



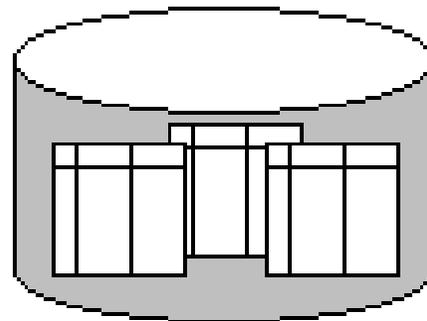
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# Συστήματα Διαχείρισης Βάσεων Δεδομένων

## Φροντιστήριο 5: Tutorial on External Sorting

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# TUTORIAL ON EXTERNAL SORTING



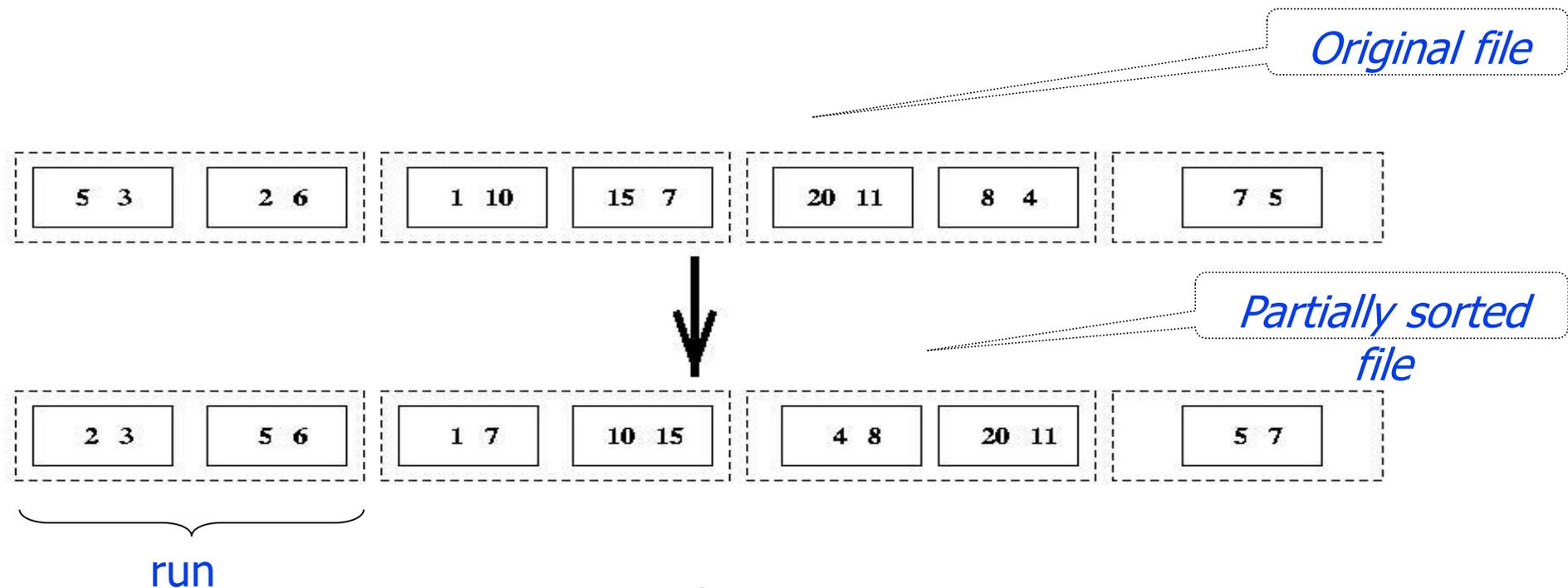
# External Sorting

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- External sorting has two main components:
  - ◆ Computation involved in sorting records in buffers in main memory
  - ◆ I/O necessary to move records between mass store and main memory

# General Merge Sort Algorithm

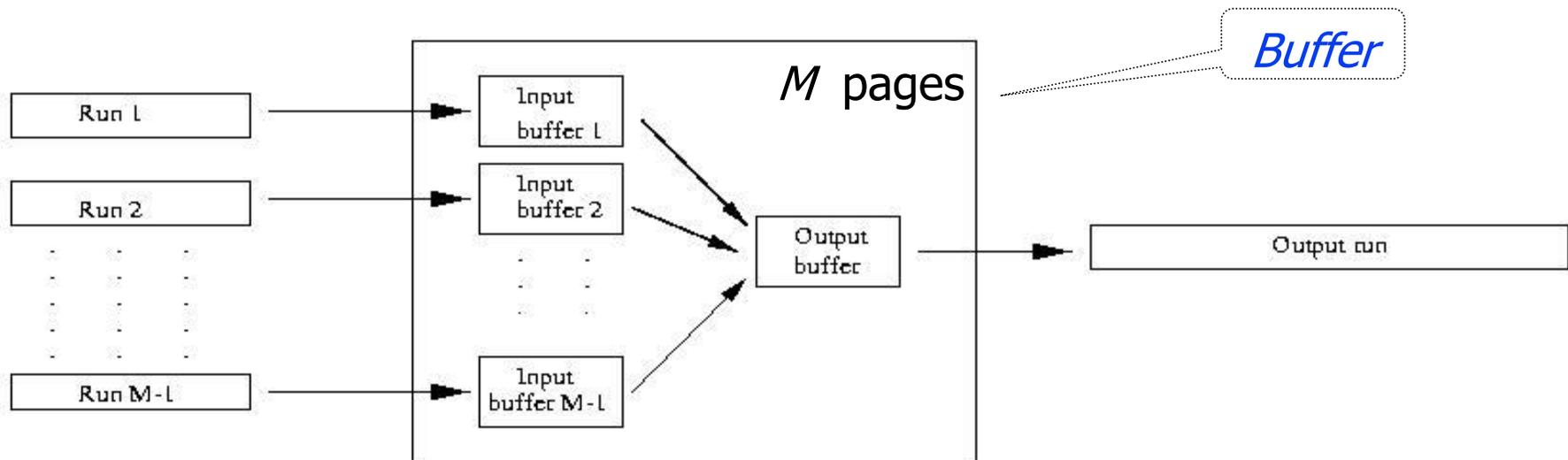
- $M$  = number of main memory page buffers
- $N$  = number of pages in file to be sorted
- Typical algorithm has two phases:
  - ◆ **Partial sort phase**: sort  $M$  pages at a time; create  $N/M$  sorted **runs** on mass store, **cost** =  $2N$



Example:  $M = 2, N = 7$

# General Merge Sort Algorithm

- ◆ **Merge Phase:** merge all runs into a single run using  $M-1$  buffers for input and 1 output buffer
  - Merge step: divide runs into groups of size  $M-1$  and merge each group into a run; cost =  $2N$
  - each step reduces number of runs by a factor of  $M-1$



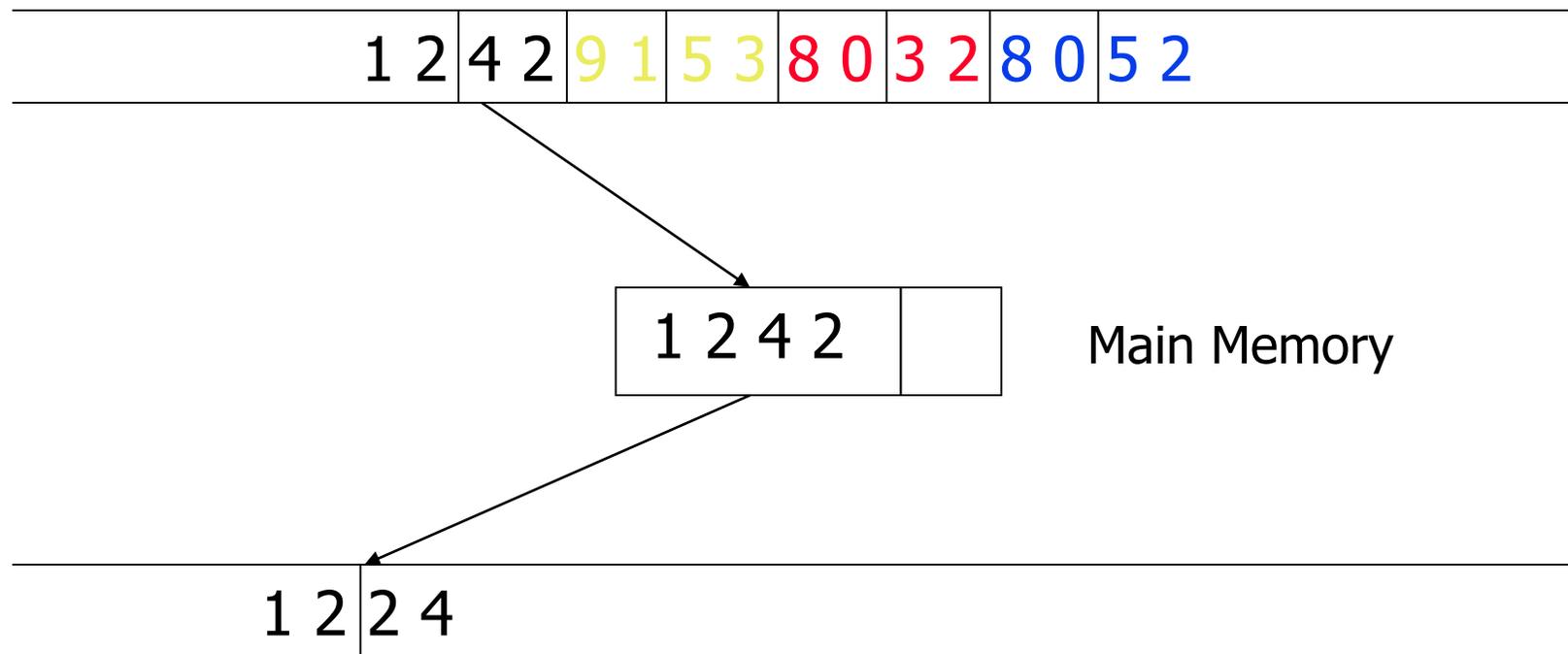
# General Merge Sort Algorithm

- Cost of merge phase:
  - ◆  $(N/M)/(M-1)^k$  runs after  $k$  merge steps
  - ◆  $\lceil \log_{M-1}(N/M) \rceil$  merge steps needed to merge an initial set of  $N/M$  sorted runs
  - ◆  $cost = \lceil 2N \text{Log}_{M-1}(N/M) \rceil \approx 2N(\log_{M-1}N - 1)$
- Total cost = cost of partial sort phase + cost of merge phase  $\approx 2N \log_{M-1}N$

# Merge Sort: Phase 1

- Iteratively create large sorted groups and merge them
- **Phase 1:** Create  $N/(M-1)$  sorted groups of size  $(M-1)$  blocks each

*B = 2 objects; M = 3 blocks; N = 8 blocks  $N/(M-1) = 4$*



# Merge Sort: Phase 1

$$B = 2; M = 3; N = 8 \quad N/(M-1) = 4$$

1	2	4	2	9	1	5	3	8	0	3	2	8	0	5	2
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9	1	5	3	
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1	2	2	4	1	3	5	9
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# End of Phase 1

$$B = 2; M = 3; N = 8 \quad N/(M-1) = 4$$

1	2	4	2	9	1	5	3	8	0	3	2	8	0	5	2
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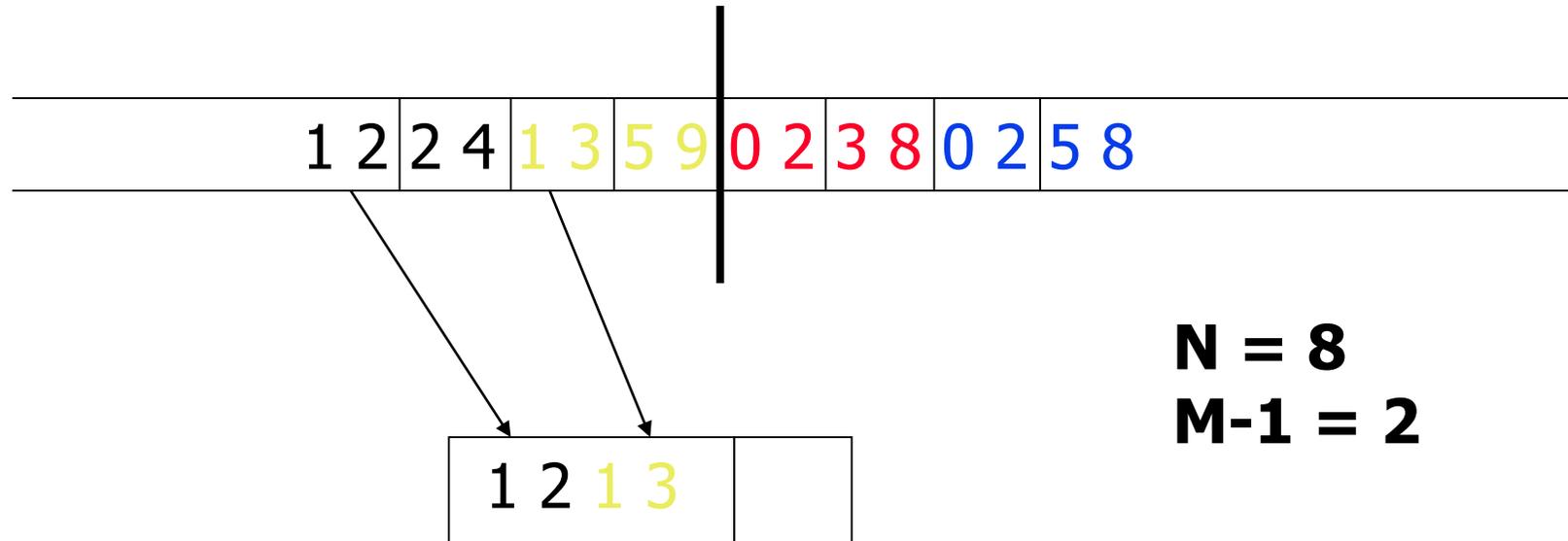
**One Scan**

1	2	2	4	1	3	5	9	0	2	3	8	0	2	5	8
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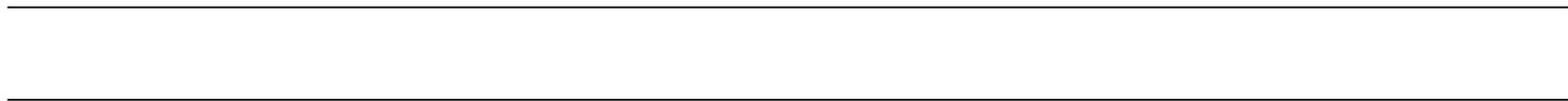
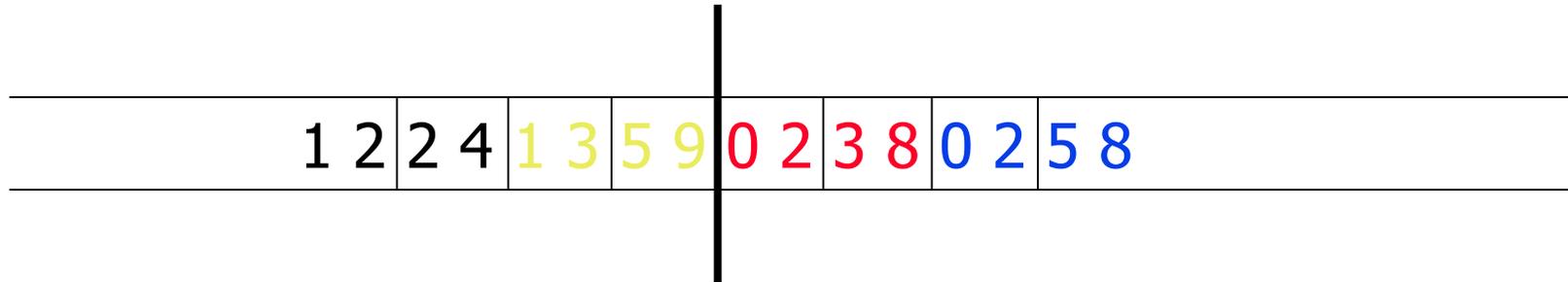
$N/(M-1) = 4$  sorted groups of size  $(M-1) = 2$  blocks each

# Second Phase: Merging Runs First Pass

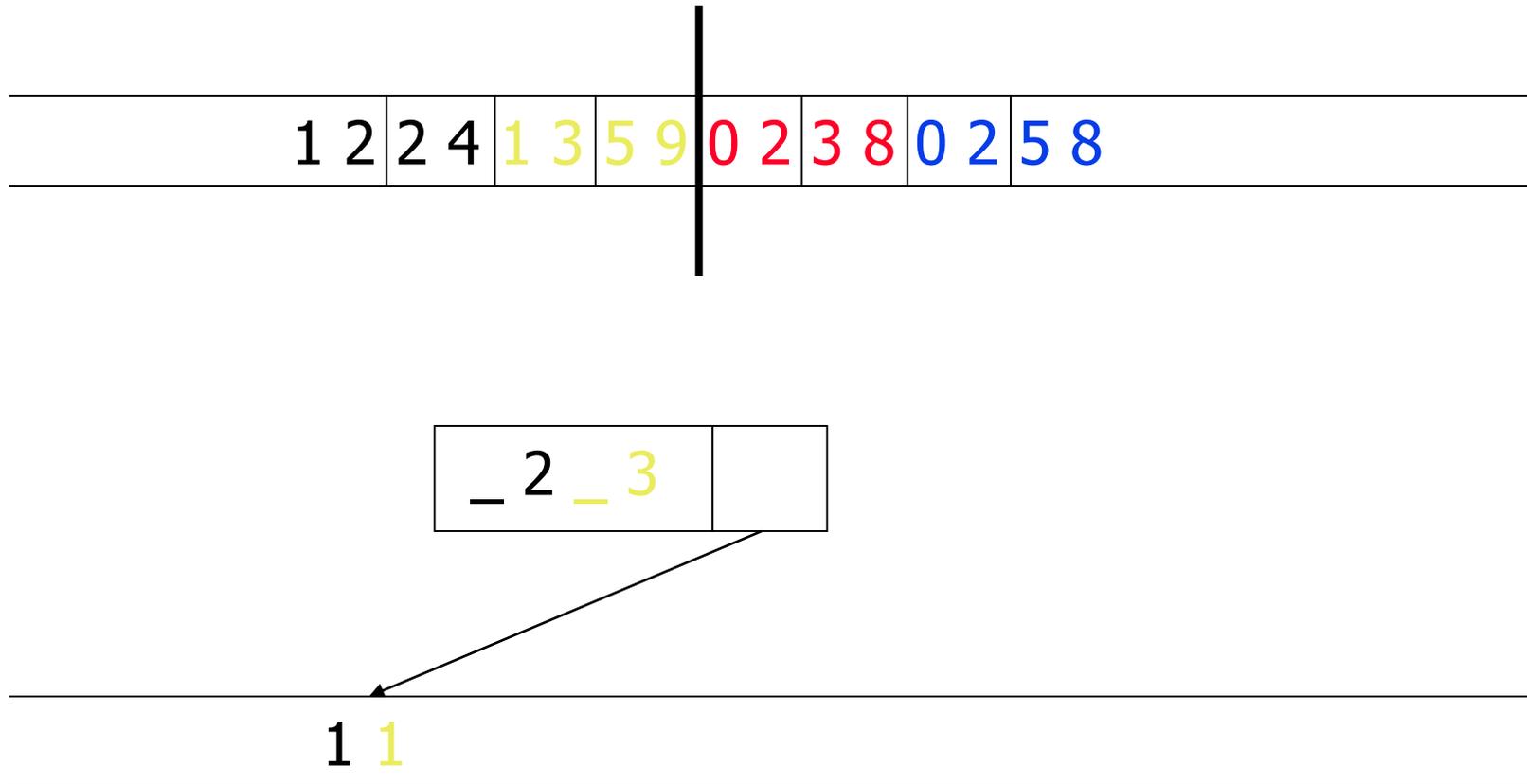
- Merge  $(M-1)$  sorted groups into one sorted group
- Iterate until all groups merged



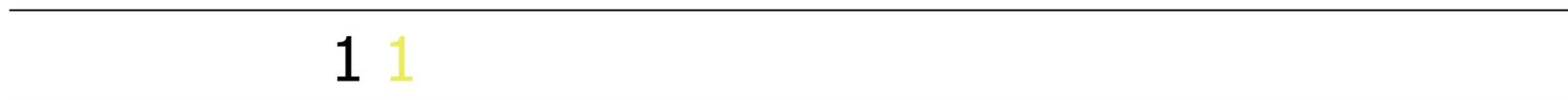
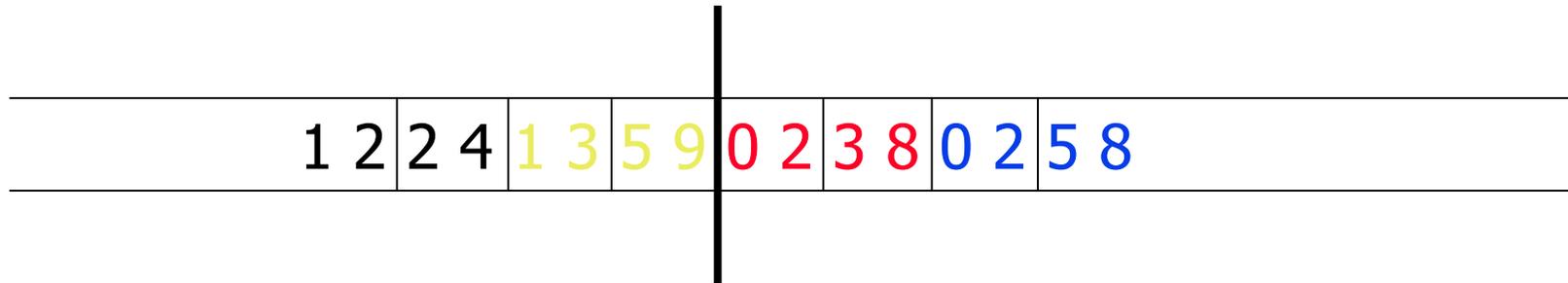
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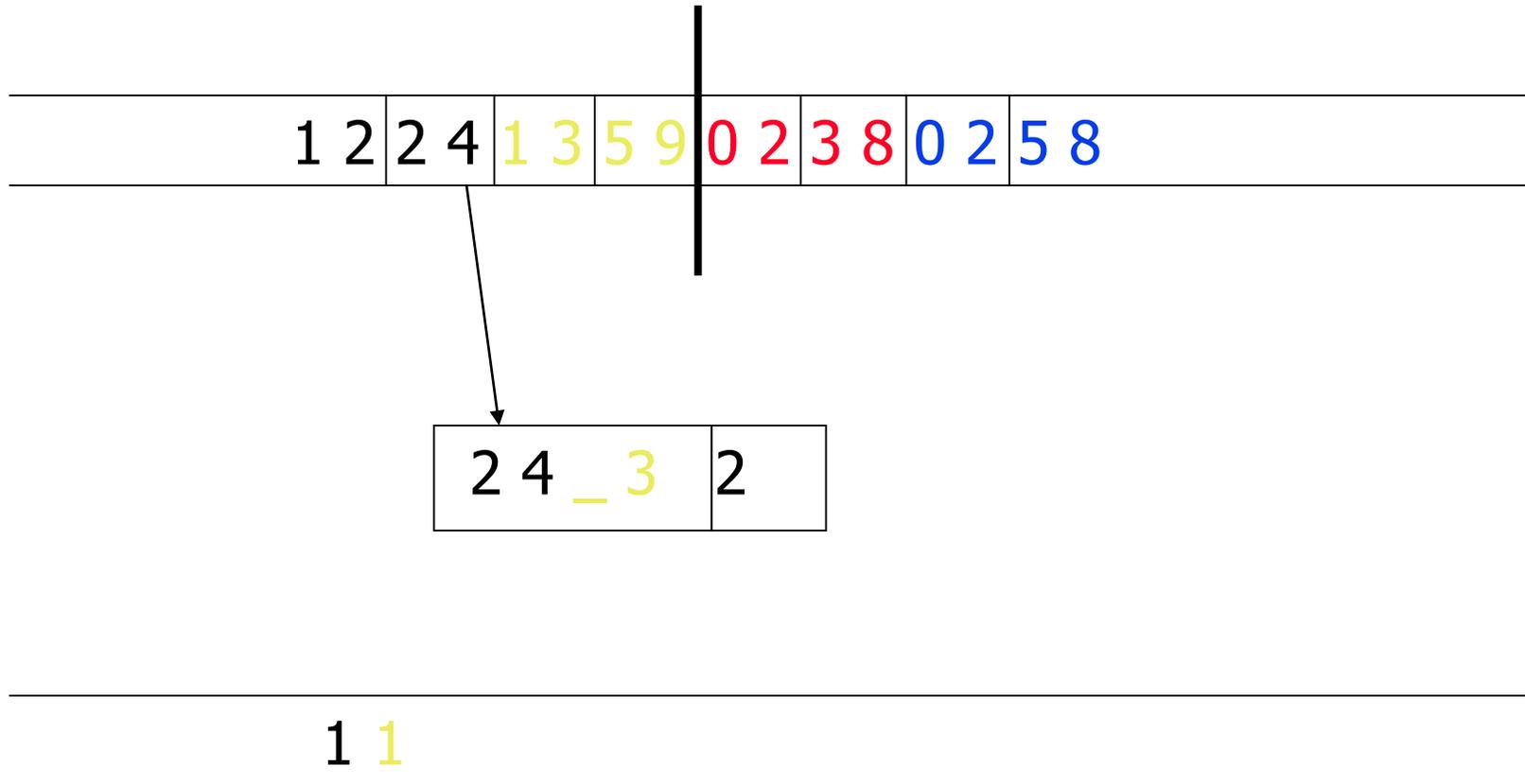
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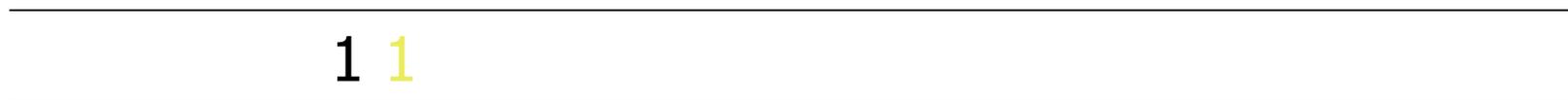
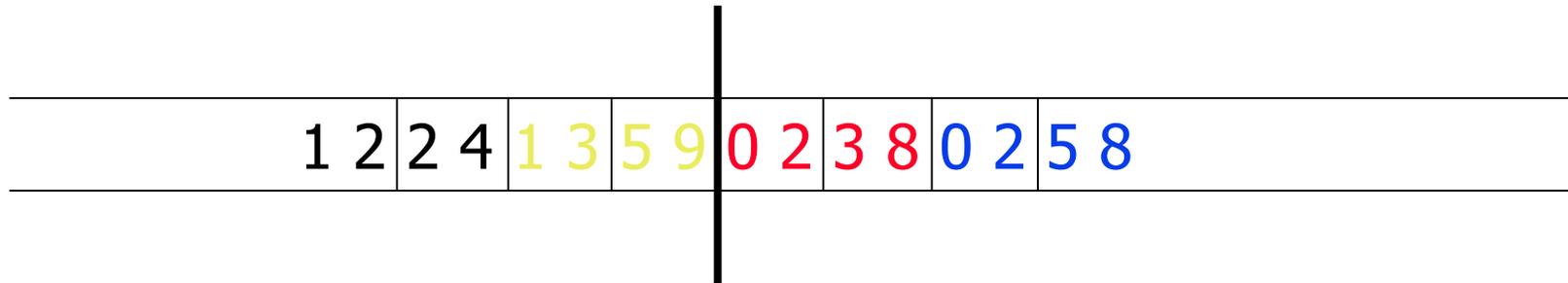
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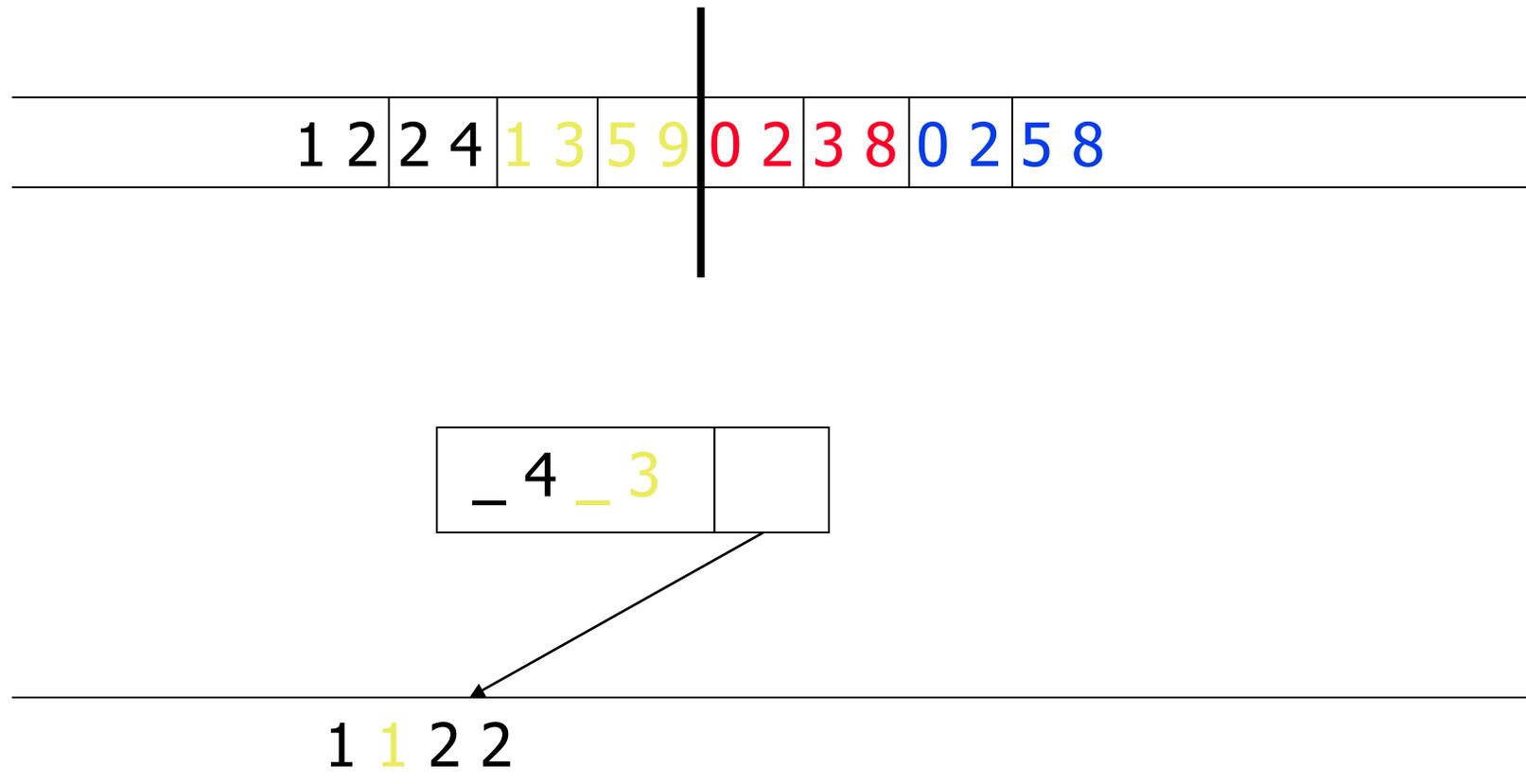
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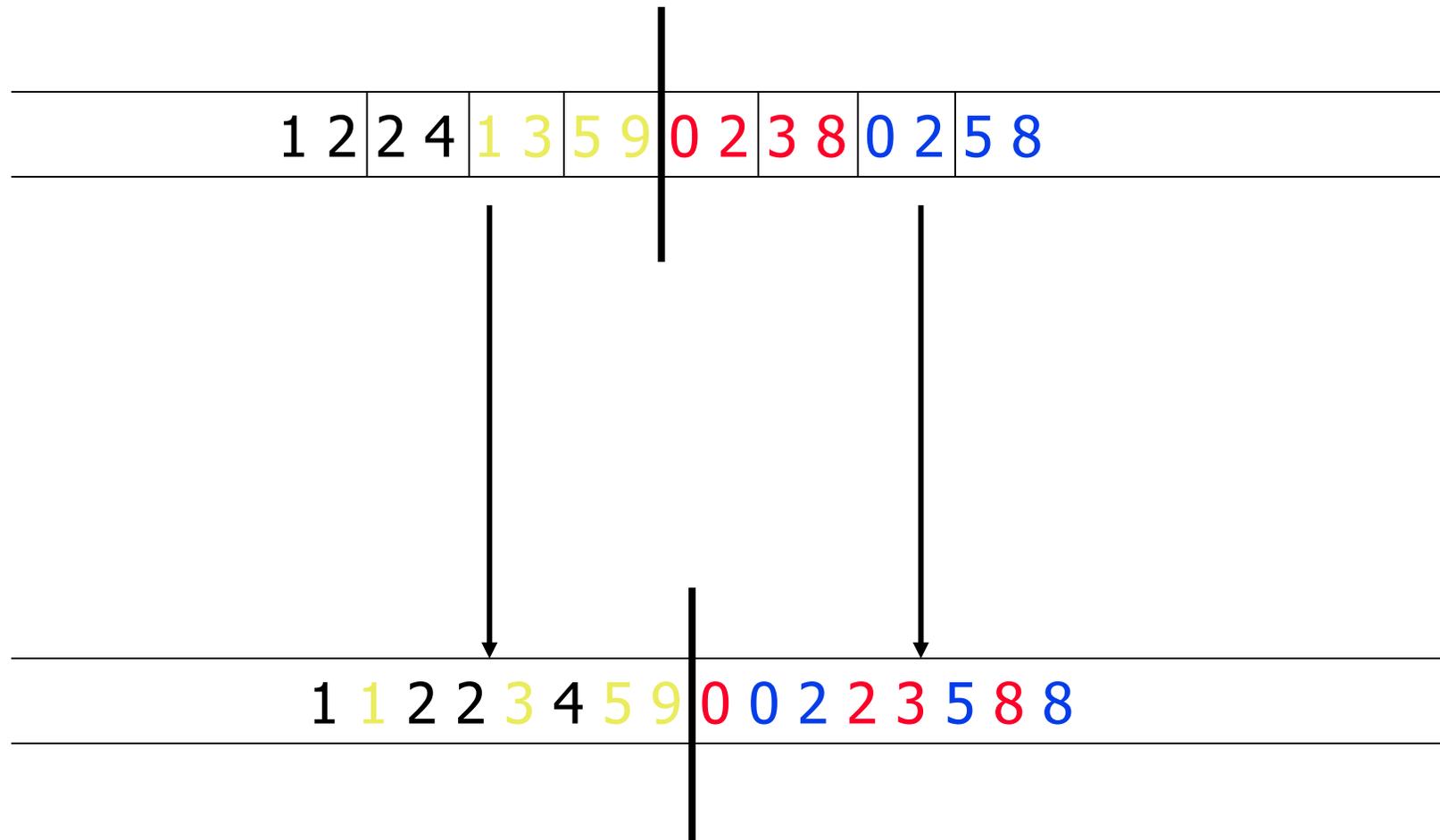
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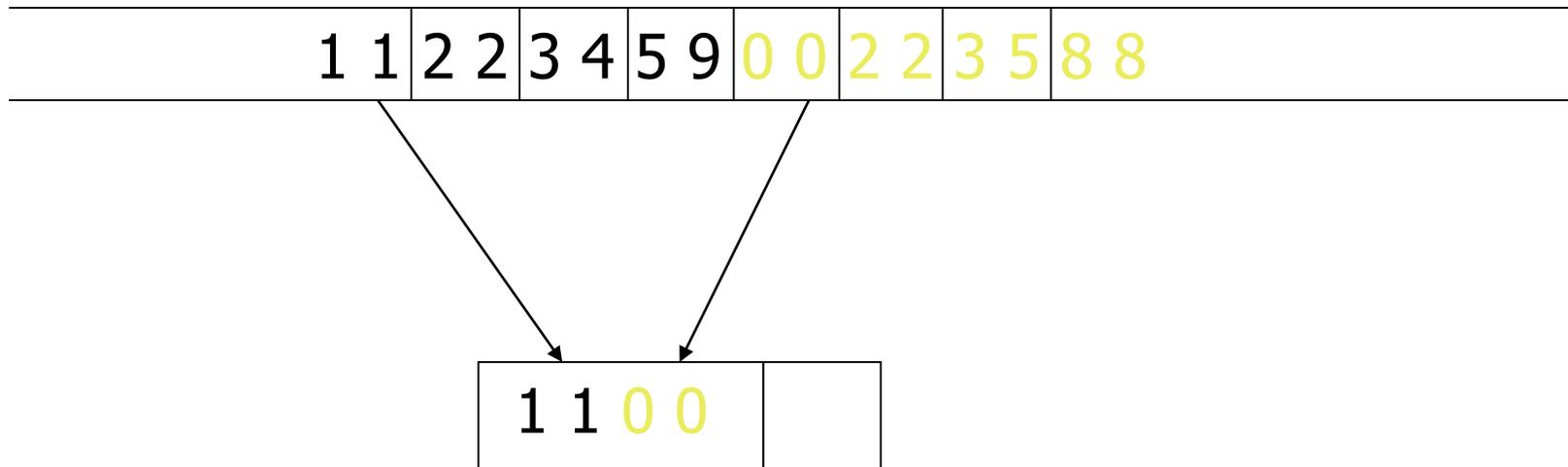
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# Second Phase: Merging Runs End of First Pass



# Second Phase: Merging Runs Second Pass



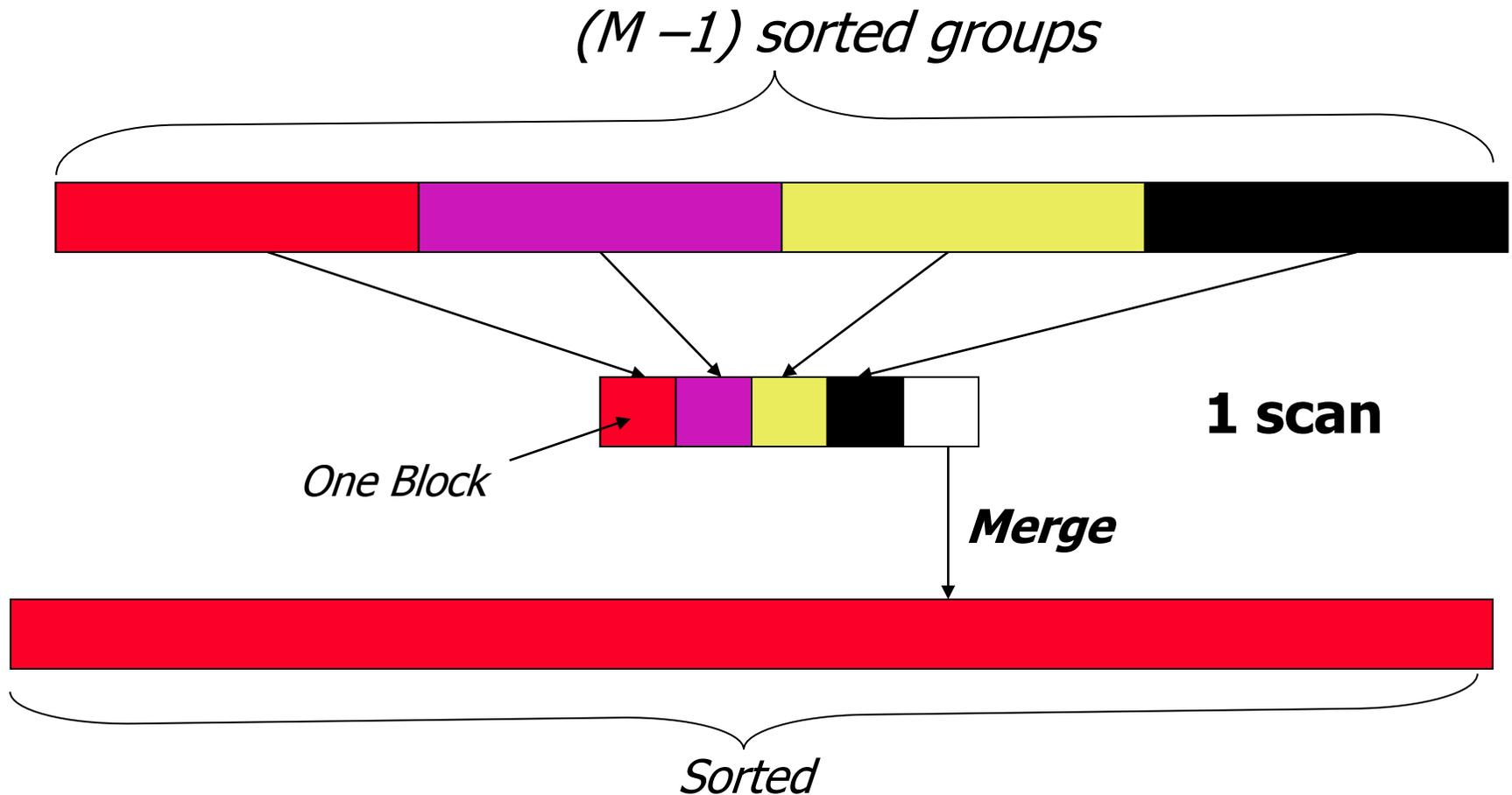
# Second Phase: Merging Runs End of Second Pass

1	1	2	2	3	4	5	9	0	0	2	2	3	5	8	8
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0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	5	5	8	8	9
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# General Merging Step



# Sort-Merge: Second Example

- Assume that only three tuples fit in a block and that main memory holds 4 blocks. Suppose that we sort this relation using sort-merge (instead of doing it in main memory). Show the runs created on each pass of the sort-merge algorithm, when applied to sort the following tuples on the first attribute:

i.e. Block = 3 Objects (tuples)

M = 4 blocks

N = 4 blocks

$t_1$	kangaroo	17
$t_2$	wallaby	21
$t_3$	emu	1
$t_4$	wombat	13
$t_5$	platypus	3
$t_6$	lion	8
$t_7$	warthog	4
$t_8$	zebra	11
$t_9$	meerkat	6
$t_{10}$	hyena	9
$t_{11}$	hornbill	2
$t_{12}$	baboon	12

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Initial Sorted Runs

$t_1$	kangaroo	17
$t_2$	wallaby	21
$t_3$	emu	1
$t_4$	wombat	13
$t_5$	platypus	3
$t_6$	lion	8
$t_7$	warthog	4
$t_8$	zebra	11
$t_9$	meerkat	6
$t_{10}$	hyena	9
$t_{11}$	hornbill	2
$t_{12}$	baboon	12

$r_{11}$	$t_3$	emu	1
	$t_1$	kangaroo	17
	$t_2$	wallaby	21
$r_{12}$	$t_6$	lion	8
	$t_5$	platypus	3
	$t_4$	wombat	13
$r_{13}$	$t_9$	meerkat	6
	$t_7$	warthog	4
	$t_8$	zebra	11
$r_{14}$	$t_{12}$	baboon	12
	$t_{11}$	hornbill	2
	$t_{10}$	hyena	9

- Let  $r_{ij}$  be the  $j$ th run computed on the  $i$ th pass

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

$r_{11}$	$t_3$	emu	1
	$t_1$	kangaroo	17
	$t_2$	wallaby	21

$r_{12}$	$t_6$	lion	8
	$t_5$	platypus	3
	$t_4$	wombat	13

$r_{13}$	$t_9$	meerkat	6
	$t_7$	warthog	4
	$t_8$	zebra	11

<i>output buffer</i>		emu	1
		kangaroo	17
		lion	8

- First merge pass
- Memory holds four blocks
- Load three blocks of data and reserve one as output buffer
- Fill output buffer by selecting next tuple from across all input blocks
- Next: write output buffer to disk

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

$r_{11}$

$t_3$	emu	1
$t_1$	kangaroo	17
$t_2$	wallaby	21

emu	1
kangaroo	17
lion	8

$r_{12}$

$t_6$	lion	8
$t_5$	platypus	3
$t_4$	wombat	13

$r_{13}$

$t_9$	meerkat	6
$t_7$	warthog	4
$t_8$	zebra	11

*output  
buffer*

meerkat	6
platypus	3
wallaby	21

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

$r_{11}$

$t_3$	emu	1
$t_1$	kangaroo	17
$t_2$	wallaby	21

$r_{12}$

$t_6$	lion	8
$t_5$	platypus	3
$t_4$	wombat	13

$r_{13}$

$t_9$	meerkat	6
$t_7$	warthog	4
$t_8$	zebra	11

*output buffer*

warthog	4
wombat	13
zebra	11

emu	1
kangaroo	17
lion	8

meerkat	6
platypus	3
wallaby	21

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

- End of first merge pass
- Disk holds two runs:
  - ◆ First is the result of merging three runs
  - ◆ Second is the remaining, original 4<sup>th</sup> run
- Next: second merge pass

 $r_{21}$ 

emu	1
kangaroo	17
lion	8
meerkat	6
platypus	3
wallaby	21
warthog	4
wombat	13
zebra	11

 $r_{22}$ 

$t_{12}$	baboon	12
$t_{11}$	hornbill	2
$t_{10}$	hyena	9

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

$r_{21}$	$t_3$	emu	1
	$t_1$	kangaroo	17
	$t_2$	lion	8
$r_{22}$	$t_6$	baboon	12
	$t_5$	hornbill	2
	$t_4$	hyena	9

$r_{21}$	emu	1
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	lion	8
	meerkat	6
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*output  
buffer*


$r_{22}$	$t_{12}$	baboon	12
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	$t_4$	hyena	9

<i>output buffer</i>	baboon	12
	emu	1
	hornbill	2

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

$r_{21}$	$t_3$	emu	1
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	$t_4$	hyena	9

baboon	12
emu	1
hornbill	2

*output  
buffer*

hyena	9
kangaroo	17
lion	8

- First output buffer written to disk
- Finished processing loaded runs
- Discard first block of run  $r_{21}$
- Load next block of run  $r_{21}$

# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

$r_{21}$	$t_3$	meerkat	6
	$t_1$	platypus	3
	$t_2$	wallaby	21
$r_{22}$	$t_6$	baboon	12
	$t_5$	hornbill	2
	$t_4$	hyena	9

baboon	12
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hyena	9
kangaroo	17
lion	8

*output  
buffer*


# Sort-Merge Second Example: Merging

$r_{21}$	$t_3$	meerkat	6
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<i>output buffer</i>	meerkat	6
	platypus	3
	wallaby	21

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	$t_5$	hornbill	2
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*output  
buffer*


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	$t_5$	hornbill	2
	$t_4$	hyena	9

*output  
buffer*

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zebra	11

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	hyena	9
	kangaroo	17
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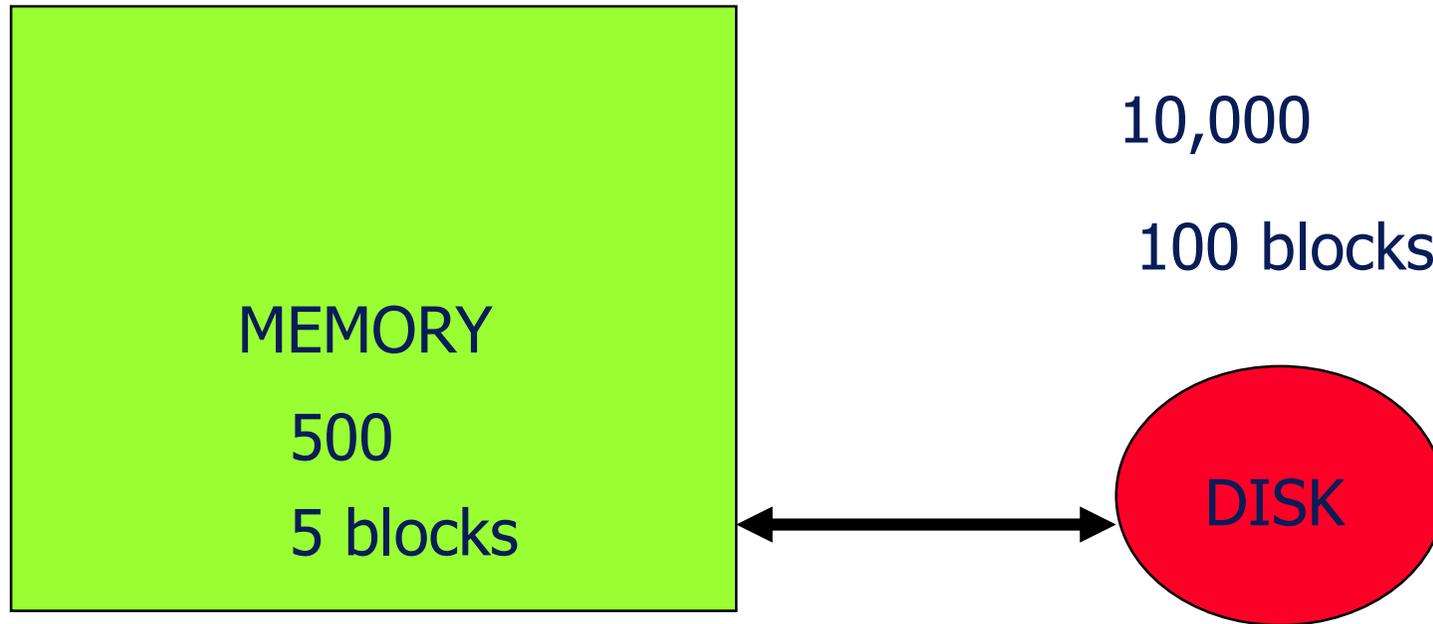
● End!

# External Merge Sort: Third Example

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- Sort  $N=10000$  records
- Enough memory for 500 records
- Block size is  $b=100$  records, i.e.  $B=N/b=100$  and  $M=5$  (buffers)
- $t_{IS}$  = time to internally sort 1 memory load
- $t_{IM}$  = time to internally merge 1 block load

# Run Generation



- Input 5 blocks
- Sort
- Output as a run
- Do 20 times

- $M$
- $t_{IS}$
- $M$
- $(B/M) \cdot (2M + t_{IS}) = 200 + 20 t_{IS}$

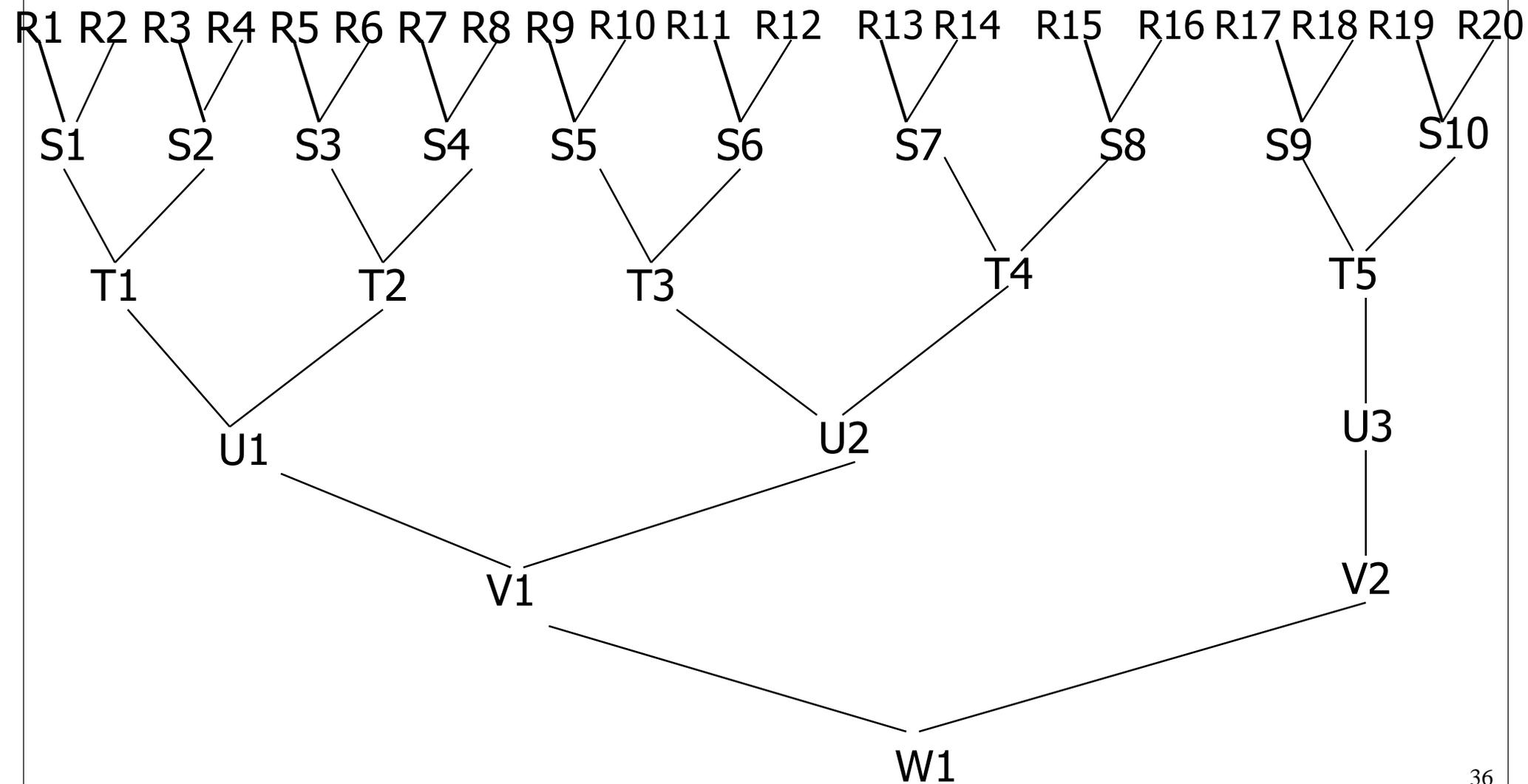
# Run Merging

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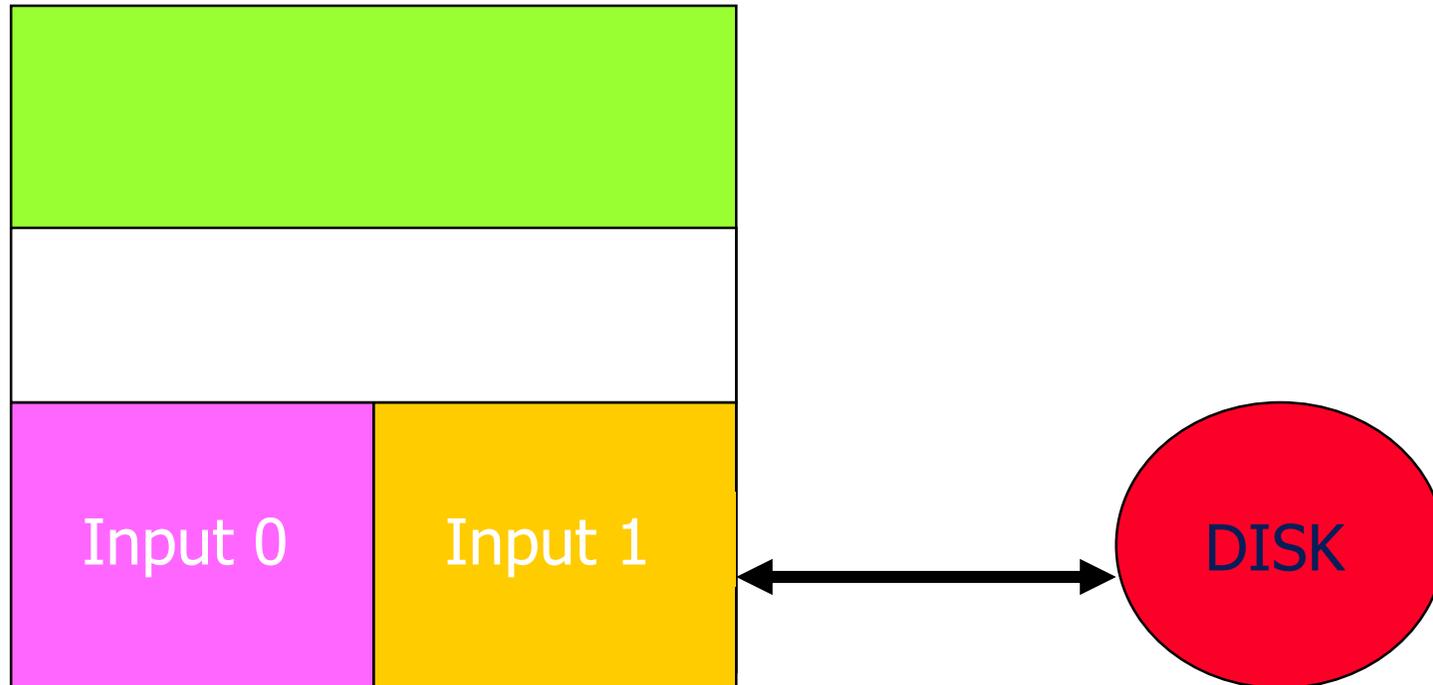
- Merge Pass
  - ◆ Pairwise merge the 20 runs into 10
  - ◆ In a merge pass all runs (except possibly one) are pairwise merged
- Perform 4 more merge passes, reducing the number of runs to 1



# Merge 20 Runs



# Merge R1 and R2



- Fill I0 (Input 0) from R1 and I1 from R2
- Merge from I0 and I1 to output buffer
- Write whenever output buffer full
- Read whenever input buffer empty

# Time To Merge R1 and R2

- Each is  $M=5$  blocks long
- Input time =  $2 \cdot M = 10$
- Write/output time =  $2 \cdot M = 10$
- Merge time =  $2 \cdot M \cdot t_{IM}$
- Total time =  $20 + 2 \cdot M \cdot t_{IM} = 20 + 10t_{IM}$

# Time For Pass 1 (R $\rightarrow$ S)

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- Time to merge one pair of runs =  $20 + 10t_{IM}$
- Time to merge all 10 pairs of runs =  $200 + 100t_{IM}$

# Time To Merge S1 and S2

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- Each is  $2 \cdot M = 10$  blocks long
- Input time =  $2 \cdot (2 \cdot M) = 20$
- Write/output time =  $2 \cdot (2 \cdot M) = 20$
- Merge time =  $2 \cdot (2 \cdot M) \cdot t_{IM}$
- Total time =  $40 + 20t_{IM}$

## Time For Pass 2 (S→T)

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- Time to merge one pair of runs  $= 40 + 20t_{IM}$
- Time to merge all 5 pairs of runs  $= 200 + 100t_{IM}$

# Time For One Merge Pass

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- Time to input all blocks =  $B = 100$
- Time to output all blocks =  $B = 100$
- Time to merge all blocks =  $B * t_{IM} = 100t_{IM}$
- Total time for a merge pass =  $200 + 100t_{IM}$

# Total Run-Merging Time

- (time for one merge pass) \* (number of passes)  
= (time for one merge pass)  
  \*  $\lceil \log_2 \text{number\_of\_initial\_runs} \rceil$   
=  $(200 + 100t_{IM}) * \lceil \log_2 20 \rceil$   
=  $(200 + 100t_{IM}) * 5$
- Neglecting  $t_{IM}$ , we get  $200 * 5 = 1000$  blocks I/O,

# Total time for External Sort

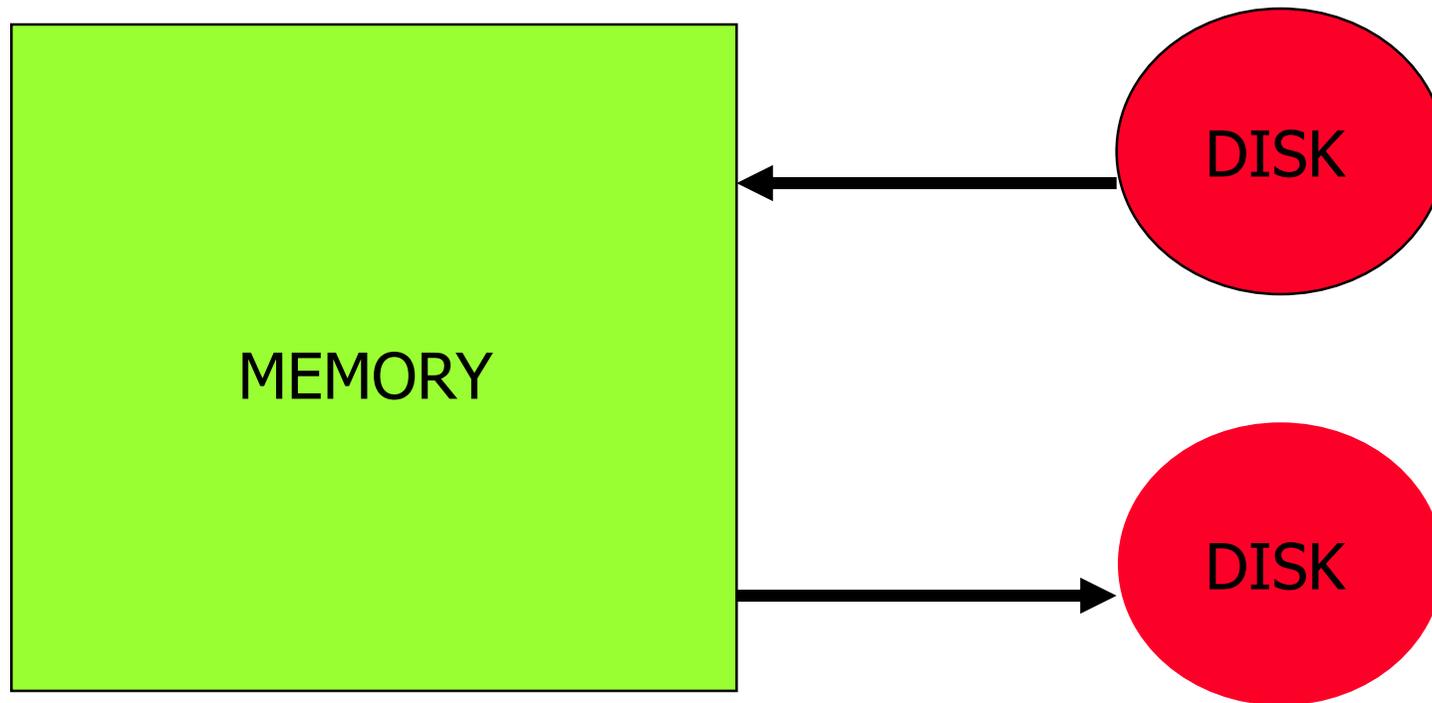
- $\text{Run\_generation\_time} + \text{run\_merging\_time} = (200 + 20t_{IS}) + (200 + 100t_{IM}) * 5 = 1200 + 20t_{IS} + 500t_{IM}$
- Neglecting  $t_{IS}$ ,  $t_{IM}$  we get 1200 blocks I/O

# Factors In Overall Run Time

- Run generation  $200 + 20t_{IS}$ 
  - ◆ Internal sort time
  - ◆ Input and output time
- Run merging  $(200 + 100t_{IM}) * \lceil \log_2 20 \rceil$ 
  - ◆ Internal merge time
  - ◆ Input and output time
  - ◆ Number of initial runs
  - ◆ Merge order (number of merge passes is determined by number of runs and merge order)

# Improve Run Generation

- Overlap input, output, and internal sorting



# Improve Run Generation

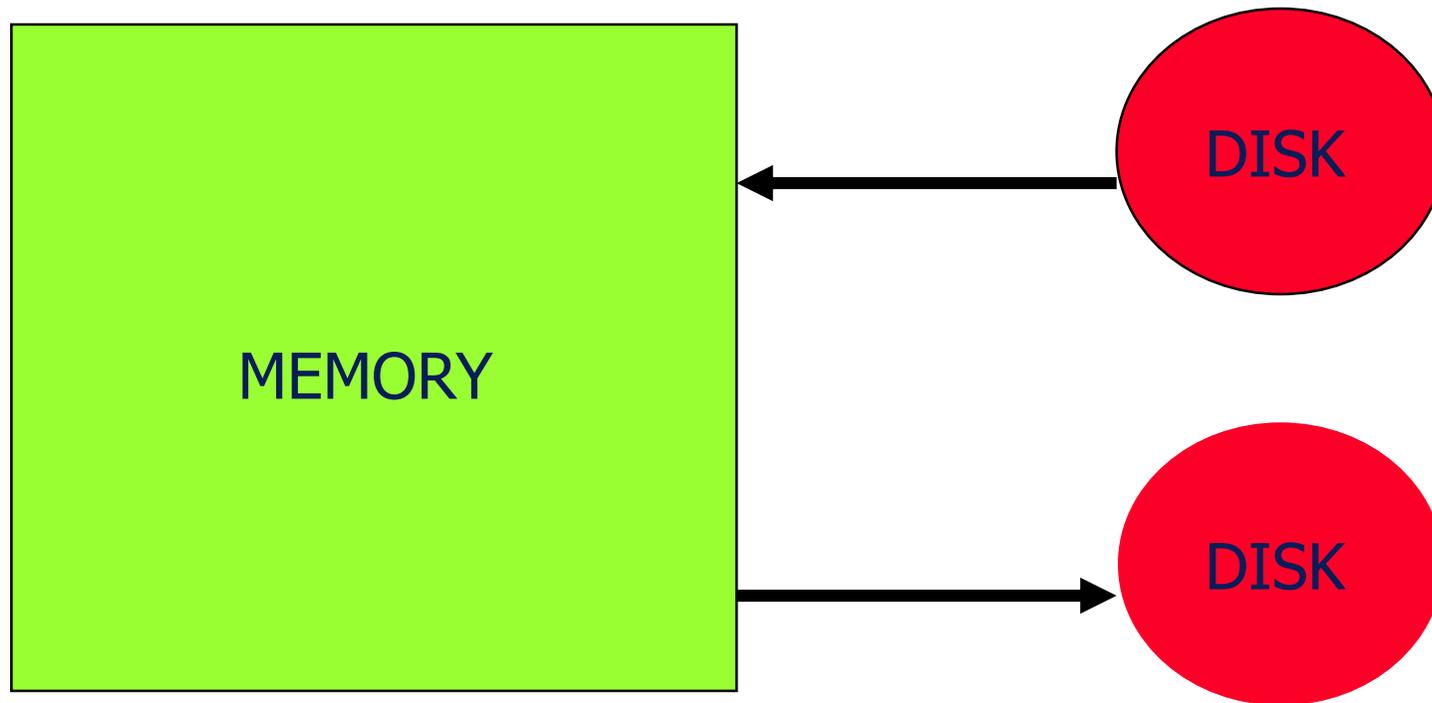
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- Generate runs whose length (on average) exceeds memory size
- Equivalent to reducing number of runs generated

# Improve Run Merging

- Overlap input, output, and internal merging

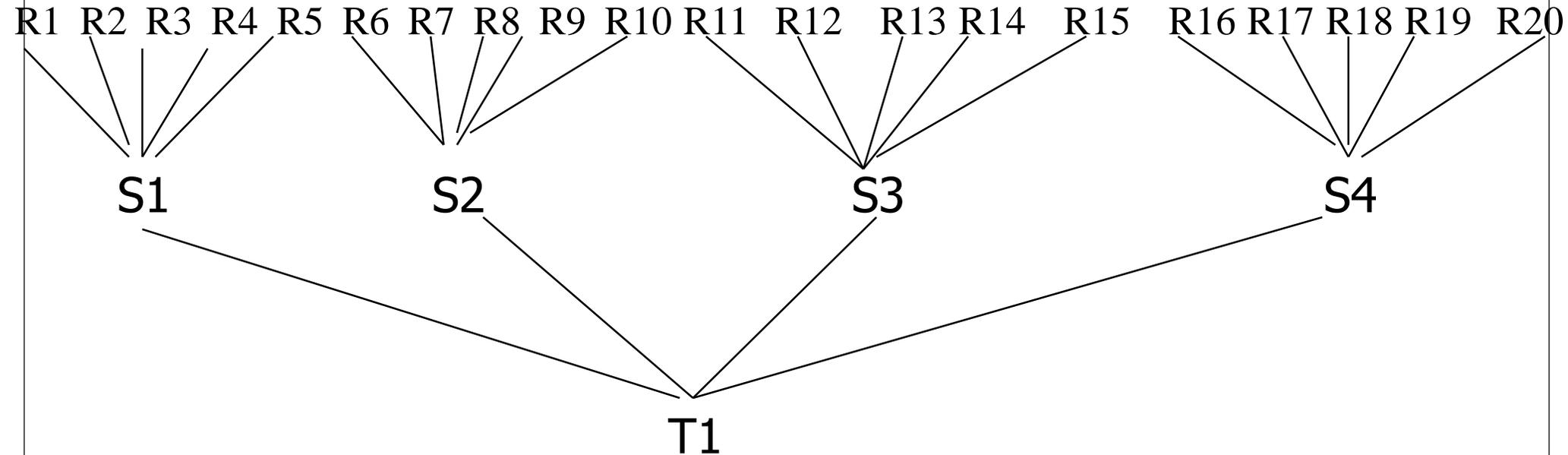


# Improve Run Merging

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- Reduce number of merge passes
  - ◆ Use higher-order merge
  - ◆ Number of passes =  $\lceil \log_k \text{number\_of\_initial\_runs} \rceil$   
where  $k$  is the merge order

# Merge 20 Runs Using 5-Way Merging



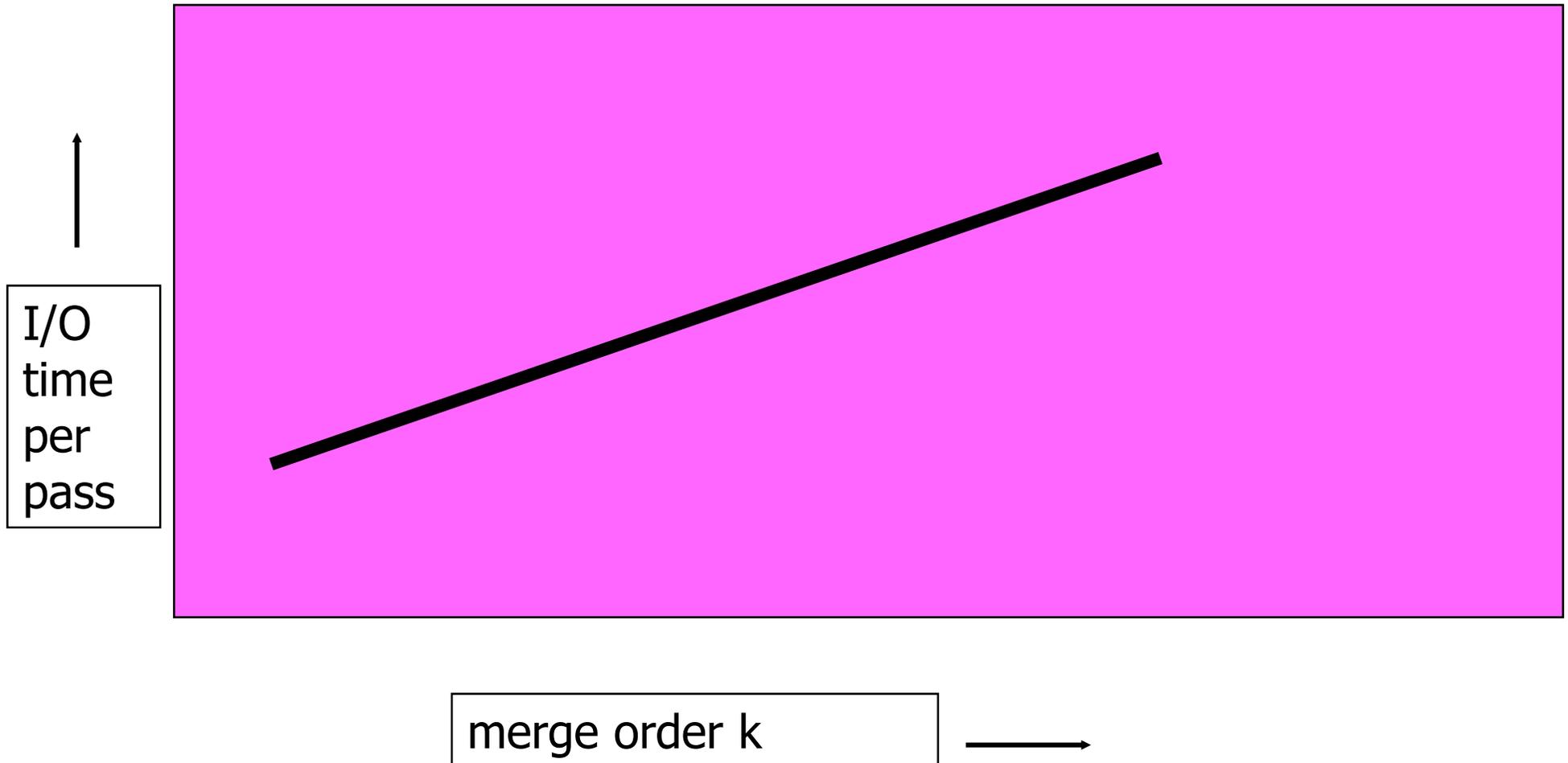
Number of passes = 2

# I/O Time Per Merge Pass

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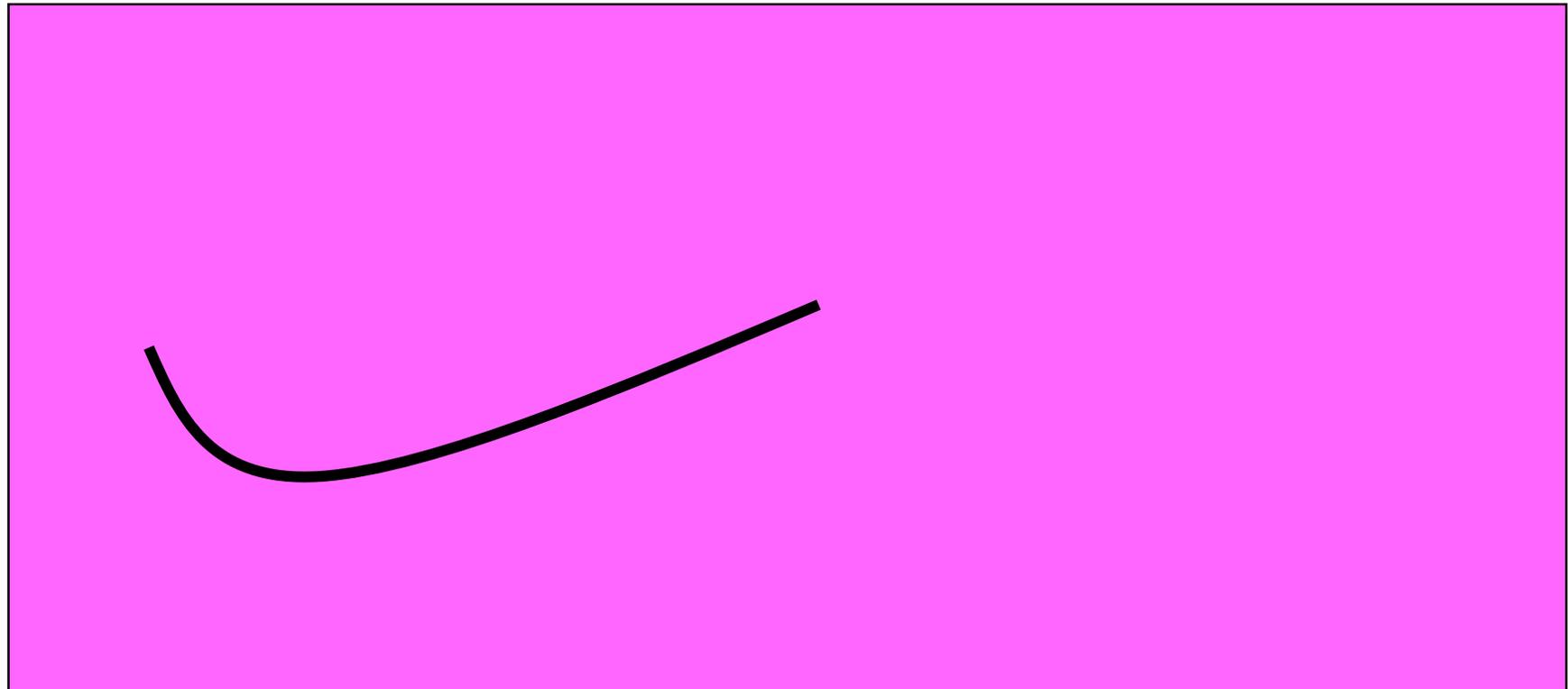
- Number of input buffers needed is linear in merge order  $k$
- Since memory size is fixed, block size decreases as  $k$  increases
- So, number of blocks increases
- So, number of seek and latency delays per pass increases

# I/O Time Per Merge Pass



# Total I/O Time To Merge Runs

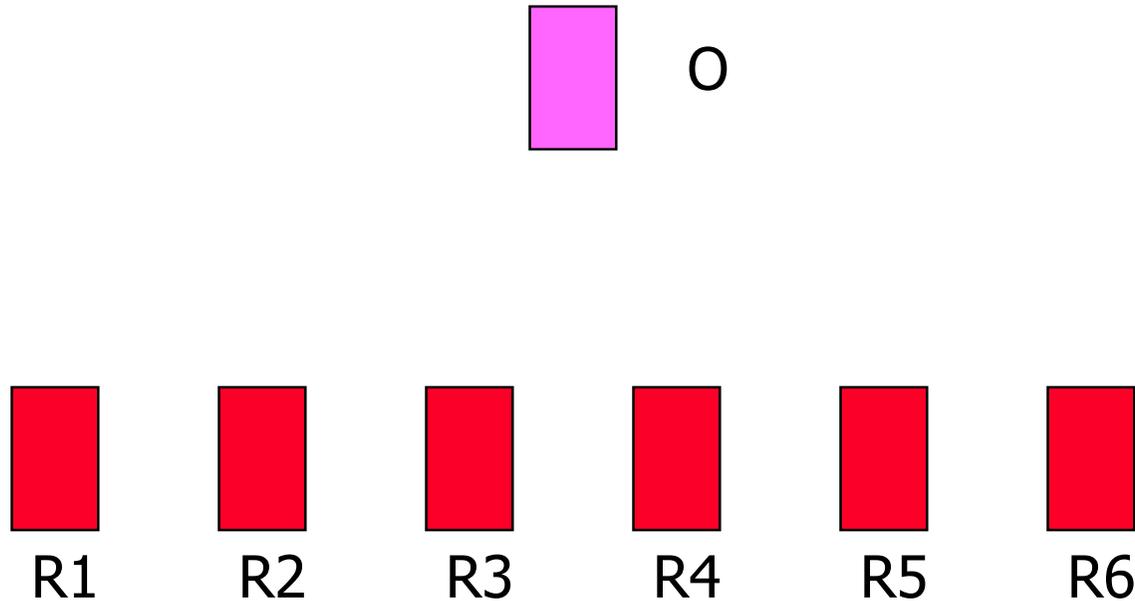
- (I/O time for one merge pass) \*  $\lceil \log_k \text{number\_of\_initial\_runs} \rceil$



Total  
I/O  
time to  
merge  
runs

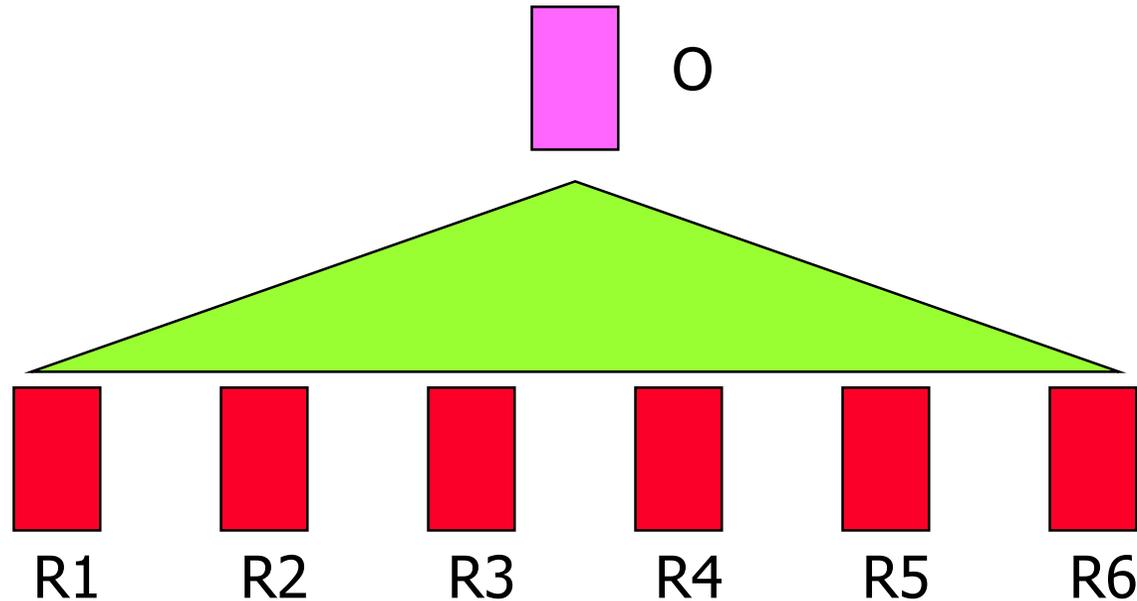
merge order  $k$

# Internal Merge Time



- Naïve way  $k - 1$  compares to determine next record to move to the output buffer
- Time to merge  $n$  records is  $c(k - 1)n$ , where  $c$  is a constant
- Merge time per pass is  $c(k - 1)n$
- Total merge time is  $c(k - 1)n \log_k r = cn(k/\log_2 k) \log_2 r$

# Merge Time Using A Tournament Tree



- Time to merge  $n$  records is  $dn \log_2 k$ , where  $d$  is a constant
- Merge time per pass is  $dn \log_2 k$
- Total merge time is  $(dn \log_2 k) \log_k r = dn \log_2 r$

# Τέλος Ενότητας



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