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Linear Sorting

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Recalling Comparison Sorts

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The running time of these comparison sort algorithms

- Merge Sort
- Heapsort
- Quicksort

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are all $O(N \log N)$.

- Not possible for a comparison sort algorithm to do better.

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However, there are sorting methods that achieve $O(N)$ performance.

Counting Sort

The **Counting Sort** algorithm sorts integers from a **known range**

- The key operation is to count the occurrences of all values

Counting Sort(Input: $A = [A_1, \dots, A_N]$, k)

- For
 - $C[A[j]] = C[A[j]] + 1$ \leftarrow count
- For
 - $C[i] = C[i] + C[i - 1]$ \leftarrow how many 1's
- For $j = N$ to 1
 - $B[C[A[j]]] = A[j]$
 - $C[A[j]] = C[A[j]] - 1$
- Return B

Counting Sort

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Counting Sort Time

Counting sort makes two passes through the input and two passes through the count table C

- So the time taken is ...

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- For $j = 1$ to N
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Properties

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Counting Sort runs in $\Theta(N + k)$ time.

Question

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Countin

- 'Different' 3s stay in the same order
- Can be important when the values are linked to oth
- This property is used by the next algorithm

Radix Sort

Radix Sort is used to sort a set of d -digit values

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- It makes d passes through the data
- Each pass sorts on the i th digit only

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- Counter-intuitively, the first sort is on the **least significant digit**
- It allows counting sort to be used per digit, over a much smaller range
- e.g. For decimal numbers there are 10 values to sort on

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The algorithm is simple to state

Radix Sort

- For each digit i of the numbers:
 - Use a stable sort to sort A on digit i
- Counting Sort can implement the stable sort efficiently

The Radix

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Radix Sort (Input: $A = [A_1, \dots, A_N]$, d)

- For $i = 0$ to d

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Discussi

You are sorting N numbers with Radix sort. You c se the
 numbers will be represented in within the sort procedur

- What base would you choose?
- Why?

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The Radix

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Assuming we have N numbers

- Exp
- Eac

Radix sort t

- Base B has values in the range 0 to (

- So, there are B distinct values to count

A base that is $O(N)$, e.g. base N , will limit th

to some smaller base, while not dominating the time for each pass.

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Binary

Binary representation allows you to pick any power of 2 as a base very cheaply. Assuming we have N numbers

- Each
- Split

Radix Sort

$\Theta(N + k)$ time to sort values in the range 0

- Each number has b/r digits
- Choose $r \sim \log_2(N)$ gives $\sim N$ values

Under the assumption that $b = O(\log_2 N)$ the running time of Radix Sort is $\Theta(N)$. In practice, constant factors may mean that Quicksort is faster.