Tabulation-Based Hashing

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Prototypical example: degree k polynomial

- *u* prime;
- choose $a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{k-1}$ randomly in [u];
- $h(x) = (a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{k-1}x^{k-1}) \mod b.$

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- q basic characters: $x \mapsto (x_1, \ldots, x_q)$
- *d* derived characters: $y_i = f_i(x_1, \ldots, x_q)$
- store q + d random tables $T_i[u^{1/q}]$
- $h(x) = T_1[q_1] \oplus \cdots \oplus T_q[x_q] \oplus T_{q+1}[y_1] \oplus \cdots$

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	Independence	# characters
[Carter, Wegman'77]	3	$q~(\star)$
[Siegel'90s]	$n^{\Omega(1)}$	$q^{O(q)}$
[Dietzf., Woelfel'03]	k	$k \cdot q$
[Thorup, Zhang'04]	k	(k-1)(q-1)
[Thorup, Zhang'10]	5	2q - 1
recent	$\omega(1)$	$O(q^2)$

 (\star) simple tabulation (no derived characters)

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Only possible equalities: x + s = y + t or x + t = y + s. Both cannot hold, so we have peeling in derived character.

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Use $S = O(\lg n)$ truly random numbers. Compute $\lg n$ independent $g(\cdot)$, but rarely.

PRG has:

- concentration (load balancing, ...)
- minwise independence (treaps, ...)

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Simple++:

- $h_1: [u] \to [b], h_2: [u] \to [u^{1/q}]$. Just simple tabulation...
- $h(x) = h_1(x) \oplus T[h_2(x)].$

All previous properties, plus:

- minwise independence with $\varepsilon(u) = o(1)$.
- linear probing/chaining with buffer $k = O(\lg n)$.



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