Rehashing



- As more keys are inserted into the hashtable, the performance degrades. Why?
- The solution to this problem is *rehashing*. A new hashtable is created, and all keys are rehashed to the new table.
- > Q1: When is a good time to rehash?
- > Q2: What is a good size for the new hashtable?

When to rehash?



- In arrays, we used to expand the array when it is full. Should we do the same with hashtables?
- What happens if we wait until the hashtable is full?
 - with linear probing
 - with quadratic probing
- > Load Factor: $\lambda = \frac{\# of \ keys}{\# of \ buckets}$
- > $0 \le \lambda \le 1$

Load Factor





Load factor (λ)

Rehashing



- > When $\lambda > 0.5$
- New size is roughly double the old side

```
Rehash() {
  T* newHashtable = new T[new_size];
  for (i = 0 to old_size) {
    if (bucket #i is occupied) {
        Insert the key at bucket #i into the new table;
    }
    replace the old table with the new one;
}
```

Rehashing Example





h = x % 7

Insert {37, 8, 3, 16, 26}

Rehashing Example





Insert {30, 8, 3, 16, 26}

10 11 12

h = x % 13

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h = x % 13

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Application to Hashtables



- > Bloom filter
- Stores a set of keys
- Answers one question: Is the key x in the set or not?
- Application: Used as a prefilter to avoid costly searches when the key is not there
 - e.g., BST search, hashtable search, ordered list search, unordered list search

Bloom Filter



Initialize: Create a bit vector all set to zeros









Implementation



Initialize(m) { b = new bit vector[m]; }

Search(x) {
 return b[hash(x)];
}

Collisions



- > What to do with collisions?
- > Nothing!!
- > What are the consequences of this?
- False positives
- > How to support deletions?
- > Deletions are not supported

Multiple Hash Functions





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