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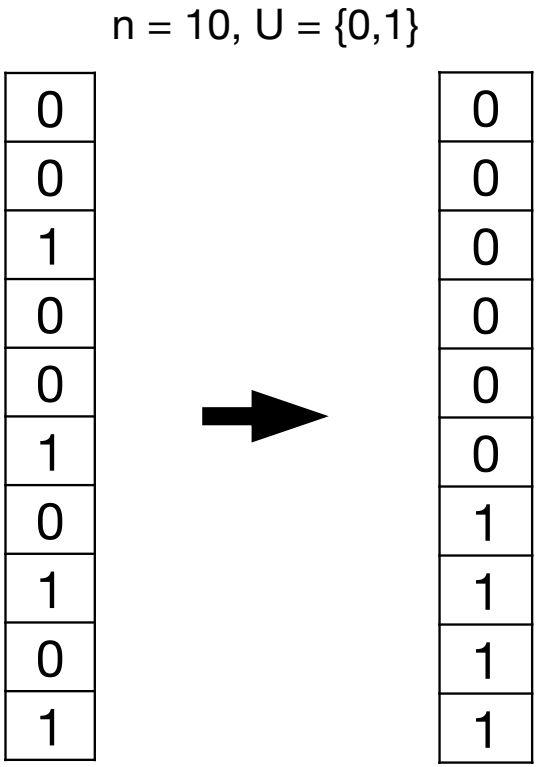
Radix Sort

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

Radix Sort



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

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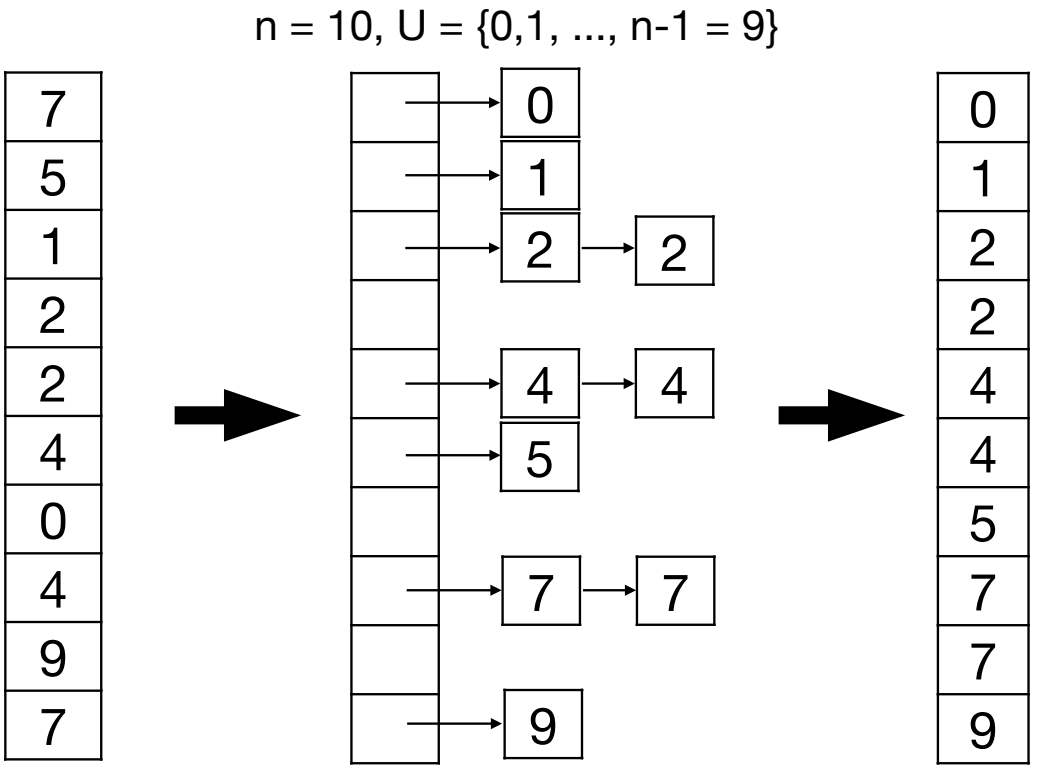
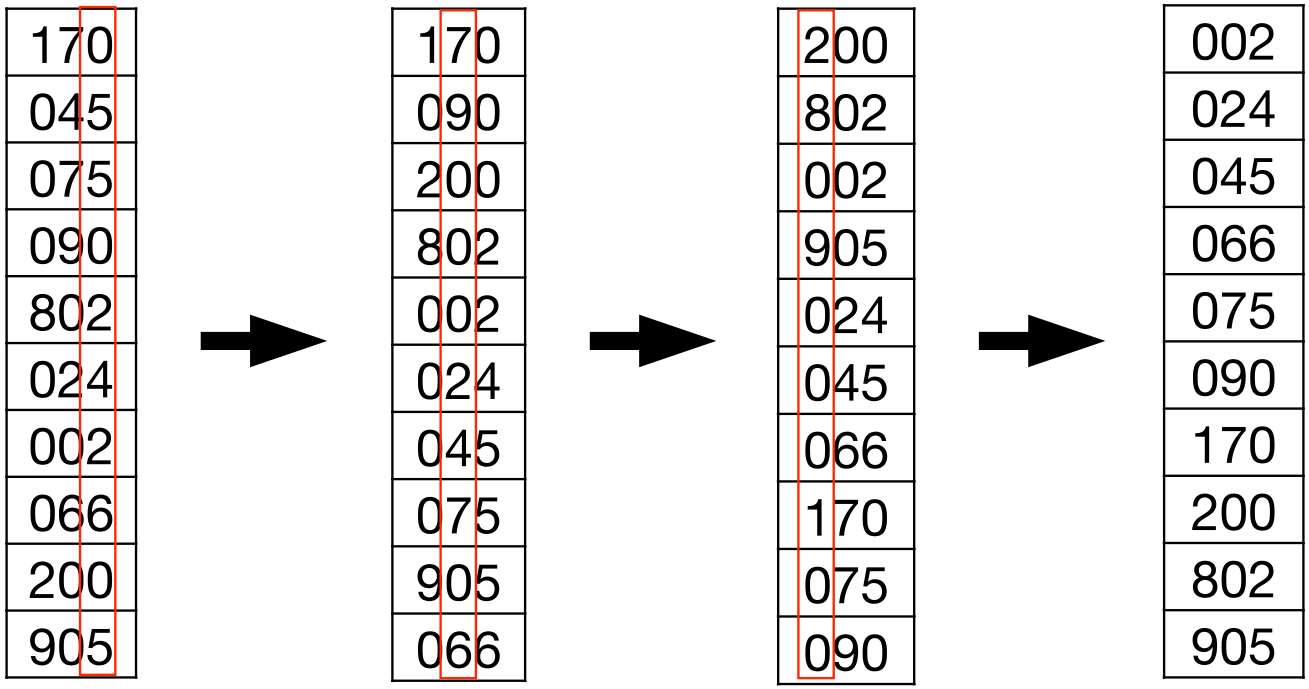


- Algorithm. Insert into array of linked list + traverse array of linked list.
- Time. O(n + u) = O(n)
- Sorting can be stable.

Radix Sort

$n = 10$, $U = \{0, \ldots, n^3 - 1 = 999\}$



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

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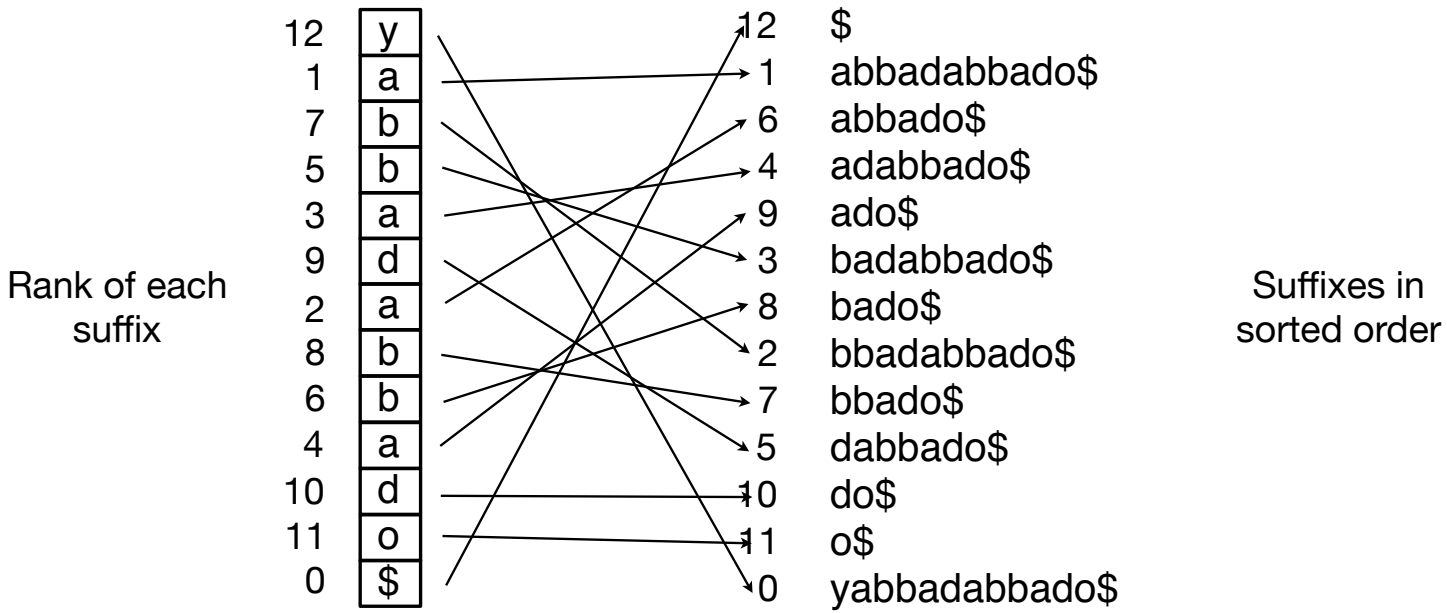
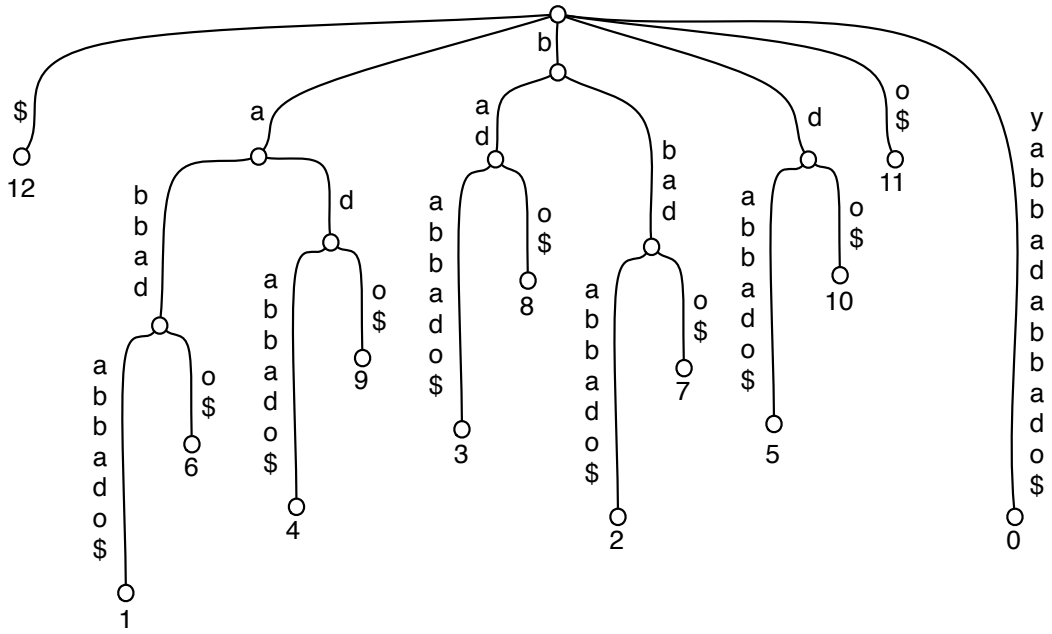
- Suffix sorting. Given string S of length n over alphabet Σ, compute the sorted lexicographic order of all suffixes of S.



- 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.



12	1	6	4	9	3	8	2	7	5	10	11	0

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.

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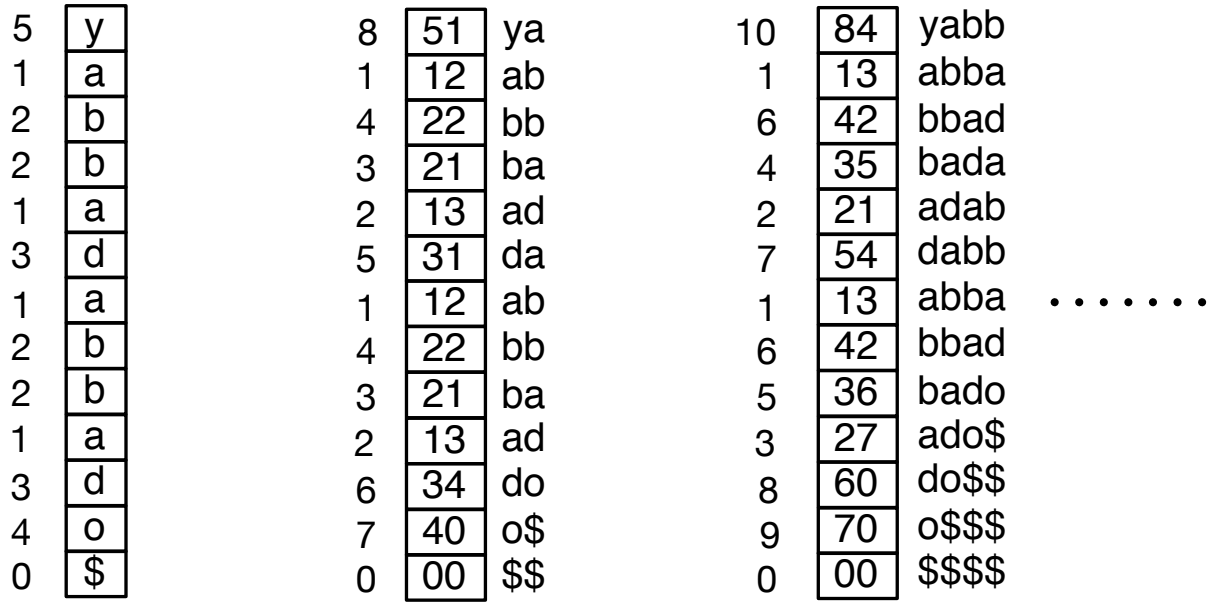
- Time. $O(n^2)$

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.



- 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 mod 3 and i = 2 mod 3.
    - Recursively sort sample suffixes.
  - Step 2. Sort non-sample suffixes.
    - Sort the remaining suffixes (starting at positions i = 0 mod 3).
  - Step 3. Merge.
    - Merge sample and non-sample suffixes.

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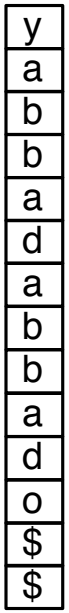

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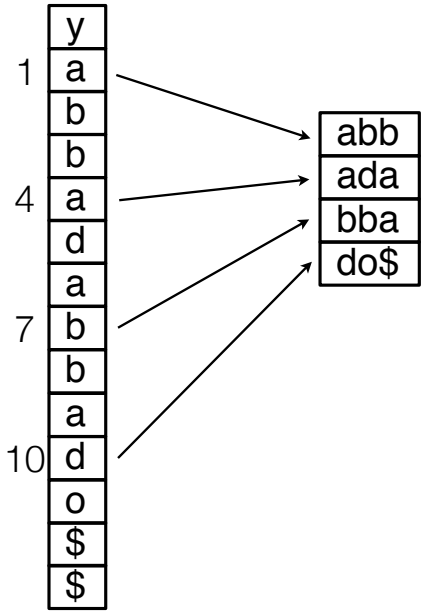

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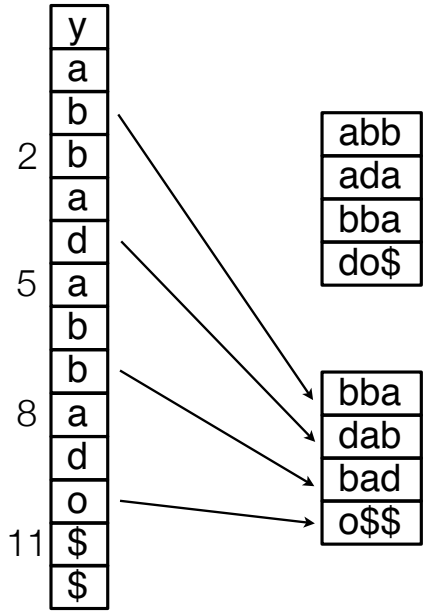

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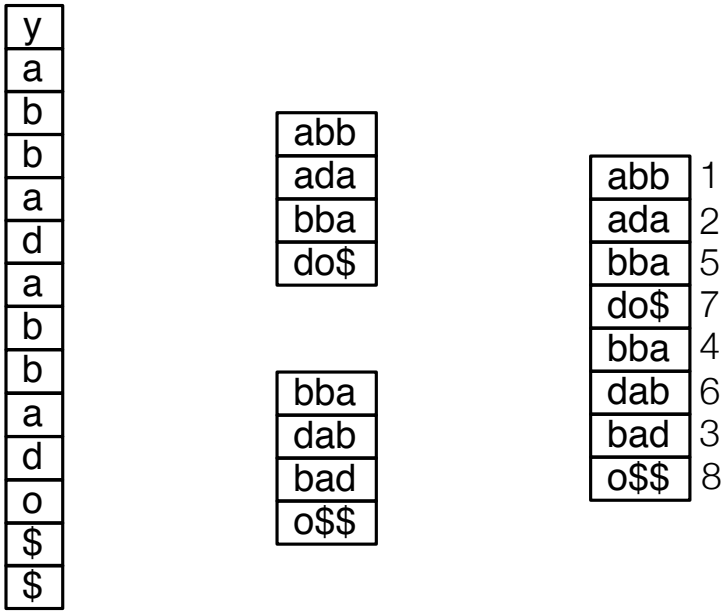

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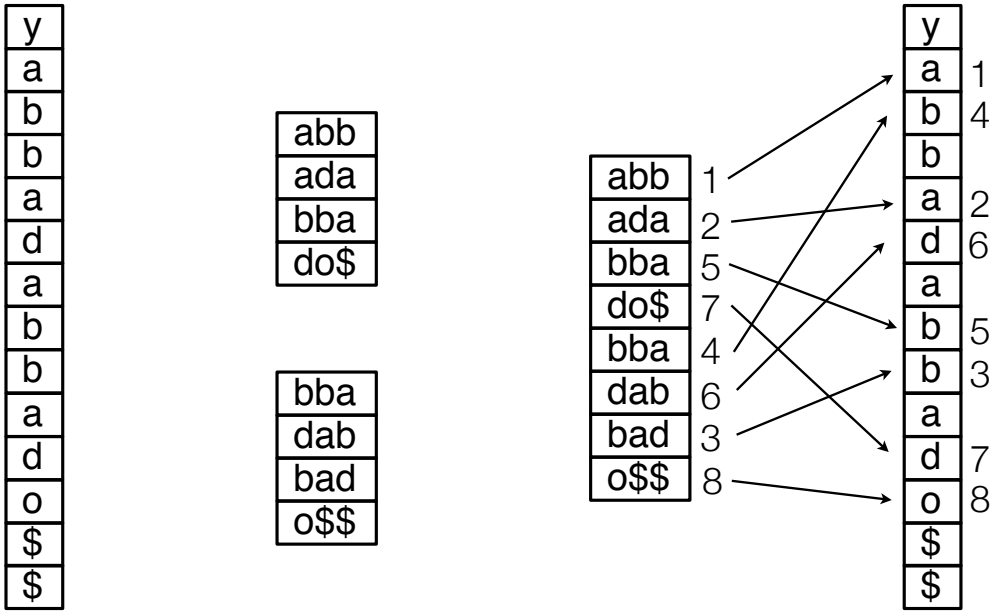

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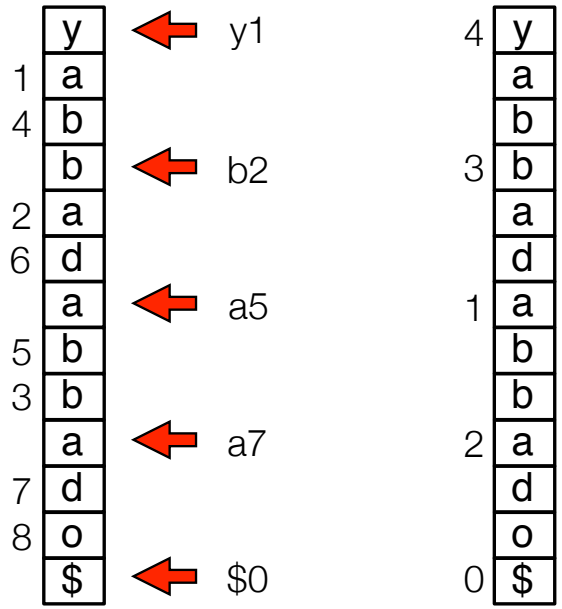

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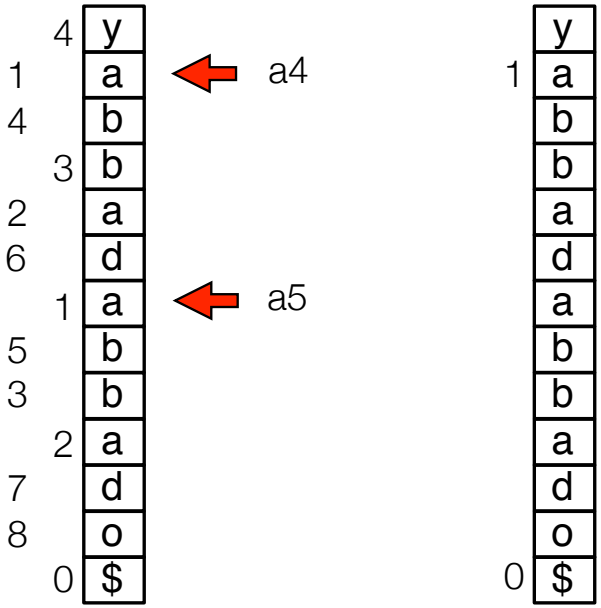

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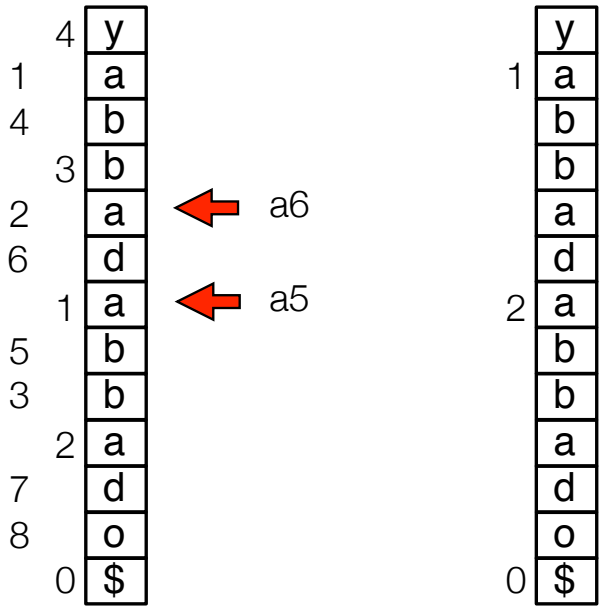

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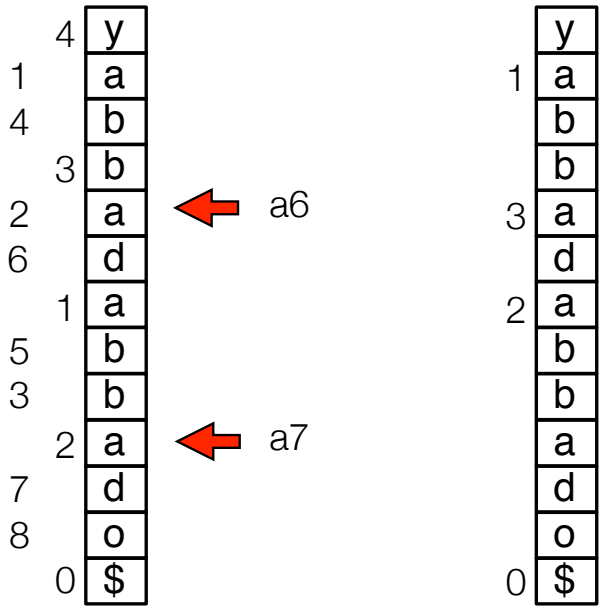

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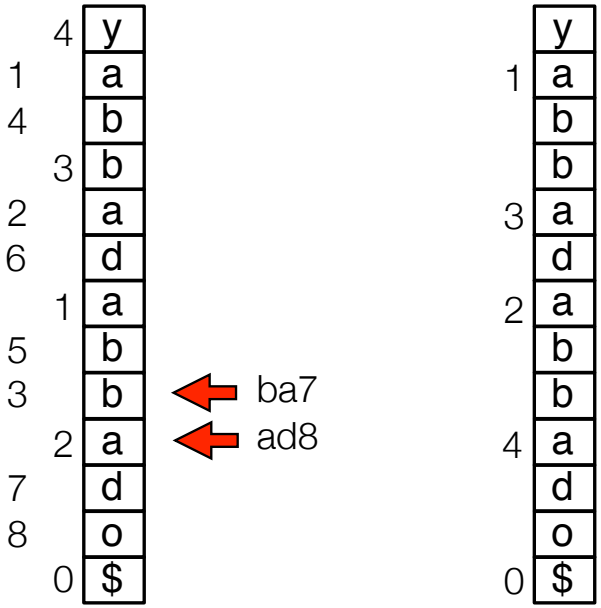

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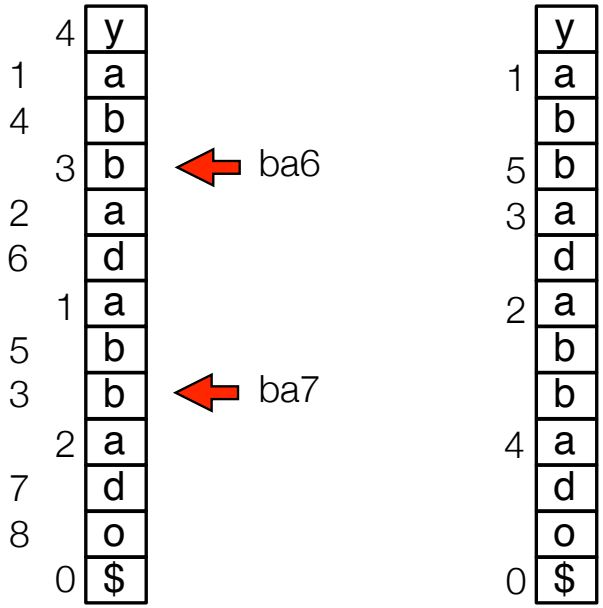

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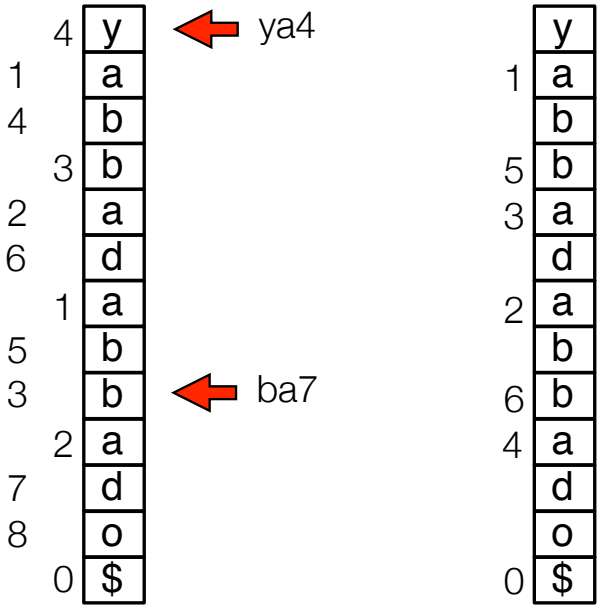
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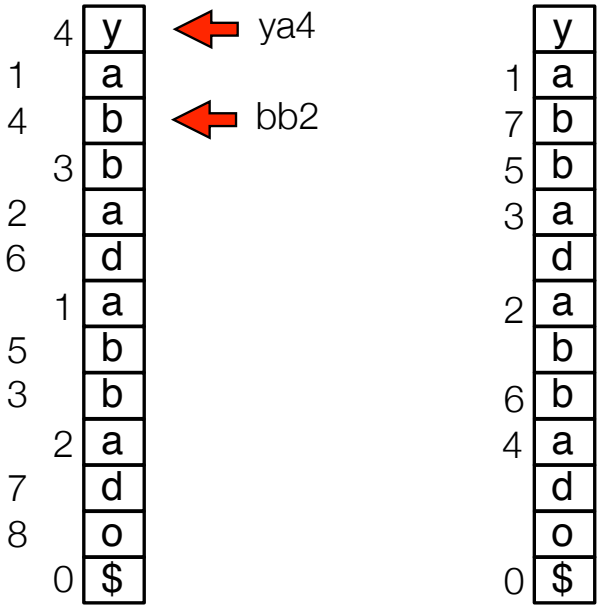
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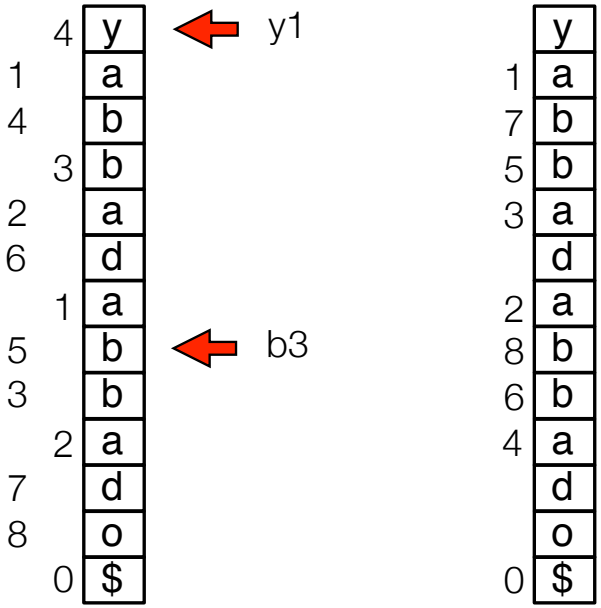
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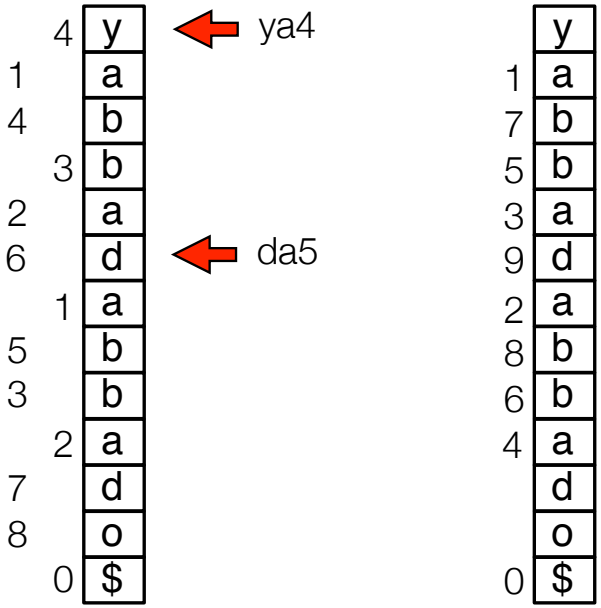
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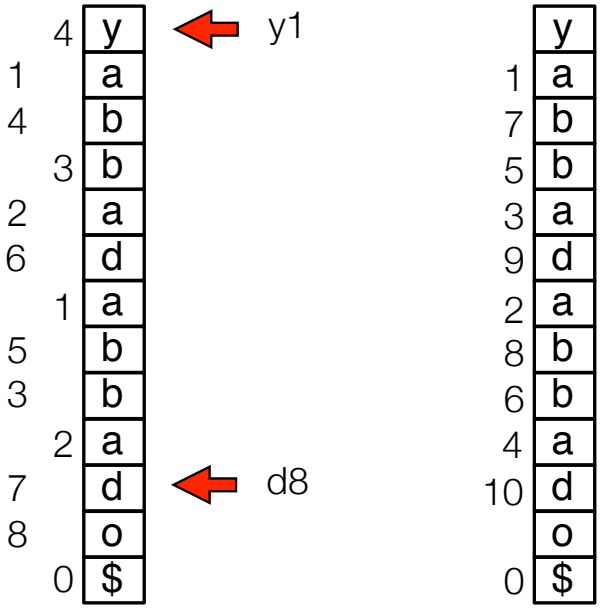
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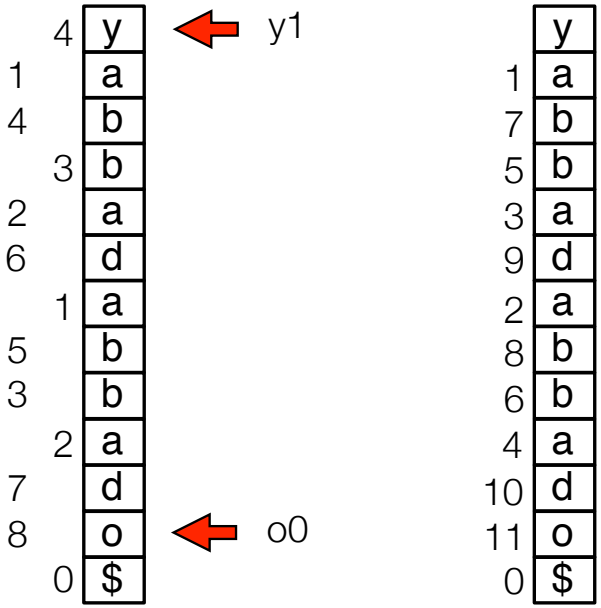
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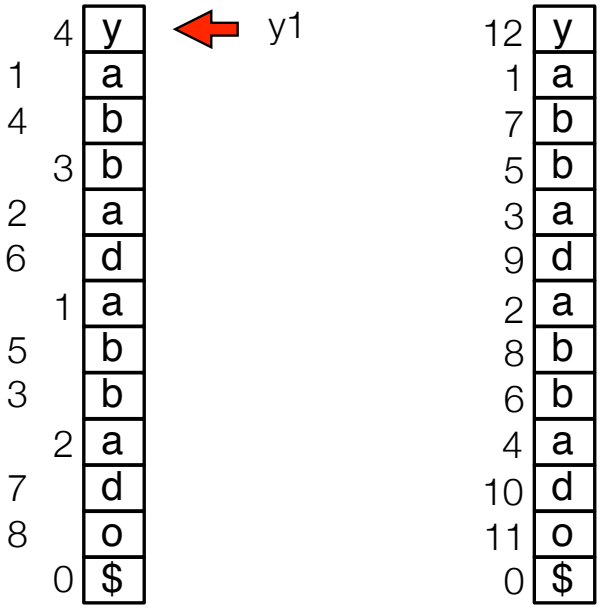
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Solution 3: Difference Cover Sampling

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    - Recursively sort sample suffixes. T(2n/3)
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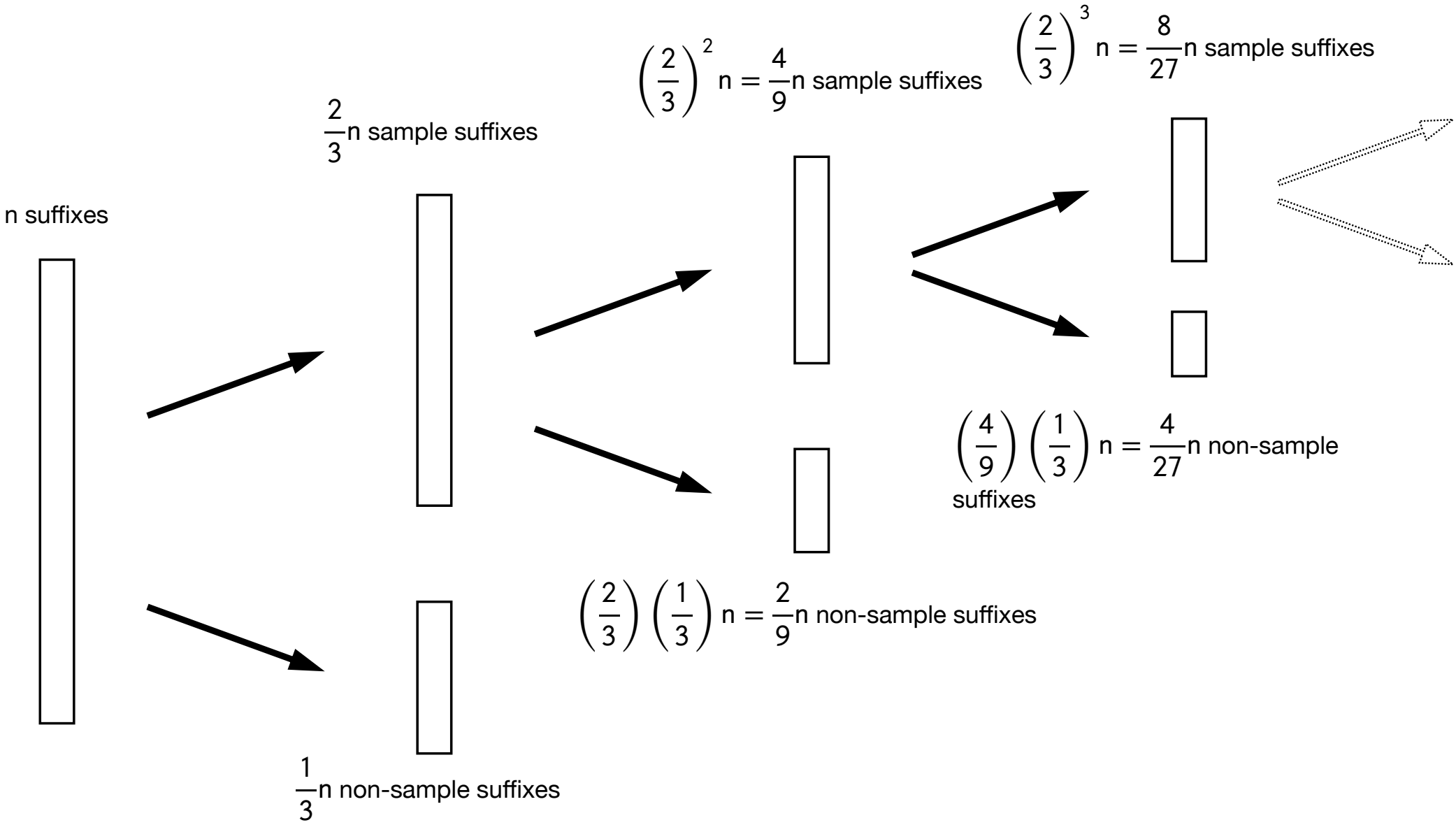
    - Sort the remaining suffixes (starting at positions i = 0 mod 3). O(n)
  - Step 3. Merge.
    - Merge sample and non-sample suffixes. O(n)
- T(n) = time to suffix sort a string of length n over alphabet of size n

- Time. T(n) = T(2n/3) + O(n) = O(n)


n suffixes
$\frac{2}{3}$n sample suffixes
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$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 n = \frac{4}{9}$n sample suffixes
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$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 n = \frac{8}{27}$n sample suffixes
$\left(\frac{4}{9}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) n = \frac{4}{27}$n non-sample suffixes

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- Theorem. We can suffix sort a string of length n over alphabet Σ of size n in time O(n).

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