

CS 240 – Data Structures and Data Management

Module 3: Sorting, Average-case and Randomization

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 - Analyzing average-case run-time
 - Randomized Algorithms
 - QuickSelect
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Average Case Analysis

- Worst-case run time: our default for analysis
- Best-case run time: sometimes useful
- For many algorithms, best-case and worst case runtimes are the same
- But for some algorithms best-case and worst case differ significantly
 - worst-case runtime can be too pessimistic, best-case too optimistic
 - true for many algorithms we study in this module
 - average-case run time analysis is useful especially in such cases

- Recall average case runtime definition

- let \mathbb{I}_n be the set of all instances of size n

$$T^{avg}(n) = \frac{\sum_{I \in \mathbb{I}_n} T(I)}{|\mathbb{I}_n|}$$

- Pros

- more accurate picture of how an algorithm performs in practice
 - **provided all instances are equally likely**

- Cons

- usually difficult to compute
 - average-case and worst case run times are often the same (asymptotically)

Average Case Analysis: Example 1

$$T^{avg}(n) = \frac{\sum_{I \in \mathbb{I}_n} T(I)}{|\mathbb{I}_n|}$$

sortednessTester(A, n)

A : array storing n distinct numbers

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** $n - 1$ **do**

if $A[i - 1] > A[i]$ **then return** *false*

return *true*

- Best-case is $O(1)$, worst case is $\Theta(n)$
- For average case, need to take average running time over **all** inputs
- How to deal with infinite \mathbb{I}_n ?
 - there are infinitely many arrays of n numbers



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- Observe: *sortednessTester* acts the same on two inputs below

14	22	43	6	1	11	7
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15	23	44	5	1	12	8
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- Only the **relative order** matters, not the actual numbers
 - true for many (but not all) algorithms
 - if true, can use this to simplify average case analysis

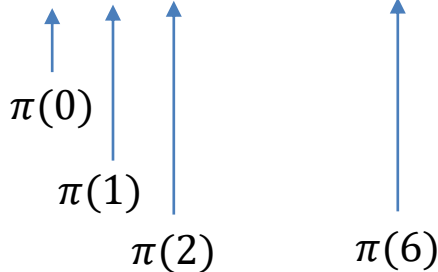


Sorting Permutations

- Characterize input by its **sorting permutation π**
 - sorting permutation tells us how to sort the array
 - stores array indexes in the order corresponding to the sorted array

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	14	2	3	5	1	11	7

$$\pi = (4, 1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 0)$$



$$A[\pi(0)] \leq A[\pi(1)] \leq A[\pi(2)] \leq A[\pi(3)] \leq A[\pi(4)] \leq A[\pi(5)] \leq A[\pi(6)]$$
$$1 \leq 2 \leq 3 \leq 5 \leq 7 \leq 11 \leq 14$$

sorted!



Sorting Permutations

- Arrays with the same relative order have the same sorting permutations

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$$1 \leq 3 \leq 4 \leq 6 \leq 8 \leq 12 \leq 15$$

sorted!



Average Time with Sorting Permutations

- There are $n!$ sorting permutations for arrays of size n
 - let Π_n be the set of all sorting permutations of size n
 - $\Pi_3 = \{(0,1,2), (0,2,1), (1,0,2), (2,0,1), (1,2,0), (2,1,0)\}$
- Define average cost is the sum of costs of all permutations, divided by $n!$

$$T^{avg}(n) = \frac{\sum_{I \in \mathbb{I}_n} T(I)}{|\mathbb{I}_n|} = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n} T(\pi)$$

- Averaging 'by parts': to average over a set, can divide the set into *equal* parts, average over each individual part, and then average the individual averages

3	2	3
5	7	8
4	5	1
8	9	8

average = 5.25

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average = $\frac{8}{3}$
average = $\frac{20}{3}$
average = $\frac{10}{3}$
average = $\frac{25}{3}$

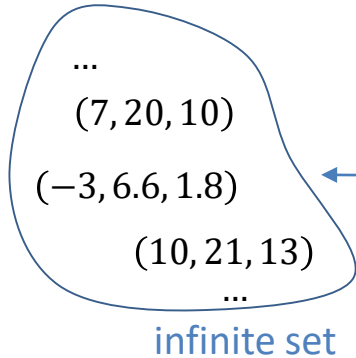
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instances with sorting permutation $\pi = (0, 1, 2)$	
instances with sorting permutation $\pi = (0, 2, 1)$	$T(0, 2, 1)$
instances with sorting permutation $\pi = (1, 0, 2)$	
instances with sorting permutation $\pi = (2, 0, 1)$	
instances with sorting permutation $\pi = (1, 2, 0)$	
instances with sorting permutation $\pi = (2, 1, 0)$	

all instances of size 3

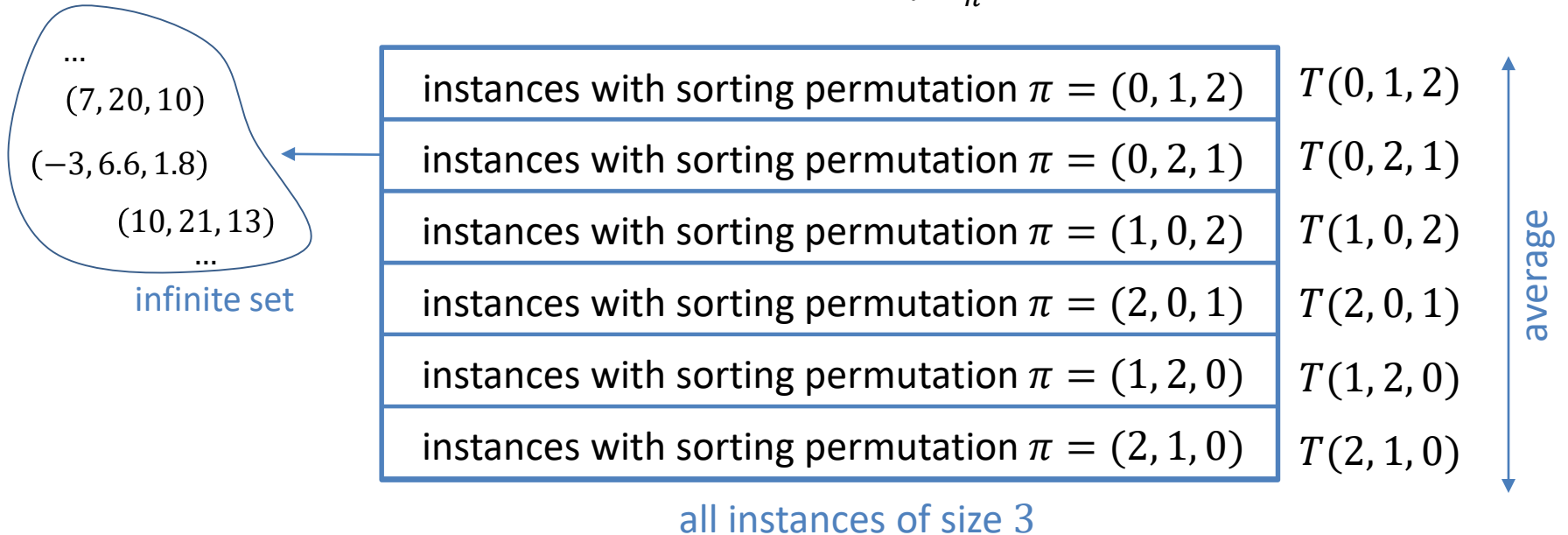
- Defining average for infinite set is tricky, but since running time is the same *number* for each element of the set, intuitively, the average should be equal to that *number*
- Do these subsets have equal size?
 - instead of allowing an infinite set of numbers, suppose there are m numbers in total
 - each subset has size $\binom{m}{3}$



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Average Case Analysis: Example 1

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sortednessTester(A, n)

A : array storing n distinct numbers

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n - 1$ **do**

if $A[i - 1] > A[i]$ **then return false**

return true

- Runtime is proportional to the number of comparisons
- So let $T(\pi)$ be the number of comparisons
 - for some permutations π , do exactly 1 comparison: $T(\pi) = 1$
 - for some permutations π , do exactly 2 comparisons: $T(\pi) = 2$
 - ...
 - for some permutations π , do exactly $n - 1$ comparisons: $T(\pi) = n - 1$
- Average running time

$$T^{avg}(n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \cdot (\text{\#permutations with exactly } k \text{ comparisons})$$



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perm with exactly k comp
perm with exactly $k + 1$ comp
perm with exactly $k + 2$ comp
...
perm with exactly $n - 1$ comp

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#permutations with at least k comparisons

#permutation with at least $k + 1$ comparisons

#permutations with exactly k comparisons

$$T^{avg}(n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \cdot (\text{\#perm with at least } k \text{ comp} - \text{\#perm with at least } k + 1 \text{ comp})$$



Average Case Analysis: Example 1

$$T^{avg}(n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \cdot (\#perm \text{ with at least } k \text{ comp} - \#perm \text{ with at least } k + 1 \text{ comp})$$

- Permutations with at least 1 comparison
 - all $n!$ permutations
- Permutations with at least 2 comparisons
 - $A[0] < A[1]$
 - **0, 1** occur in sorted order : $(4, 3, 2, \mathbf{0, 1}), (4, 3, \mathbf{0, 2, 1}), (4, \mathbf{0, 3, 2, 1})$
 - $\binom{n}{2} (n - 2)!$
- Permutations with at least 3 comparisons
 - **0, 1, 2** occur in sorted order : $(4, 3, \mathbf{0, 1, 2}), (4, \mathbf{0, 3, 1, 2}), (\mathbf{0, 1, 3, 4, 2})$
 - $\binom{n}{3} (n - 3)!$
- Permutations with at least k comparisons
 - **0, 1, ..., k** occur in sorted order
 - $\binom{n}{k} (n - k)! = \frac{n!}{k!}$



Average Case Analysis: Example 1

- Let π_k stand for # of permutations with at least k comparisons
 - there are $\frac{n!}{k!}$ of them
- From Taylor expansion, $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} = e \approx 2.8$

$$\begin{aligned} T^{avg}(n) &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \cdot (\pi_k - \pi_{k+1}) = \frac{1}{n!} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \cdot \pi_k - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \cdot \pi_{k+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} (1 \cdot \pi_1 + \underline{2 \cdot \pi_2} + \underline{3 \cdot \pi_3} \dots + (n-1) \cdot \pi_{n-1} - \underline{1 \cdot \pi_2} - \underline{2 \cdot \pi_3} - \dots - (n-1) \cdot \pi_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} (\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 \dots + \pi_{n-1} - (n-1) \cdot \pi_n) \\ &= 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \pi_k = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n!}{k!} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} < 2.8 \end{aligned}$$

- Average running time of *sortednessTester*(A, n) is $O(1)$
 - much better than the worst case $\Theta(n)$



Average Case Analysis: Example 2

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avgCaseDemo(A, n)
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A: array storing n distinct numbers

```
if  $n \leq 2$  return
```

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if  $A[n - 2] < A[n - 1]$  then avgCaseDemo(A[0,  $n/2 - 1$ ,  $n/2$ ) // good case
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else avgCaseDemo(A[0,  $n - 3$ ,  $n - 2$ ) // bad case
```

- Let $T(n)$ be the number of recursions
 - asymptotically the same as running time
- Best case (array sorted in increasing order)
 - always get the good case, array size is divided by 2 at each recursion
 - $T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$
 - resolves to $\Theta(\log(n))$
- Worst case (array sorted in decreasing order)
 - always get the bad case, array size decreases by 2 at each recursion
 - $T(n) = T(n - 2) + 1$
 - resolves to $\Theta(n)$
- Average case?



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if $n \leq 2$ **return**

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else *avgCaseDemo*($A[0, n - 3, n - 2]$) // bad case

- *avgCaseDemo* runtime is equal for instances with same relative element order
- Again, use sorting permutations to compute average running time

$$T^{avg}(n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n} T(\pi)$$

- Call permutation π good if it leads to a good case
 - ex: (0, 1, 3, 2, 4)
- Call permutation π bad if it leads to a bad case
 - ex: (1, 4, 0, 2, 3)
- Exactly half of the permutations are good
 - (0, 1, 3, 2, 4) \leftrightarrow (0, 1, 4, 2, 3)
 - $n!/2$ good permutations, $n!/2$ bad permutations



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- For recursive algorithms, we typically derive recurrence equation and solve it
- Easy to derive recursive formula for one instance π

$$T(\pi) = \begin{cases} 1 + T(\text{first } \frac{n}{2} \text{ items}) & \text{if } \pi \text{ is good} \\ 1 + T(\text{first } n - 2 \text{ items}) & \text{if } \pi \text{ is bad} \end{cases}$$

- Tempting, but incorrect ~~$T^{avg}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 + T^{avg}(n/2) & \text{if } \pi \text{ is good} \\ 1 + T^{avg}(n - 2) & \text{if } \pi \text{ is bad} \end{cases}$~~
- Can derive formula for the **sum** of instances π (but it is not trivial)

$$\sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n} T(\pi) = \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n: \pi \text{ is good}} (1 + T^{avg}(n/2)) + \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n: \pi \text{ is bad}} (1 + T^{avg}(n - 2))$$



Average Case Analysis: Example 2

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- Can derive recurrence equation for the average case

$$\begin{aligned} T^{avg}(n) &= \frac{1}{n!} \left(\sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n: \pi \text{ is good}} (1 + T^{avg}(n/2)) + \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n: \pi \text{ is bad}} (1 + T^{avg}(n-2)) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{n!}{2} (1 + T^{avg}(n/2)) + \frac{n!}{2} (1 + T^{avg}(n-2)) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Simplifying,

$$T^{avg}(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} T^{avg}(n/2) + \frac{1}{2} T^{avg}(n-2)$$



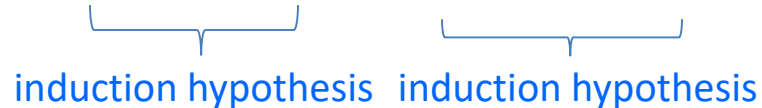
Average Case Analysis: Example 2

$$T^{avg}(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}T^{avg}(n/2) + \frac{1}{2}T^{avg}(n-2)$$

Theorem: $T^{avg}(n) \leq 2 \log(n)$

Proof: (by induction)

- true for $n \leq 2$ (no recursion in these cases, $T^{avg}(n) = 0$)
- assume $n \geq 3$ and the theorem holds for all $m < n$
- $T^{avg}(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}T^{avg}(n/2) + \frac{1}{2}T^{avg}(n-2)$


induction hypothesis induction hypothesis

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2}2\log(n/2) + \frac{1}{2}2\log(n-2)$$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2}2(\log(n) - 1) + \frac{1}{2}2\log(n)$$

$$= 2\log(n)$$

- Therefore, average-case running time is $O(\log(n))$
 - better than worst case $\Theta(n)$



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Randomized Algorithms: Motivation

- Suppose an algorithm has a better average-case than worst-case runtime
 - if any instance is equally likely, then such algorithm is good “as is”
 - but humans often generate instances that are far from equally likely
 - most often we sort data which is already almost sorted
 - randomization improves runtime when instances are not equally likely

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- Recall *avgCaseDemo* has worst case $\Theta(n)$, average case $O(\log(n))$
- If user mostly calls *avgCaseDemo* on array that is almost reverse sorted, running time, on average will be $\Theta(n)$
- If we shuffle array A before calling *avgCaseDemo*, probability of A being almost reverse sorted is tiny
 - on average, runtime will be $O(\log(n))$
 - shifted dependence from what we cannot control (user) to what we can control (random number generation)



Randomized Algorithms

- A *randomized algorithm* is one which relies on some random numbers in addition to the input
- The runtime will depend on both the **input** and the **random numbers** used
- **Goal**
 - shift the dependency of run-time from what we cannot control (the input), to what we can control (random numbers)
 - no more bad instances, just unlucky numbers
 - if running time is long on some instance, it's because we generated unlucky random numbers, not because of the instance itself
- Side note
 - computers cannot generate truly random numbers
 - we assume there is a pseudo-random number generator (PRNG), a deterministic program that uses an initial value or *seed* to generate a sequence of seemingly random numbers
 - quality of randomized algorithm depends on the quality of the PRNG



Expected Running Time

- How do we measure the runtime of a randomized algorithm?
 - it depends on the input I and on R , the sequence of random numbers an algorithm chooses during execution
- Define $T(I, R)$ to be running time of randomized algorithm for instance I and R
- The *expected runtime* $T^{exp}(I)$ for instance I is expected value for $T(I, R)$

$$T^{exp}(I) = \mathbf{E}[T(I, R)] = \sum_{\text{all possible sequences } R} T(I, R) \cdot \Pr[R]$$

- *Worst-case expected runtime*

$$T^{exp}(n) = \max_{I \in \mathbb{I}_n} T^{exp}(I)$$

- Could also talk about best-case and average-case expected running time
- However, in this course, we only consider worst-case expected running time
 - usually a randomized algorithm is designed so that all instances of size n have the same expected run time
- Sometimes we also want to know the running time if we got really unlucky with the random numbers R we generate during the execution, i.e. worst case

$$\max_R \max_{I \in \mathbb{I}_n} T(I, R)$$



Randomized Algorithm *expectedDemo*

expectedDemo(A, n)

A : array storing n distinct numbers

if $n \leq 2$ **return**

if *random*(2) **swap** $A[n - 2]$ **and** $A[n - 1]$

if $A[n - 2] < A[n - 1]$ **then** *expectedDemo*($A[0, n/2 - 1, n/2]$) // good case

else *expectedDemo*($A[0, n - 3, n - 2]$) // bad case

- Function *random*(n) returns an integer sampled uniformly from $\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$
- $\Pr(\text{good case}) = \Pr(\text{bad case}) = \frac{1}{2}$
 - for any array A
- As before, let $T(n)$ be the number of recursions
 - running time is proportional to the number of recursions



Expected running time of *expectedDemo*

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- Number of recursions on array A if random outcomes are $R = \langle x, R' \rangle$

$$T(A, R) = T(A, \langle x, R' \rangle) = \begin{cases} 1 + T(A[0 \dots n/2 - 1], R') & \text{if } x \text{ is good} \\ 1 + T(A[0 \dots n - 3], R') & \text{if } x \text{ is bad} \end{cases}$$



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- Summing up over all sequences of random outcomes

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_R T(A, R) \cdot \Pr(R) &= \sum_{\langle x, R' \rangle} T(A, \langle x, R' \rangle) \cdot \Pr(x) \Pr(R') \\ &= \sum_{\langle x=0, R' \rangle} T(A, \langle x, R' \rangle) \cdot \Pr(x) \Pr(R') + \sum_{\langle x=1, R' \rangle} T(A, \langle x, R' \rangle) \cdot \Pr(x) \Pr(R') \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle x=0, R' \rangle} T(A, \langle x, R' \rangle) \cdot \Pr(R') + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle x=1, R' \rangle} T(A, \langle x, R' \rangle) \cdot \Pr(R') \end{aligned}$$

one of these is $1 + T(A[0 \dots n/2 - 1], R')$, the other $1 + T(A[0 \dots n - 3], R')$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} (1 + T(A[0 \dots n/2 - 1], R')) \cdot \Pr(R') + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} (1 + T(A[0 \dots n - 3], R')) \cdot \Pr(R')$$



Expected running time of *expectedDemo*

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Expected running time of *expectedDemo*

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$$\sum_{R'} T(A[0 \dots n - 3], R') \cdot \Pr(R') \leq \max_{A' \in \mathbb{I}_{n-2}} \sum_{R'} T(A', R') \cdot \Pr(R')$$



Expected running time of *expectedDemo*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_R T(A, R) \cdot \Pr(R) &= \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} (1 + T(A[0 \dots n/2 - 1], R')) \cdot \Pr(R') + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} (1 + T(A[0 \dots n - 3], R')) \cdot \Pr(R') \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} 1 \cdot \Pr(R') + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} T(A[0 \dots \frac{n}{2} - 1], R') \cdot \Pr(R') \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} 1 \cdot \Pr(R') + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} T(A[0 \dots n - 3], R') \cdot \Pr(R') \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} T(A[0 \dots \frac{n}{2} - 1], R') \cdot \Pr(R') + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{R'} T(A[0 \dots n - 3], R') \cdot \Pr(R') \\ &\leq 1 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \max_{A' \in \mathbb{I}_{n/2}} \sum_{R'} T(A', R') \cdot \Pr(R')}_{T^{exp}(n/2)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \max_{A' \in \mathbb{I}_{n-2}} \sum_{R'} T(A', R') \cdot \Pr(R')}_{T^{exp}(n-2)} \end{aligned}$$



Expected running time of *expectedDemo*

- For any $A \in \mathbb{I}_n$, it holds

$$\sum_R T(A, R) \cdot \Pr(R) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} T^{exp}(n/2) + T^{exp}(n-2)$$

- Therefore

$$T^{exp}(n) = \max_{A \in \mathbb{I}_n} \sum_R T(A, R) \cdot \Pr(R) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} T^{exp}(n/2) + T^{exp}(n-2)$$

- Same recurrence as for *averCaseDemo*
 - but it was much easier to derive this relation
 - usually expected runtime is easier to derive than the average case runtime
- Therefore, expected running time is $O(\log(n))$



Outline

- **Sorting, average-case, and Randomization**
 - Analyzing average-case run-time
 - Randomized Algorithms
- **QuickSelect**
- QuickSort
- Lower Bound for Comparison-Based Sorting
- Non-Comparison-Based Sorting



Selection Problem

- Given array A of n numbers, and $0 \leq k < n$, find the element that would be at position k if A was sorted
 - 'select k '
 - k elements are smaller or equal, $n - 1 - k$ elements are larger or equal

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
30	60	10	0	50	80	90	20	40	70

↑
select(2)

- Special case: *median finding* ($k = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$)
- Heap-based selection can be done in $\Theta(n + k \log n)$
 - this is $\Theta(n \log n)$ for median finding
 - the same cost as our best sorting algorithms
- Question:** can we do selection in linear time?
 - yes, with *quick-select* (average case analysis)
 - subroutines for *quick-select* also useful for sorting algorithms



Crucial Subroutines

0	1	2	3	$p = 4$	5	6	7	8	9
30	60	10	0	$v = 50$	80	90	20	40	70

- *quick-select* and related algorithm *quick-sort* rely on two subroutines

- *choose-pivot*(A)

- return an index p in A
- use *pivot-value* $v \leftarrow A[p]$ to rearrange the array

0	1	2	3	4	$i = 5$	6	7	8	9
30	10	0	20	40	$v = 50$	60	80	90	70

- *partition* (A, p) rearranges A so that

- all items in $A [0, \dots, i - 1]$ are $\leq v$
- pivot-value v is in $A[i]$
- all items in $A [i + 1, \dots, n - 1]$ are $\geq v$
- index i is called *pivot-index* i
- *partition*(A, p) returns *pivot-index* i

- i is a correct location of v in sorted A
- if we were interested in $\text{select}(i)$, then v would be the answer

Choosing Pivot

- Simplest idea for *choose-pivot*
 - always select rightmost element in array

```
choose-pivot(A)  
return A.size() - 1
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	$p = 9$
30	60	10	0	50	80	90	20	40	$v = 70$

- Will consider more sophisticated ideas later



Partition Algorithm

partition(A, p)

A : array of size n , p : integer s.t. $0 \leq p < n$

create empty lists *small*, *equal* and *large*

$v \leftarrow A[p]$

for each element x in A

if $x < v$ **then** *small.append*(x)

else if $x > v$ **then** *large.append*(x)

else *equal.append*(x)

$i \leftarrow \text{small.size}$

$j \leftarrow \text{equal.size}$

overwrite $A[0 \dots i - 1]$ by elements in *small*

overwrite $A[i \dots i + j - 1]$ by elements in *equal*

overwrite $A[i + j \dots n - 1]$ by elements in *large*

return i

- Easy linear-time implementation using extra (auxiliary) $\Theta(n)$ space
- More challenging: partition *in-place*, i.e. $O(1)$ auxiliary space



Efficient In-Place partition (Hoare)

$i = -1$

$j = 9$

30	60	10	0	50	80	90	20	40	$v=70$
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$i = 5$

$j = 8$

30	60	10	0	50	80	90	20	40	$v=70$
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30	60	10	0	50	40	90	20	80	$v=70$
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$i = 6$

$j = 7$

30	60	10	0	50	40	90	20	80	$v=70$
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$i = 7$

30	60	10	0	50	40	20	90	80	$v=70$
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almost done,
just swap with
pivot v

$j = 6$

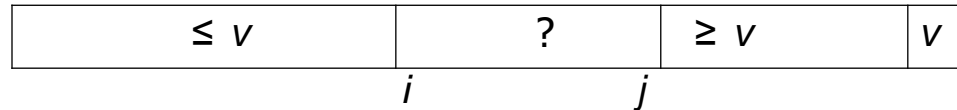
$i = 7$

30	60	10	0	50	40	20	$v=70$	80	90
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Efficient In-Place partition (Hoare)

- **Idea Summary:** Keep swapping the outer-most wrongly-positioned pairs



- One possible implementation

do $i \leftarrow i + 1$ **while** $i < n$ **and** $A[i] \leq v$

do $j \leftarrow j - 1$ **while** $j > 0$ **and** $A[j] \geq v$

- More efficient (for quickselect and quicksort) when many repeating elements

do $i \leftarrow i + 1$ **while** $i < n$ **and** $A[i] < v$

do $j \leftarrow j - 1$ **while** $j > 0$ **and** $A[j] > v$

- Can simplify the loop bounds

do $i \leftarrow i + 1$ **while** $A[i] < v$

do $j \leftarrow j - 1$ **while** $j \geq i$ **and** $A[j] > v$

Efficient In-Place partition (Hoare)

partition (A, p)

A : array of size n

p : integer s.t. $0 \leq p < n$

$swap(A[n - 1], A[p])$

$i \leftarrow -1, \quad j \leftarrow n - 1, \quad v \leftarrow A[n - 1]$

loop

do $i \leftarrow i + 1$ **while** $A[i] < v$

do $j \leftarrow j - 1$ **while** $j \geq i$ **and** $A[j] > v$

if $i \geq j$ **then break**

else $swap(A[i], A[j])$

end loop

$swap(A[n - 1], A[i])$

return i

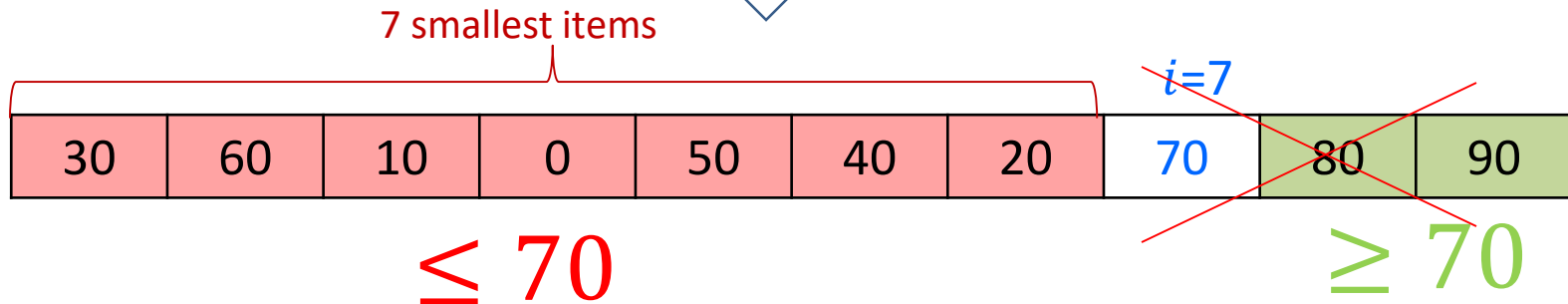
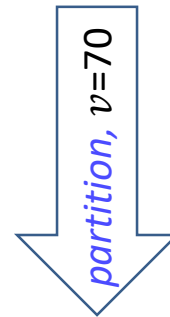
- Running time is $\Theta(n)$



Quick Select Algorithm

- Find item that would be in $A[k]$ if A was sorted
- Similar to quick-sort, but recurse only on one side (“quick-sort with pruning”)
- Example: $\text{select}(k = 4)$
 - [the correct answer is 40 in this case]

30	60	10	0	50	80	90	20	40	$v=70$
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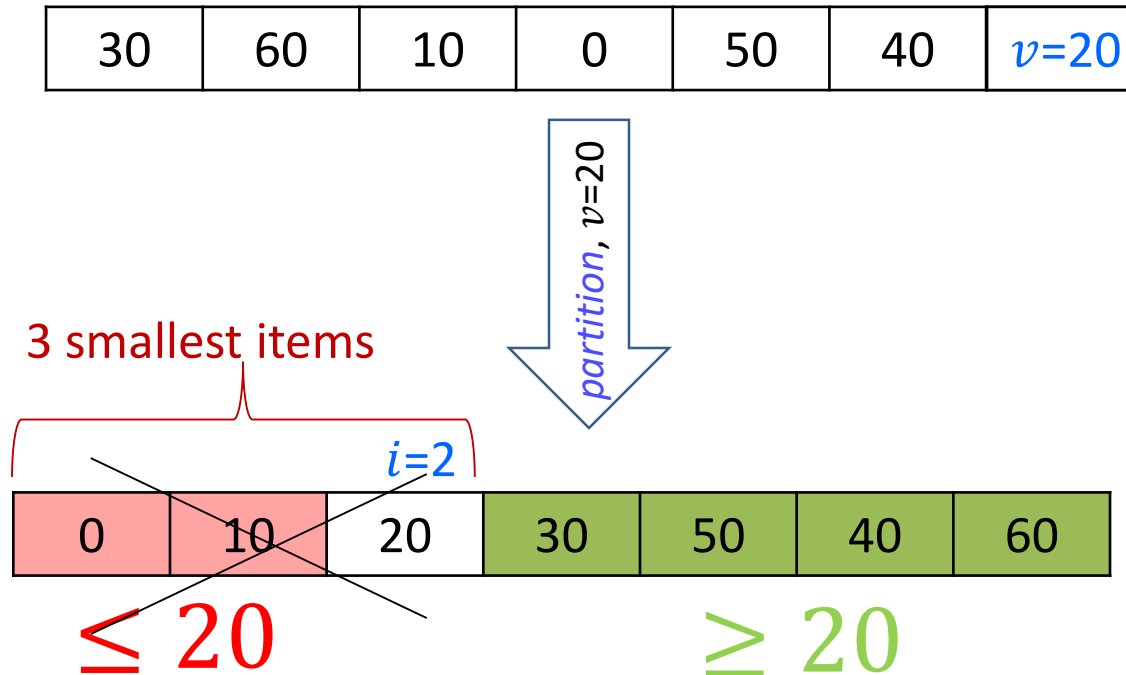


- $i > k$, search recursively in the left side to select k



Quick Select Algorithm

- Example continued: $\text{select}(k = 4)$



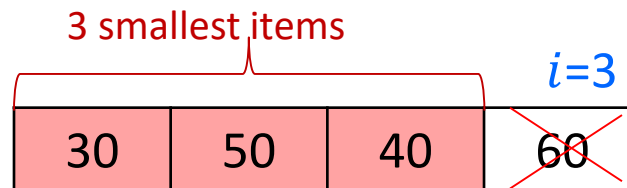
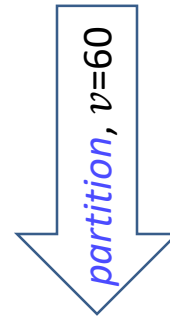
- $i < k$, search recursively on the right, select $k - (i + 1)$
 - $k = 1$ in our example



Quick Select Algorithm

- Example continued: $\text{select}(k = 1)$

30	50	40	$v=60$
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≤ 60

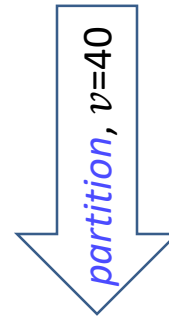
- $i > k$, search on the left to select k



Quick Select Algorithm

- Example continued: $\text{select}(k = 1)$

30	50	$v=40$
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$i=1$

30	40	50
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- $i = k$, found our item, done!
- In our example, we got to subarray of size 3
- Often stop much sooner than that
 - running time?



QuickSelect Algorithm

QuickSelect(A, k)

A : array of size n , k : integer s.t. $0 \leq k < n$

$p \leftarrow \text{choose-pivot}(A)$

$i \leftarrow \text{partition}(A, p)$

if $i = k$ **then**

return $A[i]$

else if $i > k$ **then**

return *QuickSelect*($A[0, 1, \dots, i - 1], k$)

else if $i < k$ **then**

return *QuickSelect*($A[i + 1, \dots, n - 1], k - (i + 1)$)

■ Best case

- first chosen pivot could have pivot-index k
- no recursive calls, total cost $\Theta(n)$

- **Worst case:** recurrence equation
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} cn + T(n - 1) & n > 1 \\ c & n = 1 \end{cases}$$



QuickSelect Algorithm

- **Worst case:** recurrence equation $T(n) = \begin{cases} cn + T(n - 1) & n > 1 \\ c & n = 1 \end{cases}$

- Solution: repeatedly expand until we see a pattern forming

$$T(n) = cn + T(n - 1)$$

$$T(n - 1) = c(n - 1) + T(n - 2)$$

$$T(n) = cn + c(n - 1) + T(n - 2)$$

after 1 expansion

$$T(n - 2) = c(n - 2) + T(n - 3)$$

$$T(n) = cn + c(n - 1) + c(n - 2) + T(n - 3)$$

after 2 expansions

- After i expansions

$$T(n) = cn + c(n - 1) + c(n - 2) + \dots + c(n - i) + T(n - (i + 1))$$

- Stop expanding when get to base case $T(n - (i + 1)) = T(1)$

- Happens when $n - (i + 1) = 1$, or, rewriting, $i = n - 2$

- Thus $T(n) = cn + c(n - 1) + c(n - 2) + \dots + c \cdot 2 + T(1)$

$$= cn + c(n - 1) + c(n - 2) + \dots + c \cdot 2 + c$$

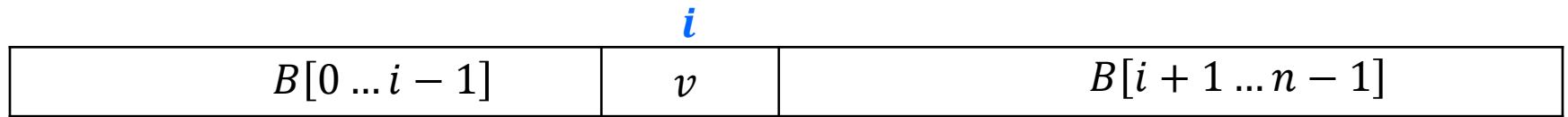
$$= c(n + (n - 1) + \dots + 2 + 1) \in \Theta(n^2)$$



Average-Case Analysis of QuickSelect

- Use again sorting permutations $T^{avg}(n) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi \in \Pi_n} T(\pi)$

- Let $T(n)$ be the number of comparisons (proportional to runtime)
- Assume that sorting permutation π gives pivot index i
- Let B be the new array (after partition)



$$T(\pi) \leq n + \max\{ \underbrace{T(B[0 \dots i - 1])}_{\text{size } i}, \underbrace{T(B[i + 1 \dots n - 1])}_{\text{size } n - i - 1} \}$$

- Option 1:**

- first prove that this implies (very complicated)

$$\sum_{\substack{\pi \in \Pi_n: \\ \text{pivot-idx } i}} T(\pi) \leq \sum_{\substack{\pi \in \Pi_n: \\ \text{pivot-idx } i}} (n + \max\{T^{avg}(i), T^{avg}(n - i - 1)\})$$

- then derive and solve average case recursive relationship (not too difficult)



Average-Case Analysis of *quick-select*

- **Option 2:** Prove average case run time via randomization
 - simpler than option 1
 - randomization is useful in practice
- Need to discuss
 1. how to randomize `QuickSelect` (`RandomizedQuickSelect`)?
 2. what is the expected run-time of `RandomizedQuickSelect`?
 3. what does expected run time of `RandomizedQuickSelect` imply for average run-time of `QuickSelect`?



Randomized QuickSelect: Shuffle

- **First idea:** first randomly permute input using *shuffle* and then run selection algorithm

```
shuffle(A)
```

```
A : array of size  $n$ 
```

```
  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
```

```
    swap(A[ $i$ ], A[random( $i + 1$ )])
```

- *random*(n) returns an integer uniformly sampled from $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$
- Works well but we can do randomization directly within the sorting algorithm



Randomized QuickSelect: Random Pivot

- **Second idea:** change pivot selection

```
RandomizedQuickSelect(A, k)
...
p ← random(A.size)
...
```

- Let $T(A, k, R)$ be the runtime on array A of size n , selecting k th element, using a sequence of random numbers R
 - assume all array elements are distinct, and $n \geq 2$
- Let $R = \langle x, R' \rangle$ and suppose x corresponds to pivot-index i
 - we recurse in an array of size i or $n - i - 1$ (or algorithm stops)
 - call the new array (after partition) B

$$T(A, k, \langle x, R' \rangle) \leq cn + \begin{cases} T(B[0 \dots i - 1], k, R') & \text{if } i > k \\ T(B[i + 1 \dots n - 1], k - i - 1, R') & \text{if } i < k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $T(A, k, \langle x, R' \rangle) \leq cn + [T(B[0 \dots i - 1], k, R') \text{ or } T(B[i + 1 \dots n - 1], k - i - 1, R')]$



Analysis of Randomized QuickSelect

- $T(A, k, \langle x, R' \rangle) \leq cn + [T(B[0 \dots i - 1], k, R') \text{ or } T(B[i + 1 \dots n - 1], k - i - 1, R')]$
 - i is pivot index corresponding to x

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_R T(A, k, R) \Pr(R) &= \sum_{\langle x, R' \rangle} T(A, k, \langle x, R' \rangle) \Pr(\langle x, R' \rangle) = \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} \sum_{R'} T(A, k, \langle x, R' \rangle) \Pr(x) \Pr(R') \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{R'} T(A, k, \langle 0, R' \rangle) P(R') + \sum_{R'} T(A, k, \langle 1, R' \rangle) P(R') + \dots + \sum_{R'} T(A, k, \langle n - 1, R' \rangle) P(R') \right) \end{aligned}$$

each x corresponds to some pivot-index $i \in \{0, \dots, n - 1\}$, and each element of $\{0, \dots, n - 1\}$ appears exactly one time in this sum as pivot-index for some x

- Rewriting the sum in terms of pivot indexes, and using the inequality from top of the slide

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_R T(A, k, R) \Pr(R) &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{R'} (cn + [T(B[0 \dots i - 1], k, R') \text{ or } T(B[i + 1 \dots n - 1], k - i - 1, R')]) \Pr(R') \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{R'} \Pr(R')}_{= cn} cn + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{R'} [T(B[0 \dots i - 1], k, R') \text{ or } T(B[i + 1 \dots n - 1], k - i - 1, R')] \Pr(R') \end{aligned}$$



Analysis of Randomized QuickSelect

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 &\leq cn + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \left\{ \sum_{R'} T(B[0 \dots i-1], k, R') \Pr(R'), \sum_{R'} T(B[i+1 \dots n-1], k-i-1, R') \Pr(R') \right\} \\
 &\leq cn + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \left\{ \max_m \max_{C \in \mathbb{I}_i} \sum_{R'} T(C, m, R') \Pr(R'), \max_m \max_{C \in \mathbb{I}_{n-i-1}} \sum_{R'} T(C, m, R') \Pr(R') \right\} \\
 &= cn + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \{ T^{exp}(i), T^{exp}(n-i-1) \}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Since this bound is true for any A and k , it is true for the worst case A and k

$$T^{exp}(n) = \max_A \max_m \sum_R T(A, m, R) \Pr(R) \leq cn + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \{ T^{exp}(i), T^{exp}(n-i-1) \}$$



Analysis of Randomized QuickSelect

$$T(n) \leq c \cdot n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{T(i), T(n-i-1)\}$$

Theorem: $T(n) \in O(n)$

Proof:

- will prove $T(n) \leq 4cn$ by induction on n
- **base case**, $n = 1$: $T(1) = c \leq 4c \cdot 1$
- **induction hypothesis**: assume $T(m) \leq 4cm$ for all $m < n$
- need to show $T(n) \leq 4cn$

induction hypothesis applies to each one of these

$$T(n) \leq c \cdot n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{T(i), T(n-i-1)\}$$

$$\leq c \cdot n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{4ci, 4c(n-i-1)\}$$

$$\leq c \cdot n + \frac{4c}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{i, n-i-1\}$$



Analysis of Randomized QuickSelect

exactly what we need for the proof

Proof: (cont.) $T(n) \leq c \cdot n + \frac{4c}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{i, n - i - 1\} \leq c \cdot n + \frac{4c}{n} \cdot \frac{3}{4} n^2 = 4cn$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{i, n - i - 1\} = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \max\{i, n - i - 1\} + \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}}^{n-1} \max\{i, n - i - 1\}$$

$$= \max\{0, n - 1\} + \max\{1, n - 2\} + \max\{2, n - 3\} + \dots + \max\left\{\frac{n}{2} - 1, \frac{n}{2}\right\}$$

$$+ \max\left\{\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\} + \max\left\{\frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} - 2\right\} + \dots + \max\{n - 1, 0\}$$

$$= \underbrace{(n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + \frac{n}{2}}_{\left(\frac{3n}{2} - 1\right) \frac{n}{4}} + \underbrace{\frac{n}{2} + \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) + \dots + (n - 1)}_{\left(\frac{3n}{2} - 1\right) \frac{n}{4}} = \left(\frac{3n}{2} - 1\right) \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{3n}{2} - 1\right) \frac{n}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{3n}{2} - 1\right) \frac{n}{4}$$

$$\leq \frac{3}{4} n^2$$



Analysis of Randomized QuickSelect

- Thus expected runtime of *RandomizedQuickSelect* is $\Theta(n)$
- This is generally the fastest implementation of a selection algorithm
- There is a selection algorithm that has worst-case running time $O(n)$
 - CS341
 - but it uses double recursion and is slower in practice



Expected vs. Average-case runtime

- Assume we have an algorithm \mathbb{A} that solves Selection or Sorting
- Create a randomized algorithm \mathbb{B} that solves the same problem as \mathbb{A} as follows
 - let I be the given instance (an array)
 - randomly (and uniformly) permute I to get I'
 - can do this with *shuffle*
 - for *QuickSelect*, choosing pivot randomly is equivalent to shuffling
 - call algorithm \mathbb{A} on input I'
- Claim: $T_{\mathbb{B}}^{exp}(n) = T_{\mathbb{A}}^{avg}(n)$
- Proof:
 - let I be an instance, and π be its sorting permutation
 - $\pi(I) = I_{sorted}$
 - let σ be the sorting permutation applied during shuffling to I
 - $I' = \sigma(I)$
 - $\sigma^{-1}(I') = I$
 - $\pi \circ \sigma^{-1}(I') = \pi(I) = I_{sorted}$
 - I' has sorting permutation $\pi \circ \sigma^{-1}$



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σ goes over all permutations, so $\pi \circ \sigma^{-1}$ also goes over all permutations

Example: $\pi = (2,0,1)$

$\sigma \in \Pi_n = (0,1,2), (0,2,1), (1,0,2), (1,2,0), (2,0,1), (2,1,0)$

apply σ^{-1} $(0,1,2), (0,2,1), (1,0,2), (2,0,1), (1,2,0), (2,1,0)$

apply π $(2,0,1), (1,0,2), (2,1,0), (1,2,0), (0,1,2), (0,2,1)$



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$$T_{\mathbb{B}}^{exp}(n) = \max_{I \in \mathbb{I}_n} \sum_R T_{\mathbb{B}}(I, R) \Pr(R) = \max_{I \in \mathbb{I}_n} \sum_R T_{\mathbb{A}}(I') \Pr(R) = \max_{\pi \in \Pi_n} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\sigma \in \Pi_n} T_{\mathbb{A}}(\pi \circ \sigma^{-1})$$

- Change summation variable to τ

$$= \max_{\pi} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\tau \in \Pi_n} T_{\mathbb{A}}(\tau) = \max_{\pi} T_{\mathbb{A}}^{avg}(n) = T_{\mathbb{A}}^{avg}(n)$$



Expected vs. Average-case runtime

- Assume we have an algorithm \mathbb{A} that solves Selection or Sorting
- Create a randomized algorithm \mathbb{B} that solves the same problem as \mathbb{A} as follows
 - let I be the given instance (an array)
 - randomly (and uniformly) permute I to get I'
 - can do this with *shuffle*
 - for *QuickSelect*, choosing pivot randomly is equivalent to shuffling
 - call algorithm \mathbb{A} on input I'
- Claim: $T_{\mathbb{B}}^{exp}(n) = T_{\mathbb{A}}^{avg}(n)$
- Since *RandomizedQuickSelect* has expected running time $O(n)$, then the average case of *QuickSelect* is also $O(n)$



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QuickSort

- Hoare developed *partition* and *quick-select* in 1960
- He also used them to *sort* based on partitioning

QuickSort(A)

Input: array A of size n

if $n \leq 1$ **then return**

$p \leftarrow$ *choose-pivot*(A)

$i \leftarrow$ *partition* (A, p)

QuickSort($A[0, 1, \dots, i - 1]$)

QuickSort($A[i + 1, \dots, n - 1]$)

- Let $T(n)$ to be the runtime on size n array
- If we know pivot-index i , then $T(n) = cn + T(i) + T(n - i - 1)$
- Worst case $T(n) = T(n - 1) + cn$
 - recurrence solved in the same way as *quick-select1*, $\Theta(n^2)$
- Best case $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + cn$
 - solved in the same way as *merge-sort*, $\Theta(n \log n)$



Randomized QuickSort: Random Pivot

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RandomizedQuickSort(A)
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 $p \leftarrow \text{random}(A.\text{size})$ 
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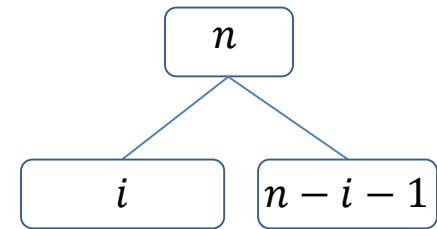
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- Analysis is similar to that of *RandomizedQuickSelect*
 - but recurse both in array of size i and array of size $n - i - 1$
- Can derive $T^{exp}(n) \leq n + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T^{exp}(i)$
 - then show that this is $O(n \log n)$
- However there is an easier analysis



Expected Recursion depth of Randomized QuickSort

- Analyze expected height of recursion tree
- Define $H(A, R)$ be the height for instance A and random numbers R
- $H^{exp}(n) = \max_A \sum_R \Pr(R) H(A, R)$
- Let A have size larger than 1, $R = \langle x, R' \rangle$ and suppose x leads to pivot-index i



$$H(A, R) \leq 1 + \max\{H(\underbrace{\text{instance of size } i, R'}_{A_i}), H(\underbrace{\text{instance of size } n - i - 1, R'}_{A_{n-i-1}})\}$$

- Summing up over all R , and switching from x to corresponding pivot-index i

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_R \Pr(R) H(A, R) &= \sum_{x=0}^{n-1} \sum_{R'} \Pr(x) \Pr(R') H(A, \langle x, R' \rangle) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{R'} \Pr(R') (1 + \max\{H(A_i, R'), H(A_{n-i-1}, R')\}) \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \left\{ \sum_{R'} \Pr(R') H(A_i, R'), \sum_{R'} \Pr(R') H(A_{n-i-1}, R') \right\} \end{aligned}$$



Expected Recursion depth of Randomized QuickSort

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_R \Pr(R) H(A, R) &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \left\{ \sum_{R'} \Pr(R') H(A_i, R'), \sum_{R'} \Pr(R') H(A_{n-i-1}, R') \right\} \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \left\{ \max_{C \in \mathbb{I}_i} \sum_{R'} \Pr(R') H(C, R'), \max_{C \in \mathbb{I}_{n-i-1}} \sum_{R'} \Pr(R') H(C, R') \right\} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \{ H^{exp}(i), H^{exp}(n-i-1) \} \end{aligned}$$

- Since this holds for any instance A , it will hold for worst-case instance

$$H^{exp}(n) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max \{ H^{exp}(i), H^{exp}(n-i-1) \}$$



Expected Recursion depth of Randomized QuickSort

$$H^{exp}(n) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{H^{exp}(i), H^{exp}(n-i-1)\} \text{ for } n > 1$$

- Claim: $H^{exp}(n)$ is $O(\log n)$
- Proof: show by induction $H^{exp}(n) \leq 2 \log_{4/3} n$ (assume n is divisible by 4)

- for $n = 1$, $H^{exp}(n) \leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}} n = 0$, so the statement holds

- let $n > 1$, and assume statement holds for all $m < n$

- $H^{exp}(n) \leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{H^{exp}(i), H^{exp}(n-i-1)\}$

induction
hypothesis

$$\leq 1 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{2 \log_{4/3} i, 2 \log_{4/3} (n-i-1)\}$$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{\log_{4/3} i, \log_{4/3} (n-i-1)\}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{2}{n} (\log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-1) + \log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-2) + \dots + \log_{\frac{4}{3}}\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \log_{\frac{4}{3}}\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \dots + \log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-1))$$



Expected Recursion depth of Randomized QuickSort

$$H^{exp}(n) \leq$$

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$$\leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-1) \quad \leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-1) \quad \leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}}\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) \quad \leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}}\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) \quad \leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}}\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) \quad \leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}}\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) \quad \leq \log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-1)$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\frac{n}{2} \text{ terms}}$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{2}{n} \left(\frac{n}{2} \log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-1) + \frac{n}{2} \log_{\frac{4}{3}}\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) \right) = 1 + \log_{\frac{4}{3}}(n-1) + \log_{\frac{4}{3}} n + \log_{\frac{4}{3}} 3/4$$

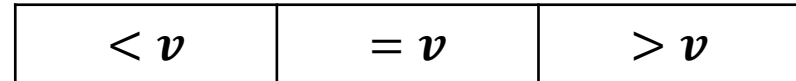
$$\leq 2 \log_{\frac{4}{3}} n$$

- So expected height of the recursion tree is $O(\log n)$
- We do $\Theta(n)$ work on each level of the recursion tree
- Expected runtime of *RandomizedQuickSelect* is $O(n \log n)$
- Average case runtime of *QuickSelect* is $O(n \log n)$



Improvement ideas for QuickSort

- The auxiliary space is $\Omega(\text{recursion depth})$
 - $\Theta(n)$ in the worst case, $\Theta(\log n)$ average case
 - can be reduce to $\Theta(\log n)$ worst-case by
 - recurse in smaller sub-array first
 - replacing the other recursion by a while-loop (tail call elimination)
- Stop recursion when, say $n \leq 10$
 - array is not completely sorted, but almost sorted
 - at the end, run insertionSort, it sorts in just $O(n)$ time since all items are within 10 units of the required position
- Arrays with many duplicates sorted faster by changing *partition* to produce three subsets
- Programming tricks
 - instead of passing full arrays, pass only the range of indices
 - avoid recursion altogether by keeping an explicit stack



QuickSort with Tricks

QuickSortImproves(A, n)

initialize a stack S of index-pairs with $\{(0, n - 1)\}$

while S is not empty

$(l, r) \leftarrow S.pop()$ // get the next subproblem

while $r - l + 1 > 10$ // work on it if it's larger than 10

$p \leftarrow \textit{choose-pivot-improved}(A, l, r)$

$i \leftarrow \textit{partition-improved}(A, l, r, p)$

if $i - l > r - i$ **do** // is left side larger than right?

$S.push((l, i - 1))$ // store larger problem in S for later

$l \leftarrow i + 1$ // next work on the right side

else

$S.push((i + 1, r))$ // store larger problem in S for later

$r \leftarrow i - 1$ // next work on the left side

InsertionSort(A)

- This is often the most efficient sorting algorithm in practice
 - although worst-case is $\Theta(n^2)$



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Lower bounds for sorting

- We have seen many sorting algorithms

Sort	Running Time	Analysis
Selection Sort	$\Theta(n^2)$	worst-case
Insertion Sort	$\Theta(n^2)$	worst-case
Merge Sort	$\Theta(n \log n)$	worst-case
Heap Sort	$\Theta(n \log n)$	worst-case
quickSort RandomizedQuickSort	$\Theta(n \log n)$ $\Theta(n \log n)$	average-case expected

- **Question:** Can one do better than $\Theta(n \log n)$ running time?
- **Answer:** *It depends on what we allow*
 - No: comparison-based sorting lower bound is $\Omega(n \log n)$
 - no restriction on input, just must be able to compare
 - Yes: non-comparison-based sorting can achieve $O(n)$
 - restrictions on input



The Comparison Model

- All sorting algorithms seen so far are in the comparison model
- In the *comparison model* data can only be accessed in two ways
 - comparing two elements
 - $A[i] \leq A[j]$
 - moving elements around (e.g. copying, swapping)
- This makes very few assumptions on the things we are sorting
 - just count the number of above operations
- Under comparison model, will show that any sorting algorithm requires $\Omega(n \log n)$ comparisons
- This lower bound is not for an algorithm, it is for the sorting problem
- How can we talk about problem without algorithm?
 - count number of comparisons any sorting algorithm has to perform



Decision Tree

- Decision tree succinctly describes all the decisions that are taken during the execution of an algorithm and the resulting outcome
- For each sorting algorithm we can construct a corresponding decision tree
- Given decision tree, we can deduce the algorithm
- Decision tree can be constructed for any algorithm, not just sorting



Decision Tree Example

- Decision tree for a concrete comparison based sorting algorithm, with 3 non-repeating elements $[x_0, x_1, x_2]$

Set of all possible inputs

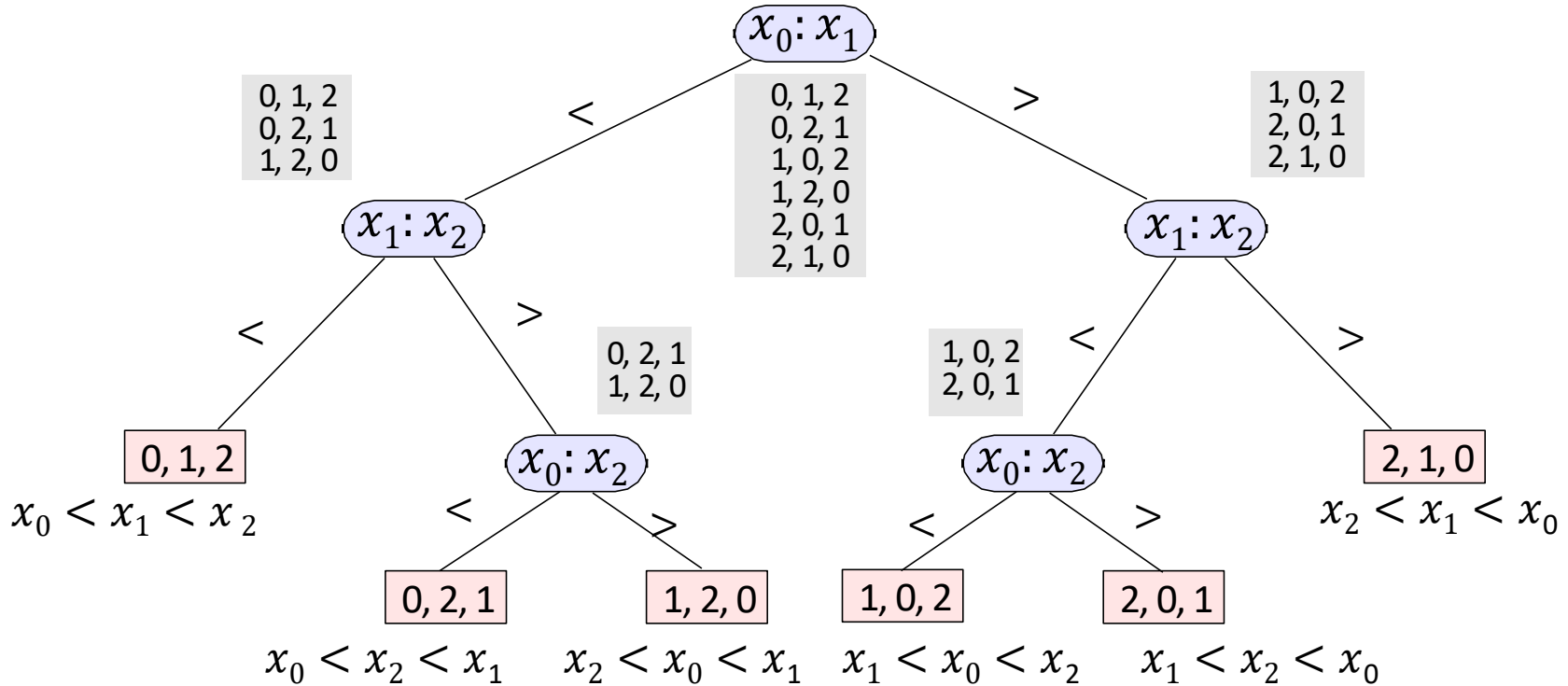
0, 1, 2	→	$x_0 < x_1 < x_2$	output $[x_0, x_1, x_2]$
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1, 0, 2	→	$x_1 < x_0 < x_2$	output $[x_1, x_0, x_2]$
1, 2, 0	→	$x_2 < x_0 < x_1$	output $[x_2, x_0, x_1]$
2, 0, 1	→	$x_1 < x_2 < x_0$	output $[x_1, x_2, x_0]$
2, 1, 0	→	$x_2 < x_1 < x_0$	output $[x_2, x_1, x_0]$

- Have to determine which of the 6 inputs we are given before can give output
 - unique output for each distinct input



Decision Tree

- Decision tree for a concrete comparison based sorting algorithm, with 3 non-repeating elements

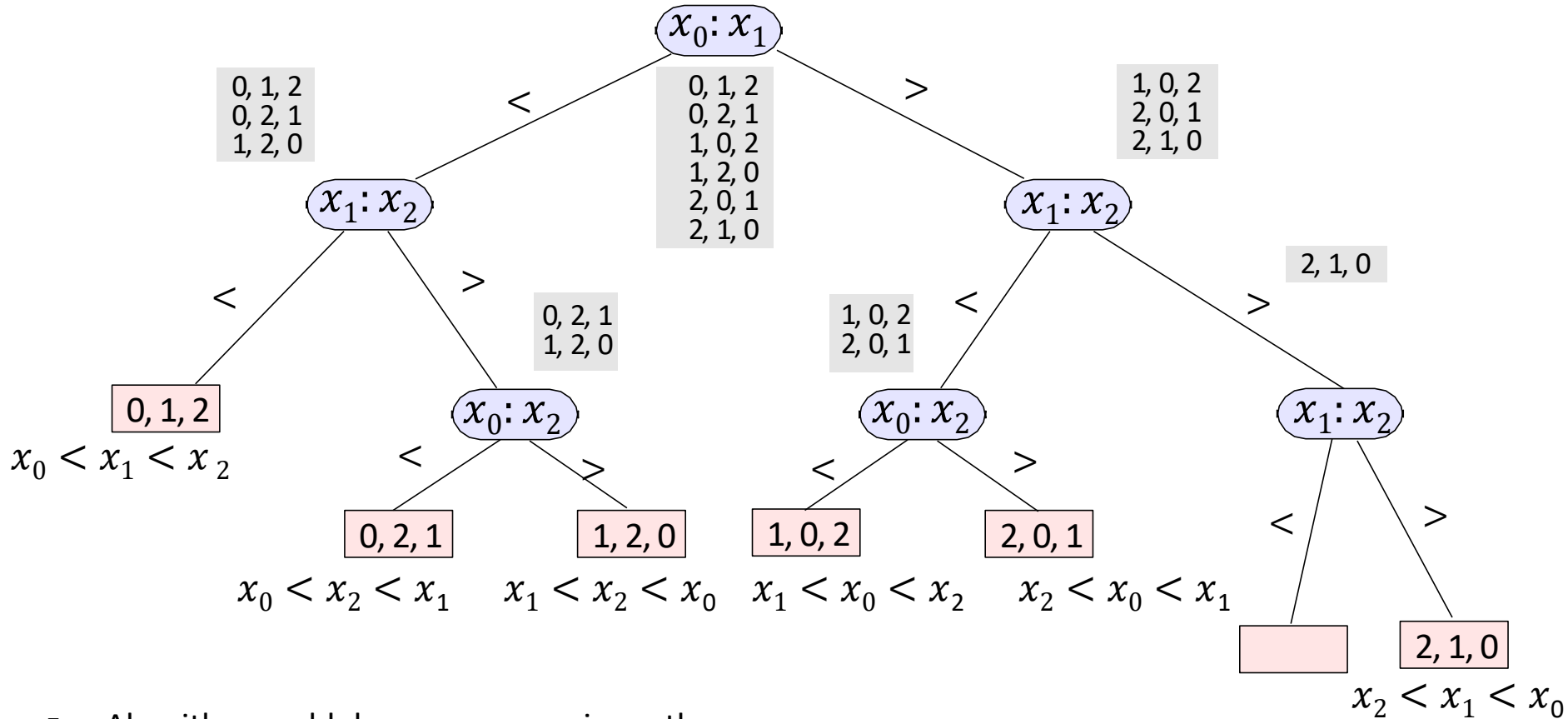


- Root corresponds to the set of all possible inputs
- Interior nodes are comparisons: each comparison splits the set of possible inputs into two
- Know correct sorting order only when the set of possible inputs shrinks to size one
 - nodes where possible input shrunk to size one are leaves, when reach them, can output sorting result
- Sorting algorithm will traverse a path starting at root and ending at a leaf
 - length of the path is the number of comparisons to be made
- Tree height is the number of comparisons required for sorting in the worst case



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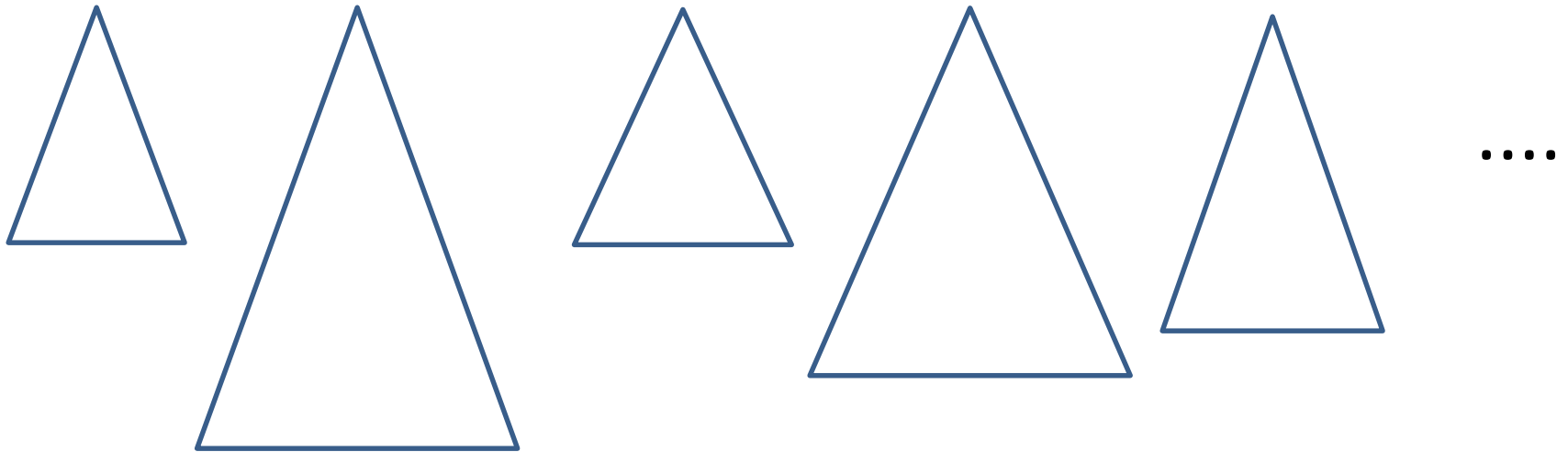


- Algorithm could do more comparisons than necessary
- Thus can have more leafs than possible inputs
- But the number of leaves must be *at least* the number of possible inputs



Decision Tree

- General case: n non-repeating elements
- Many sorting algorithms, for each one we have its own decision tree
 - decision trees will have various heights

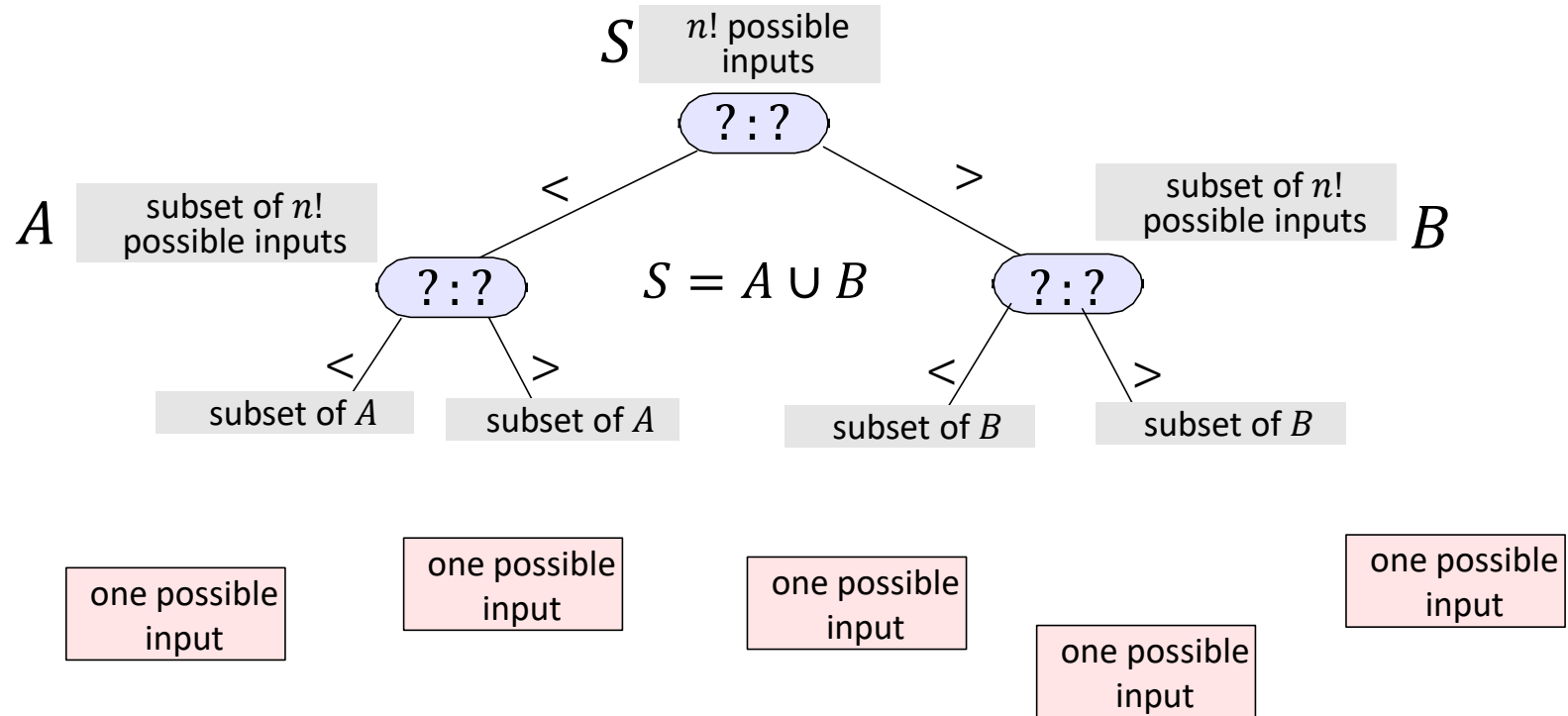


- Smallest height gives us the lower bound on the sorting problem
- Can we reason about the best (smallest) possible height any decision tree must have?



Decision Tree

- Can reason about decision tree for *any* comparison-based sorting algorithm with n non-repeating elements



- Tree must have at least $n!$ leaves
- Binary tree with height h has at most 2^h leaves
- Height h must be at least such that $2^h \geq n!$
- Tree height is the number of comparisons required in the worst case



Lower bound for sorting in the comparison model

Theorem: Any correct **comparison-based** sorting algorithm requires at least $\Omega(n \log n)$ comparisons

Proof:

- There exists a set of $n!$ possible inputs s.t. each leads to a different output
- Decision tree must have at least $n!$ leaves
- Binary tree with height h has at most 2^h leaves
- Height h must be at least such that $2^h \geq n!$
- Taking logs of both sides

$$\begin{aligned} h \geq \log(n!) &= \log(n(n-1) \dots \cdot 1) = \overbrace{\log n + \dots + \log\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)}^{\geq \log \frac{n}{2}} + \cancel{\log \frac{n}{2} + \dots + \log 1} \\ &\geq \underbrace{\log \frac{n}{2} + \dots + \log \frac{n}{2}}_{\frac{n}{2} \text{ of them}} = \frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2} = \frac{n}{2} \log n - \frac{n}{2} \in \Omega(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$



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Non-Comparison-Based Sorting

- Sort without comparing items to each other
- Non-comparison based sorting is less general than comparison based
- In particular, we need to make assumptions about items we sort
 - unlike in comparison based sorting, which sorts any data, as long as it can be compared
- Will assume we are sorting non-negative integers
 - can adapt to negative integers
 - also to some other data types, such as strings
 - but cannot sort arbitrary data



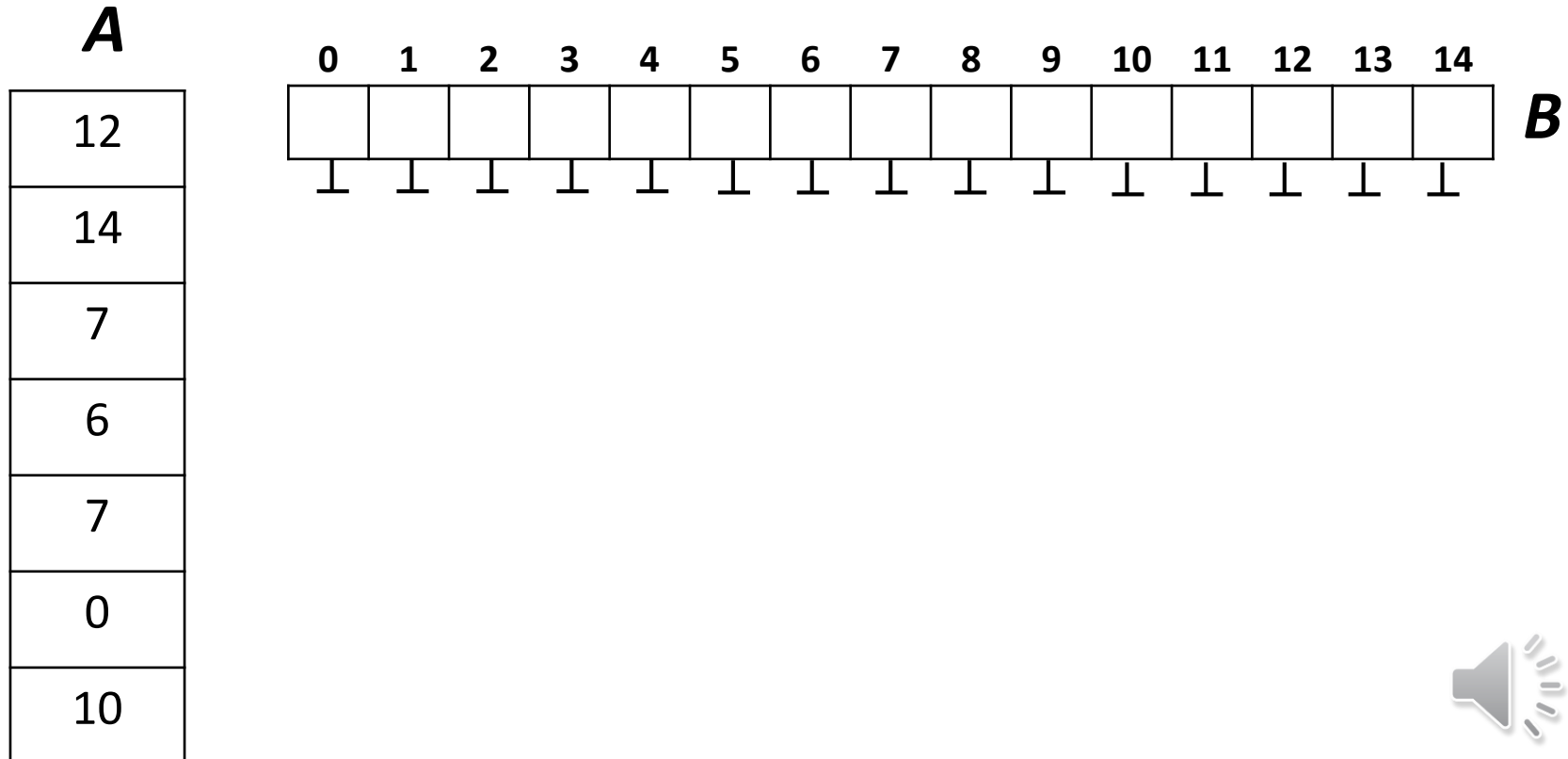
Non-Comparison-Based Sorting

- Simplest example
 - suppose all keys in A are integers in range $[0, \dots, L - 1]$
- For non-comparison sorting, running time depends on both
 - array size n
 - L



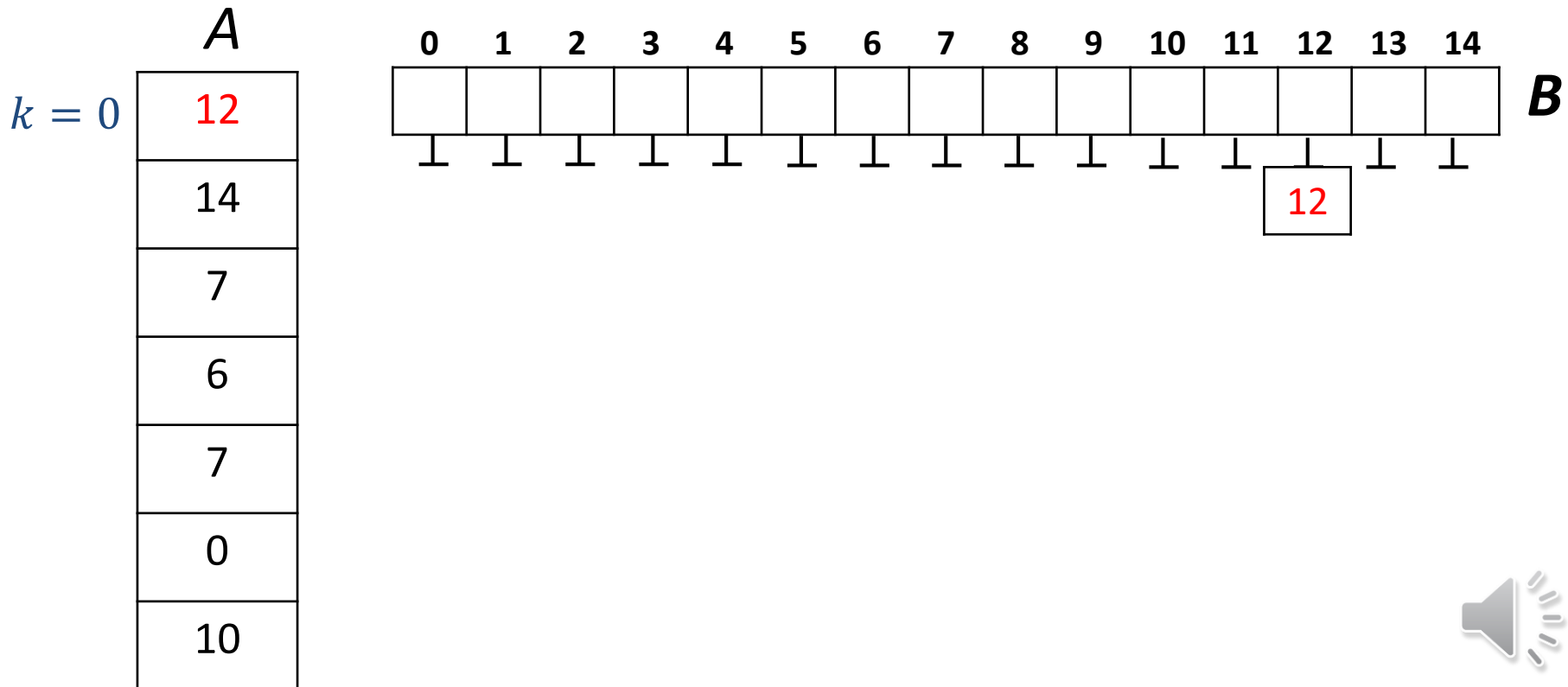
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- Example with $L = 15$



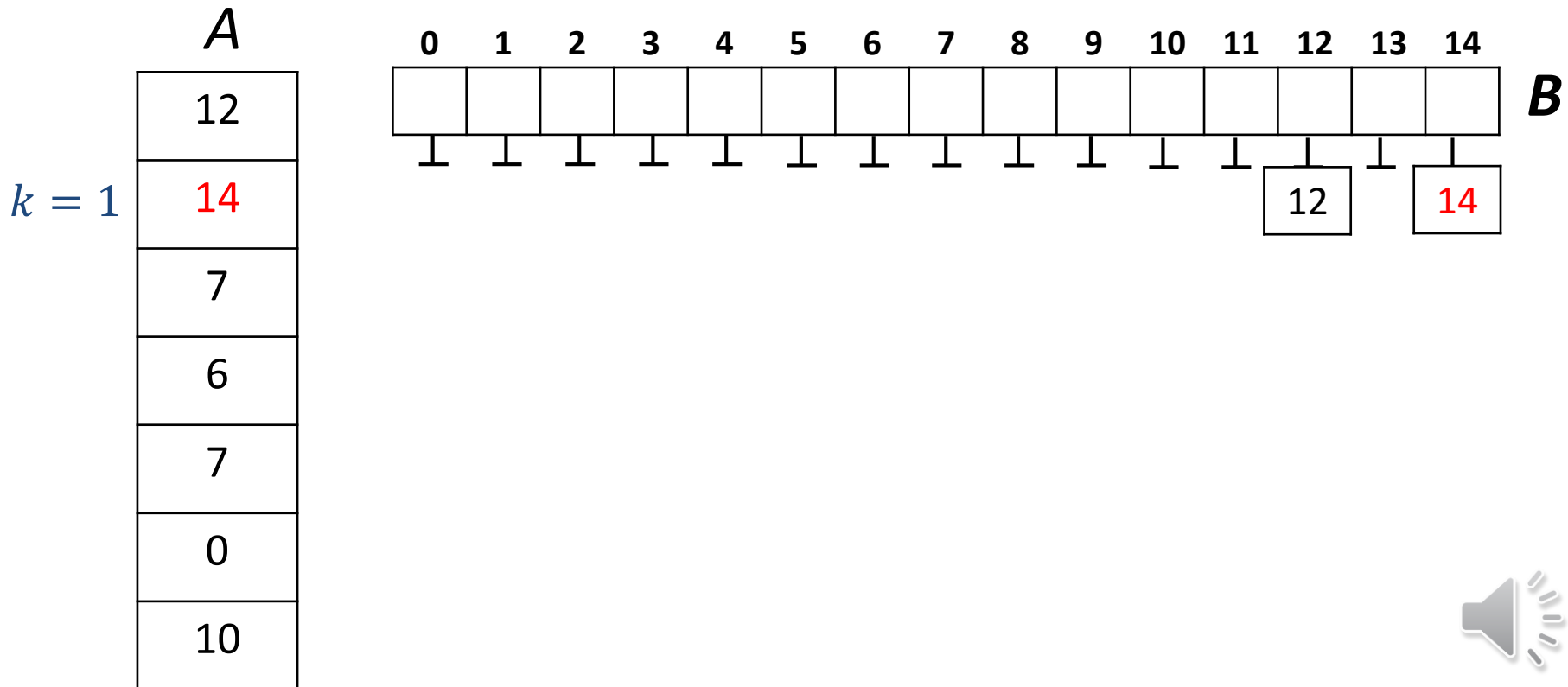
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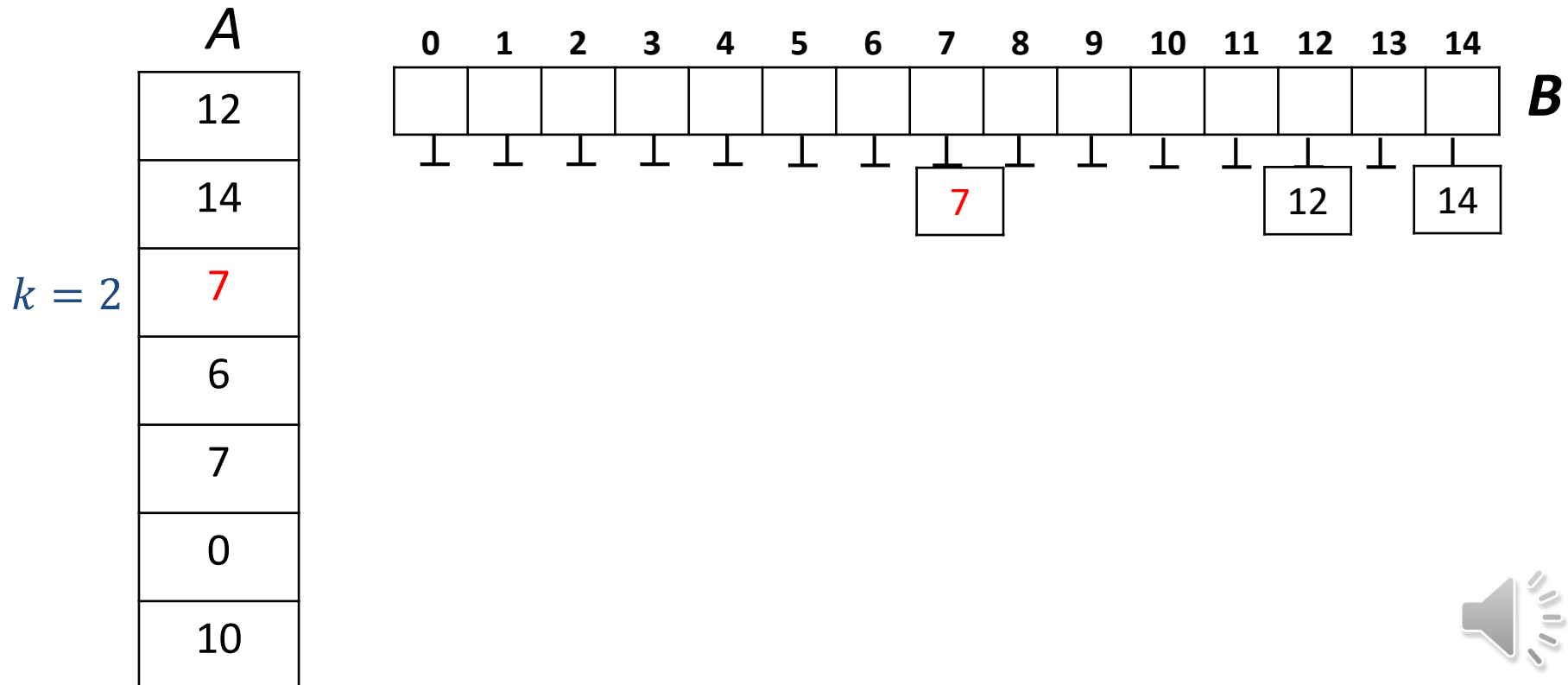
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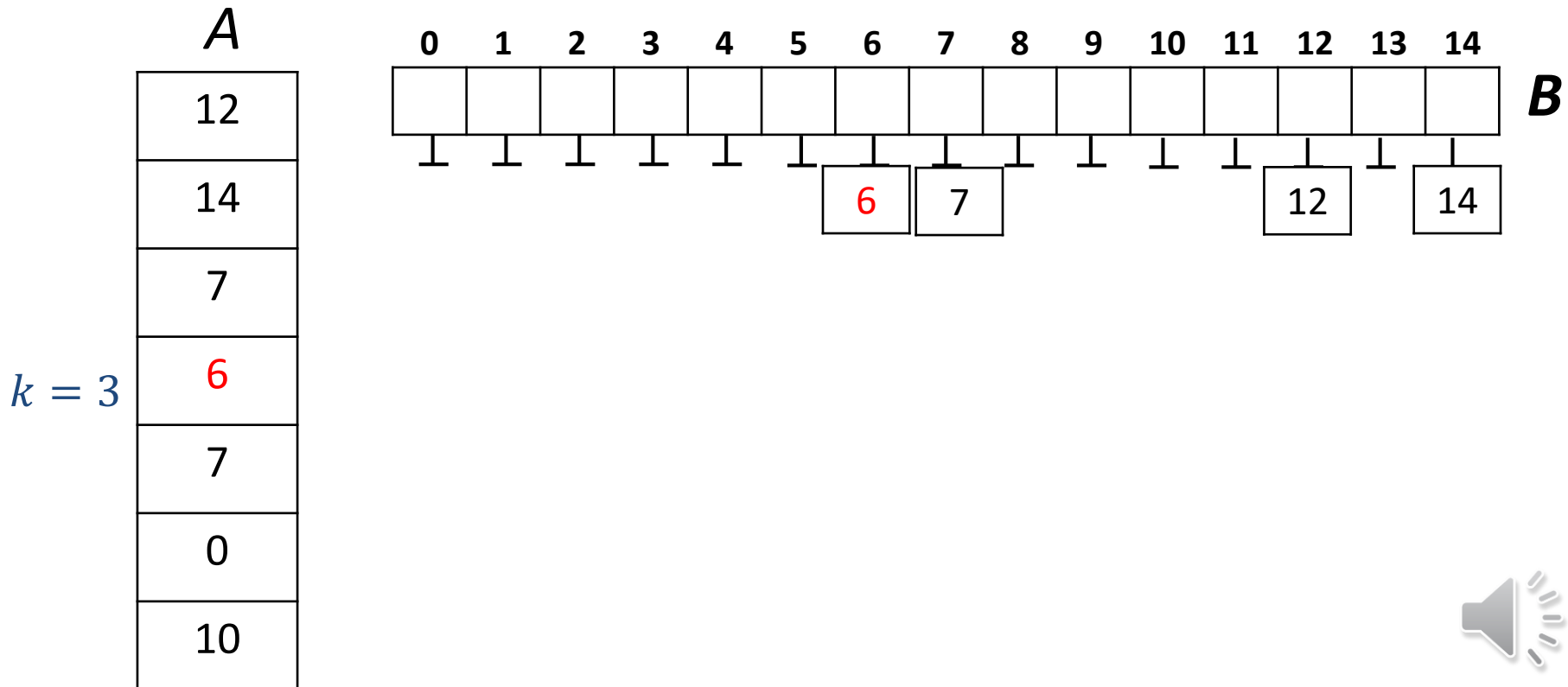
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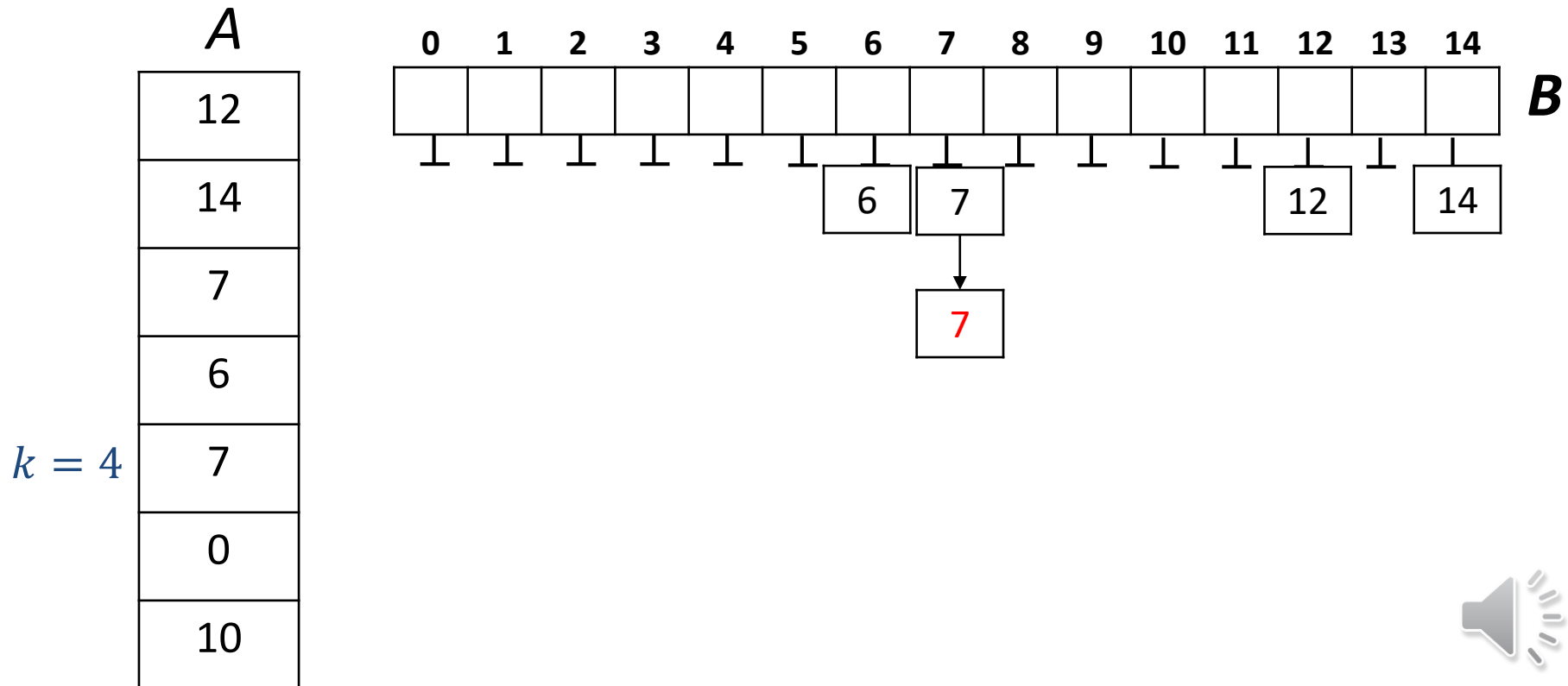
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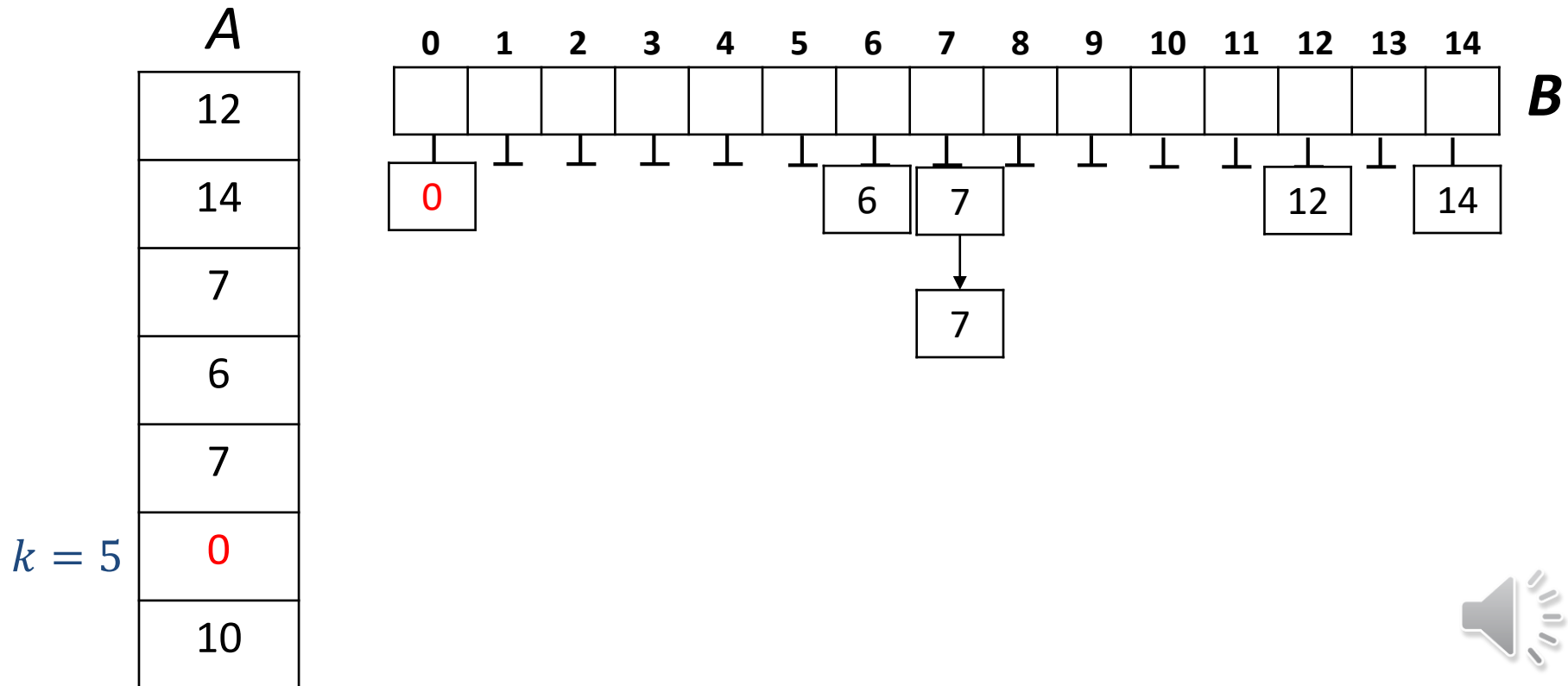
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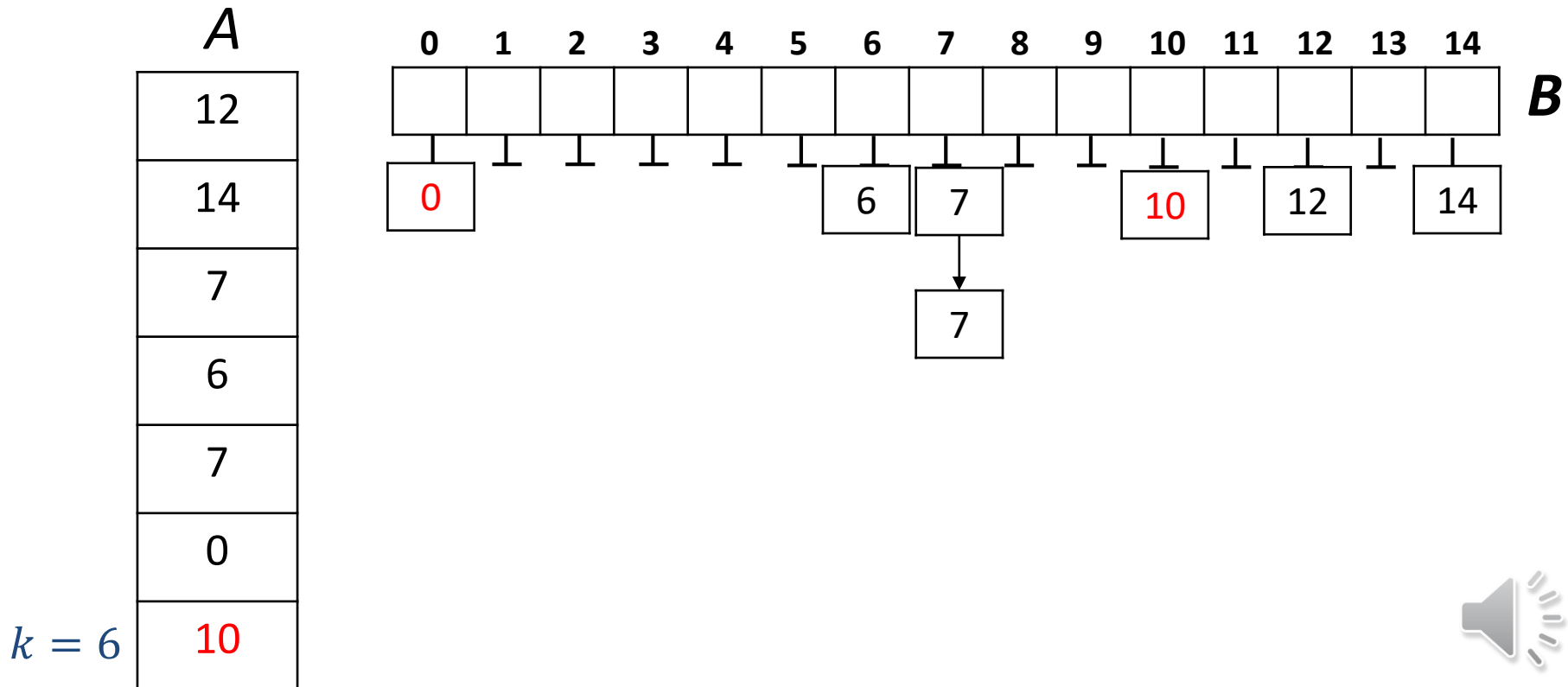
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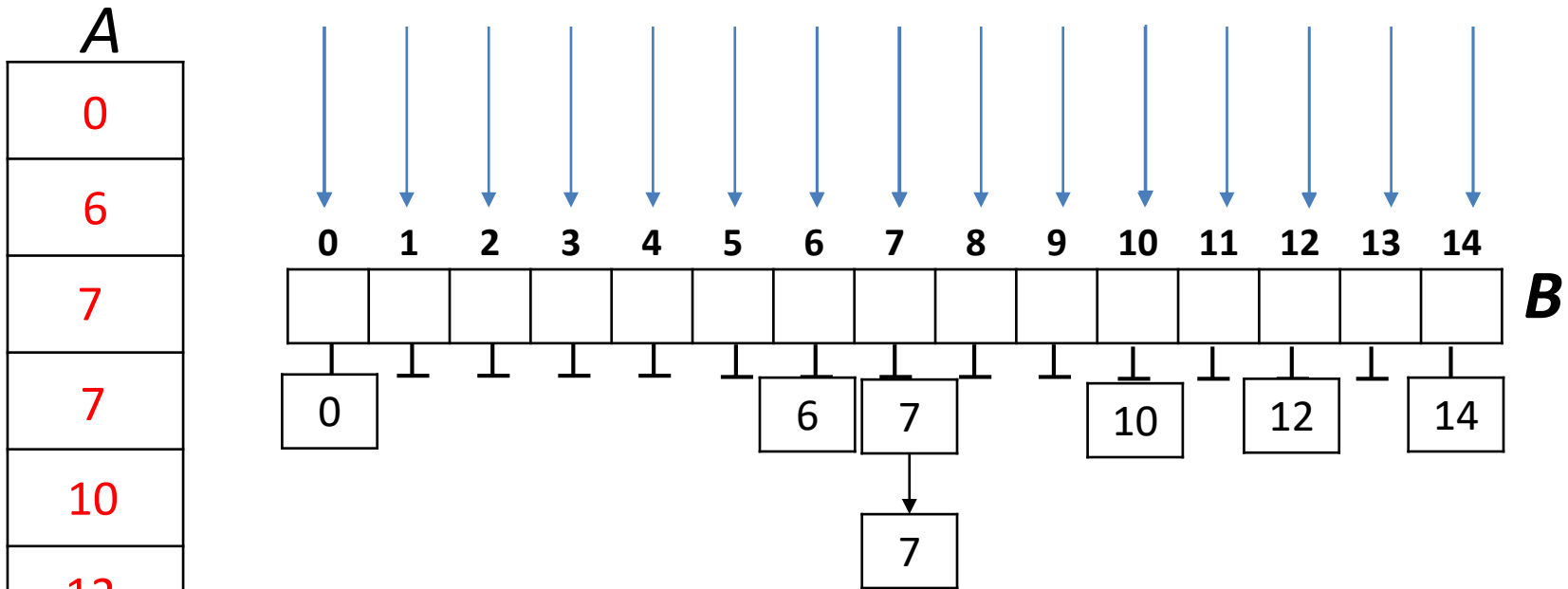
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- Now iterate through B and copy non-empty buckets to A



- Time complexity is $\Theta(L + n)$
 - n is size of A



Digit Based Non-Comparison-Based Sorting

- Running time of bucket sort is $\Theta(L + n)$
 - n is size of A
 - L is range $[0, L)$ of integers in A
- What if L is much larger than n ?
 - i.e. A has size 100, range of integers in A is $[0, \dots, 99999]$
- Assume at most m digits in any key
 - pad with leading 0s

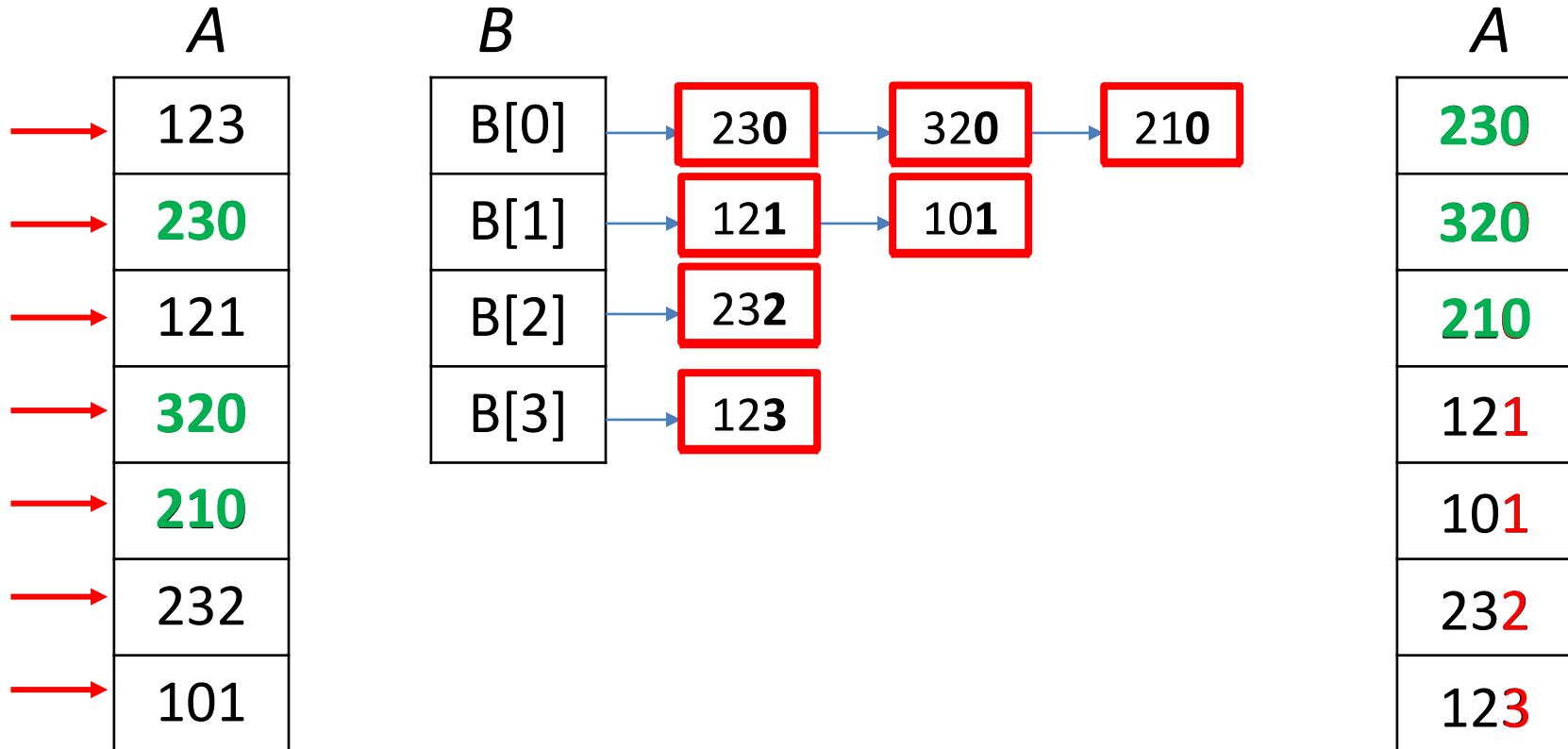
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- Can sort 'digit by digit', can go
 - forward, from digit 1 $\rightarrow m$ (more obvious)
 - backward, from from digit $m \rightarrow 1$ (less obvious)
 - bucketsort is perfect for sorting 'by digit'
- Example: A has size 100, range of integers in A is $[0, \dots, 99999]$
 - integers have at most 5 digits, need only 5 iterations of bucketsort



Bucket Sort on Last Digit

- Equivalent to normal bucket sort if we redefine comparison
 - $a \leq b$ if the last digit of a is smaller than (or equal) to the last digit of b



- Bucket sort is stable: equal items stay in original order
 - crucial for developing LSD radix sort later



Base R number representation

- Number of distinct digits gives the number of buckets R
- Useful to control number of buckets
 - larger R means less digits (less iterations), but more work per iteration (larger bucket array)
 - may want exactly 2, or 4, or even 128 buckets
- Can do so with base R representation
 - digits go from 0 to $R - 1$
 - R buckets
 - numbers are in the range $\{0, 1, \dots, R^m - 1\}$
- From now on, assume keys are numbers in base R (R : radix)
 - $R = 2, 10, 128, 256$ are common
- Example ($R = 4$)

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Single Digit Bucket Sort

Bucket-sort(A, d)

A : array of size n , contains numbers with digits in $\{0, \dots, R - 1\}$

d : index of digit by which we wish to sort

initialize array $B[0, \dots, R - 1]$ of empty lists (buckets)

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n - 1$ **do**

$next \leftarrow A[i]$

 append $next$ at end of $B[d\text{th digit of } next]$

$i \leftarrow 0$

for $j \leftarrow 0$ to $R - 1$ **do**

while $B[j]$ is non-empty **do**

 move first element of $B[j]$ to $A[i++]$

- Sorting is stable: equal items stay in original order
- Run-time $\Theta(n + R)$
- Auxiliary space $\Theta(n + R)$
 - $\Theta(R)$ for array B , and linked lists are $\Theta(n)$

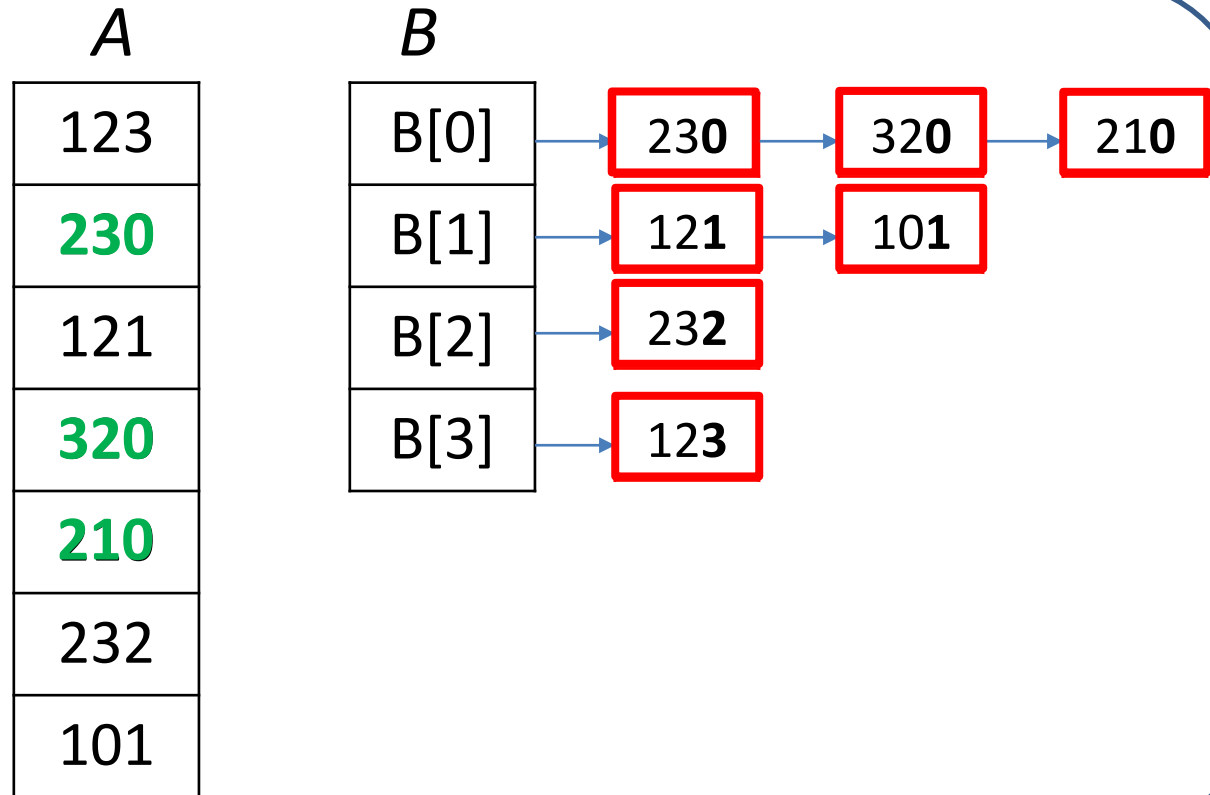


Single Digit Bucket Sort

Bucket-sort

A : array of

d : index of



- Sorting is stable
- Run-time $\Theta(n + R)$
- Auxiliary space $\Theta(n + R)$
 - $\Theta(R)$ for array B , and linked lists are $\Theta(n)$
- Can replace lists by two auxiliary arrays of size R and n , resulting in *count-sort*
 - no details



MSD-Radix-Sort

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- Start by sorting the whole array by the first digit

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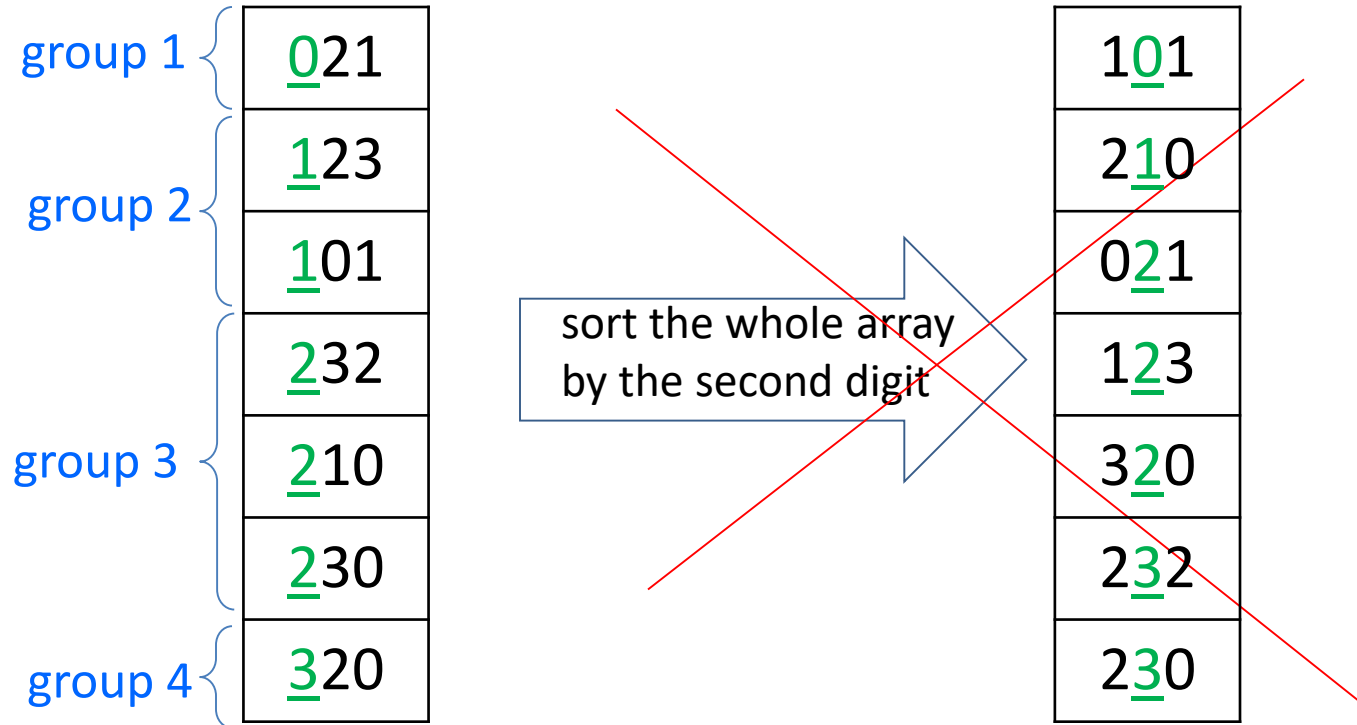
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<u>2</u> 10
<u>2</u> 30
<u>1</u> 01



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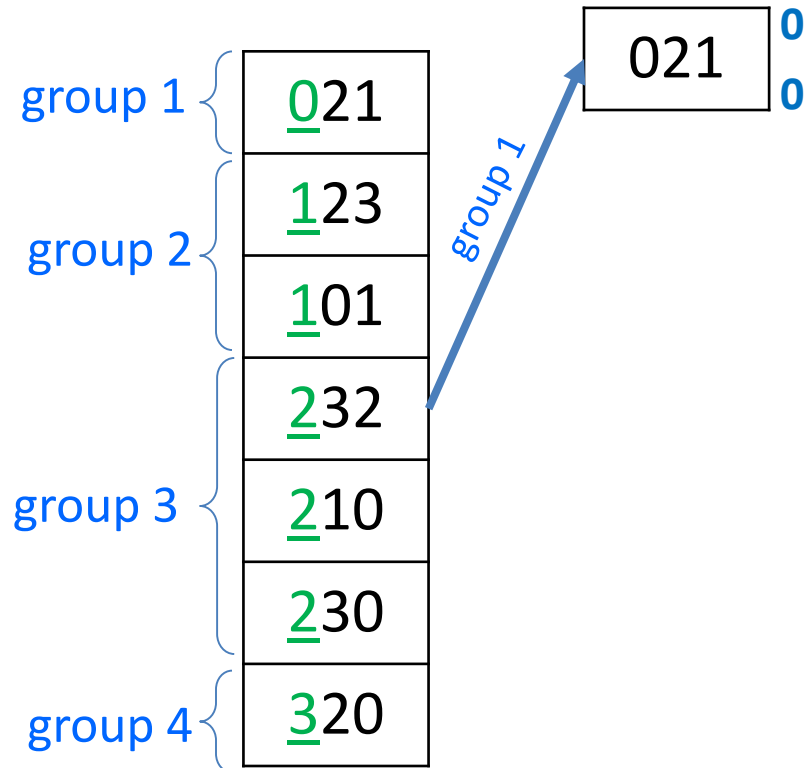


- Cannot sort the whole array by the second digit, will mess up the order
- Have to break down in groups by the first digit
 - each group can be safely sorted by the second digit
 - call sort recursively on each group, with appropriate array bounds



MSD-Radix-Sort

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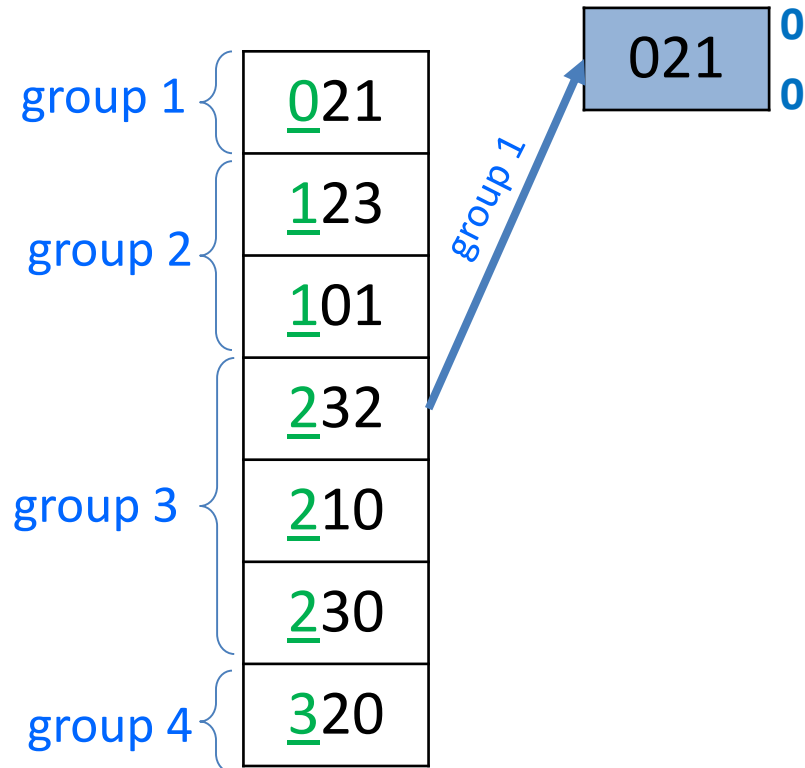
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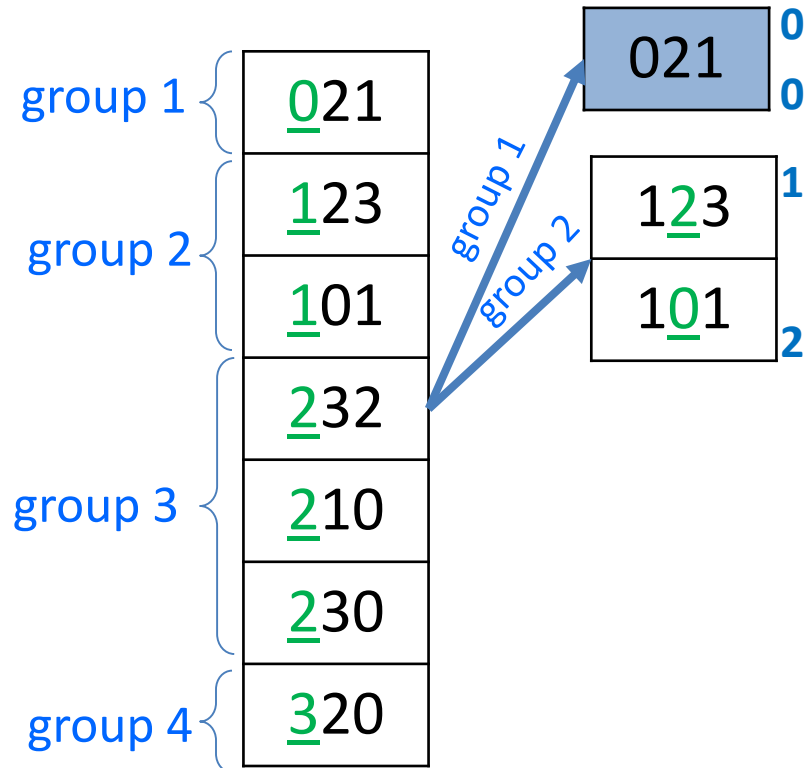
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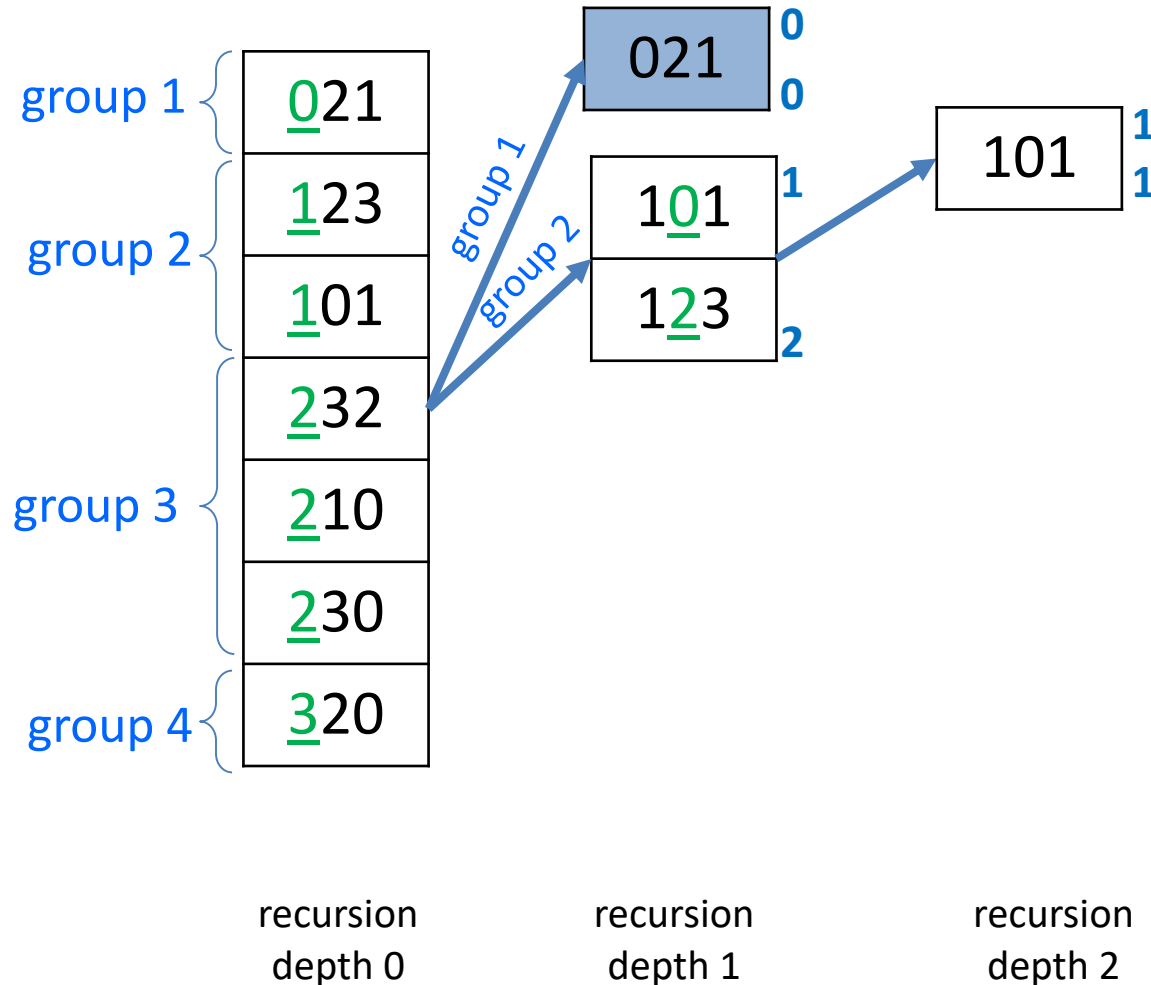
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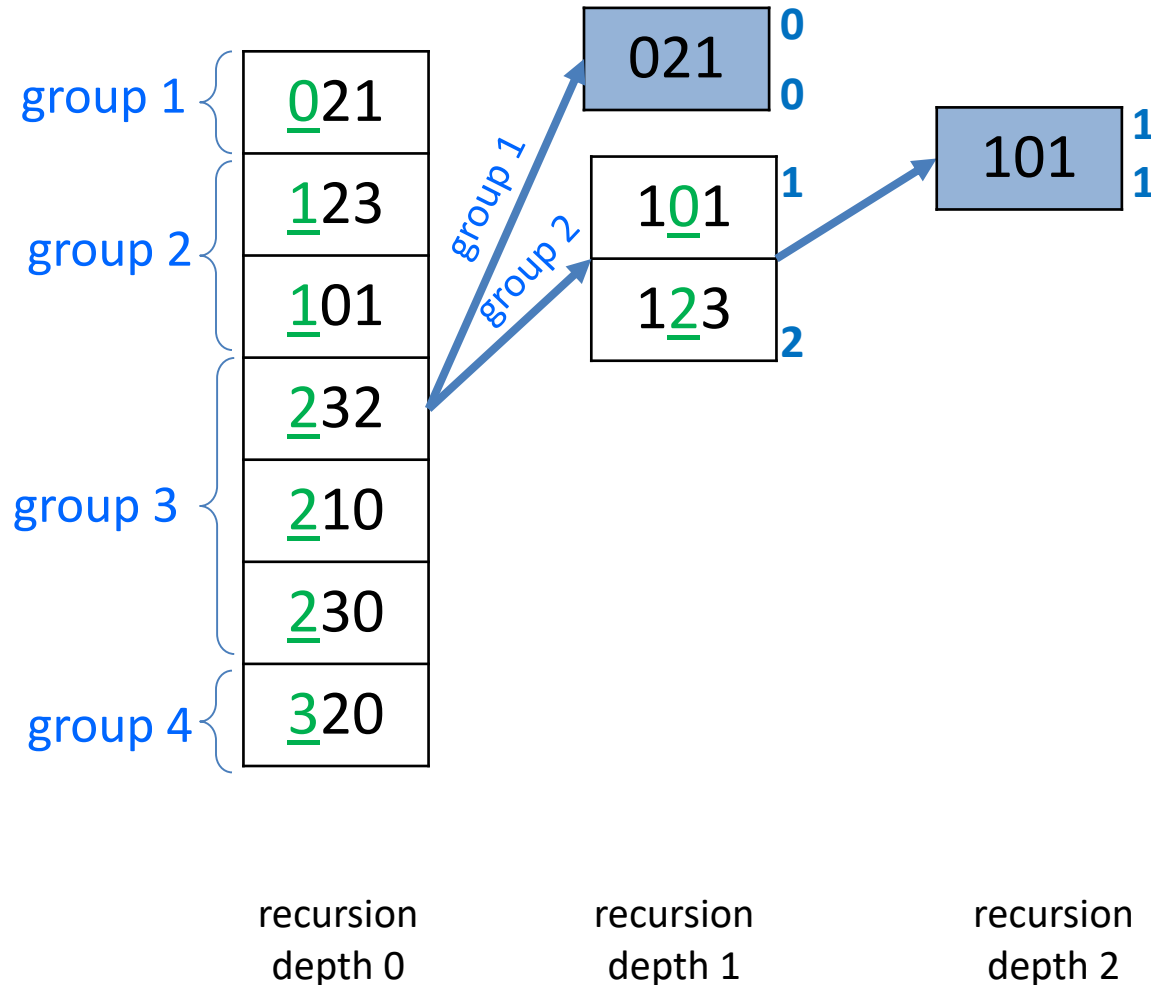
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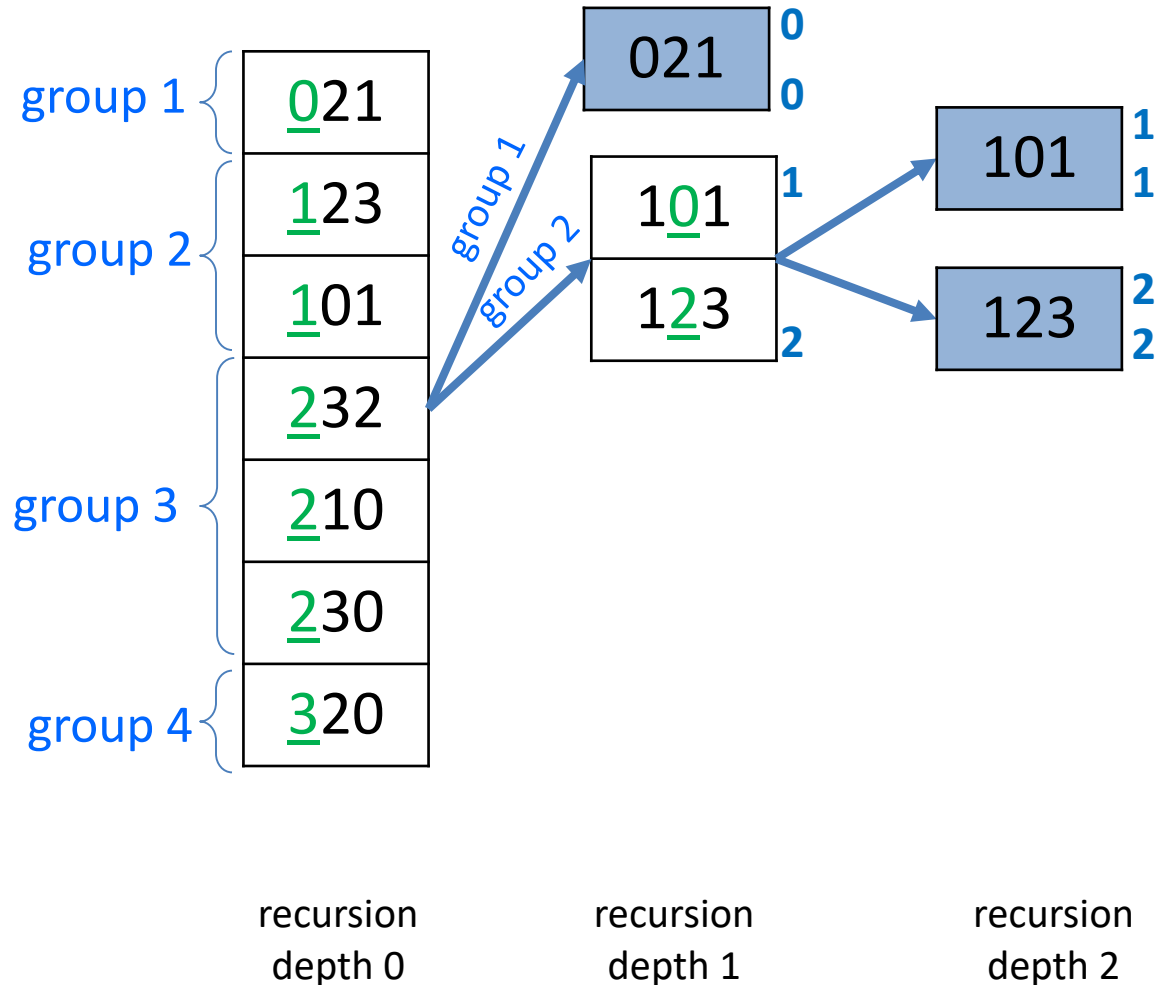
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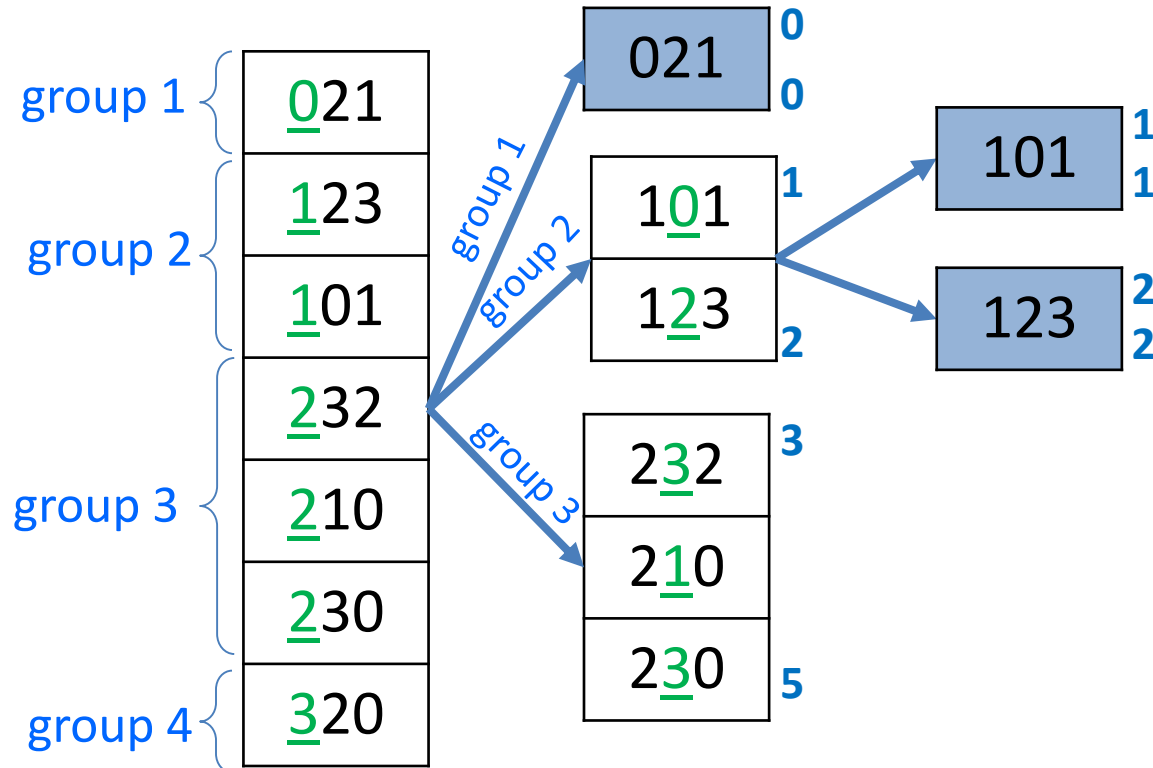
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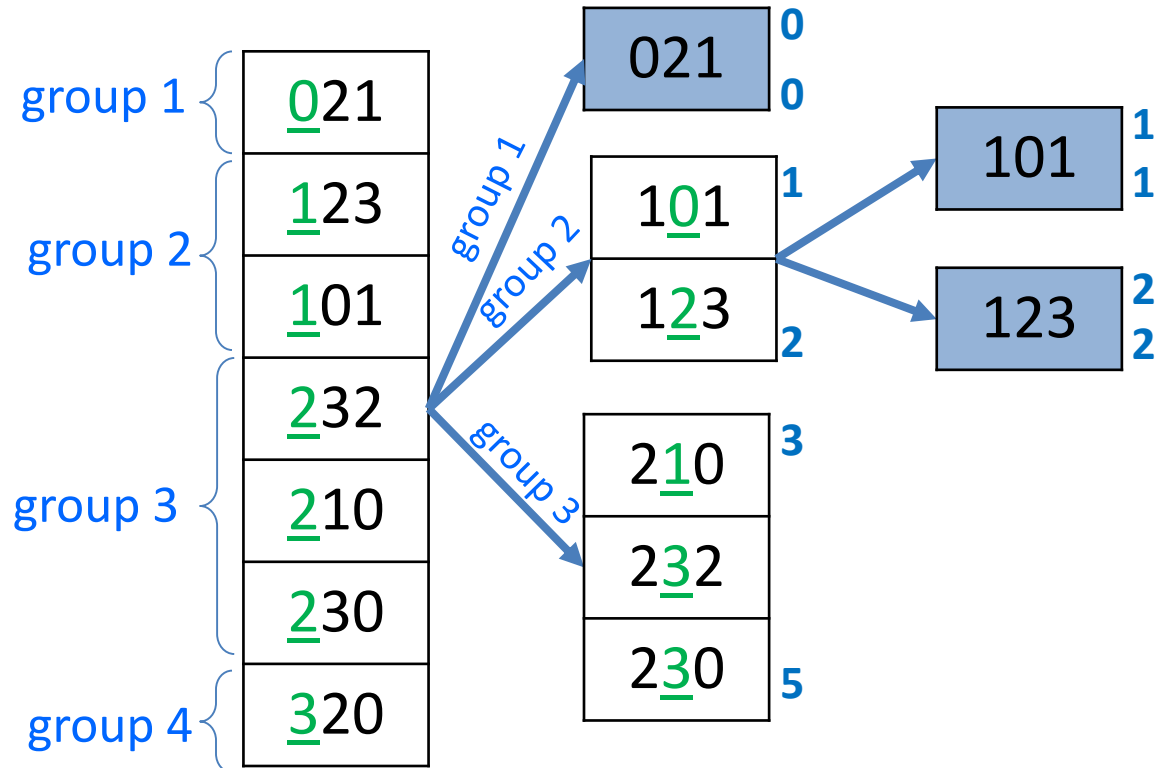
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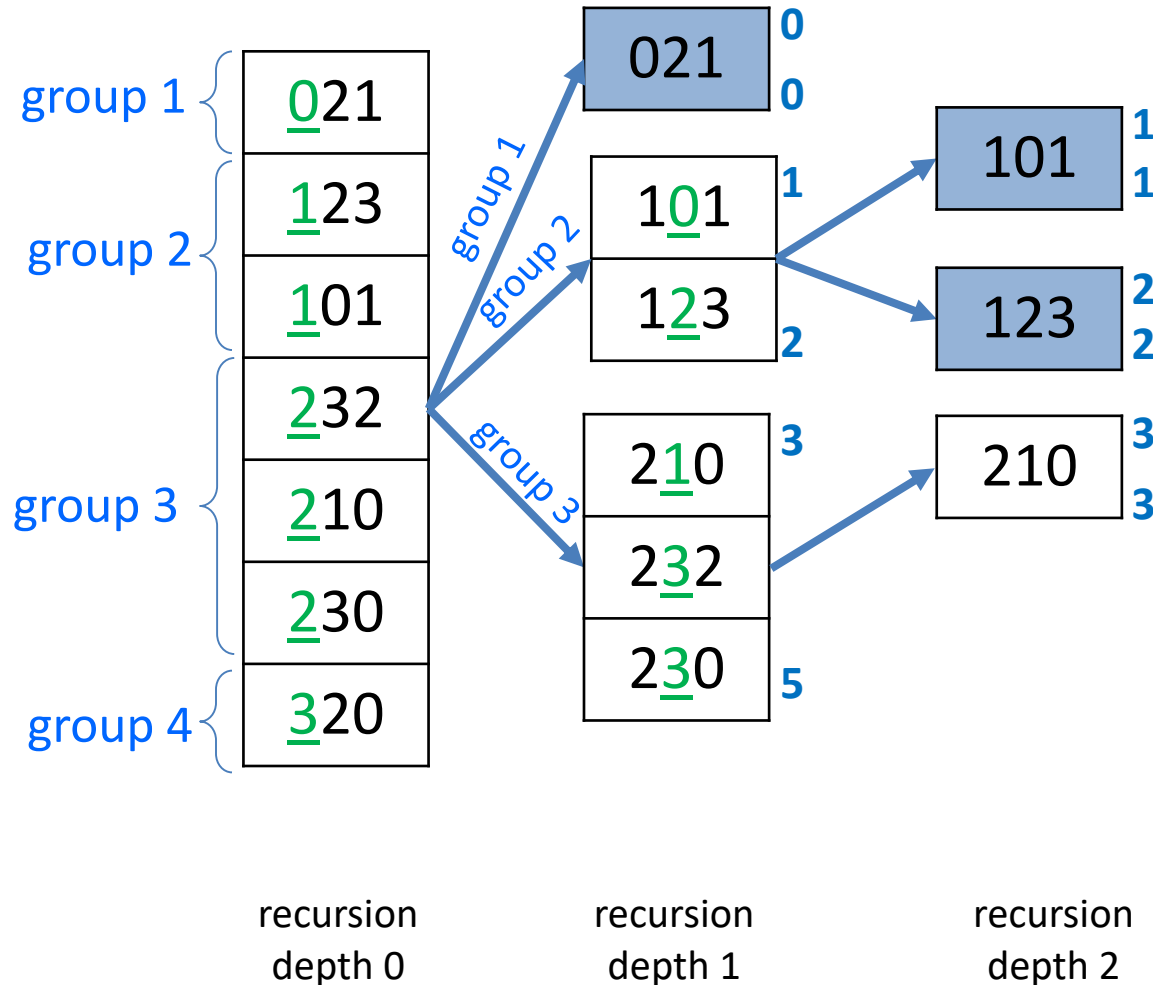
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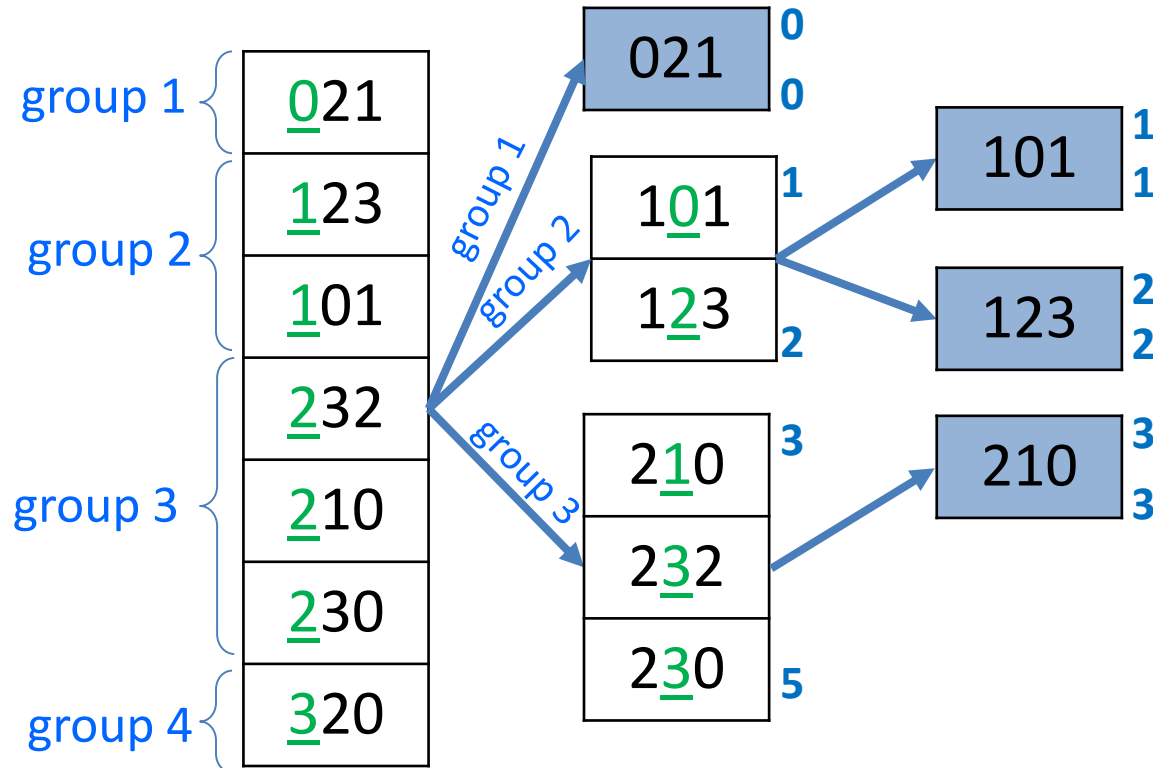
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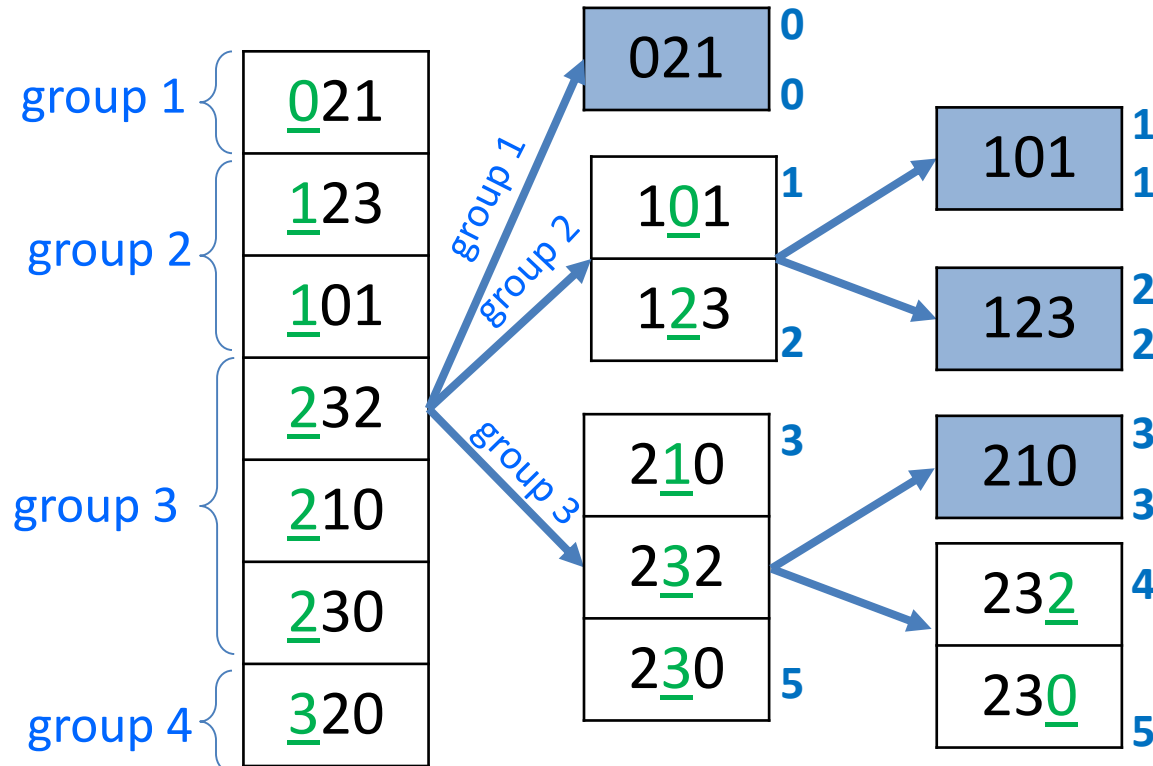
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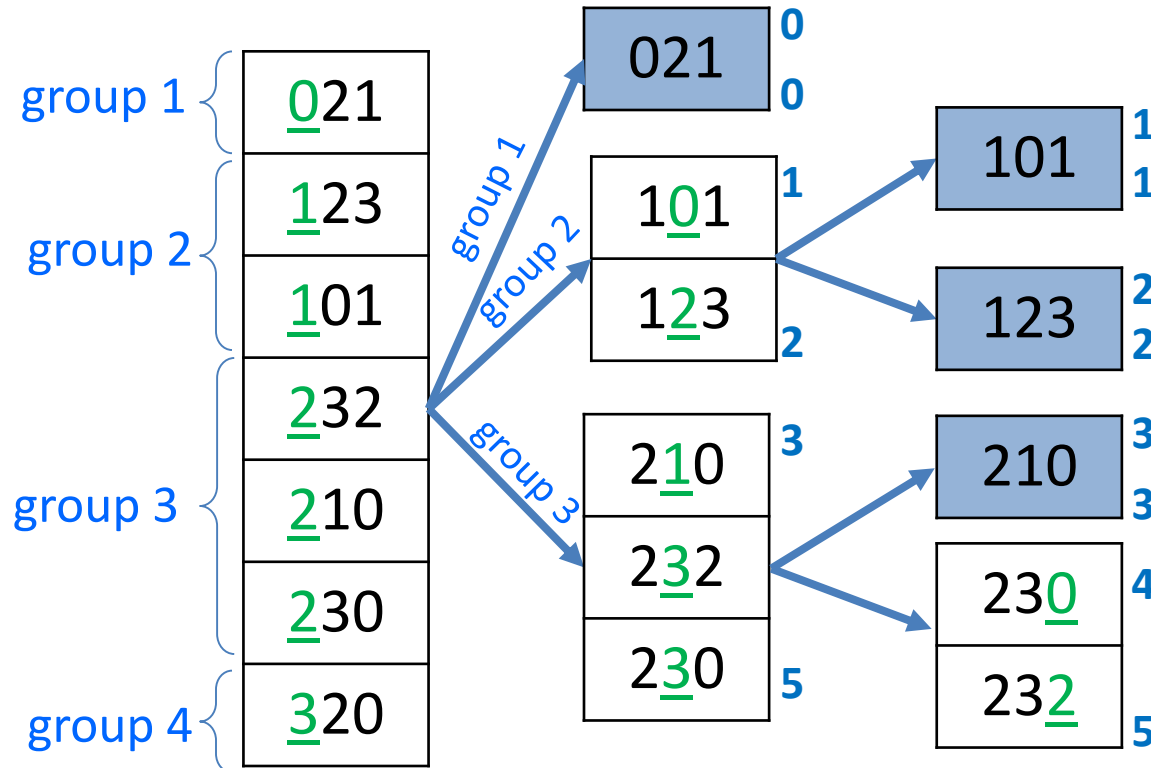
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MSD-Radix-Sort Pseudocode

- Sorts array of m -digit radix- R numbers recursively
- Sort by leading digit, then each group by next digit, etc.

MSD-Radix-sort($A, l \leftarrow 0, r \leftarrow n - 1, d \leftarrow \text{leading digit index}$)

l, r : indexes between which to sort, $0 \leq l, r \leq n - 1$

if $l < r$

bucket-sort($A[l \dots r], d$)

if there are digits left

$l' \leftarrow l$

while ($l' \leq r$) **do**

 let $r' \geq l'$ be the maximal s.t $A[l' \dots r']$ have the same d th digit

MSD-Radix-sort($A, l', r', d + 1$)

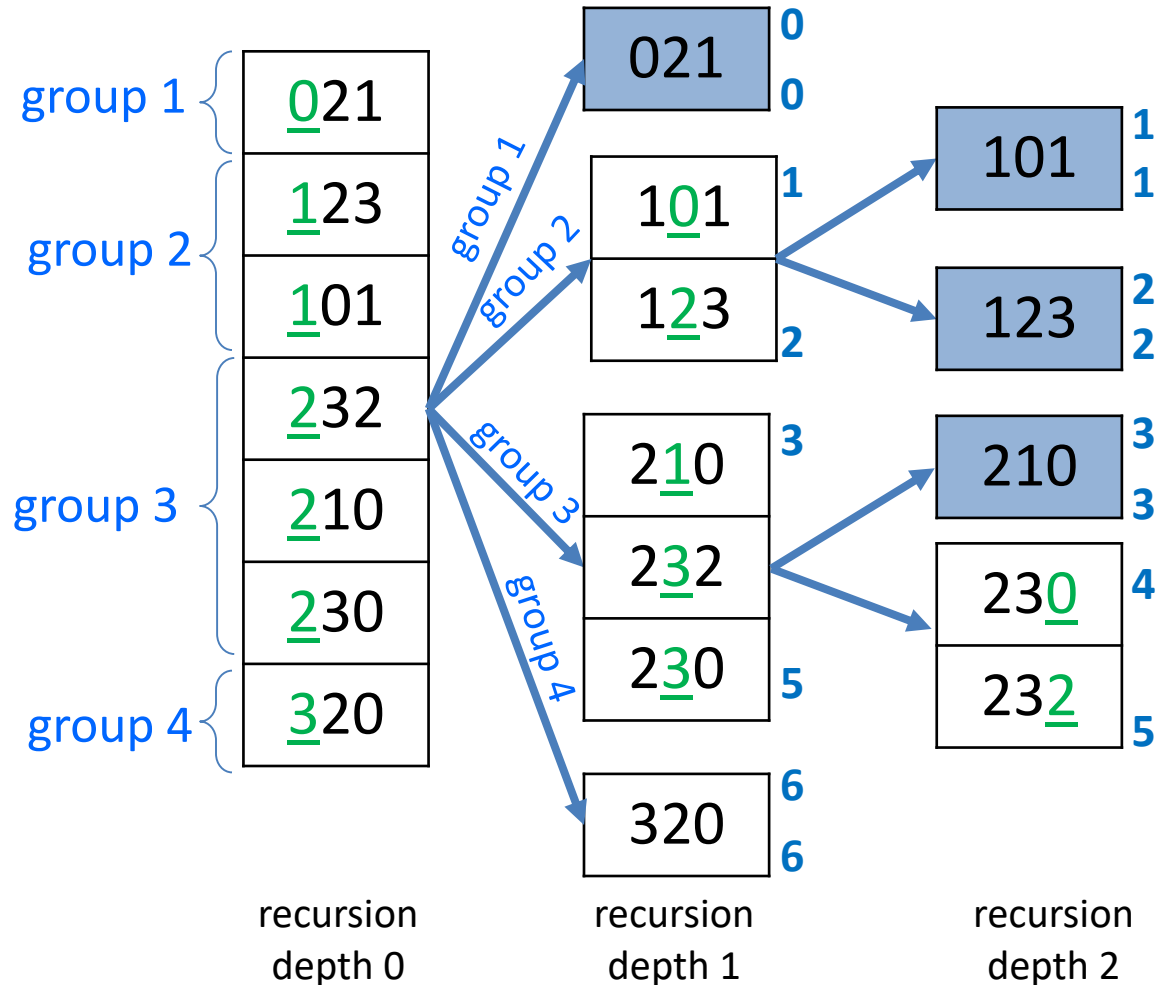
$l' \leftarrow r' + 1$

- Run-time $O(mnR)$
- Auxiliary space is $\Theta(m + n + R)$ for bucket sort and recursion stack
- Drawback of *MSD-Radix-sort* is many recursions



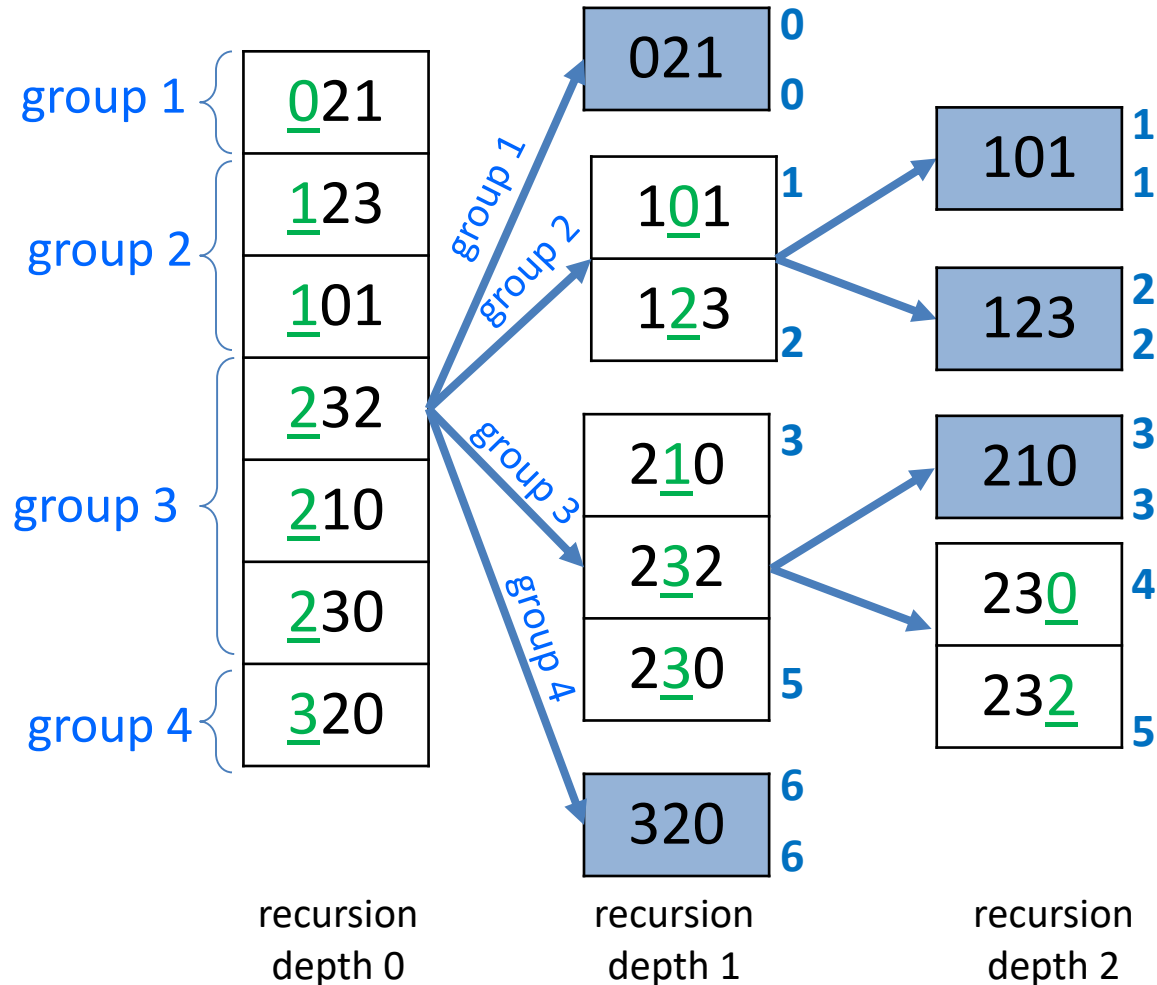
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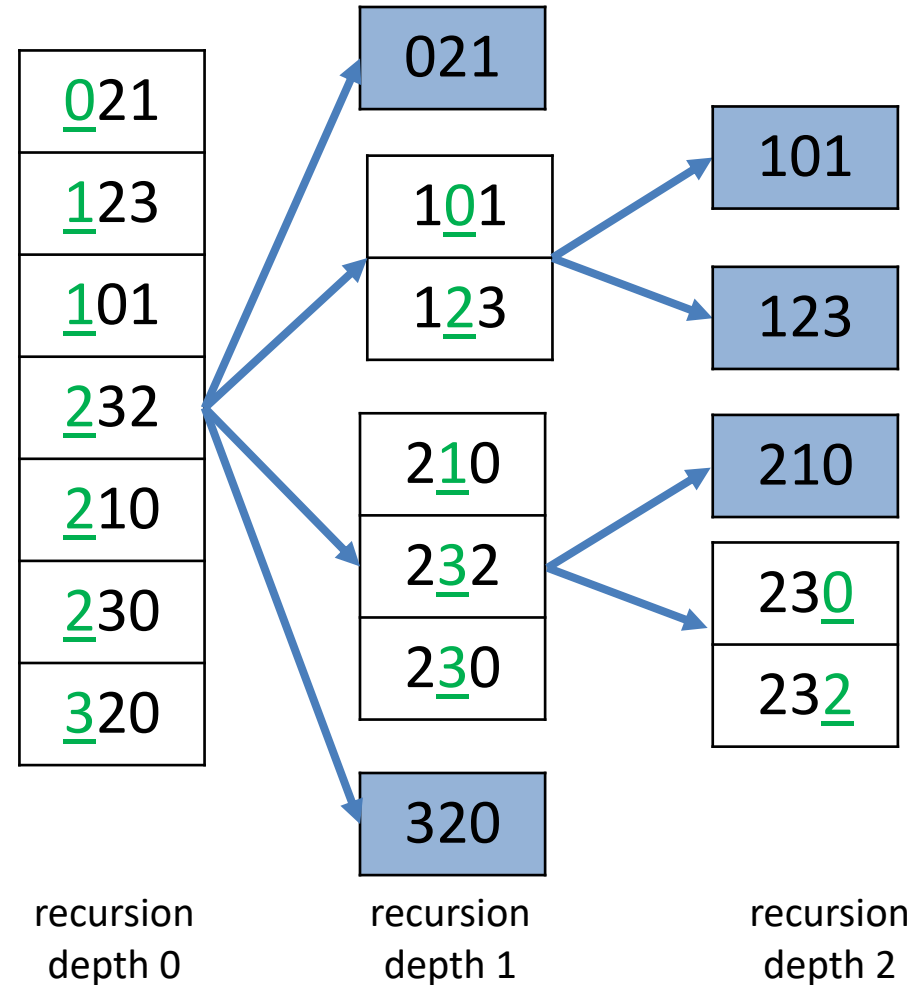
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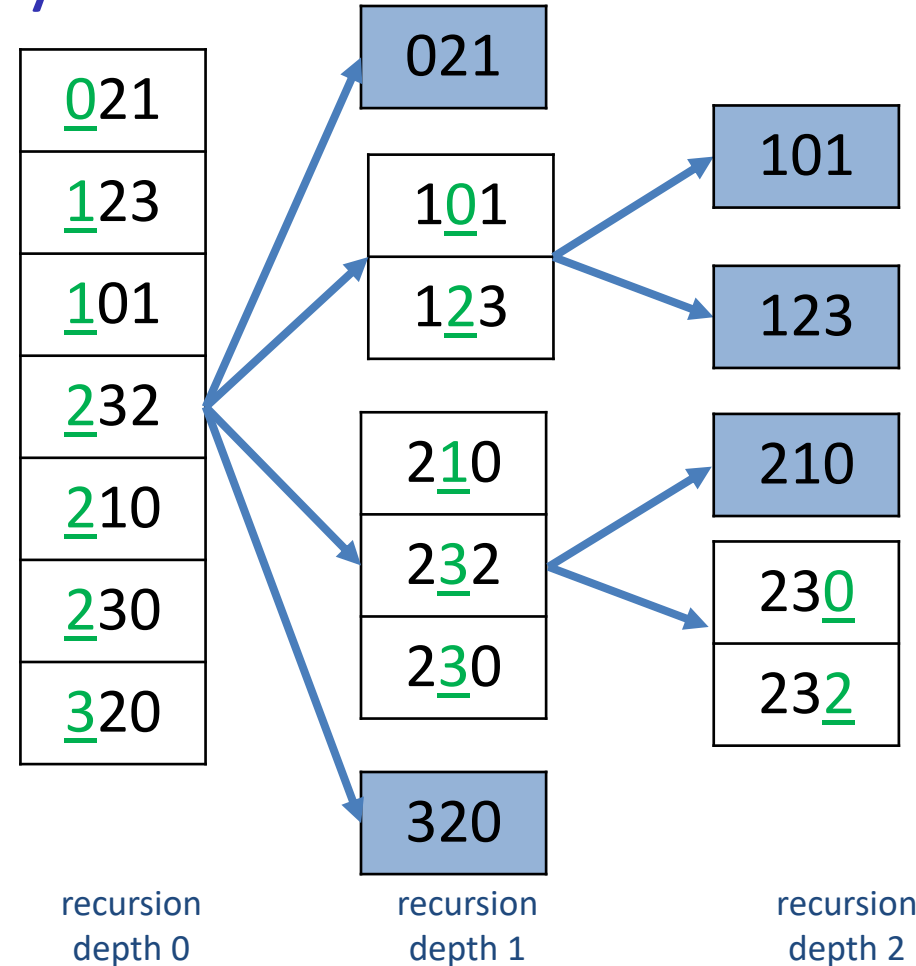
MSD-Radix-Sort Space Analysis

- Bucket-sort
 - auxiliary space $\Theta(n + R)$
- Recursion depth is $m - 1$
 - auxiliary space $\Theta(m)$
- Total auxiliary space $\Theta(n + R + m)$



MSD-Radix-Sort Time Analysis

- Time spent for each recursion depth
 - Depth 0
 - one bucket sort on n items
 - $\Theta(n + R)$
 - All other depths
 - lets k be the number of bucket sorts at each depth
 - $k \leq n$
 - cannot have more bucket sorts than the array size
 - each bucket sort is on n_i items
 - $\sum_{i=0}^k n_i = n$
 - each bucket sort is $n_i + R$
 - $\sum_{i=0}^k (n_i + R) = n + \sum_{i=0}^k R \leq n + nR$
 - total time at any depth is $O(nR)$
- Number of depths is at most $m - 1$
- Total time $O(mnR)$



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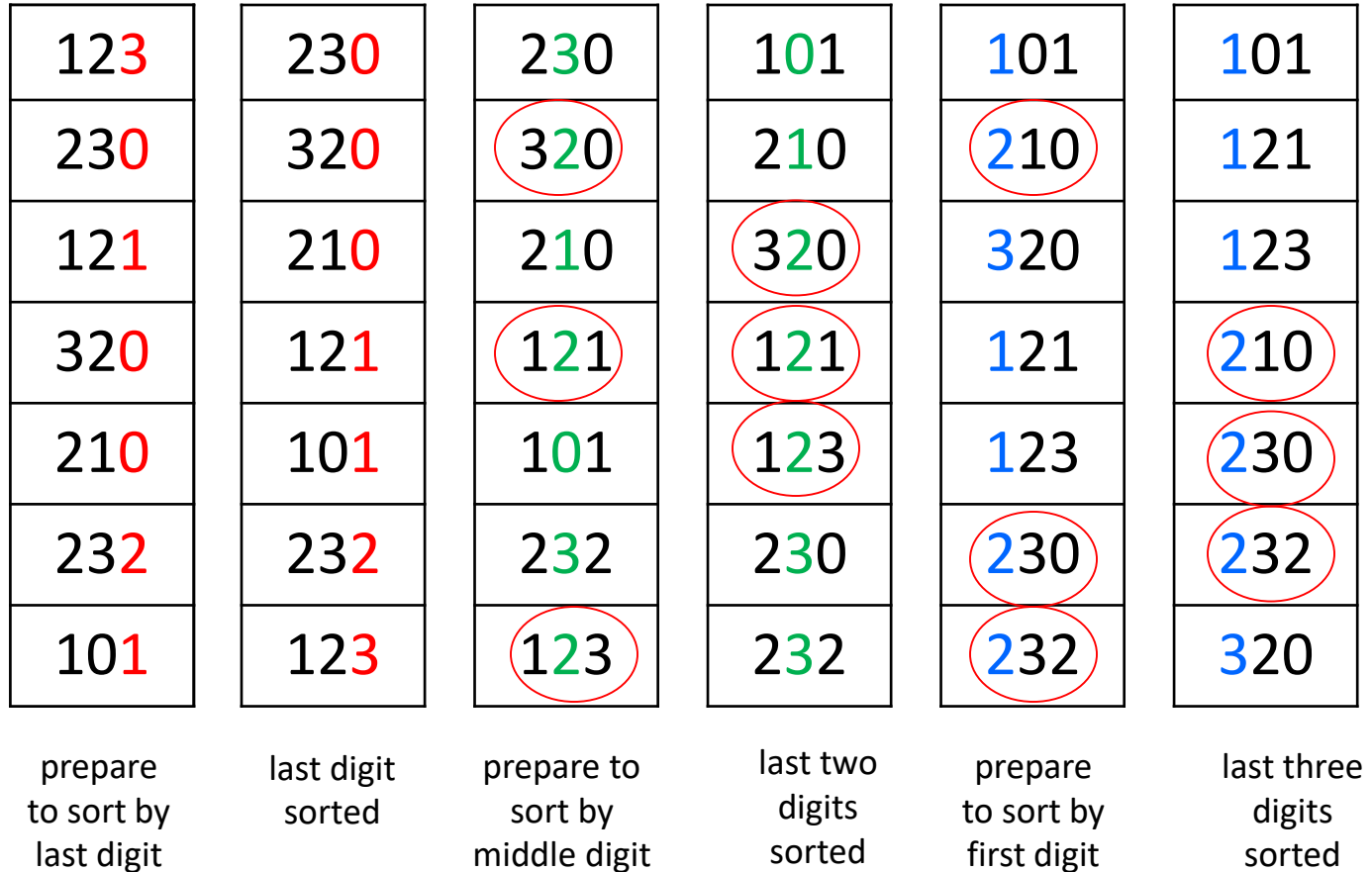


LSD-Radix-Sort

- **Idea:** apply single digit bucket sort from least significant digit to the most significant digit
- Observe that digit bucket sort is stable
 - equal elements stay in the original order
 - therefore, we can apply single digit bucket sort to the **whole array**, and the output will be sorted after iterations over all digits



LSD-Radix-Sort



- m bucket sorts, on n items each, one bucket sort is $\Theta(n + R)$
- Total time cost $\Theta(m(n + R))$



LSD-Radix-Sort

LSD-radix-sort(A)

A : array of size n , contains m -digit radix- R numbers

for $d \leftarrow$ least significant **down to** most significant digit **do**

bucket-sort(A, d)

- Loop invariant: after iteration i , A is sorted w.r.t. the last i digits of each entry
- Time cost $\Theta(m(n + R))$
- Auxiliary space $\Theta(n + R)$



Summary

- Sorting is an important and *very* well-studied problem
- Can be done in $\Theta(n \log n)$ time
 - faster is not possible for general input
- HeapSort is the only $\Theta(n \log n)$ time algorithm we have seen with $O(1)$ auxiliary space
- MergeSort is also $\Theta(n \log n)$ time
- Selection and insertion sorts are $\Theta(n^2)$
- QuickSort is worst-case $\Theta(n^2)$, but often the fastest in practice
- BucketSort and RadixSort can achieve $o(n \log n)$ if the input is special
- Best-case, worst-case, average-case can all differ
- Randomized algorithms can eliminate “bad cases”, resulting in the same expected time for all cases

