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mkfifo $t{3,4,5,6,7,8,9}
cat $t3 | grep -v 999 > $t5 &
cat $t4 | grep -v 999 > $t6 &
cat $t5 | sort -rn > $t7 &
cat $t6 | sort -rn > $t8 &
sort -m -rn $t7 $t8 > $t9 &
cat $t9 | head -n1 > $out1 &
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