

Lecture 7-hash table

1. What is the primary advantage of using a hash table over brute-force linear search?

- A) Guaranteed $O(1)$ time complexity
- B) Direct index calculation using key data
- C) Built-in sorting capability
- D) Automatic memory management

Answer:

2. Which property is NOT required for an ideal hash function?

- A) Uniform key distribution
- B) Efficient computability
- C) Fixed output size regardless of input
- D) Avoidance of prime numbers

Answer:

3. According to Java's contract, which statement is always true?

- A) Objects with different hash codes must be unequal
- B) Equal objects must have equal hash codes
- C) Unequal objects must have different hash codes
- D) Hash codes are unique for all objects

Answer:

4. Which collision resolution method uses linked lists?

- A) Linear probing
- B) Quadratic probing
- C) Separate chaining
- D) Double hashing

Answer:

5. Primary clustering in linear probing occurs because:

- A) Hash functions produce sequential indices
- B) Collisions form long contiguous blocks
- C) Table size is a prime number
- D) Keys are not uniformly distributed

Answer:

6. Which of the following is NOT a method for handling collisions in a hash table?

- A) Linear probing
- B) Separate chaining
- C) Quadratic probing
- D) Binary search

Answer:

7. Why is `Math.abs()` insufficient for modular hashing?

- A) It reduces hash code entropy
- B) `Integer.MIN_VALUE` can't be made positive

C) It causes primary clustering

Answer:

8. Which of the following is NOT a method to mitigate primary clustering?

A) Better-designed hash function

B) Alternative probing methods

C) Resizing the hash table

D) Using a binary search tree

Answer:

9. A load factor of 0.75 with open addressing indicates:

A) 75% of slots are occupied

B) Collision probability is 75%

Answer:

10. Which method is one of the approaches to open addressing?

A) Separate chaining

B) Double hashing

C) Linked list buckets

D) Recursive hashing

Answer:

11. Secondary clustering occurs with:

A) Linear probing

B) Quadratic probing

C) Separate chaining

D) Perfect hashing

Answer:

12. For user-defined types, the standard hashCode() recipe uses:

A) Multiplication by 31 and addition

B) XOR of all field values

C) Sum of primitive fields

D) Memory address bitshift

Answer:

13. Quadratic probing uses which probe sequence?

A) $h+1$, $h+2$, $h+3$,...

B) $h+1^2$, $h+2^2$, $h+3^2$,...

C) $h+\text{hash2}(\text{key})$, $2*\text{hash2}(\text{key})$,...

D) Random permutation

Answer:

13. Linear probing's main advantage over separate chaining is:

A) Easier implementation

B) Better cache performance

C) Less sensitive to poorly-designed hash functions

D) Faster deletion operations

Answer:

14. Separate chaining's main advantage over open addressing is:

- A) Better cache performance
- B) Simpler deletion handling
- C) Smaller memory footprint

Answer:

15. In Java's Double.hashCode(), XOR is used to:

- A) Combine exponent and mantissa
- B) Convert to IEEE 754 format
- C) Prevent sign-bit collisions
- D) Mix high/low 32-bit portions

Answer: