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## **[Week 6] Hash Tables**

#### 6.1 Hash Table

#### Basic Plan

Save items in a key-indexed table (index is a function of the key).

Hash function: Method for computing array index from key.

#### Issues

- Computing the hash function
- Equality test: Method for checking whether two keys are equal
- Collision resolution: Algorithm and data structure to handle two keys that hash to the same array index.

#### Computing the Hash Function

- Efficiently computable
- Each table index equally likely for each key

#### Java's Hash Code Conventions

All Java classes inherit a method <a href="hashCode">hashCode</a>(), which returns a 32-bit int

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If x.equals(y), then x.hashCode() == y.hashCode().
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### **6.2 Collision Chaining**

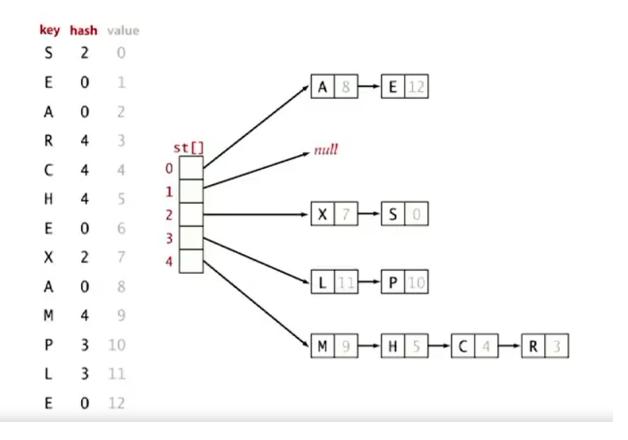
Collision: Two distinct keys hashing to same index

Use an array of M < N linked lists.

• Hash: Map key to integer i between 0 and M - 1

• Insert: Put at front of ith chain

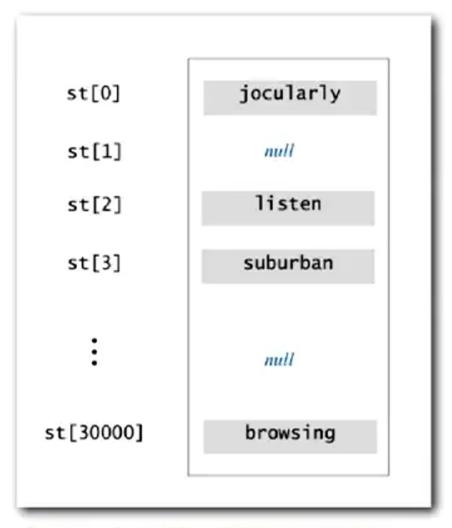
• Search: Need to search only ith chain.



## **6.3 Linear Probing**

Open Addressing: When a new key collides, find next empty slot and put it there

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linear probing (M = 30001, N = 15000)

Hash: Map key to integer i between 0 and M - 1

Insert: Put at table index i if free; if not try i+1, i+2, etc.

Note: Array size M must be greater than number of key-value pairs N.