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6.1 Ordered Indices :

These are used to gain fast random access to records in a file. Each index structure is associated with a particular *search key*. The index stores the values of the search keys in sorted order.

The record in the indexed file may themselves be sorted in some way. The file may have several indices of different search key.

Primary index : if the file containing the record is sequentially ordered , the index whose search key specifies the sequential order of the file , this index is a primary index for that file.

Secondary index : is the index of the file whose search key specifies an order different from the order of the file.

6.1.1 : Ordered Primary Index

Figure 6.1 shows an ordered file for *account* records.

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Spars index : An index record is created for only some of the values. To locate a record we find the index entry with the largest search key value that is less than or equal to the search key value for which we are locking. We start at the record pointed to by that index entry, and follow the pointer in the file until we find the desired record. As shown in figure (6.3) for the account file.



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