

## Index Mapping (Trivial Hashing) with negative values allowed

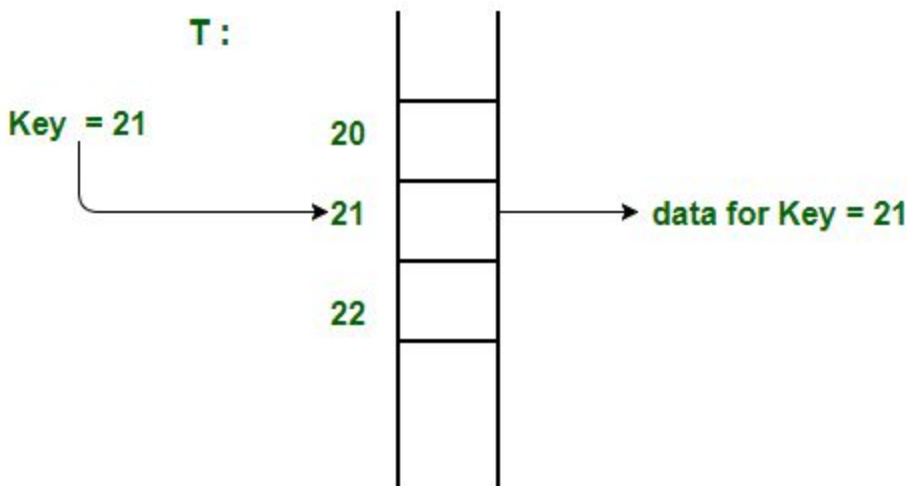
**Task:** Given a limited range array that contains both positive and non-positive numbers, i.e., elements that are in the  $[-MAX, MAX]$  range, our task is to search if some number is present in the array or not in  $O(1)$  time.

Reference:

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/index-mapping-or-trivial-hashing-with-negatives-allowed/>

Given the fact that the range is limited, we can use index mapping (or trivial hashing). We will use the values as the index in a big array and thus if we do so,  $O(1)$  time is ensured.

The following image explains the basic concept:



However, how will we deal with negative numbers? A solution is to use a 2D array of size  $\text{hash}[\text{MAX}+1][2]$

Pseudocode outline:

Assign all the values of the hash matrix as 0.

Traverse the given array:

If the element `ele` is non negative assign  
    `hash[ele][0]` as 1.

Else take the absolute value of `ele` and  
    assign `hash[ele][1]` as 1.

To search any element  $x$  in the array.

- If  $X$  is non-negative, then check if  $\text{hash}[X][0]$  is 1 or not. If  $\text{hash}[X][0]$  is 1 then the number is present (or it is not present otherwise).
- If  $X$  is negative, then take the absolute value of  $X$  and then check if  $\text{hash}[X][1]$  is 1 or not. If  $\text{hash}[X][1]$  is 1 then the number is present.

**Provide an implementation of this simple way of hashing.**