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Tutorial 4: Hashing

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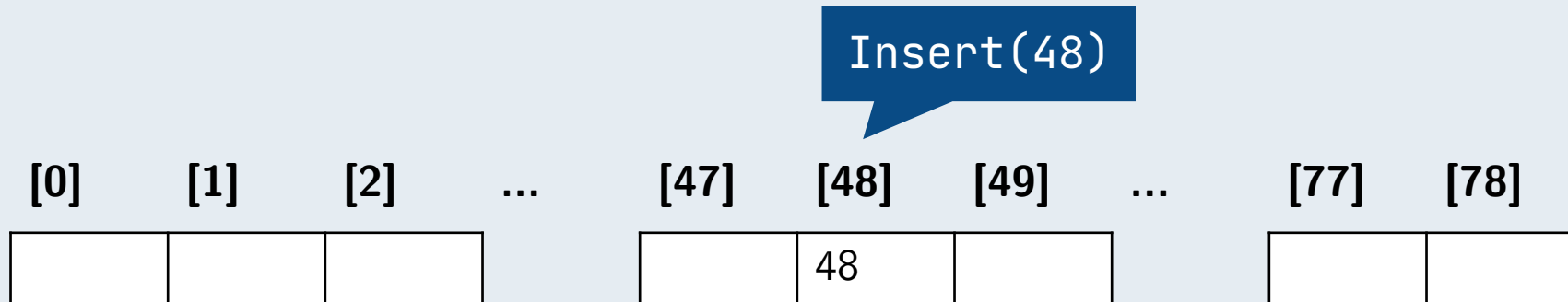
Map ADT

Why do we need the Map ADT?

Operations	Array	Linked List
getItemAtIndex	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
getFirst/getLast	$O(1)$	$O(1)^*$
addAtIndex/removeAtIndex	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
addFront/removeFront	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
addBack/removeBack	$O(n)$ ($O(1)$ amortized)	$O(1)^*$
contains	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

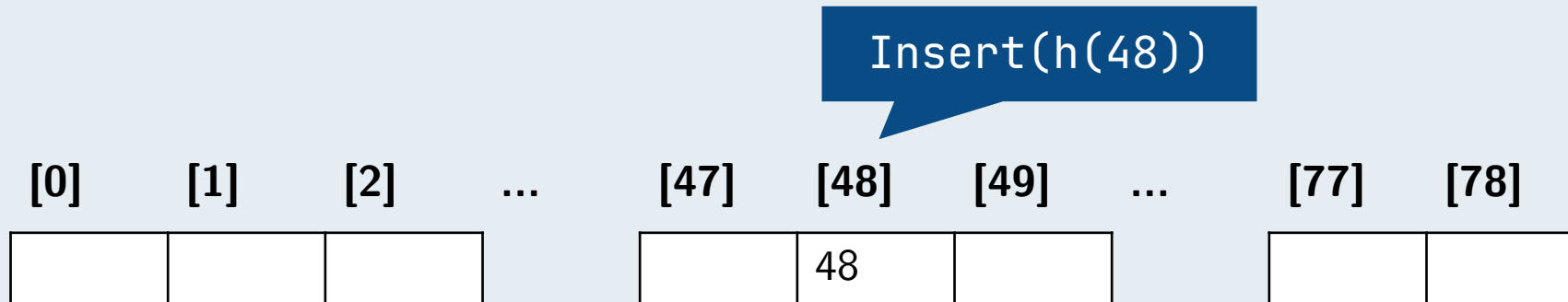
- Searching for a key in arrays and linked lists is slow.
- The index of a key is unknown, so we have to search one by one.

- **Purpose:** we want to infer the index from the key directly.
- **Trivial answer:** directly use the key as index?



- **Problems:**
 1. What if the key inserted is very large?
 2. What if the key is not an integer?

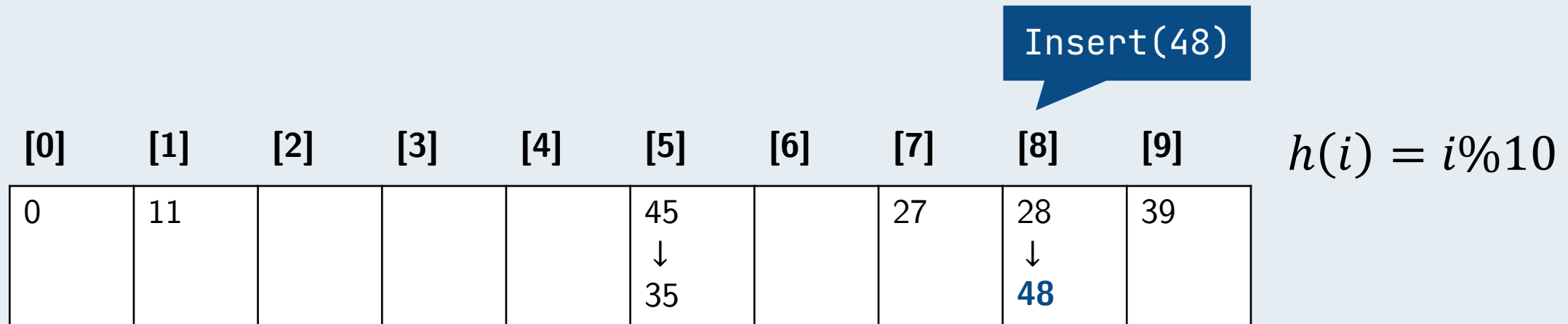
- **Purpose:** we want to infer the index from the key directly.
- **Idea:** Use a function h to map a key to a slot.



- **Problems:**
 1. How to define a good function h ?
 2. What if h maps multiple keys to the same slot?

Collision Resolution

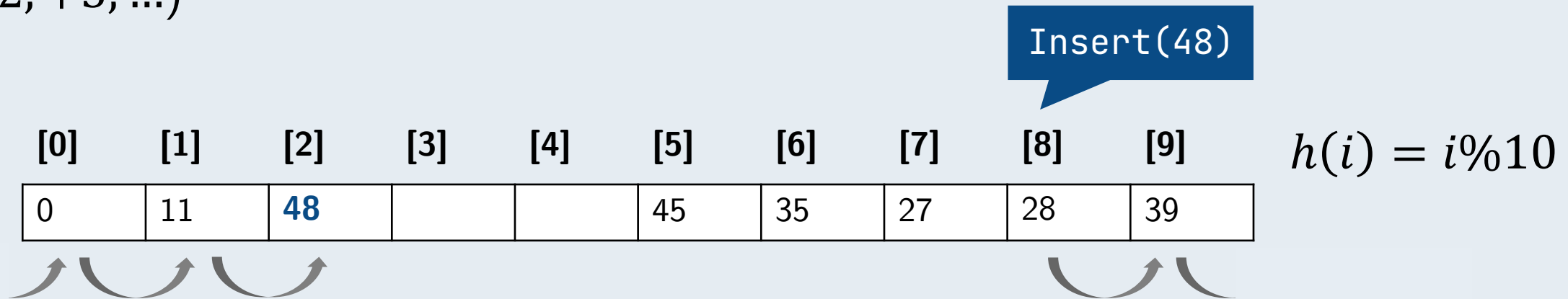
- **Separate Chaining:** keep the collided keys in the same slot using *linked list*.



- **Pros:** Inserting a key always cost $O(1)$ time.
- **Cons:** Need $O(n)$ extra space; searching for a key may be slow.

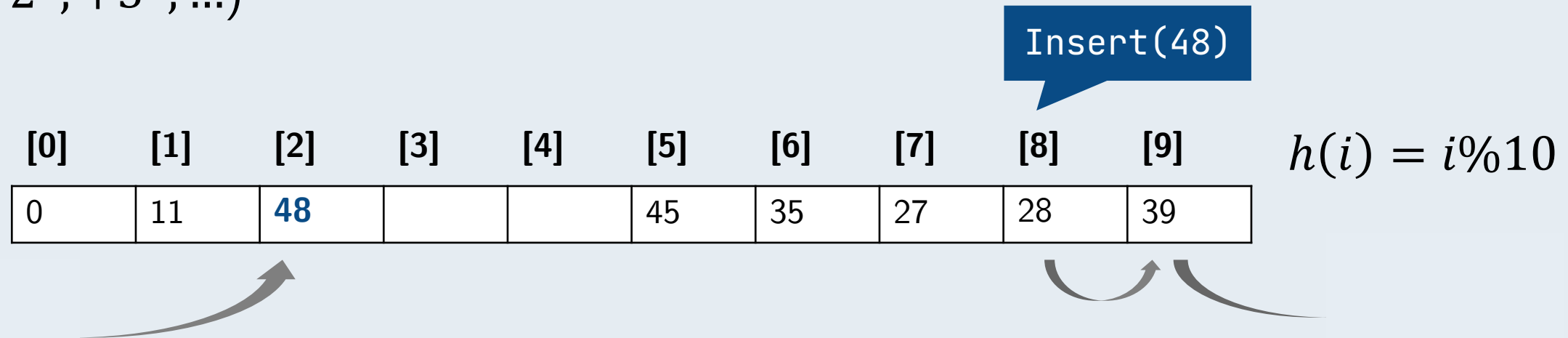
Collision Resolution

- **Linear Probing:** jump to the next slots until we find an empty slot.
(+1, +2, +3, ...)



- **Pros:** Can always find a slot for a key as long as hash table is not full.
- **Cons:** may form primary clusters (consecutive filled slots); both inserting and searching may be slow when large clusters form.

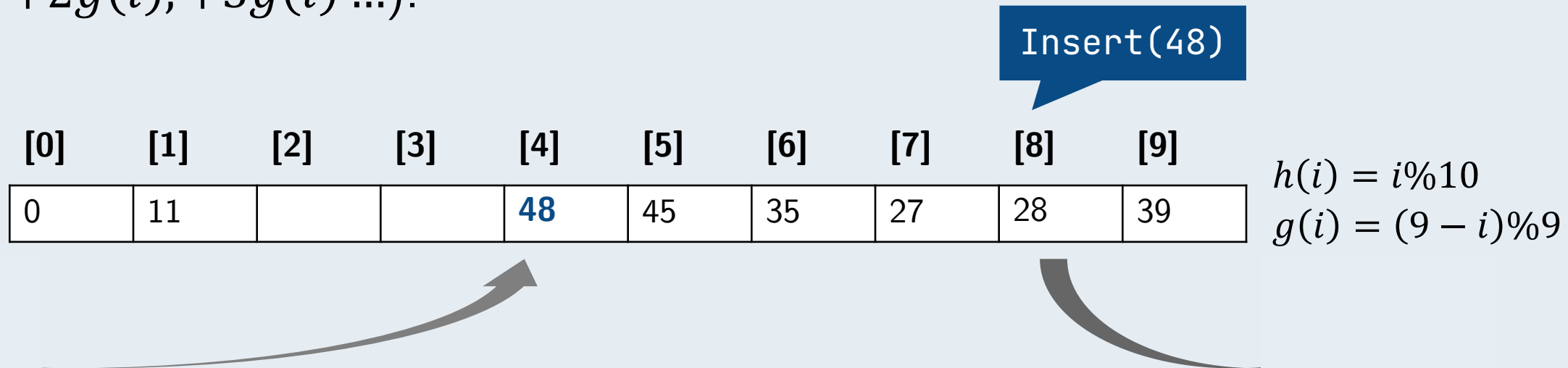
- **Quadratic Probing:** gradually increase the length of jumping.
($+1^2, +2^2, +3^2, \dots$)



- **Pros:** can jump through a cluster faster.
- **Cons:** May be unable to find a free slot. (guarantee to find one if load factor < 0.5); May form secondary clusters (same hash value, same probe sequence).

Collision Resolution

- **Double Hashing:** different jumping distance for different keys
($+g(i)$, $+2g(i)$, $+3g(i)$...).



- **Pros:** can jump through a cluster faster, harder to form a cluster.
- **Cons:** May be stuck in one place or unable to find a slot.

Problem 1: Linear Probing

- Use *linear probing*, hash function $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 5$.

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We have $7 \% 5 = 2$, so insert at slot 2.

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- **Step 2: insert(12)**

We have $12 \% 5 = 2$, and we have a collision!

Check $(12 + 1) \% 5 = 3$, an empty slot, so insert at slot 3.

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		7	12	

- **Step 3: insert(22)**

We have $22 \% 5 = 2$, and we have a collision!

Check $(22 + 1) \% 5 = 3$, again a collision!

Check $(22 + 2) \% 5 = 4$, an empty slot, so we insert at slot 4.

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- Use *linear probing*, hash function $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 5$.

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		7	12	22

- **Step 4:** delete(12)

Can we simply set slot 3 as empty slot?

No! In this case we will not be able to find 22.

We mark this slot as deleted instead.

Problem 1: Linear Probing

- Use *linear probing*, hash function $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 5$.

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
		7	8	22

- **Step 5: insert(8)**

We have $8 \% 5 = 3$, and we see a **del** symbol!

We can simply insert into slot 3.

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- **Step 3:** `insert(22)`

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Check $(22 + 1^2) \% 5 = 3$, again a collision!

Check $(22 + 2^2) \% 5 = 1$, so we insert at slot 1.

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- **Step 4: insert(2)**

We have $2 \% 5 = 2$, a collision!

Check $(2 + 1^2) \% 5 = 3$, again a collision!

Check $(2 + 2^2) \% 5 = 1$, again a collision!

Problem 1: Quadratic Probing

- Use *quadratic probing*, hash function $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 5$.

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- **Step 4:** `insert(2)`

$$(2 + 3^2) \% 5 = 1, (2 + 4^2) \% 5 = 3, (2 + 5^2) \% 5 = 2, (2 + 6^2) \% 5 = 3 \dots$$

Shall we go on forever?

Patterns in Quadratic Probing

$$\begin{aligned}(2 + 0^2)\%5 &= 2 \\(2 + 1^2)\%5 &= 3 \\(2 + 2^2)\%5 &= 1 \\(2 + 3^2)\%5 &= 1 \\(2 + 4^2)\%5 &= 3 \\(2 + 5^2)\%5 &= 2 \\(2 + 6^2)\%5 &= 3 \\(2 + 7^2)\%5 &= 1 \\(2 + 8^2)\%5 &= 1 \\(2 + 9^2)\%5 &= 3 \\(2 + 10^2)\%5 &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Do you notice any pattern?

It seems that the pattern “23113” keeps repeating.

Idea: probably for the values of hash function $h_k(i) = (i + k^2)\%m$ repeats for each m functions?

$$(i + \mathbf{k}^2)\%m = (i + (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{m})^2)\%m$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(i + (k + m)^2)\%m \\&= (i + k^2 + 2km + m^2)\%m \\&= \left(i + k^2 + \underbrace{2km\%m}_{=0} + \underbrace{m^2\%m}_{=0}\right)\%m \\&= (i + k^2)\%m\end{aligned}$$

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Do you notice any other pattern?

It seems that pattern from 3 to 5 is just the pattern from 0 to 2 reversed.

Idea: probably for the values of hash function $h_k(i) = (i + k^2)\%m$ are symmetric w.r.t. $k = m/2$?

$$(i + k^2)\%m = (i + (m - k)^2)\%m$$

Patterns in Quadratic Probing

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 (2 + 1^2) \% 5 &= 3 \\
 (2 + 2^2) \% 5 &= 1 \\
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 (2 + 4^2) \% 5 &= 3 \\
 (2 + 5^2) \% 5 &= 2 \\
 (2 + 6^2) \% 5 &= 3 \\
 (2 + 7^2) \% 5 &= 1 \\
 (2 + 8^2) \% 5 &= 1 \\
 (2 + 9^2) \% 5 &= 3 \\
 (2 + 10^2) \% 5 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(i + (m - k)^2) \% m \\
 &= (i + m^2 - 2km + k^2) \% m \\
 &= \left(i + \underbrace{m^2 \% m}_{=0} - \underbrace{2km \% m}_{=0} + k^2 \right) \% m \\
 &= (i + k^2) \% m
 \end{aligned}$$

Indeed! Therefore we only need to investigate the first $\lceil m/2 \rceil$ hash functions.

Problem 1: Double Hashing I

- Use *double hashing*, hash functions $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 5$, $g(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 3$.

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- **Step 3: insert(12)**

We have $12 \% 5 = 2$, a collision!

Check $(12 + g(12)) \% 5 = (12 + 0) \% 5 = 2$, still a collision!

This goes on infinitely as $g(12) = 0$.

Better set the second hash function so that **it doesn't evaluate to 0!**

Problem 1: Double Hashing II

- Use *double hashing*, hash functions $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 5$, $g(\text{key}) = 7 - (\text{key} \% 7)$.

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This goes on infinitely as $g(2) \% 5 = 0$.

Better set the second hash function so that **it doesn't evaluate to multiples of m !**

Hash Function

What makes a good hash function?

What makes a hash function good?

1. Deterministic.

Same key always maps to the same slot.

2. Fast.

Time should not depend on size of hash table/total items. Usually $O(1)$ or depends on size of key.

3. Uniformly distributed.

Key should be distributed to *all slots* with equal probability, even if they *share some simple characteristics*.

Good or bad: *The hash table has size 100 with positive even integer keys. The hash function is $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \% 100$.*

Deterministic? Yes!

Fast? Yes!

Uniformly distributed?

No! our keys are positive even integers, odd numbered slots will never be used!

Good or bad: *The hash table has size 49 with positive integer keys. The hash function is $h(\text{key}) = (\text{key} * 7) \% 49$.*

Deterministic? Yes!

Fast? Yes!

Uniformly distributed?

No! We can only map to slot 0, 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42!

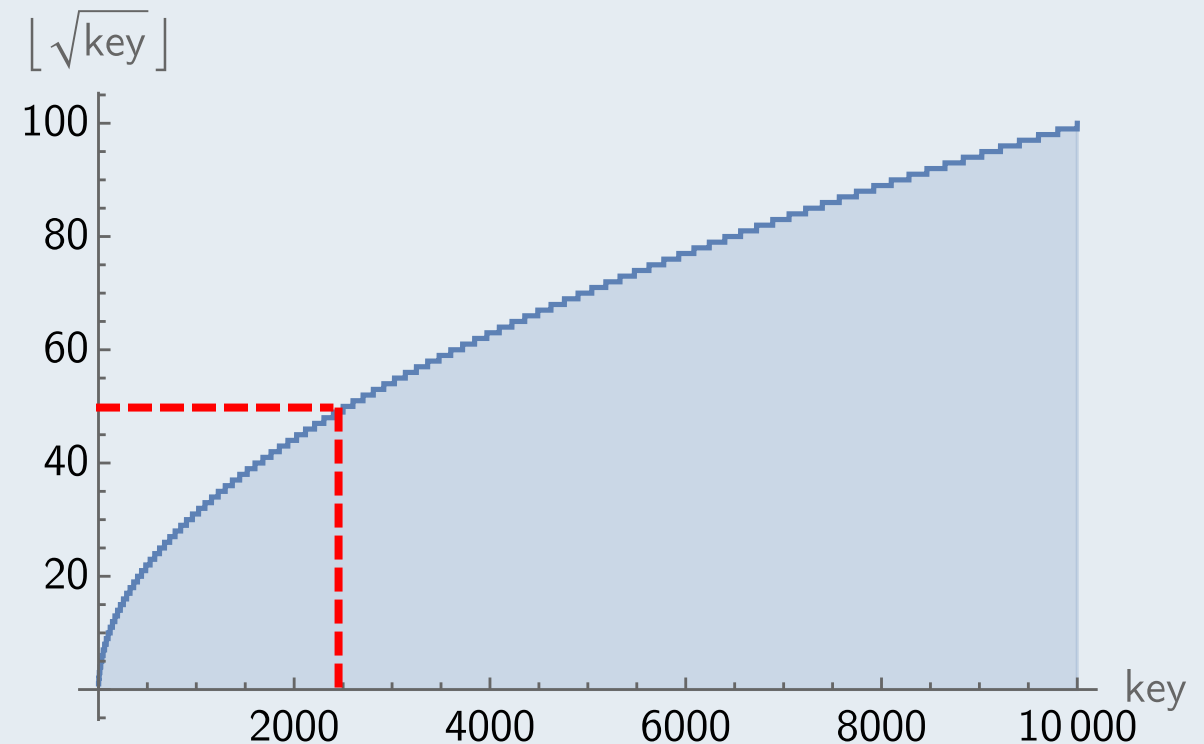
Good or bad: *The hash table has size 100 with non-negative integer keys in the range $[0, 10000]$. The hash function is $h(\text{key}) = \lfloor \sqrt{\text{key}} \rfloor \% 100$.*

Deterministic? Yes!

Fast? Yes!

Uniformly distributed?

No! We are more likely to map to higher numbered slots.



Good or bad: *The hash table has size 1009, and keys are valid email addresses. The hash function is $h(\text{key}) = (\text{sum of ASCII values of each of the last 10 characters}) \% 1009$.*

Deterministic? Yes!

Fast? Yes!

Uniformly distributed?

No! All addresses with same long domain name, e.g. @comp.nus.edu.sg are mapped to the same slot!

Good or bad: *The hash table has size 101 with integer keys in the range of $[0, 1000]$. The hash function is $h(\text{key}) = \lfloor \text{key} \times \text{random} \rfloor \% 101$, where $0.0 \leq \text{random} \leq 1.0$.*

Deterministic? No! We generate a random number each time... so multiple evaluation of same $h(\text{key})$ will give different result!

Good or bad: *The hash table has size 54 with String keys, with the hash function:*

```
int hash(String key) {  
    h = 0  
    for (int i = 0; i <= key.length() - 1; i++)  
        h += 9 * (int) key.charAt(i)  
    h = (h mod 54)  
    return h  
}
```

Deterministic? Yes!

Fast? Yes!

Uniformly distributed? No! h will be multiples of 9, so h can only be among 0, 9, 18, 27, 36, 45.

How to set a good hash function?

1. **Deterministic.**

Never use random numbers in hash function.

2. **Fast.**

Infer slot index only from the key itself.

3. **Uniformly distributed.**

Use prime numbers in hash functions to ensure even distribution!

How to set good hash function(s)? *

Many standard ways to set hash functions... e.g.

1. [Tabulation Hashing](#).
2. [Binary Matrix Technique](#).
3. Prime Field: choose a prime number $p > m$, two random integers $1 \leq a \leq p - 1$, $0 \leq b \leq p - 1$, and define $h(x) = ((ax + b) \bmod p) \bmod m$.

A Way to choose a good prime number (for hash table size):

1. Table Lookup. (a [table](#) used by standard C++ library)

Application of Map

How to use the fast searching of Map ADT properly?

- **Goal:** Find the time each k -letter words appear in the text.
- **Trivial Answer:** for the given k -letter word, traverse through the text and count its appearance. Each query takes $O(nk)$ time.

mississippi

The 4-letter word
issi appear twice.

Redundant work: no need to go through the text again and again if we store the count!

* This is a classic problem in Computational Biology: [k-mer](#) counting in Genome.

- **Goal:** Find the time each k -letter words appear in the text.
- **Idea:** pre-process the text and store all the counts.

mississippi



key	value
miss	1
issi	2
ssis	1
siss	1
ssip	1
sipp	1
ippi	1

Idea: Store $\langle \text{key}, \text{value} \rangle$ pair in a hash table.

- 1. Pre-processing:** for each of the $(n - k + 1)$ k -letter words,
 - If it exists in hash table, increment the value.
 - Otherwise set the value as 1.
- 2. Query:** for the given word, search if it is in the table. If yes, return the value.

key	value
miss	1
issi	2
ssis	1
siss	1
ssip	1
sipp	1
ippi	1

** This technique is commonly used in Computational Biology, for [k-mer](#) counting algorithms.*

Each search takes in average $O(k)$ time and in worst case $O(nk)$ time (when can it happen?).

1. **Pre-processing:** $O(nk)$ time in average.
2. **Query:** $O(k)$ time in average.

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Problem 4

- **Goal:** choose one item from each category such that they sum to \$100.

Appetizers	A \$40	B \$20	C \$50
Soups	D \$10	E \$60	
Mains	F \$30	H \$70	
Desserts	I \$10	J \$20	K \$30

- **Simplified Goal:** choose one item from each of the 2 categories such that they sum to \$100.

Appetizers	A \$40	B \$20	C \$50
Soups	D \$10	E \$60	

Problem 4

Appetizers	A \$40	B \$20	C \$50
Soups	D \$10	E \$60	

Trivial answer: Try out all $O(n^2)$ combinations.

A D	A E	B D	B E	C D	C E
\$50	\$100	\$30	\$80	\$60	\$110



Problem 4

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\$50	\$100	\$30	\$80	\$60	\$110

No need to consider B or C as there's no \$80 or \$50 soup.

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Idea:

Checking still costs $O(n)$!

- For each $\$k$ appetizer **check** whether there is a $\$100 - k$ soup.
- Use price as keys, put $\langle 10, D \rangle$, $\langle 60, E \rangle$ into a **Hash Map** to make checking $O(1)$! In total we need just $O(n)$ time.

What if we have 4 categories? Can we transfer them into 2 categories?

Appetizers	A \$40	B \$20	C \$50
Soups	D \$10	E \$60	
Mains	F \$30	H \$70	
Desserts	I \$10	J \$20	K \$30

Idea: Merge each two categories together and use the original algorithm!

Both merging and searching cost $O(n^2)$ time.

Appetizer + Soup Set	AD \$50	BD \$30	CD \$60
	AE \$100	BE \$80	CE \$110
Main + Dessert Set	FI \$40	FJ \$50	FK \$60
	HI \$80	HJ \$20	HK \$100

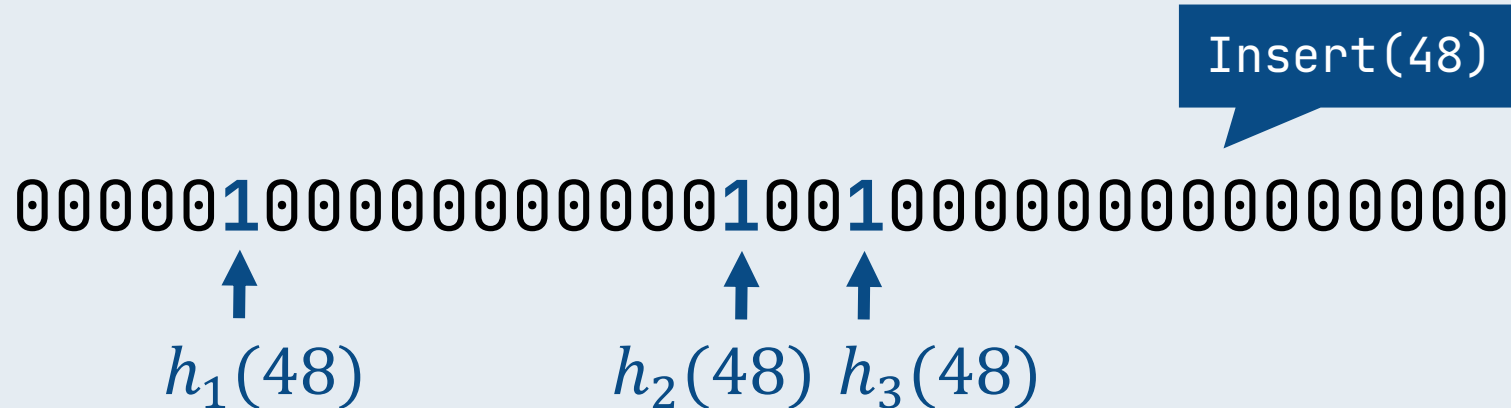
Bloom Filter

How does it work?

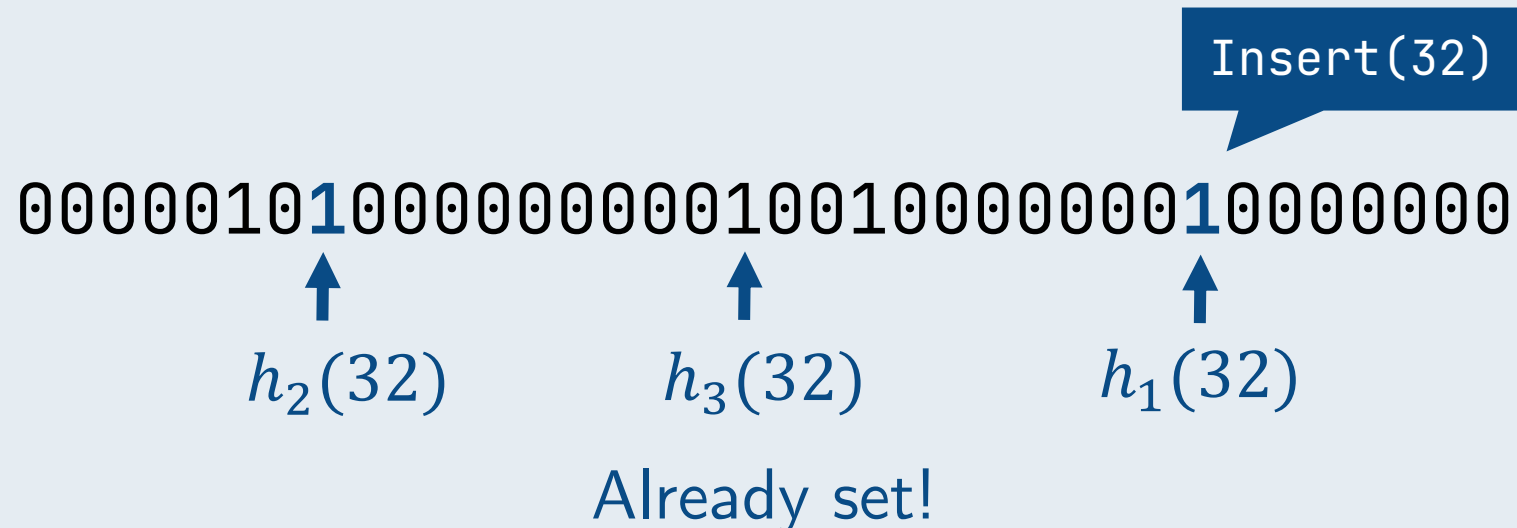
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 3. When inserting a key x , set bits at $h_1(x), h_2(x), h_3(x)$ to 1.
 4. When checking if a key x is inserted, check if $h_1(x), h_2(x), h_3(x)$ are all 1.

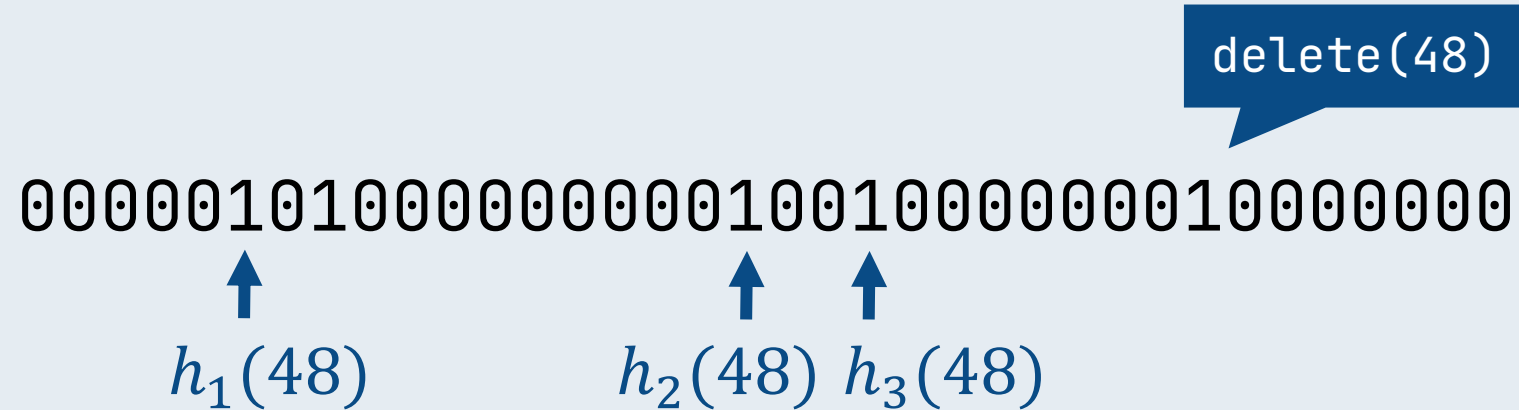
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↑
 $h_1(48)$

↑ ↑
 $h_2(48)$ $h_3(48)$

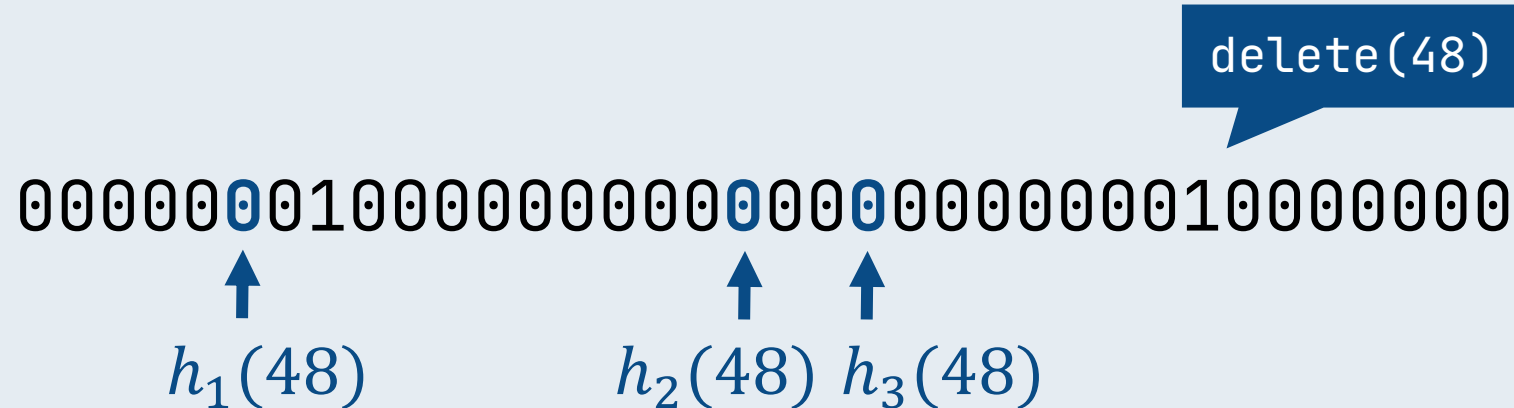
48 is present!

If we enable remove/delete:



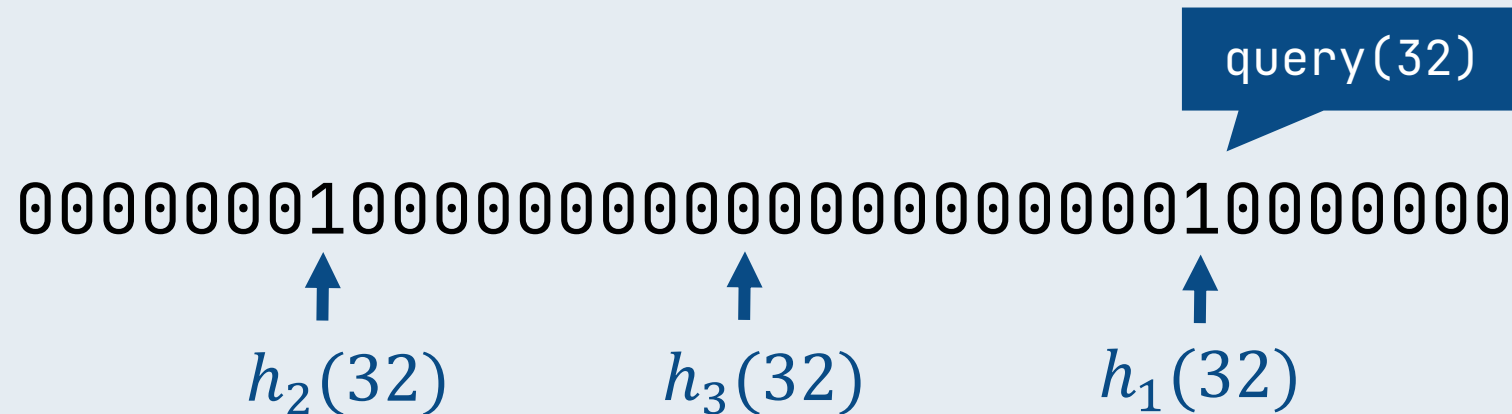
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- We can remove some or all of those set bits.
- Check if 48 is in the bloom filter? No, which is correct!
- Check if 32 is in the bloom filter? No, $h_3(32)$ is not set.
- We will have **false negative** results!



Appendix

Tips on Midterm Exam

In general:

- Skip problems you are unsure of, finish easiest ones first.
- If you don't understand a question:
 - **Step 1:** Cry.
 - **Step 2:** Hand in the paper to us.
 - **Step 3:** Cry louder outside.

Ask us to clarify!

Some statements may be stating some general rules, in that case...

- Unless you can easily see that a statement is true, first try to prove that it is false by **finding a counter-example!**
 - e.g. try some boundary cases & special cases.
- If you can't find such counter-examples, then consider why it might be true.

- If you do not modify the data structures/algorithms in the lecture, you can simply say the names of them without implementing them again.
 - e.g. Write “we use Merge Sort on array A” instead of writing out the whole Merge Sort algorithm.
- Define your variables clearly.
 - e.g. write “Let S be a stack of integers” before using S.
- Pseudocode is OK unless Java is explicitly required.
- Be clear!

- If you cannot come up with a solution that meets the time complexity requirement. Just write down the best solution you can think of.
- You can start from some **trivial answers**, and see whether you can improve them.
- A slow but correct solution is always better than a fast but wrong solution.

End of File

Enjoy(?) the recess week and good luck with the exam :-)