



Data Structure & Algorithms

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Hash Table

- Associative data structure → key-value pair (association)
- Stores key-value so that for a given key, value can be searched in fastest possible time. Ideal time complexity is $O(1)$.
- Example: → no collision

arr		hash fn
0	1 A	$f(x) = x - 1$
1	2 B ...	
2		
⋮		
11	12 P ...	
12	13 Q ...	
13		
⋮		
28	29 Y ...	
29	30 Z ...	

roll no = x
→ index = $x - 1$

put(x , stud):
arr[$x - 1$] = stud;

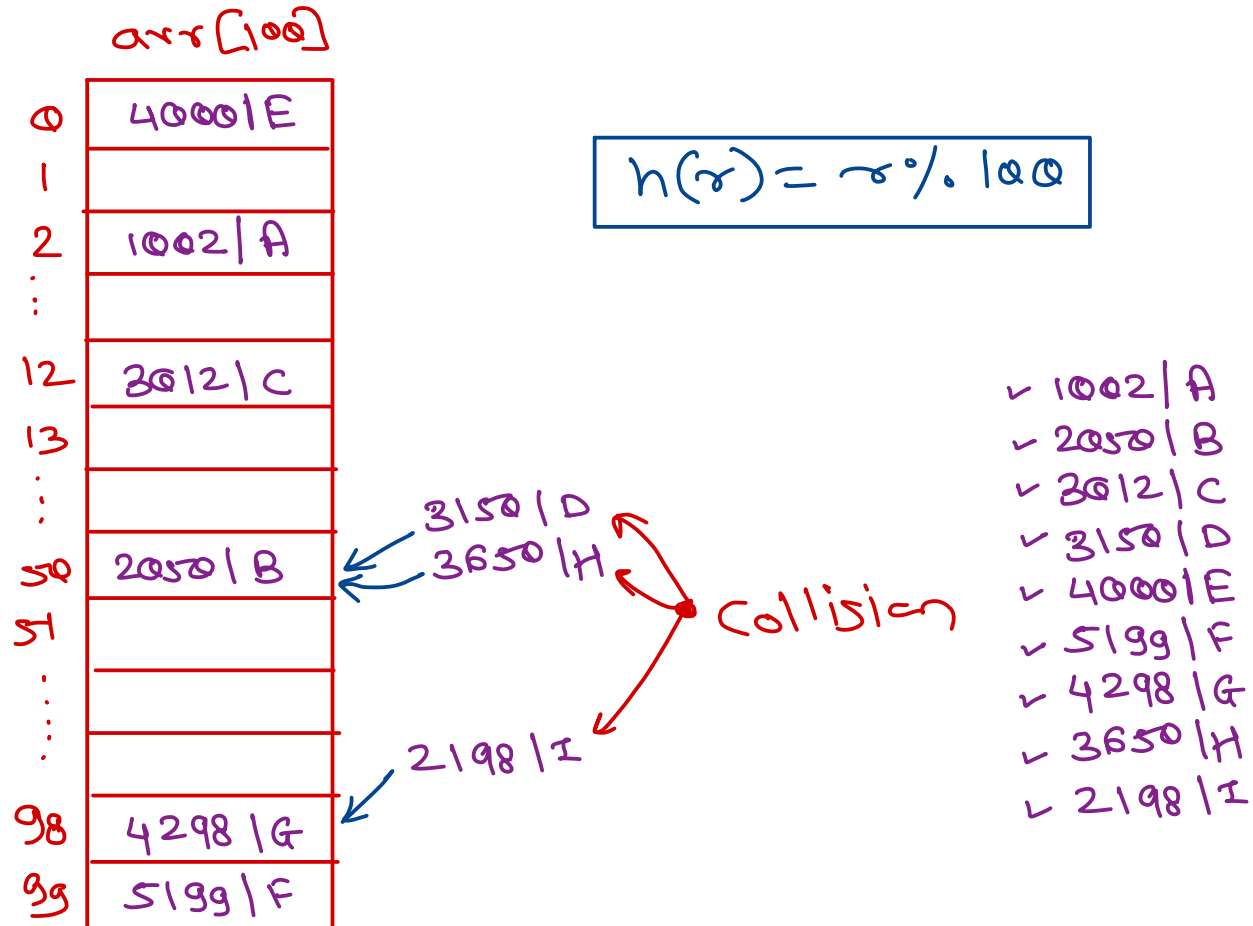
get(x):
return arr[$x - 1$];

programming language terms	data structure & algorithms terms
① array	→ ① table
② index	→ ② slot
③ math fn to decide the index in which value to be stored	→ ③ math fn of key ² to decide the slot or table in which value to be stored hash fn



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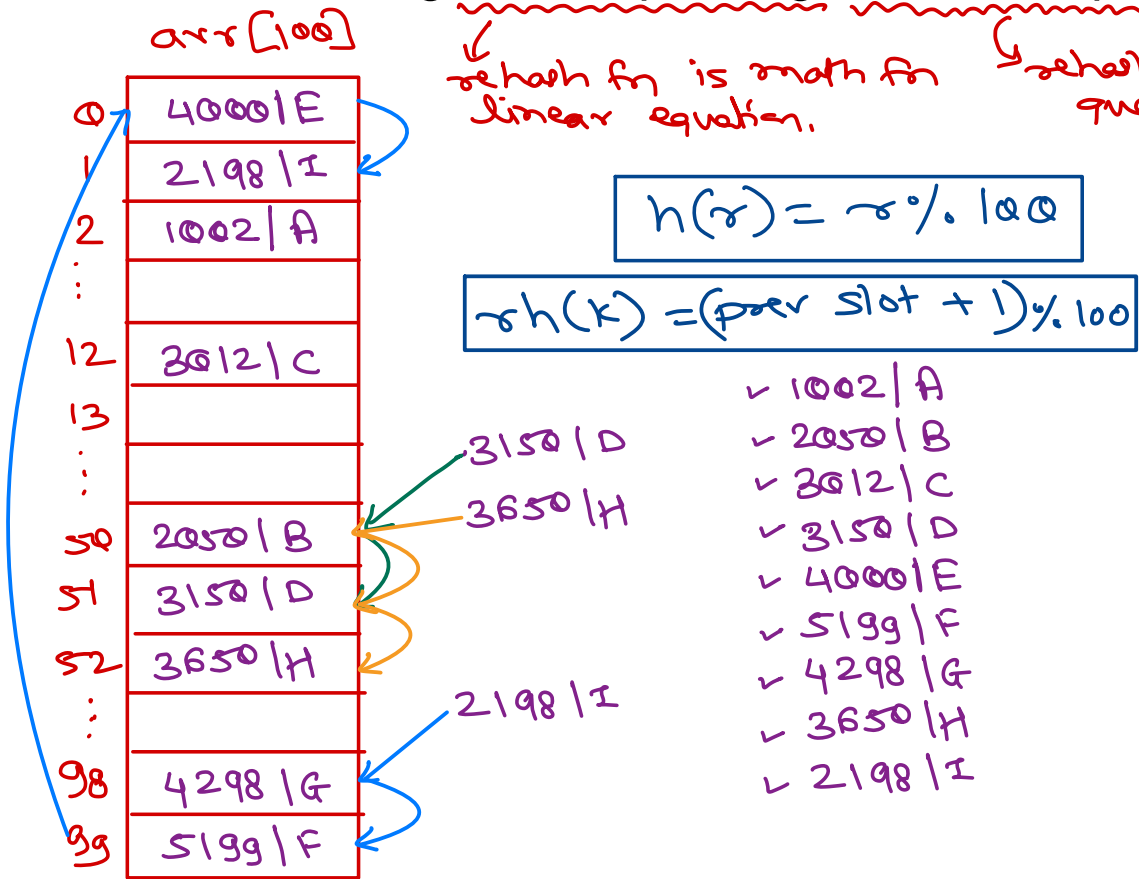
- Hash Function is math function of key, that yields slot in the table.
- If different keys resulting in same slot in the table, it is called as collision.



Hash Table

- Collision handling methods: Open addressing or Chaining
- Open addressing

- Rehashing: Linear probing, Quadratic probing, ...



$h(k) \rightarrow$ slot of table
if slot is already occupied,
call another math fn to find
next possible slot. (Repeat it
until an empty slot is found).
Rehash fn
e.g. $rh = (h(k) + 1) \% size$
or $rh = (rh(k) + 1) \% size$

key value arr[100];
fields: key, value.

put(k, v):
index = k % 100; //hash fn
while(arr[index] != null)
index = (index + 1) % 100; //rehash
arr[index] = (k, v);

get(k):
index = k % 100; //hash fn
while(arr[index] != null) {
if(arr[index].key == k) return arr[index].value;
index = (index + 1) % 100; //rehash
}
return null; //no kv found.

Hash Table

• Load factor = Number of entries / Number of slots

• Cases

- Load factor < 1
- Load factor = 1
- Load factor > 1

key-value pairs array size

arr(100)
kv pairs = 75
entries < arr size

L.F. < 1

arr(100)
kv pairs = 100
entries == arr size

L.F. = 1

open addressing
or chaining

open addressing:

- ✓ all entries (kv) are stored in the array/table.
- ✓ storage is internal to the table.
- ✓ if occupied / not match, then find
↳ insert ↳ find
the next address (infinitely), until
empty / desired slot found,
↳ insert ↳ find

arr(100)
kv pairs = 120
entries > arr size

L.F. > 1

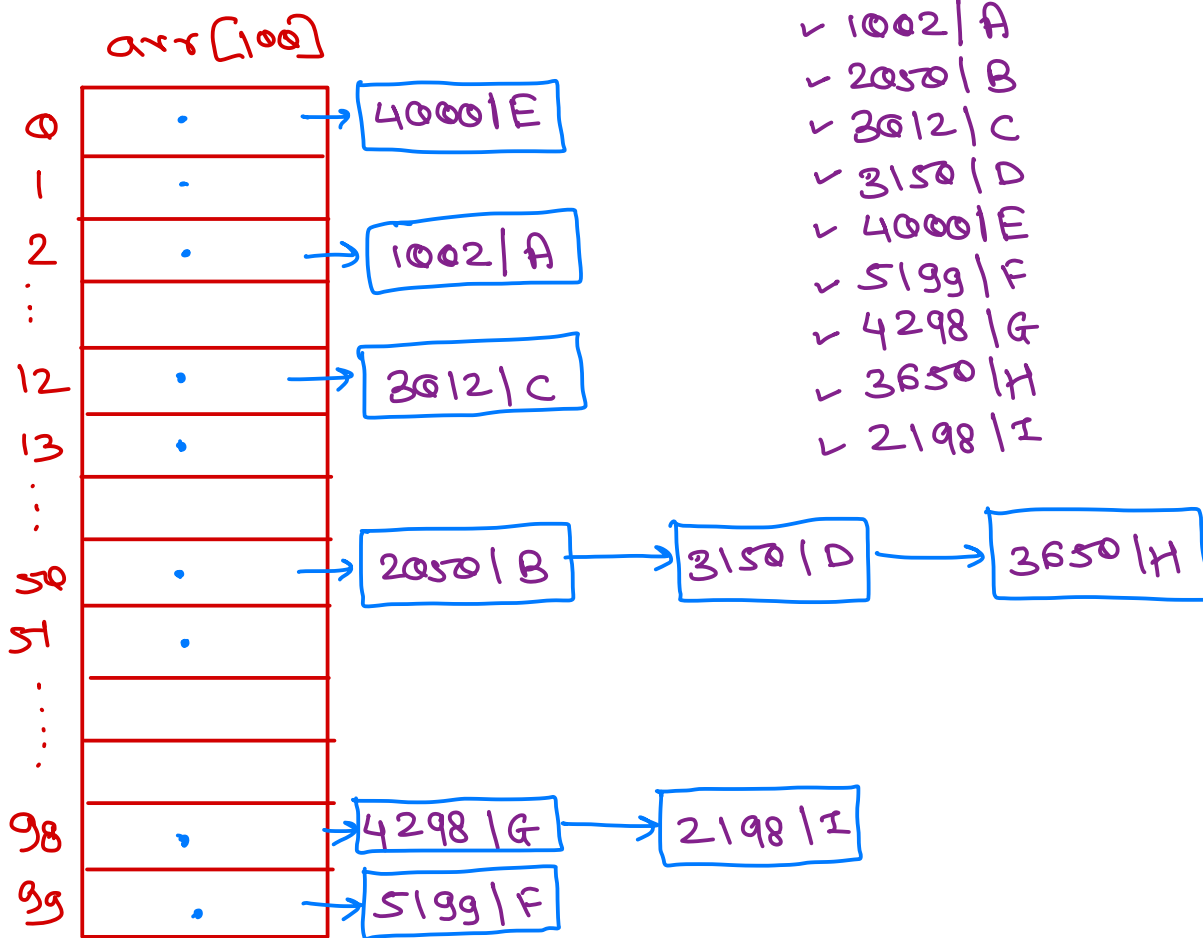
chaining



Hash Table

• Chaining

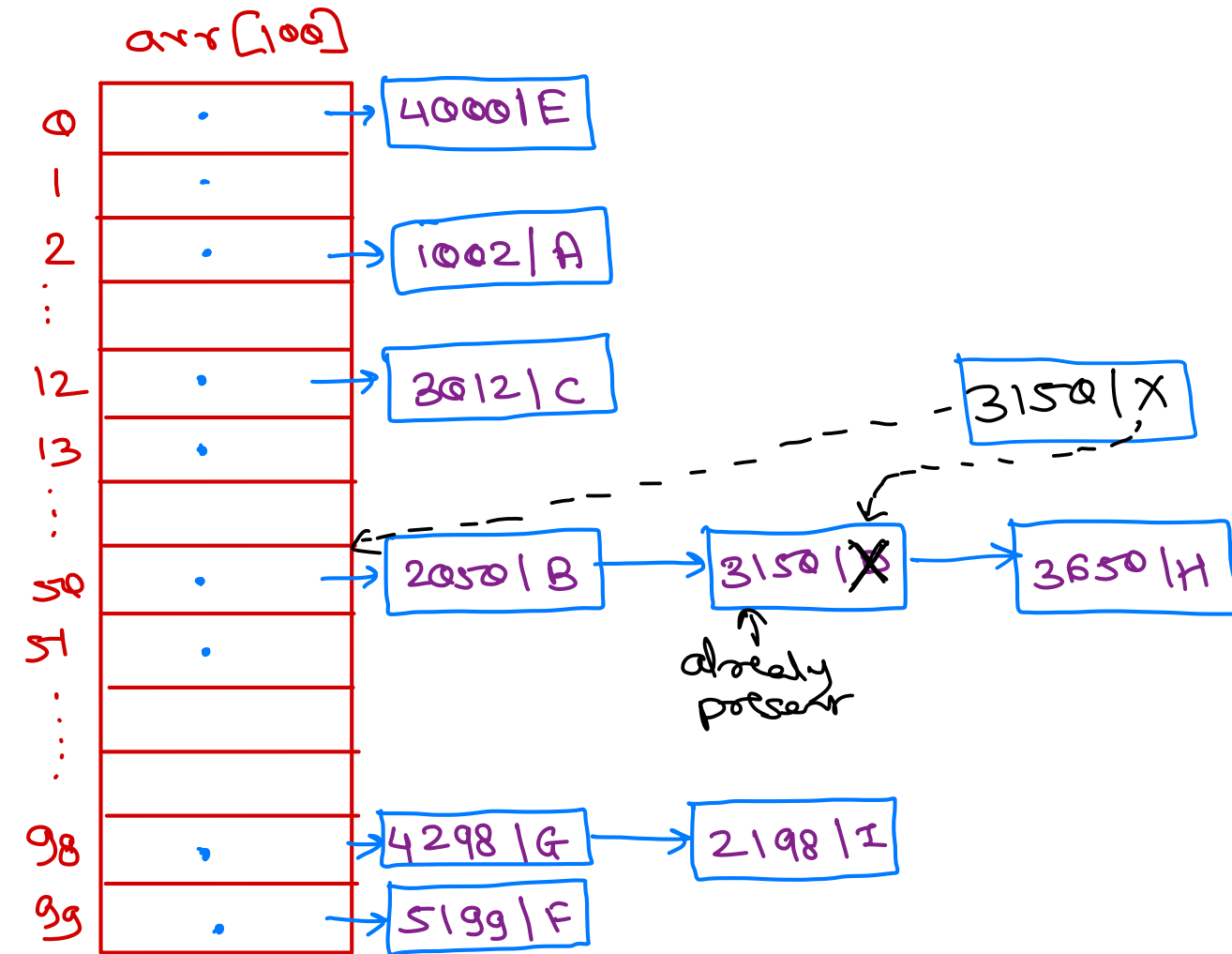
$$h(x) = x \% 100$$



- ✓ each slot in the table hold a collection of key-value pairs/entries called as buckets.
- ✓ Note that, actual KV pairs/entries are not stored in table. The storage is external to the table.
- ✓ if multiple entries collide (same slot in table), then they will be added in same bucket..
- ✓ num of entries can be greater, equal or lesser than table size (num of buckets).
- ✓ generic impl of hashtable (irrespective of load factor). So C++ STL map<>, Java HashMap/HashTable, Python/C# Dictionary internally follow chaining.



Hash Table



List arr[100]; // arr[i] is a list.
// each entry in list
is key value pair.

put(k, v):

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index = k % 100; // hash fn
for (kv : arr[index]) {
    if (kv.key == k) {
        kv.value = v;
        return;
    }
}
arr[index].add(new kv);
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get(k):

```
index = k % 100; // hash fn
for (kv : arr[index]) {
    if (kv.key == k)
        return kv.value;
}
return null;
```





Thank you!

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