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# CSC3100 Data Structures

## Lecture 12: More sorting algorithms

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# Outline

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- ▶ Comparison-based sorting algorithms
  - ShellSort
- ▶ Non-comparison-based sorting algorithms
  - CountingSort
  - BucketSort
  - RadixSort
- ▶ A summary of 10 classic sorting algorithms



# ShellSort

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- ▶ Break the quadratic time barrier by comparing elements that are **distant**
- ▶ The distance between comparisons decreases as the algorithm runs until the last phase, in which adjacent elements are compared (*diminishing increment sort*)
- ▶ An increment sequence  $h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_t$ , used in **reverse order** with  $h_1=1$



# ShellSort

- ▶ After a phase, with an increment  $h_k$ ,  $A[i] \leq A[i + h_k]$
- ▶ All elements spaced  $h_k$  apart are sorted (insertion sort)

- ▶ Example

- Consider an increment sequence: 1, 3, 5
- For each  $h_k$ , we need to sort  $h_k$  subsequences

Original	81	94	11	96	12	35	17	95	28	58	41	75	15
5-sorted	35	17	11	28	12	41	75	15	96	58	81	94	95
3-sorted	28	12	11	35	15	41	58	17	94	75	81	96	95
1-sorted	11	12	15	17	28	35	41	58	75	81	94	95	96

Standard insertion sort



# ShellSort with $\{1, 2, 4, 8, \dots, n/2\}$

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```
public static void shellSort(int[ ] a) {  
    int j;  
    for (int gap = a.length/2; gap > 0; gap /=2)  
        for (int i = gap; i < a.length; i++) {  
            int tmp = a[i];  
            for (j = i; j >= gap && tmp < a[j-gap]; j-= gap)  
                a[j] = a[j-gap];  
            a[j] = tmp;  
        }  
}
```



# ShellSort

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## ► Analysis of Shellsort

- Very hard (average-case is a long-standing open problem)
- Depend on the selection of an increment sequence
  - Difference sequences lead to different time cost!
- **Theorem:** the worst-case running time of Shellsort, using some increment, is  $\Theta(N^2)$ 
  - Put the largest  $N/2$  numbers in the even positions  
e.g., 4, 12, 1, 10, 3, 11, 2, 9
  - Use the increments {..., 8, 4, 2, 1}
  - Before the last sort, the  $N/2$  largest numbers are still in the even positions, e.g., 1, 9, 2, 10, 3, 11, 4, 12
  - The numbers of inversions is  $1+2+\dots+(N-1)/2 = \Theta(N^2)$



# CountingSort

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- ▶ Assumption: all the values are integers in  $[0, m-1]$
- ▶ Steps
  - Start with  $m$  empty buckets numbered 0 to  $m-1$
  - Scan the list and place element  $s[i]$  in bucket  $s[i]$
  - Output the buckets in order
- ▶ Will need an array of buckets, and the values to be sorted will be the indexes to the buckets
  - No comparisons will be necessary



# CountingSort

4	2	1	2	0	3	2	1	4	0	2	3	0
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0	1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3	4
0		2		
0		2		
		2		
		2		



0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4
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# CountingSort

Algorithm CountingSort(  $s[ ]$  )  
(values in  $s[ ]$  are between 0 and  $m-1$  )

```
for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $m-1$  do // initialize m buckets
     $b[j] \leftarrow 0$ 
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n-1$  do // place elements in their appropriate buckets
     $b[s[i]] \leftarrow b[s[i]] + 1$ 
 $i \leftarrow 0$ 
for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $m-1$  do // place elements in buckets
    for  $r \leftarrow 1$  to  $b[j]$  do // back in s
         $S[i] \leftarrow j$ 
         $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
```



# Exercise

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- ▶ Use CountingSort to sort the following sequence of integer values

4,3,2,1,5,2,4,1,2,0,4,2,0

- ▶ How to process the case that the minimum value in the input sequence of integers is very large?



# BucketSort

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- ▶ Assumption:

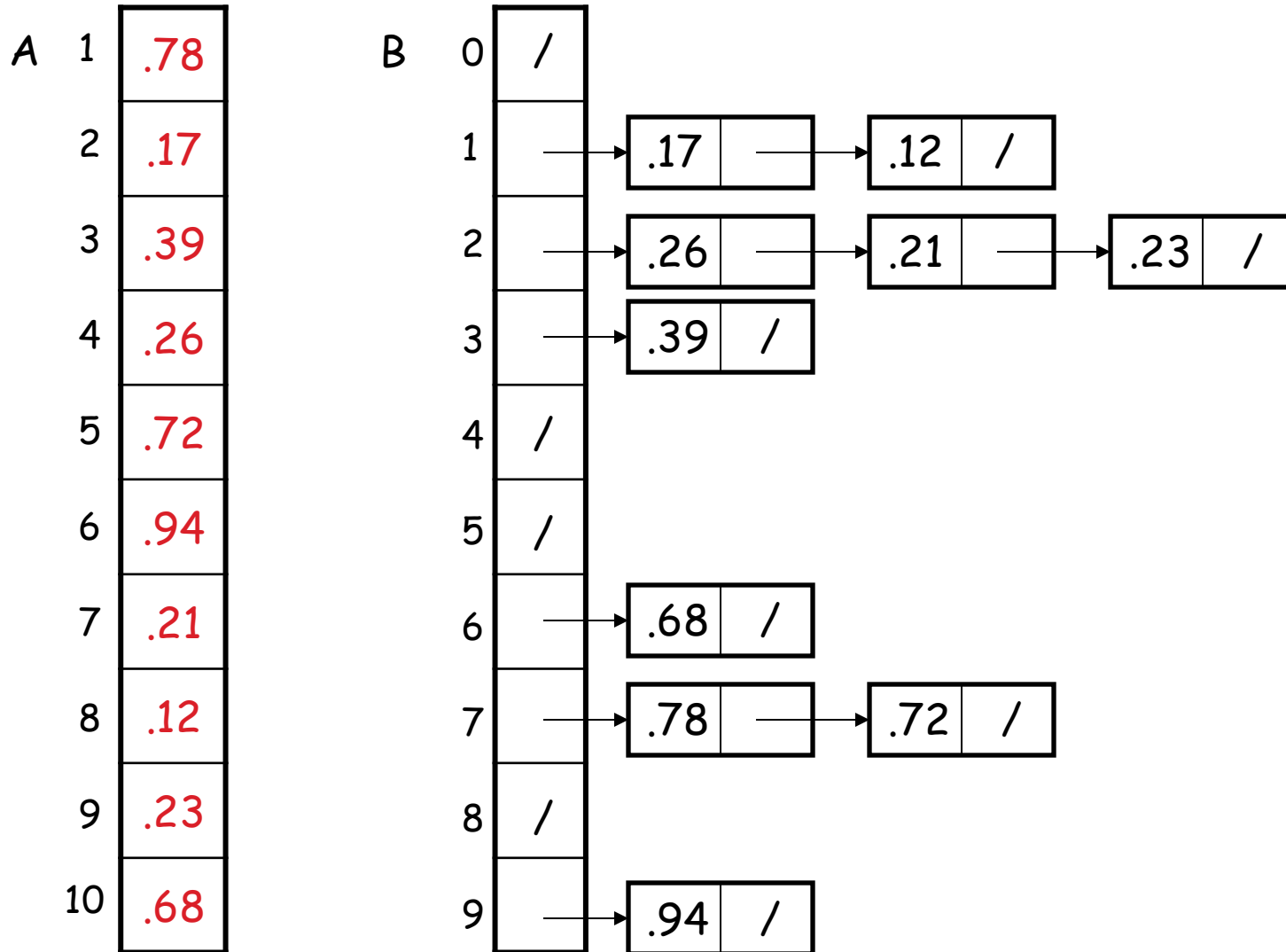
- The input is generated by a random process that distributes elements uniformly over  $[0, 1)$

- ▶ Key steps:

- Divide  $[0, 1)$  into  $n$  equal-sized buckets
- Distribute the  $n$  input values into the buckets
- Sort each bucket (e.g., using QuickSort)
- Go through buckets in order, listing elements in each one
- Extra array:  $B[0 \dots n - 1]$  of linked lists, each of which is initially empty

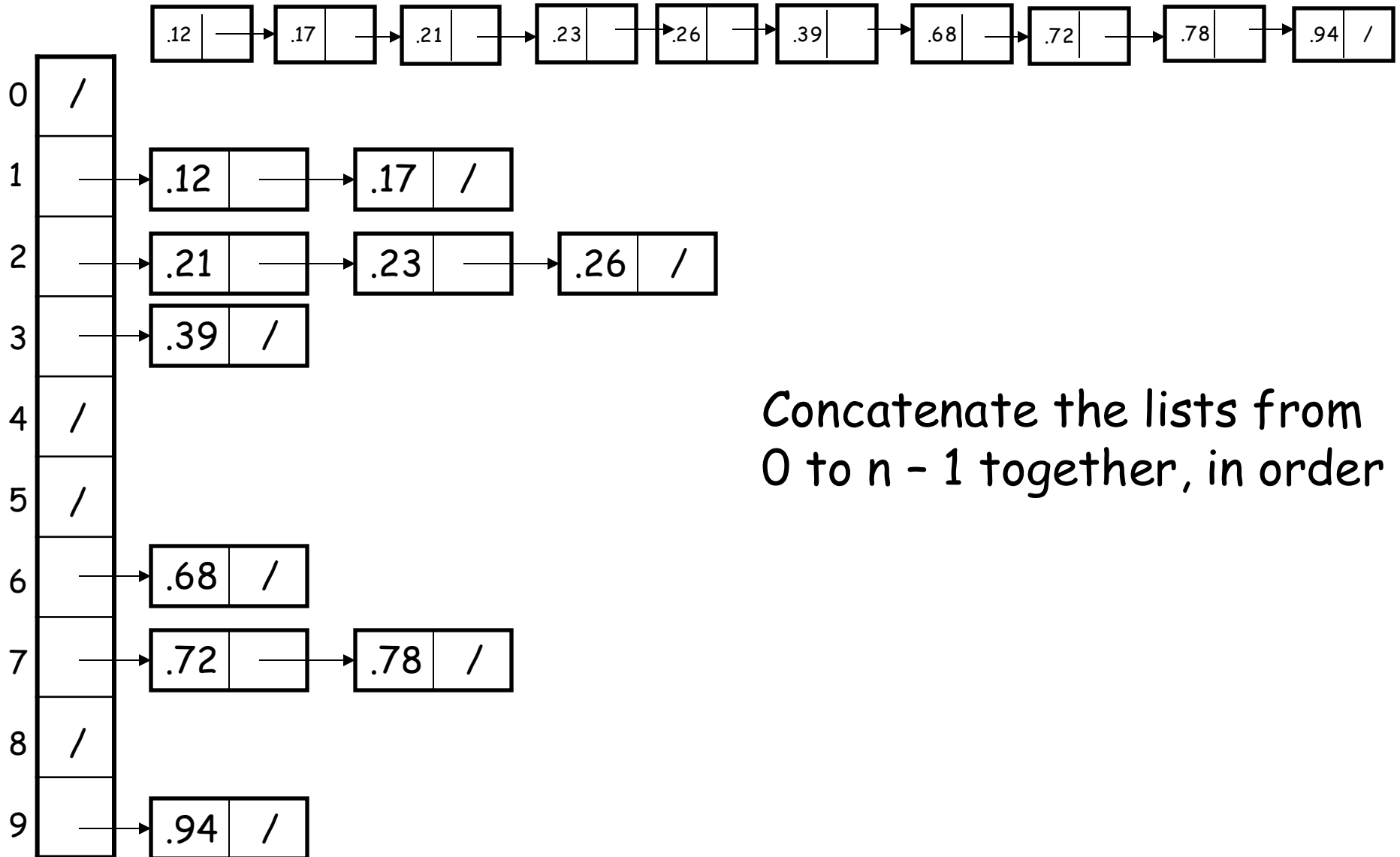


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Concatenate the lists from 0 to  $n - 1$  together, in order



# BucketSort

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BUCKET-SORT( $A, n$ )

for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$

do insert  $A[i]$  into list  $B[\lfloor nA[i] \rfloor]$

for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - 1$

do sort list  $B[i]$  with QuickSort

concatenate lists  $B[0], B[1], \dots, B[n - 1]$

together in order

return the concatenated lists

$O(n)$

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# Exercise

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- ▶ Use BucketSort to sort the following sequence of real values

0.81, 0.65, 0.91, 0.61, 0.55, 0.71



# RadixSort

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- ▶ CountingSort is costly in both time and space, if  $m$  is large
- ▶ The idea of RadixSort:
  - Apply BucketSort on each digit (from Least Significant Digit to Most Significant Digit)
- ▶ A complication:
  - Just keeping the count is not enough
  - Need to keep the actual elements
  - Use a queue for each digit





# RadixSort: example (1/3)

- ▶ Input: 170, 045, 075, 090, 002, 024, 802, 066
- ▶ The first pass
  - Consider the **least significant digits** as keys and move the keys into their buckets

0	17 <u>0</u> , 09 <u>0</u>
1	
2	00 <u>2</u> , 80 <u>2</u>
3	
4	02 <u>4</u>
5	04 <u>5</u> , 07 <u>5</u>
6	06 <u>6</u>
7	
8	
9	

- Output: 170, 090, 002, 802, 024, 045, 075, 066



# RadixSort: example (2/3)

## ► The second pass

- Input: 170, 090, 002, 802, 024, 045, 075, 066
- Consider **the second least significant digits** as keys and move the keys into their buckets

0	0 <u>0</u> 2, 8 <u>0</u> 2
1	
2	0 <u>2</u> 4
3	
4	0 <u>4</u> 5
5	
6	0 <u>6</u> 6
7	1 <u>7</u> 0, 0 <u>7</u> 5
8	
9	0 <u>9</u> 0

- Output: 002, 802, 024, 045, 066, 170, 075, 090



# RadixSort: example (3/3)

## ► The third pass

- Input: 002, 802, 024, 045, 066, 170, 075, 090
- Consider **the third least significant digits** as keys and move the keys into their buckets

0	<u>0</u> 02, <u>0</u> 24, <u>0</u> 45, <u>0</u> 66, <u>0</u> 75, <u>0</u> 90
1	<u>1</u> 70
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	<u>8</u> 02
9	

- Output: 002, 024, 045, 066, 075, 090, 170, 802 (Sorted)



## Another example

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- ▶ Suppose we sort some 2-digit integers
- ▶ **Phase 1: Sort by the right digit (the least significant digit)**

Initial array:

25	32	93	22	34
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Sort by  
right digit:

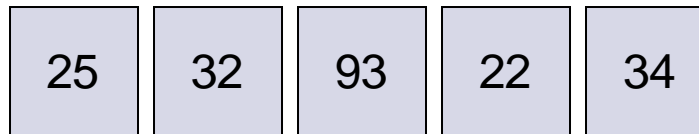
3 <u>2</u>	2 <u>2</u>	9 <u>3</u>	3 <u>4</u>	2 <u>5</u>
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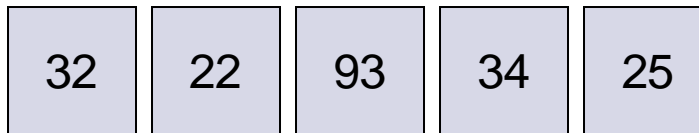
## Another example (cont.)

- ▶ Phase 2: Sort by the left digit (the second least significant digit)

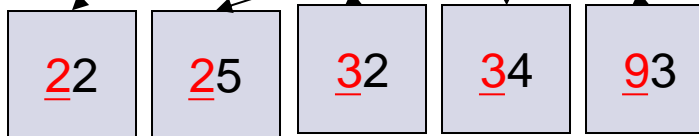
Initial array:



Sort by  
right digit:



Stable sort by  
left digit:





# Codes (1/2)

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// items to be sorted are in  $\{0, \dots, 10^d - 1\}$ ,  
// i.e., the type of d-digit integers  
void radixsort(int A[], int n, int d)  
{  
    int i;  
    for (i=0; i<d; i++)  
        bucketsort(A, n, i);  
}  
  
// To extract d-th digit of x  
int digit(int x, int d)  
{  
    int i;  
    for (i=0; i<d; i++)  
        x /= 10; // integer division  
    return x%10;  
}
```



## Codes (2/2)

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```
void bucketsort(int A[], int n, int d)
// stable-sort according to d-th digit
{
    int i, j;
    Queue *C = new Queue[10];
    for (i=0; i<10; i++) C[i].makeEmpty();
    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
        C[digit(A[i],d)].EnQueue(A[i]);
    for (i=0, j=0; i<10; i++)
        while (!C[i].empty())
        { // copy values from queues to A[]
            A[j] = C[i].DeQueue();
            j++;
        }
}
```



# Inductive proof that RadixSort works

- ▶ Keys:  $k$ -digit numbers, base  $B$ 
  - (that wasn't hard!)
- ▶ Hypothesis: after  $i^{\text{th}}$  RadixSort, the least significant  $i$  digits are sorted
  - Base case:  $i = 0$ , implying 0 digits are sorted
  - Inductive step: Assume for  $i$ , prove for  $i+1$ 

Consider two numbers:  $X, Y$ . Say  $X_i$  is  $i^{\text{th}}$  digit of  $X$ :

    - $X_{i+1} < Y_{i+1}$  then  $i+1^{\text{th}}$  RadixSort will put them in order
    - $X_{i+1} > Y_{i+1}$ , same thing
    - $X_{i+1} = Y_{i+1}$ , order depends on last  $i$  digits. Induction hypothesis says already sorted for these digits because RadixSort is **stable**





# Worst-case time complexity

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- ▶ Assume  $k$  digits, each digit comes from  $\{0, \dots, M-1\}$
- ▶ For each digit,
  - $O(M)$  time to initialize  $M$  queues
  - $O(n)$  time to distribute  $n$  numbers into  $M$  queues
- ▶ Total time =  $O(k(M+n))$
- ▶ When  $k$  is constant and  $M = O(n)$ , we can make RadixSort run in linear time, i.e.,  $O(n)$



# Exercises

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- ▶ Use RadixSort to sort the following sequence  
123, 251, 369, 278, 451, 222

- ▶ Can we start from the most significant digit?

Now let sort three 3-digit numbers?

478, 430, 356

1st digit:

4, 4, 3 => 3, 4, 4 => 356, 478, 430

2nd digit:

5, 7, 3 => 3, 5, 7 => 430, 356, 478

3rd digit:

0, 6, 8 => 0, 6, 8 => 430, 356, 478



# Exercises

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- ▶ Since RadixSort is faster than QuickSort, why is QuickSort still preferable in many cases?
  - Although RadixSort runs in  $\Theta(n)$  while QuickSort  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ , QuickSort has a much smaller constant factor  $c$
  - RadixSort requires extra memory, whereas QuickSort works in place



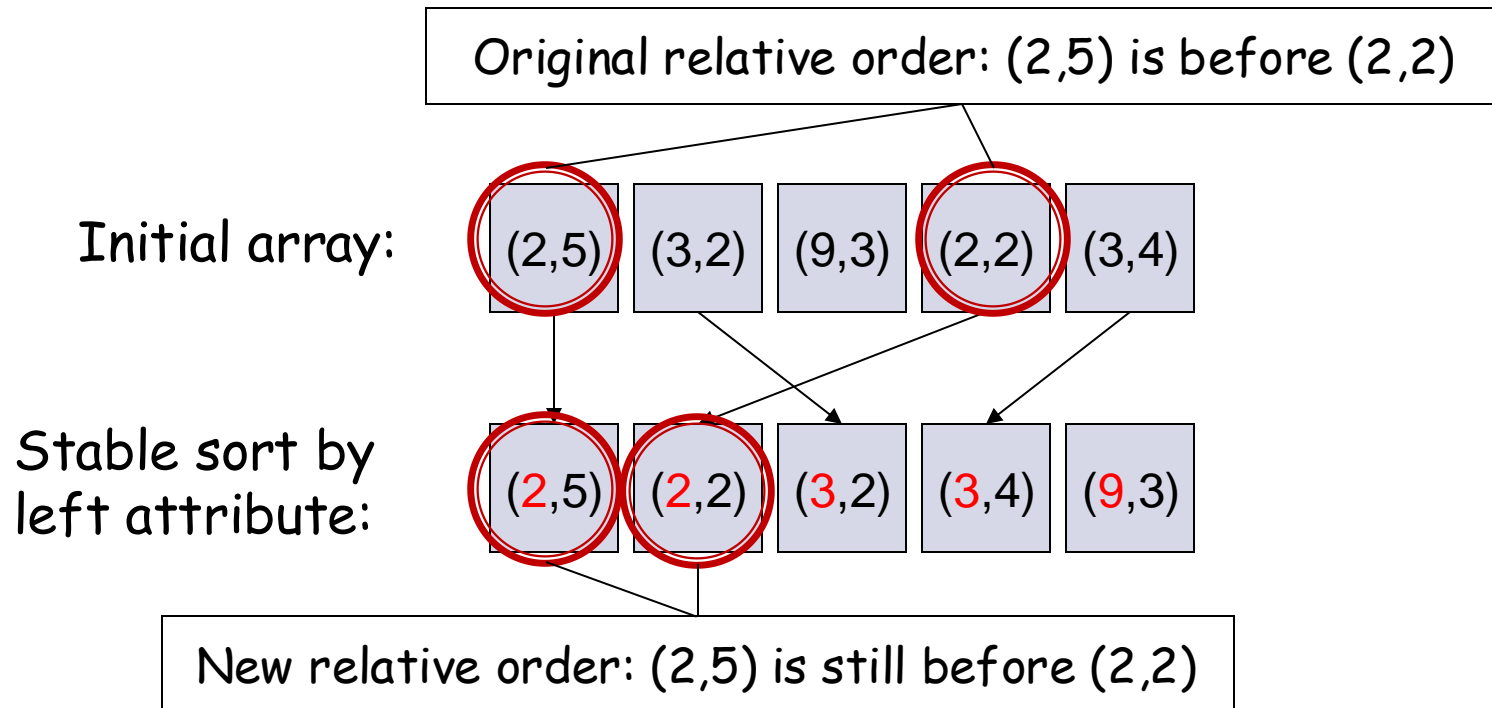
# 10 classic sorting algorithms

Sorting algorithm	Stability	Time cost			Extra space cost
		Best	Average	Worst	
Bubble sort	✓	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion sort	✓	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Selection sort	×	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
MergeSort	✓	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$
HeapSort	×	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(1)$
QuickSort	×	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
ShellSort	×	$O(n)$	$O(n^{1.3})$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
CountingSort	✓	$O(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(k)$
BucketSort	✓	$O(n)$	$O(n+k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(k)$
RadixSort	✓	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(n)$



# Concept: stable sorting algorithm

- ▶ Definition: A **stable** sorting algorithm is one that preserves the original relative order of elements with equal key
  - E.g., suppose the **left attribute** is the key attribute





# Recommended reading

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- ▶ Reading this week
  - Chapter 8, textbook
- ▶ Next lecture
  - Tree data structure: Chapter 12