## 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

| character | ASCII code |
|-----------|------------|
| к         | 01001011   |
| I         | 01001001   |
| R         | 01010010   |
| ,         | 00100111   |
| S         | 01010011   |
| _         | 00100000   |
| D         | 01000100   |

| 0100 | 0100 | 0101 | 0100 | 0010 | 0101 | 0010 | 0100 | 0100 | 0100 | 0100 | 0100 | 0100 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1011 | 1001 | 0010 | 1011 | 0111 | 0011 | 0000 | 0100 | 1001 | 1011 | 0100 | 1001 | 1011 |
| К    | I    | R    | к    | ,    | S    | _    | D    | I    | к    | D    | I    | К    |

### A Different Encoding

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

### 010 001 110 R I D

| character | code |
|-----------|------|
| к         | 000  |
| I         | 001  |
| R         | 010  |
| ,         | 011  |
| S         | 100  |
| -         | 101  |
| D         | 110  |

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| character | frequency | code |
|-----------|-----------|------|
| к         | 4         | Θ    |
| I         | 3         | 1    |
| D         | 2         | 00   |
| R         | 1         | 01   |
| ,         | 1         | 10   |
| S         | 1         | 11   |
| _         | 1         | 100  |

#### Our New Code

#### KIRK'S\_DIKDIK

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#### 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

| character | code |
|-----------|------|
| К         | 10   |
| I         | 01   |
| D         | 111  |
| R         | 001  |
| ,         | 000  |
| S         | 1101 |
| -         | 1100 |

| 10 | 01 | 001 | 10 | 000 | 1101 | 1100 | 111 | 01 | 10 | 111 | 01 | 10 |
|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|------|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| к  | I  | R   | к  | ,   | S    | -    | D   | I  | к  | D   | I  | К  |

## 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 code





### **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

lower priority

#### 3. Add all unique characters as leaf nodes to queue



#### 4. Build the Huffman tree by merging nodes



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| Ge | nerat     | te Tak | ole from Tree               |
|----|-----------|--------|-----------------------------|
|    | character | code   |                             |
|    | К         | 10     |                             |
|    | I         | 01     | 0                           |
|    | D         | 111    | 5                           |
|    | R         | 001    | 0 1                         |
|    | ,         | 000    | , <sup>2</sup> <sub>R</sub> |
|    | S         | 1101   |                             |
|    | -         | 1100   | L L                         |
|    |           |        |                             |



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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 100100110000110111001110110110110...

## 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**

| Operation | Runtime |
|-----------|---------|
| Contains  |         |
| Insert    |         |
| Remove    |         |

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|----|---|----|---|---|---|----|---|
| 1  |   |    |   |   |   |    |   |

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| Remove    |         |

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|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
|   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |

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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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Add 1 Add 6 Add 3 increment Add 6 1 1 2  $\mathbf{O}$ 0 0 0  $( \mathbf{0} )$ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 **Stanford University** 

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| Add<br>Add<br>Add<br>Add<br>Add | 1<br>6<br>3<br>6<br>5 |   |   |   | i | ncremen | it                 |                |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---------|--------------------|----------------|
| Ο                               | 1                     | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2       | 0                  |                |
| 0                               | 1                     | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6       | 7 <sub>Stanf</sub> | ord University |

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Contains 3?



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What do we like about this approach? What don't we like?



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Now we have a **sparse array**... This is a waste of space!

| Θ | 1 | 0 | 0 | Θ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Θ | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | Θ  | Θ   | 1    |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 17 | ••• | 1732 |

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Let's try again, keeping the O(1)runtime, but fixing these issues



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#### Aside: Modulo Operator

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|---|---|---|---|------|---|---|----------|
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num % b gives us a valid index within our array

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Add 27 27 % 8 = 3





- We have a
- We store

😕 Why don't we like this?

Hint: think of contains and remove

um % b



- We have
  - We sto If all n of our elements end up in the same bucket, *contains and remove* will be O(n)





# 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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If we've got a good hash function, and we've hashed n elements into b buckets, 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.

## Introducing... HashSet!

A Stanford ADT that leverages Hash Tables to store a set of unique elements

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## Let's Draw it Out!
#### HashSet

| Operation | Runtime |
|-----------|---------|
| Contains  | 0(n/b)  |
| Insert    | 0(n/b)  |
| Remove    | 0(n/b)  |



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## **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;
   }
}
```

```
return hashVal;
```

}

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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!