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RADIX SORT

Radix Sort

- Unlike other sorting methods, radix sort considers the structure of the keys
- Assume keys are represented in a base M number system (M = radix), i.e., if M = 2, the keys are represented in binary

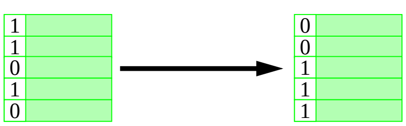
	8	4	2	1	weight
9 =	1	0	0	1	(b = 4)
	3	2	1	0	bit #

- Sorting is done by comparing bits in the same position
- Extension to keys that are alphanumeric strings

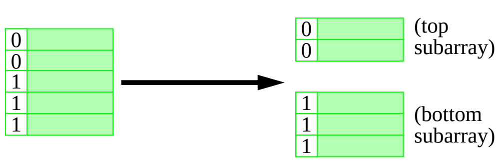
Radix Exchange Sort

Examine bits from ***left*** to ***right***:

1. Sort array with respect to leftmost bit



2. Partition array



3. Recursion

- recursively sort top subarray, ignoring leftmost bit
- recursively sort bottom subarray, ignoring leftmost bit

Time: O(b N)

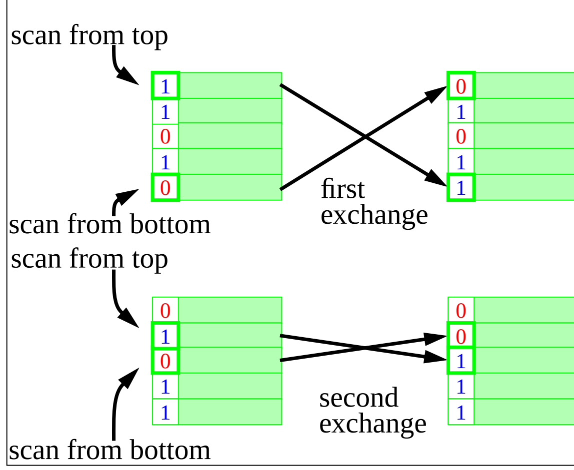
Radix Exchange Sort

How do we do the sort from the previous page? Same idea as partition in Quicksort.

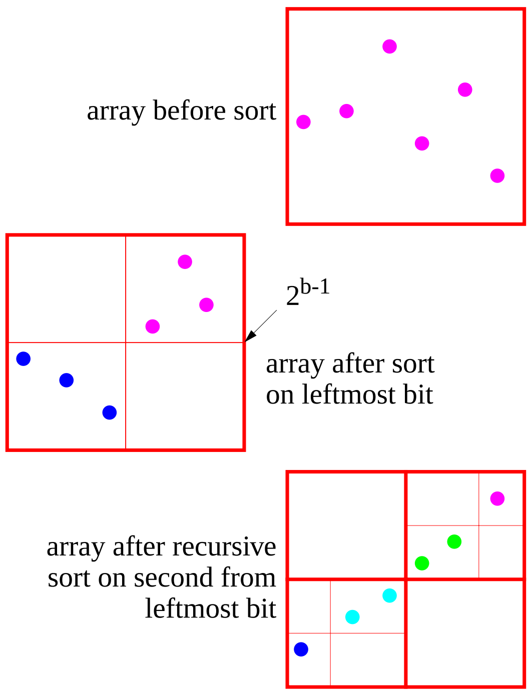
repeat

scan top-down to find key starting with 1;
scan bottom-up to find key starting with 0;
exchange keys;

until scan indices cross;



Radix Exchange Sort



Radix Exchange Sort vs. Quicksort

Similarities
- both partition array
- both recursively sort sub-arrays

Differences
- ***Method of partitioning***
  - radix exchange divides array based on greater than or less than 2^{b-1}
  - quicksort partitions based on greater than or less than some element of the array
- ***Time complexity***
  - Radix exchange O (bN)
  - Quicksort average case O (N log N)
  - Quicksort worst case O (N^2)

Straight Radix Sort

Examines bits from ***right*** to ***left***

for k := 0 **to** b–1
sort the array in a *stable* way,
looking only at bit k

First, sort these | Next, sort these digits | Last, sort these.

0 1 0	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 1
1 0 1	1 0 0	1 0 1	0 1 0
0 0 1	1 1 0	0 0 1	0 1 1
1 1 1	1 0 1	0 1 0	1 0 0
0 1 1	0 0 1	1 1 0	1 0 1
1 0 0	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 0
1 1 0	0 1 1	0 1 1	1 1 1

Note order of these bits after sort.

I forgot what it means to "sort in a stable way"!!!

In a stable sort, the initial relative order of equal keys is unchanged.

For example, observe the first step of the sort from the previous page:

	→	
0 1 0		0 1 0
0 0 0		0 0 0
1 0 1		1 0 0
0 0 1		1 1 0
1 1 1		1 0 1
0 1 1		0 0 1
1 0 0		1 1 1
1 1 0		0 1 1

Note that the relative order of those keys ending with 0 is unchanged, and the same is true for elements ending in 1

The Algorithm is Correct (right?)

- We show that any two keys are in the correct relative order at the end of the algorithm
- Given two keys, let ***k*** be the leftmost bit-position where they differ

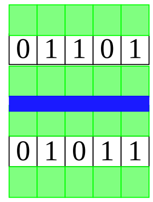
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
		k		

- At step ***k*** the two keys are put in the correct relative order
- Because of stability, the successive steps do not change the relative order of the two keys

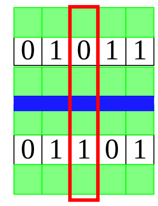
For Instance,

Consider a sort on an array with these two keys:

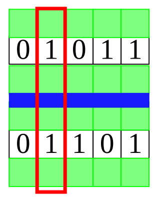
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
		k		



It makes no difference what order they are in when the sort begins.



When the sort visits bit ***k***, the keys are put in the correct relative order.



Because the sort is stable, the order of the two keys will not be changed when bits > ***k*** are compared.

Radix sorting can be applied to decimal numbers

First, sort these digits — Next, sort these digits — Last, sort these.

0	3	2	0	3	1	0	1	5	0	1	5
2	2	4	0	3	2	0	1	6	0	1	6
0	1	6	2	5	2	1	2	3	0	3	1
0	1	5	1	2	3	2	2	4	0	3	2
0	3	1	2	2	4	0	3	1	1	2	3
1	6	9	0	1	5	0	3	2	1	6	9
1	2	3	0	1	6	2	5	2	2	2	4
2	5	2	1	6	9	1	6	9	2	5	2

Note order of these bits after sort.

Voila!

Straight Radix Sort
Time Complexity

for k := 0 **to** b-1
sort the array in a *stable* way,
looking only at bit k

Suppose we can perform the stable sort above in O(N) time. The total time complexity would be

O(bN).

As you might have guessed, we can perform a stable sort based on the keys' ***k***th digit in O(N) time.

The method, you ask? Why it's Bucket Sort, of course.

Bucket Sort

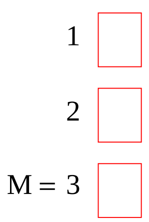
- N numbers
- Each number ∈ {1, 2, 3, ... M}
- Stable
- Time: O (N + M)

For example, M = 3 and our array is:

2	1	3	1	2

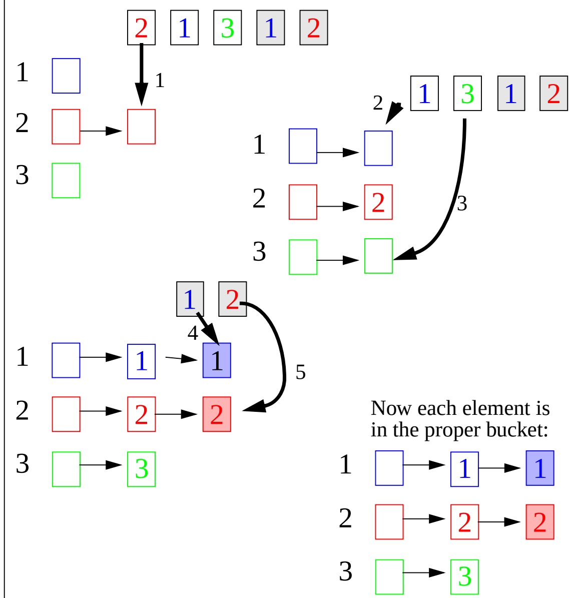
(note that there are two “2”s and two “1”s)

First, we create M “buckets”



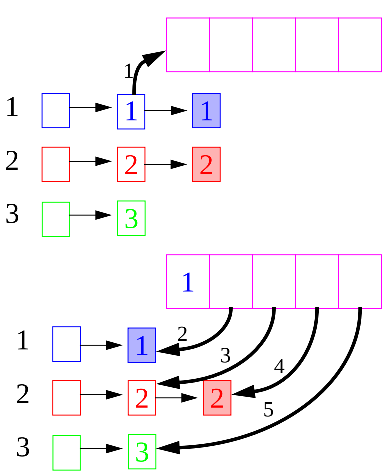
Bucket Sort

Each element of the array is put in one of the M “buckets”



Bucket Sort

Now, pull the elements from the buckets into the array



At last, the sorted array (sorted in a stable way):

1	1	2	2	3