

# Algorithms and Datastructures

## Hash Map, Universal Hashing

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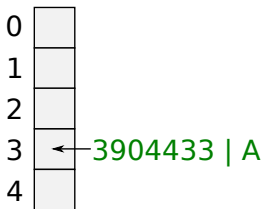
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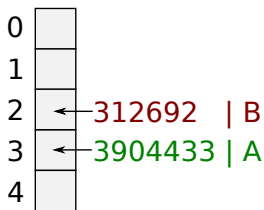
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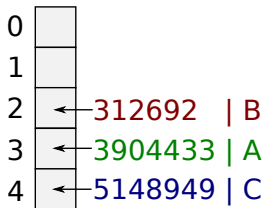
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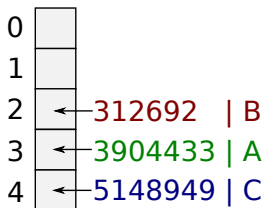
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  - **Birthday problem:** With 23 people we have the probability of 50 % that 2 of them have birthday at the same day

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### 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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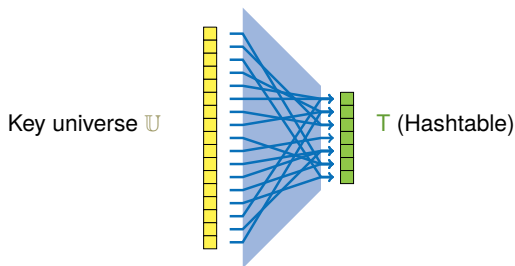


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$$\text{Prob}(\text{Collision}) = \frac{1}{m} \Leftrightarrow c = 1$$

- $\mathbb{U}$ : 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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