

6.Dictionary_and_set_structure

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1 Dictionaries and deeper look at sets

1.1 Dict

They are related to so-called associative array and hash maps.

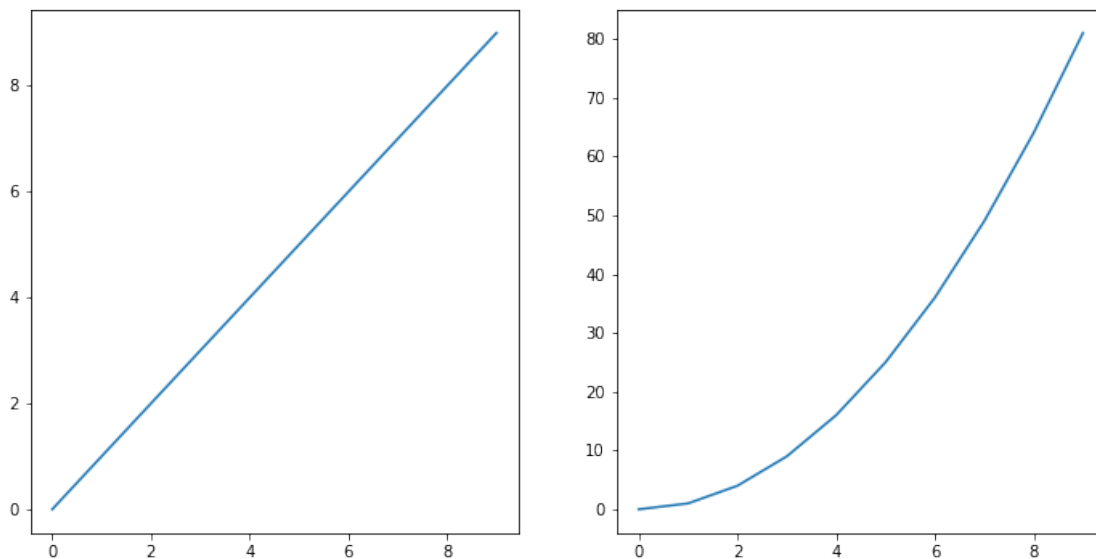
It is a structure which maps some values (keys) to the other values (well... values)

Here x are keys and y are values

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In [20]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
%matplotlib inline

_, ax = plt.subplots(ncols=2, figsize=(12, 6))

sns.lineplot(range(10), range(10), ax=ax[0])
sns.lineplot(range(10), [i ** 2 for i in range(10)], ax=ax[1]);
```



values	
AL	Alabama
AK	Alaska
AZ	Arizona
AR	Arkansas
CA	California
CO	Colorado
...	...
keys	

```
In [15]: # Creation
         numbers_to_strings = {1: '1', 2: '2'}
         # Empty ones
         empty_dict = {}
         another_empty_dict = dict()
```

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In [16]: # Retrieve value from the dict
         numbers_to_strings[1]
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Out[16]: '1'
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In [17]: # Add element to the dict
         empty_dict['my_key'] = 'its_value'
         empty_dict
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Out[17]: {'my_key': 'its_value'}
```

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In [18]: # Change value in dict
         numbers_to_strings[1] = 'one'
         numbers_to_strings
```

```
Out[18]: {1: 'one', 2: '2'}
```

1.2 Some dict methods

- `keys()` - get iterable with keys of dict
- `values()` - get iterable with values of dict
- `items()` - get iterable with tuples with keys and values of dict
- `get(key, [default])` - try to get value associated with key in dict or default value if there is no such key; default is optional and None by default

- `pop(key, [default])` - try to get value associated with key and delete it from dict; if there is no default it will throw an error if key not in dict, otherwise default will be returned

```
In [42]: numbers_to_strings
```

```
Out[42]: {1: 'one', 2: '2'}
```

```
In [29]: for key in numbers_to_strings.keys():
          print("key is", key, "and value is", numbers_to_strings[key])
```

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key is 1 and value is one
```

```
key is 2 and value is 2
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In [30]: for value in numbers_to_strings.values():
          print("value is", value)
```

```
value is one
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```
value is 2
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```
In [31]: for key, value in numbers_to_strings.items():
          print('now we get both key and value -', key, value)
```

```
now we get both key and value - 1 one
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```
now we get both key and value - 2 2
```

```
In [32]: numbers_to_strings.get(1)
```

```
Out[32]: 'one'
```

```
In [33]: numbers_to_strings.get(3)
```

```
In [34]: numbers_to_strings.get(3, 'Not in dict')
```

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Out[34]: 'Not in dict'
```

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In [43]: numbers_to_strings.pop(5)
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KeyError
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Traceback (most recent call last)
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<ipython-input-43-4c8bb606fadd> in <module>()
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----> 1 numbers_to_strings.pop(5)
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KeyError: 5
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In [44]: numbers_to_strings.pop(5, 'No key')
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Out[44]: 'No key'
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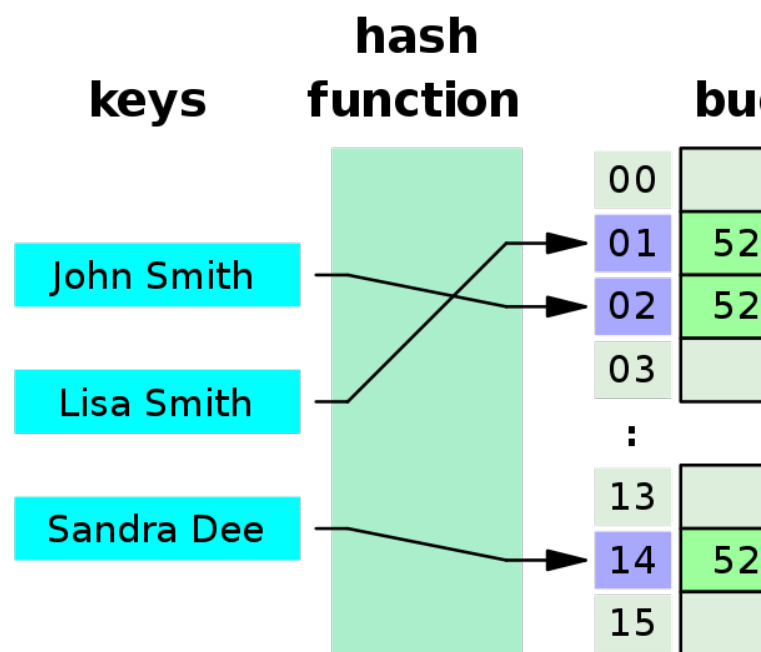
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In [45]: numbers_to_strings.pop(2)
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Out[45]: '2'
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In [46]: numbers_to_strings
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Out[46]: {1: 'one'}
```

1.3 Structure of dict and set



Hash function concept is important for both of them

What is a hash function?

It is a function which map from hashable (containing immutable parts) object to a number. For example

H - hash function

point - a point object with coordinates, let's say tuple (5, 9)

$H(\text{point}) = 2$

How to compute a hash?

Hash function convert everything into a number and get a remainder to limit a number to some range - size of array

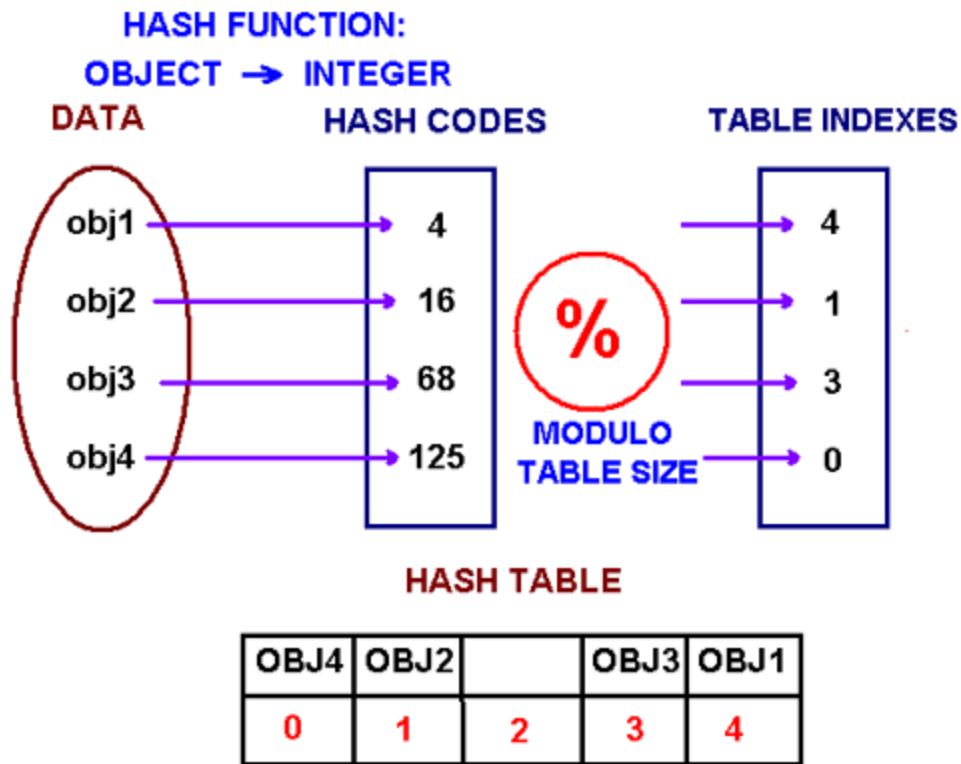
$5 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 3 = 37$

Let's say that size of our array is 35. Therefore

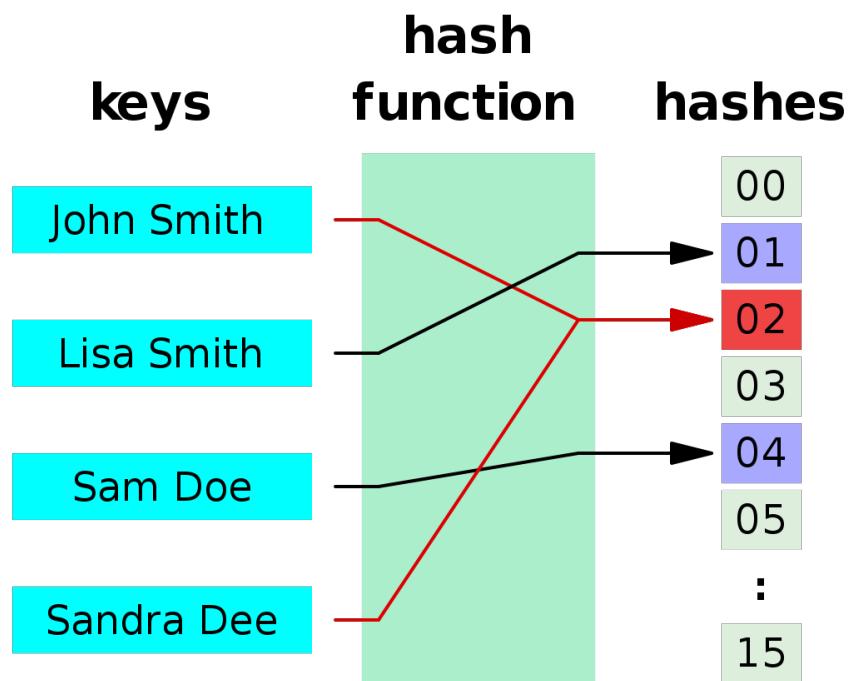
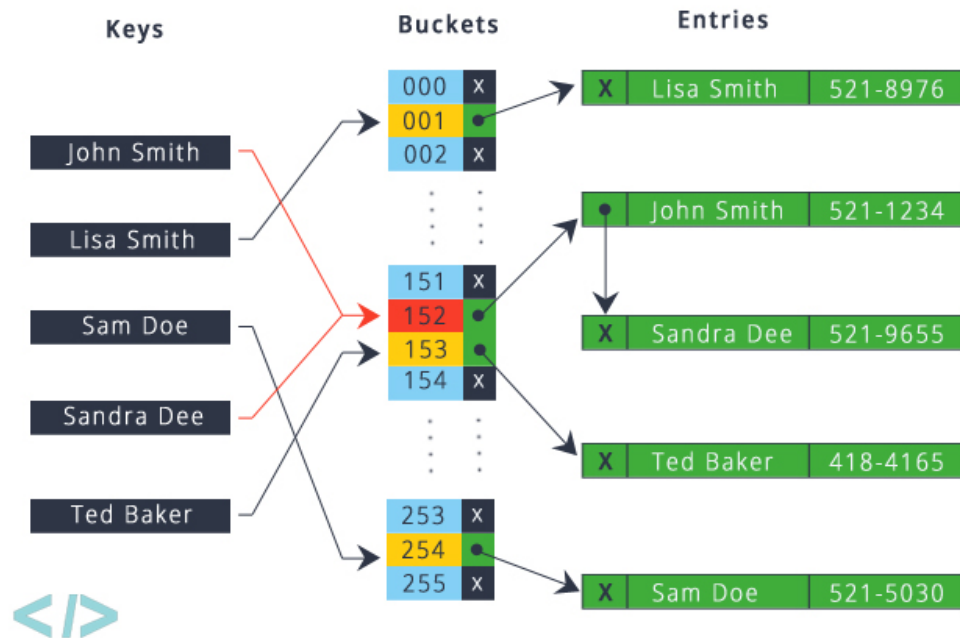
$37 \bmod 35 = 2$

Why we need a hash?

Dictionary is similar to an array with hash function. Hashing is a way to convert nonnumeric indices to numeric indices with which we can refer to appropriate cell in array



Hash functions which give unique values are of great favour - to have unique indices for dict values. It's not always the case and sometimes hash function give 1 value for several keys. We call



it collision

We can just make a list in these cases

Sets have the same structure, yet they have dummy variables as values