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## Kartsuba's Algorithm and Linear Time Selection

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Multiplying Numbers
Problem Given two $\boldsymbol{n}$-digit numbers $\boldsymbol{x}$ and $\boldsymbol{y}$, compute their product.

## Grade School Multiplication

Compute "partial product" by multiplying each digit of $\boldsymbol{y}$ with $\boldsymbol{x}$ and adding the partial products.

3141
$\times 2718$
25128
3141
21987
6282
8537238

## Part I

Fast Multiplication

Time Analysis of Grade School Multiplication
(1) Each partial product: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}(\boldsymbol{n})$
(2) Number of partial products: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}(\boldsymbol{n})$
(3) Addition of partial products: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{2}\right)$

- Total time: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{2}\right)$


## A Trick of Gauss

Carl Friedrich Gauss: 1777-1855 "Prince of Mathematicians"

Observation: Multiply two complex numbers: $\mathbf{( a + b i})$ and $(\boldsymbol{c}+\boldsymbol{d i})$

$$
(a+b i)(c+d i)=a c-b d+(a d+b c) i
$$

How many multiplications do we need?
Only 3 ! If we do extra additions and subtractions.
Compute $\boldsymbol{a c}, \boldsymbol{b d},(\boldsymbol{a}+\boldsymbol{b})(\boldsymbol{c}+\boldsymbol{d})$. Then
$(a d+b c)=(a+b)(c+d)-a c-b d$

## Divide and Conquer

Assume $\boldsymbol{n}$ is a power of $\mathbf{2}$ for simplicity and numbers are in decimal.
Split each number into two numbers with equal number of digits
(1) $x=x_{n-1} x_{n-2} \ldots x_{0}$ and $y=y_{n-1} y_{n-2} \ldots y_{0}$
(2) $x=x_{n-1} \ldots x_{n / 2} 0 \ldots 0+x_{n / 2-1} \ldots x_{0}$
(3) $x=10^{n / 2} x_{L}+x_{R}$ where $x_{L}=x_{n-1} \ldots x_{n / 2}$ and
$x_{R}=x_{n / 2-1} \ldots x_{0}$
(4) Similarly $\boldsymbol{y}=10^{n / 2} y_{L}+y_{R}$ where $y_{L}=y_{n-1} \ldots y_{n / 2}$ and $y_{R}=y_{n / 2-1} \cdots y_{0}$

## Example

$$
\begin{aligned}
1234 \times 5678= & (100 \times 12+34) \times(100 \times 56+78) \\
= & 10000 \times 12 \times 56 \\
& +100 \times(12 \times 78+34 \times 56) \\
& +34 \times 78
\end{aligned}
$$

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(2) $x=10^{n / 2} x_{L}+x_{R}$ where $x_{L}=x_{n-1} \ldots x_{n / 2}$ and $x_{R}=x_{n / 2-1} \ldots x_{0}$
(3) $y=10^{n / 2} y_{L}+y_{R}$ where $y_{L}=y_{n-1} \ldots y_{n / 2}$ and $y_{R}=y_{n / 2-1} \cdots y_{0}$
Therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
x y & =\left(10^{n / 2} x_{L}+x_{R}\right)\left(10^{n / 2} y_{L}+y_{R}\right) \\
& =10^{n} x_{L} y_{L}+10^{n / 2}\left(x_{L} y_{R}+x_{R} y_{L}\right)+x_{R} y_{R}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Time Analysis

$$
\begin{aligned}
x y & =\left(10^{n / 2} x_{L}+x_{R}\right)\left(10^{n / 2} y_{L}+y_{R}\right) \\
& =10^{n} x_{L} y_{L}+10^{n / 2}\left(x_{L} y_{R}+x_{R} y_{L}\right)+x_{R} y_{R}
\end{aligned}
$$

4 recursive multiplications of number of size $\boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{2}$ each plus 4 additions and left shifts (adding enough 0's to the right)

$$
T(n)=4 T(n / 2)+O(n) \quad T(1)=O(1)
$$

$\boldsymbol{T}(\boldsymbol{n})=\boldsymbol{\Theta}\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{2}\right)$. No better than grade school multiplication!
Can we invoke Gauss's trick here?

## State of the Art

Schönhage-Strassen 1971: $\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n} \log \boldsymbol{n} \log \log \boldsymbol{n})$ time using Fast-Fourier-Transform (FFT)

Martin Fürer 2007: $\boldsymbol{O}\left(\boldsymbol{n} \log \boldsymbol{n} \mathbf{2}^{O\left(\log ^{*} n\right)}\right)$ time

## Conjecture

There is an $\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n} \log \boldsymbol{n})$ time algorithm.

## Improving the Running Time

$$
\begin{aligned}
x y & =\left(10^{n / 2} x_{L}+x_{R}\right)\left(10^{n / 2} y_{L}+y_{R}\right) \\
& =10^{n} x_{L} y_{L}+10^{n / 2}\left(x_{L} y_{R}+x_{R} y_{L}\right)+x_{R} y_{R}
\end{aligned}
$$

Gauss trick: $x_{L} y_{R}+x_{R} y_{L}=\left(x_{L}+x_{R}\right)\left(y_{L}+y_{R}\right)-x_{L} y_{L}-x_{R} y_{R}$
Recursively compute only $x_{L} y_{L}, x_{R} y_{R},\left(x_{L}+x_{R}\right)\left(y_{L}+y_{R}\right)$.

## Time Analysis

Running time is given by

$$
T(n)=3 T(n / 2)+O(n) \quad T(1)=O(1)
$$

which means $\boldsymbol{T}(\boldsymbol{n})=O\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{\log _{2} 3}\right)=\boldsymbol{O}\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{1.585}\right)$

## Analyzing the Recurrences

(1) Basic divide and conquer: $T(n)=4 T(n / 2)+O(n)$, $T(1)=1$. Claim: $T(n)=\Theta\left(n^{2}\right)$.
(2) Saving a multiplication: $T(n)=3 T(n / 2)+O(n)$, $T(1)=1$. Claim: $\boldsymbol{T}(n)=\Theta\left(n^{1+\log 1.5}\right)$

Use recursion tree method:
(1) In both cases, depth of recursion $L=\log \boldsymbol{n}$.
(2) Work at depth is $\mathbf{4}^{\boldsymbol{i}} \boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{2}^{\boldsymbol{i}}$ and $\mathbf{3}^{\boldsymbol{i}} \boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{2}^{\boldsymbol{i}}$ respectively: number of children at depth $\boldsymbol{i}$ times the work at each child
(3) Total work is therefore $n \sum_{i=0}^{L} 2^{i}$ and $n \sum_{i=0}^{L}(3 / 2)^{i}$ respectively.

## Recursion tree analysis

## Rank of element in an array

A: an unsorted array of $\boldsymbol{n}$ integers

## Definition

For $\mathbf{1} \leq \boldsymbol{j} \leq \boldsymbol{n}$, element of rank $\boldsymbol{j}$ is the $\boldsymbol{j}$ 'th smallest element in $\boldsymbol{A}$.

Unsorted array $\square$
Ranks


Sort of array


## Algorithm I

(3) Sort the elements in $\boldsymbol{A}$
(2) Pick jth element in sorted order

Time taken $=\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n} \log \boldsymbol{n})$
Do we need to sort? Is there an $\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n})$ time algorithm?

Divide and Conquer Approach
(1) Pick a pivot element $\boldsymbol{a}$ from $\boldsymbol{A}$

## Algorithm II

If $\boldsymbol{j}$ is small or $\boldsymbol{n}-\boldsymbol{j}$ is small then
(1) Find $\boldsymbol{j}$ smallest/largest elements in $\boldsymbol{A}$ in $\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{j} \boldsymbol{n})$ time. (How?)
(2) Time to find median is $\boldsymbol{O}\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{2}\right)$

## Example

| 16 | 14 | 34 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 11 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

(2) Partition $\boldsymbol{A}$ based on $\boldsymbol{a}$.
$\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}=\{x \in \boldsymbol{A} \mid x \leq a\}$ and $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}=\{x \in \boldsymbol{A} \mid x>a\}$
(3) $\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|=\boldsymbol{j}$ : return $\boldsymbol{a}$
(1) $\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|>\boldsymbol{j}$ : recursively find $\boldsymbol{j}$ th smallest element in $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}$
(0) $\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|<\boldsymbol{j}$ : recursively find $\boldsymbol{k}$ th smallest element in $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}$ where $\boldsymbol{k}=\boldsymbol{j}-\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|$.

## Time Analysis

(1) Partitioning step: $\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n})$ time to scan $\boldsymbol{A}$
(2) How do we choose pivot? Recursive running time?

Suppose we always choose pivot to be $\boldsymbol{A}[1]$
Say $\boldsymbol{A}$ is sorted in increasing order and $\boldsymbol{j}=\boldsymbol{n}$.
Exercise: show that algorithm takes $\boldsymbol{\Omega}\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{2}\right)$ time

## Divide and Conquer Approach

A game of medians

## Idea

(1) Break input $\boldsymbol{A}$ into many subarrays: $\boldsymbol{L}_{1}, \ldots \boldsymbol{L}_{\boldsymbol{k}}$.
(2) Find median $\boldsymbol{m}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ in each subarray $\boldsymbol{L}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$.
(3) Find the median $\boldsymbol{x}$ of the medians $\boldsymbol{m}_{1}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{m}_{k}$.
(-) Intuition: The median $\boldsymbol{x}$ should be close to being a good median of all the numbers in $\boldsymbol{A}$.
( Use $\boldsymbol{x}$ as pivot in previous algorithm.

## A Better Pivot

Suppose pivot is the $\boldsymbol{\ell}$ th smallest element where $\boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{4} \leq \ell \leq \mathbf{3 n} / \mathbf{4}$.
That is pivot is approximately in the middle of $\boldsymbol{A}$
Then $\boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{4} \leq\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right| \leq \mathbf{3 n} / \mathbf{4}$ and $\boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{4} \leq\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}\right| \leq \mathbf{3 n} / \mathbf{4}$. If we apply recursion,

$$
T(n) \leq T(3 n / 4)+O(n)
$$

Implies $\boldsymbol{T}(\boldsymbol{n})=\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n})$ !
How do we find such a pivot? Randomly? In fact works! Analysis a little bit later.

Can we choose pivot deterministically?

## New example

The input:

| 75 | 31 | 13 | 26 | 83 | 110 | 60 | 120 | 63 | 30 | 3 | 41 | 44 | 107 | 30 | 23 | 91 | 17 | 6 | 110 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 68 | 24 | 4 | 26 | 58 | 57 | 61 | 20 | 52 | 45 | 13 | 79 | 26 | 91 | 55 |  | 13 | 10 | 6 |  | | 68 | 24 | 41 | 26 | 58 | 57 | 61 | 20 | 52 | 45 | 13 | 79 | 86 | 91 | 55 | 66 | 13 | 103 | 36 | 60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | 40 | 45 | 111 | 56 | 74 | 17 | 95 | 96 | 77 | 29 | 65 | 36 | 96 | 93 | 119 | 9 | 61 | 3 | 9 | | 19 | 40 | 45 | 111 | 56 | 74 | 17 | 95 | 96 | 77 | 29 | 65 | 36 | 96 | 93 | 119 | 9 | 61 | 3 | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 100 | 3 | 88 | 47 | 115 | 107 | 79 | 39 | 109 | 20 | 59 | 25 | 92 | 81 | 36 | 10 | 30 | 113 | 73 | 116 |


| 100 | 3 | 88 | 47 | 115 | 107 | 79 | 39 | 109 | 20 | 59 | 25 | 92 | 81 | 36 | 10 | 30 | 113 | 73 | 116 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 72 | 58 | 24 | 16 | 12 | 69 | 40 | 24 | 19 | 92 | 7 | 65 | 75 | 41 | 43 | 117 | 103 | 38 | 8 | 20 |

Compute median of the medians (recursive call):

| 72 | 74 | 13 | 66 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 31 | 60 | 65 | 30 |


| 31 | 60 | 65 | 30 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 41 | 30 | 75 | 61 |


| 41 | 39 | 75 | 61 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | 63 | 91 | 8 |


| 26 | 63 | 91 | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | 45 | 43 | 60 |

After partition (pivot 60):

| 19 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 12 | 57 | 17 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 3 | 25 | 92 | 109 | 96 | 79 | 110 | 69 | 83 | 75 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 41 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 56 | 17 | 40 | 24 | 52 | 30 | 7 | 60 | 77 | 81 | 63 | 61 | 107 | 115 | 111 | 72 |


| 41 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 56 | 17 | 40 | 24 | 52 | 30 | 7 | 60 | 77 | 81 | 63 | 61 | 107 | 115 | 111 | 72 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20 | 31 | 41 | 26 | 58 | 30 | 60 | 39 | 36 | 45 | 13 | 65 | 75 | 91 | 120 | 66 | 74 | 61 | 88 | 68 |
| 9 | 40 | 45 | 47 | 3 | 13 | 23 | 55 | 3 | 44 | 29 | 85 | 86 | 96 | 95 | 117 | 91 | 10 | 10 | 110 |


| 20 | 31 | 41 | 26 | 58 | 30 | 60 | 39 | 36 | 45 | 13 | 65 | 75 | 91 | 120 | 66 | 74 | 61 | 88 | 68 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 | 40 | 45 | 47 | 3 | 13 | 23 | 55 | 30 | 44 | 29 | 65 | 86 | 96 | 95 | 117 | 91 | 103 | 100 | 10 |
| 36 | 58 | 8 | 6 | 38 | 9 | 10 | 43 | 41 | 36 | 59 | 79 | 92 | 107 | 93 | 119 | 103 | 113 | 73 | 116 |

Tail recursive call: Select element of rank $\mathbf{5 0}$ out of $\mathbf{5 6}$ elements.

| 19 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 12 | 57 | 17 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 3 | 25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 56 | 17 | 40 | 24 | 52 | 30 | 7 |  |


| 41 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 56 | 17 | 40 | 24 | 52 | 30 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 4 |  | 2 |  | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |



| 9 | 40 | 45 | 47 | 3 | 13 | 23 | 55 | 30 | 44 | 29 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 36 | 58 | 8 | 6 | 38 | 9 | 10 | 43 | 41 | 36 | 59 |  |

## Example

| 11 | 7 | 3 | 42 | 174 | 310 | 1 | 92 | 87 | 12 | 19 | 15 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



## Algorithm for Selection

A storm of medians
select $(\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{j})$ :
Form lists $\boldsymbol{L}_{1}, \boldsymbol{L}_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{L}_{\lceil n / 5]}$ where $\boldsymbol{L}_{\boldsymbol{i}}=\{\boldsymbol{A}[5 \boldsymbol{i}-4], \ldots, \boldsymbol{A}[5 i]\}$
Find median $\boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ of each $\boldsymbol{L}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ using brute-force
Find median $\boldsymbol{b}$ of $\boldsymbol{B}=\left\{\boldsymbol{b}_{1}, \boldsymbol{b}_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{b}_{\lceil n / 5\rceil}\right\}$
Partition $\boldsymbol{A}$ into $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}$ and $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}$ using $\boldsymbol{b}$ as pivot
if $\left(\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)=\boldsymbol{j}$ return $\boldsymbol{b}$
else if $\left.\left(\left|A_{\text {less }}\right|\right)>\boldsymbol{j}\right)$
return $\operatorname{select}\left(\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}, \boldsymbol{j}\right)$
else
return select ( $\left.\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}, \boldsymbol{j}-\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)$

How do we find median of $\boldsymbol{B}$ ? Recursively!

## Choosing the pivot

A clash of medians
(1) Partition array $\boldsymbol{A}$ into $\lceil\mathbf{n} / \mathbf{5}\rceil$ lists of $\mathbf{5}$ items each.
$L_{1}=\{A[1], A[2], \ldots, A[5]\}, L_{2}=\{A[6], \ldots, A[10]\}, \ldots$,
$L_{i}=\{A[5 i+1], \ldots, A[5 i-4]\}, \ldots$,
$L_{\lceil n / 5\rceil}=\{A[5\lceil n / 5\rceil-4, \ldots, A[n]\}$.
(2) For each $\boldsymbol{i}$ find median $\boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ of $\boldsymbol{L}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ using brute-force in $\boldsymbol{O}(\mathbf{1})$ time. Total $\boldsymbol{O}(\boldsymbol{n})$ time
(3) Let $B=\left\{\boldsymbol{b}_{1}, \boldsymbol{b}_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{b}_{\lceil n / 5\rceil}\right\}$
(-) Find median $\boldsymbol{b}$ of $\boldsymbol{B}$

## Lemma

Median of $\boldsymbol{B}$ is an approximate median of $\boldsymbol{A}$. That is, if $\boldsymbol{b}$ is used a pivot to partition $A$, then $\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right| \leq \mathbf{7 n} / \mathbf{1 0}+\mathbf{6}$ and
$\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}\right| \leq \mathbf{7 n} / \mathbf{1 0}+\mathbf{6}$.

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Find median $\boldsymbol{b}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ of each $\boldsymbol{L}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$ using brute-force
$B=\left[b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{[n / 5\rceil}\right]$
$b=\operatorname{select}(B,\lceil\boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{1 0 \rceil})$
Partition $\boldsymbol{A}$ into $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}$ and $\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}$ using $\boldsymbol{b}$ as pivot
if $\left(\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)=\boldsymbol{j}$ return $\boldsymbol{b}$
else if $\left.\left(\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)>\boldsymbol{j}\right)$
return $\operatorname{select}\left(\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}, \boldsymbol{j}\right)$
else
return select ( $\left.\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {greater }}, \boldsymbol{j}-\left|\boldsymbol{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)$

## Running time of deterministic median selection

A dance with recurrences

$$
T(n) \leq T(\lceil n / 5\rceil)+\max \left\{T\left(\left|A_{\text {less }}\right|\right), T\left(\mid A_{\text {greater }}\right) \mid\right\}+O(n)
$$

From Lemma,

$$
T(n) \leq T(\lceil n / 5\rceil)+T(\lfloor 7 n / 10+6\rfloor)+O(n)
$$

and

$$
T(n)=O(1) \quad n<10
$$

Exercise: show that $\boldsymbol{T}(\boldsymbol{n})=\mathbf{O}(\boldsymbol{n})$

## Median of Medians: Proof of Lemma

## Proposition

There are at least 3n/10-6 elements smaller than the median of medians $\boldsymbol{b}$.

Recursion tree fill in

$(1 / 5) n,(7 / 10) n$
$(1 / 25) n,(7 / 50) n,(7 / 50) n,(49 / 100) n$
(1/125)n, (7/250)n, (7/250)n, (49/500)n, (7/250)n,
$(49 / 500) n,(49 / 500) n,(343 / 1000) n$

## Median of Medians: Proof of Lemma

## Proposition

There are at least $\mathbf{3 n} / \mathbf{1 0} \mathbf{- 6}$ elements smaller than the median of medians $\boldsymbol{b}$.

## Proof.

At least half of the $\lfloor\boldsymbol{n} / \mathbf{5}\rfloor$ groups have at least 3 elements smaller than $\boldsymbol{b}$, except for the group containing $\boldsymbol{b}$ which has 2 elements smaller than $\boldsymbol{b}$. Hence number of elements smaller than $\boldsymbol{b}$ is:

$$
3\left\lfloor\frac{\lfloor n / 5\rfloor+1}{2}\right\rfloor-1 \geq 3 n / 10-6
$$

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There are at least $\mathbf{3 n} / \mathbf{1 0} \mathbf{- 6}$ elements smaller than the median of medians $\boldsymbol{b}$.

## Corollary

$\left|A_{\text {greater }}\right| \leq \mathbf{7 n} / \mathbf{1 0}+\mathbf{6}$.
Via symmetric argument,

## Corollary

$\left|A_{\text {less }}\right| \leq 7 n / 10+6$.

## Questions to ponder

(1) Why did we choose lists of size 5 ? Will lists of size 3 work?
(2) Write a recurrence to analyze the algorithm's running time if we choose a list of size $\boldsymbol{k}$.

## Summary: Selection in linear time

## Theorem

The algorithm select $(\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{1} \ldots \boldsymbol{n}], \boldsymbol{k})$ computes in $\mathbf{O}(\boldsymbol{n})$ deterministic time the $\boldsymbol{k}$ th smallest element in $\boldsymbol{A}$

On the other hand, we have:

## Lemma

The algorithm QuickSelect $(\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{1} \ldots \boldsymbol{n}], \boldsymbol{k})$ computes the $\boldsymbol{k}$ th smallest element in $\boldsymbol{A}$. The running time of QuickSelect is $\boldsymbol{\Theta}\left(\boldsymbol{n}^{2}\right)$ in the worst case.

## Median of Medians Algorithm

Due to:
M. Blum, R. Floyd, D. Knuth, V. Pratt, R. Rivest, and R. Tarjan.
"Time bounds for selection".
Journal of Computer System Sciences (JCSS), 1973.

How many Turing Award winners in the author list? All except Vaughn Pratt!

## Takeaway Points

(1) Recursion tree method and guess and verify are the most reliable methods to analyze recursions in algorithms.
(2) Recursive algorithms naturally lead to recurrences.

- Some times one can look for certain type of recursive algorithms (reverse engineering) by understanding recurrences and their behavior.

