

CSC263: Hash Tables

Question 1

(CLRS 11.2-1) Suppose we use a hash function h to hash n distinct keys into an array T of length m . Assuming simple uniform hashing, what is the expected number of collisions? Assume that hashing a key into a bucket that already has q elements counts as q collisions.

Hint: define a family of indicator random variables $x_{ij}, i < j$ that are 0 when keys i and j do not collide, and 1 when they do collide.

Question 2

The **Multiplication Method** is as follows:

$h(k) = \text{floor}(m * (k * A \bmod 1))$

Using $A = (\text{sqrt}(5) - 1)/2$ and a hash table of size 7, where does key 100 get hashed? Where does key 108 get hashed?

Question 3

Suppose that we use the following quadratic hashing scheme:

$(h(k) + i^2) \bmod m$ for $i=0, 1, 2, \dots$

Let $m = 16$, and $h(k) = 10$ for any k . Insert the keys 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 into an empty hash table. What happens?