

# Task 7

## 1. Types of Hash Functions:

- **Division Method:**
  - The division method involves dividing the key by a prime number and using the remainder as the hash value.  
$$h(k) = k \bmod m$$
  
*Where  $k$  is the key and  $m$  is a prime number.*
  - **Advantages:**  
Simple to implement.  
Works well when  $m$  is a prime number.
  - **Disadvantages:**  
Poor distribution if  $m$  is not chosen wisely.
- **Cryptographic Hash Functions:**
  - Cryptographic hash functions are designed to be secure and are used in cryptography. Examples include MD5, SHA-1, and SHA-256.
  - **Characteristics:**  
Pre-image resistance.  
Second pre-image resistance.  
Collision resistance.
  - **Advantages:**  
High security.
  - **Disadvantages:**  
Computationally intensive.

- **Folding Method:**
- The folding method involves dividing the key into equal parts, summing the parts, and then taking the modulo with respect to  $m$ .
- **Steps:**
  - Divide the key into parts.
  - Sum the parts.
  - Take the modulo  $m$  of the sum.
- **Advantages:**
  - Simple and easy to implement.
- **Disadvantages:**
  - Depends on the choice of partitioning scheme.
- **Mid-Square Method**
- In the mid-square method, the key is squared, and the middle digits of the result are taken as the hash value.
- **Steps:**
  - Square the key.
  - Extract the middle digits of the squared value.
- **Advantages:**
  - Produces a good distribution of hash values.
- **Disadvantages:**
  - May require more computational effort.

- **Multiplication Method**
- In the multiplication method, a constant  $AA$  ( $0 < A < 1$ ) is used to multiply the key. The fractional part of the product is then multiplied by  $mm$  to get the hash value.  

$$h(k) = \lfloor m(kA \bmod 1) \rfloor$$
Where  $\lfloor \rfloor$  denotes the floor function.
- **Advantages:**  
Less sensitive to the choice of  $mm$ .
- **Disadvantages:**  
More complex than the division method.

## 2. Reading the first line in a file:

- `file.seek(0)` will go the start of the file

## 3. Set is built on a hash table