

Tutorial 7: Files and Hash Files

CS3402 Database Systems

Question 1

- If the database consists of 512 records and the blocking factor is 8. On average, how many blocks needed to be searched to if the records are in unordered format and ordered format?

Question 1 (Answer)

- $512/8 = 64$ blocks
- Sequential search = $64/2 = 32$
- Binary search = $\log_2 64 = \log_2 2^6 = 6$

Question 2

- Under which case the performance of hashing is better: (1) the values of hash key are uniformly distributed; and (2) the values of the hash key are in normal distribution.

Question 2 (Answer)

- (1) is better. For (2), the overflow problem is more serious since many records are grouped into some buckets.

Question 3 (1/2)

- Suppose that we use hashing to organize a *PRODUCT* file containing records with the following product# values: 2369, 3760, 4692, 4871, 5659, 1821, 1074, and 7115.
- (a) Let the hash function be $h(\text{product\#}) = \text{product\#} \bmod 5$, show the *static hash* structure for this file. Assuming that each bucket can hold at most three records as shown below, and records in each bucket is unordered.

Bucket i	
	Pointer

Question 3 (2/2)

- (b) Some new records are inserted into the file with product# values: 1620, 2428, 3945, 4759, 6975, 4981, and 9206. Show the updated hash structure for this file when using *chaining* for *collision resolution*. That is, if collision occurs, new records are inserted in overflow buckets and pointers are set from the original buckets to the overflow buckets. Assuming that each overflow bucket can hold at most three records, as shown below.

Overflow Bucket

		Pointer
		Pointer
		Pointer

Question 3 (Answer)

- (a) Static hashing with 5 buckets, each of which contains at most 3 records

Bucket 0

3760	
7115	
	NULL

Bucket 1

4871	
1821	
	NULL

Bucket 2

4692	
	NULL

Bucket 3

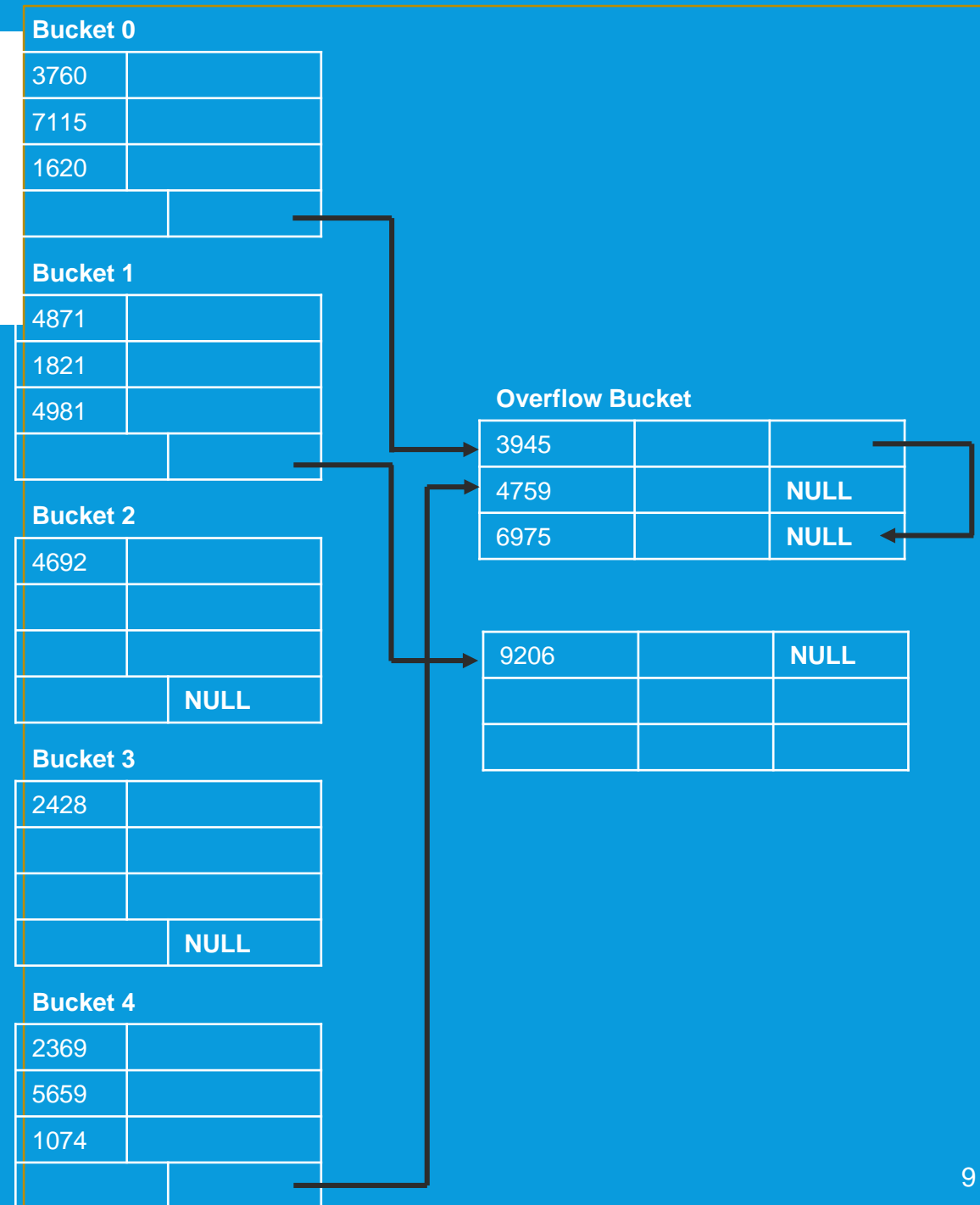
	NULL

Bucket 4

2369	
5659	
1074	
	NULL

Question 3 (Answer)

➤ (b) Overflow handling



Question 4

- In extendible hashing, how many hash codes can you have in maximum if the global depth is 3? Give an example to explain the mechanism used in extendible hashing to handle overflow.

Question 4 (Answer)

- 8 hash codes (000, 001, 010, 100, 011, 110, 101, 111)
- Mapping multiple hash codes to the same bucket.