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Radix Sort

- **Sorting small universes.** Given a sequence of n integers from a universe $U = \{0, 1, \dots, u-1\}$.
- How fast can we sort sequence if the size of the universe is not too big?

Radix Sort

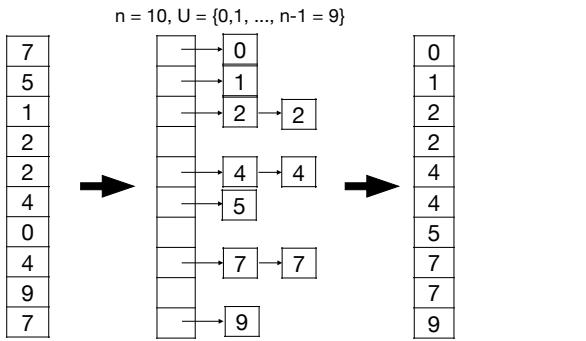
$n = 10, U = \{0,1\}$



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

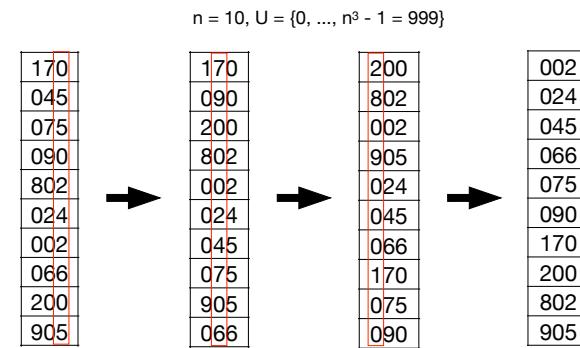
- **Algorithm.** Count 0s and 1s.
- **Time.** $O(n)$.

Radix Sort



- Algorithm. Insert into array of linked list + traverse array of linked list.
- Time. $O(n + u) = O(n)$
- Sorting can be **stable**.

Radix Sort



- Radix Sort. Sort on each digit from right to left using stable sort.
- Time. $O(n + n + n) = O(n)$

Radix Sort

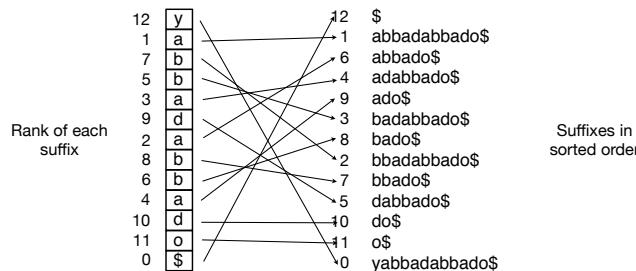
- Radix Sort [Hollerith 1887]. Sort sequence of n integers from $U = \{0, \dots, n^k - 1\}$.
 - Write each element in sequence as a base n integer $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$
 - Sort sequence according to each digit from right to left. Sorting should be **stable**.
- Time. $O(nk)$

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Suffix Sort

- **Suffix sorting.** Given string S of length n over alphabet Σ , compute the sorted **lexicographic order** of all suffixes of S .

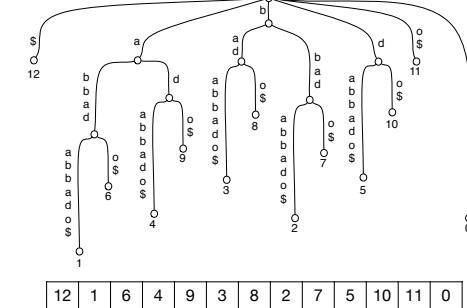


- **Theorem [Kasai et al. 2001].** Given the sorted lexicographic order of suffixes of S , we can construct the suffix tree for S in linear time.

Suffix Sort

- **suffix trees and sorting.** The lexicographic order of the suffixes is the same ordering as suffixes in the leaves of the suffix tree.

- **suffix array.** The array of the sorted order of the suffixes.



Suffix Sort

- **Goal.** Compute the lexicographic order of all suffixes of S fast.
- For simplicity assume $|\Sigma| = O(n)$
- **Solution in 3 steps.**
 - Solution 1: Radix sorting
 - Solution 2: Prefix doubling
 - Solution 3: Difference cover sampling

Solution 1: Radix Sort

- **Radix Sort.**
 - Generate all suffixes (pad with \$).
 - Radix sort.

yabbadabbado\$
 abbadabbado\$
 bbadabbado\$\$
 badabbado\$\$\$
 adabbado\$\$\$\$
 dabbado\$\$\$\$\$
 abbado\$\$\$\$
 bbado\$\$\$\$\$
 bado\$\$\$\$\$
 ado\$\$\$\$\$
 do\$\$\$\$\$
 o\$\$\$\$\$
 \$\$\$\$\$\$

- **Time.** $O(n^2)$

Solution 2: Prefix Doubling

- Prefix doubling [Manber and Myers 1990]. Sort substrings (padded with \$) of lengths 1, 2, 4, 8, ..., n. Each step uses radix sort on pair from previous step.

5	y	8	51	ya	10	84	yabb
1	a	1	12	ab	1	13	abba
2	b	4	22	bb	6	42	bbad
2	b	3	21	ba	4	35	bada
1	a	2	13	ad	2	21	adab
3	d	5	31	da	7	54	dabb
1	a	1	12	ab	1	13	abba
2	b	4	22	bb	6	42	bbad
2	b	3	21	ba	5	36	bado
1	a	2	13	ad	3	27	ado\$
3	d	6	34	do	8	60	do\$\$
4	o	7	40	o\$	9	70	o\$\$\$
0	\$	0	00	\$\$	0	00	\$\$\$\$

- Time. $O(n \log n)$

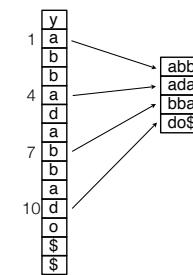
Solution 3: Difference Cover Sampling

- DC3 Algorithm [Karkkainen et al. 2003]. Sort suffixes in three steps:
 - Step 1. Sort sample suffixes.
 - Sample all suffixes starting at positions $i = 1 \bmod 3$ and $i = 2 \bmod 3$.
 - Recursively sort sample suffixes.
 - Step 2. Sort non-sample suffixes.
 - Sort the remaining suffixes (starting at positions $i = 0 \bmod 3$).
 - Step 3. Merge.
 - Merge sample and non-sample suffixes.

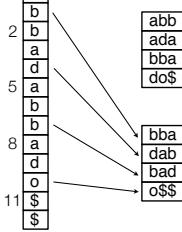
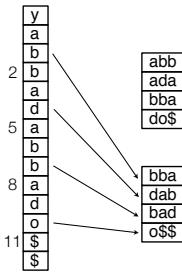
Step 1: Sort Sample Suffixes

y
a
b
b
a
d
a
b
b
a
d
o
\$
\$

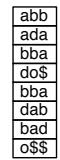
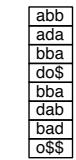
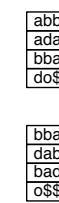
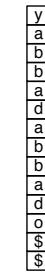
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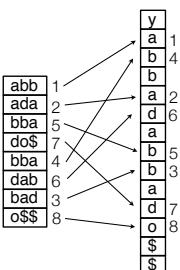
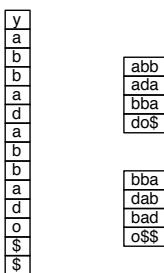
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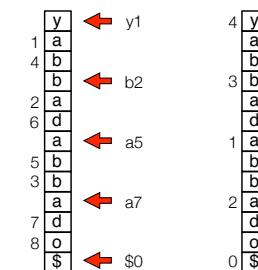
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Step 2: Sort Non-Sample Suffixes



Step 3: Merge

4	y
1	a
4	b
3	b
2	a
6	d
1	a
5	b
3	b
2	a
7	d
8	o
0	\$

1	y
1	a
1	b
1	b
1	a
1	d
1	a
1	b
1	b
1	a
0	\$

Step 3: Merge

4	y
1	a
4	b
3	b
2	a
6	d
1	a
5	b
3	b
2	a
7	d
8	o
0	\$

1	y
1	a
1	b
1	b
1	a
1	d
2	a
2	b
2	b
2	a
0	\$

Step 3: Merge

4	y
1	a
4	b
3	b
2	a
6	d
1	a
5	b
3	b
2	a
7	d
8	o
0	\$

1	y
1	b
3	a
2	d
1	a
5	b
3	b
2	a
0	\$

Step 3: Merge

4	y
1	a
4	b
3	b
2	a
6	d
1	a
5	b
3	b
2	a
7	d
8	o
0	\$

1	y
1	b
3	b
2	a
3	a
2	d
1	a
5	b
3	b
2	a
0	\$

Step 3: Merge

1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$

1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	b	d	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$

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1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	b	d	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	b	a	d	o	\$

1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	b	d	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$

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1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	b	d	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$

1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	b	d	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	5	3	2	4	6	2	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$

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1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	b	d	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	4	3	2	6	5	1	7	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	b	a	d	o	\$

1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
y	a	b	a	d	b	a	b	d	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
a	b	a	b	d	a	b	d	o	\$
1	7	5	3	2	4	6	2	8	0
b	a	b	a	d	b	a	d	o	\$

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4	y	← ya4
1	a	
4	b	
3	b	
2	a	
6	d	← da5
1	a	
5	b	
3	b	
2	a	
7	d	
8	o	
0	\$	

1	a
7	b
5	b
3	a
9	d
2	a
8	b
6	b
4	a
0	\$

Step 3: Merge

4	y	← y1
1	a	
4	b	
3	b	
2	a	
6	d	
1	a	
5	b	
3	b	
2	a	
7	d	← d8
8	o	
0	\$	

1	a
7	b
5	b
3	a
9	d
2	a
8	b
6	b
4	a
10	d
10	o
0	\$

Step 3: Merge

4	y	← y1
1	b	
4	b	
3	b	
2	a	
6	d	
1	a	
5	b	
3	b	
2	a	
7	d	
8	o	← o0
0	\$	

1	a
7	b
5	b
3	a
9	d
2	a
8	b
6	b
4	a
10	d
11	o
0	\$

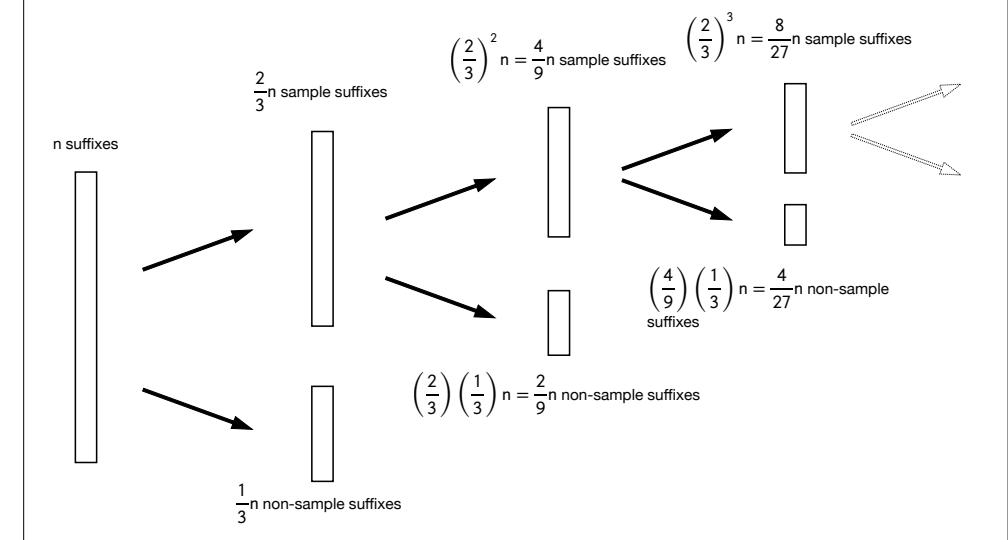
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4	y	← y1
1	b	
4	b	
3	b	
2	a	
6	d	
1	a	
5	b	
3	b	
2	a	
7	d	
8	o	
0	\$	

12	y
1	a
7	b
5	b
3	a
9	d
2	a
8	b
6	b
4	a
10	d
11	o
0	\$

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 - Sort the remaining suffixes (starting at positions $i = 0 \bmod 3$). $O(n)$
 - Step 3. Merge.
 - Merge sample and non-sample suffixes. $O(n)$
- **Time.** $T(n) = T(2n/3) + O(n) = O(n)$



Solution 3: Difference Cover Sampling

- **Theorem.** We can suffix sort a string of length n over alphabet Σ of size n in time $O(n)$.
- **Theorem.** We can suffix sort a string of length n over alphabet Σ $O(\text{sort}(n, |\Sigma|))$ time.

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