

# Perfect Hashing and Universal Hashing

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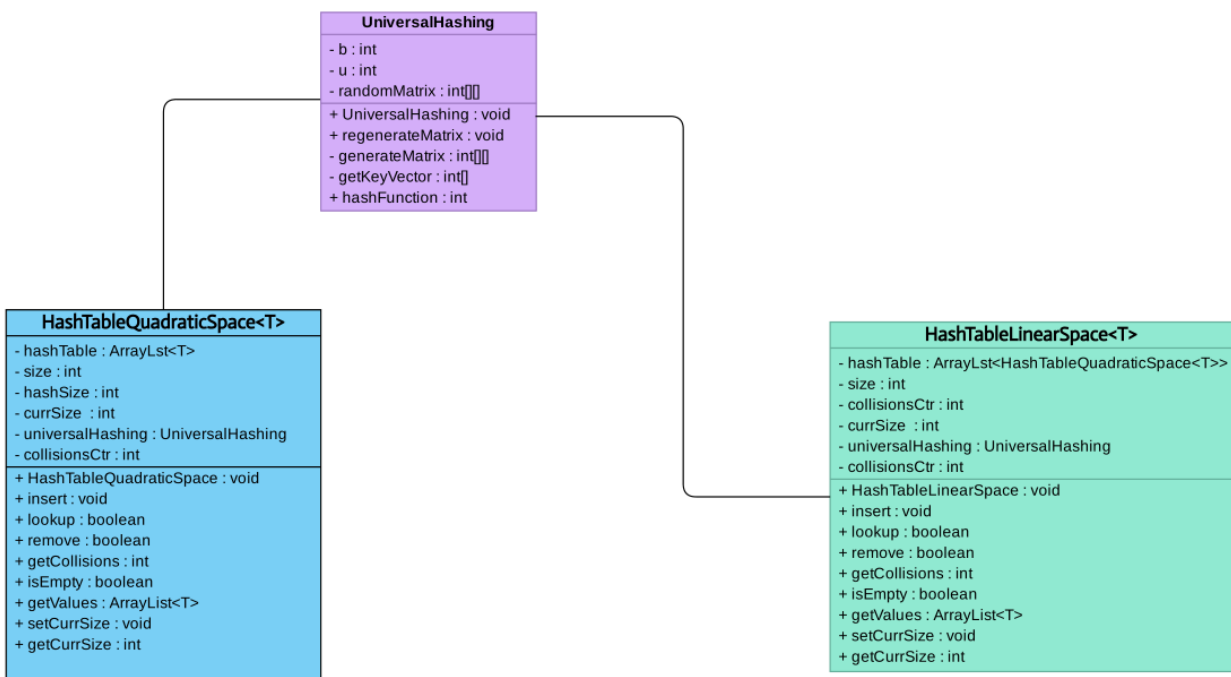
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# UML Diagram



# Universal Hashing

A probability distribution  $H$  over hash functions from  $U$  to  $\{1, \dots, M\}$  is universal if for all  $x \neq y$  in  $U$ , we have

$$\Pr[h(x) = h(y)] \leq 1/M \quad (1)$$

## Theorem

If  $H$  is universal, then for any set  $S \subset U$ , for any  $x \in U$  (that we might want to insert or lookup), for a random  $h$  taken from  $H$ , the expected number of collisions between  $x$  and other elements in  $S$  is at most  $|S|/M$ .

## Method

- Matrix method is used to construct hash Functions.
- If The table size is  $M$  and is power of 2, so an index is  $b$ -bits long with  $M = 2^b$
- $h(x) = h * x$  (matrix multiplication with mod 2 addition)
- $h$  will be a random matrix with values ranging from 0 to 1

$$\begin{array}{c} h \quad x \quad h(x) \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

- We can show that for  $x \neq y$ ,  $\Pr[h(x) = h(y)] = 1/M = 1/2^b$

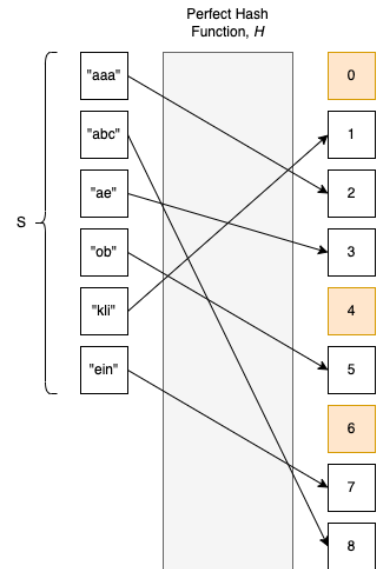
## Implementation

- generateMatrix returns 2D int array after generating random entries.
- getKeyVector returns 1D Vector that is a binary representation of  $x$ .
- hashFunction returns a key using randomly generated  $h$  Matrix.

# Perfect Hashing

A **perfect hash function**  $h$  for a set  $S$  is a hash function that maps distinct elements in  $S$  to a set of  $m$  integers, with no collisions. In mathematical terms, it is an injective function.

Disadvantages of perfect hash functions are that  $S$  needs to be known for the construction of the perfect hash function.



## $O(N^2)$ Space Solution

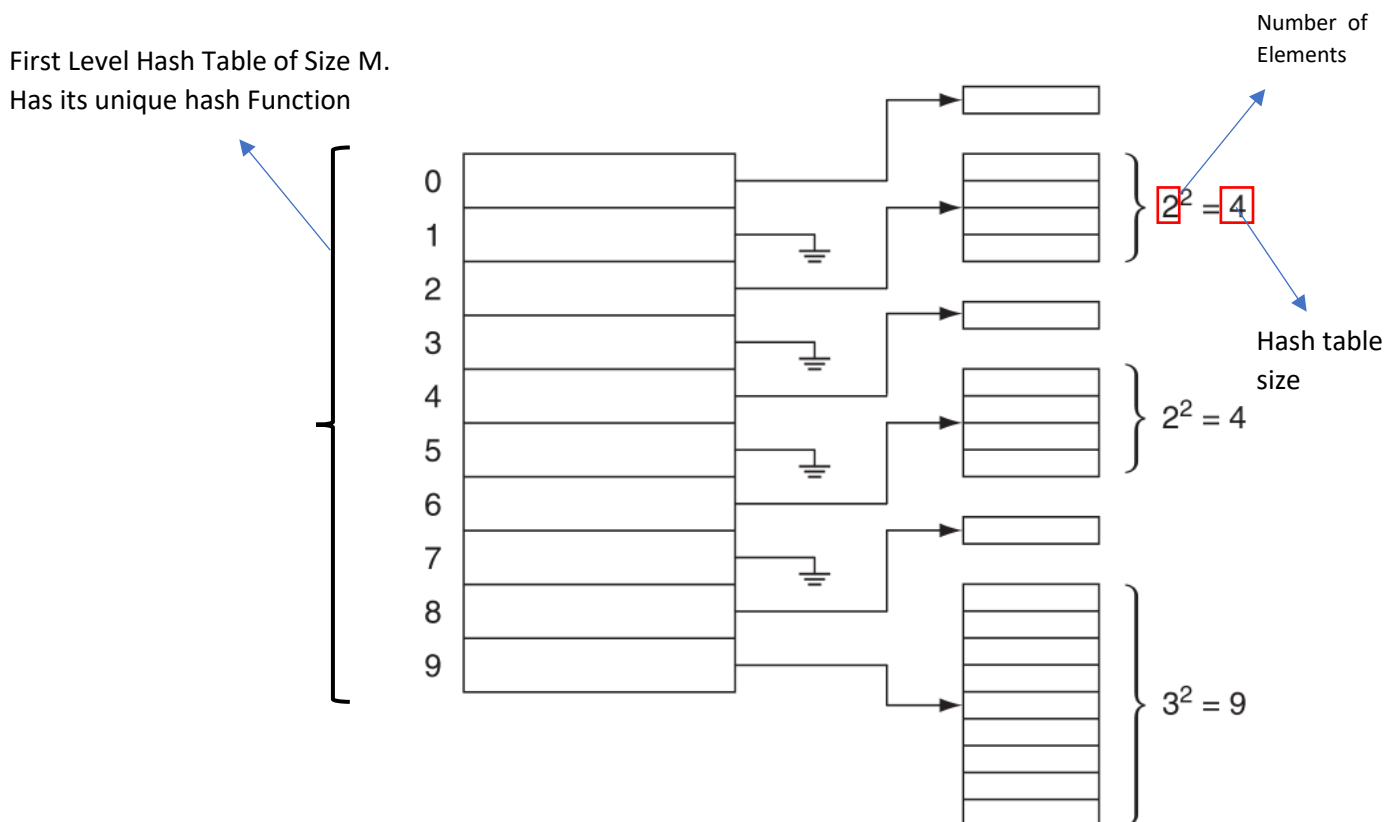
- If there are  $N$  elements to be inserted, A Hash table of size  $N^2$  is made.
- Universal Hashing is used to generate a hash function.
- This hash function is used to hash every element.
- If a Collision occurs then we regenerate a Matrix to make a new Hash Function independent from the previous ones and rehash every element into table using the new hash function.
- A  $N^2$  hash table is made to ensure that the probability that a Collision occurs is  $\frac{1}{2}$  and that total amount of Collisions is at most 2.
- Having a Table size of  $N^2$  is impractical and a new solution is necessary.

## Implementation

- Insert function that takes the element as a parameter and checks for an empty bin using a hash function.
- Lookup takes an element as a parameter returns Boolean Value True if the given element exists in the hash table, False otherwise.
- Remove takes an element as a parameter returns Boolean value True if the element exists in the hash table and is removed successfully, False otherwise.

## O(N) Space Solution

- A cleverer approach to take is to make 2 level hash Table where every entry in the hash table is a hash table of Quadratic Space Solution in which its size grows as the number of Collisions on this entry grows.
- The First level Hash Table uses a hash function generated using Universal Hashing scheme.
- The First level tries to hash every element into empty bins.
- If a Collision is detected, then a new Hash Table inside the bin is constructed with a unique hash Function then it tries to hash every element hashed using the First level hash function into the bin (where collision occurred) using the new second level hash Function.



- The initial size of each entry is 1, if an entry has N elements in it then its size should be  $N^2$  (from the  $O(N^2)$  Solution).
- Each Entry is a Hash Table of Size Squared to number of elements inside it.
- Each Entry Hash Table has a unique hash function that is generated randomly using Universal Hashing Scheme and generated every time a Collision Occurs into this entry.

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## Space Complexity Analysis

N	$O(N^2)$ Size	$O(N^2)$ Collisions	$O(N)$ Size	$O(N)$ Collisions
10	100	0	23	3
15	225	0	33	5
20	400	0	50	7
25	625	0	60	8
30	900	1	65	10