

Question & Answer

**7.3.12.** Show how to implement a trie in external storage. Write a C search-and-insert routine for a trie Tree.

**7.4.2.** Write a C function *search*, *ahk*, *key* that *search(table, key)* that searches for a record with key *key*. The function accepts an integer key and a table declared by

struct record

KEY TYPE k;

RECTYPE r;

int flag;

} array[TABLESIZE];

*Table[i].k* and *table[i].r* are the *i*th *key* and record respectively. *Table[i].flag* equals FALSE. If the *i*th table position is empty and TRUE, if it is preoccupied. The routine returns an integer, in the range of 0 to *table-1*. If a record is present in the table. Otherwise, the function returns -1. If no such record exists, the **function** returns -1. Assume a hashing routine *h(key)*, and a rehashing routine *rh(index)* that both produce integers in the range of 0 to *tablesize-1*.

**7.4.2.** Write a C function *insert(table, key, rec)* to search and insert into a hash table as in Exercise 7.4.1.

**7.4.3.** Develop a mechanism for detecting when all possible rehash positions of a given key have been searched. Incorporate this method into the C routines *search* and *insert* of the previous exercises.

**7.4.4.** Consider a double hashing method using primary hash function *h<sub>1</sub>(key)* and rehash function *h<sub>2</sub>(i)* *tablesize % (i + h<sub>2</sub>(key), tablesize)*. Assume that *h<sub>2</sub>(key)* is relatively prime to *tablesize*. for any key *key*. Develop a search algorithm and an algorithm to insert a record whose key is known not to exist in the table so that the keys at successive rehashes of a single key are in ascending order. The insertion algorithm may rearrange records previously inserted into the table. Can you extend these algorithms to a search and insertion algorithm?

**7.4.5** Suppose that a key is equally likely to be any integer between *a* and *b*. Suppose the mid-square hash method is used to produce an integer between 0 and 2<sup>1</sup>. Is the result equally likely to be any integer within that range? Why?

**7.4.6,** Given a hash function *h(key)*, write a C simulation program to determine each of the following quantities after 0.8 *tablesize* random keys have been generated. The keys should be random integers.

1. the percentage of integers between 0 and  $tablesize - 1$  that do not equal  $h(key)$  for some generated key
2. the percentage of integers between 0 and  $tablesize - 1$  that equal  $h(key)$  for more than one generated key
3. the maximum number of keys that hash into a single value between 0 and  $tablesize - 1$
4. the average number of keys that hash into values between 0 and  $tablesize - 1$ , not including those values into which no key hashes

Run the program to test the uniformity of each of the following hash functions.

(a)  $h(key) = key \% tablesize$  for  $tablesize$  a prime

(b)  $h(key) = key \% Zablesize$  for  $tablesize$  a power of 2

(c) The folding method using *exclusive or* to produce five-bit indices, where  $tablesize = 32$

(d) The mid-square method using decimal arithmetic to produce four-digit indexes, where  $tablesize = 10,000$

**7.4.7.** If a hash table contains  $tablesize$  positions, and  $n$  records currently occupy the table, the *loadfactor* is defined as  $n/tablesize$ . Show that if a hash function uniformly distributes keys over the  $tablesize$  positions of the table and if  $lf$  is the load factor of the table.

(a)  $(1 - lf)^2$  of then keys in the table collided upon insertion with a previously entered key.

**7.4.8.** Assume that  $n$  random positions of a  $tablesize$ -element hash table are occupied, using hash and rehash functions that are equally likely to produce any index in the table.

Show that the average number of comparisons needed to insert a new element is  $(tablesize + 1) / (tablesize - n + 1)$ . Explain why linear probing does not satisfy this condition. -