

# Hash Tables

## Chapter 5 in Weiss

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Data Structures  
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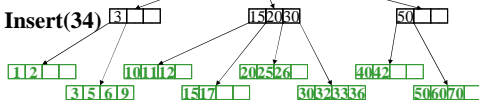
## Today's Outline

- **Announcements**
  - Project 2B due Wednesday, 2/10 at 11pm
  - Midterms returned and discussed in section Thurs
  - Written Homework #4 due Friday 2/12

- **Today's Topics:**
  - Hash Tables

B-Tree with  $M = 4$   
and  $L = 4$

Perform Insert(34)



(Only showing keys, but leaves also have data!)

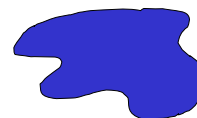
## Information Retrieval

## Implementations So Far

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## Hash Tables

- Constant time accesses!
- A **hash table** is an array of some fixed size, usually a prime number.
- General idea:



hash function:  
 $h(K)$



key space (e.g., integers, strings)

TableSize - 1

## Example

- key space = integers
- TableSize = 10
  
- $h(K) = K \bmod 10$
  
- **Insert:** 7, 18, 41, 94

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## Another Example

- key space = integers
- TableSize = 6
  
- $h(K) = K \bmod 6$
  
- **Insert:** 7, 18, 41, 34, 32

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## Hash Functions

1. **simple/fast** to compute,
2. Avoid **collisions**
3. have keys distributed **evenly** among cells

Perfect Hash function:

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## Sample Hash Functions:

- key space = strings
  - $s = s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots s_{k-1}$
1.  $h(s) = s_0 \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  2.  $h(s) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i \right) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  3.  $h(s) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i \cdot 37^i \right) \bmod \text{TableSize}$

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## Designing a Hash Function for web URLs

$$s = s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots s_{k-1}$$

Issues to take into account:

$$h(s) =$$

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## Collision Resolution

**Collision:** when two keys map to the same location in the hash table.

Two ways to resolve collisions:

1. Separate Chaining
2. Open Addressing (linear probing, quadratic probing, double hashing)

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## Separate Chaining

Insert:

10  
22  
107  
12  
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- **Separate chaining:**  
All keys that map to the same hash value are kept in a list (or “bucket”).

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## Analysis of find

- **Defn:** The **load factor**,  $\lambda$ , of a hash table is the ratio:  $\frac{N}{M}$  ← no. of elements  
M ← table size

For separate chaining,  $\lambda$  = average # of elements in a bucket

- unsuccessful:
- successful:

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## How big should the hash table be?

- For Separate Chaining:

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## tableSize: Why Prime?

- Suppose
  - data stored in hash table: 7160, 493, 60, 55, 321, 900, 810
  - tableSize = 10  
data hashes to 0, 3, 0, 5, 1, 0, 0
  - tableSize = 11  
data hashes to 10, 9, 5, 0, 2, 9, 7

Real-life data tends to have a pattern

Being a multiple of 11 is usually *not* the pattern ☺

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## Open Addressing

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	

Insert:

38  
19  
8  
109  
10

- **Linear Probing:**  
after checking spot  $h(k)$ , try spot  $h(k)+1$ , if that is full, try  $h(k)+2$ , then  $h(k)+3$ , etc.

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## Terminology Alert!

“Open Hashing” equals “Closed Hashing”

Weiss “Separate Chaining” equals “Open Addressing”

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## Linear Probing

$$f(i) = i$$

- Probe sequence:

$$0^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = h(k) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

$$1^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = (h(k) + 1) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

$$2^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = (h(k) + 2) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

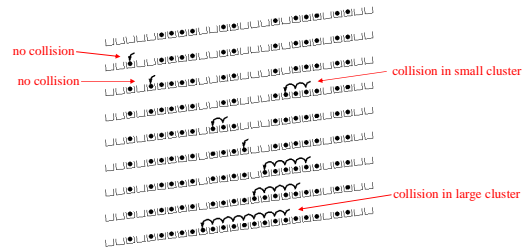
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$$i^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = (h(k) + i) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

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## Linear Probing – Clustering



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## Load Factor in Linear Probing

- For any  $\lambda < 1$ , linear probing *will* find an empty slot
- Expected # of probes (for large table sizes)

– successful search:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)} \right)$

– unsuccessful search:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^2} \right)$

- Linear probing suffers from *primary clustering*
- Performance quickly degrades for  $\lambda > 1/2$

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## Quadratic Probing

$$f(i) = i^2$$

Less likely  
to encounter  
Primary  
Clustering

- Probe sequence:

$$0^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = h(k) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

$$1^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = (h(k) + 1) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

$$2^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = (h(k) + 4) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

$$3^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = (h(k) + 9) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

...

$$i^{\text{th}} \text{ probe} = (h(k) + i^2) \bmod \text{TableSize}$$

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## Quadratic Probing

0		Insert:
1		89
2		18
3		49
4		58
5		79
6		
7		
8		
9		

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## Quadratic Probing:

- $h(k) = k \bmod 7$
- Perform these inserts:
  - Insert(65)
  - Insert(10)
  - Insert(47)

0	
1	
2	93
3	
4	
5	40
6	76

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