

HW 1 Available

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Mondays 12pm - 2pm

QUICKSORT( $A[1..n]$ ):

if ( $n > 1$ )

    Choose a pivot element  $A[p]$

$r \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A, p)$

$\text{QUICKSORT}(A[1..r-1])$     «Recurse!»

$\text{QUICKSORT}(A[r+1..n])$     «Recurse!»

PARTITION( $A[1..n], p$ ):

    swap  $A[p] \leftrightarrow A[n]$

$\ell \leftarrow 0$                   «(#items < pivot)»

    for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n-1$

        if  $A[i] < A[n]$

$\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$

            swap  $A[\ell] \leftrightarrow A[i]$

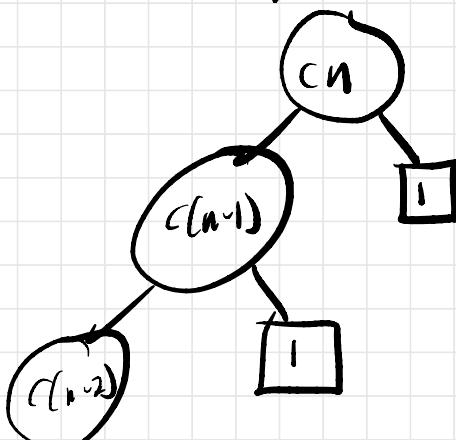
    swap  $A[n] \leftrightarrow A[\ell + 1]$

    return  $\ell + 1$

$T(n)$ : Time to sort  $A[1..n]$ .

$$T(n) = \max_{1 \leq r \leq n} \{ T(r-1) + T(n-r) \} + \Theta(n)$$

$r$ : rank of pivot element  
(index of pivot sorted order)



$$\Sigma = cn$$

$$\Sigma \leq c(n-1)$$

$$\Sigma \leq c(n-2)$$

$$\Sigma \leq c(n-3)$$

At most  $n$  levels.

$$\text{So } T(n) \leq O(n) \cdot n = O(n^2)$$

Better would be pivoting

on median (rank  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$   
for this class)

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1\right) + T\left(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\right) \\ &\quad + \Theta(n) \\ &\leq 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) \\ &= \Theta(n \log n) \quad (\text{if } r = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) \end{aligned}$$

If larger subproblem had  
size  $\leq \frac{2n}{3}$ ,

$\Rightarrow$   $\log_{\frac{3}{2}} n$  levels in  
recursion tree

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

# Element Selection

Given an array  $A[1..n]$

(may not be sorted) +  
integer  $k$  s.t.  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

Goal: Return the element  
of rank  $k$ . ( $k$ th smallest)

## Quickselect [Hoare]

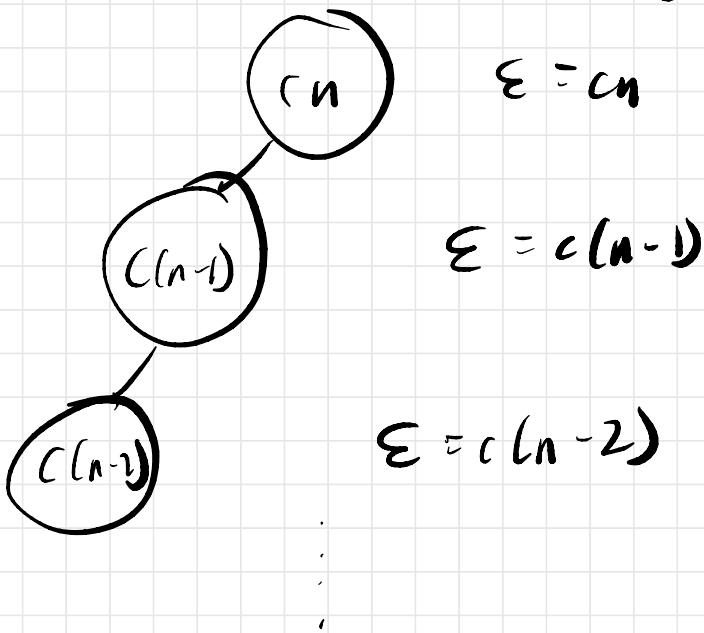
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QUICKSELECT( $A[1..n], k$ ):  
    if  $n = 1$   
        return  $A[1]$   
    else  
        Choose a pivot element  $A[p]$   
         $r \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A[1..n], p)$   
        if  $k < r$   
            return QUICKSELECT( $A[1..r - 1], k$ )  
        else if  $k > r$   
            return QUICKSELECT( $A[r + 1..n], k - r$ )  
        else  
            return  $A[r]$ 
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$k-r$  ↓ rank element of second call's array is

$$(k-r+r) = (k)th \text{ of } A[1..n]$$

↙ worst-case

$$T(n) = \max_{1 \leq r \leq n} \max \{ T(r-1), T(n-r) \} + \Theta(n)$$

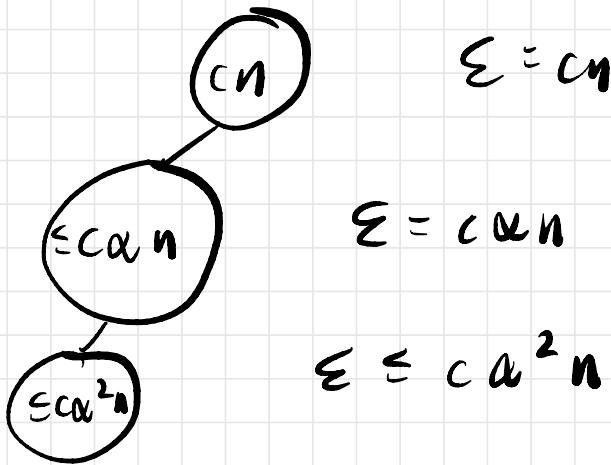


$\leq n$  levels

$$T(n) = O(n^2)$$

Suppose we always recurse  
on  $\leq \alpha n$  elements for some  
 $\alpha < 1$ .

$$T(n) \leq T(\alpha n) + O(n) = \Theta(n)$$



We'd like an Approximate  
Median Fairy to find our  
pivot.

Blum et al. [7x]

AMF using RF!

Idea: Partition A into  $\lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil$  blocks of size 5.

- compute median of each block via "brute force"
- use recursion to find the median of these medians for our pivot

MOMSELECT( $A[1..n]$ ,  $k$ ):  
 if  $n \leq 25$  «or whatever»  
 use brute force  
 else

$m \leftarrow \lceil n/5 \rceil$

for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$

$M[i] \leftarrow \text{MEDIANOFFIVE}(A[5i - 4..5i])$  «Brute force!»

$mom \leftarrow \text{MOMSELECT}(M[1..m], \lceil m/2 \rceil)$  «Recursion!»

for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  «Find pivot index.»

if  $A[j] = mom$

$p \leftarrow j$

$r \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A[1..n], p)$

if  $k < r$

return MOMSELECT( $A[1..r - 1]$ ,  $k$ ) «Recursion!»

else if  $k > r$

return MOMSELECT( $A[r + 1..n]$ ,  $k - r$ ) «Recursion!»

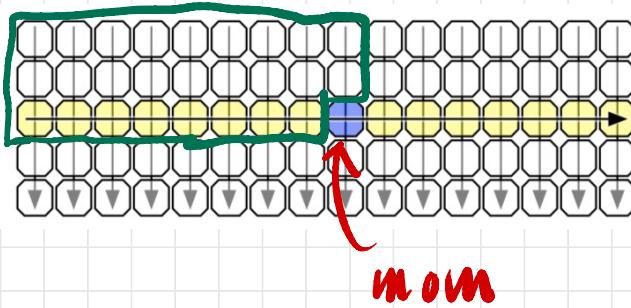
else

return  $mom$

“median of medians”

Imagine...  
 put elements of  $A$  in a  
 $5 \times \lceil n/5 \rceil$  grid

- sort each column top-down
- sort columns by their median elements



Suppose element at rank k  
is  $\Rightarrow$  mom

$$\sim \left(\frac{n}{5}\right)/2 = \frac{n}{10} \text{ medians} < \text{mom}$$

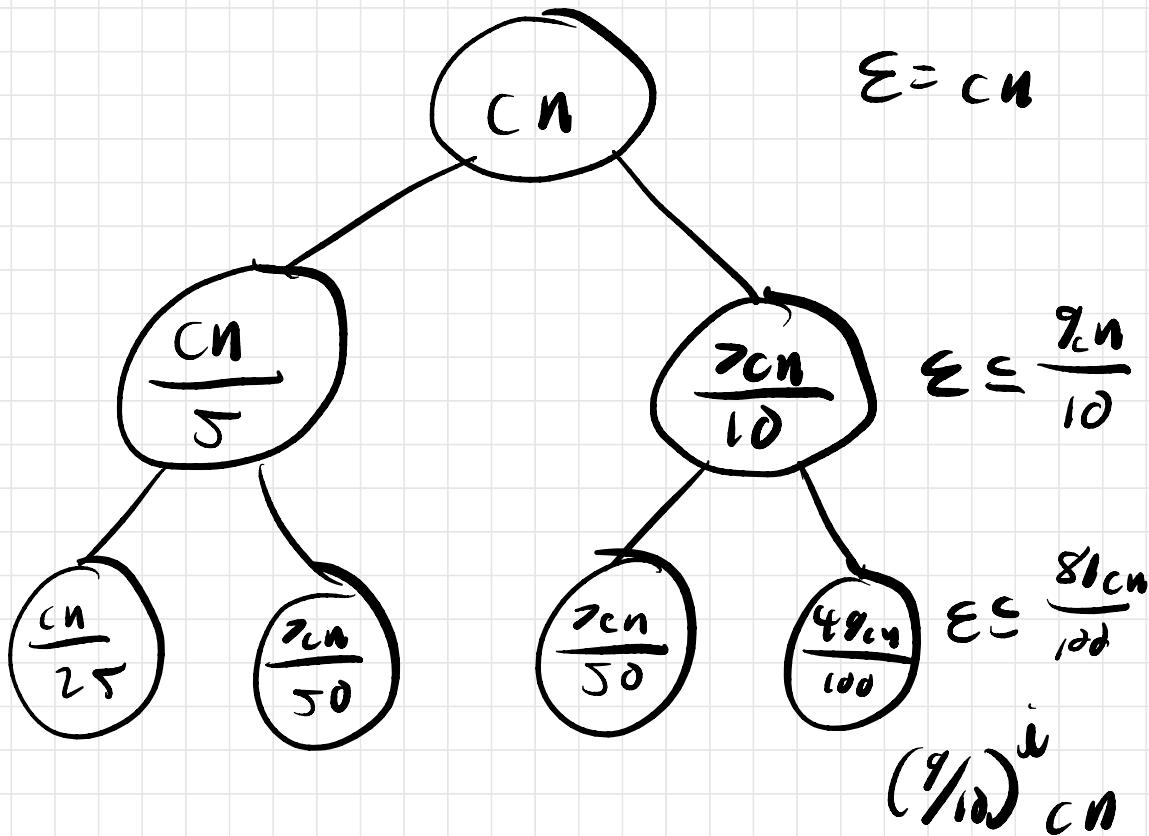
3 elements per column  $\leq$  the  
column median

$$so \geq \sim \frac{3n}{10} \text{ elements} < \text{mom}$$

$$\Rightarrow \leq \frac{7n}{10} \text{ elements} > \text{mom}$$

$$\text{so... } T(n) \leq T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + \Theta(n)$$

$$+ T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right)$$



$$\text{so } T(n) \leq \Theta(n)$$

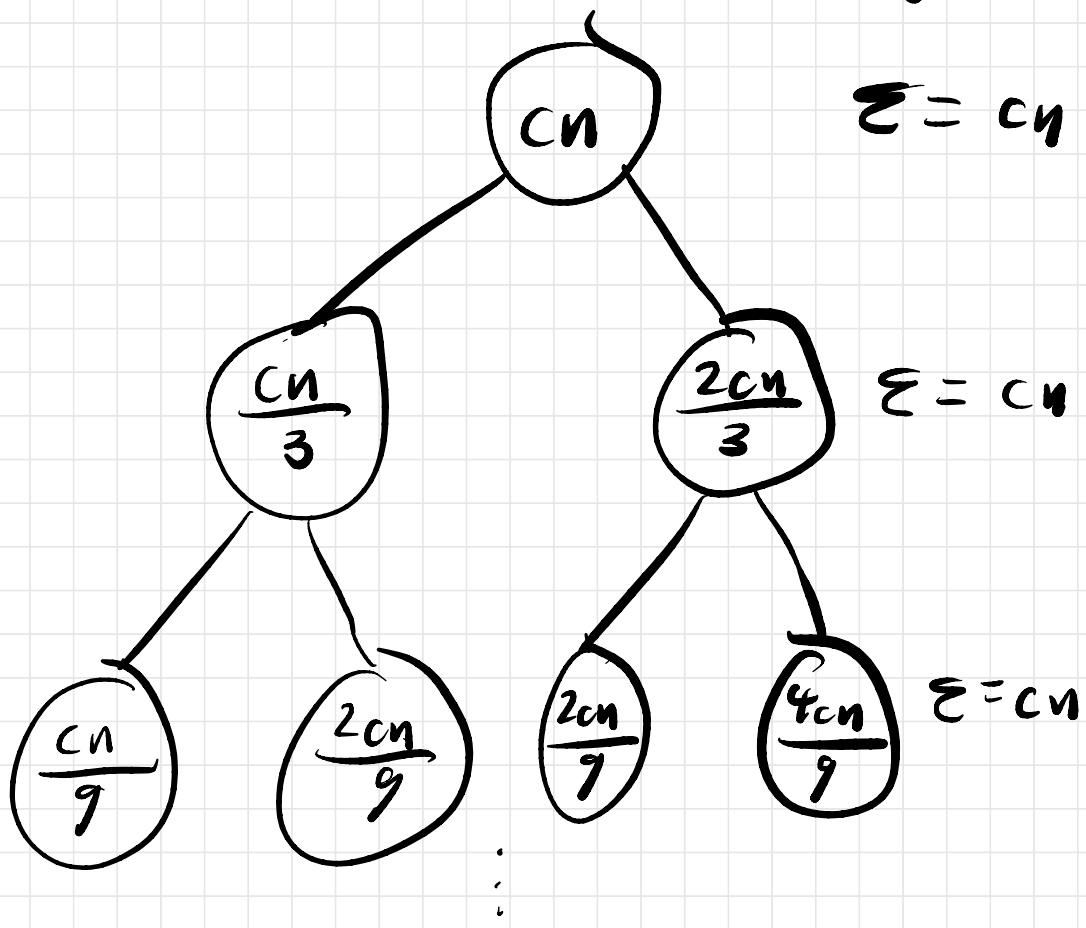
If we use 3..

$$T(n) \leq T(\frac{n}{3}) + T(\frac{2n}{3}) + \Theta(n)$$
$$= \Theta(n \log n)$$

not really practical :-

in practice, use  
a random pivot

$$T(n) \leq T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + T\left(\frac{2n}{3}\right) + \Theta(n)$$



$$T(n) \leq cn \log_{3/2} n = O(n \log n)$$

$$T(n) \geq cn \log_3 n = \Omega(n \log n)$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{3} = \frac{n}{6}$   
 $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{3}$  lesser medians

2 smaller elements per  
~~column~~ column

$\geq 2 \cdot \frac{n}{6} = \frac{n}{3}$  elements

smaller than mom

$\Rightarrow \leq \frac{2n}{3}$  larger elements