

Search Algorithms (cont)

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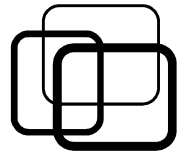
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Hash function

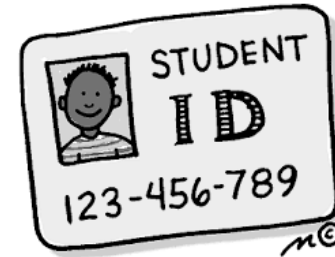


■ Basic concepts:



Student identity:

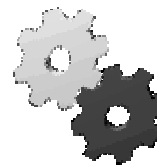
- Name?
- Age?
- Hair color?
- Hobbies?



Number identity
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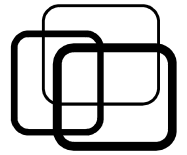
■ A hash function is...

- A mapping function.
- Convert key to integer.



$H: U \longrightarrow V$
 $k \longrightarrow h = H(k)$

Hash function



■ Characteristics:

■ The key:

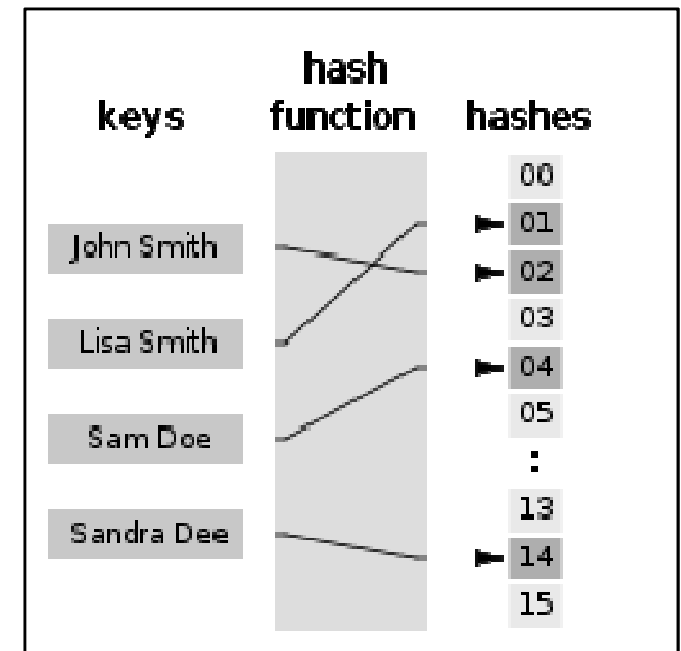
- Variable length.
- Big or complex value.
- Big number, string, object.

■ The hash:

- Fixed length.
- 32-bit, 64-bit, 128-bit integer.
- Key space BIGGER hash space.

■ The function:

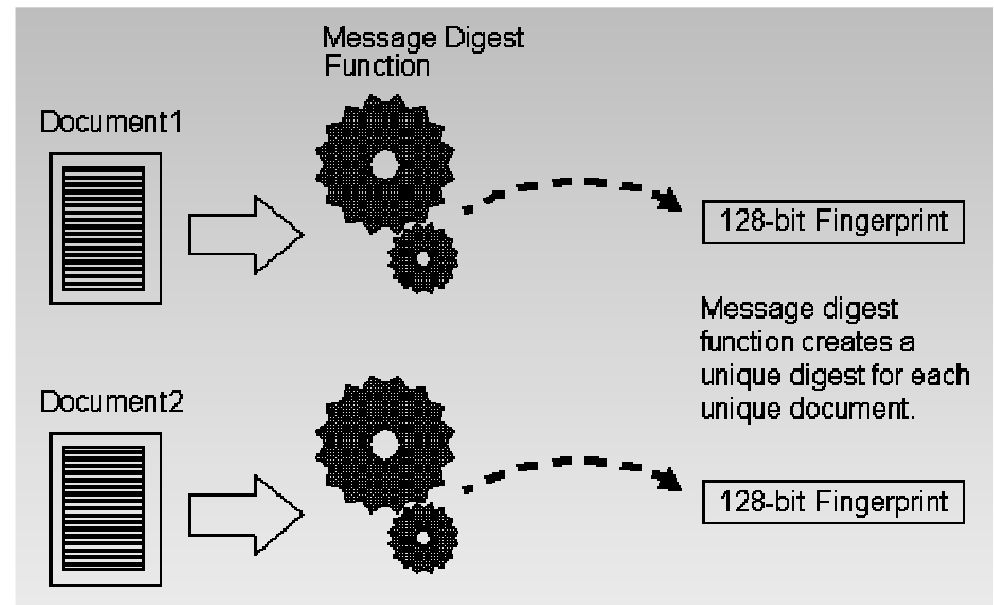
- Key mapped to unique hash (perfectly).
- Fast to compute: $H(k) \sim O(1)$.
- Hard to invert: $H^{-1}(k) \sim O(\text{key space})$.



Hash function



- Hash function applications:
 - Hash table indexing (see below).
 - Checksum.
 - Cryptograph.

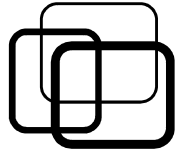


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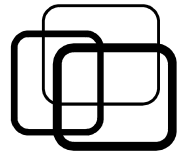
- Hash function examples:
 - Big integer?
 - String?
 - Object?

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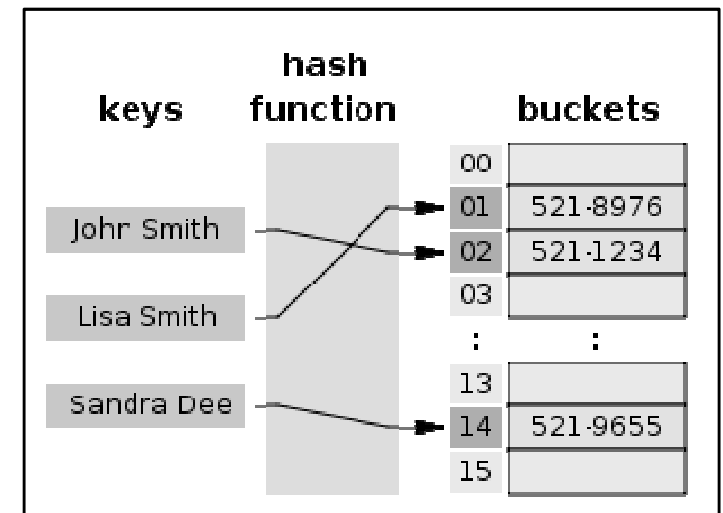


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Hash table



- Hash table idea:
 - An $O(1)$ search data structure.
 - How to achieve $O(1)$ search?
 - Given array A .
 - Given hash function H .
 - Given element k .
 - $h = H(k)$ is the hash.
 - k is stored at h in A .
- ➔ Element is stored at its hash.



Hash table



■ ADT Hash table:

■ Values: array of elements.

```
class HashTable {  
    vector<int *> m_elements;  
};
```

■ Operations:

- Initialize: create empty table.
- Contains: check if a key exists.
- Find: look for a key.
- Add: insert a key.
- Remove: delete a key.



■ Hash table implementation:

■ Find: look for a key.

```
FindKey( array A, key k ) {  
    Get hash  $h = H(k)$ .  
    if A[ h ] is empty → return not found.  
    else → return found.  
}
```

■ Add: insert a key.

```
AddKey( array A, key k ) {  
    Get hash  $h = H(k)$ .  
    if A[ h ] is empty → Store k at h.  
    else → Resolve collision.  
}
```

Hash table

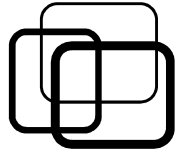


■ Complexity analysis:

Operations	Average	Worst
Search	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Add	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
Remove	$O(1)$	$O(n)$

- Additional space: $4 \cdot n$ bytes.
- Efficient way to store **un-ordered, intensively searched** array.

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Collision handling



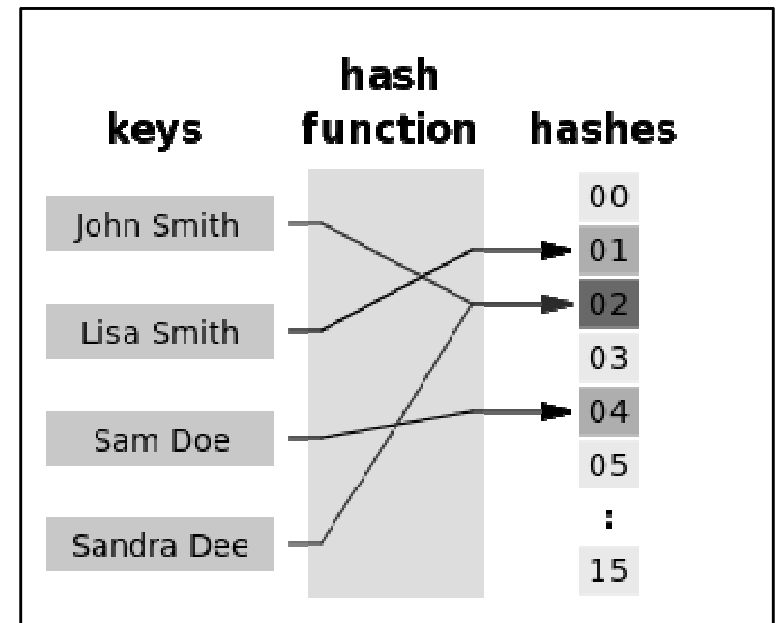
■ Collision problem:

- Key space BIGGER hash space.

- ➔ Two keys have same hash.

- Definition:

- Given hash function H .
 - If two keys $k_1 \neq k_2$.
 - But $H(k_1) = H(k_2)$.



Collision handling



■ Collision resolutions:

- Chaining.
- Open addressing:
 - Linear probing.
 - Quadratic probing.
 - Double hashing.

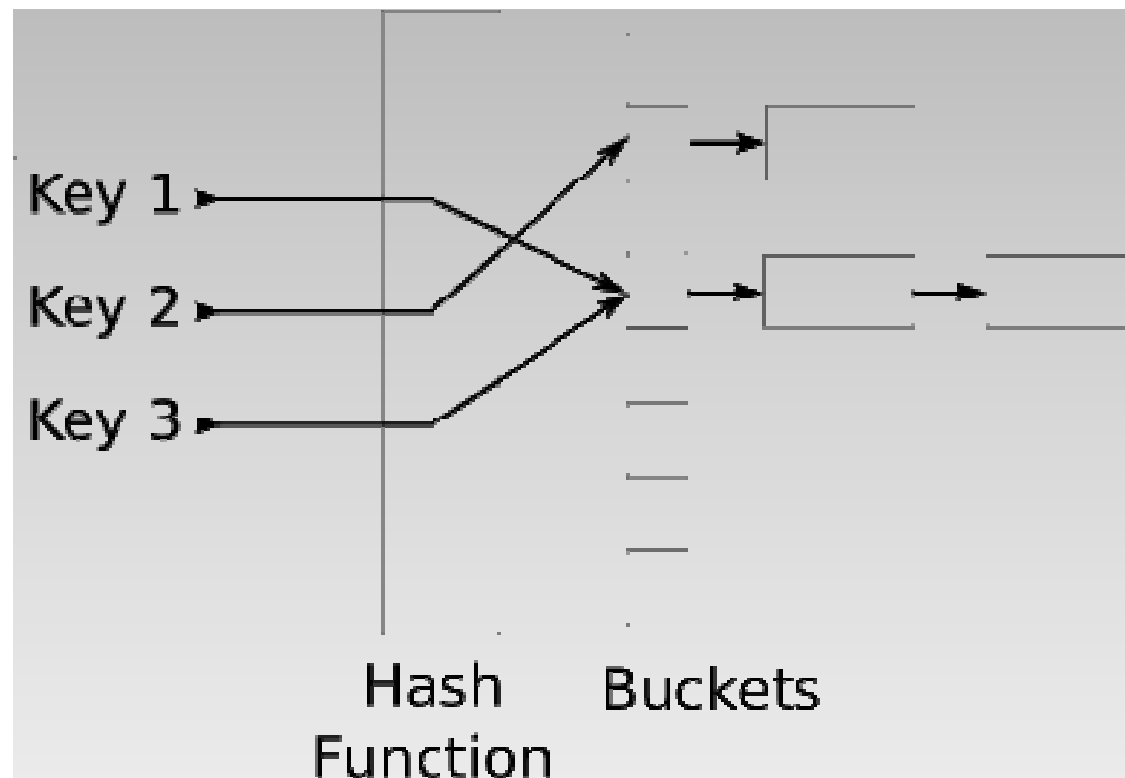
Collision handling



■ Collision resolutions:

■ Chaining:

- Collided keys are linked by singly linked list.



Collision handling

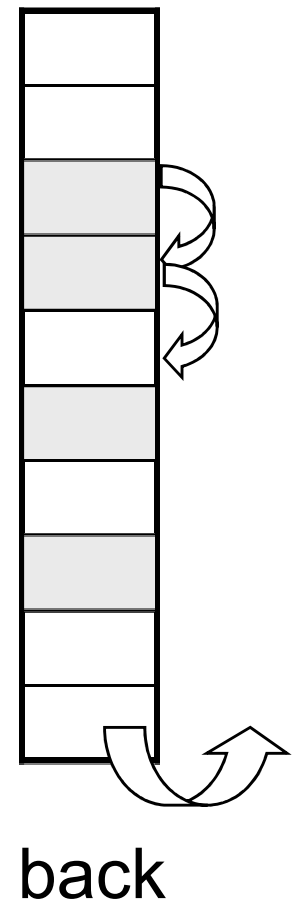


■ Collision resolutions:

■ Open addressing – Linear probing:

- Collided keys are added next to each other.
- Probing function:

$$P(k, i) = (H(k) + i) \bmod N.$$



Collision handling



■ Collision resolutions:

■ Open addressing – Quadratic probing:

- Collided keys are added in quadratic increment.
- Probing function:

$$P(k, i) = (H(k) + i^2) \bmod N.$$

Collision handling



■ Collision resolutions:

■ Open addressing – Double hashing:

- Collided keys are added by second hash function.

- Probing function:

$$P(k, i) = (H(k) + i * H_2(k)) \bmod N.$$

- Second hash function:

$$H_2(k) = R + (k \bmod R)$$

R is prime number.

Summary



■ Hash function:

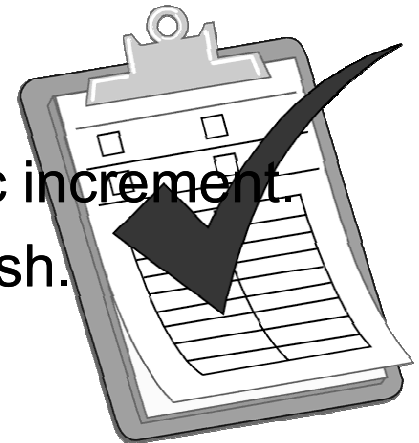
- Mapping function converting key to integer.

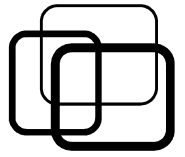
■ Hash table:

- Array storing element at its hash.

■ Collision handling:

- Chaining: link collides by singly linked list.
- Open addressing:
 - Linear probing: stores collides in sequence.
 - Quadratic probing: stores collides in quadratic increment.
 - Double hashing: stores collides by second hash.





■ Practice 4.1:

Implement ADT **HashTable** (of integer) with values and operations.

Try using different collision resolutions:

- Chaining.
- Linear probing.
- Double hashing.

