

Problem 1-1. (Implementing a dictionary)

- (a) Describe how a direct-address table can be used to implement a dictionary. What are some advantages and disadvantages to this approach?
- (b) Describe how a hash table (with chaining) can be used to implement a dictionary. What are its advantages and disadvantages?
- (c) Describe what open addressing is? What are its advantages and disadvantages?

Problem 1-2. (Hashing and Collisions)

- (a) Assume we have a hash function h that hashes keys to m buckets and meets the criteria of simple uniform hashing. What is the probability that two hashed keys collide?
- (b) When using h to hash n keys, how many collisions do we expect to have? Formally, the set of collisions is $\{(x, y) : x \neq y \text{ and } h(x) = h(y)\}$. So alternatively, what is the expected size of this set?
- (c) How does the quantity above, the expected number of collisions, change as the load factor increases? Decreases?
- (d) What happens to the expected number of collisions if we keep the load factor the same but increase n (i.e. scale n and m at the same rate)?

Problem 1-3. (Getting familiar with the binary-search-tree property)

- (a) Suppose we have numbers between 1 and 1000 in a binary search tree and we want to search for the number 363. Which of the following sequences could **not** be the sequence of the nodes examined?

- (i) 2, 252, 401, 398, 330, 344, 397, 363
- (ii) 924, 220, 911, 244, 898, 258, 362, 363
- (iii) 925, 202, 911, 240, 912, 245, 363
- (iv) 2, 399, 387, 219, 266, 382, 381, 278, 363
- (v) 935, 278, 347, 621, 299, 392, 358, 363

- (b) Can you generalize your approach from above into an algorithm that outputs whether or not a sequence of keys is valid when searching for some key x ? Write the pseudocode for this algorithm. (You can assume a successful search and thus the last key in the sequence should be the key you are searching for).

Problem 1-4. (Building a binary search tree)

- (a) Construct a binary search tree by inserting the following keys into an empty tree T in the order given: 15, 10, 13, 17, 2, 5, 20, 16, 11.
- (b) Are there alternative permutations of these keys that produce this same tree?
- (c) Write out the order in which the keys would be printed when performing a *postorder tree walk*, *preorder tree walk*, and *inorder tree walk*.
- (d) What would T look like after performing $Insert(T, 12); Delete(T, 10)$? What about if we had performed $Delete(T, 10); Insert(T, 12)$? In general, does the order in which we insert a key and delete a key matter on the resulting tree?