

# CS2302 Data Structures

## Spring 2020

### Quiz – Hash Tables with Chaining

Use the hash table that solves collisions by chaining implemented in the program *hash\_table\_chain.py* provided in the class blackboard page to solve efficiently each of the following problems:

1. Write the function *location(h,k)* that receives a hash table *h* and an integer *k* and returns the index of the bucket and the index within that bucket where the record with key *k* appears. If there is no record with key *k*, your function should return the index of the bucket where *k* would be if *k* were in the table and *None* as the index value (see expected results in starter code).
2. Write the function *change\_key(h,k,new\_k)* that receives a hash table *h* and integers *k* and *new\_k* and modifies the record with key *k* in *h* to have a key value of *new\_k*. However, if *k* is not in the table, or *new\_k* is already in the table, your function should do nothing. Notice that changing the key will likely mean that the record needs to be moved to a different bucket (see expected results in starter code).
3. Write the function *unique\_items(L)* that receives a list of integers *L* and returns a list containing the items that appear at least once in *L*, sorted in ascending order (you may use the built-in function *x.sort()* that sorts list *x*; see expected results in starter code). This should run in  $O(n)$  time.
4. (Extra credit 1, do not use hashing) Write the function *sum2(L,k)* that receives a list of integers *L* and an integer *k* and returns two indices *i* and *j* such that  $L[i] + L[j] = k$ . If there are no such indices, your function should return *None*, *None*. Write the first version of this function that runs in  $O(n^2)$  time by exhaustively trying all pairs of elements in *L*.
5. (Extra credit 2, use hashing) Write the function *sum2HT(L,k)* just like in the previous question but the function must now use a hash table and run in  $O(n)$  time.