

Python's built-in hash table is the dictionary

Hash table is a collection of buckets (slots). Give each slot an index/address

Data set: 10, cat

20, dog

15, bird

Apply hashing function to key and product an integer, usually really long, from it

Ex: $h(k) = k \bmod 6 \rightarrow 6$ is from the table size

0	
1	
2	(20, dog) \rightarrow (2, bird)
3	(15, bird)
4	(10, cat)
5	

Table size: m

Number of inserted values: n

λ load factor: n/m (how many slots taken in table)

$h(k) \rightarrow$ constant work for any k, can't depend on size of the table or other factors

-regardless of what inserting and how many values have been inserted as long as inserting into empty slot

Say have 2, bird $\rightarrow 2 \bmod 6 = 2$. Already something there. Have some options

-Not insert (bad)

-look for next open address

-create list of things that map to location

(create hash map as array, but each location can be list)

Table Size

\rightarrow ex 100k

\rightarrow more buckets, higher probability that buckets have less things in them

\rightarrow use load factor to determine when too many things in table, want $\lambda < .9$

Maybe 100k \rightarrow 1 mil \rightarrow 5 mil

Say the longest chain is 5 kv pairs (for 100k shortest AVL tree is $\log_2(100k)$)

"Essentially" constant time

Want hash table with good dispersion \rightarrow values that are spread across output space

Want key value pairs that go across space

Ex (making up hash value):

(finance, 7.json) -> 381

(money, 10.json) -> 767

(bank, 15.json) -> 951

(money, 7.json) -> 767

0	
1	(finance, 7.json) (bank, 15.json)
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	(money, [10.json, 7.json])
8	
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