

# COMP2521 24T1

## Hash Tables

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associative arrays

hash tables

hashing

collision resolution

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A commonly desired abstraction  
in computer science and in the real world  
is the ability to map one kind of data to another,  
in other words, map **keys** to **values**

Examples:

Map **words** to **definitions**

Map **student numbers** to **names**

Map **people** to **favourite colors**

An **associative array** is an abstract data type that stores key-value pairs, where keys are unique.

It supports the following operations:

**insert**

insert a key-value pair

**lookup**

given a key, return its associated value

**delete**

given a key, delete its key-value pair

Note:

Associative arrays are also called **maps**, symbol tables, or **dictionaries**.

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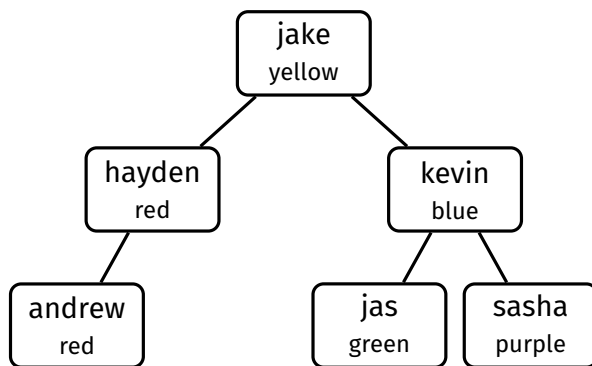
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A hash table is a data structure that implements an associative array.

It uses an **array** to store key-value pairs, and a **hash function** that, given a key, computes an index into the array where the associated value can be found.

A good hash table implementation has an **average** performance of  $O(1)$  for insertion, lookup and deletion!

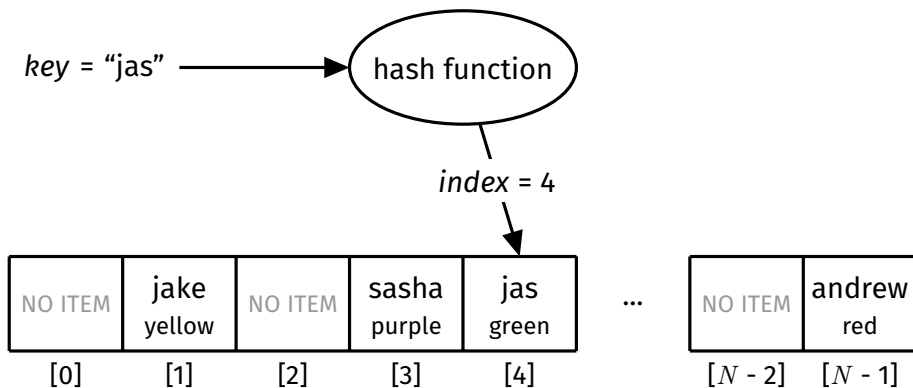
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```
/** Creates a new hash table */
HashTable HashTableNew(void);

/** Frees all memory allocated to the hash table */
void HashTableFree(HashTable ht);

/** Inserts a key-value pair into the hash table
    If the key already exists, replaces the value */
void HashTableInsert(HashTable ht, Key key, Value value);

/** Returns true if the hash table contains the given key,
    and false otherwise */
bool HashTableContains(HashTable ht, Key key);

/** Returns the value associated with the given key
    Assumes that the key exists */
Value HashTableGet(HashTable ht, Key key);

/** Deletes the key-value pair associated with the given key */
void HashTableDelete(HashTable ht, Key key);

/** Returns the number of key-value pairs in the hash table */
int HashTableSize(HashTable ht);
```

```
HashTable ht = HashTableNew();

HashTableInsert(ht, "jas", "green");
HashTableInsert(ht, "andrew", "red");
HashTableInsert(ht, "sasha", "purple");
HashTableInsert(ht, "jake", "yellow");

printf("jas' fav colour is %s\n", HashTableGet(ht, "jas")); // green

HashTableInsert(ht, "jas", "orange");
printf("jas' fav colour is %s\n", HashTableGet(ht, "jas")); // orange

HashTableDelete(ht, "jas");
if (!HashTableContains(ht, "jas")) {
    printf("jas has no fav colour\n");
}

HashTableFree(ht);
```

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Hashing is the process of  
mapping data of arbitrary size to fixed-size values  
using a hash function

**Applications:**

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Password storage and verification

Verifying integrity of messages and files

Database indexing

...many others

## A hash function:

- Maps a key to an index in the range  $[0, N - 1]$ 
  - where  $N$  is the size of the array
- Must be cheap to compute
- Is deterministic
  - Given the same key, will always return the same index
- Ideally, maps keys uniformly over the range of indices

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Basic mechanism of hash functions:

```
int hash(Key key, int N) {  
    int val = convert key to 32-bit int  
    return val % N;  
}
```

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Simple hash function for ints:

```
int hash(int key, int N) {  
    return key % N;  
}
```

Simple hash function for strings:

```
int hash(char *key, int N) {  
    int sum = 0;  
    for (int i = 0; key[i] != '\0'; i++) {  
        sum += key[i];  
    }  
    return sum % N;  
}
```



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More robust hash function for strings:

```
int hash(char *key, int N) {  
    int h = 0, a = 31415, b = 21783;  
    for (char *c = key; *c != '\0'; c++) {  
        a = a * b % (N - 1);  
        h = (a * h + *c) % N;  
    }  
    return h;  
}
```

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## A real hash function (from PostgreSQL DBMS)...

```
int hash_any(unsigned char *k, register int keylen, int N) {
    register uint32 a, b, c, len;

    // set up internal state
    len = keylen;
    a = b = 0x9e3779b9;
    c = 3923095;

    // handle most of the key, in 12-char chunks
    while (len >= 12) {
        a += (k[0] + (k[1] << 8) + (k[2] << 16) + (k[3] << 24));
        b += (k[4] + (k[5] << 8) + (k[6] << 16) + (k[7] << 24));
        c += (k[8] + (k[9] << 8) + (k[10] << 16) + (k[11] << 24));
        mix(a, b, c);
        k += 12; len -= 12;
    }

    // collect any data from remaining bytes into a,b,c
    mix(a, b, c);
    return c % N;
}
```

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...where mix is defined as:

```
#define mix(a, b, c) \  
{ \  
    a -= b; a -= c; a ^= (c >> 13); \  
    b -= c; b -= a; b ^= (a << 8); \  
    c -= a; c -= b; c ^= (b >> 13); \  
    a -= b; a -= c; a ^= (c >> 12); \  
    b -= c; b -= a; b ^= (a << 16); \  
    c -= a; c -= b; c ^= (b >> 5); \  
    a -= b; a -= c; a ^= (c >> 3); \  
    b -= c; b -= a; b ^= (a << 10); \  
    c -= a; c -= b; c ^= (b >> 15); \  
}
```

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index 4 already contains an item  $\Rightarrow$  **collision!**

Often, the range of possible key values is *much* larger than the range of indices ( $[0, N - 1]$ ), so collisions are inevitable.

A **hash collision** occurs when for two keys  $x$  and  $y$ ,  
 $x \neq y$ , but  $h(x) = h(y)$ .

A hash table must have a method for resolving collisions.

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## Collision resolution methods:

- **Separate chaining**
  - Each array slot contains a list of the items hashed to that index
  - Allows multiple items in one slot
- **Linear probing**
  - Check rest of array slots consecutively until an empty slot is found
- **Double hashing**
  - Instead of checking slots consecutively, use an increment which is determined by a secondary hash

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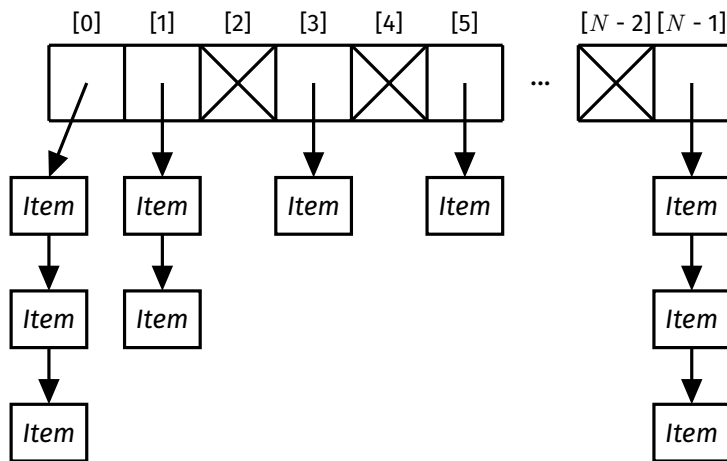
Important statistic: **load factor** ( $\alpha$ )

- Ratio of items to slots;  $\alpha = M/N$
- Useful when analysing collision resolution methods



Resolve collisions by having multiple items per array slot.

Each array slot contains a linked list of items that are hashed to that index.



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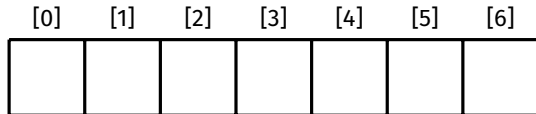
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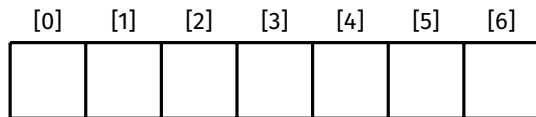
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$$h(23) = 23 \% 7 = 2$$

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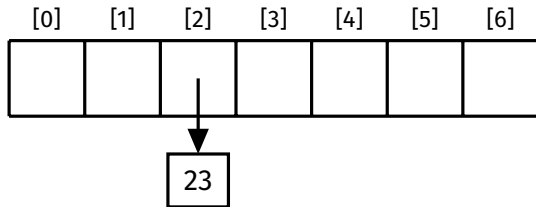
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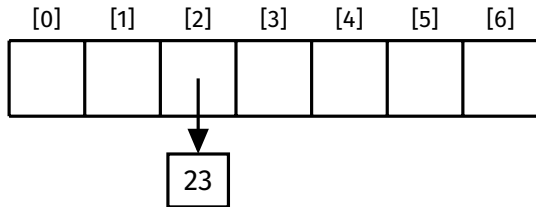
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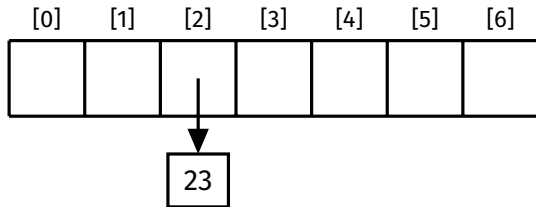
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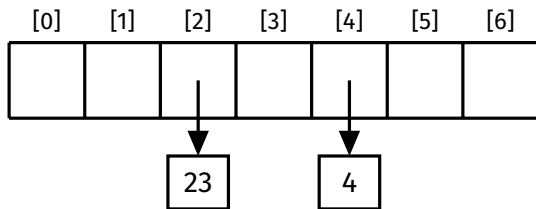
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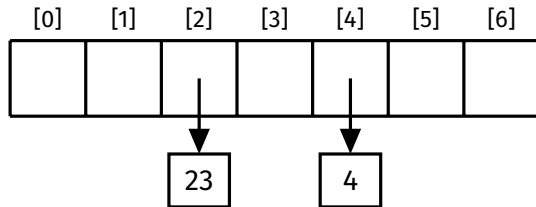
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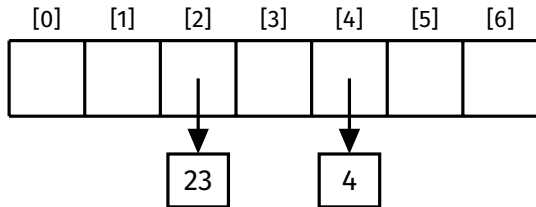
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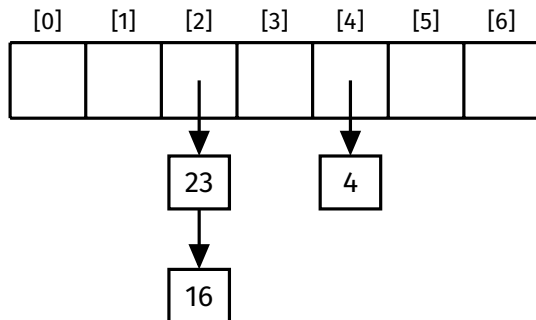
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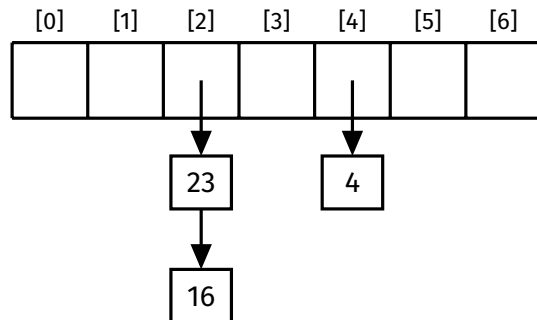
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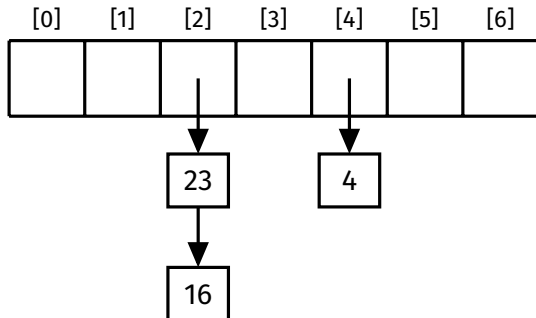
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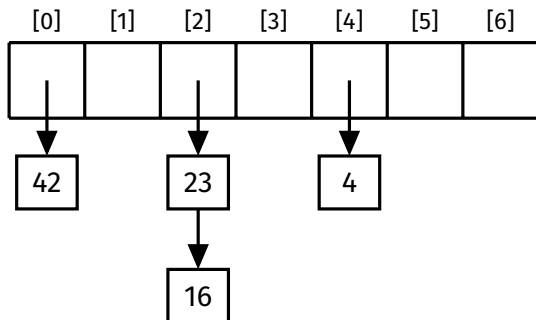
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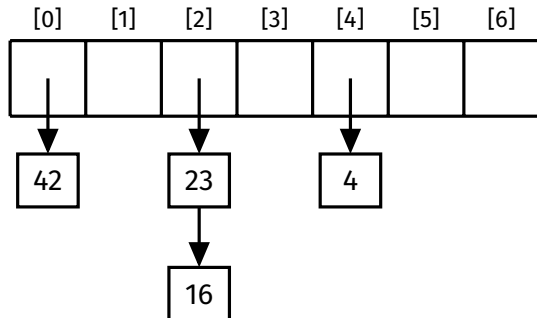
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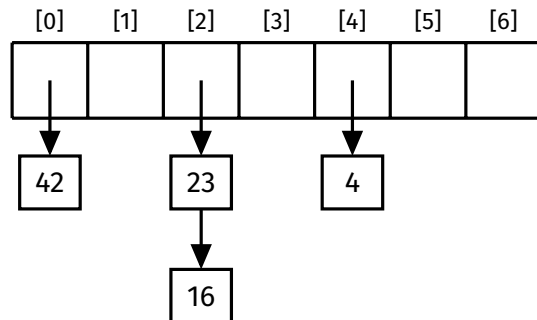
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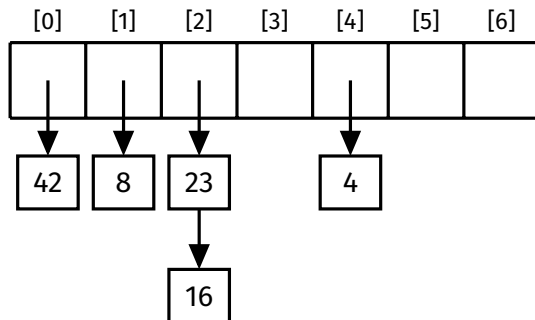
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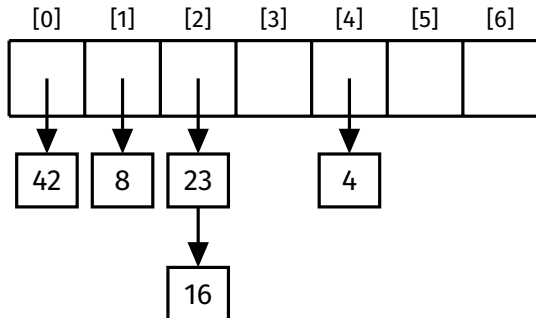
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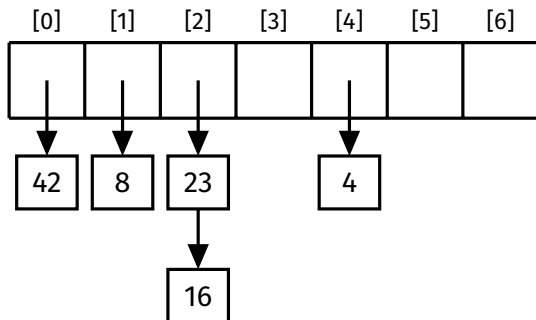
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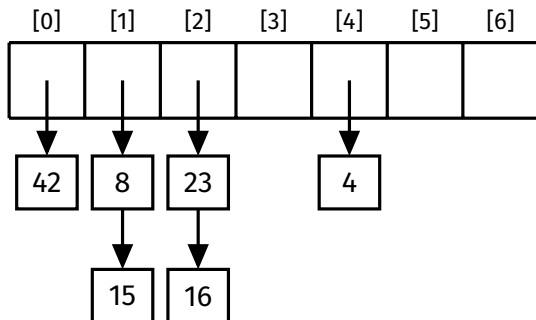
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Assuming integer keys and values:

```
struct hashTable {  
    struct node **slots; // array of lists  
    int numSlots;  
    int numItems;  
};  
  
struct node {  
    int key;  
    int value;  
    struct node *next;  
};
```

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```
HashTable HashTableNew(void) {  
    HashTable ht = malloc(sizeof(*ht));  
  
    ht->slots = calloc(INITIAL_NUM_SLOTS, sizeof(struct node *));  
  
    ht->numSlots = INITIAL_NUM_SLOTS;  
    ht->numItems = 0;  
    return ht;  
}
```

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```
void HashTableInsert(HashTable ht, int key, int value) {
    if (/* load factor exceeds threshold */) {
        // resize hash table
    }

    int i = hash(key, ht->numSlots);
    ht->slots[i] = doInsert(ht, ht->slots[i], key, value);
}

struct node *doInsert(HashTable ht, struct node *list,
                      int key, int value) {
    if (list == NULL) {
        ht->numItems++;
        return newNode(key, value);
    } else if (list->key == key) {
        list->value = value; // replace value
    } else {
        list->next = doInsert(ht, list->next, key, value);
    }
    return list;
}
```

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```
bool HashTableContains(HashTable ht, int key) {
    int i = hash(key, ht->numSlots);

    struct node *curr = ht->slots[i];
    while (curr != NULL) {
        if (curr->key == key) {
            return true;
        }
        curr = curr->next;
    }

    return false;
}
```



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```
int HashTableGet(HashTable ht, int key) {
    int i = hash(key, ht->numSlots);

    struct node *curr = ht->slots[i];
    while (curr != NULL) {
        if (curr->key == key) {
            return curr->value;
        }
        curr = curr->next;
    }

    error;
}
```

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```
void HashTableDelete(HashTable ht, int key) {
    int i = hash(key, ht->numSlots);
    ht->slots[i] = doDelete(ht, ht->slots[i], key);
}

struct node *doDelete(HashTable ht, struct node *list,
                      int key) {
    if (list == NULL) {
        return NULL;
    } else if (list->key == key) {
        struct node *newHead = list->next;
        free(list);
        ht->numItems--;
        return newHead;
    } else {
        list->next = doDelete(ht, list->next, key);
        return list;
    }
}
```

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## Cost analysis:

- $N$  array slots,  $M$  items
- Average list length  $L = M/N$
- Best case: Items evenly distributed, so maximum list length is  $\lceil M/N \rceil$ 
  - Cost of insert/lookup/delete:  $O(M/N)$
- Worst case: One list of length  $M$ 
  - Cost of insert/lookup/delete:  $O(M)$

## Average costs:

- If good hash and  $\alpha \leq 1$ , cost is  $O(1)$
- If good hash and  $\alpha > 1$ , cost is  $O(M/N)$ 
  - To avoid degrading performance, hash table should be resized when  $\alpha \approx 1$

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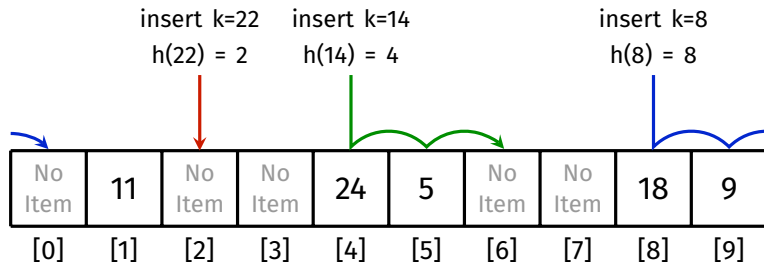
## Double hashing

## Design Issues

Resolve collisions by finding a new slot for the item

- Each array slot stores a single item (unlike separate chaining)
- On a hash collision, try next slot, then next, until an empty slot is found
- Insert item into empty slot

Example:  $h(k) = k \% 10$



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Assuming integer keys and values:

```
struct hashTable {  
    struct slot *slots;  
    int numSlots;  
    int numItems;  
};
```

```
struct slot {  
    int key;  
    int value;  
    bool empty;  
};
```

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```
HashTable HashTableNew(void) {  
    HashTable ht = malloc(sizeof(*ht));  
    ht->slots = malloc(INITIAL_CAPACITY * sizeof(struct slot));  
    for (int i = 0; i < ht->numSlots; i++) {  
        ht->slots[i].empty = true;  
    }  
  
    ht->numSlots = INITIAL_CAPACITY;  
    ht->numItems = 0;  
    return ht;  
}
```

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## Process for insertion:

- 1 If load factor exceeds threshold, resize
  - Whether to do this or not is a design decision
- 2 Hash given key to get an index
- 3 Starting from this index, find first slot that either:
  - Contains the given key, or
  - Is empty
- 4 If the slot is empty, store the key and value, otherwise just replace the value

This will be a task in the week 9 lab exercise!

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## Process for lookup:

- 1 Hash given key to get an index
- 2 Starting from this index, find first slot that either:
  - Contains the given key, or
  - Is empty
- 3 If the slot contains the given key, return the value, otherwise error
  - This is a design decision



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```
int HashTableGet(HashTable ht, int key) {  
    int i = hash(key, ht->numSlots);  
  
    for (int j = 0; j < ht->numSlots; j++) {  
        if (ht->slots[i].empty) break;  
        if (ht->slots[i].key == key) {  
            return ht->slots[i].value;  
        }  
  
        i = (i + 1) % ht->numSlots;  
    }  
  
    error;  
}
```

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How to delete an item?

We can't simply remove the item and be done,  
as this can break the probe paths for other items,  
for example:

$$h(k) = k \% 10$$

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	24	5	14	4	18	No Item

↓ deleting 24 (incorrectly) ↓

No Item	11	No Item	No Item	No Item	5	14	4	18	No Item
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Probe path for 14 and 4 is broken!

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Two primary methods for deletion:

### 1 Backshift

- Remove and re-insert all items between the deleted item and the next empty slot

### 2 Tombstone

- Replace the deleted item with a “deleted” marker (AKA a tombstone) that:
  - Is treated as empty during insertion
  - Is treated as occupied during lookup

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Using the backshift method, delete 24 from this hash table:

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	24	5	14	4	18	No Item

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Step 1: Remove 24

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	No Item	5	14	4	18	No Item

Step 2: Re-insert 5

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	No Item	5	14	4	18	No Item

Step 3: Re-insert 14

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	14	5	No Item	4	18	No Item

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Step 4: Re-insert 4

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	14	5	4	No Item	18	No Item

Step 5: Re-insert 18

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	14	5	4	No Item	18	No Item

This will be a task in the week 9 lab exercise!

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Using the tombstone method, delete 14 from this hash table:

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	24	5	14	4	18	No Item

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After deleting 14:

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
No Item	11	No Item	No Item	24	5	DEL	4	18	No Item

Search for 4:

$$h(4) = 4$$

No Item	11	No Item	No Item	24	5	DEL	4	18	No Item
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Insert 15:

$$h(15) = 5$$



No Item	11	No Item	No Item	24	5	DEL	4	18	No Item
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]

Result:

No Item	11	No Item	No Item	24	5	15	4	18	No Item
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### Backshift method:

- Moves items closer to their hash index
  - Thus reducing the length of their probe path
- Deletion becomes more expensive

### Tombstone method:

- Fast
- But does not reduce probe path length
- Large number of deletions will cause tombstones to build up

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## Problem with linear probing: clustering

- Items tend to cluster together into long runs
  - i.e., long contiguous regions that don't contain empty slots
- Long runs are a problem:
  - Insertions must travel to the end of a run
  - Lookups of non-existent keys must travel to the end of a run

## Causes of clustering:

- The longer a run becomes, the more likely it is to accrue additional items
- Two long runs can be connected together into an even longer run due to the insertion of an item between them

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Example ( $h(k) = k \% 15$ ):

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]

Insert 1, 2, 3, 17, 18

	1	2	3	17	18									
--	---	---	---	----	----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Insert 7, 9, 22, 24, 37, 11

	1	2	3	17	18		7	22	9	24	37	11		
--	---	---	---	----	----	--	---	----	---	----	----	----	--	--

What happens if we insert/search for 8? How about if we insert 6?

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## Analysis of lookup:

- Hash function is  $O(1)$
- Subsequent cost depends on probe path length
  - Affected by load factor  $\alpha = M/N$
  - Analysed by Donald Knuth in 1963
  - Average cost for successful search =  $\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \right)$
  - Average cost for unsuccessful search =  $\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^2} \right)$

Example costs (assuming large hash table):

load factor ( $\alpha$ )	0.50	0.67	0.75	0.90
search hit	1.5	2.0	3.0	5.5
search miss	2.5	5.0	8.5	55.5

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Double hashing improves on linear probing:

- By using an increment which...
  - is based on a secondary hash of the key
  - ensures that all slots will be visited (by using an increment which is relatively prime to  $N$ )
- Tends to reduce clustering  $\Rightarrow$  shorter probe paths

To generate relatively prime number:

- Set table size to prime, e.g.,  $N = 127$
- Ensure secondary hash function returns number in range  $[1, N - 1]$

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## Example: Insert 22

Suppose  $h(k) = k \% 7$  and  $h_2(k) = k \% 3 + 1$ 

No Item	15	No Item	10	4	No Item	No Item
[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]

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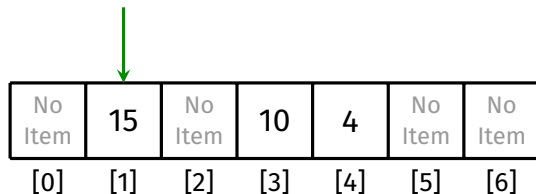
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Suppose  $h(k) = k \% 7$  and  $h_2(k) = k \% 3 + 1$ 

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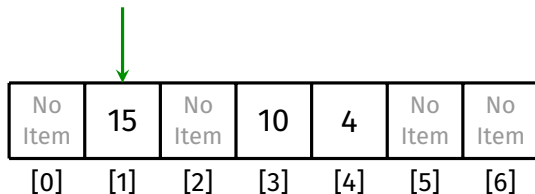
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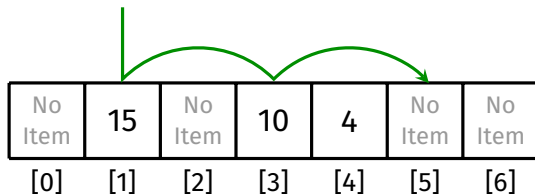
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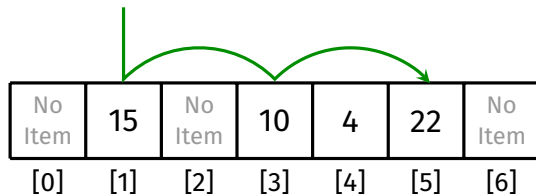
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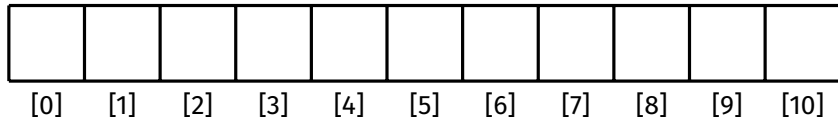
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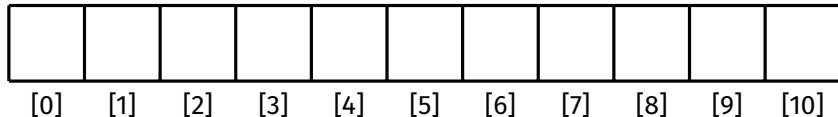
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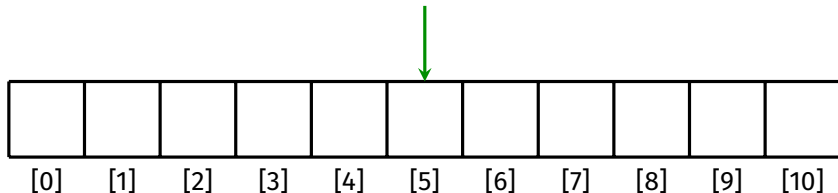
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$$h(5) = 5 \% 11 = 5$$



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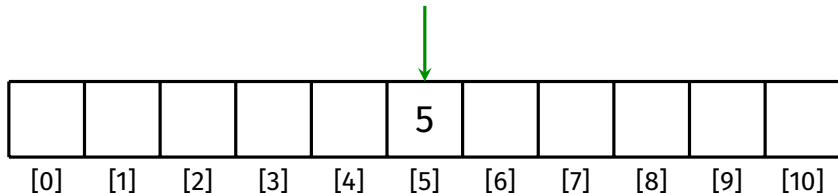
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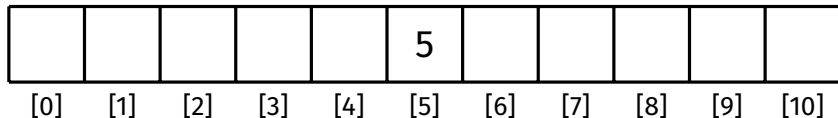
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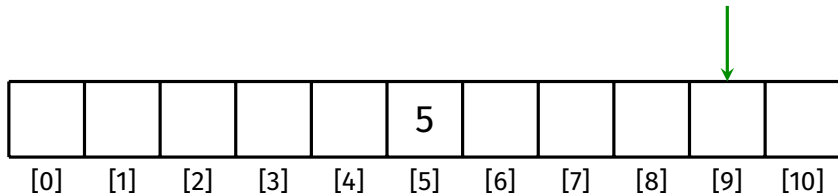
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and secondary hash function  $h_2(k) = k \% 5 + 1$ ,  
insert the following keys:

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$$h(20) = 20 \% 11 = 9$$



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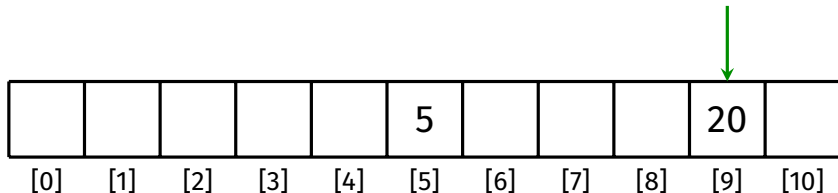
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					5				20	
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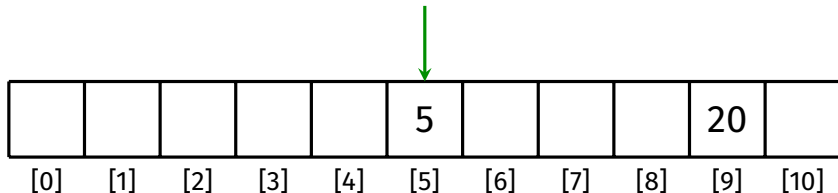
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$$h(16) = 16 \% 11 = 5 \Rightarrow \text{collision!}$$



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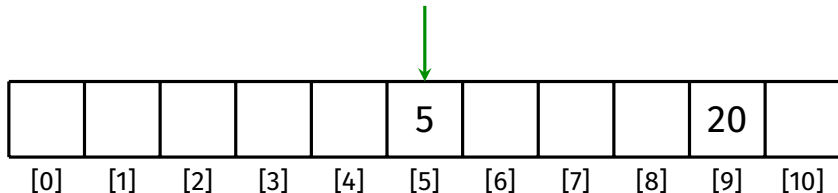
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$$h(16) = 16 \% 11 = 5 \Rightarrow \text{collision!}$$

$$h_2(16) = 16 \% 5 + 1 = 2$$



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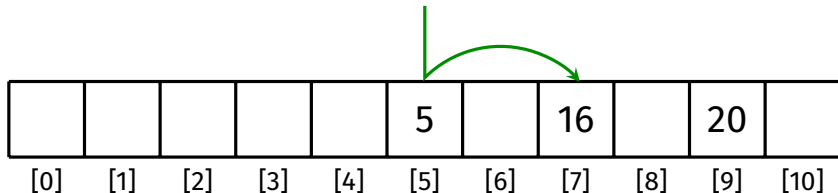
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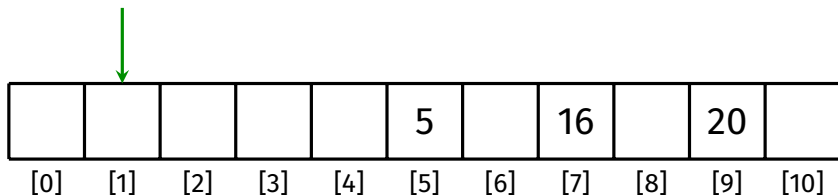
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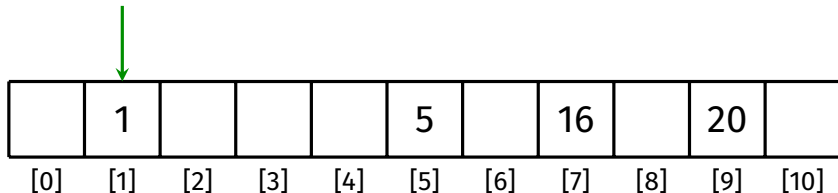
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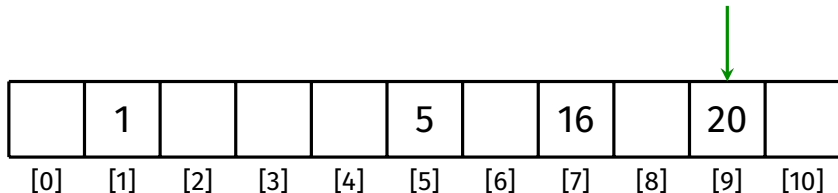
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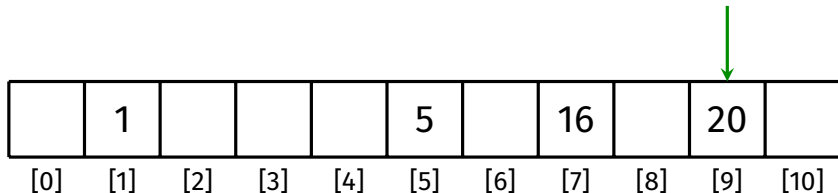
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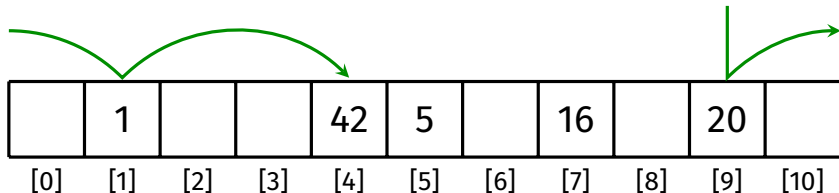
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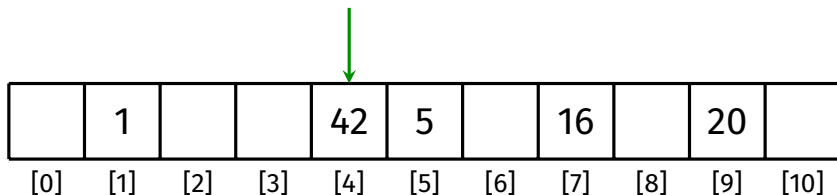
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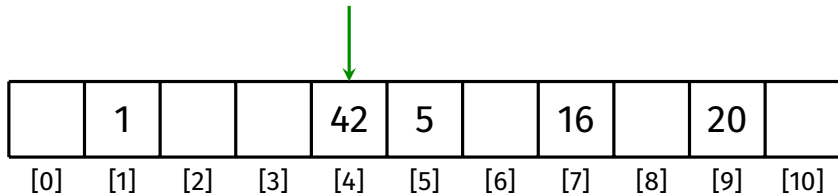
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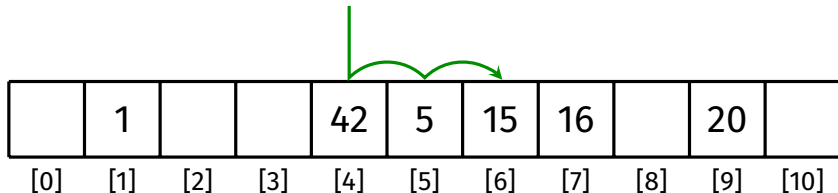
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Assuming integer keys and values:

```
struct hashTable {  
    struct slot *slots;  
    int numSlots;  
    int numItems;  
    int hash2Mod;  
};
```

```
struct slot {  
    int key;  
    int value;  
    bool empty;  
};
```

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```
HashTable HashTableNew(void) {
    HashTable ht = malloc(sizeof(*ht));
    ht->slots = malloc(INITIAL_CAPACITY * sizeof(struct slot));
    for (int i = 0; i < ht->numSlots; i++) {
        ht->slots[i].empty = true;
    }

    ht->numSlots = INITIAL_CAPACITY;
    ht->numItems = 0;
    ht->hash2Mod = findSuitableMod(INITIAL_CAPACITY);
    return ht;
}
```

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```
void HashTableInsert(HashTable ht, int key, int value) {
    if (/* load factor exceeds threshold */) {
        // resize
    }

    int i = hash(key, ht->numSlots);
    int inc = hash2(key, ht->hash2Mod);

    for (int j = 0; j < ht->numSlots; j++) {
        if (ht->slots[i].empty) {
            ht->slots[i].key = key;
            ht->slots[i].value = value;
            ht->slots[i].empty = false;
            ht->numItems++;
            return;
        }
        if (ht->slots[i].key == key) {
            ht->slots[i].value = value;
            return;
        }

        i = (i + inc) % ht->numSlots;
    }
}
```

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```
int HashTableGet(HashTable ht, int key) {  
    int i = hash(key, ht->numSlots);  
    int inc = hash2(key, ht->hash2Mod);  
  
    for (int j = 0; j < ht->numSlots; j++) {  
        if (ht->slots[i].empty) break;  
        if (ht->slots[i].key == key) {  
            return ht->slots[i].value;  
        }  
  
        i = (i + inc) % ht->numSlots;  
    }  
  
    error;  
}
```

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How to delete an item?

Backshift method is harder to implement  
due to large increments

Tombstone method (lazy deletion) still works

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## Analysis of lookup:

- Hash function is  $O(1)$
- Subsequent cost depends on probe path length
  - Affected by load factor  $\alpha = M/N$
  - Average cost for successful search =  $\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left( \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \right)$
  - Average cost for unsuccessful search =  $\frac{1}{1-\alpha}$

Example costs (assuming large hash table):

load factor ( $\alpha$ )	0.50	0.67	0.75	0.90
search hit	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.6
search miss	1.5	2.0	3.0	5.5

Can be significantly better than linear probing

- Especially if table is heavily loaded



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Collision resolution approaches:

- Separate chaining: Easy to implement, allows  $\alpha > 1$
- Linear probing: Fast if  $\alpha \ll 1$ , complex deletion
- Double hashing: Avoids clustering issues with linear probing

All approaches can be used to achieve  $O(1)$  performance on average, assuming

- good hash function
- table is appropriately resized if load factor exceeds threshold

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- How to resize a hash table?
- How to avoid two calls when performing lookup?

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## How do we resize a hash table?

- Hash function depends on the number of slots
  - Items may not belong at the same index after resizing
- So all items must be re-inserted
- How much to resize by?
  - Good strategy is to roughly double the number of slots every resizing

## How to avoid two calls when performing lookup?

- `HashTableGet` assumes the given key exists, and generates an error if it doesn't
- So to look up an item which we don't know exists, we must perform two calls:
  - One call to `HashTableContains` to check for existence of key
  - One call to `HashTableGet` to get the value
- Idea: Provide another function that allows user to specify a default value to return if key does not exist

```
int HashTableGetOrDefault(HashTable ht, int key, int defaultValue);
```

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