

## 15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining

Lecture#3: Primary key indexing – hashing  
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## Reading Material

- [Litwin] Litwin, W., (1980), *Linear Hashing: A New Tool for File and Table Addressing*, VLDB, Montreal, Canada, 1980
- textbook, Chapter 3
- Ramakrishnan+Gehrke, Chapter 11

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## Outline

Goal: ‘Find **similar** / **interesting** things’

- Intro to DB
- ➡ • Indexing - similarity search
- Data Mining

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## Indexing - Detailed outline

- primary key indexing
  - B-trees and variants
  - ➔ – (static) hashing
  - extendible hashing
- secondary key indexing
- spatial access methods
- text
- ...

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## (Static) Hashing

Problem: “find EMP record with *ssn=123*”

What if disk space was free, and time was at premium?

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## Hashing

A: Brilliant idea: key-to-address transformation:

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## Hashing

Since space is NOT free:

- use  $M$ , instead of 999,999,999 slots
- hash function:  $h(\text{key}) = \text{slot-id}$

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## Hashing

Typically: each hash bucket is a page, holding many records:

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## Hashing - design decisions?

- eg., IRS, 200M tax returns, by SSN

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## Indexing- overview

- B-trees
- (static) hashing
  - ➔ – hashing functions
  - size of hash table
  - collision resolution
  - Hashing vs B-trees
  - Indices in SQL
- Extendible hashing

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## Design decisions

- 1) formula  $h()$  for hashing function
- 2) size of hash table  $M$
- 3) collision resolution method

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## Design decisions

1) formula $h()$ for hashing function	Division hashing
2) size of hash table $M$	90% utilization
3) collision resolution method	Separate chaining

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## Design decisions - functions

- Goal: **uniform** spread of keys over hash buckets
- Popular choices:
  - Division hashing
  - Multiplication hashing

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## Division hashing

$$h(x) = (a*x+b) \bmod M$$

- eg.,  $h(ssn) = (ssn) \bmod 1,000$ 
  - gives the last three digits of ssn
- $M$ : size of hash table - choose a prime number, defensively (why?)

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## Division hashing

- eg.,  $M=2$ ; hash on driver-license number (dln), where last digit is 'gender' (0/1 = M/F)
- in an army unit with predominantly male soldiers
- Thus: avoid cases where  $M$  and keys have common divisors - prime  $M$  guards against that!

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## Size of hash table

- eg., 50,000 employees, 10 employee-records / page
- Q:  $M=??$  pages/buckets/slots

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## Size of hash table

- eg., 50,000 employees, 10 employees/page
- Q:  $M=??$  pages/buckets/slots
- A: utilization  $\sim 90\%$  and
  - $M$ : prime number

Eg., in our case:  $M = \text{closest prime to } 50,000/10 / 0.9 = 5,555$

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## Collision resolution

- Q: what is a 'collision'?
- A: ??

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## Collision resolution

123; Smith; Main str. →

#0 page

#h(123)

M

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## Collision resolution

- Q: what is a 'collision'?
- A: ??
- Q: why worry about collisions/overflows?  
(recall that buckets are ~90% full)

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## Collision resolution

- Q: what is a 'collision'?
- A: ??
- Q: why worry about collisions/overflows?  
(recall that buckets are ~90% full)
- A: 'birthday paradox'

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## Collision resolution

- open addressing
  - linear probing (ie., put to next slot/bucket)
  - re-hashing
- separate chaining (ie., put links to overflow pages)

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**Collision resolution**

linear probing:

123; Smith; Main str.

#0 page

#h(123)

M

FULL

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**Collision resolution**

re-hashing

123; Smith; Main str.

#0 page

#h(123)

M

FULL

h1()

h2()

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**Collision resolution**

separate chaining

123; Smith; Main str.

FULL

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## Design decisions - conclusions

- function: division hashing
  - $h(x) = (a * x + b) \bmod M$
- size  $M$ : ~90% util.; prime number.
- collision resolution: separate chaining
  - easier to implement (deletions!);
  - no danger of becoming full

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## Hashing vs B-trees:

Hashing offers

- speed ! (  $O(1)$  avg. search time)

..but:

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## Hashing vs B-trees:

..but B-trees give:

- key ordering:
  - range queries
  - proximity queries
  - sequential scan
- $O(\log(N))$  guarantees for search, ins./del.
- graceful growing/shrinking

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## Hashing vs B-trees:

thus:

- B-trees are implemented in most systems

footnotes:

- ‘dbm’ and ‘ndbm’ of UNIX: offer one or both

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## Indexing in SQL

- create index **<index-name>** on **<relation-name>** (**<attribute-list>**)
- create unique index **<index-name>** on **<relation-name>** (**<attribute-list>**)
- drop index **<index-name>**

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## Indexing in SQL

- eg.,  
create index *ssn-index*  
on STUDENT (*ssn*)
- or (eg., on *TAKES(ssn,cid, grade)*):  
create index *sc-index*  
on TAKES (*ssn, c-id*)

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## Indexing- overview

- B-trees
- (static) Hashing
- extensible hashing

➡ – ‘linear’ hashing [Litwin]

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## Problem with static hashing

- problem: overflow?
- problem: underflow? (underutilization)

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## Solution: Dynamic/extendible hashing

- idea: shrink / expand hash table on demand..
- ..dynamic hashing

Details: how to grow gracefully, on overflow?

Many solutions – simplest: Linear hashing [Litwin]

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## Indexing- overview

- B-trees
- Static hashing
- extendible hashing
  - ‘extensible’ hashing [Fagin, Pipenger +]
  - ➡ – ‘linear’ hashing [Litwin]

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## Linear hashing

Motivation: ext. hashing needs directory etc etc; which doubles (ouch!)

Q: can we do something simpler, with smoother growth?

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## Linear hashing

Motivation: ext. hashing needs directory etc etc; which doubles (ouch!)

Q: can we do something simpler, with smoother growth?

A: split buckets from left to right, **regardless** of which one overflowed ('crazy', but it works well!) - Eg.:

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### Linear hashing

Initially:  $h(x) = x \bmod N$  (N=4 here)

Assume capacity: 3 records / bucket

Insert key '17'

bucket- id	0	1	2	3
	4 8	5 9 13	6	7 11

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### Linear hashing

Initially:  $h(x) = x \bmod N$  (N=4 here)

bucket- id	0	1	2	3
	4 8	5 9 13	6	7 11

17 overflow of bucket#1

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Initially:  $h(x) = x \bmod N$  (N=4 here)

bucket- id	0	1	2	3
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17 overflow of bucket#1

**Split #0, anyway!!!**

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### Linear hashing

Initially:  $h(x) = x \bmod N$  ( $N=4$  here)  
Split #0, anyway!!!

**Q: But, how?**

bucket- id	0	1	2	3
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### Linear hashing

A: use two h.f.:  $h_0(x) = x \bmod N$   
 $h_1(x) = x \bmod (2*N)$

bucket- id	0	1	2	3
	4 8	5 9 13	6	7 11

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### Linear hashing - after split:

A: use two h.f.:  $h_0(x) = x \bmod N$   
 $h_1(x) = x \bmod (2*N)$

bucket- id	0	1	2	3	4
	8	5 9 13	6	7 11	4

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**Linear hashing - after split:**

A: use two h.f.:  $h_0(x) = x \bmod N$   
 $h_1(x) = x \bmod (2*N)$

bucket- id    0       1       2       3       4

8	5 9 13	6	7 11	4
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overflow

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**Linear hashing - after split:**

A: use two h.f.:  $h_0(x) = x \bmod N$   
 $h_1(x) = x \bmod (2*N)$

split ptr

bucket- id    0       1       2       3       4

8	5 9 13	6	7 11	4
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overflow

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### Linear hashing - searching?

$h0(x) = x \bmod N$  (for the un-split buckets)  
 $h1(x) = x \bmod (2*N)$  (for the splitted ones)

bucket-id    0    1    2    3    4

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### Linear hashing - searching?

Q1: find key '6'?    Q2: find key '4'?  
 Q3: key '8'?

bucket-id    0    1    2    3    4

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### Linear hashing - searching?

Algo to find key 'k':

- compute  $b = h0(k)$ ;
  - if  $b < split\_ptr$ , compute  $b = h1(k)$
- search bucket  $b$

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## Linear hashing - insertion?

Algo: insert key ' $k$ '

- compute appropriate bucket ' $b$ '
- if the **overflow criterion** is true
  - split the bucket of 'split-ptr'
  - split-ptr ++ (\*)

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## Linear hashing - insertion?

notice: overflow criterion is up to us!!

Q: suggestions?

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notice: overflow criterion is up to us!!

Q: suggestions?

A1: space utilization  $\geq$  u-max

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## Linear hashing - insertion?

notice: overflow criterion is up to us!!

Q: suggestions?

A1: space utilization  $>$  u-max

A2: avg length of ovf chains  $>$  max-len

A3: ....

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what if we reach the right edge??

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### Linear hashing - split now?

$h_0(x) = x \bmod N$  (for the un-split buckets)  
 $h_1(x) = x \bmod (2*N)$  for the splitted ones

split ptr

0	1	2	3	4	5	6

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split ptr

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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### Linear hashing - split now?

~~$h_0(x) = x \bmod N$  (for the un-split buckets)~~  
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split ptr

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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split ptr  


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## Linear hashing - split now?

this state is called 'full expansion'

split ptr  


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## Linear hashing - observations

In general, at any point of time, we have at **most two** h.f. active, of the form:

- $h_n(x) = x \bmod (N * 2^n)$
- $h_{n+1}(x) = x \bmod (N * 2^{n+1})$

(after a full expansion, we have only one h.f.)

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## Linear hashing - deletion?

- reverse of insertion:

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## Linear hashing - deletion?

- reverse of insertion:
- if the underflow criterion is met
  - contract!

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**Linear hashing - how to contract?**

$h0(x) = \text{mod } N$  (for the un-split buckets)  
 $h1(x) = \text{mod } (2*N)$  (for the splitted ones)

split ptr

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**Linear hashing - how to contract?**

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split ptr

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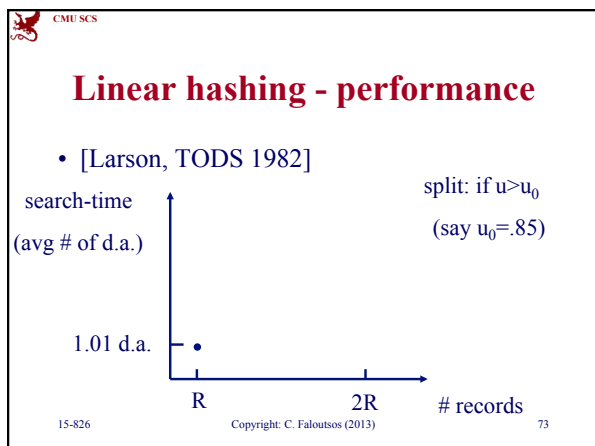
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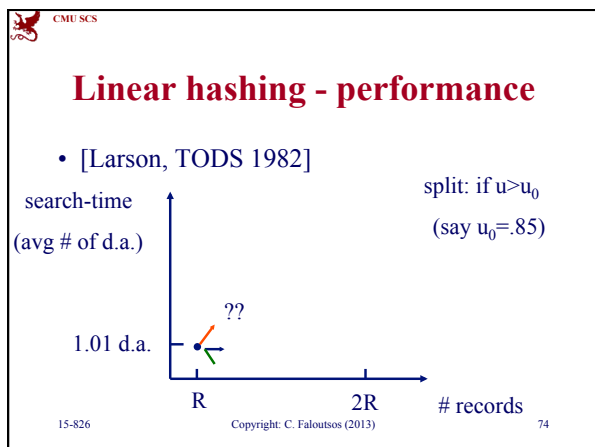
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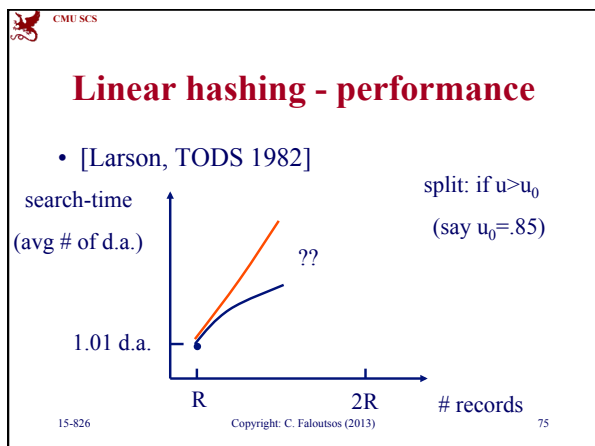
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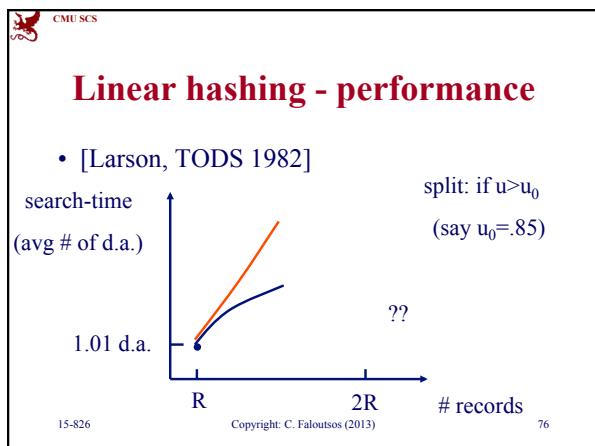
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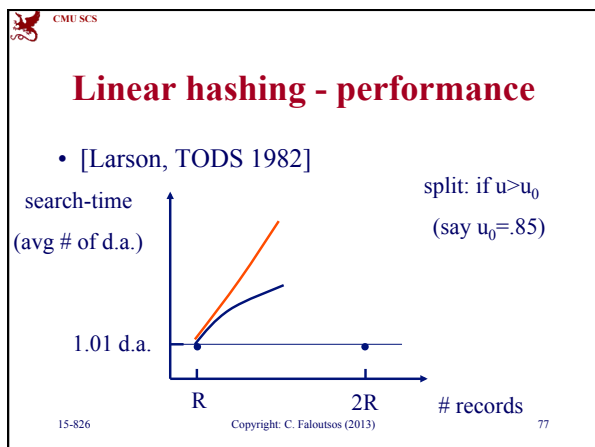
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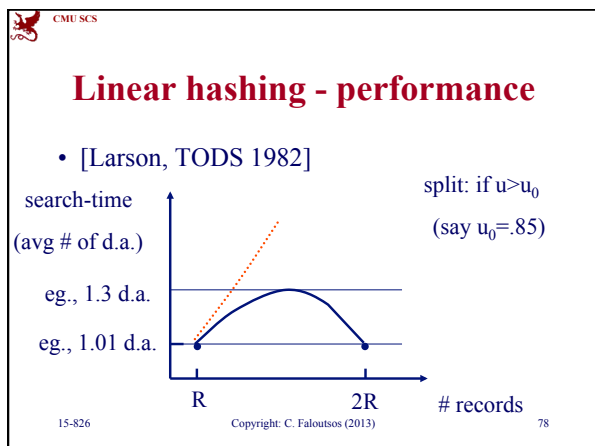
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## Linear hashing - overview

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## Other hashing variations

- ‘order preserving’
- ‘perfect hashing’ (no collisions!) [Ed. Fox, et al]

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## Primary key indexing - conclusions

- hashing is  $O(1)$  on the average for search
- linear hashing: elegant way to grow a hash table
- B-trees: industry work-horse for primary-key indexing ( $O(\log N)$  w.c.!)

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