# Hashing

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	Sorted Array	Balanced BST	Hashing
Insertion	O(n)	O(log n)	O(1) avg
Deletion	O(n)	O(log n)	O(1) avg
Retrieval	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(1) avg

### **Direct Addressing Table**

- Keys must be integer values and range is small/ dense (minimal gaps)

### Hashing

- Map large integers -> small, non-integer -> integer
- Collision: different keys may not be hashed to different buckets

#### **Hash Functions**

- Fast to compute, even scatter
- Minimal collisions, less space
- Perfect 1-1 mapping (no collision, but all keys must be known)
  - Used by compiler/ interpreter to check for reserved words (GNU gperf)
  - Minimal: table size same as #keywords supplied
- Uniform hash function: keys evenly distributed -> can reduce size of hashtable

#### Division method

- Modulo arithmetic
- m = hash table size (power 2 = take n bits, power 10 = take n digits)
- Pick prime number close to power of 2 (reduce collisions)

#### Multiplication method

- Multiply by A, A between 0 and 1 (e.g. Phi)
- Multiply integer part by m (table size)

#### **Hashing Strings**

- Add letters and modulo m
  - Does not consider position of characters
  - Can shift sum by multiplying (e.g. sum = sum\*37 + c)

#### **Collision Resolution**

- Birthday paradox
- Minimise clustering, always find empty slot if it exists
- Different probe sequences even for same initial probe (minimise secondary clustering)
- Should be fast

#### Separate Chaining

- LL to store collided values
- Load factor = no. of keys/ size (can be bounded)
  - $\circ$   $\alpha = n/m$

```
Find O(1 + \alpha)

O Insert O(1)

Delete O(1 + \alpha)
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- Binding may require reconstruction (rehash all keys into a bigger table, increase m and reduce a)

#### **Linear Probing**

- Look for the next empty slot
- Delete checks for empty slot
  - Cannot simply remove key value (creates gap)
  - Lazy deletion: mark as occupied/ deleted/ empty in status array
- Probing continues until empty slot (consecutive occupied slots)
  - o Primary Clustering problem
- Modified: increase probe sequence distance by d, which is co-prime to m
  - Avoids primary clustering, and yet can cover all slots (co-prime)

#### **Quadratic Probing**

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hash(key)
( hash(key) + 1 ) % m jump 1<sup>2</sup>
( hash(key) + 4 ) % m jump 2<sup>2</sup>
( hash(key) + 9 ) % m jump 3<sup>2</sup>
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- Probe sequence increases by a square number (k + 1, k + 4, 9...)
- For load factor < 0.5 and m is prime, there will always be an empty slot
  - Odd number of steps -> changing index parity
- How to make sure there will be a termination? (see lec)
  - Since the probe distance changes, the probing will not be circular
- Secondary clustering: same initial position -> same probe sequence

#### **Double Hashing**

- Secondary hash function determines probe distance for collisions
  - Fixed probe distance for each number (similar to linear probing/ modified linear probing)
  - Cannot evaluate to 0, else there is no jumping
  - $\circ$  E.g. hash2(k) = 5 (k%5)

## Comparison with BST

- Ordered traversal of all items
  - BST = O(n)
  - Hashing = O(n log n) take out all and sort
- Hashing is not good for searching for min/ max values, range search
- Hashing is usually used to retrieve a particular item given a key

## Hashtable<K,V>

- extends Dictionary<K,V> implements Map<K,V>, Cloneable, Serializable
- Non-null objects can be used as key/ value
- Dictionary is abstract parent class
- Default load factor = 0.75, size 11
- get(k), put(k,v), contains(v)