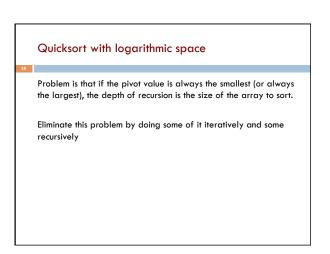


Partition algorithm	
Key issue: How to choose a <i>pivot</i> ?	Choosing pivot • Ideal pivot: the median, since it splits array in half
	But computing median of unsorted array is O(n), quite complicated
	Popular heuristics: Use
	<ul> <li>first array value (not good)</li> <li>middle array value</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>median of first, middle, last, values GOOD!</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Choose a random element</li> </ul>



## Quicksort with logarithmic space

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Problem is that if the pivot value is always the smallest (or always the largest), the depth of recursion is the size of the array to sort.

Eliminate this problem by doing some of it iteratively and some recursively

