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QUICK SELECT

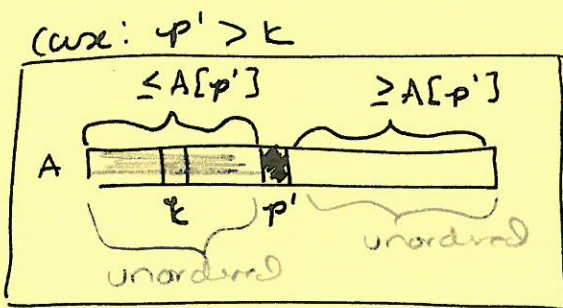
input: ① An array A of length n , ^{not} sorted from smallest $A[1]$ to largest $A[n]$
 ② An index $k \in \underline{n} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

output: The k th smallest element of A

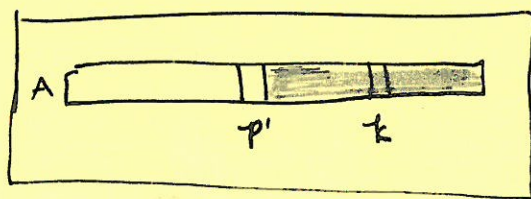
QUICK SELECT ($A[1 \dots n], k$)

- 1: if $n = 1$ // $k \in \{1\} \Rightarrow k = 1$
- 2: | return $A[1]$
- 3: endif
- 4: Choose a pivot $p \in \underline{n}$. // can be random, maybe not
- 5: $p' \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A, p)$
- 6: if $p' = k$
- 7: | return $A[p']$
- 8: else if ~~$p' > k$~~ $p' > k$
- 9: | return QUICK SELECT ($A[1 \dots p'-1], k$)
- 10: else // $p' < k$
- 11: | return QUICK SELECT ($A[p'+1, \dots, n], k - p'$)
- 12: end else

} base case, handled directly



case: $p' < k$



Exercise: In groups, do the following:

- ① Create an array of length 15
- ② Follow this algorithm, diving into the recursions (today, the recursion fairy is napping)
- ③ What is the ^{worst-case} runtime? Why?

①

Worst-case runtime:

Let $T(n)$ denote the ^{worst-case} RT on input A of size n .

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \overbrace{\Theta(1)}^{\text{end at line 2.}}, & n = 1 \\ \underbrace{\Theta(1)}_{\text{Line 1 check}} + \underbrace{\Theta(1)}_{\text{Line 4, Choose pivot}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{line 5}} + \max \begin{cases} \Theta(1) \text{ Lin} \\ T(p'-1) \\ T(n-p) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

↑
there's still a choice of k

Let's simplify ~~repeated worst case choice~~

$$T(n) = \Theta(n) + \max \{T(p'-1), T(n-p')\}$$

Choose worst p' :

$$T(n) = \Theta(n) + \max_{p' \in n} \max \{T(p'-1), T(n-p')\}$$

We've seen this before!

IN The worst case, just like QSort,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n) + T(n-1) \in \Theta(n^2)$$

But, this algo:

① sort A

② return $A[k]$

runs in $\Theta(n \log n)$ worst case time!

What if... we could always choose a pivot such that our recurrence relation becomes

$$T(n) = T(n/b) + \Theta(n)$$

↑ where $b > 1$

(ie, guarantee we slice off a % of the input

Using Master's:

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} a=1, b=b \\ f(n) \in \Theta(n) \end{array}}$$

variables

compare

ie,

$$f(n) \text{ to } \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

$$\Theta(n) > \text{ to } \Theta(n^0) = \Theta(1)$$

\Rightarrow Let's try case 3

(a) Find ϵ such that

$$\Theta(n) \in \Omega(n^{0+\epsilon})$$

$\epsilon = 1$ works!

(b) $c = 0.75$ and $n_0 = 1$

By case 3, $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$