Question 1 In the selection problem discussed in class, we used an algorithm that computes the median of 5 and showed that it works in a worst-case linear time.

1. Repeat the problem using the median of 3 and argue that it does not work in linear time.

2. Repeat the problem using the median of 7 and show that it works in a linear time.

Question 2 Suppose that we want to create a divide and conquer matrix multiplication algorithm for square matrices. Assuming that \( n \) is a power of three, the algorithm divides each matrix of \( A, B, \) and \( C \) into nine equi-sized matrices. Then, it performs some recursive calls to compute each submatrix of \( c \).

1. How many recursive calls need to be made so that the algorithm will have an asymptotic running time of \( \Theta(n^3) \)?

2. What is the maximum number of recursive calls that can be made while having an asymptotic running time that is lower than that of Strassen’s algorithm?

Note: You do not have to show an actual algorithm that works for this case. You just need to find the number of recursive calls for a hypothetical algorithm that divides the matrix into nine submatrices.

Question 3 Let \( X \) be a \( kn \times n \) matrix and \( Y \) be an \( n \times kn \) matrix, for some integer \( k \).

1. Describe an algorithm that computes the product \( XY \) using Strassen’s algorithm as a subroutine, i.e., use it as a black-box without modifying it. Only describe your algorithm in words; pseudo-code is not required. Justify your answer, i.e., argue that your algorithm does compute \( XY \) correctly. Establish its running time.

2. Repeat part (a) for computing the product \( YX \).