

1. Assume that you have a special routine that, given an array of size n , uses no comparisons to return the index of a random element whose value is in the middle third of the array. So the value of this element is between the $n/3 + 1$ th and $2n/3$ rd smallest, inclusive. Assume that you execute quicksort with the help of this routine.
 - (a) Estimate the number of comparisons that quicksort now uses assuming that the $5n/12$ th smallest element is always picked by this routine. Just get the high order term.
 - (b) Find the high order term for the number of comparisons that quicksort now uses. To simplify the computation, you may assume that the size of a sublist is always a multiple of 3, and you may modify your summation bounds a small constant amount, but state when and how you do so.
 - (c) Compare your estimate from Part (a) with the actual value for the high order term from Part (b).

2. Assume that you have a routine, `random(a,b)`, that inputs two integers a, b and returns a uniformly distributed random integer between a and b , inclusive.
 - (a) Write a routine that inputs an array and randomly permutes the elements (so that each permutation is equally likely). You may look this up if you like (but try it yourself first).
 - (b) Exactly how many moves and/or exchanges does your algorithm use (in the worst case)?