

**1. Keys vs hash index: (10 points:)**

Yes/No: In a hash table with chained elements for handling collisions, do elements in a chain have the same key?

No

**2. Hashing: (40 points:)**

Demonstrate what happens when we insert the keys 5, 28, 19, 15, 20, 33, 12, 17, 10, 11 into a hash table with collisions resolved by chaining. Let the table have 9 slots, and let the hash function be  $h(k) = k \bmod 9$ . Draw the contents of the hash table after all the keys have been inserted.

k	h(k)
5	5
28	1
19	1
15	6
20	2
33	6
12	3
17	8
10	1
11	2

Hash table	
key	value
0	
1	10, 19, 28
2	11, 20
3	12
4	
5	5
6	33, 15
7	
8	17

**3. Open Addressing: (40 points):**

Consider inserting the keys 10, 22, 31, 4, 15, 28, 17, 56, 87, 16 into a hash table of length  $m = 11$  using open addressing with the auxiliary hash function  $h'(k) = k$ . Show the contents of the hash table using quadratic probing with  $c1 = 1$  and  $c2 = 3$ . Recall that  $h(k,i) = ( h'(k) + c1*i + c2*i^2 ) \bmod m$ .

$$h(k,i) = (k + i + 3i^2) \bmod 11$$

k	i=0	i=1	i=2	i=3	Hash table	
	h(k,i)				key	value
10	10				0	22
22	0				1	56
31	9				2	87
4	4				3	17
15	4	8			4	4
28	6				5	16
17	6	10	9	3	6	28
56	1				7	
87	10	3	2		8	15
16	5				9	31
					10	10

**4. Open Ended Question: (10 points:)**

The social security number in the US consists of 9 digits and are unique keys assigned to individuals, and are not re-used even when the person holding a number dies. Of the billion minus 1 possible keys, around 450 million have already been assigned. Associated with each social security number is information about us e.g. name, birthday, address, etc.

- (a) (5 points:) Because social security numbers are (suppose to) uniquely identify an individual, they make excellent keys. If information about us are stored in a dictionary as key:value pairs in a hash table with chaining, **how many slots should the hash table have** if we are willing to search through the chain an average of 100 elements. That is a load factor of 100.

$$m = 450M/100 = 4.5M$$

- (b) (5 points:) With recent data breaches and potential for identity thefts, many are requesting new social security numbers. That is, while a social security number uniquely identifies a person, a person can have more than one social security number. In a recent study conducted by ID Analytics, they found that around 20 million Americans have multiple social security numbers for various reasons – e.g. due to identity theft a person may request a new social security number. When issuing a new number to a person, the Social Security Administration will cross reference the two numbers to point to the same person.

Explain how you would handle such cases in hash tables with chaining?

add a link field to connect 2 nodes even if they're in different slots in hash table. downside is this will require space for another 450M pointers even if just a few are needed. do accept other solutions if they make sense even if not efficient.