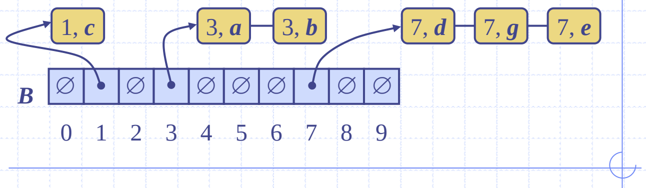
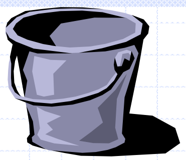
Bucket-Sort and Radix-Sort



Bucket-Sort



- Let be S be a sequence of n (key, element) entries with keys in the range $[0, N-1]$
- Bucket-sort uses the keys as indices into an auxiliary array B of sequences (buckets)
  - Phase 1: Empty sequence S by moving each entry (k, o) into its bucket $B[k]$
  - Phase 2: For $i = 0, \ldots, N-1$, move the entries of bucket $B[i]$ to the end of sequence S
- Analysis:
  - Phase 1 takes $O(n)$ time
  - Phase 2 takes $O(n+N)$ time

  Bucket-sort takes $O(n+N)$ time

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Algorithm bucketSort(S, N)
    Input sequence S of (key, element)
        items with keys in the range
        [0, N – 1]
    Output sequence S sorted by
        increasing keys
    B ← array of N empty sequences
    while ¬S.isEmpty()
        f ← S.first()
        (k, o) ← S.remove(f)
        B[k].addLast((k, o))
    for i ← 0 to N – 1
        while ¬B[i].isEmpty()
            f ← B[i].first()
            (k, o) ← B[i].remove(f)
            S.addLast((k, o))
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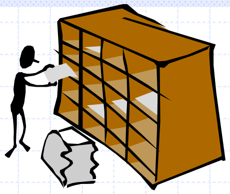
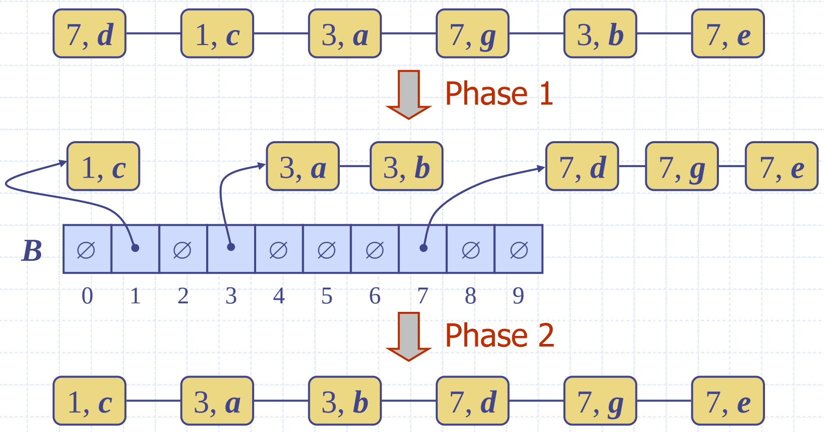
Example



- Key range $[0, 9]$



Properties and Extensions

- Key-type Property
  - The keys are used as indices into an array and cannot be arbitrary objects
  - No external comparator
- Stable Sort Property
  - The relative order of any two items with the same key is preserved after the execution of the algorithm

Extensions

- Integer keys in the range $[a, b]$
  - Put entry (k, o) into bucket $B[k - a]$
- String keys from a set D of possible strings, where D has constant size (e.g., names of the 50 U.S. states)
  - Sort D and compute the rank $r(k)$ of each string k of D in the sorted sequence
  - Put entry (k, o) into bucket $B[r(k)]$

Lexicographic Order

- A d-tuple is a sequence of d keys $(k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_d)$, where key k_i is said to be the i-th dimension of the tuple
- Example:
  - The Cartesian coordinates of a point in space are a 3-tuple
- The lexicographic order of two d-tuples is recursively defined as follows

$$(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_d) < (y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_d)$$
$$\Leftrightarrow$$
$$x_1 < y_1 \lor x_1 = y_1 \land (x_2, \ldots, x_d) < (y_2, \ldots, y_d)$$

I.e., the tuples are compared by the first dimension, then by the second dimension, etc.

Lexicographic-Sort

- Let C_i be the comparator that compares two tuples by their i-th dimension
- Let $stableSort(S, C)$ be a stable sorting algorithm that uses comparator C
- Lexicographic-sort sorts a sequence of d-tuples in lexicographic order by executing d times algorithm $stableSort$, one per dimension
- Lexicographic-sort runs in $O(dT(n))$ time, where $T(n)$ is the running time of $stableSort$

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Algorithm lexicographicSort(S)
    Input sequence S of d-tuples
    Output sequence S sorted in
        lexicographic order

    for i ← d downto 1
        stableSort(S, C_i)
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Example:

(7,4,6) (5,1,5) (2,4,6) (2, 1, 4) (3, 2, 4)

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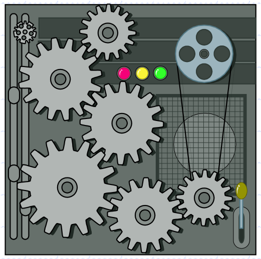
Radix-Sort



- Radix-sort is a specialization of lexicographic-sort that uses bucket-sort as the stable sorting algorithm in each dimension
- Radix-sort is applicable to tuples where the keys in each dimension i are integers in the range $[0, N - 1]$
- Radix-sort runs in time $O(d(n + N))$

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Algorithm radixSort(S, N)
    Input sequence S of d-tuples such
        that (0, …, 0) ≤ (x_1, …, x_d) and
        (x_1, …, x_d) ≤ (N − 1, …, N − 1)
        for each tuple (x_1, …, x_d) in S
    Output sequence S sorted in
        lexicographic order
    for i ← d downto 1
        bucketSort(S, N)
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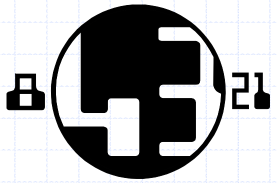
Radix-Sort for Binary Numbers



- Consider a sequence of n b-bit integers
$$x = x_{b-1} \ldots x_1 x_0$$
- We represent each element as a b-tuple of integers in the range $[0, 1]$ and apply radix-sort with $N = 2$
- This application of the radix-sort algorithm runs in $O(bn)$ time
- For example, we can sort a sequence of 32-bit integers in linear time

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Algorithm binaryRadixSort(S)
    Input sequence S of b-bit
        integers
    Output sequence S sorted
    replace each element x
        of S with the item (0, x)
    for i ← 0 to b − 1
        replace the key k of
            each item (k, x) of S
            with bit x_i of x
        bucketSort(S, 2)
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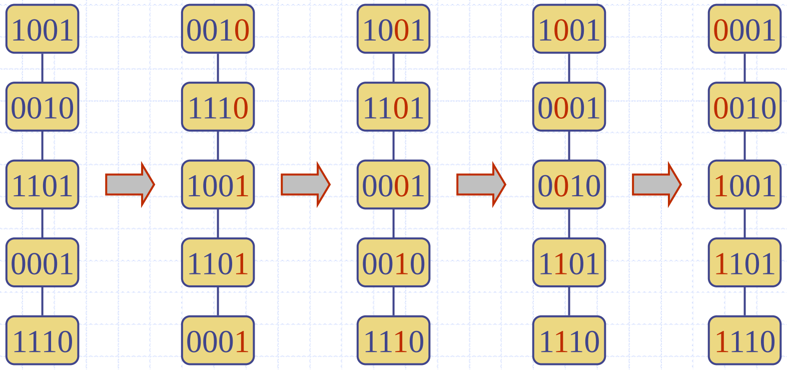
Example

- Sorting a sequence of 4-bit integers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