



CS201 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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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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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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51st Known Mersenne Prime Found!

December 21, 2018 — The Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search (GIMPS) has discovered the largest known prime number, $2^{82,589,933} - 1$, having 24,862,048 digits. A computer volunteered by Patrick Laroche from Ocala, Florida made the find on December 7, 2018. The new prime number, also known as M82589933, is calculated by multiplying together 82,589,933 twos and then subtracting one. It is more than one and a half million digits larger than the previous record prime number.



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$$1 = 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot (75 - 2 \cdot 26) = 26 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 75$$

$$1 = 26 \cdot (101 - 1 \cdot 75) - 9 \cdot 75$$

$$= 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 75$$

$$1 = 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot (4620 - 45 \cdot 101)$$

$$= -35 \cdot 4620 + 1601 \cdot 101$$



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Solution: We found that -2 is an inverse of 3 modulo 7 . Multiply both sides of the congruence by -2 , we have $x \equiv -8 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$.



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Proof.

- 1) “only if”: If x_0 is a solution, then $ax_0 - b = km$. Thus, $ax_0 - km = b$. Since d divides $ax_0 - km$, we must have $d|b$.
- 2) “if”: Suppose that $d|b$. Let $b = kd$. There exist integers s, t such that $d = as + mt$. Multiply both sides by k . Then $b = ask + mtk$. Let $x_0 = sk$. Then $ax_0 \equiv b \pmod{m}$.
- 3) “ $\# = d$ ”: $ax_0 \equiv b \pmod{m}$ $ax_1 \equiv b \pmod{m}$ imply that $m|a(x_1 - x_0)$ and $m'|a'(x_1 - x_0)$. This implies further that $x_1 = x_0 + km'$, where $k = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$.

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- **Theorem** (*The Chinese Remainder Theorem*) Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n be pairwise relatively prime positive integers greater than 1 and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n arbitrary integers. Then the system

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

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has a unique solution modulo $m = m_1 m_2 \cdots m_n$.



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Modular Arithmetic in CS

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- Assume : $m=9, a=7, c=4, x_0 = 3$
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- $x_2 = 53 \pmod{9} = 8$
- $x_3 = 60 \pmod{9} = 6$
- $x_4 = 46 \pmod{9} = 1$
- $x_5 = 11 \pmod{9} = 2$
- $x_6 = 18 \pmod{9} = 0$
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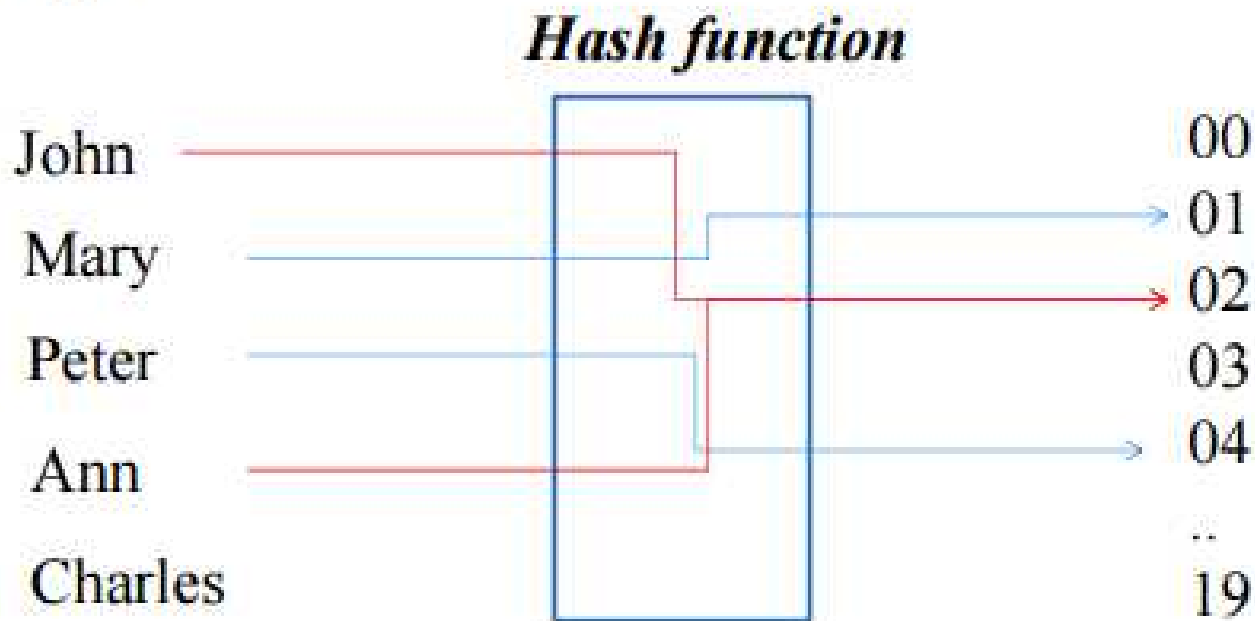
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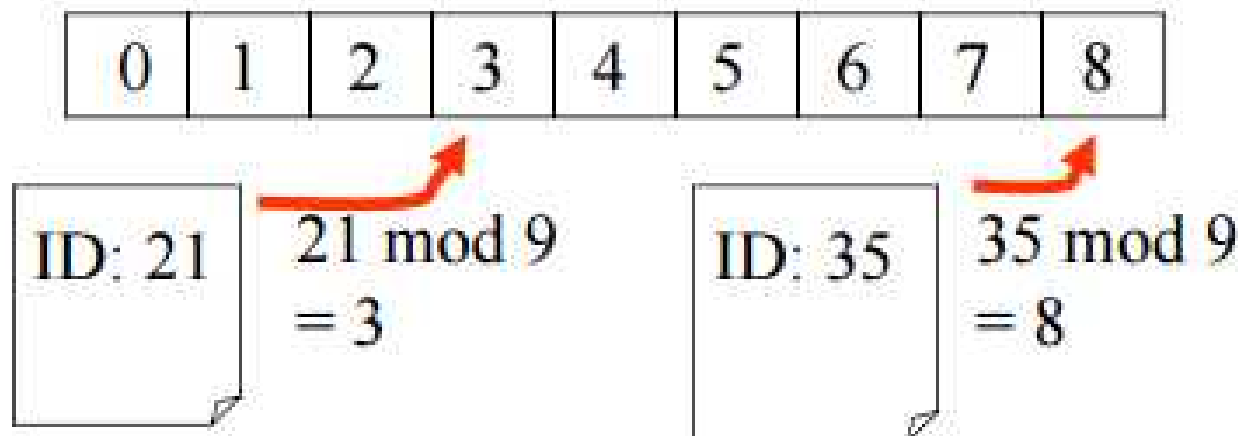
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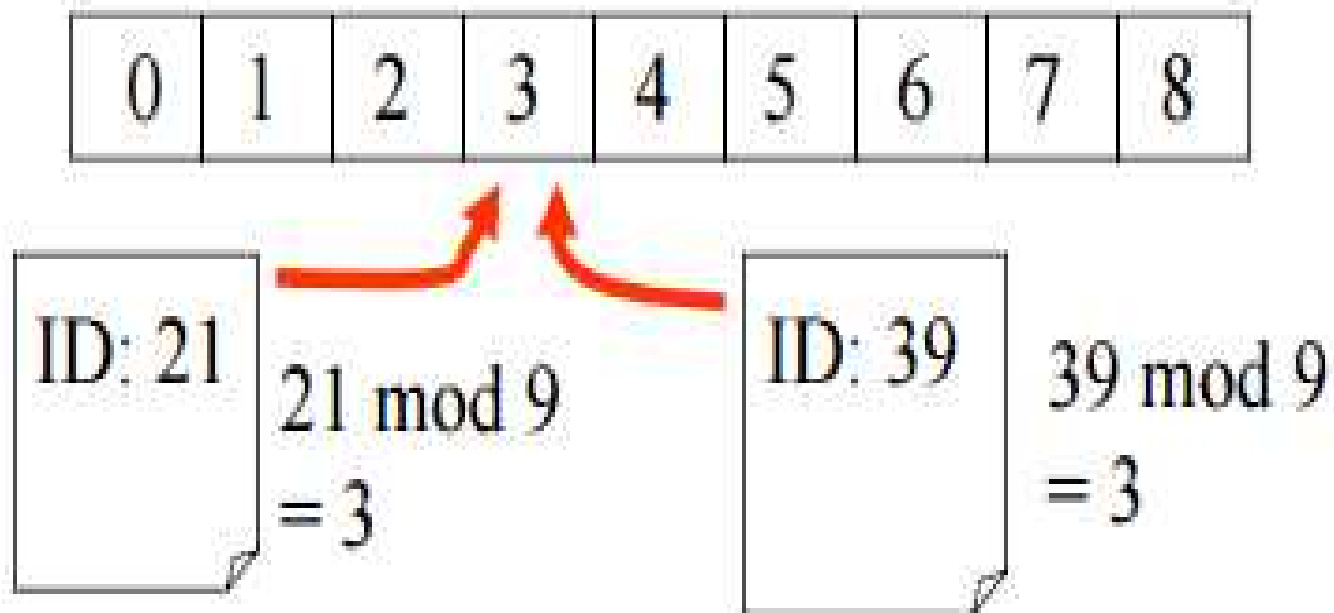
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where n is the number of available storage locations.



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- Two records mapped to the same location



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

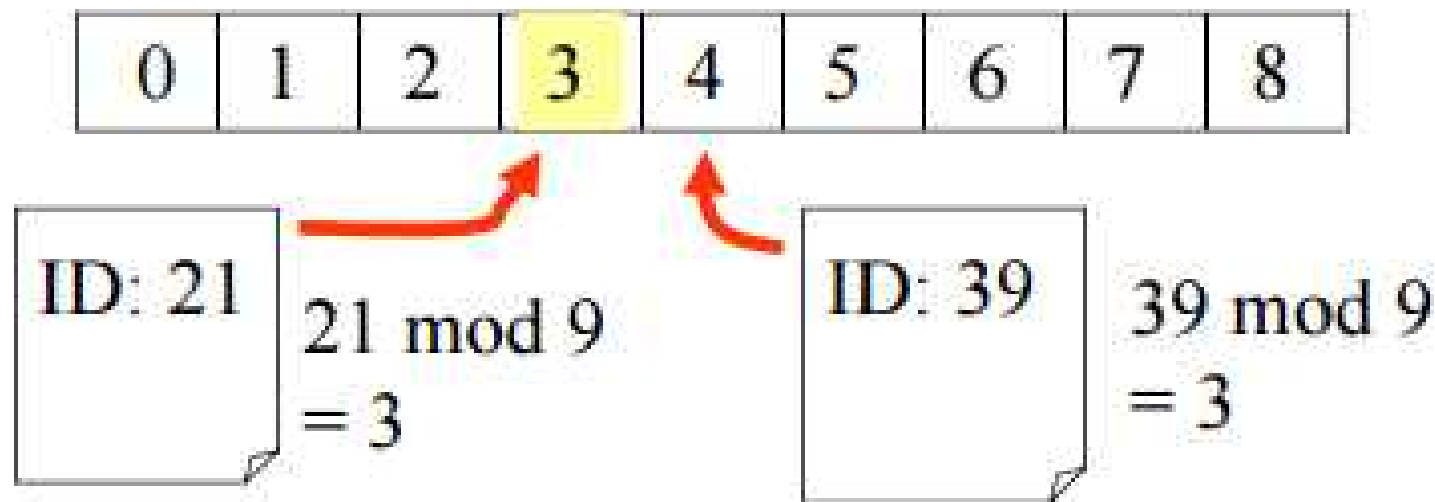
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$$h_0(k) = k \bmod n$$

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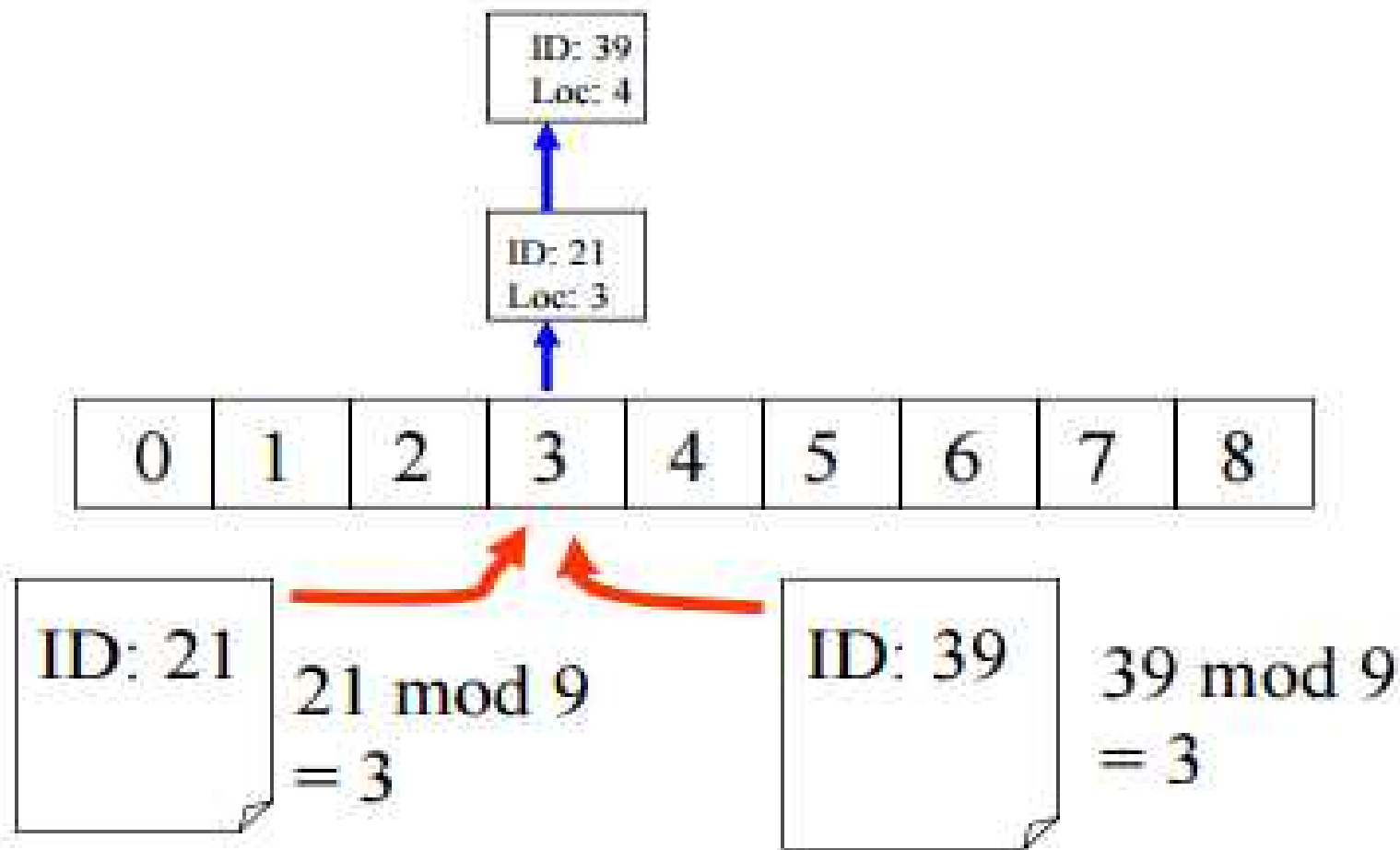
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$$h_m(k) = (k+m) \bmod n$$



Hash Functions

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



Next Lecture

- cryptography ...

