CHAPTER 8

Hashing

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ADT dictionary

ADT Dictionary is

objects: a collection of n > 0 pairs, each pair has a key and an associated item functions:

for all $d \in Dictionary$, item $\in Item$, $k \in Key$, $n \in integer$

Dictionary Create(max_size) ::= create an empty dictionary. Boolean IsEmpty(d, n) ::= if (n > 0) return FALSE else return TRUE

Element Search(d, k) ::= return item with key k,

return NULL if no such element.

Element Delete(d, k) ::= delete and return item (if any) with key k;

void Insert(d, item, k) ::= insert item with key k into d.

ADT 5.3: Abstract data type dictionary



Applications of dictionaries

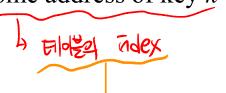
- Spelling checker
- Data dictionary
- Symbol tables

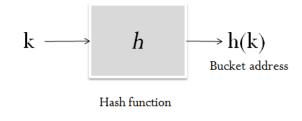
- Representation of dictionary
 - Binary search tree (chapter 5)
 - Balanced BST (chapter 10)
- · Operations: search, insert, delete
 - O(n) time: for a BST \rightarrow Secret
 - O(log n) time using a balanced BST
- Hashing
 - A technique that performs the dictionary operations search, insert and delete in O(1) expected time
 - Static hashing, dynamic hashing

8.2 STATIC HASHING

8.2.1 Hash Tables

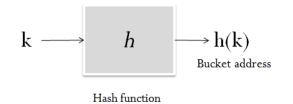
- Dictionary pairs
 - Stored in a table ht, called the hash table
- Hash table
 - Partitioned into **b buckets**: ht[0], ..., ht[b-1]
 - Each bucket consists of has s slots
 - Each slot holds one dictionary pair
 - The address or location of a pair whose key is k is determined by a hash function, h hash function of key? The hash tables address of the
- Hash function
 - -h(k): integer in the range 0 through b-1
 - hash or home address of key k



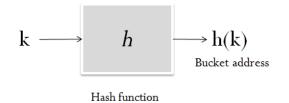


• Definition:

- The key density of a hash table: n/T
 - n: # of pairs in the table table of the reverse o
 - T: The total # of possible keys 足松 熔料 粉
- The loading density (factor) of a hash table: $\alpha = \sqrt[m]{(sb)}$
 - s: # of slots
 - b: # of buckets
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- Suppose that keys are at most six characters long
 - The first character: a letter
 - The remaining characters: letters or digits
 - The # of possible keys: $T = \sum_{i=0}^{5} 26 \times 36^{i} > 1.6 \times 10^{9}$
 - But, most applications use only very small fraction of it;
 - Key density n/T is usually very small
- The number of of buckets b is also much less than T
 - Hash function h maps several different keys into the same bucket $\rightarrow h(k1) = h(k2)$
- If $h(k_1) = h(k_2)$
 - Two keys k_1 and k_2 are said to be *synonyms*



Overflow

 Home bucket is full at the time we wish to insert a new pair into the dictionary

Collision

- Occurs when the home bucket for a new pair is not empty at the time of insertion
- If each bucket has 1 slot
 - collisions and overflows occur at the same time

• Ex 8.1) Hash table



- b=26 buckets and s=2 slots, distinct identifiers n=10
 - Loading factor $\alpha = 10 / 52 = 0.19$
 - distinct identifiers: 'acos', 'define', 'float', 'exp', 'char', 'atan', 'ceil', 'floor', 'clock', 'ctime'
- Define a hash function, h(x), as the first character of x
 - h(``acos'') = `a'
 - Associate the letters, a-z, with the numbers, 0-25, respectively
- acos and atan, float and floor, ceil and char
 - synonyms
- − *h*("clock")
 - · derflow

	Slot 0	Slot 1	
0	acos	atan	
1			
2	char	ceil	
3	define		
4	exp		
5	float	floor	
6			
25			

Figure 8.1: Hash table with 26 buckets and two slots per bucket

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The time complexity of insert, delete or search if no overflow occurs : ...

Figure 8.1: Hash table with 26 buckets and two slots per bucket

- O(1)
- But, overflows occur for most cases
- Hashing Schemes

- Use a hash function to map keys into hash-table buckets
- Desirable a hash function to use that is both easy to compute and minimizes the number of collisions hash function 是 社 神神
- A mechanism to handle overflows is needed

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8.2.2 Hash Functions

- Hash function : h(k) = i
 - Maps a key k into a bucket i in the hash table
- The desired properties
 - Easy to compute
 - Minimize the # of collisions
 - Unbiased;
 - Uniform hashing function
 - Probability of h(k) = i is 1/b for all buckets i
 - k: a key chosen at random from the key space



- Popular Hashing Functions
 - Division
 - Mid-square
 - Folding
 - Digit Analysis

Hash Fuctions: Division

The most widely used hash function in practice

- Home bucket h(k) = k % D
 - -k: nonnegative, D: some number
 - Bucket: $0 \sim D-1$
 - Hash table must have at least D(=b) buckets

- The choice of D is critical
 - If D is divisible by 2, then odd (even) keys are mapped to odd (even) buckets; biased
 - 20%14 = 6,30%14 = 2,8%14 = 8
 - 15%14 = 1,3%14 = 3,23%14 = 9
 - The distribution is biased whenever D has small prime factors 2,3,5,7, ... unliked to hik) the unlike un
 - Ideally, choose D so that it is a prime number
 - Alternatively, choose D so that it has no prime factor smaller than 20
- Is it practical? ...

• The relaxed requirement on D

- Use odd D and set b equal to D
- As the size of the dictionary grows, it will be necessary to increase the size of the hash table ht dynamically;
- Array doubling results in increasing the # of buckets (and hence divisor D) from b to 2b+1

Hash Fuctions: Mid-Square

- $h(k)=middle(k^2)$
 - Square the key and then use an appropriate # of bits from the middle of the square
 - The middle bits of the square usually depend upon all the characters in an identifier
 - Different identifiers will produce different hash addresses
 - If r bits are used, then the size of hash tables

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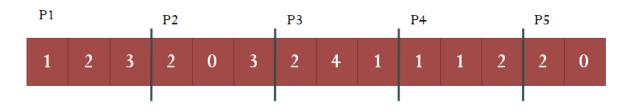
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10100 <del>2</del> 20 10100 400 400
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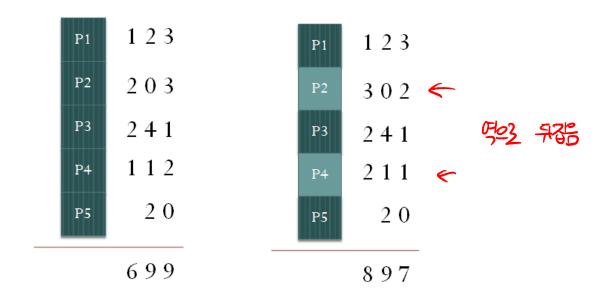
Hash Fuctions : Folding

- The key k
 - Partitioned into several parts, all but possibly the last being of the same length
 - Then added together to obtain the hash address for k
- Two schemes
 - Shift folding
 - Folding at the boundaries

• Ex 8.2) k=12320324111220

partition it into parts that are three decimal digits long





Shift folding:
$$h(k)$$
=699

Folding at the boundaries: h(k)=897

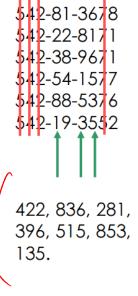
Hash Fuctions: Digit Analysis

- Useful in a static file
 - where all the keys in the table are known in advance

Method

- Each key is interpreted as a number using some radix r
- The digits of each key are examined
- Digits having the most skewed distributions are deleted
 - remaining digits: an address of the hash table

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Converting Keys to Integers

Hash keys

Need to be converted to nonnegative integer

```
unsigned int stringToInt(char *key)
{/* simple additive approach to create a natural number
    that is within the integer range */
    int number = 0;
    while (*key)
        number += *key++;
    return number;
}
```

Program 8.1: Converting a string into a non-negative integer

key: 8 characters

→ integer up to 11 bits long

```
unsigned int stringToInt(char *key)
{/* alternative additive approach to create a natural number
    that is within the integer range */
    int number = 0;
    while (*key)
    {
        number += *key++;
        if (*key) number += ((int) *key++) << 8;
    }
    return number;
}</pre>
```

Program 8.2: Alternative way to convert a string into a non-negative integer

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Overflow Handling

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Linear Probing

- Inserting a new pair (k)
 - Search the hash table buckets in the order, ht[h(k) + i] % bwhere $0 \le i \le b-1$ $ht[(h(k)+7) \times b]$ buckets tables
 - This search terminates when we reach the first unfilled bucket and the new pair is inserted into this bucket



- In case no such bucket is found: hash table is full
 - It is necessary to increase the table size → Size € \text{ \text{table}}
 - Table size is increased when the loading density exceeds a prespecified threshold (ex: 0.75)
- Resizing the hash table
 - We must change the hash function; → hash table = the hash function?
 - All dictionary entries need to be remapped into the new larger table

- Ex 8.4)
 - 13-bucket table with one slot per bucket
 - Using h(k) = k % D
 - words: for, do, while, if, else, function

Identifier	Additive	x	Hash
	Transformation		
for 75	(102)+ 111 + 114	327	2
do	100 + 111	211	3
while	119 + 104 + 105 + 108 + 101	537	4
if	105 + 102	207	12
else	101 + 108 + 115 + 101	425	9
function	102 + 117 + 110 + 99 + 116 + 105 + 111 + 110	870	12
			Overflow

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        number += *key++;
    return number;
}
```

Program 8.1: Converting a string into a non-negative integer

[0] function for do while [9] else [10][11]if

Using a circular rotation, the next available bucket is at ht[0]

Hash Table Search

- when s = 1 and linear probing is used to handle overflows
- (1) Compute h(k).
- (2) Examine the hash table buckets in the order ht[h(k)], ht[(h(k) + 1) % b], ..., ht[(h(k) + j) % b] until one of the following happens:
 - (a) The bucket ht[(h(k) + j) % b] has a pair whose key is k; in this case, the desired pair has been found.
 - (b) ht[h(k)] is empty; k is not in the table.
 - (c) We return to the starting position ht[h(k)]; the table is full and k is not in the table.

- 270 (function)

```
element* search(int k)
\{/* \text{ search the linear probing hash table } ht \text{ (each bucket has exactly one slot) for } k,
if a pair with key k is found, return a pointer to this pair;
otherwise, return NULL */
    int homeBucket, currentBucket;
    homeBucket = h(k); /2
                                                                               function
                                                                        [0]
    for(currentBucket = homeBucket; ht[currentBucket]
                                                                        [1]
                  && ht[currentBucket]->key != k;) {
                                                                        [2]
                                                                               for
       currentBucket = (currentBucket + 1) % b;
                                                                        [3]
                                                                               do
                                                                        [4]
                                                                               while
                     /* treat the table as circular */
                                                                        [5]
       if(currentBucket == homeBucket)
                                                                        [6]
                                                                        [7]
            return NULL; /* back to start point */
                                                                        [8]
                                                                        [9]
                                                                               else
    if(ht[currentBucket]->key == k)
                                                                       [10]
                                                                       [11]
       return ht[currentBucket];
                                                                       [12]
                                                                               if
    return NULL;
```

Program 8.3: Linear probing

- Linear probing
 - Keys tend to cluster together
- Suppose input sequence:
 - acos, atoi, char, define, exp, ceil, cos, float, atol, floor, ctime
- Hash function
 - -h(x): the first character of x
- When we try to enter "atol"

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bucket	x	buckets searched
0	acos	1
1	atoi	2
2	char	1
3	define	1
4	exp	1
5	ceil	4
6	cos	5
7	float	3
8	atol	9
9	floor	5
10	ctime	9
25		

Figure 8.4: Hash table with linear probing (26 buckets, one slot per bucket)

- Input: acos, atoi, char, define, exp, ceil, cos, float, atol, floor, ctime
- Average # of key comparisons
 = 41/11= 3.73
- Keys tend to cluster together
 - Increase the search time
- Improvements ...

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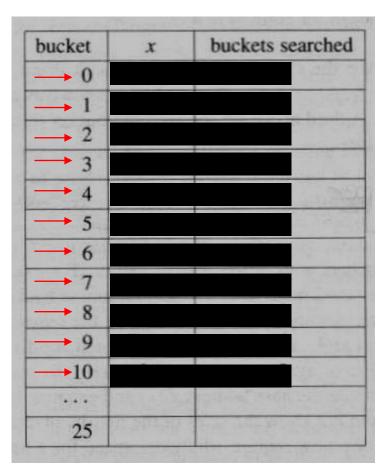


Fig 8.4: Hash table with linear probing (26 buckets, 1 slot/bucket)

If using linear probing + uniform hash function

- The expected average number of key comparisons $p = (2-\alpha)/(2-2\alpha)$
 - α: Loading density
- In Fig 8.4: $\alpha = 11/26 = 0.42$ p = 1.36
- The worst-case number of comparisons: O(n)

bucket	x	buckets searched
0	acos	1
1	atoi	2
2	char	1
3	define	1
4	exp	1
5	ceil	4
6	cos	5
7	float	3
8	atol	9
9	floor	5
10	ctime	9
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Quadratic Probing

- Search h(k), $(h(k) + i^2)$ % b, $(h(k) i^2)$ % b
 - For $1 \le i \le (b-1)/2$
- b: a prime number of the form 4j+3, where j is an integer
 - → every buckets are examined

Prime	j	Prime	j
3	0	43	10
7	1	59	14
11	2	127	31
19	4	251	62
23	5	503	125
31	7	1019	254

Figure 8.5: Some primes of the form 4j + 3

Rehashing

- Use a series of hash functions $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m$
- Buckets $h_i(k)$, $1 \le i \le m$ are examined in that order

Random Probing

- Search for a key k by examining the buckets in the order h(k), (h(k)+s(i))% b, $1 \le i \le b-1$
 - s(i): a pseudo random number

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