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For removing secondary clustering effect we will use double hashing in which two hash functions are there will give modulo which are relatively prime to each other. This will give us more uniform distribution of hash table for eg.

$$h_1(k) = k \bmod 11$$

$$h_2(k) = 8 - (k \bmod 8)$$

due to $h_2(k)$ offset for $h_1(k)$ changes for different k but this does not occur in linear probing

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Double Hashing:

- Reduced clustering
- Efficient space utilization
- Deterministic: efficient way to resolve collisions.

Note: If the secondary hash function is poorly designed and leads to clustering itself, it may not provide significant improvements over linear probing.