

6. Universal Hashing

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U : the universe, all the possible things to be stored

$h: U \rightarrow \{0, \dots, m-1\}$ a hash function that hashes need-to-store elements into an array

T : the array of linked lists that stores elements

$S \subseteq U$: wanted keys

if two elements are hashed to the same index, then it is stored as the head of linked list.

Issue: $\forall h. \exists S \subseteq U. \exists i \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}. h(S) = i \wedge |S| \geq \frac{|U|}{m}$

One approach: Average Case Analysis

The input x is sampled from a distribution D , D models of 'nature'.

$t_A(x)$ is a random variable, average runtime = $E(t_A(x)) = \sum_{t(x) \in S} tP(t_A(x) = t)$

given the assumption that $t_A(S)$ is always finite

Given the Simple uniform hashing assumptions, then it will be constant time.

Assuming D and h are such that $S \sim D$ (random sample of D) $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

then $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}. j \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$ AND $\forall x_i, x_j \in S. i \neq j. h(x_i)$ is independent of $h(x_j)$

Alternative approach: Randomized Algorithms

alg that makes random choices i.e. $t_A(x)$ is a random variable for each x ,

Worst Case Expected Running time $T(n) = \max\{E(t_A(x)) \mid \text{size}(x) = n\}$

Intuition: if h has uniformly random function, then $E(\#collision)$ would be small

universal a set $\mathcal{H} = \{h: U \rightarrow \{0, \dots, m-1\}\}. \forall x \neq y \in U. h \sim \mathcal{H}. P(h(x) = h(y)) = \frac{|\{h \in \mathcal{H} \mid h(x) = h(y)\}|}{|\mathcal{H}|} \leq \frac{1}{m}$

Goal: find a family of function that takes constant time to properly hash

Theorem if $h \sim \mathcal{H}, S \subseteq U$ is hashed into T using h , then $\forall x \notin S. E(n_{h(x)}) = \frac{n}{m}. \forall x \in S. E(n_{h(x)}) < 1 + \frac{n}{m}$ where $n_i: |T[i]|$

Define the indicator function $I_{xy} = 1(h(x) = h(y)), E(I_{xy}) = P(I_{xy} = 1) = P(h(x) = h(y))$

$$n_{h(x)} = \sum_{y \in S} I_{xy}, E(n_{h(x)}) = E\left(\sum_{y \in S} I_{xy}\right) = \sum_{y \in S} E(I_{xy}) = \sum_{y \in S} P(h(x) = h(y))$$

Consider the cases $x \notin S. \sum_{y \in S} P(h(x) = h(y)) = m(m \text{ terms}) \times \frac{1}{n}$ (by definition of universal)

if $x \in S, \sum_{y \in S} P(h(x) = h(y)) = 1(x \in S) + \frac{(n-1)}{m} < 1 + \frac{n}{m}$

Corollary $h \in O(1) \Rightarrow \text{insert} \in O(1), \text{search} \in O(n_{h(x)}) = O\left(1 + \frac{n}{m}\right)$

Example $U = \{0, \dots, p-1\}. p \in \mathcal{P} = \text{set of prime number}$

$\mathcal{H} = \{h_{ab}: a \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}, b \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}\}, h_{ab}(x) := ((ax + b) \bmod p) \bmod m$

Show \mathcal{H} is universal