



5. DIVIDE AND CONQUER

▶ *quickselect demo*

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3-way partition array so that:

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Recur in **one** subarray—the one containing the k^{th} smallest element.

select the $k = 8^{\text{th}}$ smallest

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recursively select 8th smallest element in left subarray

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recursively select the 3rd smallest element in right subarray

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stop: desired element is in middle subarray

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