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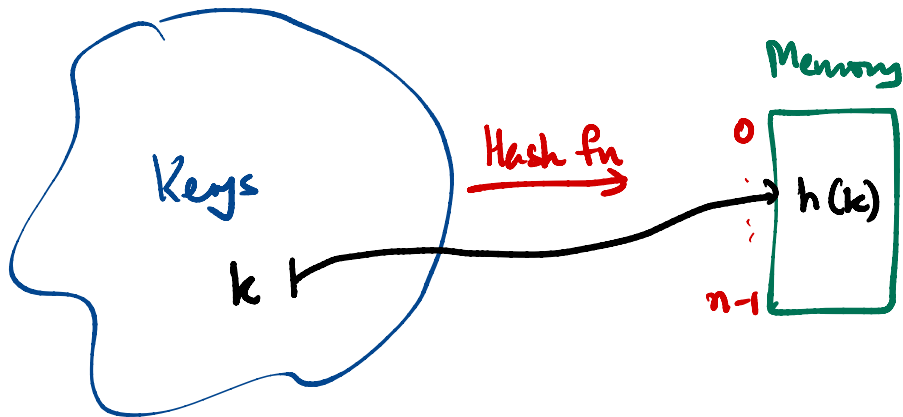
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Programming and Data Structures with Python

Dictionaries

$\{k_1:v_1, k_2:v_2, \dots, k_n:v_n\}$

$d[k]=v$



Ignore the issue of collisions, how storage space is calculated ...

$$\text{Ideally } h(k_1) = h(k_2) \Rightarrow k_1 = k_2$$

Assume Computing $h(k)$ is constant time for any k



assign a value to $d[k]$ check if $d[k]$ current exists

Lists

$x \in l$



prop to $\text{len}(l)$

Dictionary

$k \in d$ ($k \in d.\text{keys}()$)

! const. time, by assumption

Duplicates

Keep only one copy of every value in a list

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uniqlist = []
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for v in l:
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    if not (v in uniqlist):
```

iteration in
uniqlist

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        uniqlist.append(v)
```

// Implicitly a
nested loop

No duplicates

$$\Rightarrow (\text{len}(l))^2$$

Slightly better

Sort l

5, 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 4 $\rightarrow$ 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5

Cost

Sorting l = $\text{len}(l) \times \log(\text{key}(l))$
+ length l

check prev with current $\rightarrow$ single traversal



1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Dictionary

Freq count $\rightarrow$ Extract keys

Insert each v into d $\rightarrow$ Extract keys



Assume in $\text{size}(d)$

Prop to $\text{len}(l)$

List intersection

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newL = []
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for x in l1:
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Approx n^3

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    for y in l2:
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        if x == y and not (x in newL):
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            newL.append(x)
```

↑
Third iteration

Dictionary

list1d = {}

for x in l1:

list1d[x] = 1

|| n

⇒ prop. to n

intersectd = {}

for y in l2:

if y in list1d:

intersectd[y] = 1

|| n

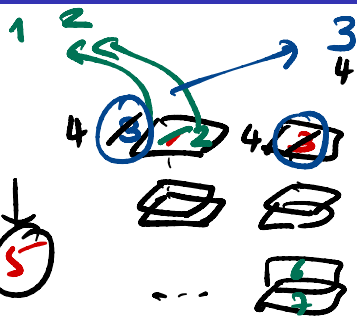
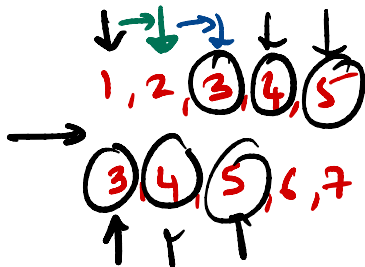
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Extract keys of
intersectd

Classical soln

Sort L1
Sort L2 } Then what?

5, 3, 1, 2, 4

7, 5, 4, 3, 6



Time: Sort + sort + merge

$$\text{Sort} = n \log n$$

Merge? Input n, n Output n

$$2(n \log n) + 2n$$