

# Counting Sort, HashTable

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# Recap

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- What's algorithms, problem, problem instance
- Selection, bubble, insertion sort
- Recursive algorithm:
  - three questions for thinking recursively!
- 2 (3) questions for each algorithm:
  - Is it correct?
  - Is it efficient?
  - Can we do better (use less resource: faster, use less memory)?
- Measure running time: how long does it take?
  - Intuitively: it depends on size of problem instance, and problem instance itself!

# This class

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- Counting Sort, and Radix Sort
- Pass function as parameter
- Dictionary
  - Direct Access Table
  - Hashtable
  - C++ STL unordered\_map

# Sorting is everywhere!

- When **exploring your directory** (using finder in Mac), you can sort entries by name, type, last modified time..., in ascending order or descending order
  - In Excel, iTunes, ...
- More generally, we can provide a comparison function to decide “order” of two elements



# Passing Comparison Function

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- <http://storm.cis.fordham.edu/~zhang/cs4080/Demo/BubbleSortRecord.cpp>

```
#include <functional>
```

```
...
```

```
//Sort vector of record, using InOrder function to compare and see if two  
records are in order
```

```
void bubblesort (vector<Record> & a,  
    std::function<bool (Record,Record)> InOrder)
```

```
//^^ InOrder is a function that takes two Record type parameters and return a  
bool.
```

```
{
```

```
    int end_index = a.size()-1;
```

```
    for (; end_index>0; end_index--)  
    {
```

```
        for (int i=0; i<=end_index-1;i++)
```

```
            //if a[i], a[i+1]) are in wrong order, originally:
```

```
            // if (a[i]>a[i+1]), if (!(a[i]<=a[i+1]))
```

```
            if (!InOrder(a[i],a[i+1]))
```

```
                swap (a[i], a[i+1]);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

# Passing Comparison Function

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```
class Record{
private:
    string name;
    int b_year;
    int b_month;
    int b_day;

public:
    ...
    //Several examples of InOrder functions for different keys and orders
    friend bool InAscendingOrderByName (Record a, Record b);

    friend bool InAscendingOrderByBDate (Record a, Record b);

};

//return true if a's birthday is before or the same as b's
bool InAscendingOrderByBDate (Record a, Record b)
{
    if (a.b_year < b.b_year ||
        a.b_year == b.b_year && a.b_month < b.b_month ||
        a.b_year == b.b_year && a.b_month == b.b_month && a.b_day <= b.b_day)
        return true;
    else
        return false;
}
```

# Passing Comparison Function

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```
int main()
{
    vector<Record> d;
    d.push_back (Record("Alice",2000, 3, 4));
    d.push_back (Record("Jack",2001, 4, 8));
    d.push_back (Record("Abe",1999,8,21));
    d.push_back (Record("Alice", 2001, 9, 19));
    d.push_back (Record("Bob", 2001,9,3));
    d.push_back (Record("Abe",2001,4,8));
    d.push_back (Record("Jack", 2001,9,19));

    cout <<"Before sorting\n";
    for (int i=0;i<d.size();i++)
        d[i].Print();

    /* sort d by ascending order of birthdate, i.e. from oldest to
youngest */
    bubblesort (d, InAscendingOrderByBDate);

    cout <<"After sorting in ascending order by birthdate\n";
    for (int i=0;i<d.size();i++)
        d[i].Print();
}
```

# When there are duplicate keys

Name	Age
Alice	5
Jack	2
Bob	4
Chris	5
Lisa	4
Jasmine	3
Bob	2

sort by  
ascending order  
of field Age



Name	Age
Jack	2
Bob	2
Jasmine	3
Bob	4
Lisa	4
Alice	5
Chris	5

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# Stableness

Name	Age
Alice	5
Jack	2
Bob	4
Chris	5
Lisa	4
Bob	2
Jasmine	3
Ed	2

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Name	Age
Jack	2
Bob	2
Ed	2
Jasmine	3
Bob	4
Lisa	4
Alice	5
Chris	5

Def:

A sorting algorithm is stable: if it **always** maintains relative order of elements with same key value

(Jack, 2) , (Bob, 2), (Ed, 2)

(Alice, 5) and (Chris, 5)

(Bob, 4), (Lisa, 4)

# Unstable Sorting Algorithm

Name	Age
Alice	5
Jack	2
Bob	4
Chris	5
Lisa	4
Jasmine	3
Bob	2

sort by  
ascending order  
of field Age



Name	Age
Jack	2
Bob	2
Jasmine	3
Lisa	4
Bob	4
Alice	5
Chris	5

Relative positions of  
(Bob,4) and (Lisa 4) changed!

So the sorting algorithm (used to generate the output) is not stable!

Def:

A sorting algorithm is not stable: if it **does not** maintains relative order of some elements with same key value

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- Pass function as parameter
- Dictionary
  - Direct Access Table
  - Hashtable
  - C++ STL unordered\_map

# Counting Sort

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- **Input:** a list of **integers** or more generally, elements with an **integer-valued key**, **with known value range**
- **Output:** rearranged list by ascending (or descending order) of an integer valued key
- e.g.,  $L[0\dots 7] = \{5, 2, 4, 6, 4, 3, 2\}$ ,  $\text{Min}=1$ ,  $\text{Max}=10$
- Or a list of children at a Kindergarten:
  - (Alice, 5), (Jack 2), (Bob, 4), (Chris,5), (Lisa, 4), (Jasmine, 3), (Bob, 2)
  - sort by ascending order of age, all between 1 and 6  
 $\Rightarrow$

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    - how?
  - Use this to decide where each list element should be stored in sorted list

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Count	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0

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- Ideas:
  - 2. How many elements are  $\leq 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ ?

Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Count	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cumulative	1	3	4	6	7	8	8	8	8	8

- There are 6 elements that are  $\leq 4$



# Counting Sort

3. Where each list element should be stored?

e.g., the two 4's?

Input:

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
L	5	2	1	4	6	4	3	2

Look up count and cumulative using 4 as index:

Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Count	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cumulative	1	3	4	6	7	8	8	8	8	8

- Value 4 appears twice in the list,
- There are 6 elements that are  $\leq 4 \Rightarrow L[0...5]$

Output:

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
L									



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Output:

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
L					4	4			

# CountingSort ( $L[0 \dots n-1]$ , $k$ )

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```
{  
  Let count[0...k] be a new array  
  for i=0 to k  
    count [i] = 0  
  // count[v] stores # of occurrences of value v  
  
  // make count[v] stores # of values <=v  
  
  // place list elements to R[0...n-1], in sorted order (making use of count array)  
  
  //Copy R to L  
  
}
```

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  for j=0 to n-1
    count[ L[j] ] ++    //we see one more value of L[j], so increment the counter value

  // make count[v] stores # of values <=v
  for i=1 to k
    count[i] = count[i-1]+1

  // place list elements to R[0...n-1], in sorted order (making use of count array)
  for j=n-1 downto 0
    p = count[ L[j] ]
    count[ L[j] ] = count[L[j]]-1 //next occurrence of value L[j] should go here... (to the left)
    R[p] = L[j]

  //Copy R to L
  for l= 0 to n-1
    L[j] = R[j]

}
```

# Counting Sort

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Input:

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	5	2	1	4	6	4	3	2

Count  
occurrences

Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0

•

Count  
≤

Value	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Output:

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A								

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  for i=1 to k
    count[i] = count[i-1]+1

  Create a separate vector R of same size as L
  // place list elements to R[0...n-1], in sorted order (making use of count array)
  for j=n-1 downto 0
    p = count[ L[j] ] //L[j] is p-th smallest number in L
    R[p-1] = L[j]    //L[j] should go to index p-1
    count[ L[j] ] = count[L[j]]-1 //next occurrence of value L[j] should go here... (to the left)
    //The above three lines can be combined into one:
    // R[-- count[L[j]] ] = L[j]

  //Copy R to L, one element at a time
  // You can also use vector assignment: L = R
  for j= 0 to n-1
    L[j] = R[j]
```

Which sorting algorithm to use,  
Selection sort or counting sort?

\* to sort a list of 100 employees by  
their SSN

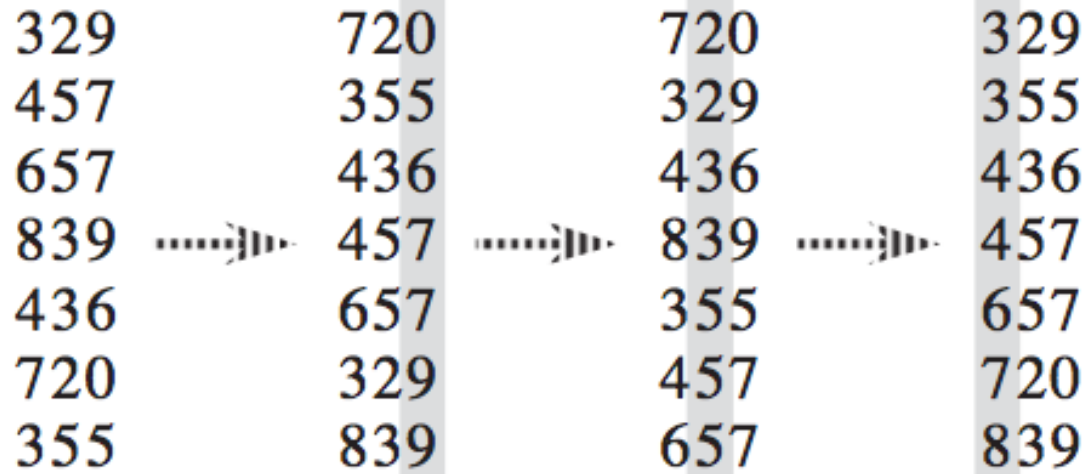
# Radix Sorting

- Radix Sort: sort digit by digit
  - from least significant digit to most significant digit, uses (stable) counting sort to sort by each digit

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329	720	720	329
457	355	329	355
657	436	436	436
839	457	839	457
436	657	355	657
720	329	457	720
355	839	657	839

# Radix Sorting



- Why does it work?
  - How to reason about it...



# Dictionary

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- **Dictionary**: a data structure that stores a dynamic set of elements, supporting INSERT, DELETE, SEARCH operations
  - elements have distinct key fields, or each element is a (key, value) pair
- Usage example:
  - graph traversal algorithms (BFS and DFS) store node's **color, distance, predecessor, ...**
    - if color[v]==WHITE //look up color of node v
  - color[ ] is a dictionary, node is key, value field is Color
  - Word count program
  - Clouting sort: array count[ ]

# Simplest implementation

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- **Direct address table:** array + use key as index into the array
  - only applicable when key is integer type
  - If  $T$  is the array, then  $T[i]$  stores the element whose key is  $i$
  - Ex: in counting sort, we use array  $C$  to keep track occurrence of different int values
    - $c[i]$  stores the number of time value  $i$  appear in array  $a[]$
- Limitation:
  - key has to be integer type
  - table/array needs to be big enough to have one slot for every possible key

# BST Implementation

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- If key type is ordered (i.e., one can compare two given keys,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ), one can use binary search tree
  - each node stores a key, value pair
  - pairs with smaller keys  $\Rightarrow$  stored in left subtree
  - pairs with larger keys  $\Rightarrow$  stored in right subtree
  - insert  $O(\log n)$ , delete  $O(\log n)$ , search  $O(\log n)$
- In C++ STL, `ordered_map` implements dictionary using BST
  - `#include <ordered_map>`
  - `// wordsCnt is a dictionary/map, key is string, value is int type`
  - `ordered_map<string, int> wordsCnt;`
    - `//stores occurrence for each word`
  - `string word;`
  - `inputFile>>word;`
  - `wordsCnt[word]++; //increment occurrence by 1`

# Hash table Implementation

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- If key type is not ordered (i.e., one cannot compare two given keys,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ), one can use **hash table**
  - insert, delete, search: almost constant time operation
- unordered\_map in C++ STL
  - `#include <unordered_map> wordsCnt;`
  - `unordered_map<string, int> wordsCnt; //stores occurrence for each word`
  - `string word;`
  - `inputFile>>word;`
  - `wordsCnt[word]++; //increment occurrence by 1`

```
#include <unordered_map>
```

```
#include <fstream>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    unordered_map<string,int> wordsCount;
```

```
    char filename[256];
```

```
    ifstream input; //declare an ifstream object, which represents a disk file from which  
    //we will read info.
```

```
    string word;
```

```
    cout <<"Enter the file you want to analyze:";
```

```
    cin >> filename;
```

```
    //Open the disk file
```

```
    input.open (filename);
```

```
    if (input.is_open())
```

```
    {
```

```
        //reading from the file is similar to reading from standard input (cin)
```

```
        while (input >> word){ //as long as we successfully read a word
```

```
            wordsCount[word]++; //Increment the count for the word
```

```
            //when a word is encountered for the first time, wordsCount[word] is
```

```
            //accessed for the first time, the value will be initialized to 0 automatically
```

```
        } //continue until we reached the end of file
```

```
        //Close the file
```

```
        input.close();
```

```
    } else
```

```
    {
```

```
        cout <<"Failed to open file " << filename<<endl;
```

```
        exit(1);
```

```
    }
```

## An example (given in Graph lab)

### Accessing unordered\_map

```
//Search a unordered_map
```

```
char cont;
```

```
do{
```

```
    cout <<"Enter a word:";
```

```
    cin >> word;
```

```
    map<string,int>::iterator it;
```

```
    it = wordsCount.find(word);
```

```
    if (it==wordsCount.end())
```

```
    {
```

```
        cout <<" does not appear\n";
```

```
        //if accessed (as below), it will be initialized to
```

```
        // default value, for int, it's 0
```

```
        cout <<"if accessed?"<<wordsCount[word]<<endl;
```

```
    }
```

```
    else
```

```
        cout <<" appears "<<wordsCount[word]<<" times\n";
```

```
    cout <<"Continue (y/n)?";
```

```
    cin >> cont;
```

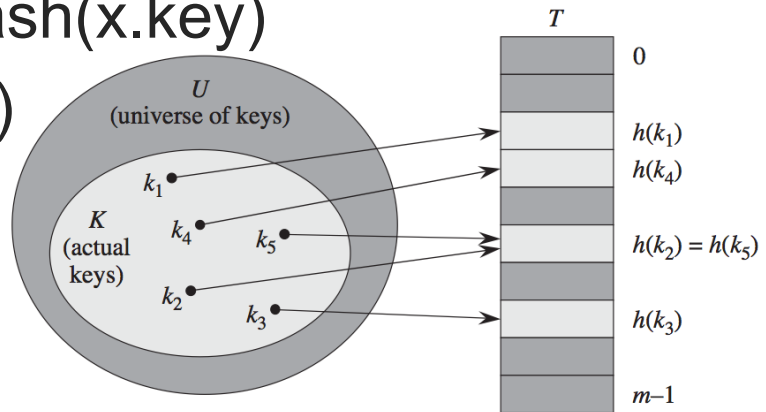
```
} while (cont=='y');
```

```
//iterate through a map
cout <<"Display the words and count\n";
map<string,int>::iterator it;
cout <<"word    count\n";
for (it=wordsCount.begin();it!=wordsCount.end();it++)
{
    cout <<it->first<<" "<<it->second<<endl;
}
}
```

# Hash Table

- Ideas:

- use a table,  $T$ , of certain size, say  $m$ , to store a collection of (key, value) pairs
- use a hash function to map key to index of the table (array)
  - `int hash (Key k) // return value 0...m-1`
- Given an element  $x$  (with key  $k$ , value  $v$ )
  - store element at index  $\text{hash}(x.\text{key})$
  - i.e.,  $T[\text{hash}(k)] = x(k, v)$

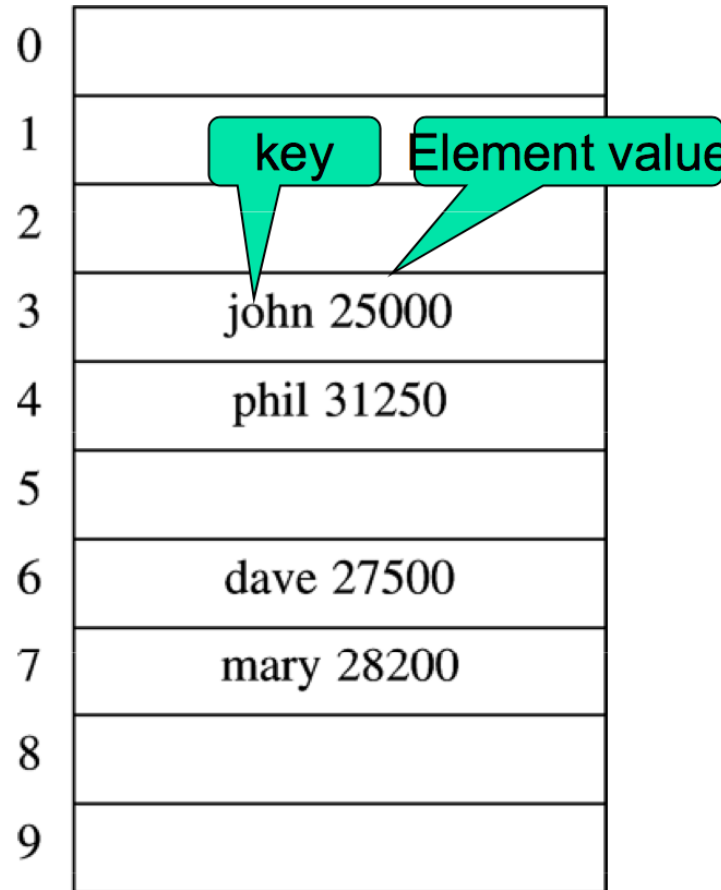




# HashTable Operations

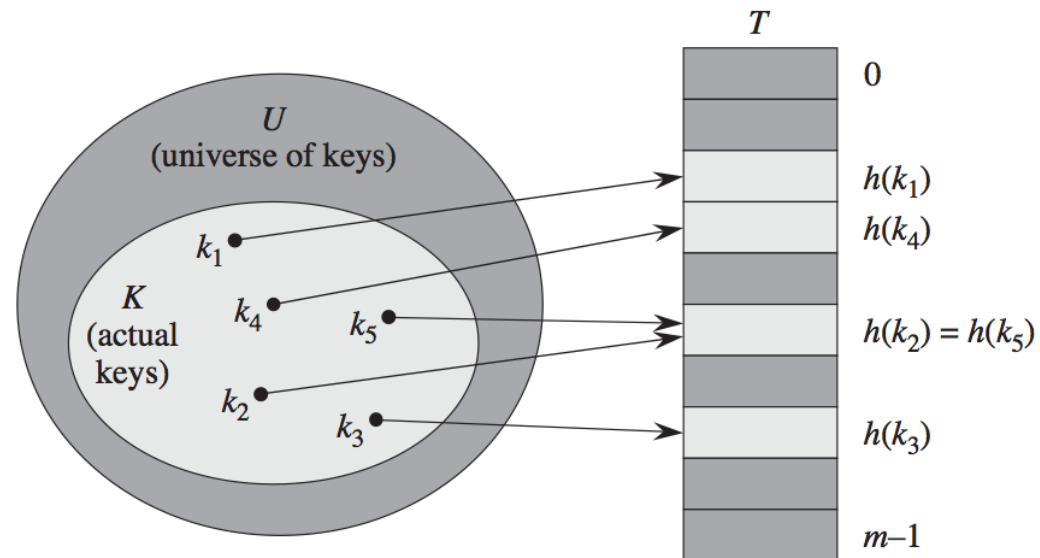
- **Insert a new key value pair:**
  - `Table[h("john")]=Element("John", 25000)`
- **Delete element by key**
  - `Table[h("john")]=NULL`
- **Search by key**
  - `return Table[h("dave")]`
- Assuming running time of `h()` is constant, all above operations takes constant time

0	
1	
2	
3	john 25000
4	phil 31250
5	
6	dave 27500
7	mary 28200
8	
9	



# Hashing: unavoidable collision

- Table  $T$  of size  $m$ ,  $m = \Theta(|K|)$
- A **hash function**:  $h : U \rightarrow \{0, \dots, m - 1\}$
- Given  $|U| > |m|$ , hash function is **many-to-one function**, by pigeonhole theorem
- Collisions cannot be avoided



# Hash Function

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- Good hash function:
  - fast to compute
  - Ideally, map any key equally likely to any of the slots, independent of other keys
- Hash Function:
  - first stage: map non-integer key to integer
  - second stage: map integer to  $[0 \dots m-1]$ , where  $m$  is size of hash table

# First stage: key => integer

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- Any **basic type** is represented in binary
- **Composite type** which is made up of basic type
  - a **character string** (each char is coded as an int by ASCII code), e.g., “pt”
    - add all chars up, ‘p’+’t’=112+116=228
    - radix notation: ‘p’\*128+’t’=14452
      - treat “pt” as base 128 number...
  - a point type: (x,y) an ordered pair of int
    - $x+y$
    - $ax+by$  // pick some non-zero constants a, b, ...
  - **IP address**: four integers in range of 0...255
    - add them up
    - radix notation:  $150*256^3+108*256^2+68*256+26$

# Hash Function: integer $\Rightarrow [0, m-1]$

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- **Division method**: divide integer by  $m$  (size of hash table) and take remainder
  - $h(\text{key}) = \text{key} \bmod m$
- if key's value are randomly uniformly distributed all integer values, above hash function is uniform
- But often times data are not randomly distributed,
  - What if  $m=100$ , all keys have same last two digits?
  - Similarly, if  $m=2^p$ , then result is simply lowest-ordered  $p$  bits
- Rule of thumbs: choose  $m$  to be a prime not too close to exact powers of 2

# Hash Function: second stage

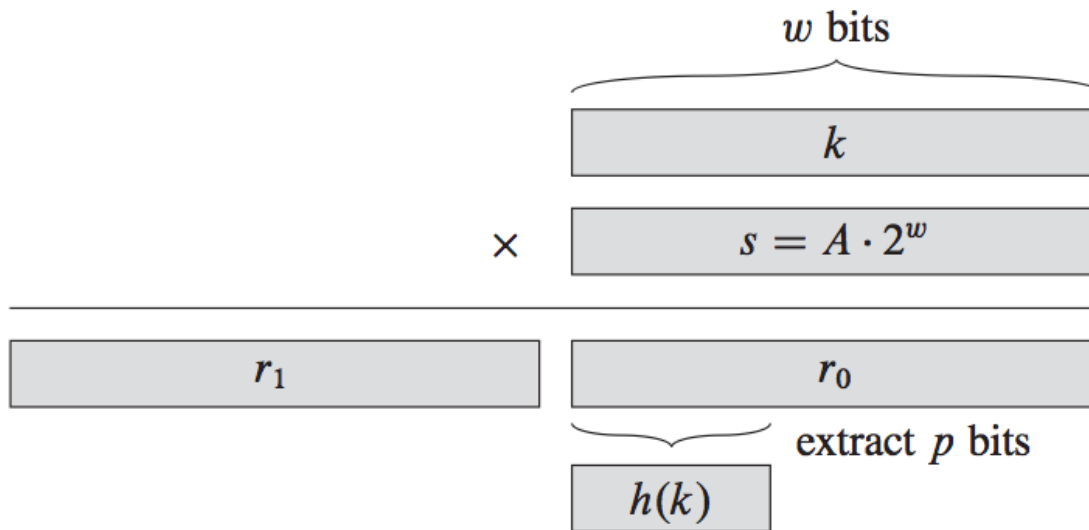
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- **Multiplication method**: pick a constant  $A$  in the range of  $(0,1)$ ,

$$h(k) = \lfloor m(kA - \lfloor kA \rfloor) \rfloor$$

- take fraction part of  $kA$ , and multiply with  $m$
- e.g.,  $m=10000$ ,  $A=$ 
  - $h(123456)=41$ .
- Advantage:  $m$  could be exact power of 2...

# Multiplication Method



**Figure 11.4** The multiplication method of hashing. The  $w$ -bit representation of the key  $k$  is multiplied by the  $w$ -bit value  $s = A \cdot 2^w$ . The  $p$  highest-order bits of the lower  $w$ -bit half of the product form the desired hash value  $h(k)$ .

$$m = 2^p$$

$$h(k) = \lfloor m(kA - \lfloor kA \rfloor) \rfloor$$

# Exercise

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- Write a hash function that maps string type to a hash table of size 250
  - First stage: using radix notation
    - “Hello!” => ‘H’\*128^5+’e’\*128^4+...+’!’
  - Second stage:
    - $x \bmod 250$



# Exercise

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- Write a hash function that maps a point type as below to a hash table of size 100

```
class point{  
    int x, y;  
}
```

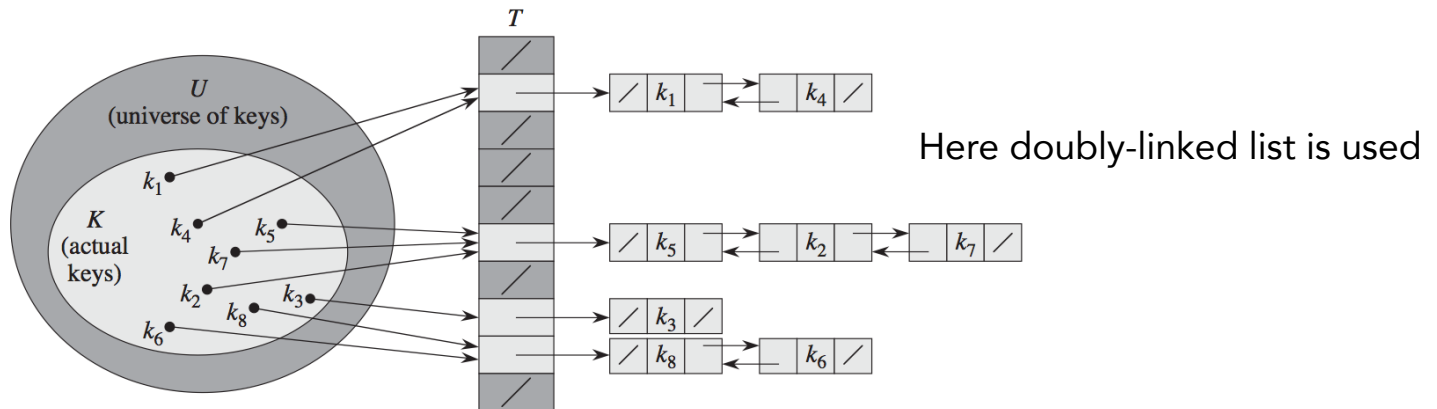
# Collision Resolution

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- Recall that  $h(.)$  is not one-to-one, so it maps multiple keys to same slot:
  - for distinct  $k_1, k_2$ ,  $h(k_1)=h(k_2) \Rightarrow$  collision
- Two different ways to resolve collision
  - **Chaining**: store colliding keys in a linked list (bucket) at the hash table slot
    - dynamic memory allocation, storing pointers (overhead)
  - **Open addressing**: if slot is taken, try another, and another (a probing sequence)
    - clustering problem.

# Chaining

- Chaining: store colliding elements in a linked list at the same hash table slot
  - if all keys are hashed to same slot, hash table degenerates to a linked list.



**Figure 11.3** Collision resolution by chaining. Each hash-table slot  $T[j]$  contains a linked list of all the keys whose hash value is  $j$ . For example,  $h(k_1) = h(k_4)$  and  $h(k_5) = h(k_7) = h(k_2)$ . The linked list can be either singly or doubly linked; we show it as doubly linked because deletion is faster that way.

# Chaining: operations

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- Insert (x):
  - insert x at the head of  $T[h(x.key)]$
- Search (k)
  - search for an element with key x in list  $T[h(k)]$
- Delete (x)
  - Delete x from the list  $T[h(x.key)]$
- Running time of search and delete: proportional to length of list stored in  $h(x.key)$

# Chaining: analysis

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- Consider a hash table  $T$  with  $m$  slots stores  $n$  elements.
  - load factor
- Ideal case: any given element is equally likely to hash into any of the  $m$  slots, independently of where any other element is hashed to
  - average length of lists is
  - search and delete takes
- Worst case: If all keys are hashed to same slot, hash table degenerates to a linked list
  - search and delete takes

# Collision Resolution

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- **Open addressing**: store colliding elements elsewhere in the table
  - Advantage: no need for dynamic allocation, no need to store pointers
- When inserting:
  - examine (probe) a sequence of positions in hash table until find empty slot
- When searching/deleting:
  - examine (probe) a sequence of positions in hash table until find element

# Open Addressing

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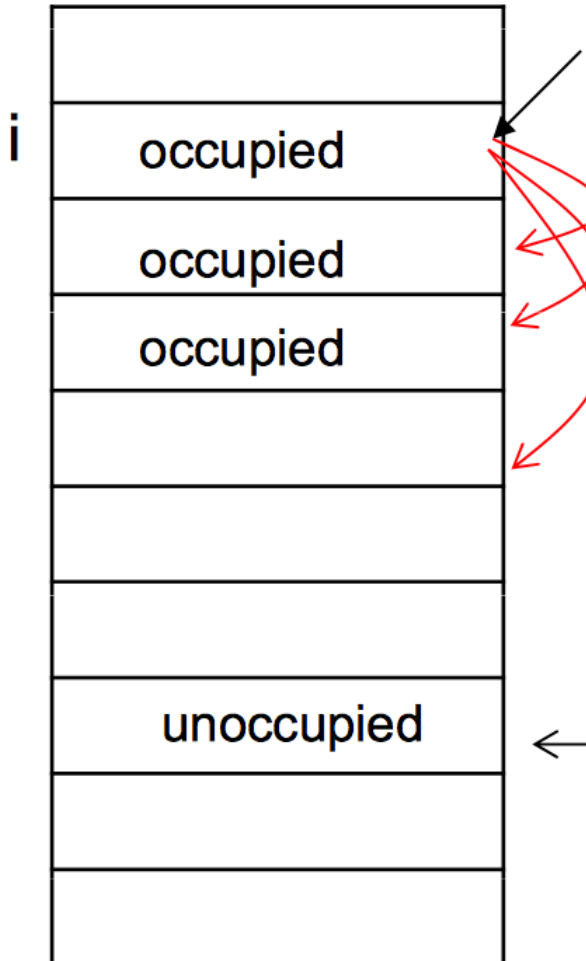
- Hash function: extended to **probe sequence (m functions)**:

$$h_i(x), i = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$$

$$h_i(x) \neq h_j(x), \text{ for } i \neq j$$

- **insert**: if  $h_0(k)$  is taken, try  $h_1(k)$ , and then  $h_2(k)$ , until find an empty slot
- **Search** for key  $k$ : if element at  $h_0(k)$  is not a match, try  $h_1(k)$ , and then  $h_2(k)$ , ..until find matching element, or reach an empty slot
- **Delete** key  $k$ : first search for  $k$ , then mark its slot as DELETED

# Linear Probing



- Probing sequence
$$h_i(x) = (h(x) + i) \bmod m$$
- try following indices in sequence
  - $h(x) \bmod m$ ,
  - $(h(x) + 1) \bmod m$ ,
  - $(h(x) + 2) \bmod m, \dots$
- Continue until an empty slot is found
- Problem: primary clustering
  - if there are multiple keys mapped to a slot, the slots after it tends to be occupied



# Quadratic Probing

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$$h_i(x) = (h(x) + c_1i + c_2i^2) \bmod m$$

- probe sequence:
  - $h_0(x) = h(x) \bmod m$
  - $h_1(x) = (h(x) + c_1 + c_2) \bmod m$
  - $h_2(x) = (h(x) + 2c_1 + 4c_2) \bmod m$
  - ...
- Problem:
  - secondary clustering
  - choose  $c_1, c_2, m$  carefully so that all slots are probed

# Double Hashing

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- Use two functions  $f_1, f_2$ :

$$h_i(x) = (f_1(x) + i \cdot f_2(x)) \bmod m$$

- Probe sequence:
  - $h_0(x) = f_1(x) \bmod m$ ,
  - $h_1(x) = (f_1(x) + f_2(x)) \bmod m$
  - $h_2(x) = (f_1(x) + 2f_2(x)) \bmod m, \dots$
- $f_2(x)$  and  $m$  must be **relatively prime** for entire hash table to be searched/used
  - Two integers  $a, b$  are relatively prime with each other if their greatest common divisor is 1
  - e.g.,  $m = 2^k$ ,  $f_2(x)$  be odd
  - or,  $m$  be prime,  $f_2(x) < m$

# Summary

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- We so far have reviewed/studied:
  - Three basic sorting algorithms (comparison based) , counting sort, radix sorting
  - Recursive algorithms: three questions rule
  - Data structure review: dictionary, direct access table, hash table, using them in C++ STL
  - Passing function as parameter to sorting function
  - Stable sorting vs unstable sorting
- Lab2:
  - A group project with various small practices
- Next week: algorithm (running time) analysis