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Hash Map, Universal Hashing

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 - Sorting the dictionary also takes time, depending on heterogeneity of the data (e.g. lots of locality names with

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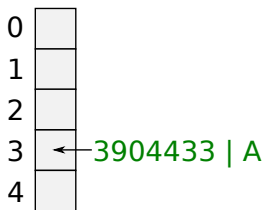
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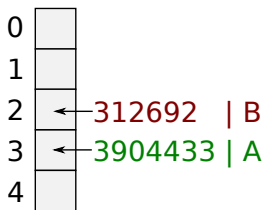
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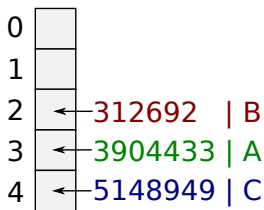
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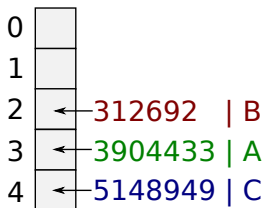
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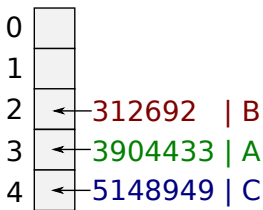
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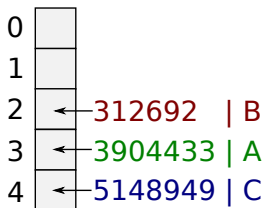
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 - **Birthday problem:** With 23 people we have the probability of 50 % that 2 of them have birthday at the same day

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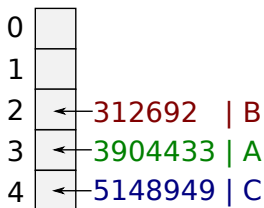
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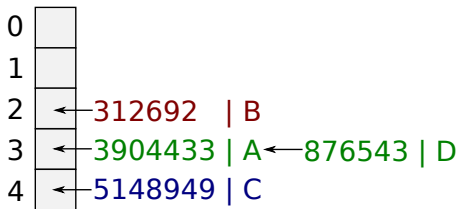
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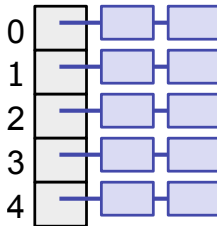
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Best case:

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- We have $\approx \frac{n}{m}$ pairs per bucket

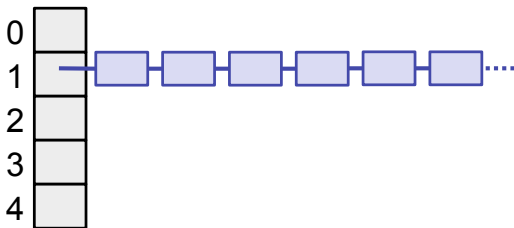
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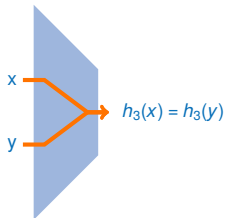
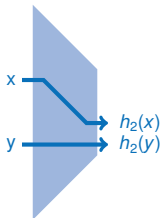
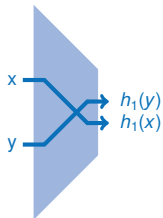
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- **Now:** Find a solution to avoid that problem

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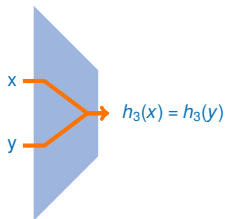
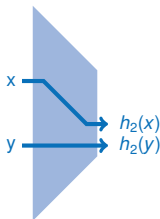
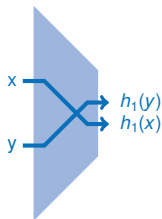


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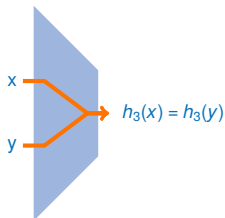
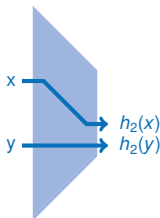
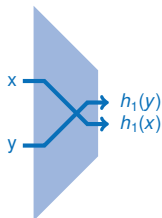
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- This is called **universal hashing**



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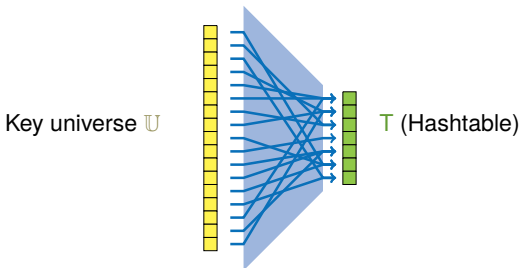


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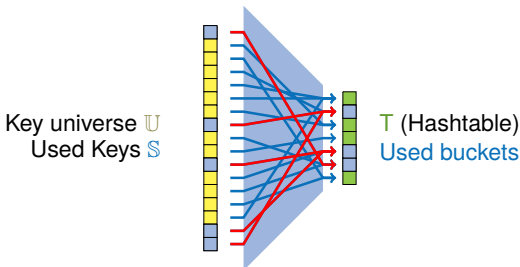
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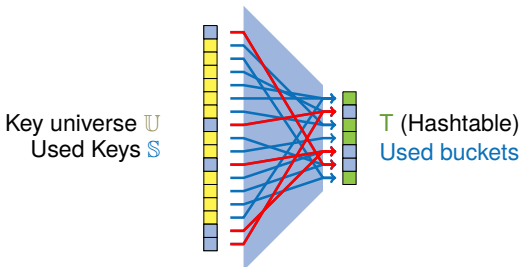
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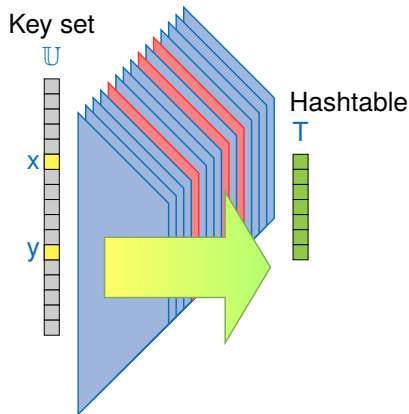


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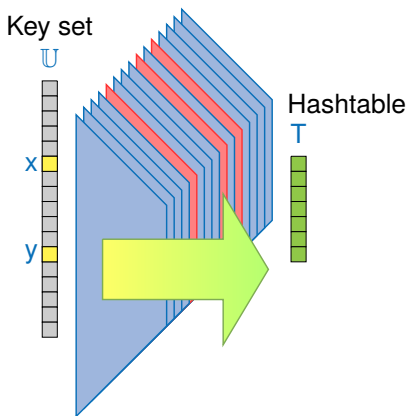


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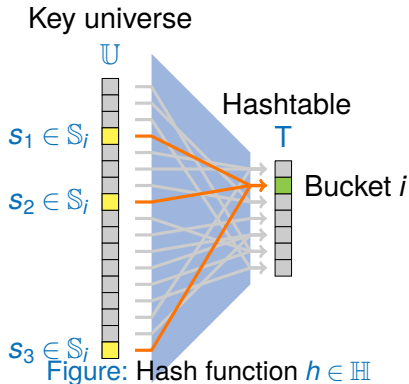
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$$\text{Prob}(\text{Collision}) = \frac{1}{m} \Leftrightarrow c = 1$$

- \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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With $a = 348$: $a_2 = 3$, $a_1 = 4$, $a_0 = 8$

$$\begin{aligned}h_{348}(x) &= (a_2 \cdot x_2 + a_1 \cdot x_1 + a_0 \cdot x_0) \mod m \\ &= (3x_2 + 4x_1 + 8x_0) \mod 10\end{aligned}$$

With $x = 127$: $x_2 = 1$, $x_1 = 2$, $x_0 = 7$

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