

# File Organization

Cost Models

Intro to indexes

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# Architecture of a DBMS



Completed



SQL Client

Query Parsing  
& Optimization

Relational Operators

Files and Index Management

Buffer Management

Disk Space Management

And We'll Visit



You are Here



File System

# Recall: Heap Files



- Unordered collection of records
- Recall API for higher layers of the DBMS: only READ and WRITE!
- Today we'll ask: “How? At what cost?”
  - Insert/delete/modify record
  - Fetch a particular record by **record id** ...
    - Record id is a pointer encoding pair of (**pageID**, **location** within page)
  - Scan all records
    - Possibly with some conditions on the records to be retrieved

# Recall: Multiple File Organizations



- Many alternatives exist, each good in some situations and less so in others.
  - This is a theme in DB systems work!
- **Heap Files:** Suitable when typical access is a full scan of all records
- **Sorted Files:** Best for retrieval in order, or when a range of records is needed
- **Clustered Files & Indexes:** Group data into blocks to enable fast lookup and efficient modifications.
  - More on this soon ...
- Want a way to quantitatively compare the cost of accessing data
  - Goal: given a query workload, find the best way to store data for optimal performance

# Cost Model Overview

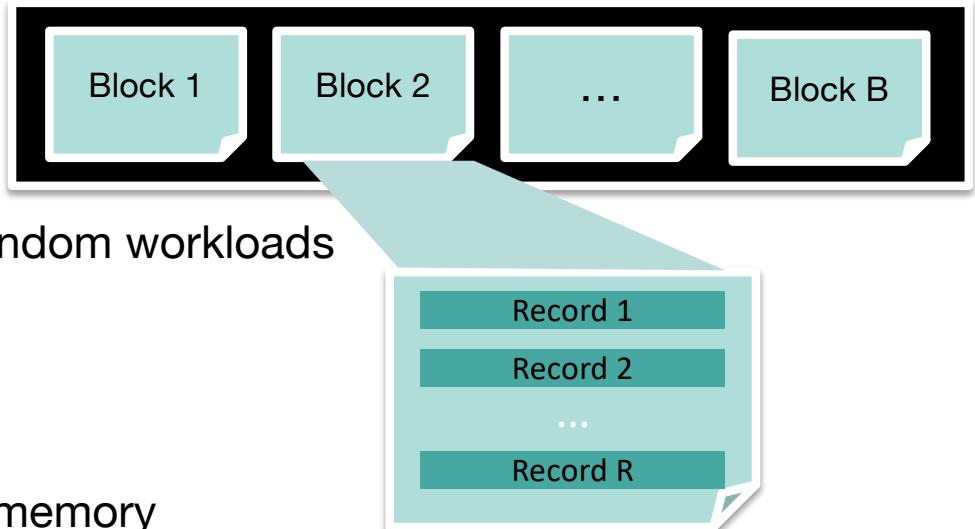


- We want “big picture” estimates for data access
  - We’ll (overly) simplify performance models to provide insight, not to get perfect performance
  - Still, a bit of discipline:
    - **Clearly identify assumptions up front**
    - **Then estimate cost in a principled way**
- Foundation for query optimization
  - Can’t choose the fastest scheme without a speed estimate!

# Cost Model for Analysis



- **B:** Number of data blocks in the file
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** (Average) time to read/write disk block
- Focus: Average case analysis for uniform random workloads
- **Assumptions:** For now, we will ignore
  - Sequential vs Random I/O
  - Pre-fetching and cache eviction costs
  - Any CPU costs after fetching data into memory
  - Reading/writing of header pages for heap files
- Will assume data need to be brought into memory before operated on (and potentially written back to disk afterwards)
  - Both will cost I/O!
- Good enough to show the overall trends



# More Assumptions



- **Single record** insert and delete
- Equality selection – **exactly one match**
- For Heap Files:
  - Insert always **appends to end of file.**
- For Sorted Files:
  - **Packed:** Files compacted after deletions (i.e., no holes)
  - Sorted according to search key

# Extra Challenge



- After understanding these slides ...
  - You should question all these assumptions and rework
  - Good exercise to study for tests, and generate ideas

# Heap Files & Sorted Files



Heap File



Sorted File



For illustration, records are just integers

- **B:** Number of data blocks = 5
- **R:** Number of records per block = 2
- **D:** (Average) time to read/write disk block = 5ms

# Cost of Operations: Scan?



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records		
Equality Search		
Range Search		
Insert		
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks = 5
- **R:** Number of records per block = 2
- **D:** (Average) time to read/write disk block = 5ms

# Scan All Records



Heap File



Sorted File



- **B:** Number of data blocks
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** Average time to read/write disk block
- **Pages touched:** ?
- **Time to read the record:** ?

# Cost of Operations: Scan Cost



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search		
Range Search		
Insert		
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** Average time to read/write disk block

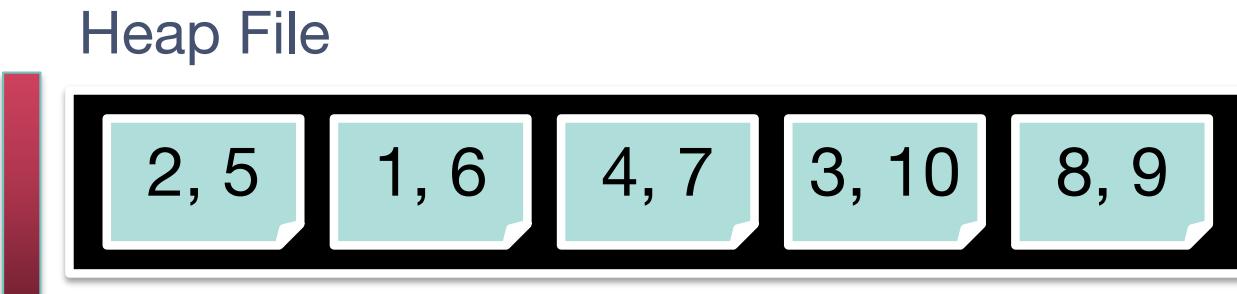
# Cost of Operations: Equality Search?



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B^*D$	$B^*D$
Equality Search		
Range Search		
Insert		
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** Average time to read/write disk block

# Find Record 8: Heap File



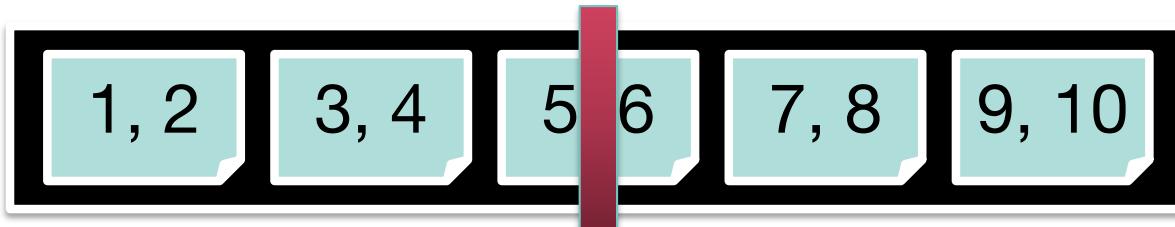
- **P(*i*):** Probability that key is on page *i* is  $1/B$
- **T(*i*):** Number of pages touched if key on page *i* is *i*
- Therefore the expected number of pages touched is:

$$\sum_{i=1}^B T(i)P(i) = \sum_{i=1}^B i \frac{1}{B} = \frac{B(B+1)}{2B} \approx \frac{B}{2}$$

# Find Record 8: Sorted File



Sorted File



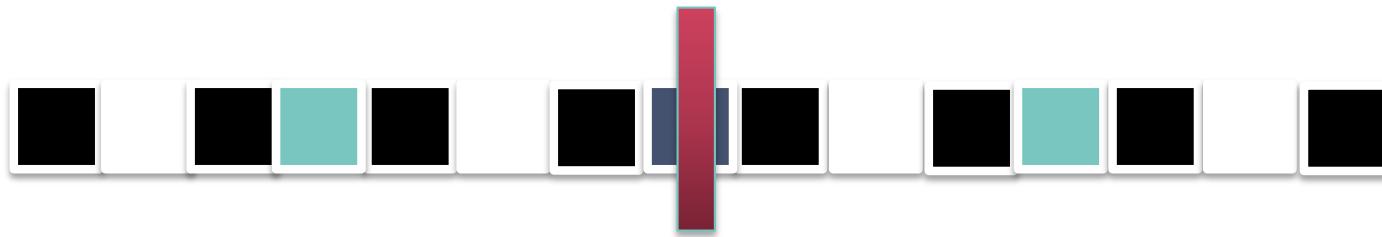
- **Worst-case:** Pages touched in binary search
  - $\log_2 B$
- **Average-case:** Pages touched in binary search
  - $\log_2 B?$

# Average Case Binary Search



**B:** The number of data blocks

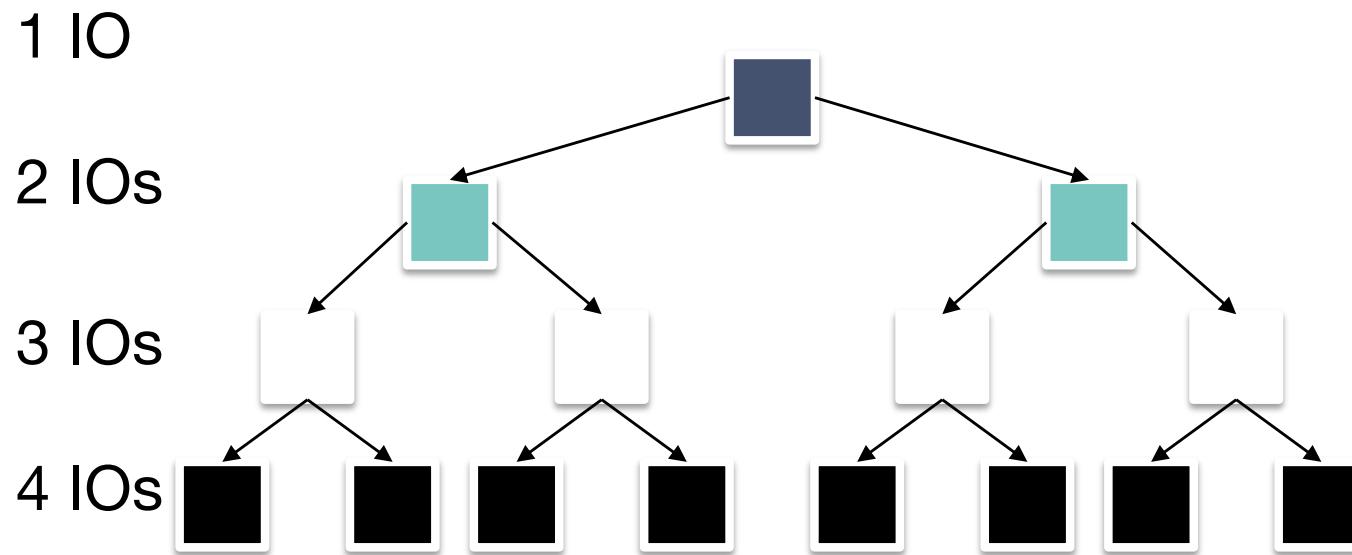
**Expected Number of Reads:**  $1(1/B) + 2(2/B) + 3(4/B) + 4(8/B)$



# Average Case Binary Search cont



Expected Number of Reads:  $1 \left(1 / B\right) + 2 \left(2 / B\right) + 3 \left(4 / B\right) + 4 \left(8 / B\right)$



$$\sum_{i=1}^{\log_2 B} i \frac{2^{i-1}}{B} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{i=1}^{\log_2 B} i 2^{i-1} = \log_2 B - \frac{B-1}{B}$$

# Cost of Operations: Equation Search Cost



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search	$0.5*B*D$	$(\log_2 B)*D$
Range Search		
Insert		
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
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# Cost of Operations: Range Search?



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search	$0.5*B*D$	$(\log_2 B)*D$
Range Search		
Insert		
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** Average time to read/write disk block

# Find Records Between 7 and 9: Heap File



- Always touch all blocks. Why?

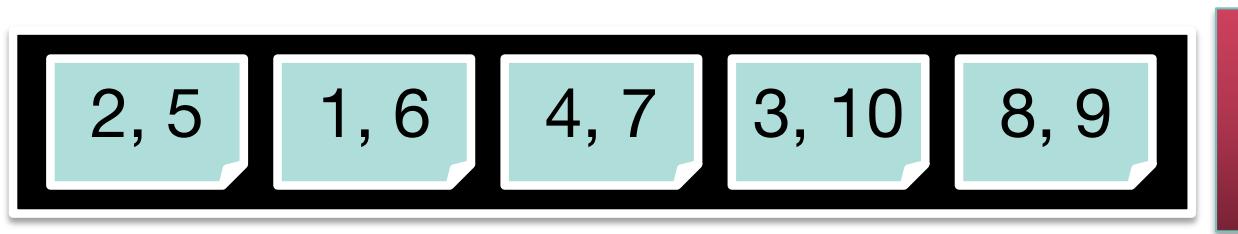
Heap File



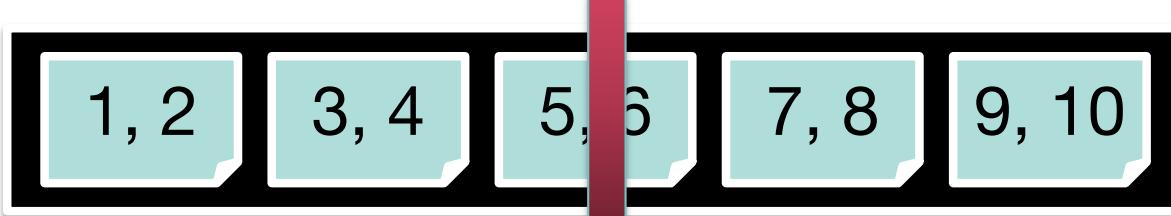
# Find Records Between 7 and 9: Comparison



Heap File



Sorted File



- Find beginning of range
- Scan right

# Cost of Operations: Range Search Cost



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search	$0.5*B*D$	$(\log_2 B)*D$
Range Search	$B*D$	$((\log_2 B) + \text{pages}) * D$
Insert		
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
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# Cost of Operations: Insert?



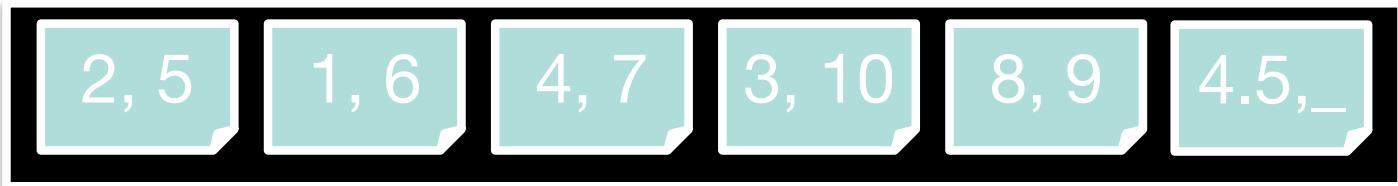
	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search	$0.5*B*D$	$(\log_2 B)*D$
Range Search	$B*D$	$((\log_2 B)+\text{pages})*D$
Insert		
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
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# Insert 4.5: Heap File



Heap File



- Stick at end of file
- Cost =  $2*D$
- Why 2?

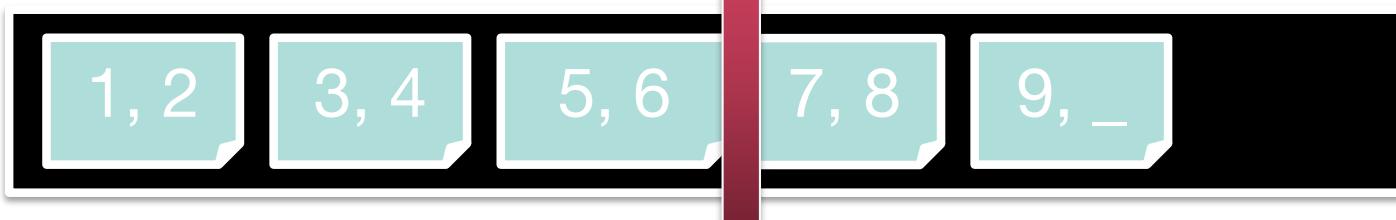
# Insert 4.5: Heap Vs Sorted File

Heap File



- Read last page, append, write. Total cost =  $2^*D$

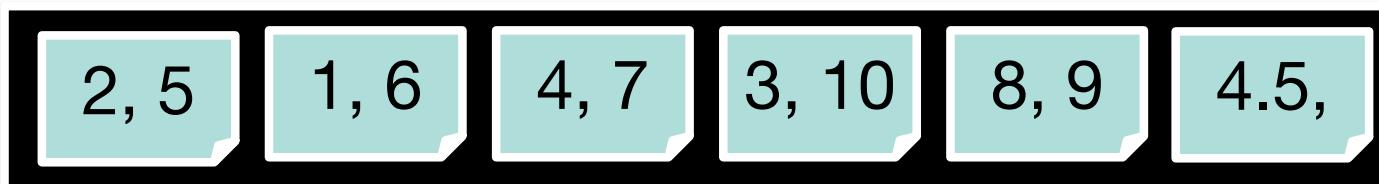
Sorted File



- Find location for record. Cost =  $(\log_2 B) * D$

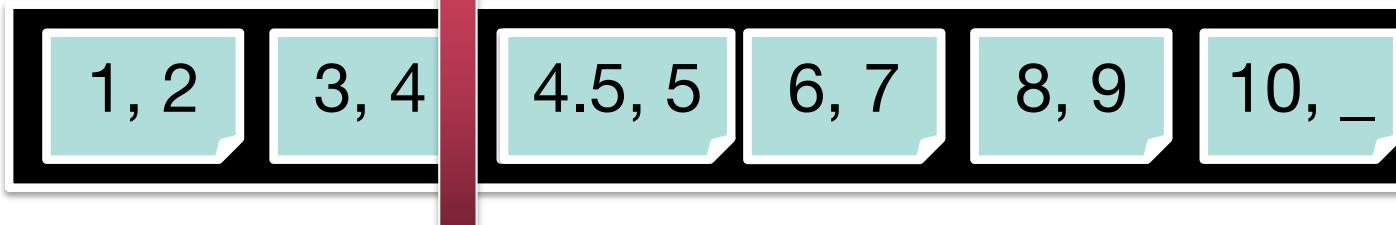
# Insert 4.5: Heap Vs Sorted Pt 2

Heap File



- Read last page, append, write. Total cost =  $2^*D$

Sorted File



- Find location for record. Cost =  $(\log_2 B) * D$
- Insert and shift rest of file. Cost =  $(B/2) * D * 2 = B * D$
- Total: find cost + insert and shift cost =  $(\log_2 B) * D + B * D = ((\log_2 B) + B) * D$

# Cost of Operations: Insert Cost



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search	$0.5*B*D$	$(\log_2 B)*D$
Range Search	$B*D$	$((\log_2 B)+\text{pages})*D$
Insert	$2*D$	$((\log_2 B)+B)*D$
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
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- **D:** Average time to read/write disk block

# Cost of Operations: Delete?



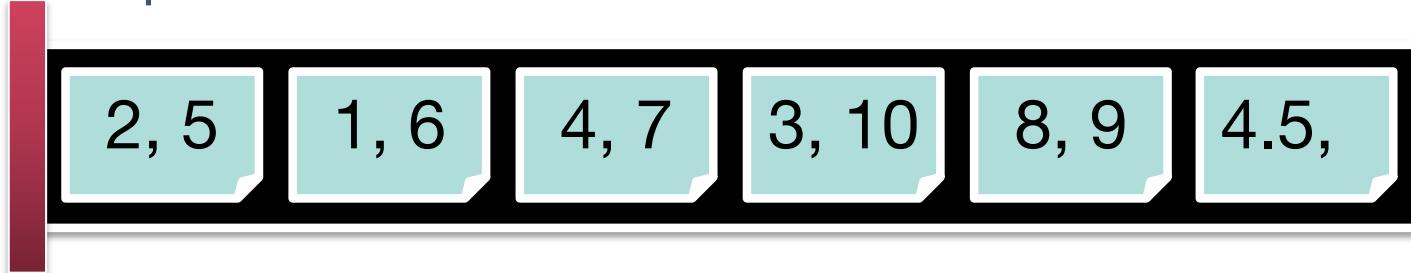
	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B^*D$	$B^*D$
Equality Search	$0.5^*B^*D$	$(\log_2 B)^*D$
Range Search	$B^*D$	$((\log_2 B) + \text{pages})^*D$
Insert	$2^*D$	$((\log_2 B) + B)^*D$
Delete		

- **B:** Number of data blocks
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** Average time to read/write disk block

# Delete 4.5: Heap File



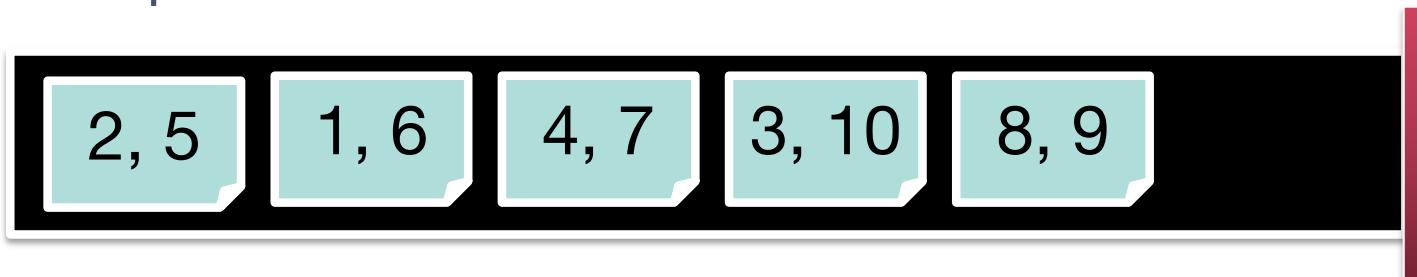
Heap File



- Average case to find the record: **B/2 reads**
- Delete record from page
- Cost =  $(B/2 + 1) * D$ 
  - Why + 1?

# Delete 4.5: Heap File Vs Sorted File

## Heap File



- Average case runtime:  $(B/2+1) * D$

## Sorted File



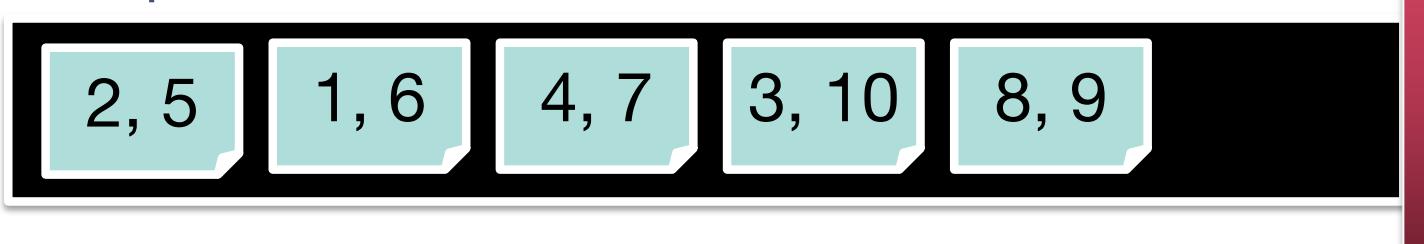
- Find location for record. Cost =  $\log_2 B$
- Delete record in page → Gap



# Delete 4.5: Heap File Vs Sorted File Pt 2

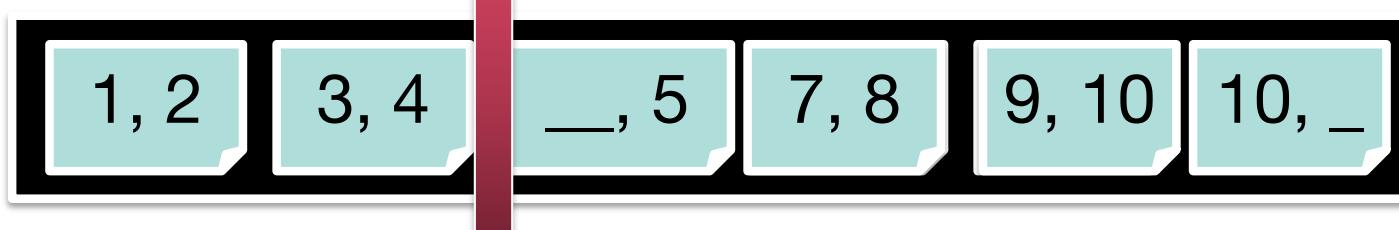


Heap File



- Average case runtime:  $(B/2+1) * D$

Sorted File



- Find location for record. Cost =  $\log_2 B$
- Read the rest into memory, shift by 1 record, and write back:  $2 * (B/2) = B$
- Total: find cost + delete and shift cost =  $(\log_2 B) * D + B * D = ((\log_2 B) + B) * D$

# Complete Cost of Operations



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search	$0.5*B*D$	$(\log_2 B)*D$
Range Search	$B*D$	$((\log_2 B) + \text{pages})*D$
Insert	$2*D$	$((\log_2 B) + B)*D$
Delete	$(0.5*B+1)*D$	$((\log_2 B) + B)*D$

- **B:** Number of data blocks
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# Complete Cost of Operations Pt 2



	Heap File	Sorted File
Scan all records	$B*D$	$B*D$
Equality Search	$0.5*B*D$	$(\log_2 B)*D$
Range Search	$B*D$	$((\log_2 B) + \text{pages})*D$
Insert	$2*D$	$((\log_2 B) + B)*D$
Delete	$(0.5*B+1)*D$	$((\log_2 B) + B)*D$

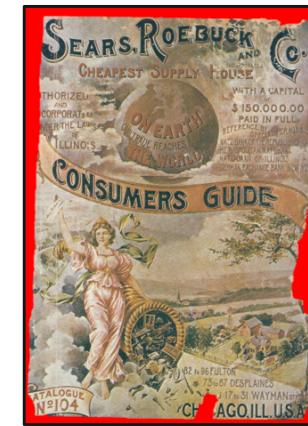
- **B:** Number of data blocks
- **R:** Number of records per block
- **D:** Average time to read/write disk block
- Can we do better?
  - **Indexes!**

# Wouldn't it be nice...

- ...if we could look things up by value?
- But ... efficiency?



"If you don't find it in the index, look very carefully through the entire catalog. "  
—Sears, Roebuck, and Co., Consumers' Guide, 1897



# We've seen this before



- Data structures ... in memory:
  - Search trees (Binary, AVL, Red-Black, ...)
  - Hash tables
  - Recall cs61b!
- But we need disk-based data structures
  - “paginated”: made up of disk pages!

# We've seen this before



```
CREATE TABLE Sailors (
    sid INTEGER,
    sname CHAR(20),
    rating INTEGER,
    age FLOAT,
    PRIMARY KEY (sid));
```

<b>sid</b>	<b>sname</b>	<b>rating</b>	<b>age</b>
1	Fred	7	22
2	Jim	2	39
3	Nancy	8	27

- How to store data in Sailors?
  - Use an index!

# Index



An **index** is data structure that enables fast **lookup** and **modification** of **data entries** by **search key**

- **Lookup:** may support many different operations
  - **Equality**, 1-d range, 2-d region, ...
- **Search Key:** any subset of columns in the relation
  - Do not need to be unique
    - e.g., (firstname) or (firstname, lastname)

# Index Part 2



An **index** is data structure that enables fast **lookup** and **modification** of **data entries** by **search key**

- **Data Entries:** items stored in the index
  - Assume for today: a pair (**k**, recordId) ...
    - Pointers to records in Heap Files!
    - Easy to generalize later
- **Modification:** want to support fast insert and delete

Many Types of indexes exist: B+-Tree, Hash, R-Tree, GiST, ...