Hashing

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Announcements

- Assignment 5 is due tonight
- Assignment 6 (last assignment!) comes out this afternoon
	- **No late days** beyond the grace period (next Thursday 11:59pm)
	- YEAH hours 4-5pm
- Exam next Friday (8/18) from 3:30-6:30pm
	- Final exam info is published on the website under "Assessments"
	- Final review session next Tuesday in class

Roadmap

Recap: Huffman Coding

ASCII Encoding

• ASCII uses 8 bits to represent each character

• Let's represent **KIRK'S DIKDIK** in ASCII code

A Different Encoding

What is the mystery word represented by this 3-bit encoding?

010**|**001**|**110 R I D

Our New Code

KIRK'S_DIKDIK

01010101110000100010

RRRRI_KK'D'

Prefix Code

- A prefix code is an encoding system in which no code is a prefix of another code
- Here's a sample prefix code for the letters in **KIRK'S_DIKDIK**

Coding Tree

What is the mystery word represented by this encoding? 110001010

• We can represent a prefix coding scheme using a binary tree, which is called a coding tree

Coding Trees

• A coding tree is valid if all the letters are stored in the **leaves**, with internal nodes only used for routing

1. Build the frequency table

Input text: **KIRK'S DIKDIK**

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2. Initialize an empty priority queue

higher priority and the set of the set of the lower priority lower priority

3. Add all unique characters as leaf nodes to queue

4. Build the Huffman tree by merging nodes

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Transmitting the Tree

- In order to decompress the text, we have to remember what encoding scheme we used
- Prefix the compressed data with a header containing information to rebuild the tree

Encoded Tree 1001001100001101110011101101110110…

ADT Showdown

Let's compare the performance of different abstract data types

ADT Performance

When we analyze an ADT, we care about how quickly we can:

- Look up elements (contains)
- Add elements (insert/add)
- Remove elements (remove)

Unsorted Array

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Binary search to the rescue!

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As always, we ask: Can we do better?

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• We have $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ like the don't we like this 2 • We store $\left\{$ Hint think of contains and remove $\left\| \text{um } \% \right\|$ *Why don't we like this? Hint: think of contains and remove*

- We hay
- We store each value of the line of \mathbb{R}^n of \mathbb{R}^n in the same \mathbb{R}^n of \mathbb{R}^n If all n of our elements end up in the same bucket, *contains and remove* will be O(n)
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Hashing

How can we evenly distribute our elements across our buckets?

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- We call the output of a hash function a **hash code** or **hash value**

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we've hashed n elements into b buckets, [5! Function *If we've got a good hash function, and what's our average bucket size?*

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Big idea: if we choose b (# of buckets) to be a number close to n, then n/b will be constant.

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Let's Draw it Out!
HashSet

HashSet

Applications of Hashing

Cryptography

• Rather than storing your password, websites will store a hash of your password

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Assignment 0

• We used a hash function to assign every student a unique hash code that couldn't be replicated without running the hash function

```
int nameHash(string first, string last) {
 static const int kLargePrime = 16908799;
 static const int kSmallPrime = 127;
int hashVal = 0;
 for (char ch: first + last) {
    ch = tolower(ch);hashVal = (kSmallPrime * hashVal + ch) % kLargePrime;
 }
```

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 return hashVal;
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}

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Recap

- ADT showdown
- Achieving O(1) contains/add/remove
- Hash functions and hash tables
- HashSet/unordered_set
- Applications of hash functions

Thank you!

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