

# Sorting

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### "Linear-Time" Sorts

- The key values are used to determine the positions for the records in the final sorted array.
- It works only for a permutation of the numbers from 0 to N-1.
- The cost is  $\Theta(N)$  time regardless of the initial ordering of the keys.

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/**
* Bucket Sort
* Allow for duplicate values among keys
* Allow for a set of N records falling in a range larger
* than N ([0,MaxKeyValue-1])
**/
template <typename E, class getKey>
void binsort(E A[], int n) {
 List<E> B[MaxKeyValue]; //An array of linked lists
 E item;
 //assign records to bins
 for (i=0; i< n; i++)
  //All records with key value i are placed in bin B[i]
  B[getKey::key(A[i])].append(getKey::key(A[i]));
 //process MaxKeyValue bins to output records
 for (i=o; i<MaxKeyValue; i++)
  for (B[i].setStart(); B[i].getValue(item); B[i].next())
   output(item);
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- The time cost consists of
  - • $\Theta(N)$  for assigning N records to bins.
  - Scan MaxKeyValue bins to output N records
    - If MaxKeyValue is  $\Theta(N)$ , the total cost is  $\Theta(N)$ ;
    - If MaxKeyValue is  $\Theta(N^2)$ , the total cost becomes  $\Theta(N+N^2)=\Theta(N^2)$ ;
- •A large key range requires an unacceptably large array B.
  - Useful only for a limited key range.

- •A further generalization
  - Each bin is associated with a range of key values, instead of a single key value
- •A bucket sort assigns records to buckets and then relies on some other sorting technique to sort the records within each bucket.
  - A small number of records will be put in each bucket by relatively inexpensive bucketing process
  - A cleanup sort within the bucket will be relatively cheap.

- Consider a sequence of records with keys in the range o to 99
  - . 27,91,1,97,17,23,84,28,72,5,67,25
- There are 10 buckets available
- We can assign records to buckets by taking key%10.

#### B[A[i]%10] B[A[i]/10] 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 7 7 8 8

91,1,72,23,84,5,25,27,97,17,67,28

1,5,17,23,25,27,28,67,72,84,91,97

- In the previous example,
  - There are b=10 buckets and N=12 keys;
  - The key values are in the range of o to  $b^2-1$ ;
- The records are assigned to buckets based on the keys' digit values working from the rightmost digit to the leftmost.
  - Round 1: the bin number is B[A[i]%10]
  - Round 2: the bin number is **B[A[i]/10]**
  - Finally, the records are taken from the buckets in order which produces a sorted list
- The time cost is  $\Theta(N)$ .

- •Radix Sort assign records to buckets with the buckets computed based on the radix or the base of the key values
  - It would work for any number of buckets
    - base = 10, 2, 8, 16, ...
  - It can be extended to any number of keys in any key range
  - Assign records to buckets based on the keys' digit values working from the rightmost digit to the leftmost.

- Example: the number of buckets is 8, and a key is 999
  - Round 1: 999%8 = 7, key 999 -> bucket 7
  - Round 2: (999/8)%8 = 4, key 999 -> bucket 4
  - Round 3:  $(999/8^2)\%8 = 7$ , key 999 -> bucket 7
  - Round 4:  $(999/8^3)\%8 = 1$ , key 999 -> bucket 1
  - Convert 999 to an octal number:  $999 = 1*8^3+7*8^2+4*8+7 = 0x1747$
  - Convert MaxKeyValue to a number with b(number of buckets) as the base
  - If the converted MaxKeyValue has r digits, all the keys are assigned to buckets r times
  - Keys are taken from the buckets in order and reassign to the buckets for the next round.
- The running time is O(r(N + b))
  - r is the number of passes,
  - N is the number of elements to sort,
  - b is the number of buckets.

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/*
* Radix sort an array of Strings.
* Assume all characters are ASCII, residing in the first 256
* positions of the Unicode character set.
* Assume all have same length(stringLen).
*/
void radixSortA( vector<string> & arr, int stringLen ){
  const int BUCKETS = 256;
  vector<vector<string>> buckets( BUCKETS );
  for( int pos = stringLen - 1; pos >= 0; --pos ){
    for(string & s : arr)
       //Adds s at the end of the buckets[ s[ pos ] ]
      buckets[ s[ pos ] ].push_back( std::move( s ) );
    int idx = 0;
    for( auto & thisBucket : buckets ){
       for( string & s : thisBucket )
          arr[idx++] = std::move(s);
       thisBucket.clear();
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- How to implement the Radix Sort efficiently?
  - The number of keys assigned to a bucket can be greater than one and may be as large as the total number of keys
    - Let a bucket points to an array with size equal to the number of keys?
    - Let a bucket points to a linked list of keys?
    - · Neither is good!
- The total number of keys in all the buckets is known!
  - Reserve an array with the size of the total number of keys
  - Get to know the number of keys in each bucket



# Radix Sort (V)

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/*
* Counting radix sort
* B[] is array for buckets
* cnt[i] stores numbers of records in bucket[i]
* b is numbers of buckets(base), r is number of passes
*/
template <typename E, typename getKey>
void radix(E A[], E B[], int n, int r, int b, int cnt[]) {
 int j;
 for (int i=0, btoi=1; i< r; i++, btoi*=b) {//for r digits
  for (j=0; j< b; j++) cnt[j] = 0;
  //Count # of records for each buckets on this pass
  for(j=0; j< n; j++) cnt[(getKey::key(A[j])/btoi)%b]++;
  //Index B: cnt[j] will be index for last slot of bucket j.
  for (j=1; j < b; j++) cnt[j] += cnt[j-1];
 /*Put records into buckets, from bottom of each bucket.*/
  for (j=n-1; j>=0; j--)
   B[--cnt[(getKey::key(A[j])/btoi)\%b]] = A[j];
  for (j=0; j< n; j++) A[j] = B[j]; //Copy B back to A.
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Array A[]

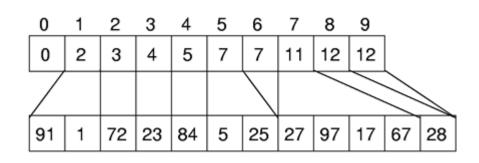
27 91 1 97 17 23 84 28 72 5 67
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Count in 1st pass

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	2	1	1	1	2	0	4	1	0

Index positions for B[]

Array A[] in the end of 1st pass



B[--cnt[(getKey::key(A[j])/btoi)%b]] = A[j];

Array A[] in the end of 1<sup>st</sup> pass

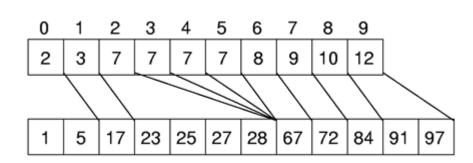
91	1	72	23	84	5	25	27	97	17	67	28	
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Count in 2<sup>nd</sup> pass

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	2

Index positions for B[]

Array A[] in the end of 2<sup>st</sup> pass



B[--cnt[(getKey::key(A[j])/btoi)%b]] = A[j];

- Time complexity analysis
  - It requires r passes over the list of n numbers in base b, with  $\Theta$  (N + b) work done at each pass
  - The total cost is  $\Theta$  (r(N + b))
- •How do r, b, and N relate?
  - The base b is usually a small number.
    - •e.g. 2 or 10 for numbers; 26 for character strings
  - A minimum of log<sub>b</sub>N digits are needed to represent N distinct key values,
    - If there are N unique keys, r is in  $\Omega(\log N)$
- •The asymptotic complexity of Radix Sort is  $\Omega(N\log N)$ .
- Radix Sort is stable, not "In-place"

## Homework 5-3

- To Implement all sorting algorithms discussed. (The mission is not homework.)
- According to the Radix sorting algorithm for variable-length strings in textbook Figure 7.27, show the sorting process for the input "We, can, extend, either, version, of, radix, sort, to, work, with, variable, length, strings".

•Deadline: to be confirmed.