CS 225

Data Structures

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What if $O(log_m n)$ is not fast enough?

Do you feel lucky?

A Hash Table based Dictionary

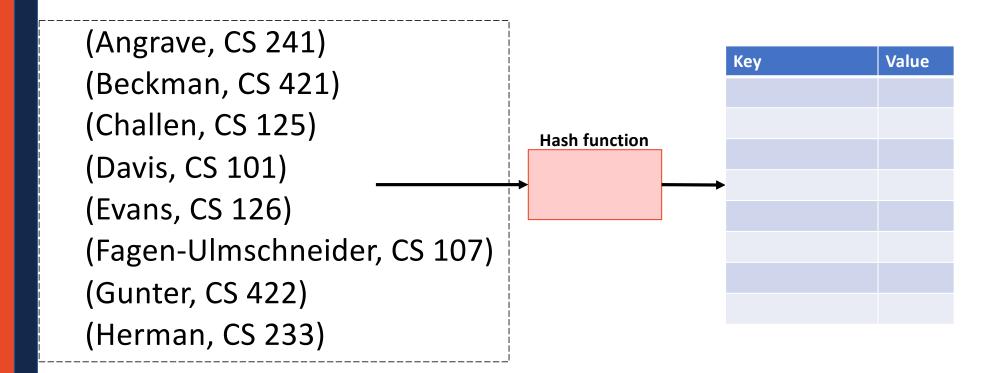
Client Code:

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Dictionary<KeyType, ValueType> d;
d[k] = v;
```

A **Hash Table** consists of three things:

- 1. A hash function, f(k)
- 2. An array
- 3. Something to handle chaos when it occurs!

A Perfect Hash Function



Hash Function

Our **hash function** consists of two parts:

- A hash:
- A compression:

Choosing a good hash function is tricky...

- Don't create your own (yet*)
- Very smart people have created very bad hash functions

Hash Function

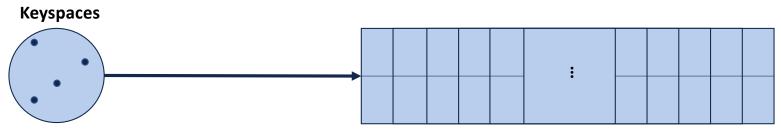
Characteristics of a good hash function:

1. Computation Time:

2. Deterministic:

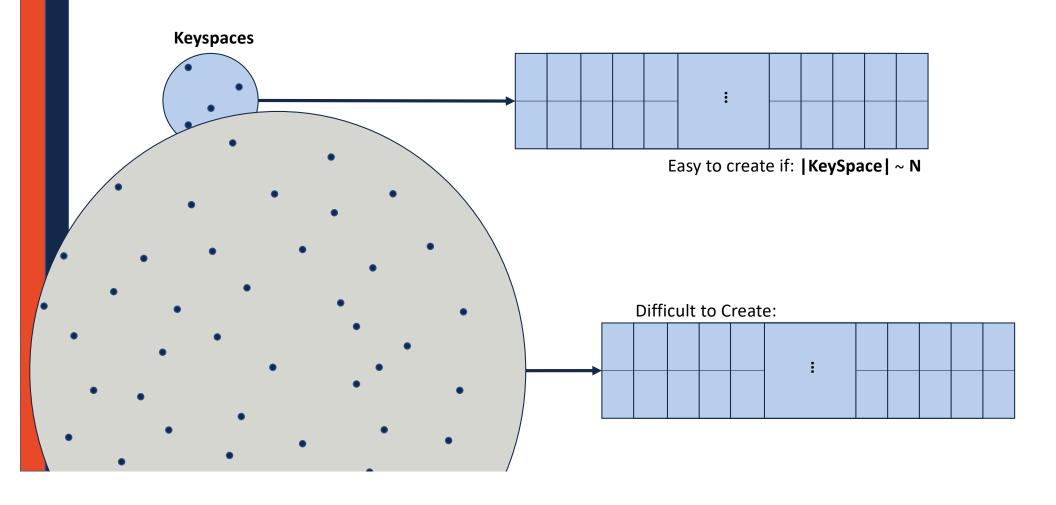
3. Satisfy the SUHA:

General Purpose Hash Function

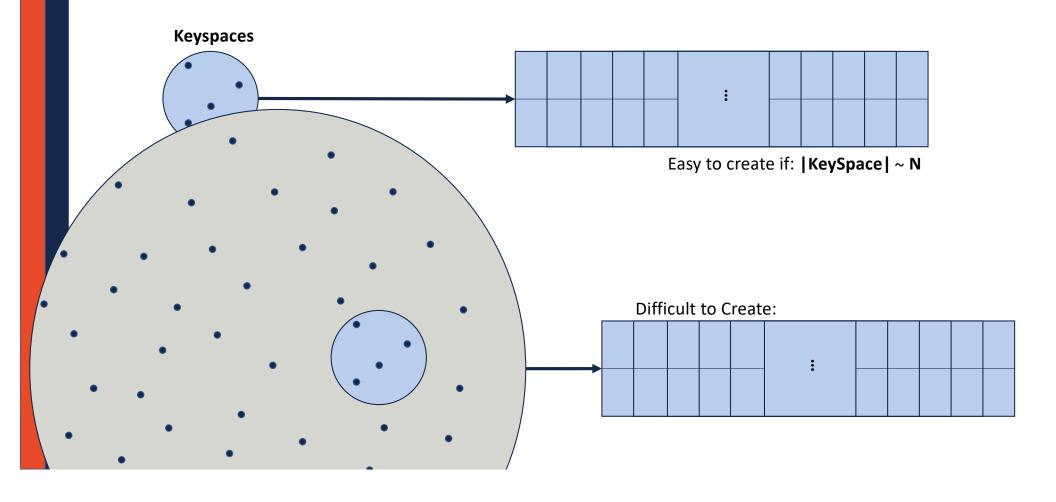


Easy to create if: $|KeySpace| \sim N$

General Purpose Hash Function



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Hash Function

In CS 225, we focus on general purpose hash functions.

Other hash functions exists with different properties (eg: cryptographic hash functions)

(Example of open hashing)

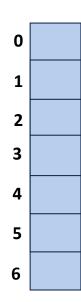
Collision Handling: Separate Chaining



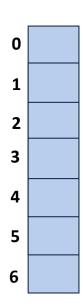
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Remove/Find		

(Example of closed hashing)

Collision Handling: Probe-based Hashing



Collision Handling: Linear Probing



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, if full...
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Try ...

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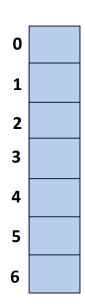
A Problem w/ Linear Probing

Primary clustering:

Description:

Remedy:

Collision Handling: Double hashing



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$$h(k, i) = (h_1(k) + i*h_2(k)) \% 7$$

Running Times

The expected number of probes for find(key) under SUHA

Linear Probing:

- Successful: $\frac{1}{1}(1 + \frac{1}{1-\alpha})$
- Unsuccessful: $\frac{1}{1}(1 + \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)})^2$

(Don't memorize these equations, no need.)

Double Hashing:

- Successful: $1/\alpha * ln(1/(1-\alpha))$
- Unsuccessful: $1/(1-\alpha)$

Instead, observe:

- As α increases:

Separate Chaining:

- Successful: $1 + \alpha/2$
- Unsuccessful: $1 + \alpha$

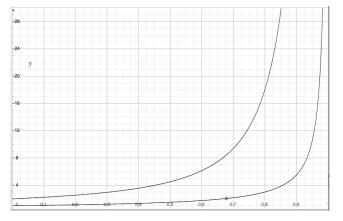
- If α is constant:

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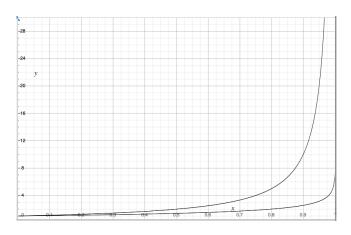
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ReHashing

What if the array fills?

Which collision resolution strategy is better?

- Big Records:
- Structure Speed:

What structure do hash tables replace?

What constraint exists on hashing that doesn't exist with BSTs?

Why talk about BSTs at all?

Running Times

	Hash Table	AVL	Linked List
Find	Amortized: Worst Case:		
Insert	Amortized: Worst Case:		
Storage Space			

std::map

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std::map
::operator[]
::insert
::erase

::lower_bound(key) → Iterator to first element ≤ key
::upper_bound(key) → Iterator to first element > key
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std::unordered_map
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::operator[]

::insert

::erase

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