run

1) sort the array.

$\{3, 4, 7, 10, 15, 20\}$

2) $k = 3$

3rd smallest element = $\text{arr}[k-1]$
 $= 7$

3rd largest element = $\text{arr}[n-k]$
 $= \text{arr}[6-3]$
 $= \text{arr}[3]$
 $= 10$

Code

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void findkth Min & Max Element (vector<int>&arr)
{ //Sorting array in increasing order
  sort (arr.begin(), arr.end());
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// Finding k^{th} maximum element

int n = arr.size();

int maxi = arr[n-k]; \rightarrow Formulae in dry run

cout << k << "th maxi = " << maxi << endl;

// Finding k^{th} minimum element

int mini = arr[k-1]; \rightarrow Formulae in dry run

cout << k << "th mini = " << mini;

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Time complexity = $O(n \log n)$ \rightarrow Sorting

Space complexity = $O(1)$ \rightarrow No extra space