

# Hashing

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## Today's Outline

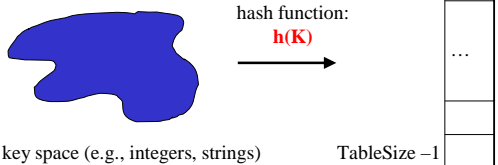
- **Announcements**
  - Homework #4 due Fri, May 7 at the beginning of class.
- **Today's Topics:**
  - Disjoint Sets & Dynamic Equivalence
  - Hashing

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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:



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## Hash Tables

Key space of size  $M$ , but we only want to store subset of size  $N$ , where  $N \ll M$ .

- Keys are identifiers in programs. Compiler keeps track of them in a symbol table.
- Keys are student names. We want to look up student records quickly by name.
- Keys are chess configurations in a chess playing program.
- Keys are URLs in a database of web pages.

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## Example

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

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	

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## Another Example

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

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

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

$$1. h(s) = s_0 \text{ mod TableSize}$$

$$2. h(s) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i \right) \text{ mod TableSize}$$

$$3. h(s) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i \cdot 37^i \right) \text{ mod TableSize}$$

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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

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	

**Insert:**

10  
22  
107  
12  
42

- **Separate chaining:** All keys that map to the same hash value are kept in a list ("bucket").

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## Analysis of find

- The **load factor**,  $\lambda$ , of a hash table is the ratio:

$$\frac{N}{M} \quad \leftarrow \text{no. of elements}$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \leftarrow \text{table size}$$

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

- unsuccessful:
- successful:

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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

Less likely to encounter Primary Clustering

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

- Probe sequence:
  - 0<sup>th</sup> probe =  $h(k) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - 1<sup>th</sup> probe =  $(h(k) + 1) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - 2<sup>th</sup> probe =  $(h(k) + 4) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - 3<sup>th</sup> probe =  $(h(k) + 9) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - ...
  - $i^{\text{th}}$  probe =  $(h(k) + i^2) \bmod \text{TableSize}$

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## Quadratic Probing

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	

Insert:  
89  
18  
49  
58  
79

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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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## Quadratic Probing Example

insert(76)    insert(40)    insert(48)    insert(5)    insert(55)  
 $76 \% 7 = 6$      $40 \% 7 = 5$      $48 \% 7 = 6$      $5 \% 7 = 5$      $55 \% 7 = 6$

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	76

But... insert(47)  
 $47 \% 7 = 5$

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## Quadratic Probing: Success guarantee for $\lambda < 1/2$

- If size is prime and  $\lambda < 1/2$ , then quadratic probing will find an empty slot in size/2 probes or fewer.
  - show for all  $0 \leq i, j \leq \text{size}/2$  and  $i \neq j$ 

$$(h(x) + i^2) \bmod \text{size} \neq (h(x) + j^2) \bmod \text{size}$$
  - by contradiction: suppose that for some  $i \neq j$ :
 
$$(h(x) + i^2) \bmod \text{size} = (h(x) + j^2) \bmod \text{size}$$

$$\Rightarrow i^2 \bmod \text{size} = j^2 \bmod \text{size}$$

$$\Rightarrow (i^2 - j^2) \bmod \text{size} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [(i + j)(i - j)] \bmod \text{size} = 0$$
 BUT size does not divide  $(i-j)$  or  $(i+j)$

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## Quadratic Probing: Properties

- For any  $\lambda < 1/2$ , quadratic probing will find an empty slot; for bigger  $\lambda$ , quadratic probing may find a slot
- Quadratic probing does not suffer from *primary* clustering: keys hashing to the same *area* are not bad
- But what about keys that hash to the same *spot*?  
– *Secondary Clustering!*

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## Double Hashing

$$f(i) = i * g(k)$$

where  $g$  is a second hash function

- Probe sequence:
  - 0<sup>th</sup> probe =  $h(k) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - 1<sup>th</sup> probe =  $(h(k) + g(k)) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - 2<sup>th</sup> probe =  $(h(k) + 2 * g(k)) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - 3<sup>th</sup> probe =  $(h(k) + 3 * g(k)) \bmod \text{TableSize}$
  - ...
  - $i^{\text{th}}$  probe =  $(h(k) + i * g(k)) \bmod \text{TableSize}$

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## Double Hashing Example

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

$h(k) = k \bmod 7$  and  $g(k) = 5 - (k \bmod 5)$

	76	93	40	47	10	55
0						
1				47	47	47
2		93	93	93	93	93
3					10	10
4						55
5			40	40	40	40
6	76	76	76	76	76	76
Probes	1	1	1	2	1	2

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## Resolving Collisions with Double Hashing

0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	

Hash Functions:  
 $H(k) = k \bmod M$   
 $H_2(k) = 1 + ((k/M) \bmod (M-1))$   
 $M =$

Insert these values into the hash table in this order. Resolve any collisions with double hashing:  
 13  
 28  
 33  
 147  
 43

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## Rehashing

- Idea:** When the table gets too full, create a bigger table (usually 2x as large) and hash all the items from the original table into the new table.
- When to rehash?
    - half full ( $\lambda = 0.5$ )
    - when an insertion fails
    - some other threshold
  - Cost of rehashing?

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## Hashing Summary

- Hashing is one of the most important data structures.
- Hashing has many applications where operations are limited to find, insert, and delete.
- Dynamic hash tables have good amortized complexity.

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