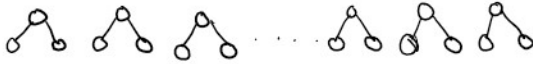
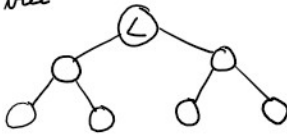


Comparison Based Sorting Lower Bound



at least $n!$ leaves

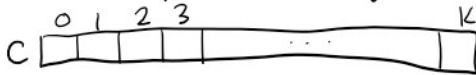
Height is at least $\lg(n!)$

(Stirling's Approximation $\rightarrow \lg(n!) \approx n \lg n$)

No comparison based sort can have a worst case better than $\Omega(n \lg n)$

Counting Sort

assume input are integers in range $0 \dots K$

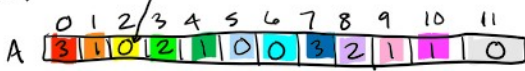


initialize all elements of array to 0:

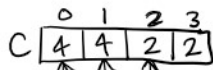
For int $i = 0; i < M; i++$

$C[A[i]]++;$

EX) want this to keep stability



ordered



There are four 0's, four 1's, two 2's and two 3's

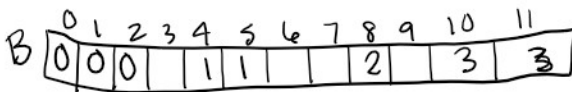


0 starts at index 0, 1 starts at index 4, 2 starts at index 8, 3 starts at index 10

For $i = 0$ to $M-1$

$B[C'[A[i]]] = A[i]$

$C'[A[i]]++;$



$O(n)$ counting and moving

$O(K)$ for computing C'

$O(M+K)$



4 passes LSB to MSB



← appears first b/c of stability (maintain order)

• ex)

194
321
817
759
593
210
466
307
282
197
385

Apply counting sort on the least significant digit:

210 321 282 593 194 385 466 817 307 197 759	middle digit: 307 210 817 321 759 466 282 385 593 194 197	last digit: 194 197 210 282 307 321 385 466 593 759 817
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Radix
sort

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Completely
Ordered!