

# Hash Tables

## -Hash table (*CHAINING*)

- **Space Complexity  $O(n)$ .**
- **Average Time Complexity.**
  - **\*\*If the spread function is uniform for the data set used.\*\***
  - Each key has the **same probability** of being assigned to any of the  $(m)$  indices.
  - The **average length of the lists** is  $(n/m)$ , equal to the load factor.
  - **Successful searches:**  $(1 + L/2)$  accesses on average.  **$O(1)$** 
    - In a list of length  $(L)$  the average is  $(L/2)$  accesses.
    - Deletion of a key is equivalent to a successful search.
  - **Failed searches:**  $(1 + L)$  accesses on average.  **$O(1)$**   
( $m$ ) failed lookups, one for each table index, traverse the sum of lengths of lists:  $((m + n)/m = 1 + L)$ .
  - **Insertion:** 1 access best case,  **$O(1)$**  in amortized time.
  - The **restructuring** is  **$O(n)$** , but it guarantees **(n) insertions into  $O(1)$** .
- **Worst case Time Complexity.**
  - **\*\*The worst case occurs when the hash function is extremely non-uniform: Assigns the same position to all the keys in the data set.\*\***
  - The table contains **a single list** with the  **$n$  elements**.
  - Under normal circumstances the **probability of falling in the worst case is negligible  $(1/m!)$**
  - But given a hash function, it is always possible to design a data set that causes the worst case (attack by efficiency degradation).
    - **Search, delete:**  **$O(n)$**  accesses on average.
    - **Insertion:** Remains  **$O(1)$**  in amortized time.

## -Hash table (*OPEN ADDRESSING*)

- **Space Complexity  $O(n)$ .**
- **Average Time Complexity.**
  - **\*\*If the spread function is uniform for the data set used.\*\***
  - **Successful searches:**  $(\ln(1/(1+L)))/L$  accesses on average.  **$O(1)$** 
    - Deletion of a key is equivalent to a successful search.
  - **Failed searches:**  $(1/(1+L))$  accesses on average.  **$O(1)$**
  - **Insertion:**  $1/(1+L)$ ,  **$O(1)$**  in amortized time.
  - The **restructuring** is  **$O(n)$** , but it guarantees **(n) insertions into  $O(1)$** .