CSE 373: Analysis of Algorithms

Lecture 14 (Selection)

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Input: An array A[q:r] of distinct elements, and integer $k \in [1, r-q+1]$.

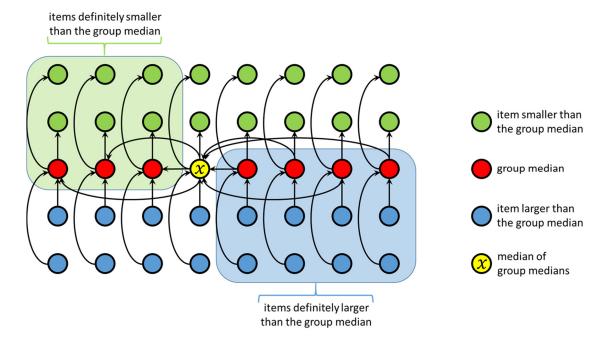
Output: An element x of A[q:r] such that rank(x, A[q:r]) = k.

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Select (A[q:r], k)
 1. n \leftarrow r - q + 1
 2. if n \leq 140 then
        sort A[q:r] and return A[q+k-1]
 4. else
 5.
        divide A[q:r] into blocks B_i's each containing 5 consecutive elements
               (last block may contain fewer than 5 elements)
       for i \leftarrow 1 to \lceil n / 5 \rceil do
 6.
 7.
            M[i] \leftarrow \text{median of } B_i \text{ using sorting}
        x \leftarrow Select (M[1: \lceil n/5 \rceil], \lfloor (\lceil n/5 \rceil + 1)/2 \rfloor) \{ median of medians \}
 8.
        t \leftarrow Partition (A[q:r], x) { partition around x which ends up at A[t]}
 9.
10.
       if k = t - q + 1 then return A[t]
11. else if k < t - q + 1 then return Select (A[q: t - 1], k)
12.
             else return Select (A[t+1:r], k-t+q-1)
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#items in any recursive call (lines 11/12) $\leq n - \left(\frac{3n}{10} - 6\right) = \frac{7n}{10} + 6$

The following recurrence describes the worst-case running time of the deterministic selection algorithm (given in Section 9.3 of CLRS):

$$T(n) \le \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & if \ n < 140, \\ T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\frac{7n}{10} + 6\right) + \Theta(n), & if \ n \ge 140. \end{cases}$$

How do you solve for T(n)?