

Data Structures and Algorithms

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Bucket sorting

- Stable sorting:
 - Consider a sequence, $S = ((k_1, e_1), (k_2, e_2), \dots, (k_n, e_n))$
 - $(k_i, e_i), (k_j, e_j) \in S$ such that $k_i = k_j$
 - If (k_i, e_i) precedes (k_j, e_j) in S before sorting, the same is the case after sorting S
- Stability is important, since applications may want to preserve the initial ordering of the items with the same key

Counting sort

- Assumes that n input elements (integers) are in the range 0 to k , for some integer k
- If k is $O(n)$, the complexity is $\Theta(n)$
- General principle:
 - For each input element x , counts the number of elements that are less than x
 - Based on this information positions x in its correct position
- Has to be modified slightly if input has duplicates

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A	2	5	3	0	2	3	0	3
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	0	1	2	3	4	5
C	0	0	1	0	0	0

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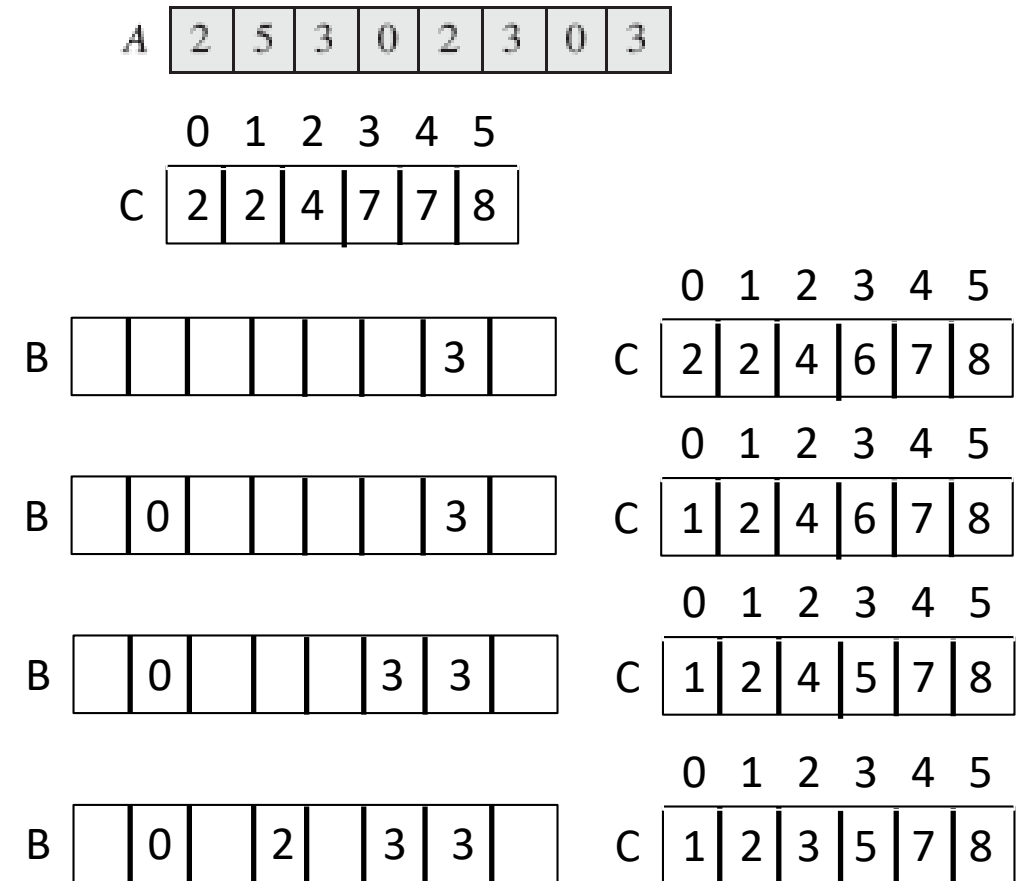
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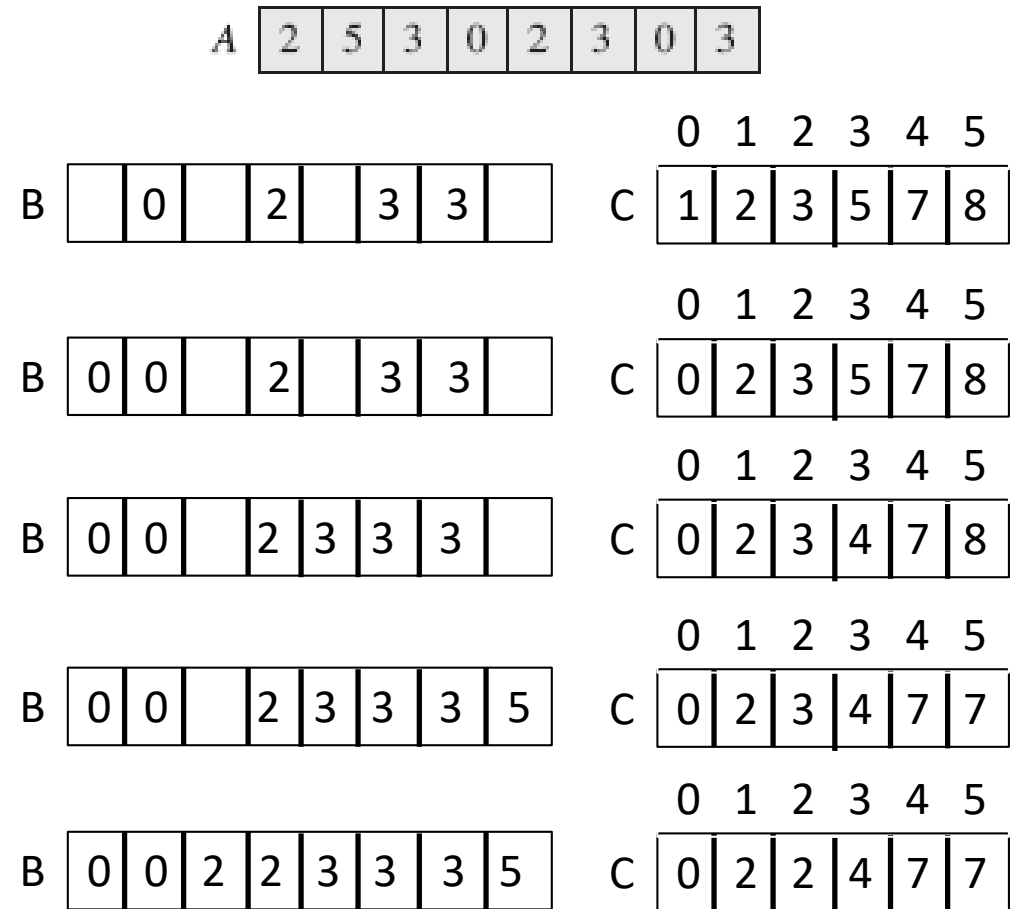
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Complexity: $\theta(k) + \theta(n) + \theta(k) + \theta(n)$ is $\theta(k + n)$

Radix sort

- How to apply bucket sort in general contexts?
- Consider a sequence of items (k, l) , where k and l are integers in the range $[0, N-1]$, for some integer $N \geq 2$
- Lexicographic (dictionary) convention, where $(k_1, l_1) < (k_2, l_2)$ if
 - $k_1 < k_2$ or
 - $k_1 = k_2$ and $l_1 < l_2$
- Can generalize this definition to tuples of d numbers ($d > 2$)

Radix sort

- Sorts sequence $S = ((k_1, e_1), (k_2, e_2), \dots, (k_n, e_n))$ by applying bucket sort twice on S
- Using ordering key once and then using the second component
- In which order we should use bucket sort?
- $S = ((3, 3), (1, 5), (2, 5), (1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 7), (3, 2), (2, 2))$
- $S_1 = ((1, 5), (1, 2), (1, 7), (2, 5), (2, 3), (2, 2), (3, 3), (3, 2))$
- $S_{1,2} = ((1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3), (1, 5), (2, 5), (1, 7))$
- $S_2 = ((1, 2), (3, 2), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3), (1, 5), (2, 5), (1, 7))$
- $S_{2,1} = ((1, 2), (1, 5), (1, 7), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 5), (3, 2), (3, 3))$

Radix sort

- First using second component and then by using first component
- If two elements have equal values for second component, then their relative order in the starting sequence is preserved
- We can generalize this sorting to tuples with more than two components

Radix sort

- Consider a sequence of “n” numbers each with at most “d” digits
- Perform bucket sort with respect to the least significant digit
- Continue bucket sort with the next (previous) to least significant digit and end with the most significant digit

Algorithm Radix_Sort(A, d)

 for $i \leftarrow 1$ to d

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Radix sort

064, 008, 216, 512, 027, 729, 000, 001, 343, 125

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- Let S be a sequence of n key-element items, each of which has a key (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d) , where k_i is an integer in the range $[0, N-1]$, for some integer $N \geq 2$; S can be sorted in time $O(d(n+N))$ using radix sort

Comparison of sorting algorithms

- If implemented well, insertion sort runs in $O(n + k)$ time, where k is the number of inversions in the input
- What is an inversion?
 - A pair of elements that are out of order
- Consider the input: 34, 8, 64, 51, 32, 21
- Inversions: (34, 8), (34, 32), (34, 21), (64, 51), (64, 32), (64, 21), (51, 32), (51, 21), (32, 21)

34	8	64	51	32	21
8	34	64	51	32	21
8	34	64	51	32	21
8	34	51	64	32	21
8	32	34	51	64	21
8	21	32	34	51	64

Comparison of sorting algorithms

- Insertion sort is excellent if the input size is small say less 50
- Effective when number of inversions is small
- $O(n^2)$ (worst-case)
- The merge sort runs in $O(n \log n)$ time in the worst-case
- Overhead makes it difficult to implement merge sort in place
- The expected running time of quick sort is $O(n \log n)$
- Worst-case running time is $O(n^2)$
- If we have to sort by integer keys, or d-tuples of integer keys, then we can use bucket or radix sort, where $[0, N-1]$ is the range for keys
- $O(d(n+N))$ ($d = 1$ for bucket sort)