

Problem 11-3

The class `MyHashtable` described in class requires one more refinement: The `put` method must not continue inserting elements into the hashtable if the hashtable is too full.

The “fullness” of the hashtable is measured by its *load factor*. The load factor is the total number of entries in the hashtable divided by the table size. In `MyHashtable`, a default maximum load factor is set at the value 5. This means that the number of entries in the hashtable must never exceed 5 times the table size.

This requirement is not being enforced in the version of `MyHashtable` that is in your folder. In this exercise, you will enforce this requirement.

You will need to do two things: First, create an additional method `rehash()`. Second, rewrite the `put` method so that it calls `rehash()` at the appropriate time.

The signature of the new method that you will add is

```
private void rehash()
```

This `rehash` method does the following:

1. It creates a new temp array `tableTemp`, having size twice the current size of `table`, and updates the variable `tableSize` with these new sizes.
2. It examines each key stored in `table` and populates the new table in the following way: It performs `hashCode` and `hash` on each key – producing in each case a new array index `i` – and then it inserts the `Entry` into the linked list in slot `i` of `tableTemp`.
3. Finally, it replaces the old `table` with this temp table.

The other thing to do is to modify the `put` operation so that if the `loadFactor` of the table is greater than or equal to 5, it calls `rehash` before executing its usual steps of operation.