



# CS215 DISCRETE MATH

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# Representations of Integers

- We may use *decimal* (*base 10*) or *binary* or *octal* or *hexadecimal* or other notations to represent integers.
- Let  $b > 1$  be an integer. Then if  $n$  is a positive integer, it can be expressed **uniquely in the form**  
$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 b + a_0,$$
 where  $k$  is nonnegative,  $a_i$ 's are nonnegative integers less than  $b$ . The representation of  $n$  is called *the base- $b$  expansion of  $n$*  and is denoted by  $(a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$ .



# Algorithm: Constructing Base- $b$ Expansions

```
procedure base b expansion( $n, b$ : positive integers with  $b > 1$ )  
   $q := n$   
   $k := 0$   
  while ( $q \neq 0$ )  
     $a_k := q \bmod b$   
     $q := q \operatorname{div} b$   
     $k := k + 1$   
  return( $a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$ ) {  $(a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$  is base  $b$  expansion of  $n$  }
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*c* := 0

**for** *j* := 0 to *n* − 1

*d* :=  $\lfloor (a_j + b_j + c) / 2 \rfloor$

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## Proof.

◇ if  $n$  is composite, then it has a positive integer factor  $a$  such that  $1 < a < n$  by definition. This means that  $n = ab$ , where  $b$  is an integer greater than 1.

◇ assume that  $a > \sqrt{n}$  and  $b > \sqrt{n}$ . Then  $ab > n$ , contradiction. So either  $a \leq \sqrt{n}$  or  $b \leq \sqrt{n}$ .

◇ Thus,  $n$  has a divisor less than  $\sqrt{n}$ .

◇ By the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, this divisor is either prime, or is a product of primes. In either case,  $n$  has a prime divisor less than  $\sqrt{n}$ .



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A systematic way to find the gcd is **factorization**. Let

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- Luckily, we have an efficient algorithm, called **Euclidean algorithm**. This algorithm has been known since ancient times and named after the ancient Greek mathematician Euclid.



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The number of **divisions** required to find  $\text{gcd}(a, b)$  is  $O(\log b)$ , where  $a \geq b$ . (this will be proved later.)

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**Proof.** (by contradiction) Suppose that the positive integer  $n$  can be written as a product of primes in two distinct ways:

$$n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \text{ and } n = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_t$$

Remove all common primes from the factorizations to get

$$p_{i_1} p_{i_2} \cdots p_{i_u} = q_{j_1} q_{j_2} \cdots q_{j_v}$$

It then follows that  $p_{i_1}$  divides  $q_{j_k}$  for some  $k$ , **contradicting** the assumption that  $p_{i_1}$  and  $q_{j_k}$  are distinct primes.



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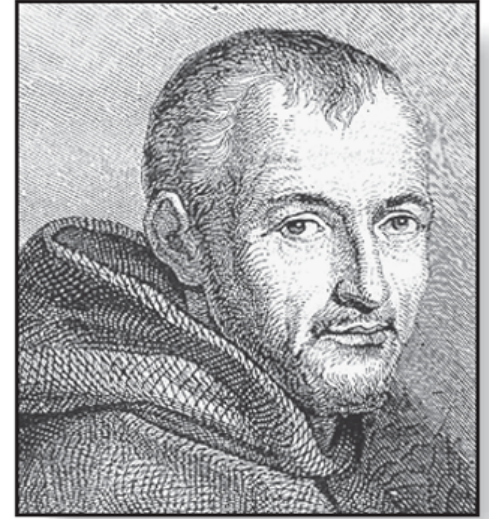
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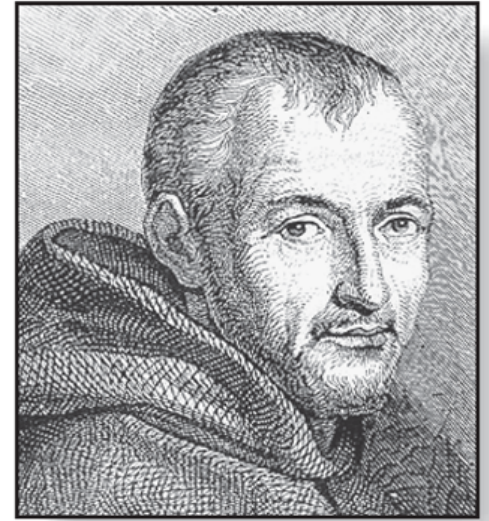
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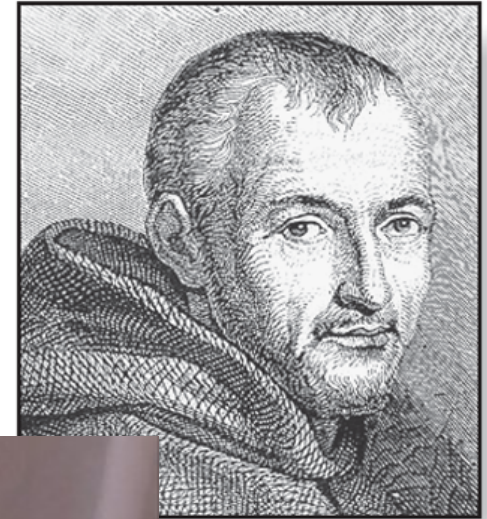
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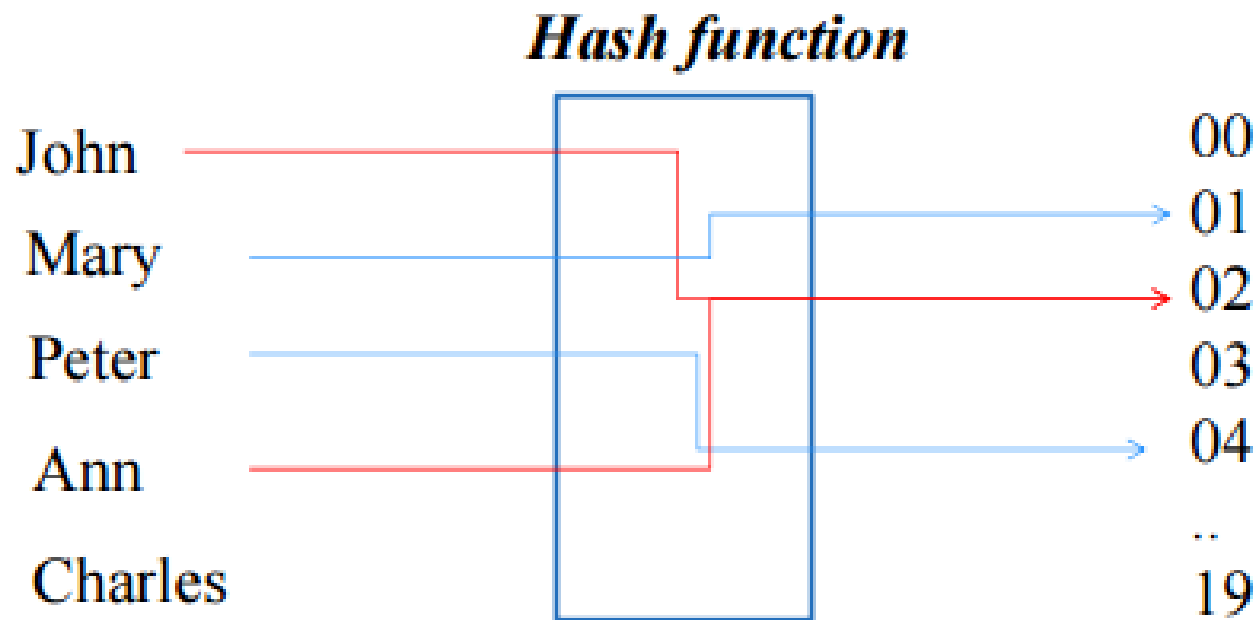
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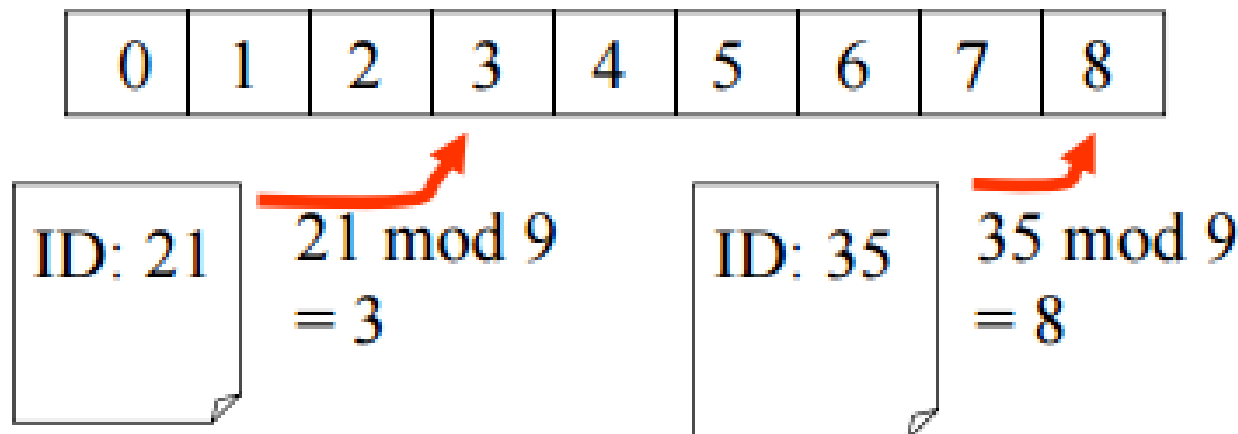
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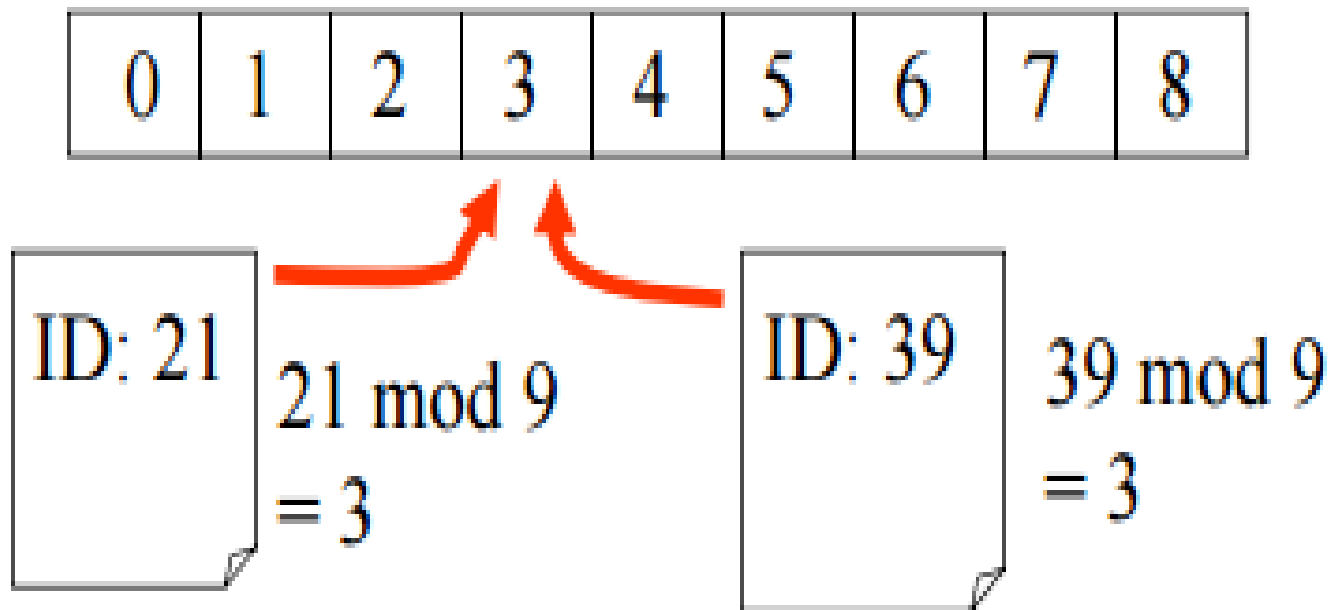
- $h(k) = k \bmod n$ ,

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- Two records mapped to the same location



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- **Solution 1:** move to the next available location

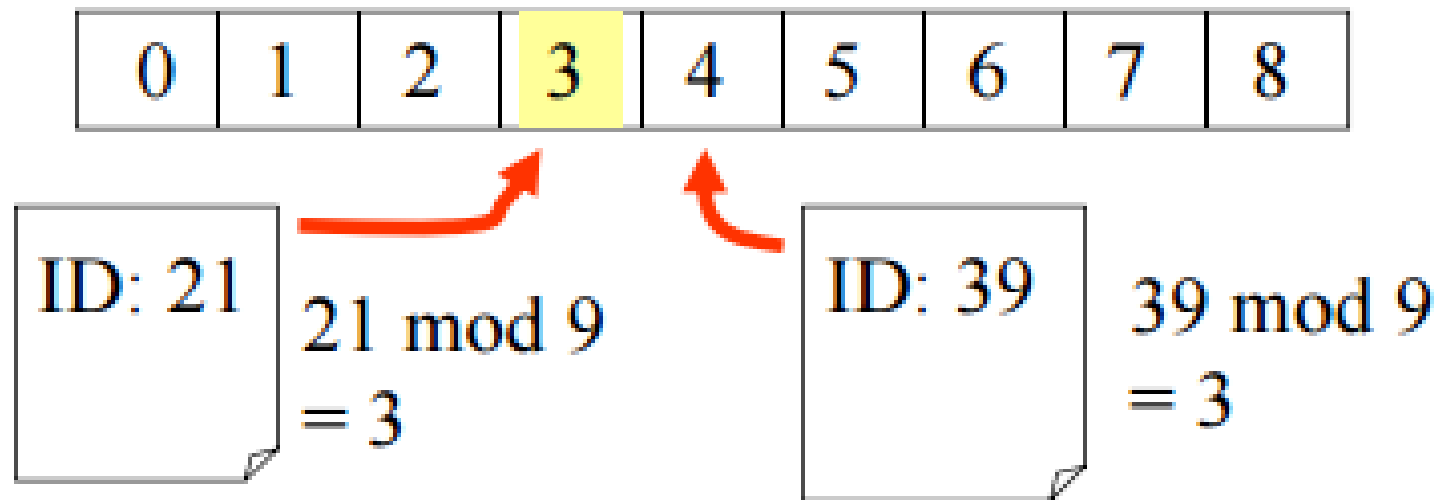
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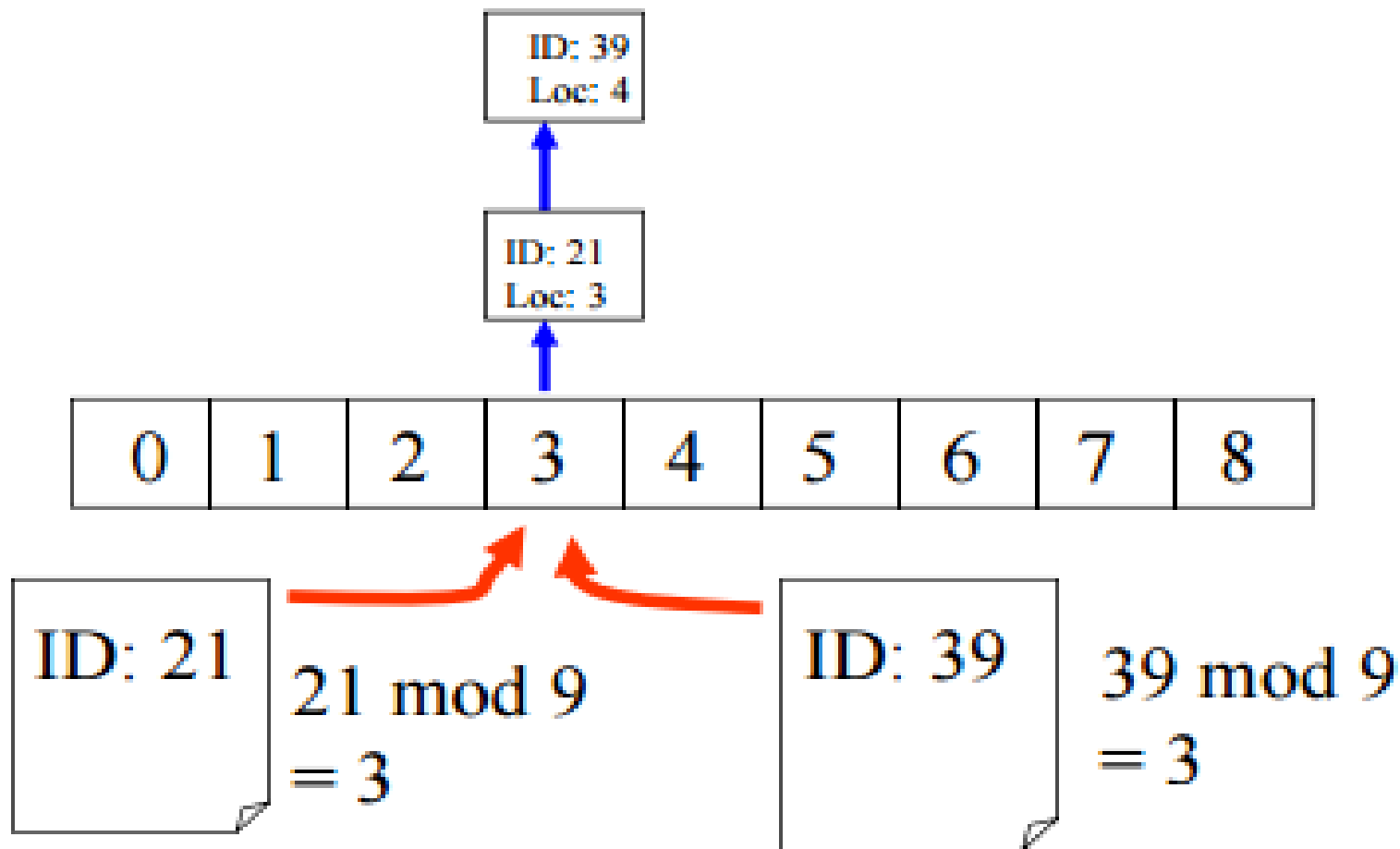
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- **Solution 2:** remember the exact location in a secondary structure that is searched sequentially



# Next Lecture

- cryptography ...

