

Algorithms and Datastructures

Hash Map, Universal Hashing

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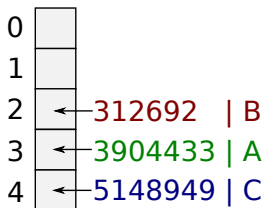
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Best case:

- We have n keys which are equally distributed over m buckets
- We have $\approx \frac{n}{m}$ pairs per bucket
- The runtime for searching is nearly $\mathcal{O}(1)$ when **not** $n \gg m$

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Worst case:

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- **Now:** Find a solution to avoid that problem

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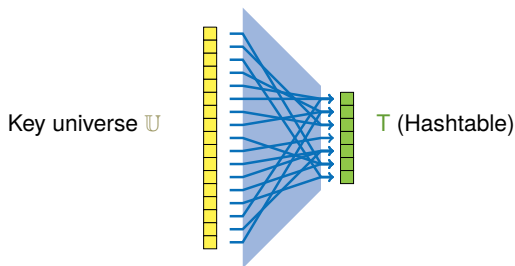


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$$\text{Prob}(\text{Collision}) = \frac{1}{m} \Leftrightarrow c = 1$$

- \mathbb{U} : Key universe
- \mathbb{S} : Used Keys
- $\mathbb{S}_i \subseteq \mathbb{S}$: Keys mapping to Bucket i (“synonyms”)
- Ideal would be $|\mathbb{S}_i| = \frac{|\mathbb{S}|}{m}$



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- **Intuitive:** Scalar product with base m

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Example ($\mathbb{U} = \{0, \dots, 999\}$, $m = 10$, $a = 348$)

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