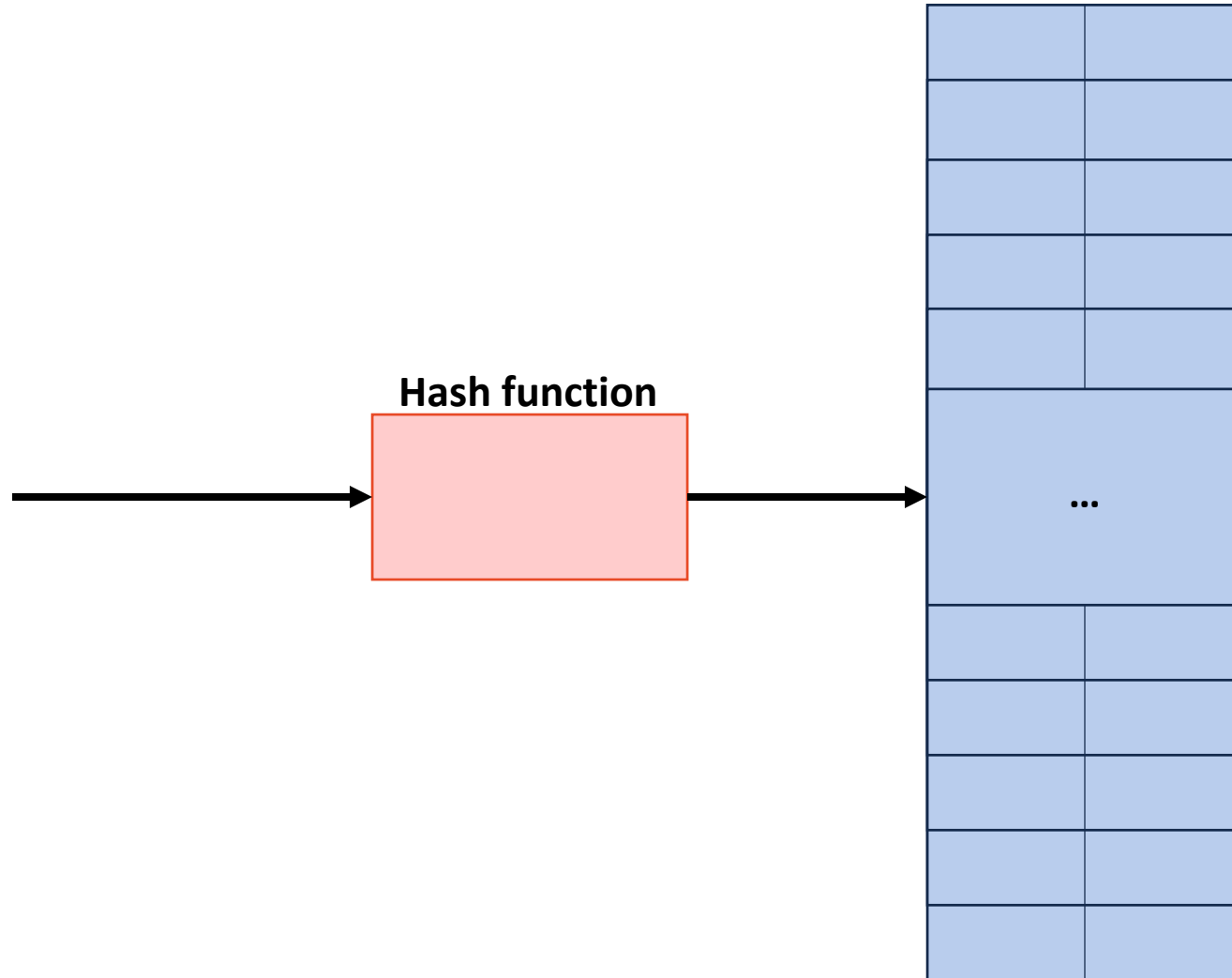# CS 225

Data Structures

Oct. 27 – Hashing

Hashing

Goals:

We want to define a **keyspace**, a (mathematical) description of the keys for a set of data.

...use a function to map the **keyspace** into a small set of integers.
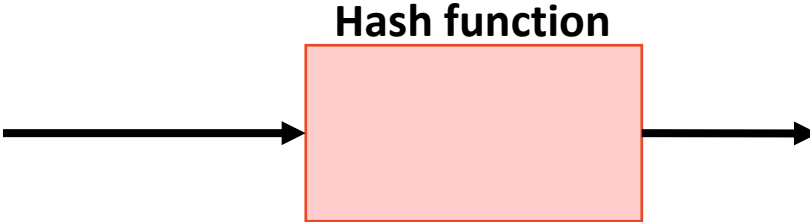
Hashing

Hash function

...

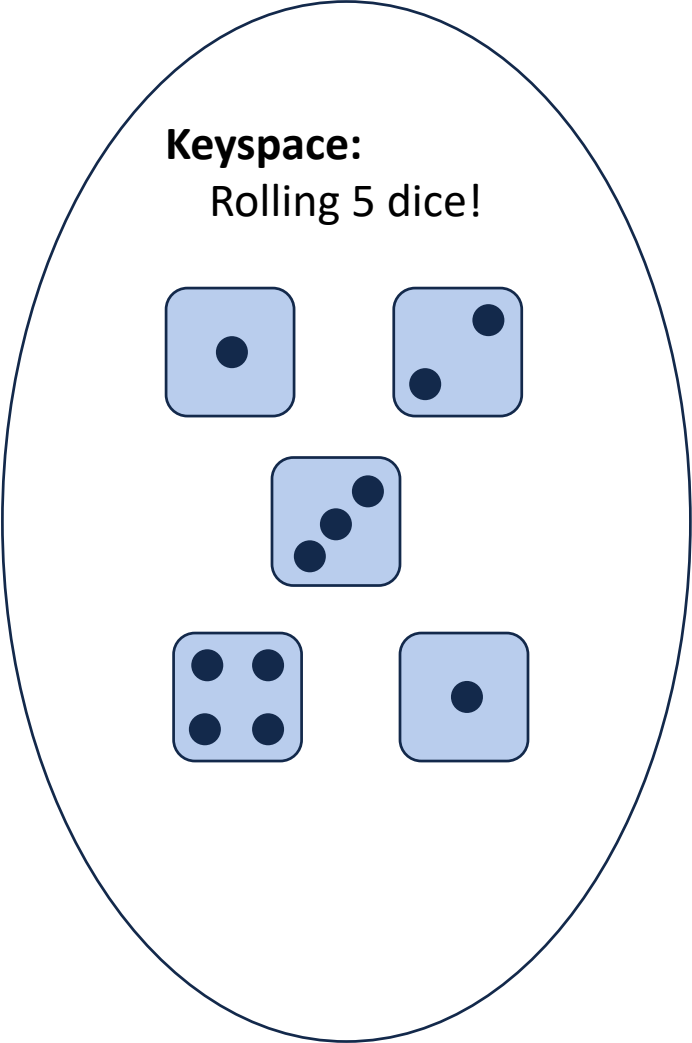# A Hash Table based Dictionary

Client Code:

```
1  Dictionary<KeyType, ValueType> d;
2  d[k] = v;
```

A **Hash Table** consists of three things:

1.

2.

3.

A Perfect Hash Function

(Angrave, CS 241)
(Beckman, CS 421)
(Cunningham, CS 210)
(Davis, CS 101)
(Evans, CS 126)
(Fagen-Ulmschneider, CS 225)
(Gunter, CS 422)
(Herman, CS 233)

Hash function

Key	Value

A Perfect Hash Function

Keyspace:

Rolling 5 dice!

Hash function

Key	Value
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	

Hash Function

Our **hash function** consists of two parts:

- A **hash**:

- A **compression:**

Choosing a good hash function is tricky…
- Don't create your own (yet*)
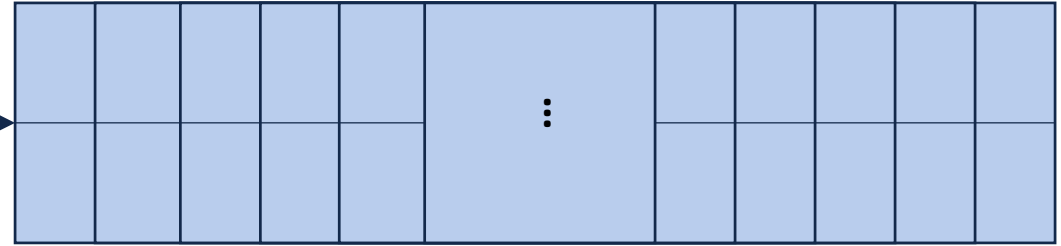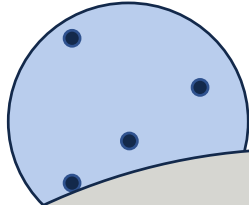- Very smart people have created very bad hash functions
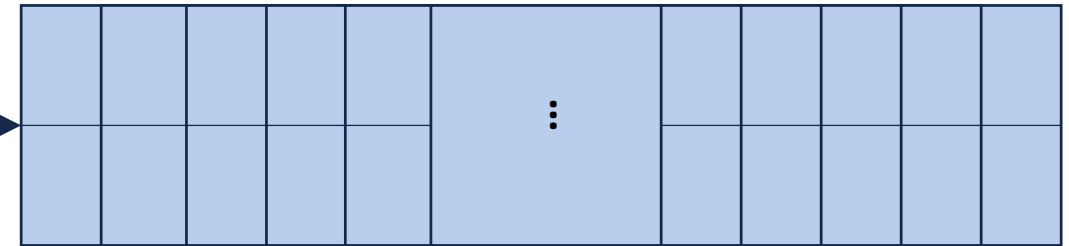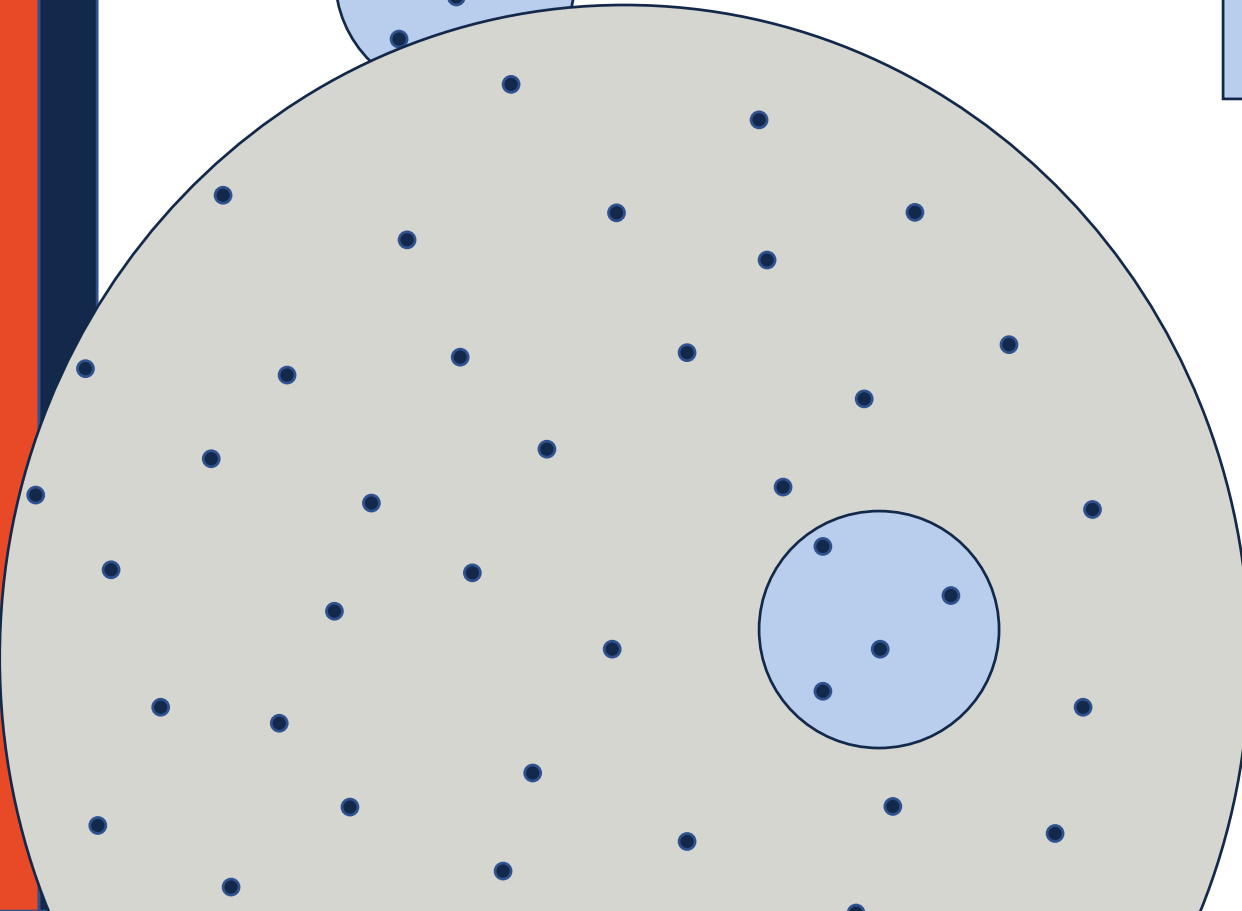
Hash Function

Characteristics of a good hash function:

1. Computation Time:

2. Deterministic:

3. Satisfy the SUHA:

General Purpose Hash Function

Keyspaces

Easy to create if: **|KeySpace| ~ N**

Difficult to Create:

Hash Function

Given: Easy to create a hash function of strings of length 8.

Idea: Map 40 character things to length 8:

```
Alice was beginning to get very tired of
 sitting by her sister on the bank, and
of having nothing to do: once or twice s
he had peeped into the book her sister w
as reading, but it had no pictures or co
nversations in it, 'and what is the use
of a book,' thought Alice 'without pictu
res or conversations?'  So she was consi
dering in her own mind (as well as she c
ould, for the hot day made her feel very
 sleepy and stupid), whether the pleasur
e of making a daisy-chain would be worth
 the trouble of getting up and picking t
he daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit
 with pink eyes ran close by her.  There
 was nothing so very remarkable in that;
 nor did Alice think it so very much out
 of the way to hear the Rabbit say to it
self, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late
!' (when she thought it over afterwards,
 it occurred to her that she ought to ha
```

Idea: Map 40 character things to length 8:

```
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vector_Gen
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Austr
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/19th_Natio
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_g
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Hash Function

In CS 225, we focus on **general purpose** hash functions.

Other hash functions exists with different properties
(eg: cryptographic hash functions)

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CS 225 – Things To Be Doing

Exam 8 (programming exam) is coming up Monday:
More Info: https://courses.engr.illinois.edu/cs225/fa2017/exams/

MP5: Available now!
Extra Credit +7 deadline: Monday, Oct. 30

Lab: lab_btree
Due Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11:59pm

POTD
Every Monday-Friday – *Worth +1 Extra Credit /problem (up to +40 total)*