# CS180 – Hashing

Note Title 4/27/2011

## Announcements

- HW10 is posted
- HW9 due Saturday
- Last day in class will be review
- Office hours today: 12–1:30

# Other trees

- Splay trees: After every insert/delete, performs a move-to-root operation called splaying, which gives an amortized $O(\log n)$ behavior

- Red-Black trees: more complex than AVL trees, + give only $O(1)$ "rotations" after each insert or delete

# New problem: Data Storage (Dictionary)

Ex:

| Locker # | Name |
|---|---|
| 26 | Dan |
| 355 | Kevin |
| 101 | Tracy |
| 53 | Nitish |
| 201 | David |
| ⋮ | ⋮ |

key

data

We want to be able to retrieve a name quickly when given a locker number.

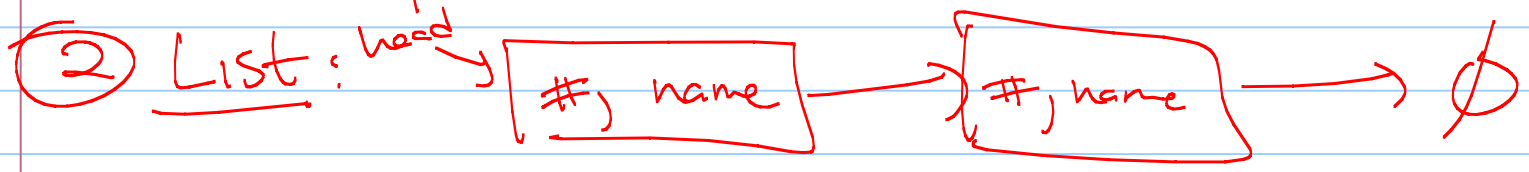
(Let $n$ = # of people, & $m$ = # of lockers)

How could we store this?

① Array: make array of length m of Strings (or struct holding data)
(or Vector)

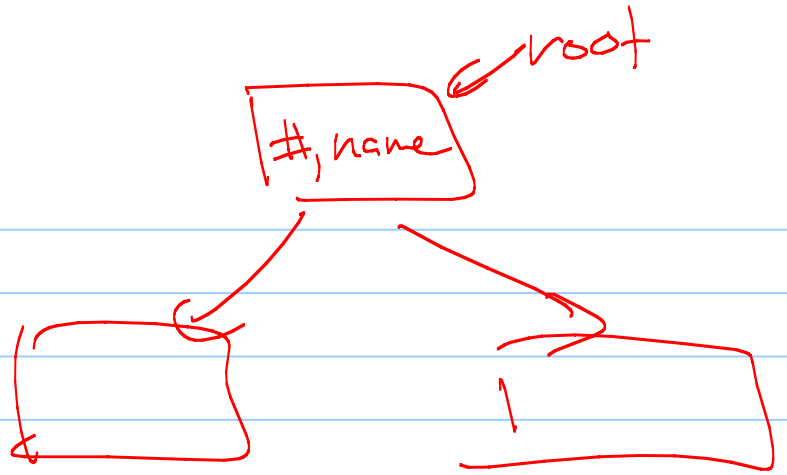
access time: O(1)
insert: O(1)
space: O(m)

② List:




access: O(n)
insert: O(1)
space: O(n)

③ Search tree:
(AVL):
search: O(log n)
insert: O(log n)
size: O(n)




Treaps: O(n) find + insert

# Other examples

- Course # and schedule info
- Flight # and arrival info
- URL and html page
- Color and BMP

Not always easy to figure out how to store and look up.

# Dictionaries (or associative arrays)

A data structure which supports the following:

```
void     insert (keyType &k, dataType &d)
dataType find   (keyType &k)
void     remove (keyType &k)
```

Note: Everything is based on keys!

# Data Structures

First thing to note:

An array **is** a dictionary.

key: integer from 0 to capacity - 1

data: values are in array

Other alternatives:

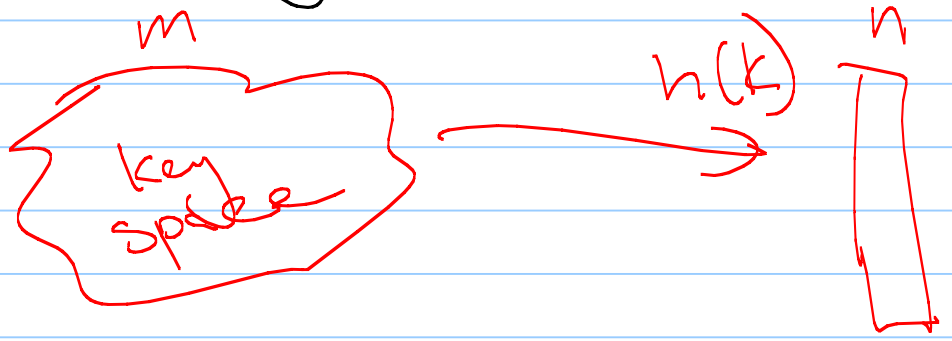
(see 2 slides back)

# Hashing

Assuming $m >> n$, an array is not very space efficient.

We would like to use $O(n)$ space, not $O(m)$.

But then the key needs to get smaller.



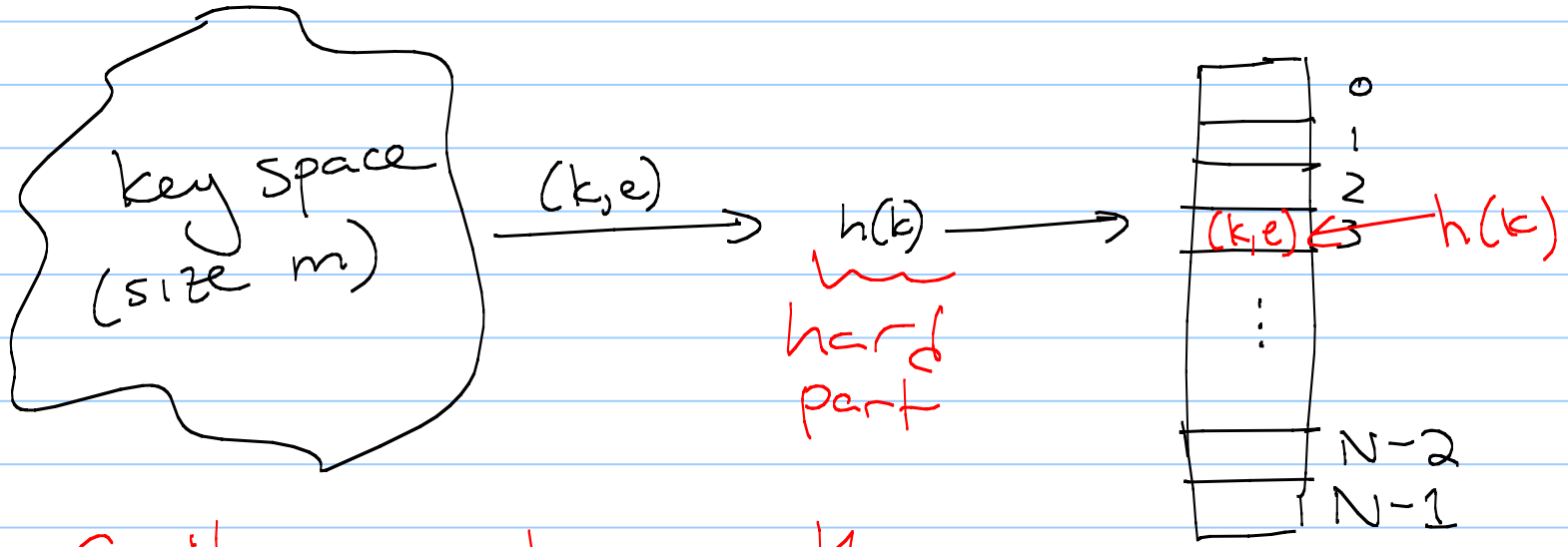
**Dfn:** A hash function $h$ maps each key in our dictionary to an integer in the range $[0, N-1]$.

(N should be much smaller than $m$ = # of keys.)

Then given $(k, e)$, we store $(k, e)$ in array spot $A[h(k)]$.

# Good hash functions:

- Are fast ← O(1)
- Don't have collisions.
  (minimize collisions)



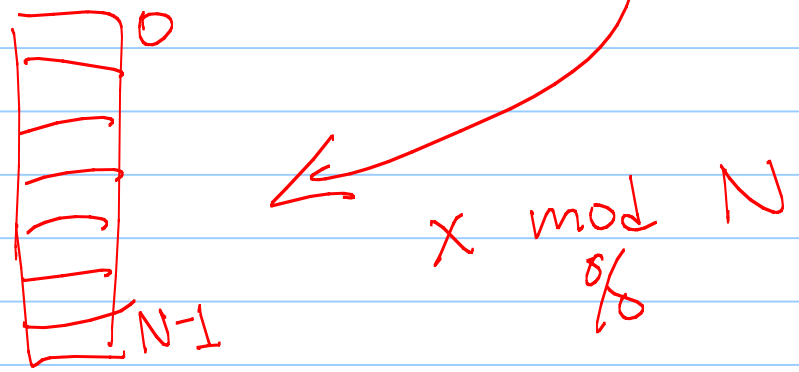

Can't guarantee anything.
(work pretty well anyway.)

So we have a few steps.

1. Take key and make it a number.
(Remember, keys can be anything!)

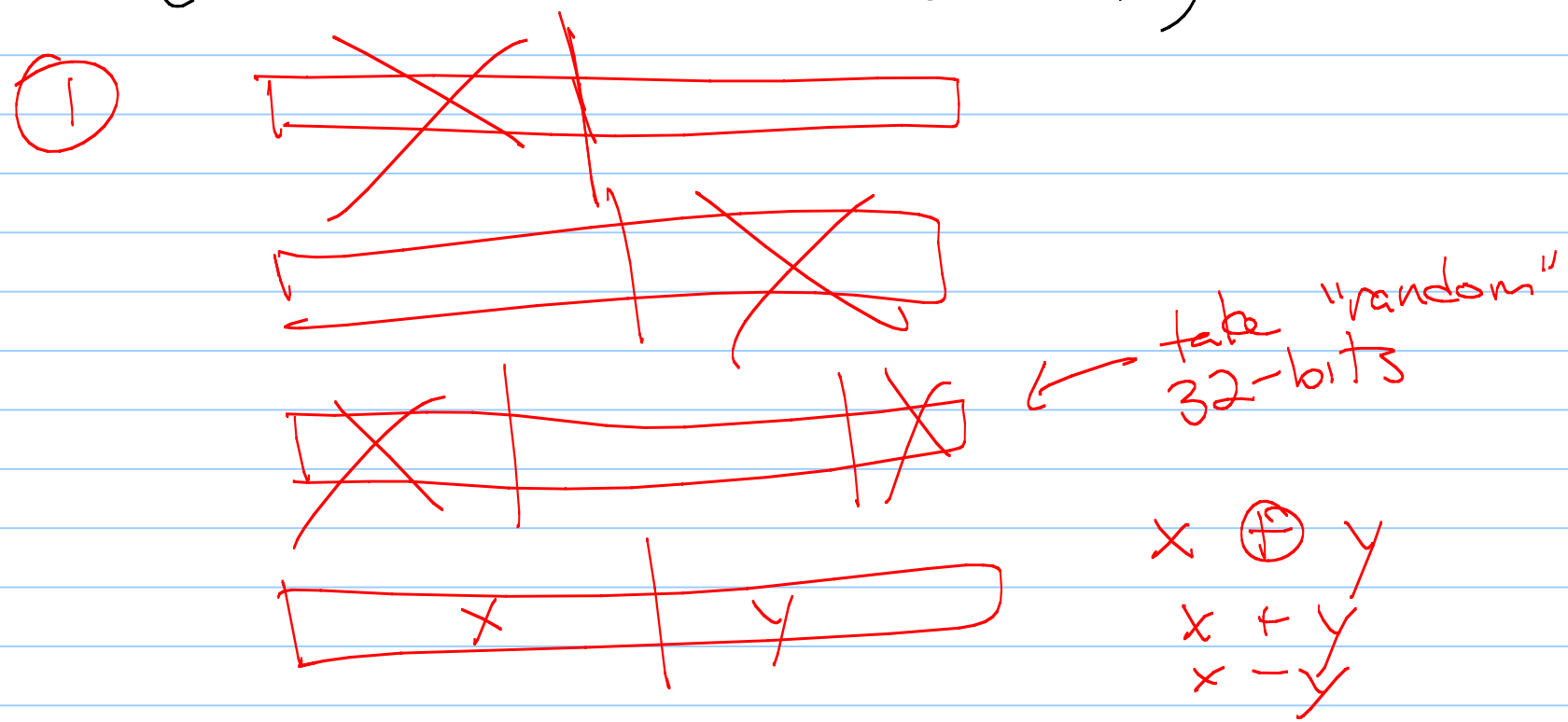
Ex: char, int, or short (all 32-bits)

↳ cast to integers 0 to $2^{31}$



Ex: long or float — 64 bits

(k needs to be 32 bits)



```
int hashCode(long x) {
    return int(unsigned long(x >> 32)
               + int(x));
}
```