

I/O-Efficient Algorithms and Data Structures

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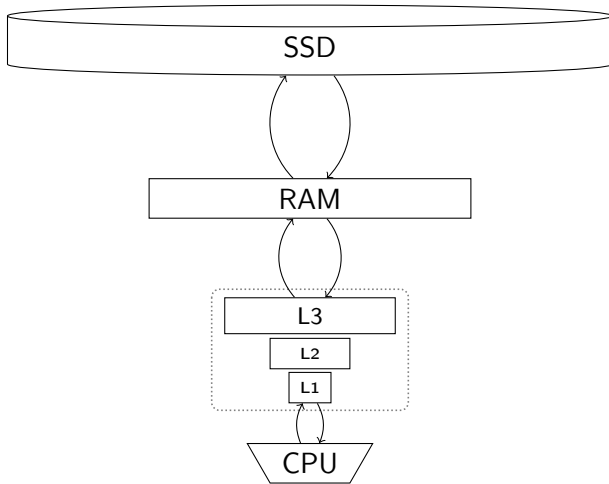










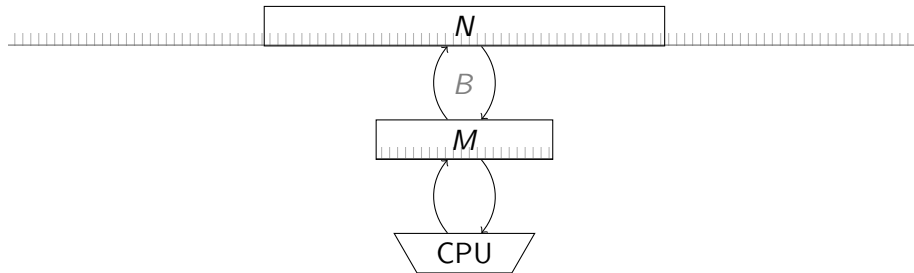






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Time : N

I/O : N/B

Memory : B

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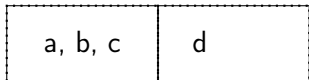
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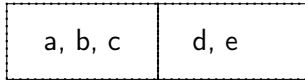
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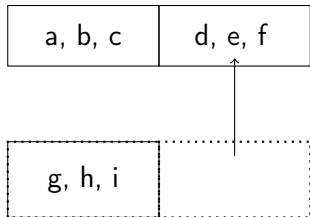
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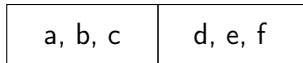
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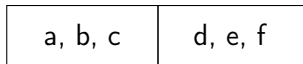
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I/O : $O(N/B)$
Memory : $2B$

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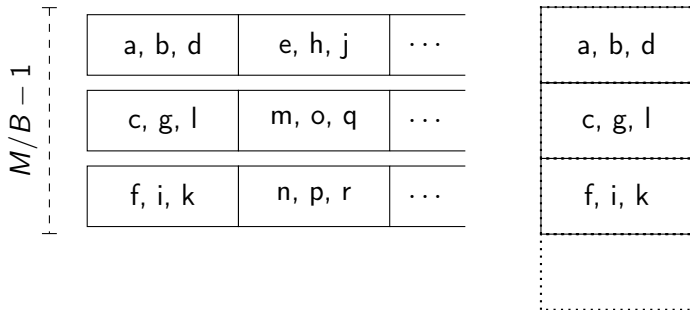
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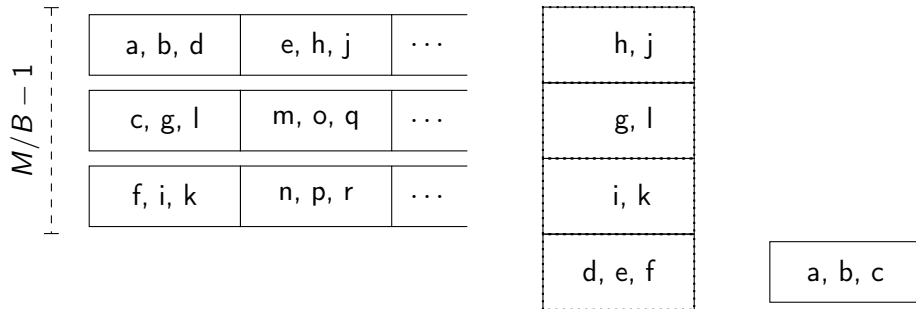
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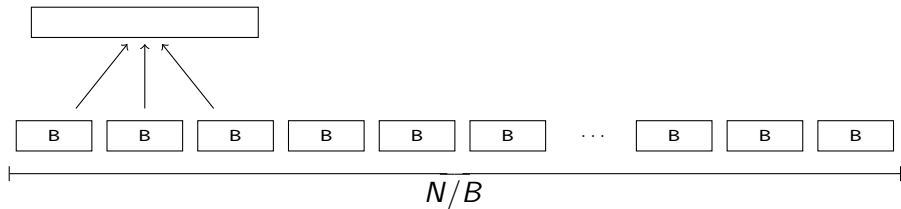
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N elements can be sorted in $\Theta(N/B \cdot \log_{M/B}(N/B))$ I/Os.

Convex Hull : Graham Scan

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Convex Hull

Compute the *convex hull* for N points in the plane.



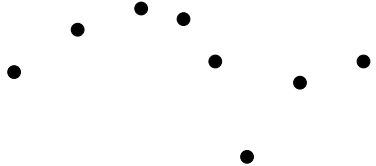
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Lower Hull:

- Symmetric...



a-b Tree

Huddleston and Mehlhorn '82



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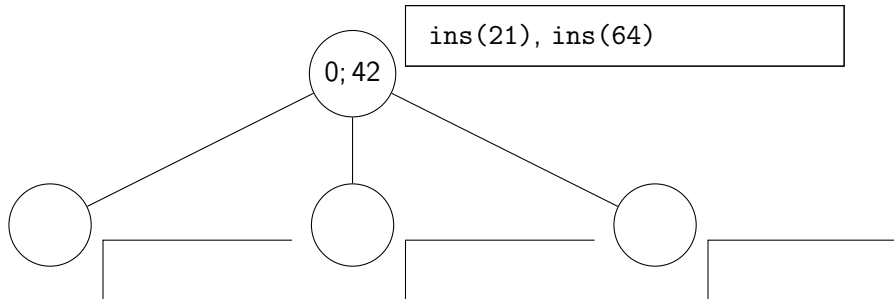
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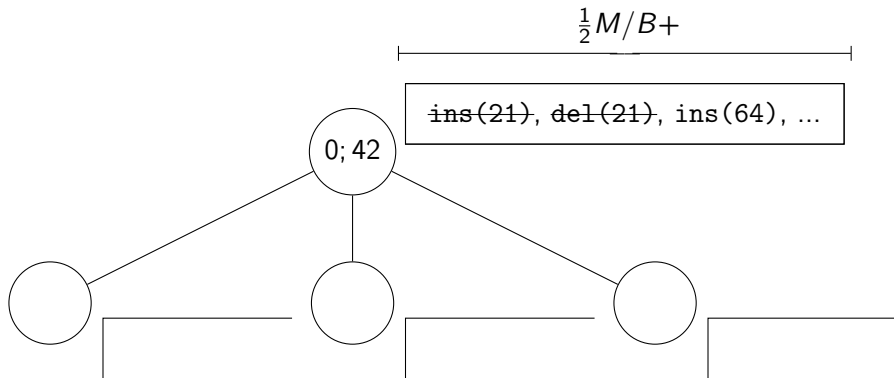
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Corollary

An I/O-efficient Priority Queue can resolve N push and delete min operations in $\Theta(N/B \cdot \log_{M/B}(N/B))$ I/Os.

Proof.

Use an $M/2$ sized internal memory priority queue, pq. If pq overflows, move $M/4$ the largest elements to a Buffer Tree, t. If pq underflows, obtain the $M/4$ smallest elements from t. \square

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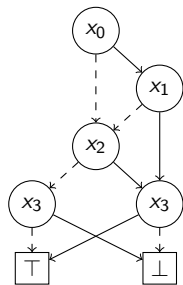
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#Paths

Given a Binary Decision Diagram of N nodes, compute the number of paths from the root to the \top terminal.

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Decision Diagram

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On-Disk Format

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Idea

Count the number of in-going paths to each node.

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Time-Forward Processing

Defer work with $Q_{\text{count}} : \text{PriorityQueue}(\langle s \rightarrow t, \mathbb{N} \rangle)$ sorted on t in ascending order.

$$((i, \text{id}) \xrightarrow{\perp} \alpha, \quad \sum_i n_i), \quad ((i, \text{id}) \xrightarrow{\top} \beta, \quad \sum_i n_i)$$

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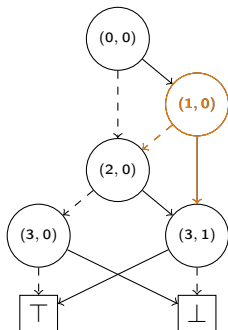
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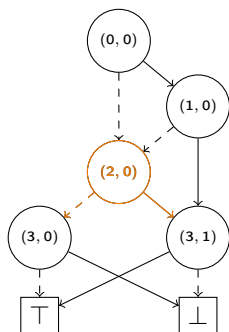
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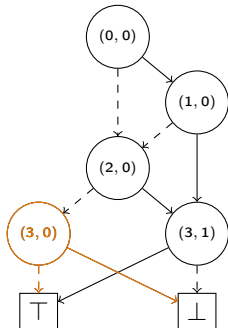
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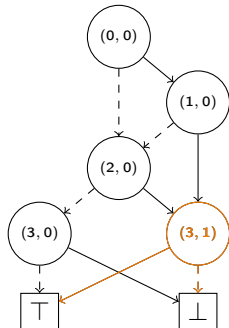
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Seek	Sum	Result
$(3, 1)$	1	2

Priority Queue: Q_{count} :

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$((2, 0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3, 1), \quad 2) \quad]$

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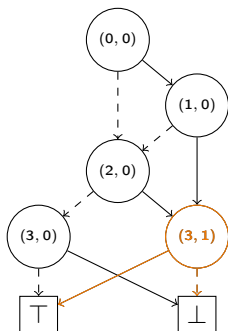
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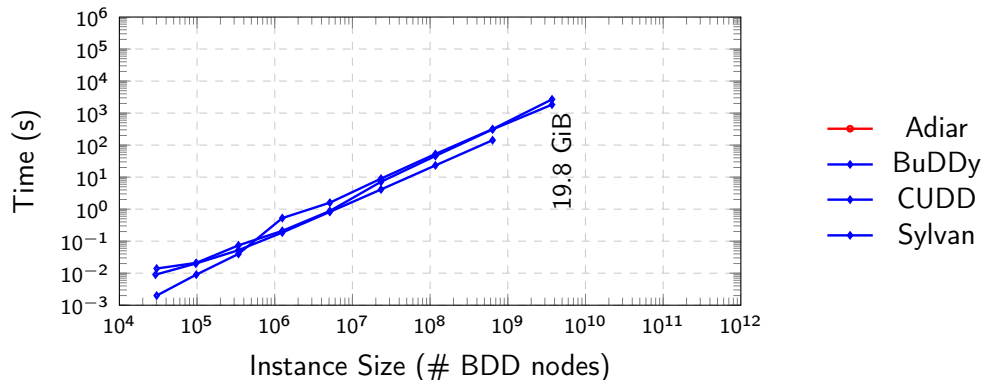
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Adiar

github.com/ssoelvsten/adiar

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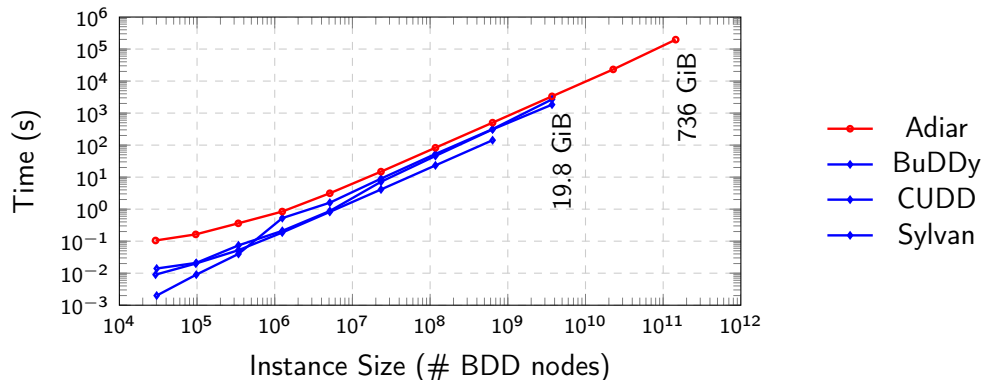
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Running time for the *N-Queens* problems.

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Further Reading : Foundations

- **Aggarwal and Vitter (1987)**

“The Input/Output Complexity of Sorting and Related Problems”

The I/O-model, Sorting, Permutation, FFT, and Matrix transposition.

- **Arge, Goodrich, Nelson, and Sitchinava (2008)**

“Fundamental Parallel Algorithms for Private-cache Chip Multiprocessors.”

The I/O-model for Multi-Threading.

Further Reading : Data Structures

- **Arge (1995)**

"The Buffer Tree: A new technique for Optimal I/O-algorithms"

An I/O-efficient Tree, Priority Queue, and Range Tree.

- **Sanders (2002)**

"Fast Priority Queues for Cached Memory"

A much faster I/O-efficient Priority Queue.

- **Agarwal, Arge and Yi (2006)**

"I/O-Efficient Batched Union-Find and Its Applications to Terrain Analysis"

An I/O-efficient (Lazy) Union-Find.

Further Reading : Algorithms

- **Goodrich, Tsay, Vengroff, and Vitter (1993)**

“External-Memory Computational Geometry”

Distribution Sweeping and other algorithms.

- **Chiang, Goodrich, Grove, Tamassia, Vengroff, and Vitter (1995)**

“External-memory Graph Algorithms”

Time-forward Processing and other algorithms.

- **Arge, Toma, Vitter (2001)**

“I/O-Efficient Algorithms for Problems on Grid-Based Terrains”

The TERRAFLOW algorithm.

Further Reading : Libraries (C++)

- **TPIE : Templated Portable I/O Environment**

github.com/thomasmoelhave/tpie

Duke University and Aarhus University

- **STXXL : Standard Template library for XXL data sets**

github.com/stxxl/stxxl

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Distribution Sweeping

Goodrich, Tsay, Vengroff, and Vitter '93

Batched Range Searching

Given N axis-parallel rectangles and N points in the plane, compute for each point p all rectangles containing p .



Theorem

Batched Range Searching can be solved in $O(\text{sort}(N) + \text{scan}(T))$ I/Os.

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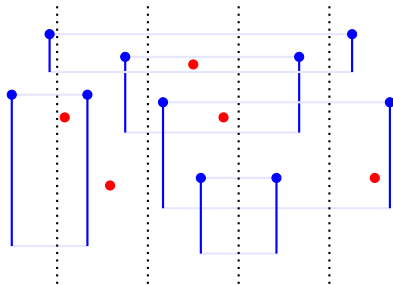
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- Merge slabs together, report points between line segments outside its slab.
 - Use $\Theta(\sqrt{M/B^2}) = \Theta(\sqrt{M/B})$ multi-slabs to maintain each *active* rectangle.
 - Output points and un-matched line segments.

