

Chapter 2. Sorting & Order Statistics

We discuss :

- Sorting algor. (HeapSort, QuickSort)
- Median & Order Statistics
- A Lower Bound on Sorting.

Selection Sort.

We've discussed Insertion Sort: it's in-place and has time complexity $O(n^2)$.

Idea of Selection Sort:

- Remove largest element and add it to output sequence until input sequence is exhausted.

SELECTION (A[1..n])

$j = n$

while $j > 1$

$k = j$; $max = j$; $S = A[j]$

while $k > 1$

$k = k - 1$

if $A[k] > S$ then

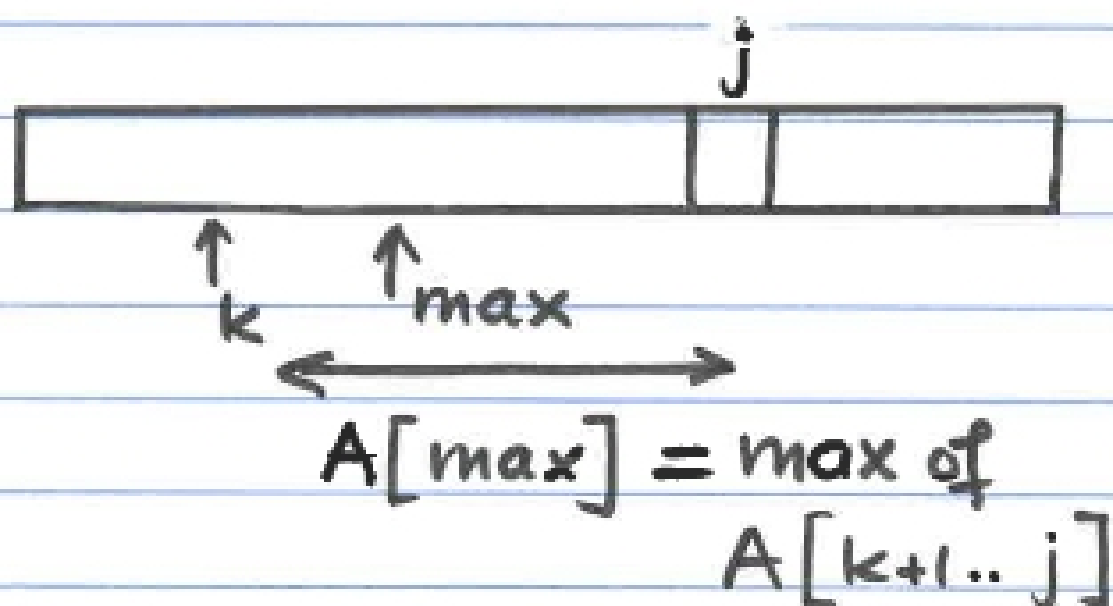
$max = k$

$S = A[k]$

swap $A[max]$ with $A[j]$

$j = j - 1$

Illustration



Complexity of SELECTION:

- Searching for max in $A[1..j]$
takes $O(j)$ steps

- Outer loop is executed for
values $j = n, n-1, \dots, 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } T(n) &= O\left(\sum_{j=2}^n O(j)\right) \\ &= O(n^2). \end{aligned}$$

Heapsort

Observation: If we can find max faster, we can improve on SELECTION.

⇒ We organize $A[1..n]$ as a heap

A heap is an array object that can be identified as an almost complete binary tree:
 $\text{parent}(i) = \lfloor i/2 \rfloor$
 $\text{left}(i) = 2i$ and $\text{right}(i) = 2i+1$

A heap is a max heap if

$$A[\text{parent}(i)] \geq A[i]$$

(min heap if $A[\text{parent}(i)] \leq A[i]$)

Example: (max heap)

