

**CS 441 Discrete Mathematics for CS**  
**Lecture 14**

**Integers: applications, base conversions.**

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**Modular arithmetic in CS**

Modular arithmetic and congruencies are used in CS:

- **Pseudorandom number generators**
- **Hash functions**
- **Cryptology**

## Pseudorandom number generators

- Some problems we want to program need to simulate a random choice.
- Examples: flip of a coin, roll of a dice

### We need a way to generate random outcomes

#### Basic problem:

- assume outcomes:  $0, 1, \dots, N$
- generate the random sequences of outcomes
- Pseudorandom number generators let us generate sequences that look random
- **Next:** linear congruential method

## Pseudorandom number generators

### Linear congruential method

- We choose 4 numbers:
  - the modulus  $m$ ,
  - multiplier  $a$ ,
  - increment  $c$ , and
  - seed  $x_0$ ,such that  $2 \leq a < m$ ,  $0 \leq c < m$ ,  $0 \leq x_0 < m$ .
- We generate a sequence of numbers  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, \dots$  such that  $0 \leq x_n < m$  for all  $n$  by successively using the congruence:
  - $x_{n+1} = (a \cdot x_n + c) \bmod m$

## Pseudorandom number generators

### Linear congruential method:

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### Example:

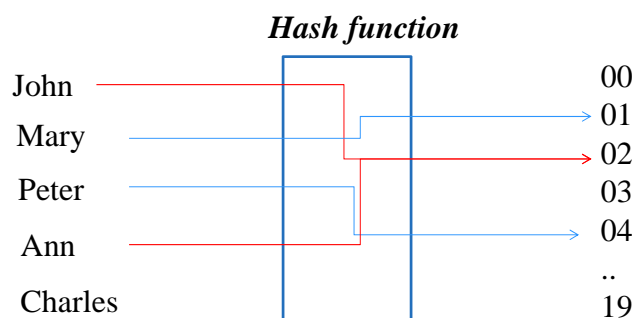
- Assume :  $m=9, a=7, c=4, x_0 = 3$
- $x_1 = 7 \cdot 3 + 4 \bmod 9 = 25 \bmod 9 = 7$
- $x_2 = 53 \bmod 9 = 8$
- $x_3 = 60 \bmod 9 = 6$
- $x_4 = 46 \bmod 9 = 1$
- $x_5 = 11 \bmod 9 = 2$
- $x_6 = 18 \bmod 9 = 0$
- ....

## Hash functions

A *hash function* is an algorithm that maps data of arbitrary length to data of a fixed length.

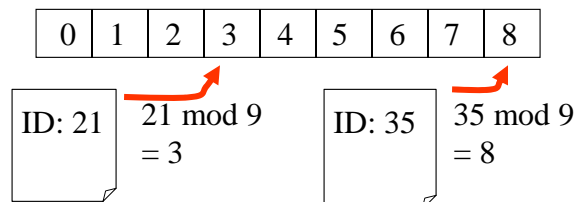
The values returned by a hash function are called **hash values** or **hash codes**.

### Example:



## Hash functions

- **Problem:** Given a large collection of records, how can we store and find a record quickly?
- **Solution:** Use a hash function calculate the location of the record based on the record's ID.
- **Example:** A common hash function is
  - $h(k) = k \bmod n$ ,where  $n$  is the number of available storage locations.



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## Hash function

An example of a hash function that maps integers (including very large ones) to a subset of integers  $0, 1, \dots, m-1$  is:

$$h(k) = k \bmod m$$

**Example:** Assume we have a database of employees, each with a unique ID – a social security number that consists of 8 digits. We want to store the records in a smaller table with  $m$  entries. Using  $h(k)$  function we can map a social security number in the database of employees to indexes in the table.

**Assume:**  $h(k) = k \bmod 111$

**Then:**

$$h(064212848) = 064212848 \bmod 111 = 14$$

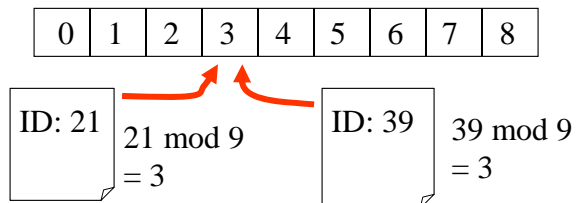
$$h(037149212) = 037149212 \bmod 111 = 65$$

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## Hash functions

- **Problem:** two documents mapped to the same location



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## Hash functions

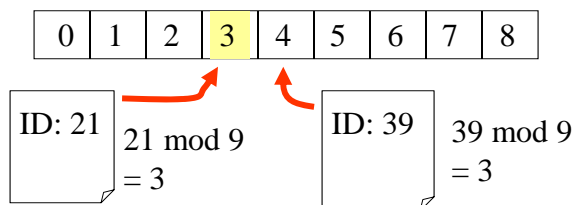
- **Solution 1:** move the next available location
- Method is represented by a sequence of hash functions to try

$$h_0(k) = k \bmod n$$

$$h_1(k) = (k+1) \bmod n$$

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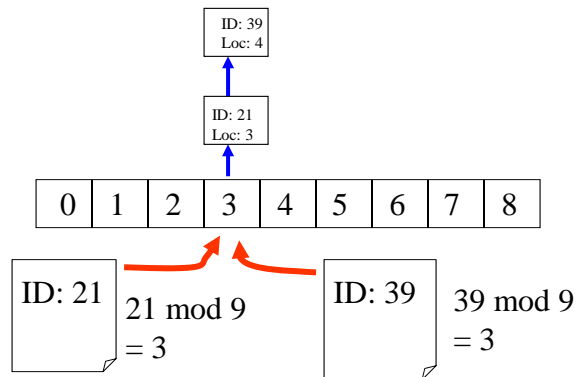
$$h_m(k) = (k+m) \bmod n$$



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## Hash functions

- **Solution 2:** remember the exact location in a secondary structure that is searched sequentially



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## Cryptology

### Encryption of messages.

- **Cesar cipher:**
- Shift letters in the message by 3, last three letters mapped to the first 3 letters, e.g. A is shifted to D, X is shifted to A

### How to represent the idea of a shift by 3?

- There are 26 letters in the alphabet. Assign each of them a number from 0,1, 2, 3, .. 25 according to the alphabetical order.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V X W Z  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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- **Encrypt message:**
  - **I LIKE DISCRETE MATH**
  
  - **L 0LNH GLYFUHVH PDVK.**

## Cryptology

### How to decode the message ?

- The encryption of the letter with an index  $p$  is represented as:
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- What method would you use to decode the message:
  - $f^{-1}(p) = (p-3) \bmod 26$

## Representations of Integers

- In the modern world, we use *decimal*, or *base 10, notation* to represent integers. For example when we write 965, we mean  $9 \cdot 10^2 + 6 \cdot 10^1 + 5 \cdot 10^0$ .
- We can represent numbers using any base  $b$ , where  $b$  is a positive integer greater than 1.
- The bases  $b = 2$  (*binary*),  $b = 8$  (*octal*), and  $b = 16$  (*hexadecimal*) are important for computing and communications
- The ancient Mayans used base 20 and the ancient Babylonians used base 60.



## Base $b$ Representations

- We can use positive integer  $b$  greater than 1 as a base

**Theorem 1:** Let  $b$  be a positive integer greater than 1. Then if  $n$  is a positive integer, it can be expressed uniquely in the form:

$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 b + a_0$$

where  $k$  is a nonnegative integer,  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k$  are nonnegative integers less than  $b$ , and  $a_k \neq 0$ . The  $a_j, j = 0, \dots, k$  are called the base- $b$  digits of the representation.

- The representation of  $n$  given in **Theorem 1** is called the *base  $b$  expansion of  $n$*  and is denoted by  $(a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$ .
- We usually omit the subscript 10 for base 10 expansions.

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## Binary Expansions

Most computers represent integers and do arithmetic with binary (base 2) expansions of integers. In these expansions, the only digits used are 0 and 1.

**Example:** What is the decimal expansion of the integer that has  $(1\ 0101\ 1111)_2$  as its binary expansion?

**Solution:**

$$(1\ 0101\ 1111)_2 = 1 \cdot 2^8 + 0 \cdot 2^7 + 1 \cdot 2^6 + 0 \cdot 2^5 + 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 = 351.$$

**Example:** What is the decimal expansion of the integer that has  $(11011)_2$  as its binary expansion?

**Solution:**  $(11011)_2 = 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 = 27$

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## Octal Expansions

The octal expansion (base 8) uses the digits  $\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$ .

**Example:** What is the decimal expansion of the number with octal expansion  $(7016)_8$ ?

**Solution:**  $7 \cdot 8^3 + 0 \cdot 8^2 + 1 \cdot 8^1 + 6 \cdot 8^0 = 3598$

**Example:** What is the decimal expansion of the number with octal expansion  $(111)_8$ ?

**Solution:**  $1 \cdot 8^2 + 1 \cdot 8^1 + 1 \cdot 8^0 = 64 + 8 + 1 = 73$

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## Hexadecimal Expansions

- The hexadecimal expansion uses 16 digits:  
 $\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F\}$ .
  - The letters A through F represent the decimal numbers 10 through 15.

**Example:** What is the decimal expansion of the number with hexadecimal expansion  $(2AE0B)_{16}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$2 \cdot 16^4 + 10 \cdot 16^3 + 14 \cdot 16^2 + 0 \cdot 16^1 + 11 \cdot 16^0 = 175627$$

**Example:** What is the decimal expansion of the number with hexadecimal expansion  $(E5)_{16}$ ?

**Solution:**  $14 \cdot 16^1 + 5 \cdot 16^0 = 224 + 5 = 229$

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## Base Conversion

To construct the base  $b$  expansion of an integer  $n$ :

- Divide  $n$  by  $b$  to obtain a quotient and remainder.

$$n = bq_0 + a_0 \quad 0 \leq a_0 \leq b$$

- The remainder,  $a_0$ , is the rightmost digit in the base  $b$  expansion of  $n$ . Next, divide  $q_0$  by  $b$ .

$$q_0 = bq_1 + a_1 \quad 0 \leq a_1 \leq b$$

- The remainder,  $a_1$ , is the second digit from the right in the base  $b$  expansion of  $n$ .
- Continue by successively dividing the quotients by  $b$ , obtaining the additional base  $b$  digits as the remainder. The process terminates when the quotient is 0.

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## Base Conversion

**Example:** Find the octal expansion of  $(12345)_{10}$

**Solution:** Successively dividing by 8 gives:

- $12345 = 8 \cdot 1543 + 1$
- $1543 = 8 \cdot 192 + 7$
- $192 = 8 \cdot 24 + 0$
- $24 = 8 \cdot 3 + 0$
- $3 = 8 \cdot 0 + 3$

The remainders are the digits from right to left yielding  $(30071)_8$ .

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**Mathematical induction  
& Recursion**

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**Proofs**

**Basic proof methods:**

- Direct, Indirect, Contradiction, By Cases, Equivalences

**Proof of quantified statements:**

- **There exists  $x$  with some property  $P(x)$ .**
  - It is sufficient to find one element for which the property holds.
- **For all  $x$  some property  $P(x)$  holds.**
  - Proofs of ‘For all  $x$  some property  $P(x)$  holds’ must cover all  $x$  and can be harder.
- **Mathematical induction** is a technique that can be applied to prove the universal statements for sets of positive integers or their associated sequences.

## Mathematical induction

- Used to prove statements of the form  $\forall x P(x)$  where  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

**Mathematical induction proofs** consists of two steps:

- 1) **Basis:** The proposition  $P(1)$  is true.
- 2) **Inductive Step:** The implication  $P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$ , is true for all positive  $n$ .

- Therefore we conclude  $\forall x P(x)$ .
- **Based on the well-ordering property:** Every nonempty set of nonnegative integers has a **least element**.

## Mathematical induction

**Example:** Prove the sum of first  $n$  odd integers is  $n^2$ .

i.e.  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$  for all positive integers.

**Proof:**

- What is  $P(n)$ ?  $P(n): 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$

**Basis Step** Show  $P(1)$  is true

- Trivial:  $1 = 1^2$

**Inductive Step** Show if  $P(n)$  is true then  $P(n+1)$  is true for all  $n$ .

- Suppose  $P(n)$  is true, that is  $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$
- Show  $P(n+1): 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1) + (2n + 1) = (n+1)^2$  follows:  
$$\underbrace{1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + \dots + (2n - 1)}_{n^2} + (2n + 1) = (n+1)^2$$