

Can we do better than $O(n \log n)$?

if I've some addⁿ info, possibly

But what about the general case?

n elements \rightarrow arbitrary

Can't do better than $O(n \log n)$

Why? let's look at our sorting algo.

They depend on Comparison operⁿ for sorting

n elements \rightarrow ADTs (black boxes)

Suppose the only operⁿ you can do is comparison

($<$, \leq , $=$, \geq , $>$)

Comparison-
based
Sorting

let's assume that

we only change for comparisons

yes no

\Rightarrow No. of comparisons can help establish a lower bound.

$\Omega(n \log n)$

Ω prove

Searching

given an array A [0] n elements

You have a key 'x'
search x in A .

sorted

Binary Search : Main operation
comparison

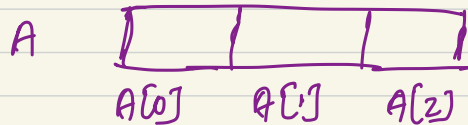
$(x < A[i])?$

yes no

Comparison
based model

lower bound

$\Omega(\log n)$



Binary Search
 x

* In general, internal nodes may differ

* Path lengths may be different

* What'll not change?

→ # of possible answers.

{ # of leaf nodes }
= $n+1$

internal nodes
leaf nodes

root-to-leaf path

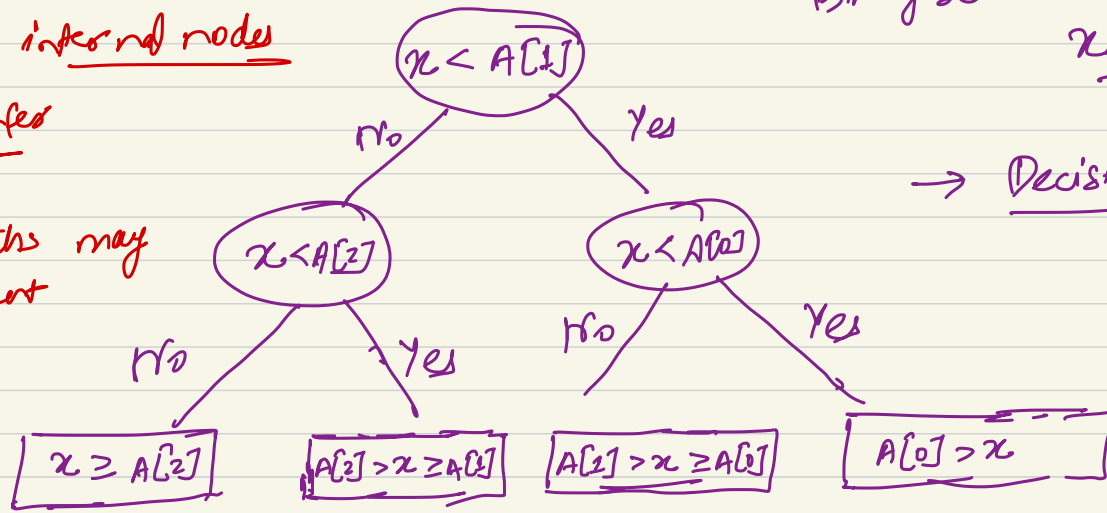
length of root-to-leaf path

{ longest path from root to leaf } → height of the tree

Binary Search

x is arbitrary

→ Decision Tree



Decision Tree

Algorithm

One Comparison operation

Answer found

algorithm execution for a part^x i/p
running-time (for a part^x i/p)

Worst-case running time

Binary Tree with $(n+1)$ leaf nodes

$$\Rightarrow \text{Height} = \mathcal{O}(\log n)$$

Worst Case running time for search in a
comparison based model is $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$

What about sorting

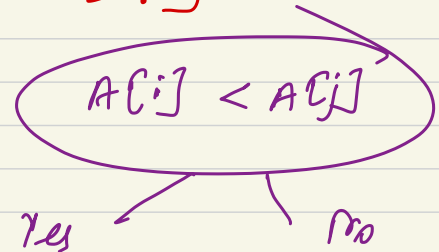
$A[1..n]$

Internal
Node

Searching

$$x < A[i]$$

Sorting



leaf node

$$A[i] < x \leq A[i+1]$$

$n+1$

$$A[i] > x \geq A[i+1]$$

$$A[5] \leq A[3] \leq A[7] \dots \leq A[9]$$

final sorted order

leaf nodes = $n!$

Worst-Case running time for a sorting algo in
comparison based model?

$$\Omega(\log n!)$$

$$= \Omega(n \log n)$$

Sorting $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$ is the best you can achieve.

To do better than $O(n \log n)$

→ You're to use more information → ??

[in some restricted cases]

Integer Sorting

$A[1]$ — — — $A[n]$ unsorted

→ range of values —
min max

n integers in range $[0, 1000]$

$A[n]$ →

single pass through A

→ $A[i] = 5$



$A[i] = 0$

for $i = 1 \rightarrow n \rightarrow O(n)$

$C[AC[i]]++;$

for $i' = 1 \rightarrow 1000 \rightarrow O(k)$

print i' $C[i']$ times;

$O(n)$

$O(n)$ for all values

$O(m+k)$

* All integers

* Range is known to you

\hookrightarrow

$[0, K-1]$

where $K = O(n)$

\Rightarrow Sorting algo that takes

$O(n)$ time

0 — 1000

$K = 1000$

$n = 10^6$

Linear-time sorting

\rightarrow Counting-Sort \leftarrow

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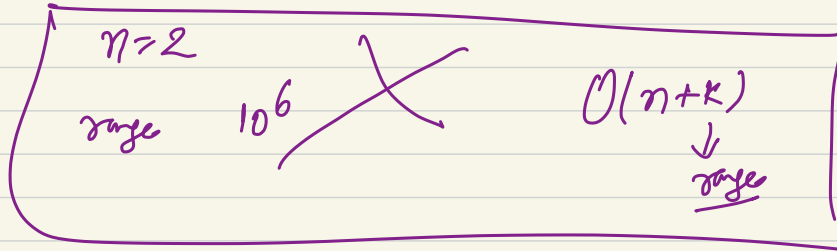
Wed

- lower bound - $\Omega(n \log n)$
for comparison-based sorting



Linear-time sorting

- Integers
- Range = $O(n)$] $\rightarrow O(n)$ -time sorting



Subtle Point \Rightarrow Generally, when we have to sort items, these may have multiple fields

Spreadsheet

Fields

Name

Age

Address

Marks

Bishal

53

Sort : wot a key

Rohan

34

Ex. wot Marks

Mohdul

45

Mohan

34

What do you do with items that have the same value in that key? \rightarrow marks

X

Pick up another field & based on that you sort X

✓

Put them in the same order as the 1st array

Rohan	34
Mohan	34
Mridul	45
Bimal	53

Any sorting algo that ensures that it's a stable sorting
algo

- Stable Sorting \Rightarrow A sorting that ensures that for keys with the same value, the order of the keys in the o/p array will be the same as in the i/p array, is called a stable sorting algo.

Ex. of an algo that is not stable \Rightarrow

Quick Sort X

Counting Sort \rightarrow stable sorting

I/p: An array A of n elements, with multiple fields.
They need to be sorted wrt one field - 'Key'
Assume that the values in 'Key' lie between 0 to $K-1$

$\&$ are all integers $K = O(n)$

A		
1	A	-17
2	B	-10
0	B	-10
1	B	-18
0	C	
0	D	

OK
OM
OP
2P
2S
1S
0S

* Arrays of linked list

* let's reuse our algo

Initialize an array $C[K]$

13 elements

key $[0, 2]$

$C[i]$ stores # times i appears in A

C

7	3	3
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0 1 2

we want to write o/p in array B

B

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0 1 2

~~Make a pass through
A for each~~

~~$j = 0 \rightarrow k-1$~~

~~$O(kn)$~~

Idea \Rightarrow Modify C such that

$C[i]$ stores

what's the index

in B where the

next element in A with

value i go to.

Ideal C in the
beginning

0	7	10
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 ✓

7	2	3
---	---	---



C

0	7	10
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Step 2: Cumulative sum

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for (i = 1; i < k; i++)
    C[i] += C[i-1]
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$\leftarrow O(k)^?$
steps

2 steps

Step 1: Shift right by
1 posⁿ

for ($i = k-1$; $i > 0$; $i--$)
 $C[i] = C[i-1]$

$C[0] = 0$

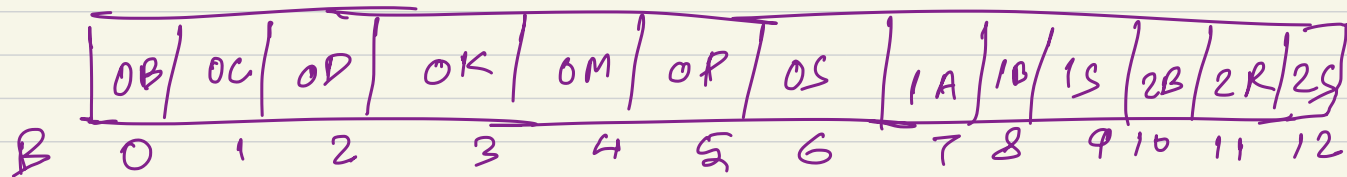
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0	7	3
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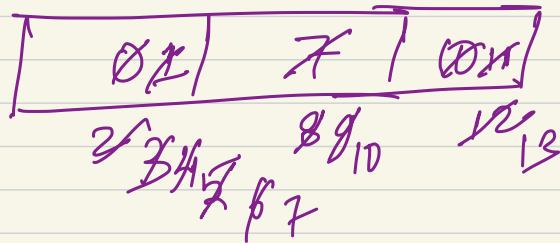
When we traverse A, if we find a value x ,
after this has been copied to B,
 $C[i]++$;

A

1A	2B	0B	1B	0C	0D	
OK	OM	OP	2R	2S	1S	OS



C



Stable counting sort

$$O(n+k)$$

* In-place sorting algo?

→ No

n Integers

range $[0, K-1]$

$$K = O(n^2)$$

Can you still get an $O(n)$ -stable
algo?

Yes

Reuse the same ideas

A is an array of n integers
range 0 to n^2-1

Each integer a can be written as

$$a = a_1 n + a_0$$

$$a_1 = \lfloor a/n \rfloor$$

$$a_0 = a \% n$$

$$a_0, a_1 \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$$

$$a = \{a_1, a_0\}$$

\downarrow \hookrightarrow
MSB LSB

To sort all integers

→ Sort acc. to $\underline{a_0}$ [Counting Sort]

→ Sort acc. to $\underline{a_1}$ [Counting Sort]



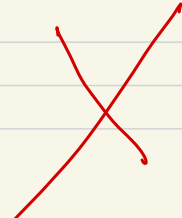
What if I reverse

— a_1

— a_0

70

37



n elements

$0 \rightarrow n-1$

Ex

$n=10$

a_1, a_0

52

33

07

41

62

27

75

17

47

30

0 - 99

a_0

30

41

52

62

33

75

07

27

17

47

a_1

07

17

27

30

33

41

47

52

62

75

Sorted

Complexity: \rightarrow

Running Counting Sort twice

$$O(n+k) = O(n)$$

$$k = O(n)$$

Generalize this idea

$$k = O(n^d)$$

d is a constant integer

\rightarrow Counting Sort d times

$$\Rightarrow O(d(n+k)) = O(dn)$$

Radix Sort

As long as d is comparable to $\log n$, it is fine.

$n \approx 10$

999

9 9 9

$$9 \times 10^2 + 9 \times 10^1 + 9$$

$$n^{d-1} + n^{d-2} + \dots$$

Counting Sort
Radix Sort

$O(n)$

$O(dn)$

$\rightarrow \underline{O(n) \text{ for constant } d}$

→ Another algo - that can go beyond integers

Expected $O(n)$ complexity

Worst Case $O(n^2)$

Bucket Sort

Take your i/p

n elements

Coming from some distⁿ

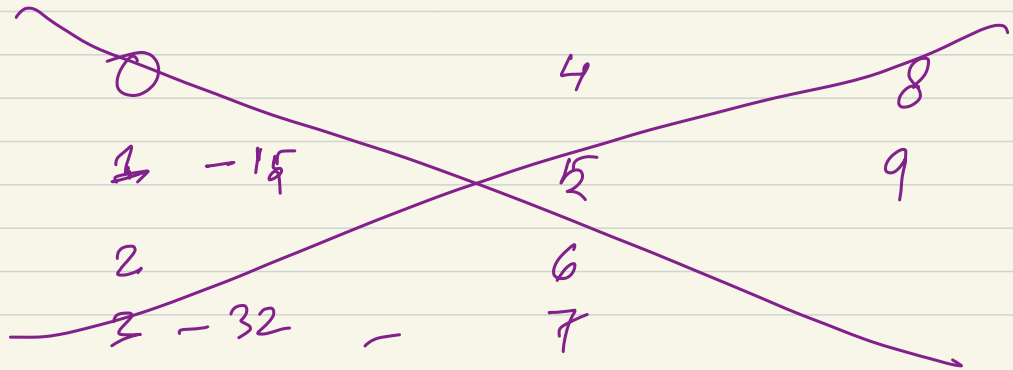
If you can somehow divide
your i/p into n buckets

such that each bucket is
expected to have $O(1)$ elements

Ex.

Starting

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→ f^n that maps i/p to these buckets

Sort each bucket individually

Concatenate the o/p's to get the final o/p.

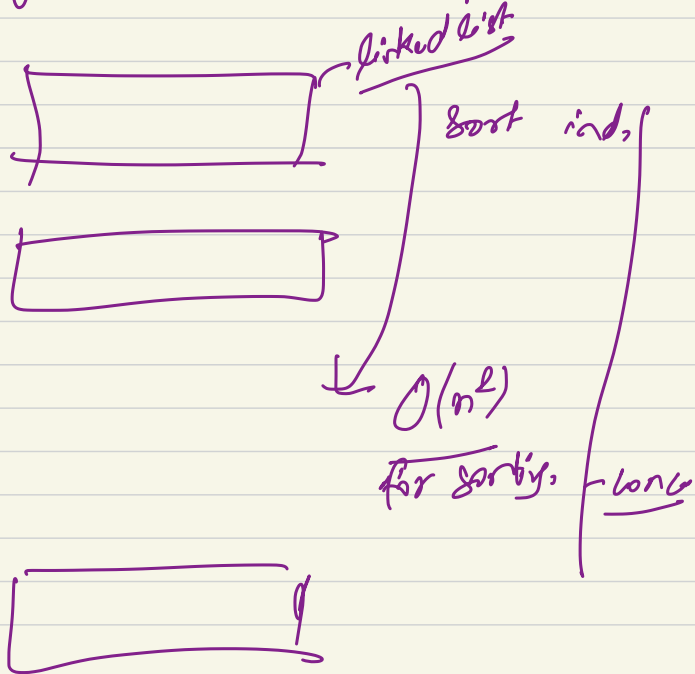
0 - 1000

0 - 100

101 - 200

$O(n)$
buckets

901 - 1000



bucket sort
worst case comp.
will depend on
how you're sorting
ind. bucket

{ expected $O(m)$ } ~