Lecture 5: More Recursion

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Business

- Homework 1 due tonight!
  - Only turn in compiled PDF, no need for .tex file
  - Make sure you turn something in!
    - It is okay, even expected, if you aren’t totally sure about some solutions. Do your best.
    - Remember that 1 homework grade is dropped
- Homework 2 will be released tomorrow and due next Monday at midnight Boston time
- Office hours: Please email ahead of time with topic!
- Reminder: Use Piazza for questions as much as possible
  - You can ask private questions to the instructors. This is preferable to email.

Business 2: Exams

Tentative Schedule for Exams:

Midterm 1: Release next **Weds 5/20 8pm** and due **Friday 5/22 8pm**

Midterm 2 (tentative): Same deal starting Wed June 4

Final Exam TBD (probably either June 17-19 or during finals week)

Today

More recursion examples

- Selection without sorting
- Binary Search
- Master Theorem for solving recurrence relations

Finding the median without sorting

We motivated sorting with the median problem

```
Input: L, an array of N numbers
Output: The median of L
Procedure:
    1. Sort L
    2. If N is odd, return the number at L[⌈N/2⌉]
    3. If N is even, return the mean of the
       numbers at L[⌈N/2⌉] and L[⌈N/2⌉+1]
```

Can we compute the median without sorting the whole list first?

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Today: Smart recursion for an $O(n)$ selection algorithm.

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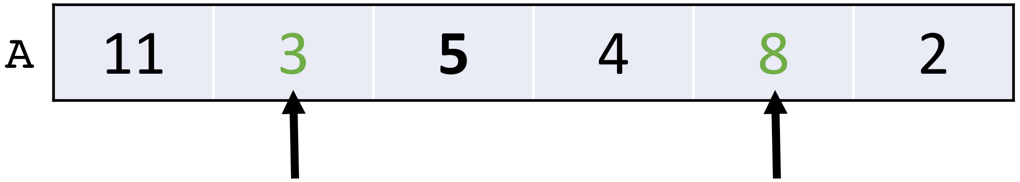

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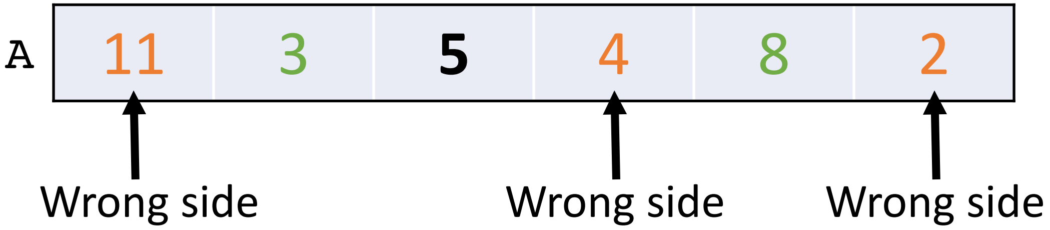

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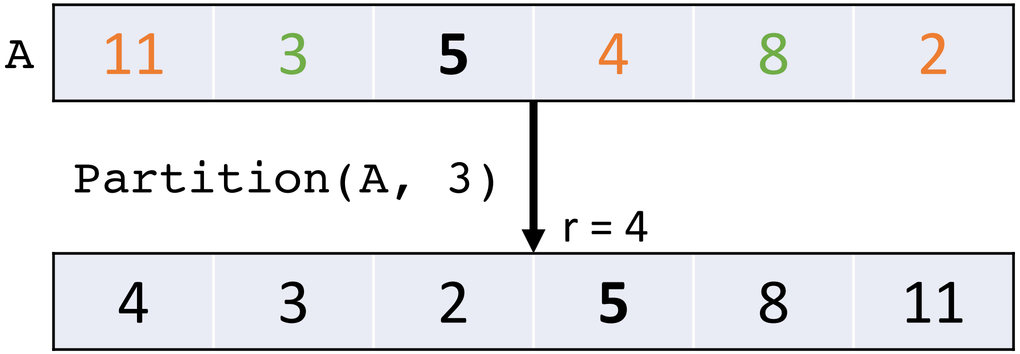

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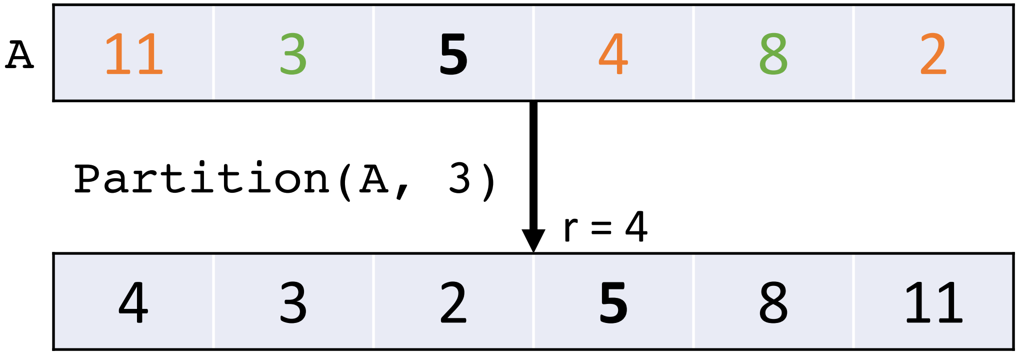

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Key Observation: If I want the 3rd smallest value in this example (4) this partitioning scheme guarantees it is in the left subarray!

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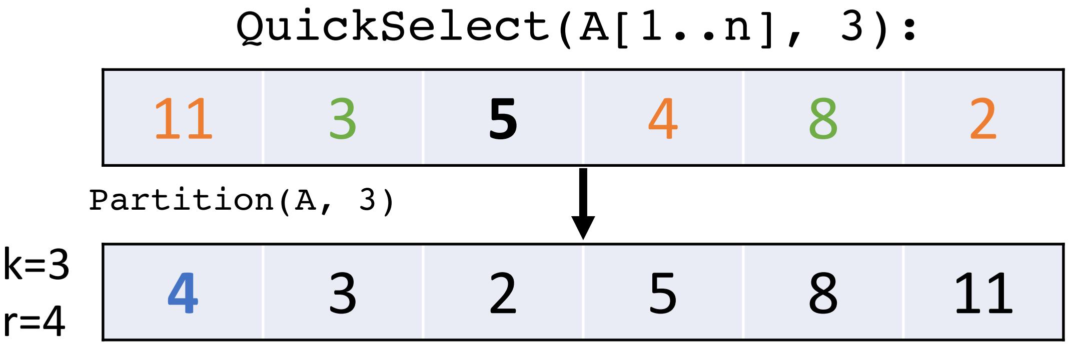

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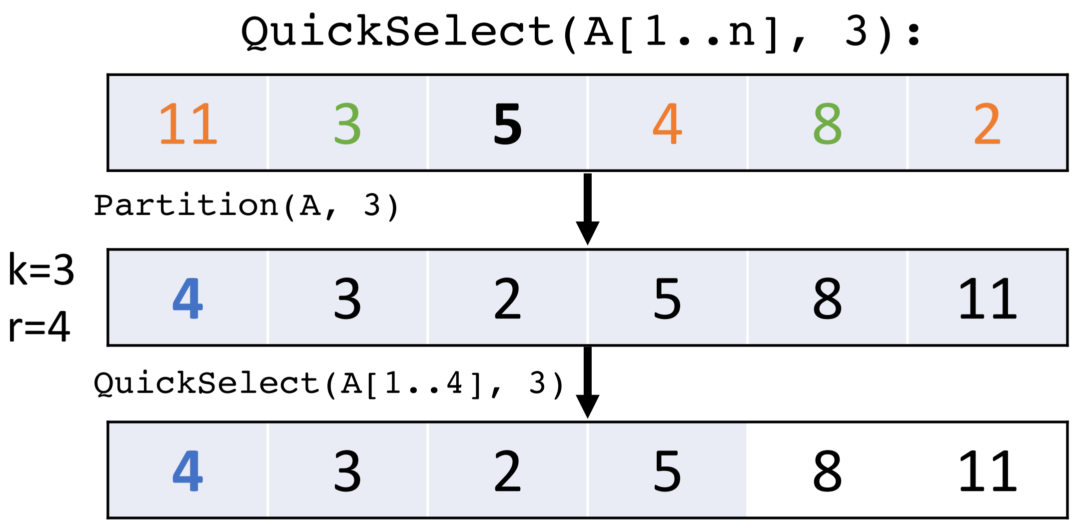

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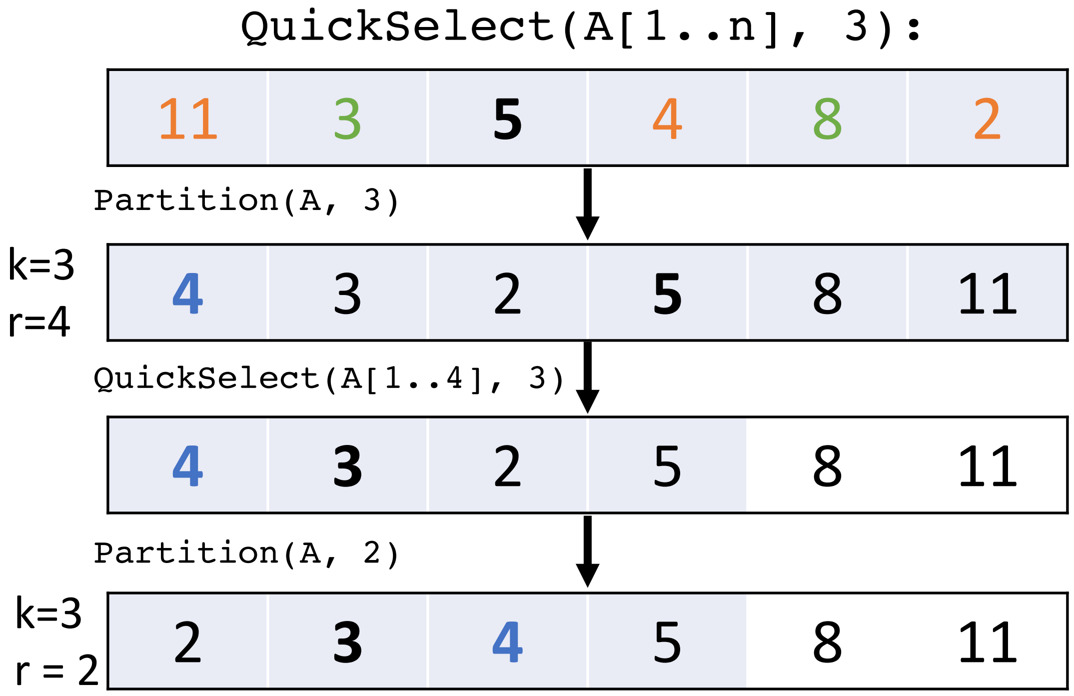

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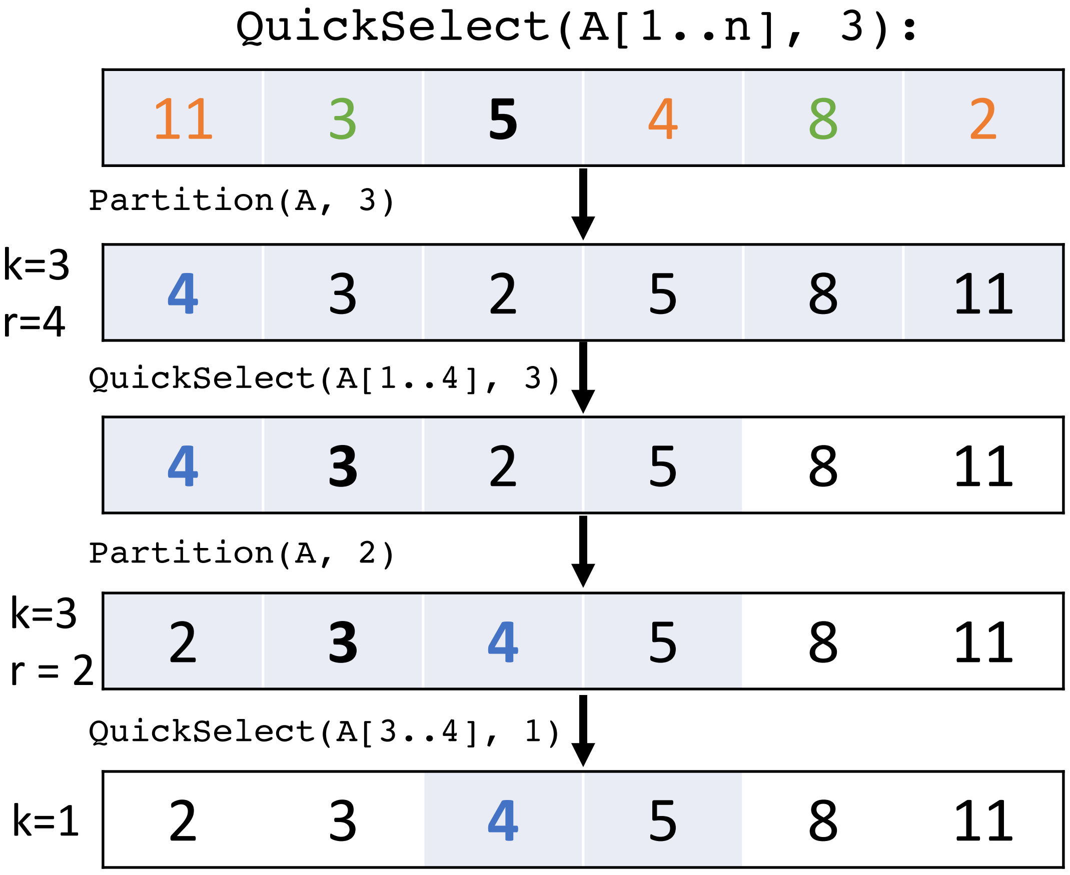

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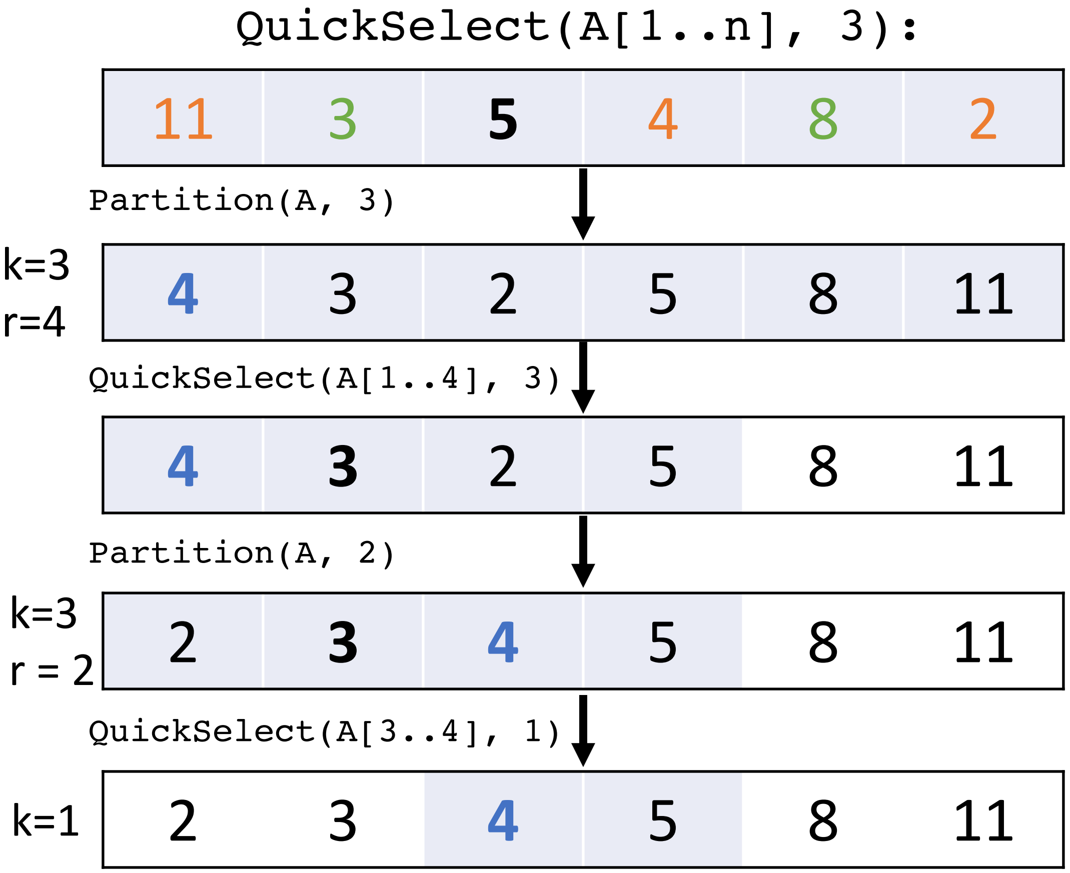

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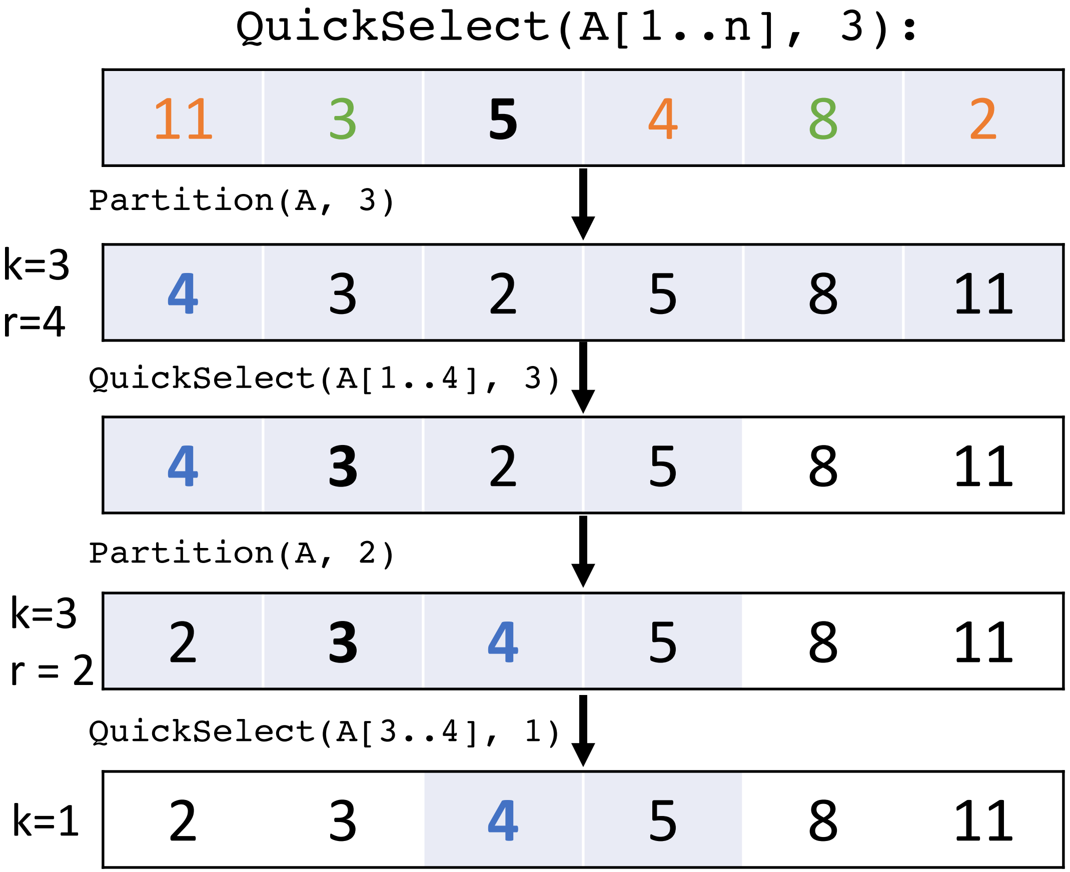

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Idea: Choose a pivot element by approximating the median.

```
MOM(A[1..n]):
  Let m ← ⌈n/5⌉
  For i in 1,..,m:
    Medians[i] = Median(A[5i-4..5i])
  med ← MOMSelect(Medians[i..m], ⌊m/2⌋)
  return index of med in A
```

Break the input up into $\left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil$ subarrays, take the median of each, then find the median of those medians (MoM).

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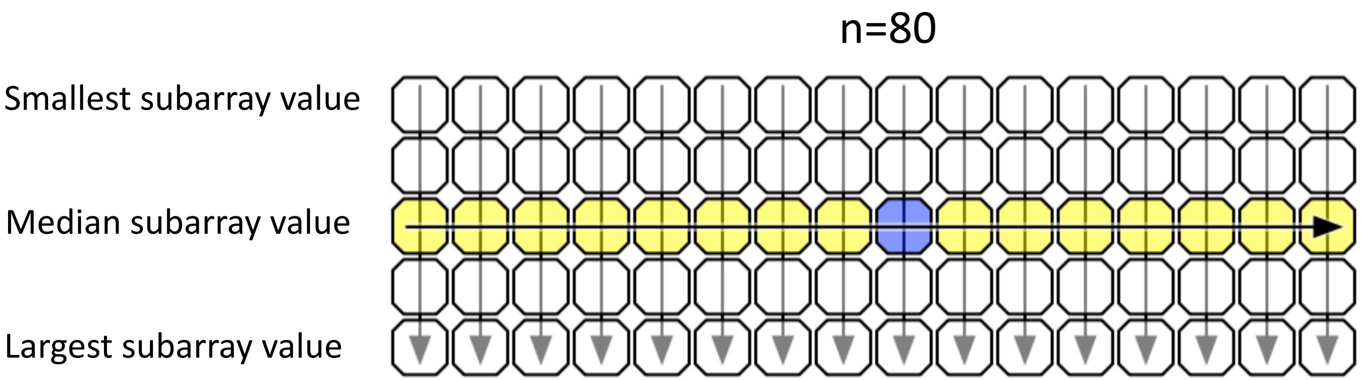

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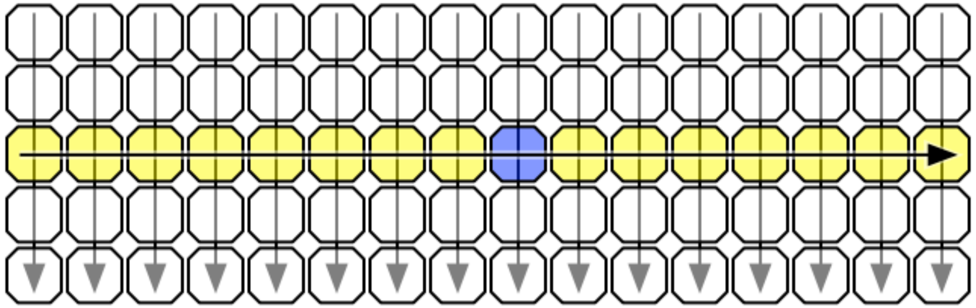

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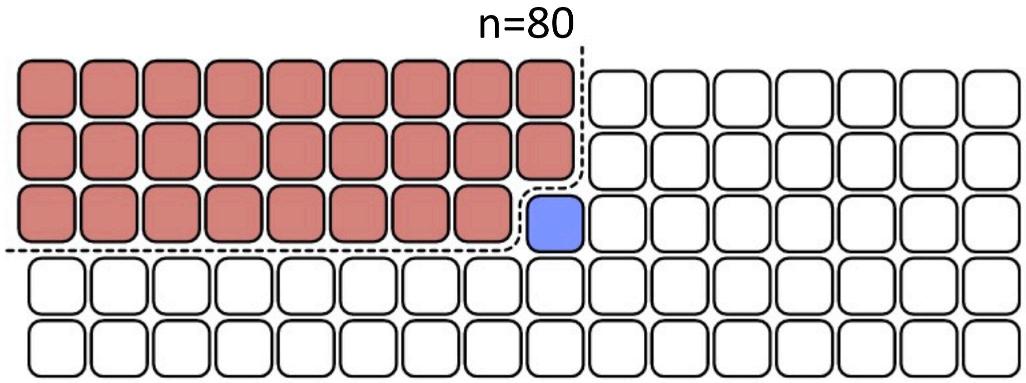

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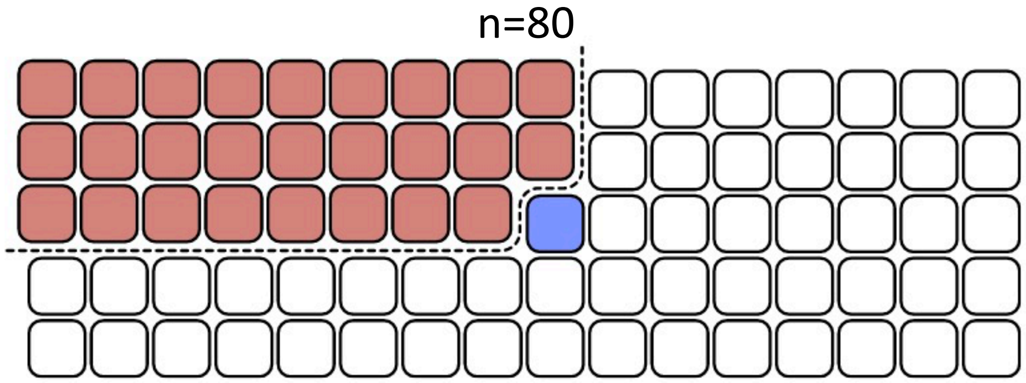

- If *k* is smaller than $\frac{3n}{10}$, recurse on those items
- If *k* is larger than $\frac{3n}{10}$, recurse on the remaining

$$n - \frac{3n}{10} = \frac{7n}{10} \text{ items}$$

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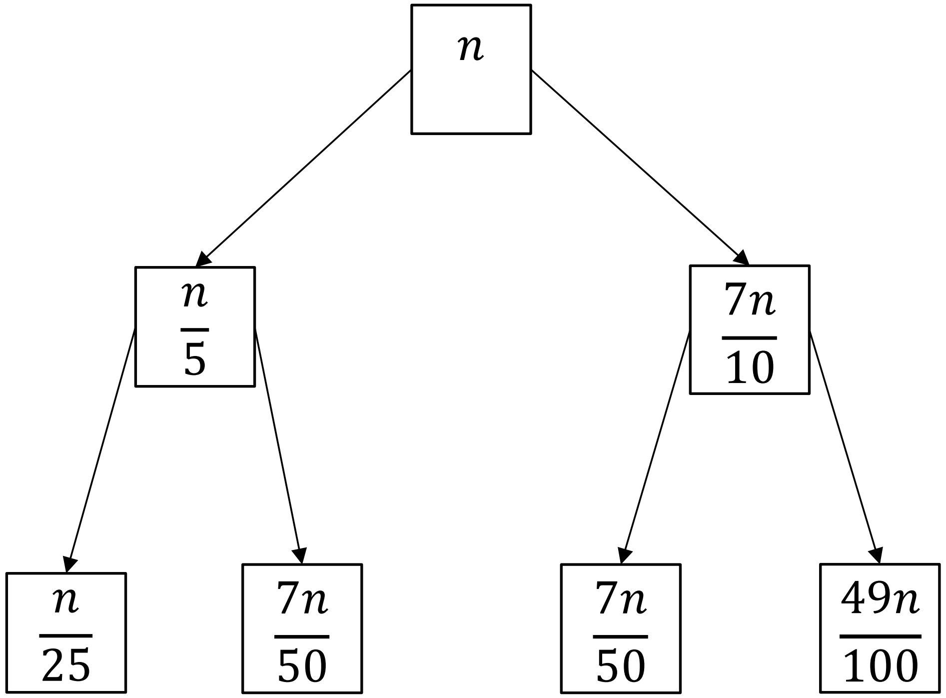
What is a recurrence relation for MOMSelect?

T(n) = T(Selection) + T(MOM) + f(ops per step)

Recursion Tree

$$T(n) = T(\frac{7n}{10}) + T(\frac{n}{5}) + O(n)$$



Since the work at each level is decreasing exponentially, the O(n) term dominates!

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MOMSelect Wrap

- We can find the median of a list of numbers in $O(n)$ time (faster than sorting) using divide and conquer approach
- Key: Selecting a good pivot with median-of-medians-of-five
- This technique also works for sorting (QuickSort) in $O(nlogn)$

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Switching gears: Searching

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Can we do it faster?

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StartSearch(A,t):
  // A[1:n] sorted in ascending order
  Return Search(A,1,n,t)

Search(A,ℓ,r,t):
  If(ℓ > r): return FALSE

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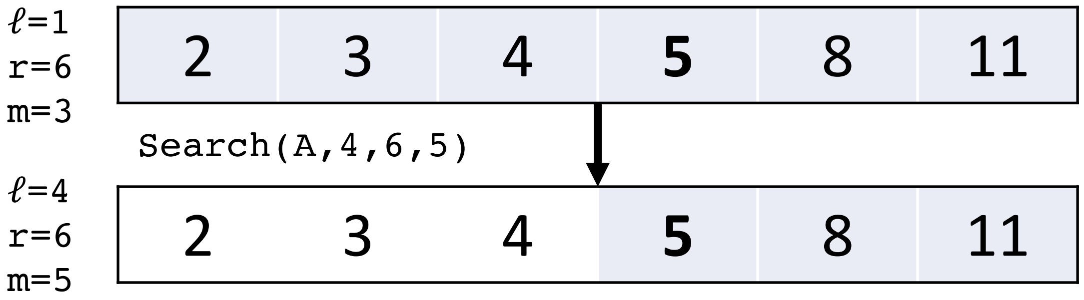

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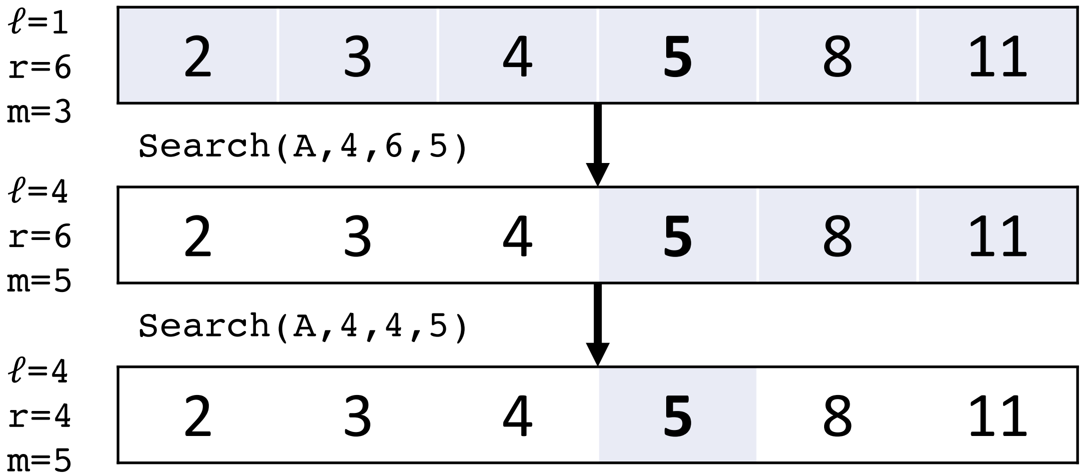

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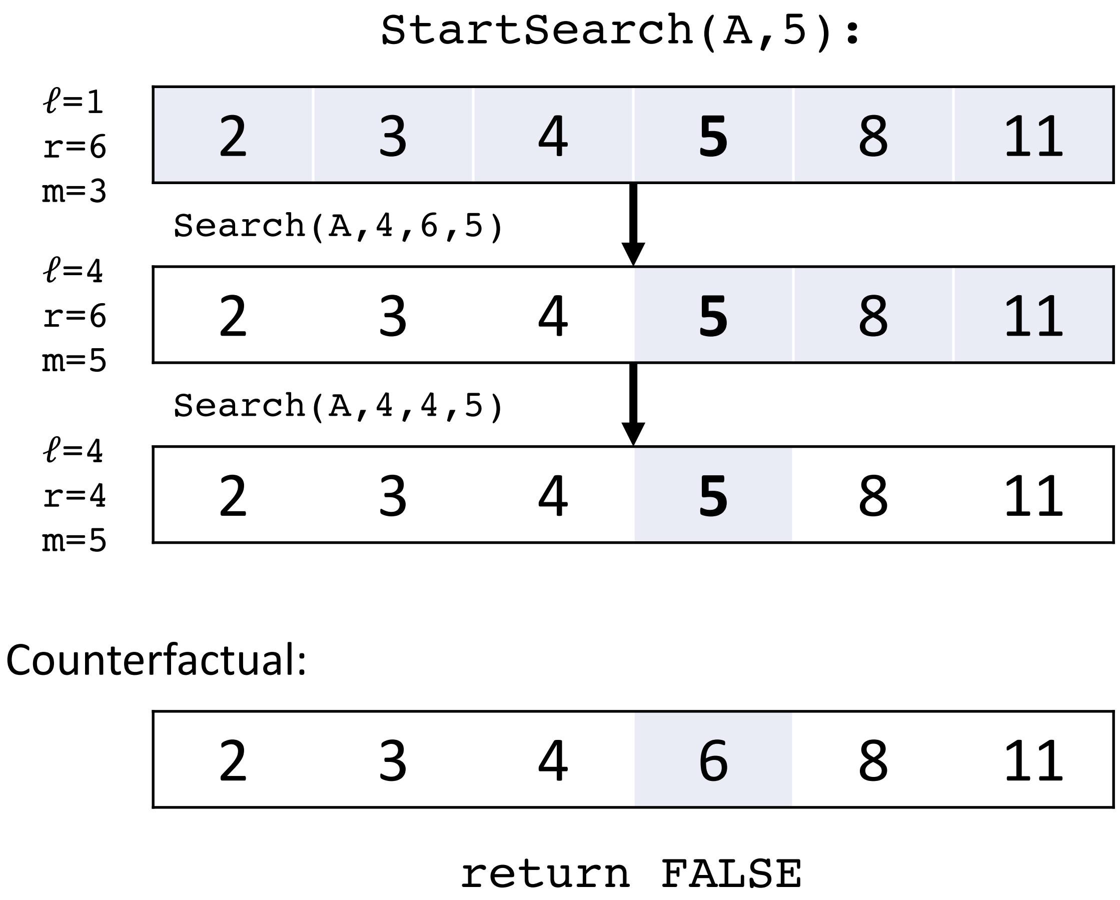

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Wrap up

Homework 1 due tonight

Homework 2 will be released at 8AM

Next time:

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- Fibonacci numbers
- Dynamic Programming

Ask the Audience!

- Use the Master Theorem to Solve:
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