Hashing Part Two

Outline for Today

• **Recap from Last Time**

• A quick refresher on hash functions.

• Hashing Variants

• We built a hash table last lecture. There are other strategies we could have used.

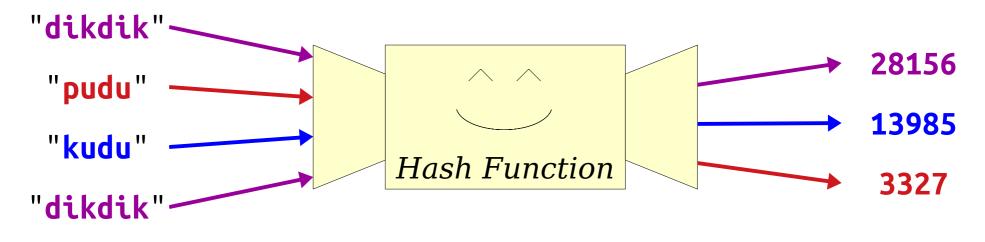
• Linear Probing

- A deceptively simple and fast hashing scheme.
- Robin Hood Hashing
 - Moving items around in a hash table.

Recap from Last Time

Hash Functions

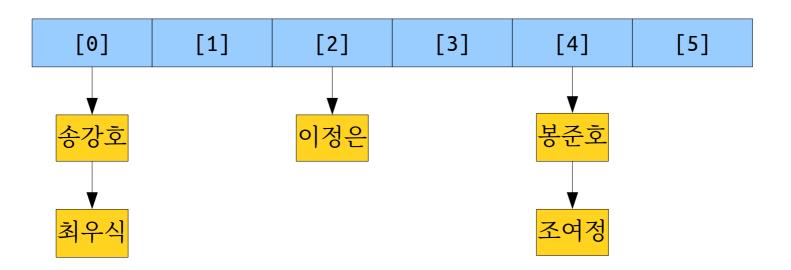
• A *hash function* is a function that takes an object as input and produces an integer called its *hash code*.



- If you feed the same input to a hash function multiple times, it will always produce the same output.
- Aside from this, though, the outputs of hash functions should look more or less random.

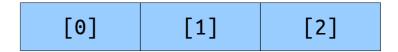
Hash Tables

- A *hash table* is a data structure where items are positioned in an array based on their hash code.
- Last time, we saw *chained hashing*, where all items with the same hash code are stored in the same slot.



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Work this out with a pencil and paper, but **don't** share your answer in chat just yet!

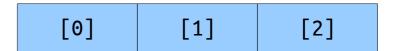


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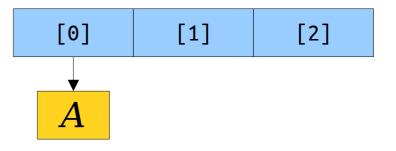
Post in chat: How many elements are in each bucket?



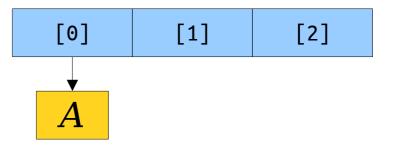
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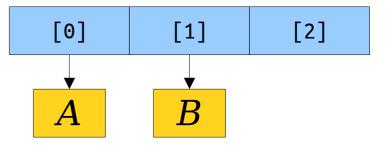
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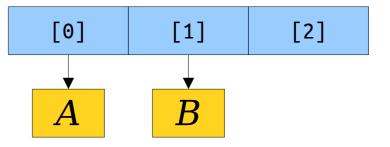
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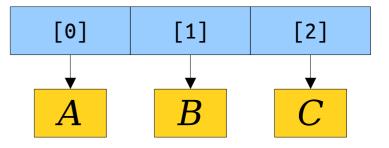
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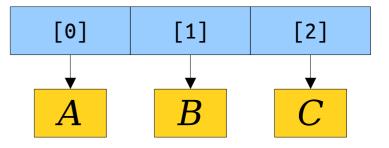
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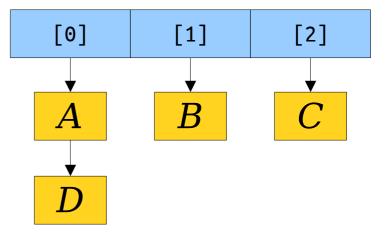
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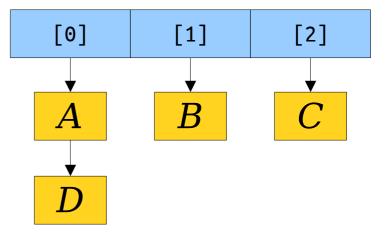
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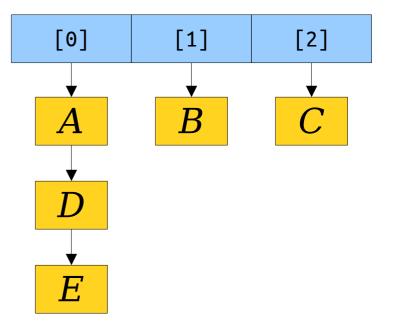
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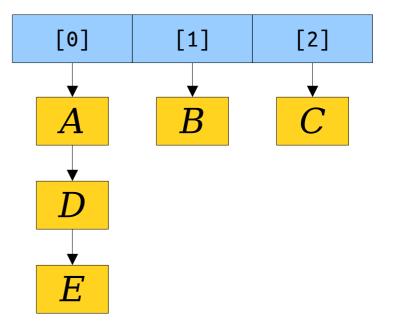
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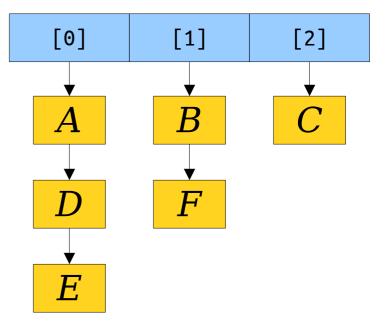
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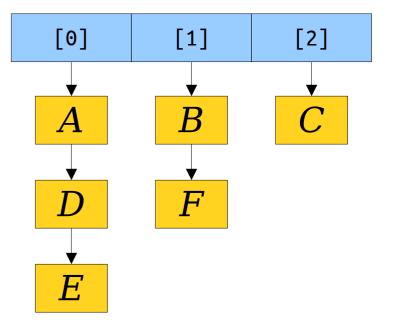
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New Stuff!

Making Fast Hash Tables

- Hash tables, like the one we saw last time, are among the most-commonly-used data structures in practice.
- As a result, it's important for them to work as quickly and efficiently as possible.
- Anecdote: Google recently invested years of effort building a faster hash table. Why?

(Better hash tables) × (Lots of computers)

(Huge equipment, power, and CO₂ savings)

• The faster table they developed is based on insights from a different approach to building Map and Set.

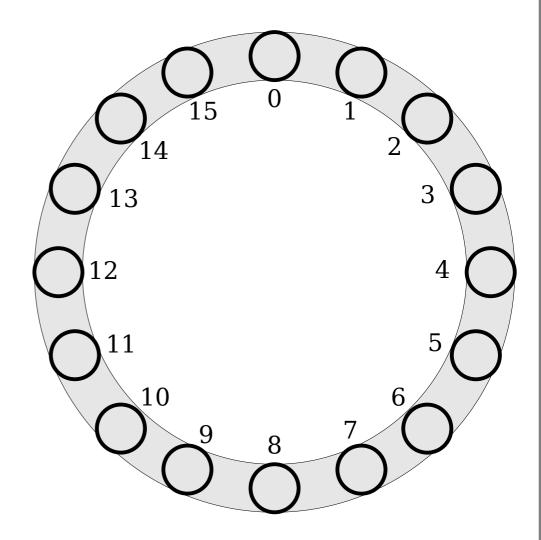
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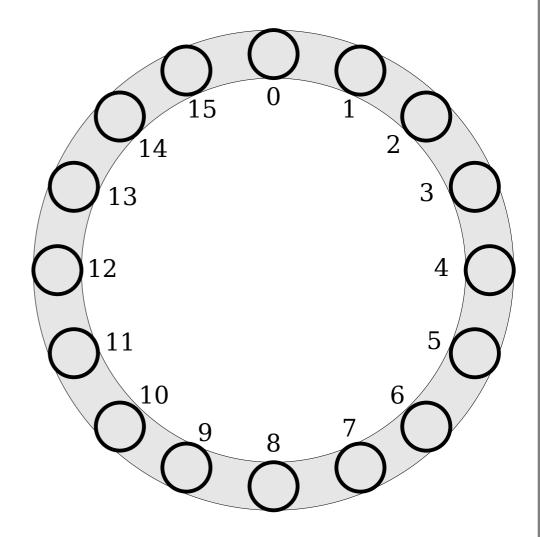
- The style of hashing we saw last time is called *chained hashing*, since we "chain" together all the items that have the same hash code.
- There is a family of other hash tables that use an idea called *open addressing*.
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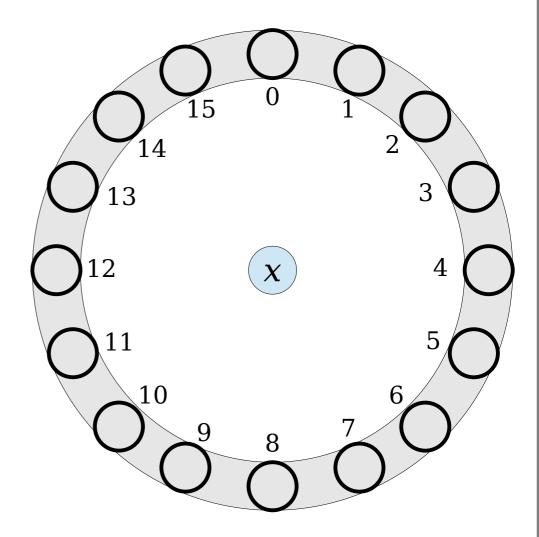
🐨 each table slot holds at most one element. 🖘

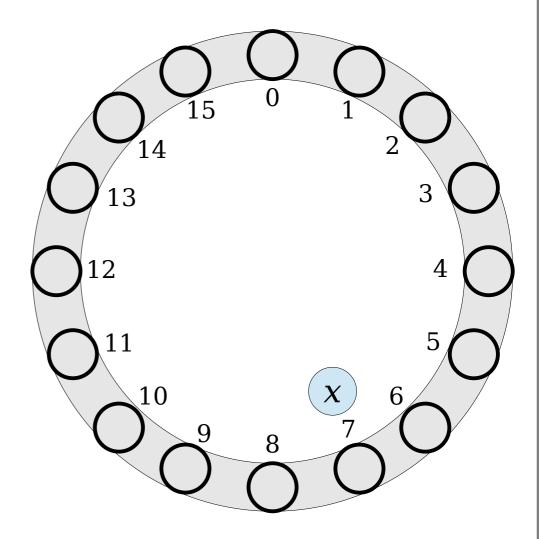
• If multiple elements hash to the same slot, they "leak out" and spill over into other free slots.

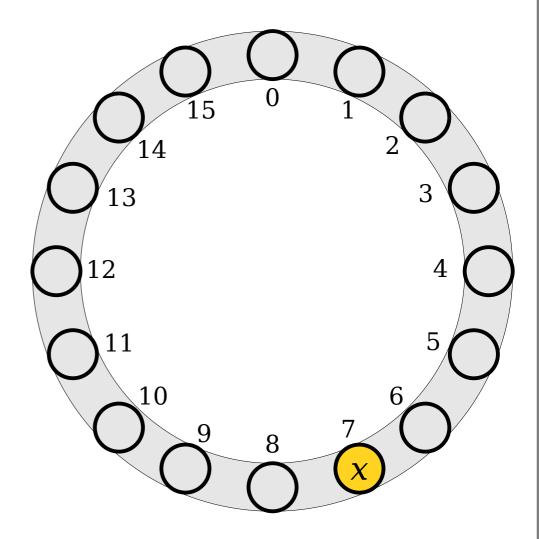
- Linear probing is a simple openaddressing hashing strategy.
- We maintain an array of *slots*, which we think of as forming a ring.

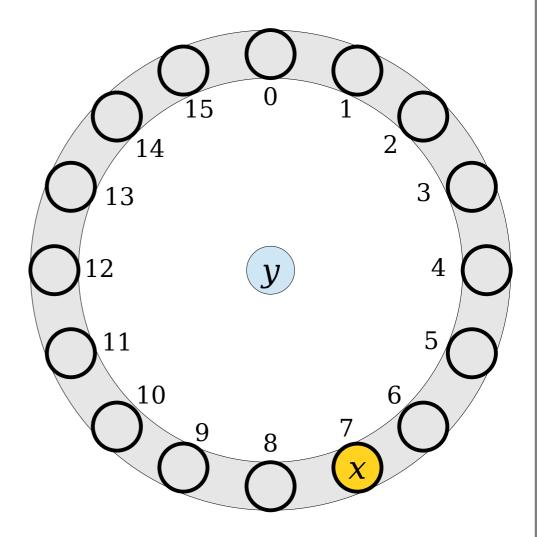


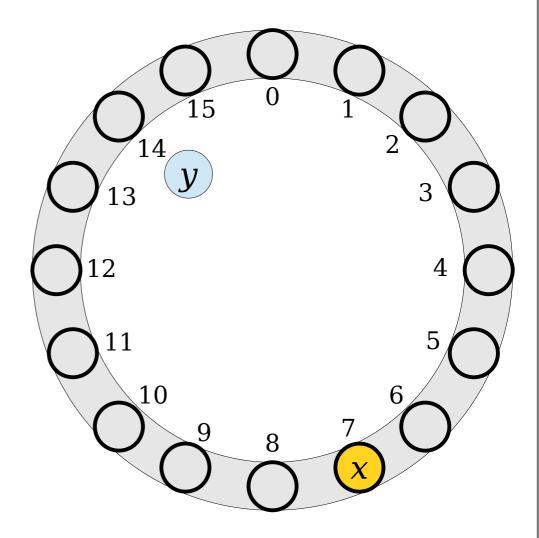


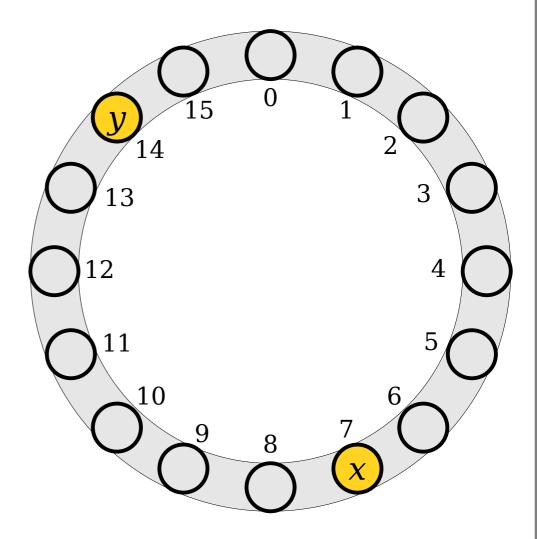


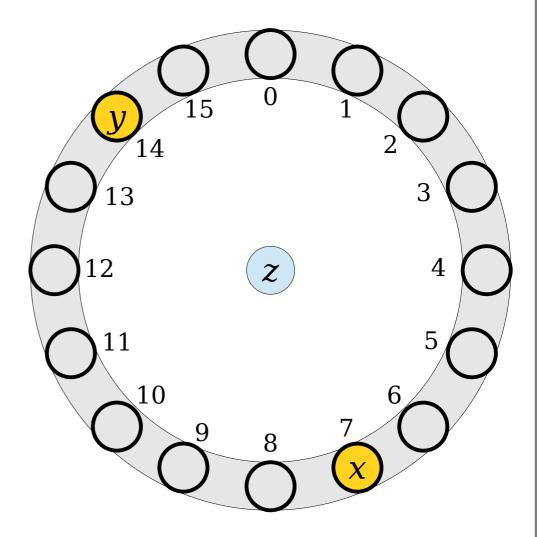


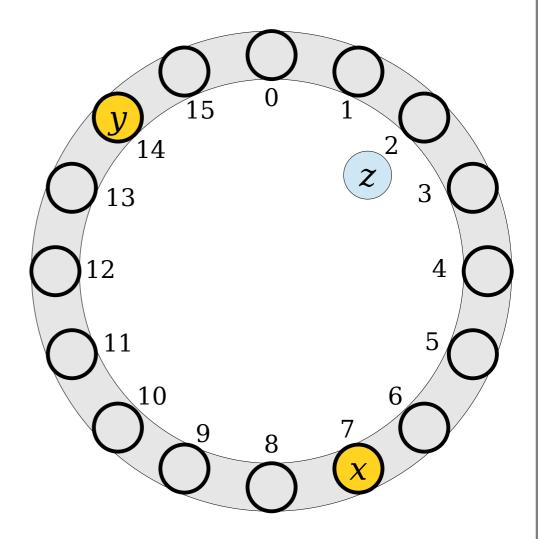


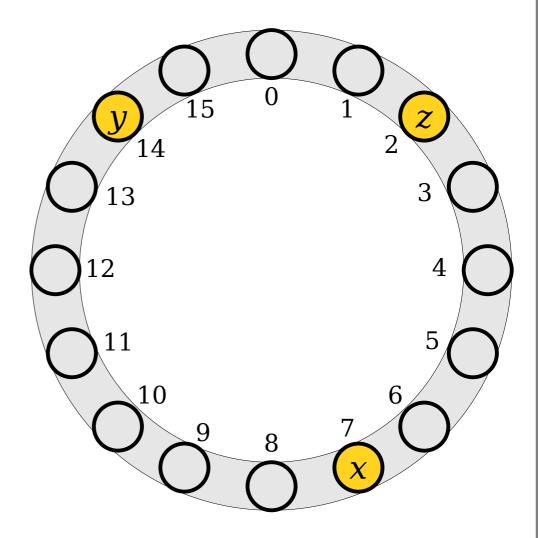


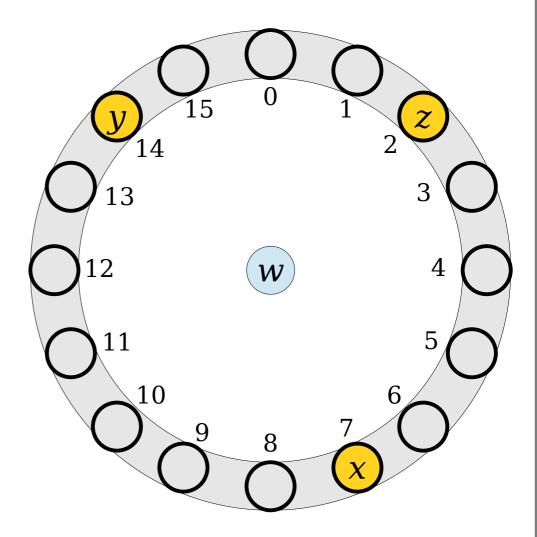


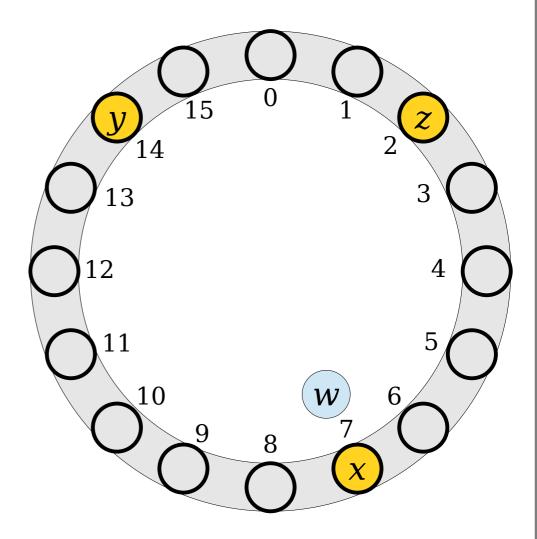




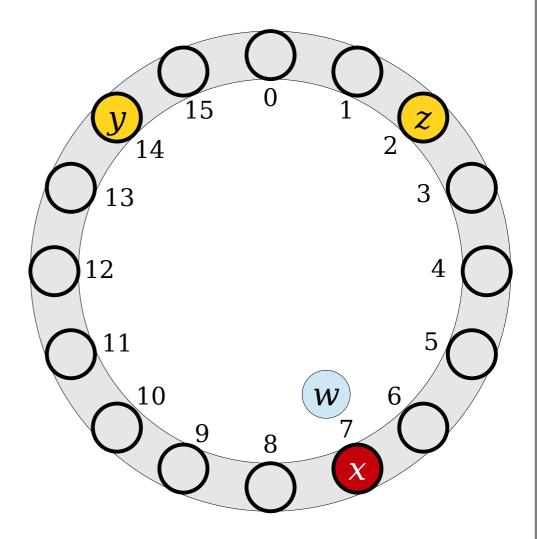




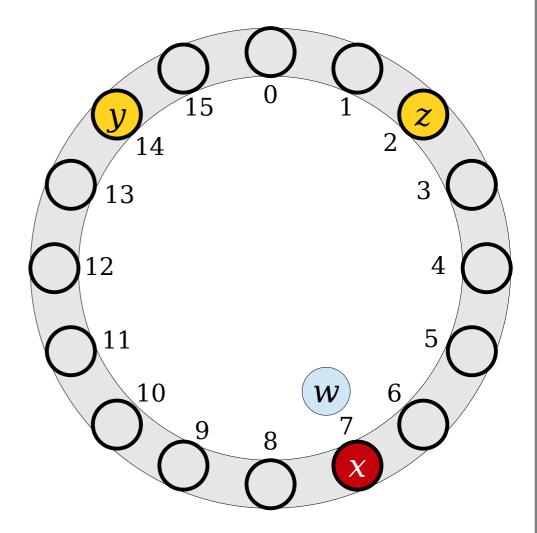




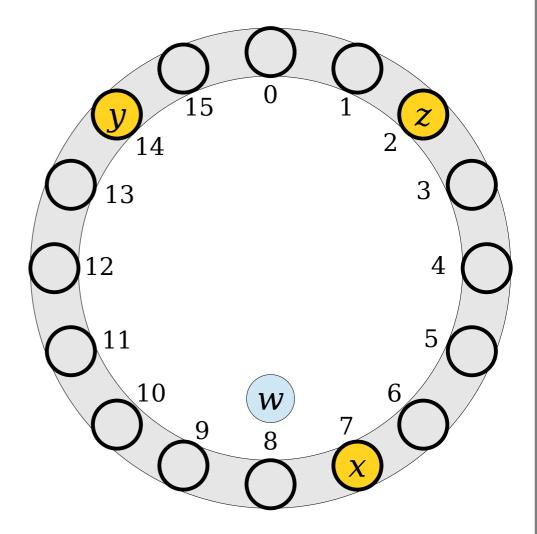
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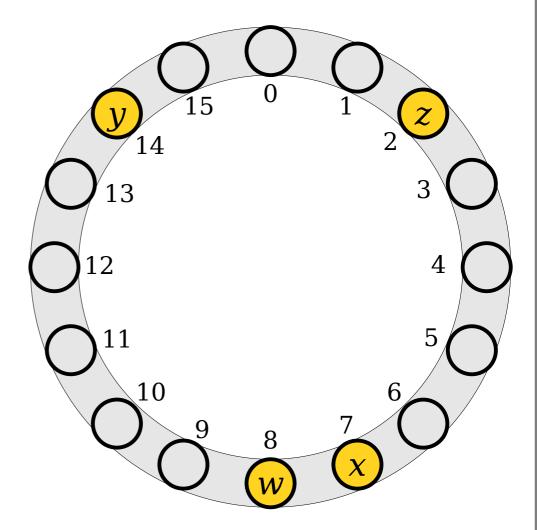
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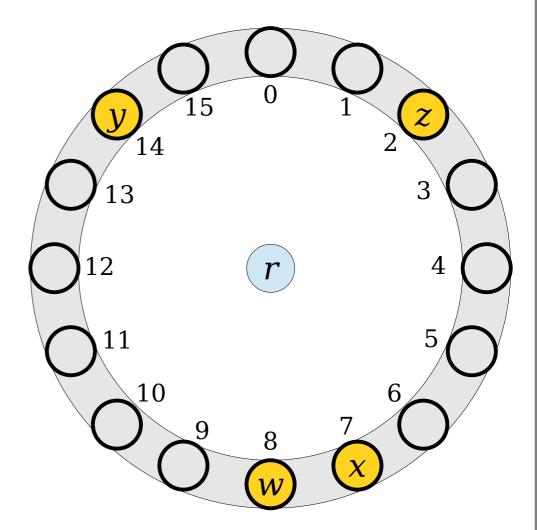
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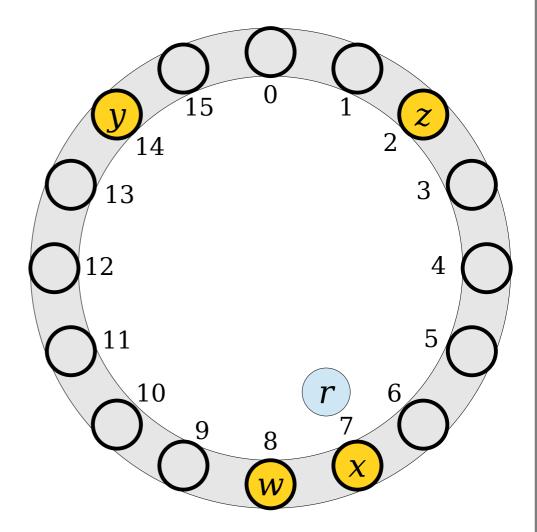
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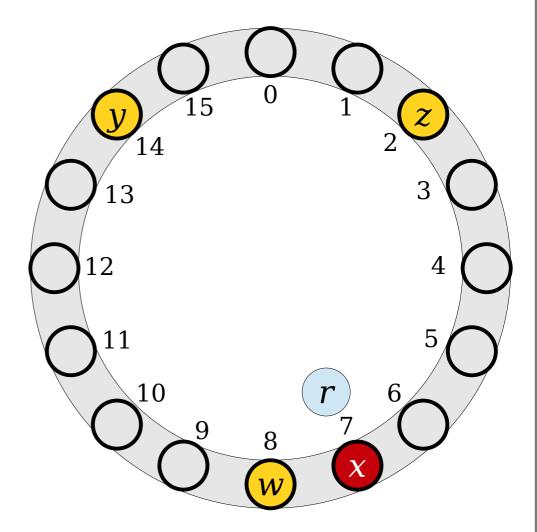
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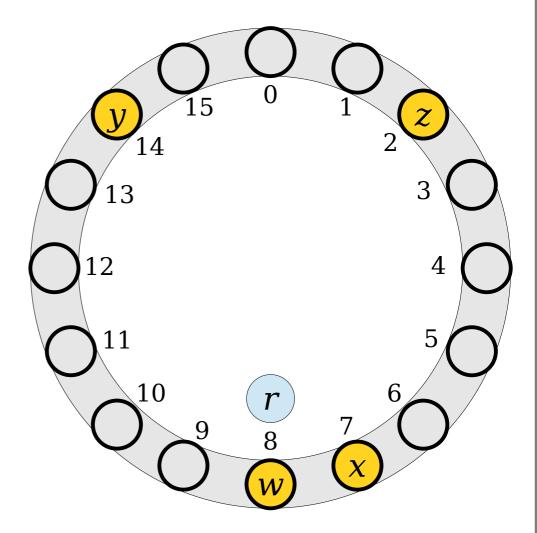
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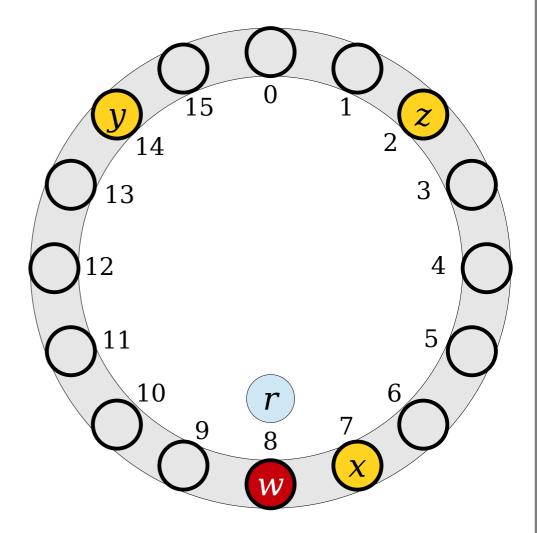
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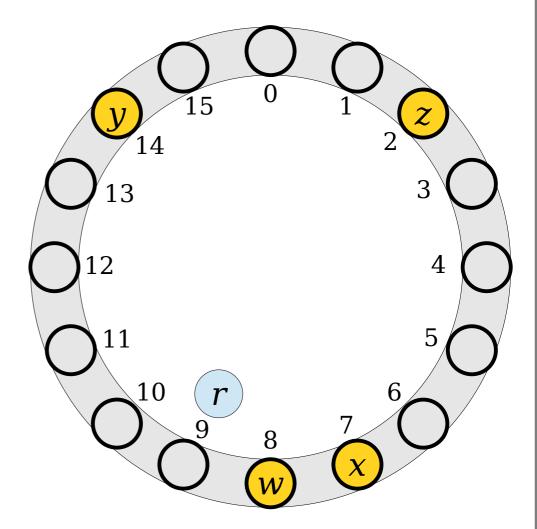
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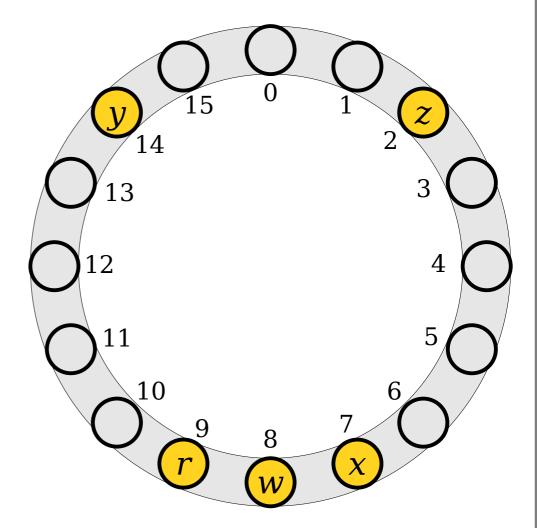
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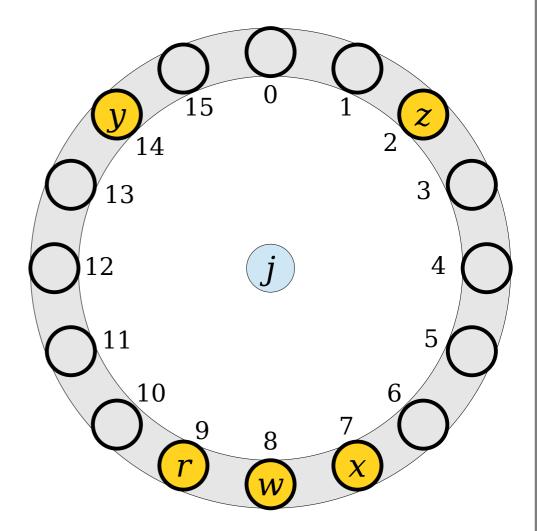
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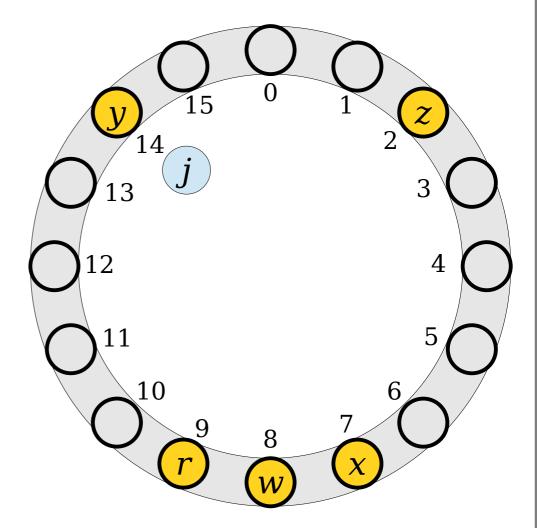
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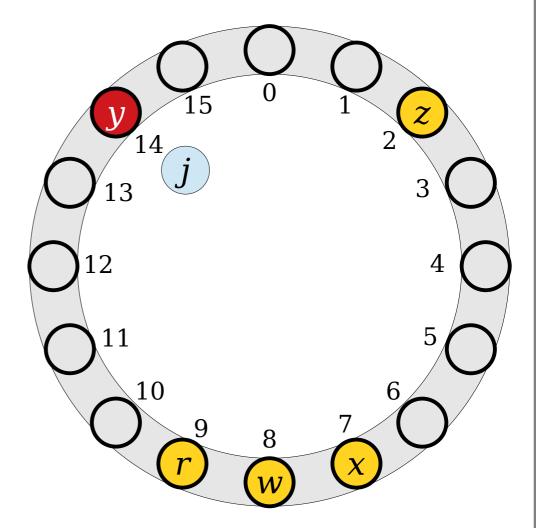
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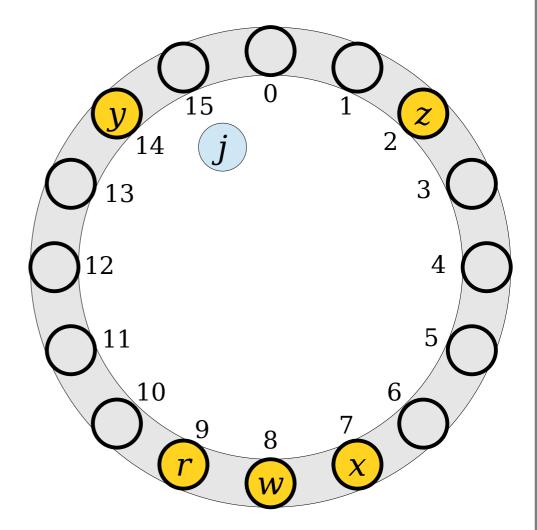
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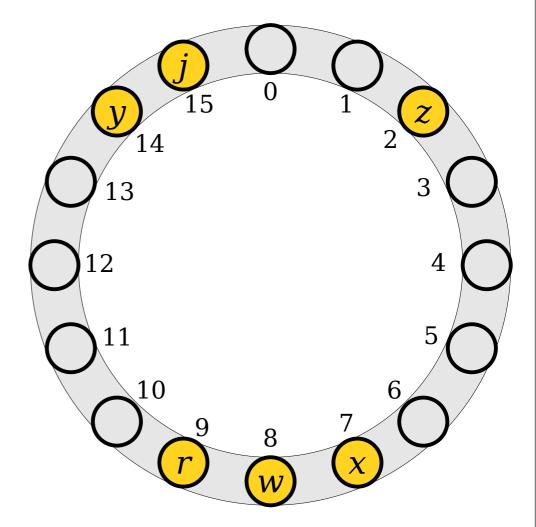
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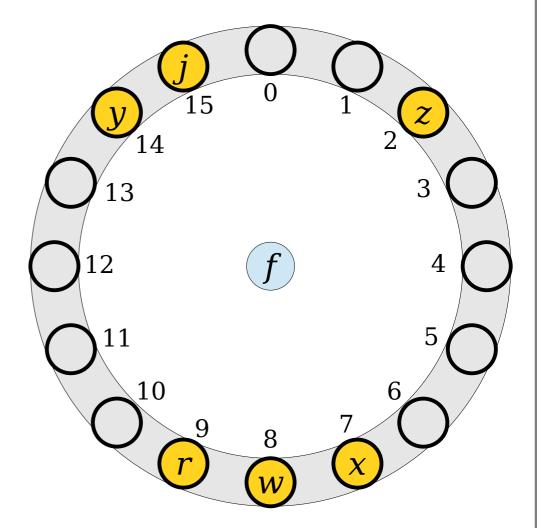
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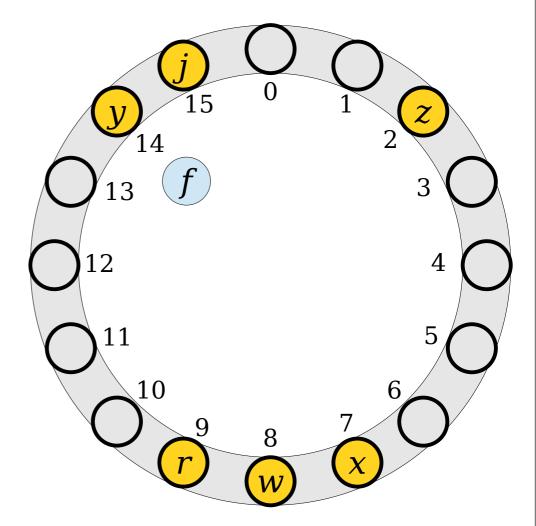
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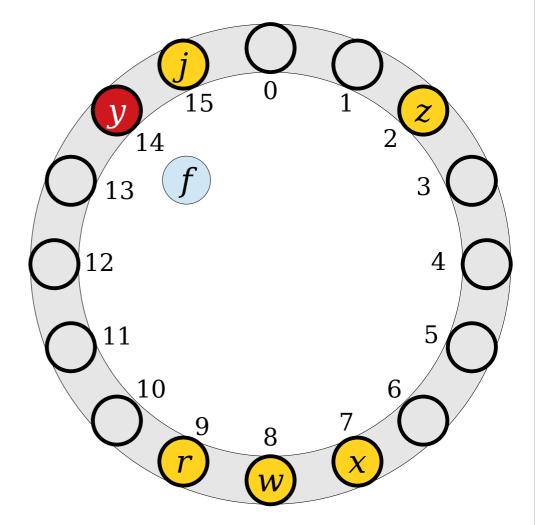
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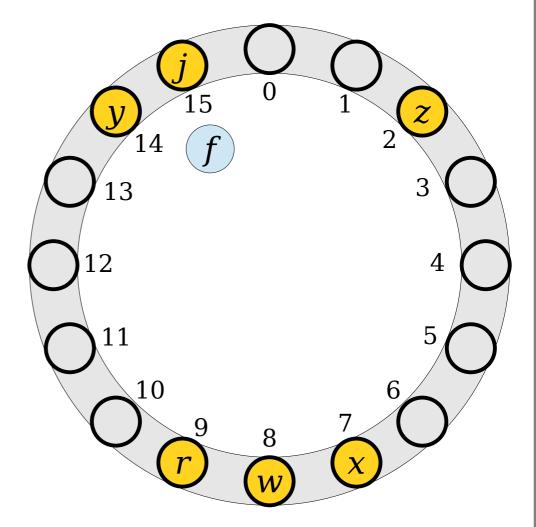
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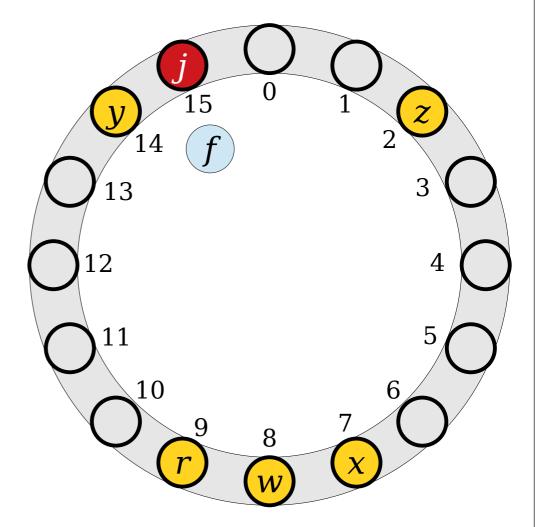
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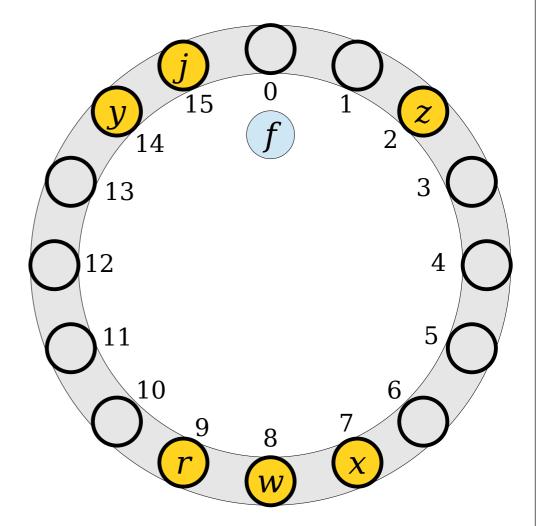
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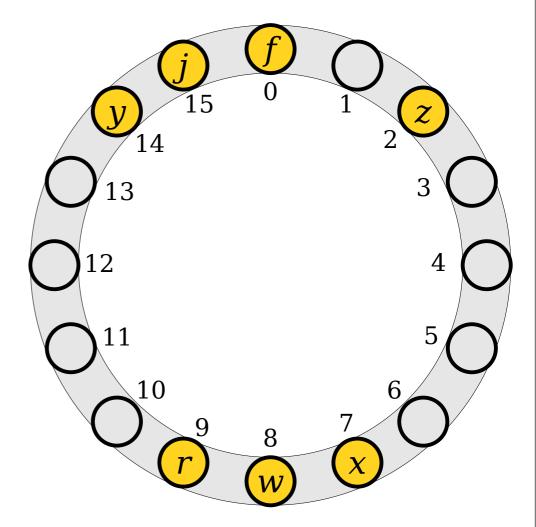
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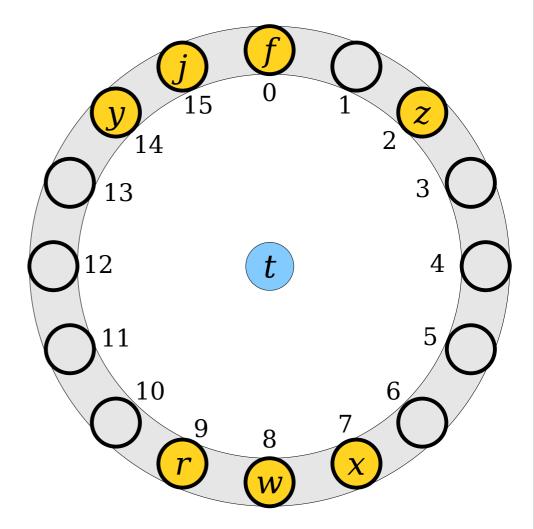
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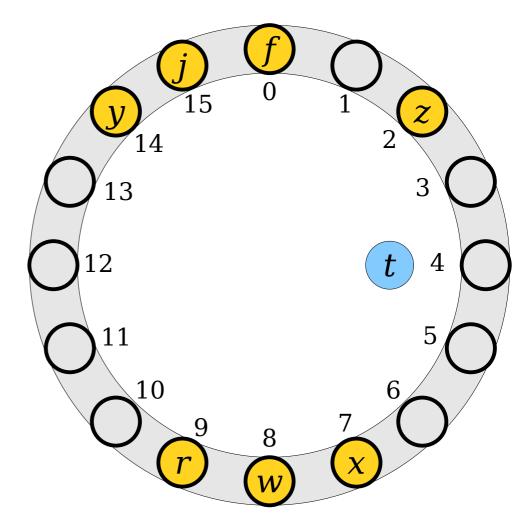
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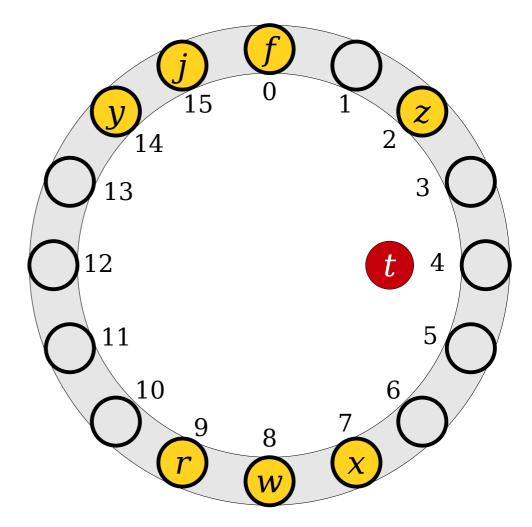
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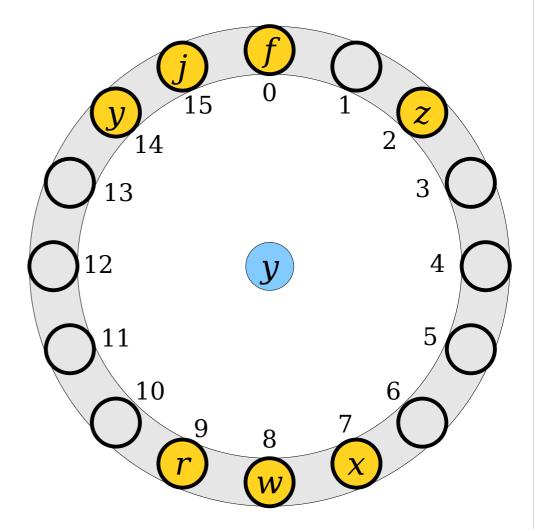
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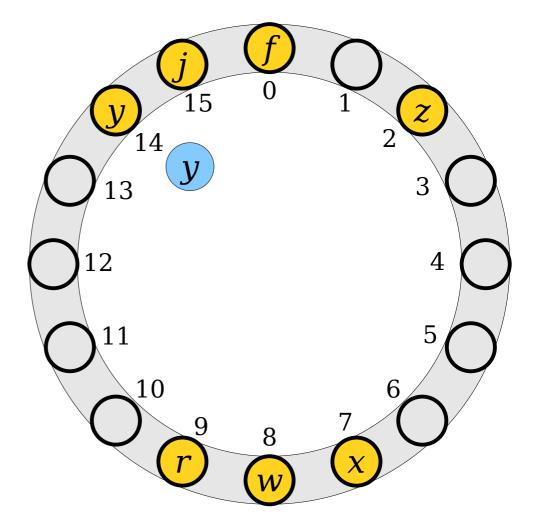
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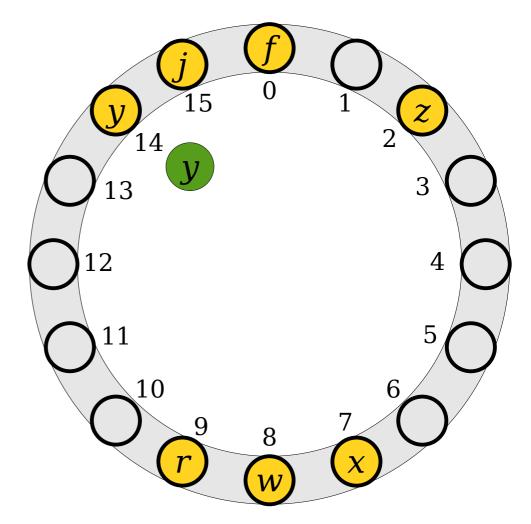
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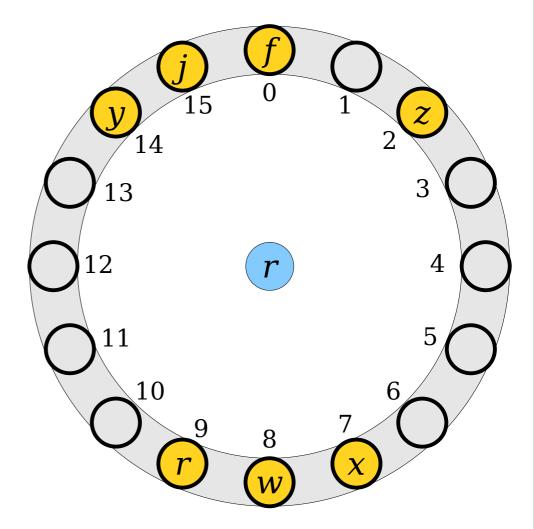
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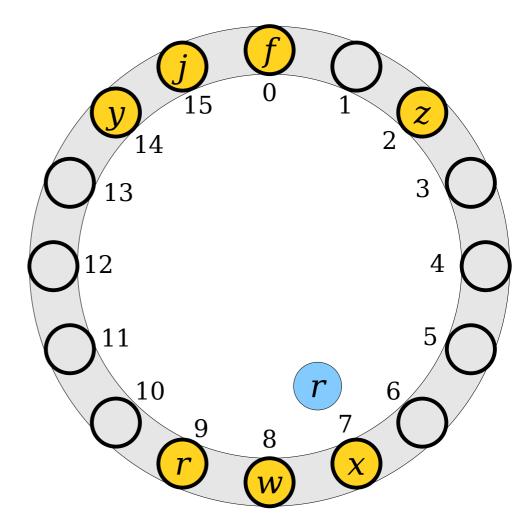
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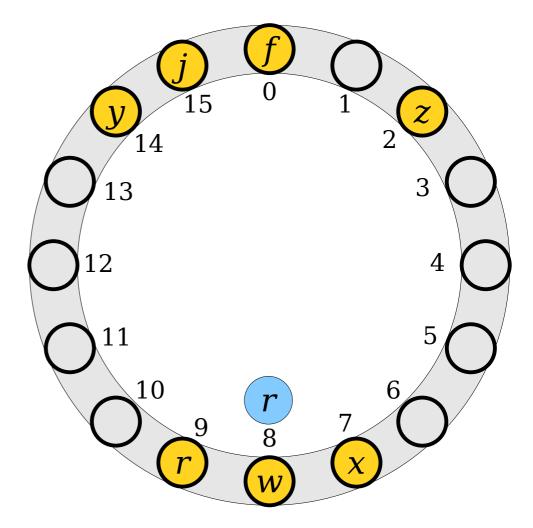
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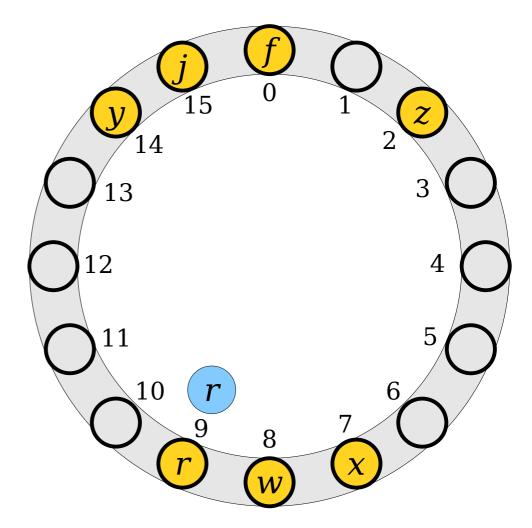
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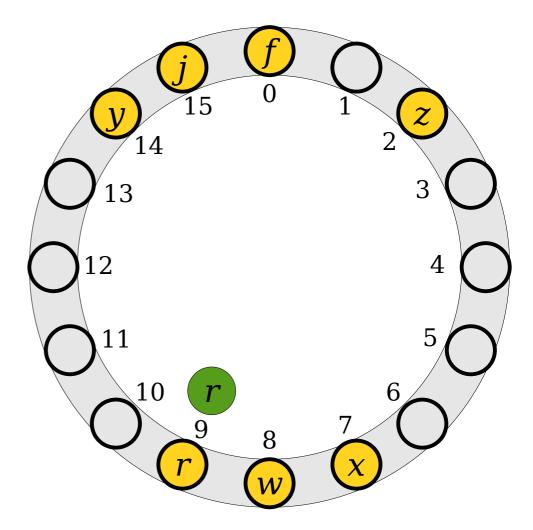
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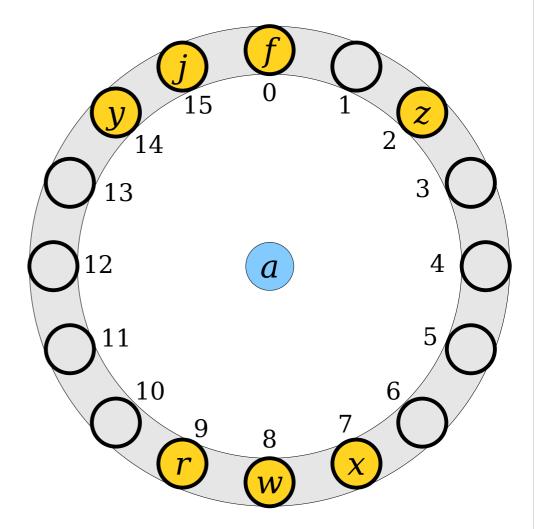
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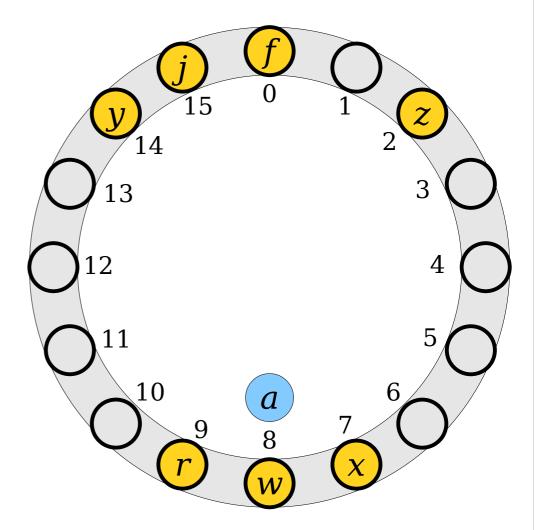
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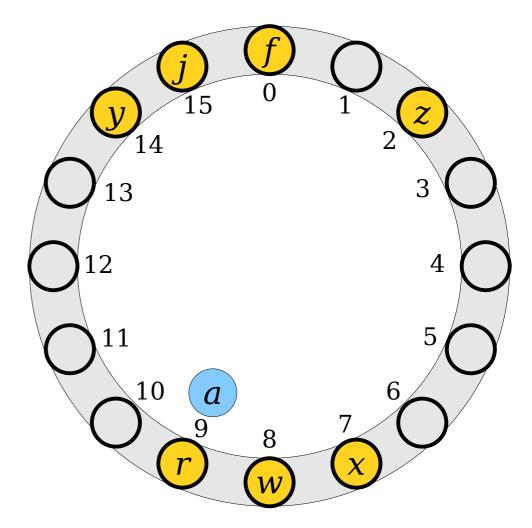
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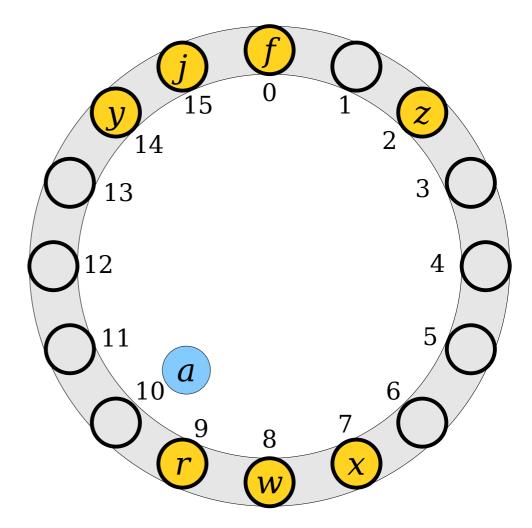
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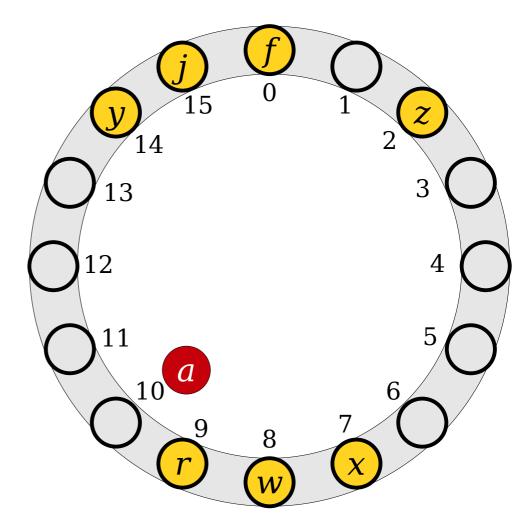
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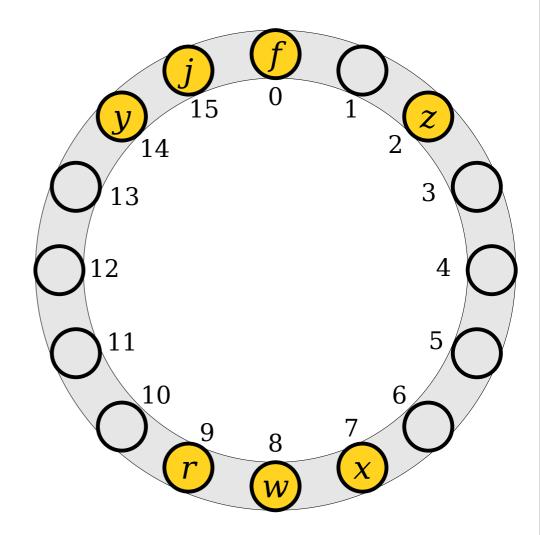


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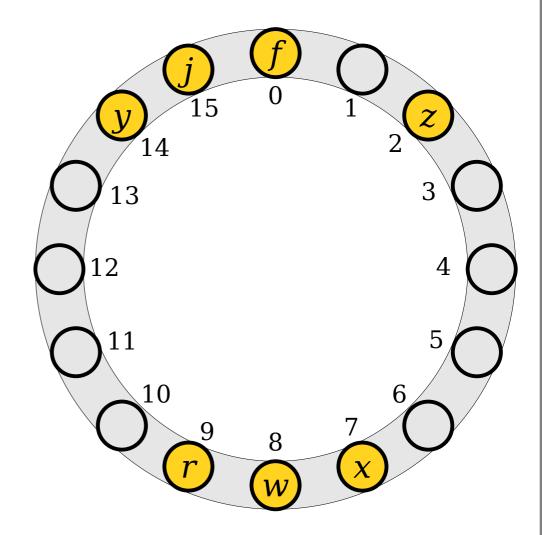
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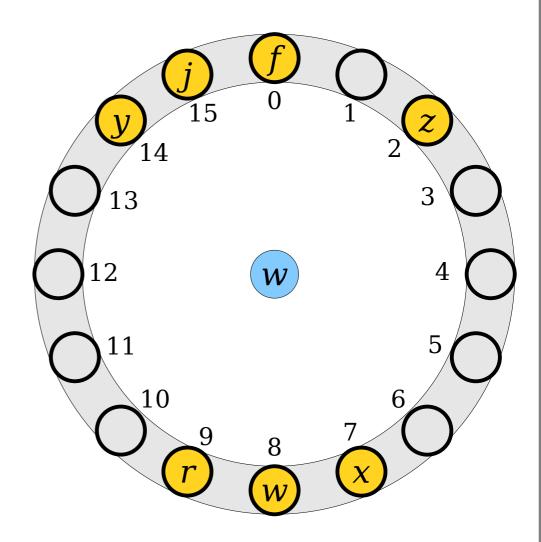


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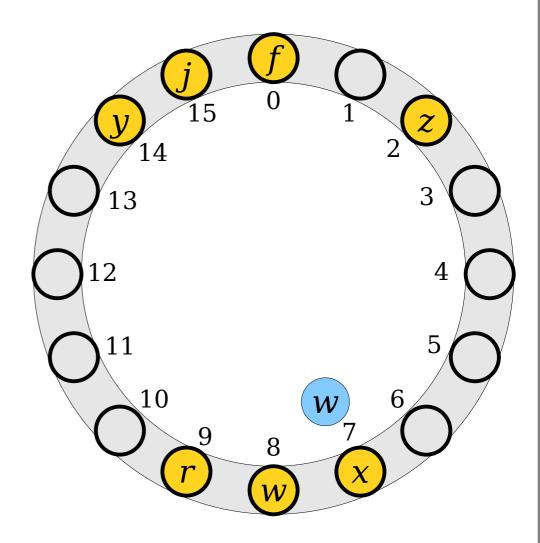
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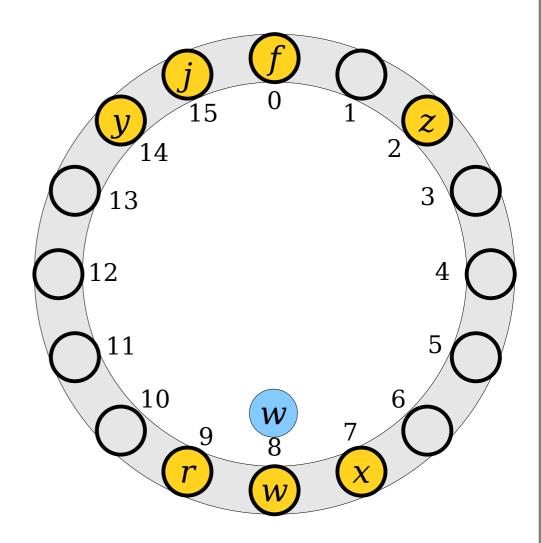
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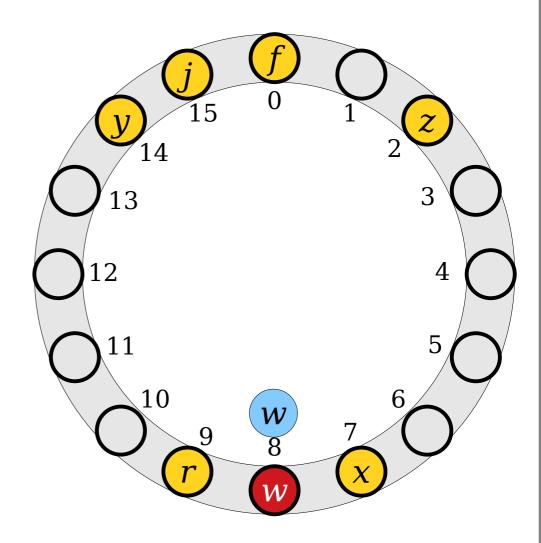
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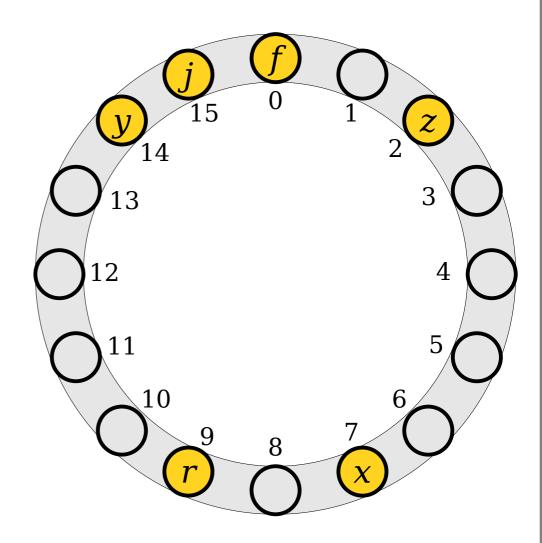
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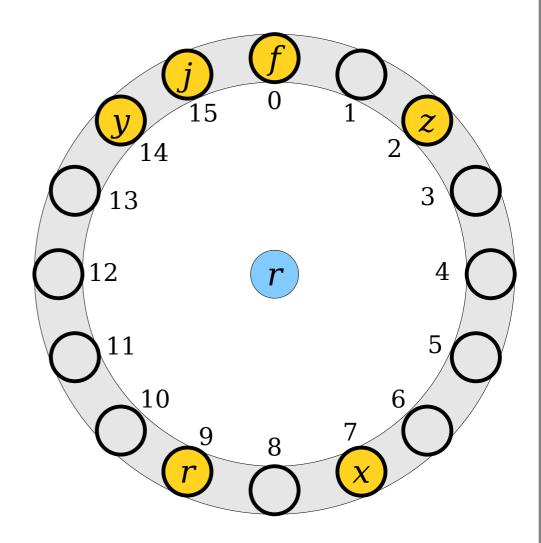
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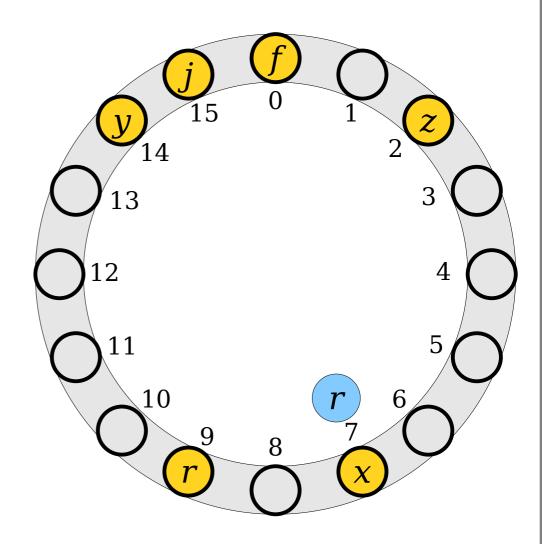
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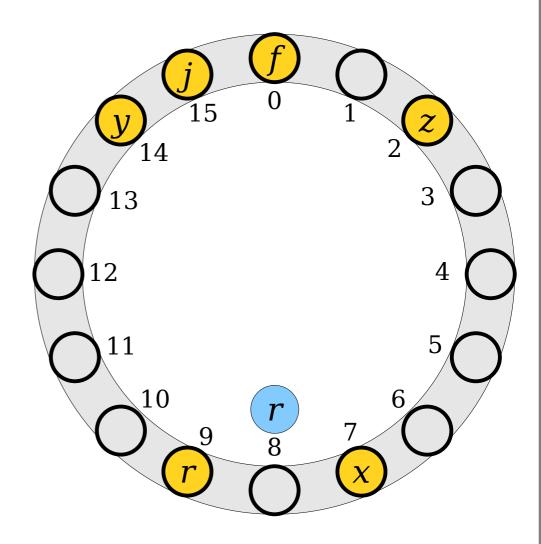
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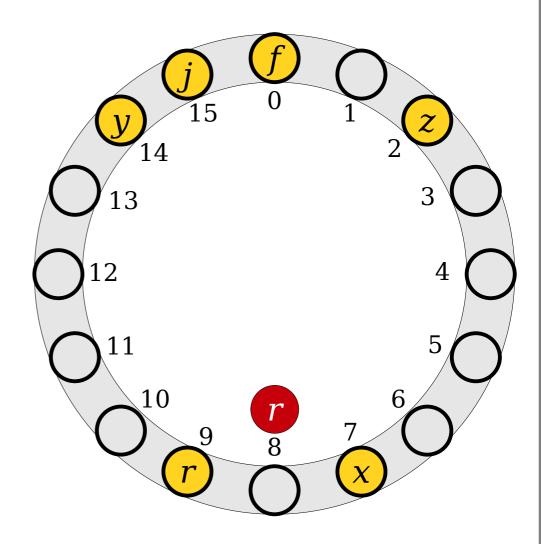
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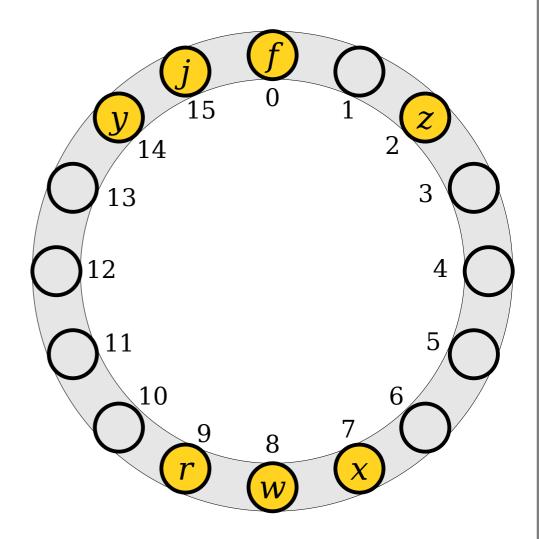
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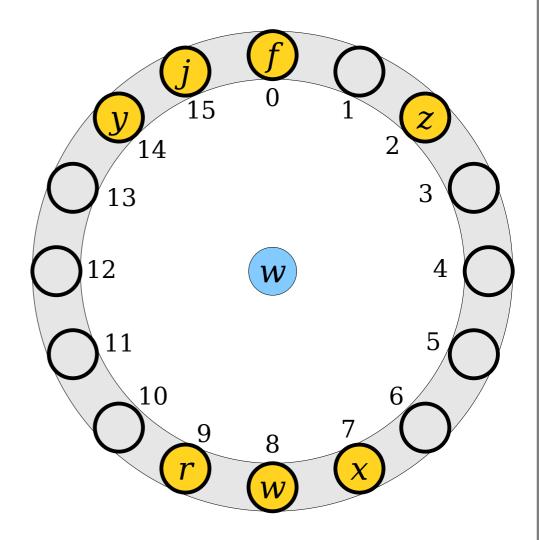
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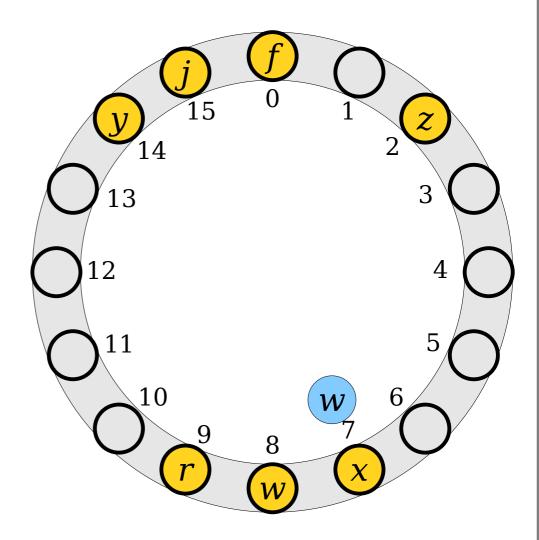
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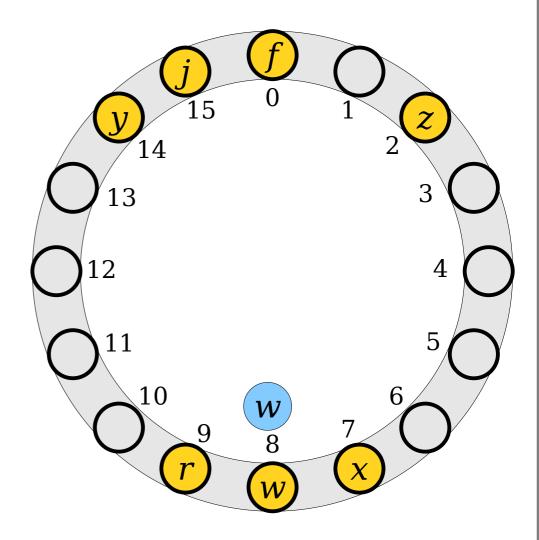
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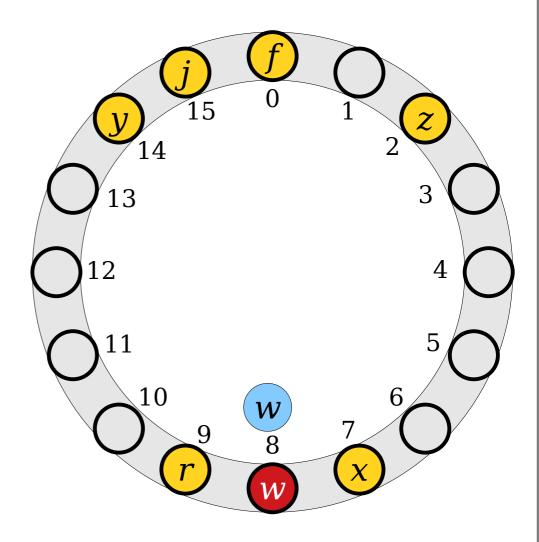
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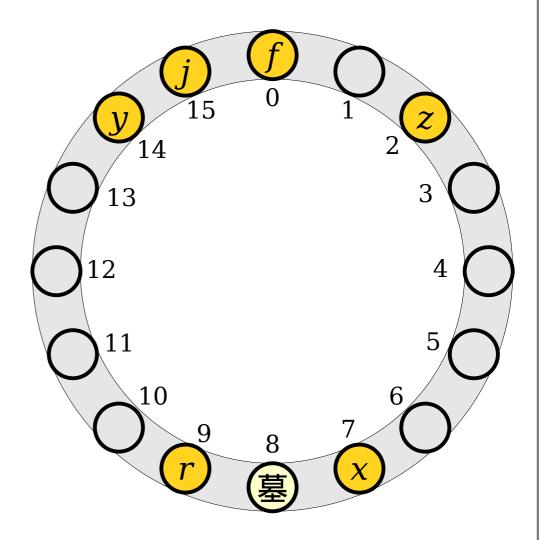
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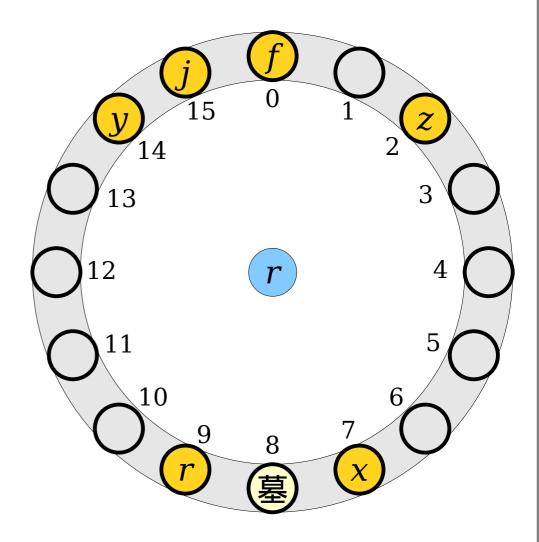
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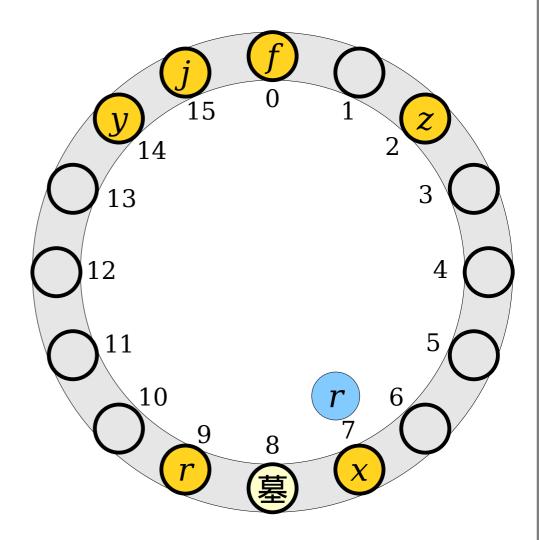
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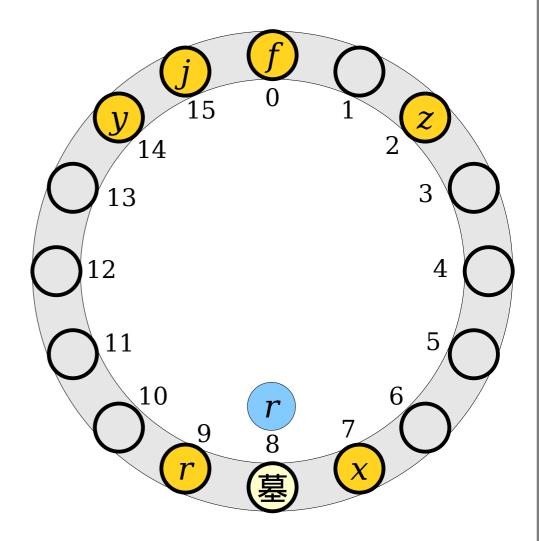
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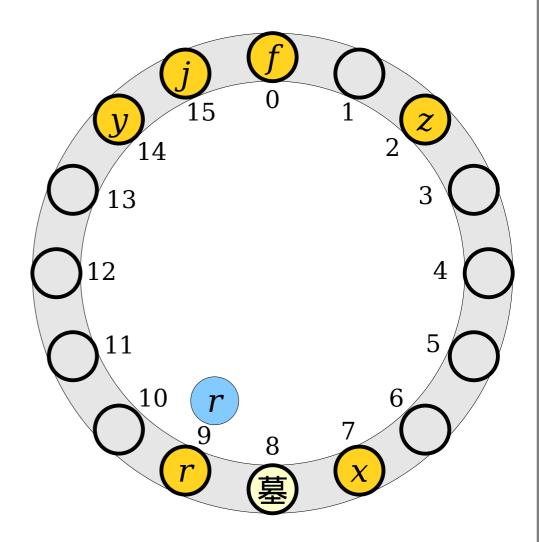
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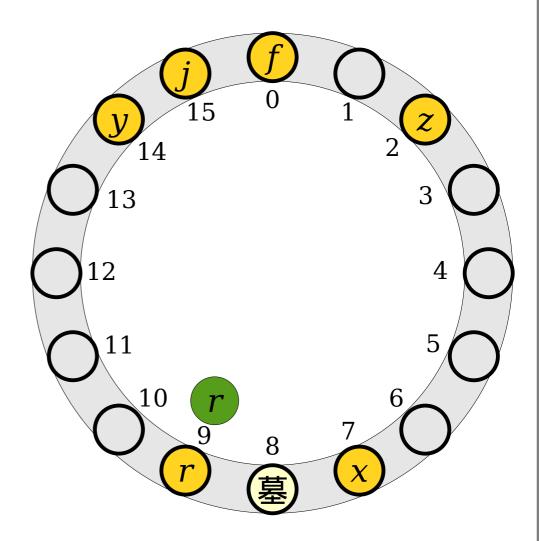
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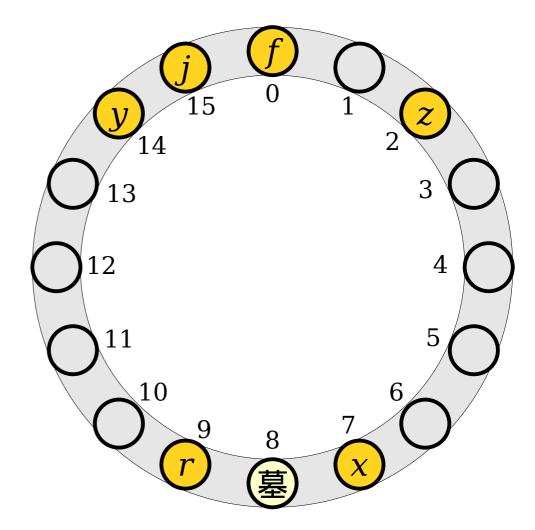
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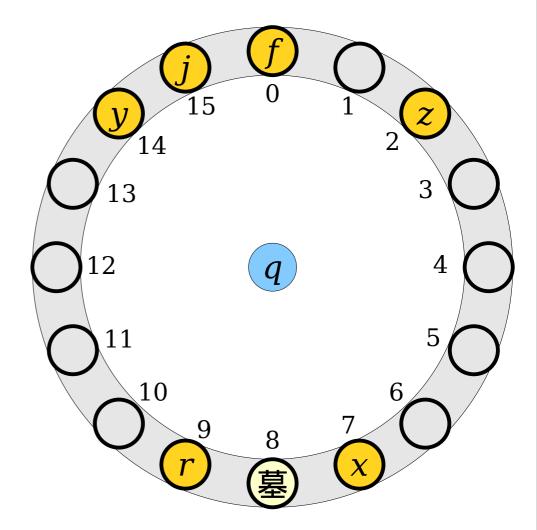
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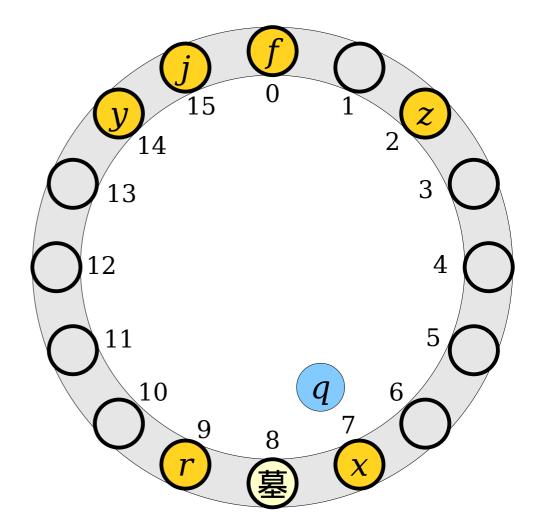
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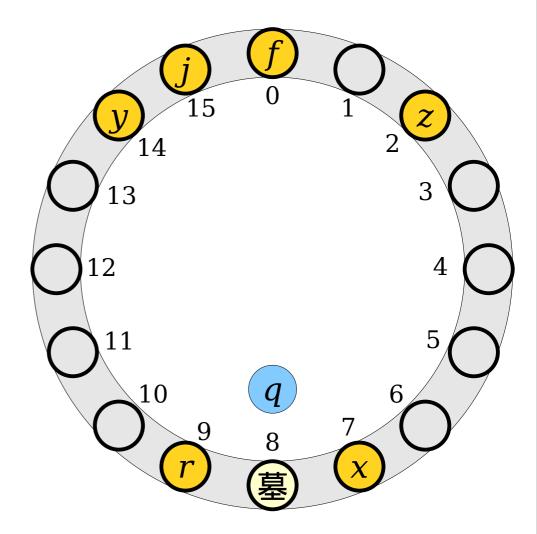
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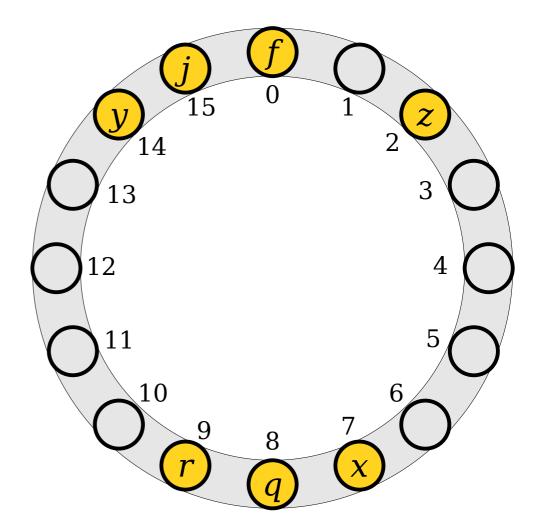
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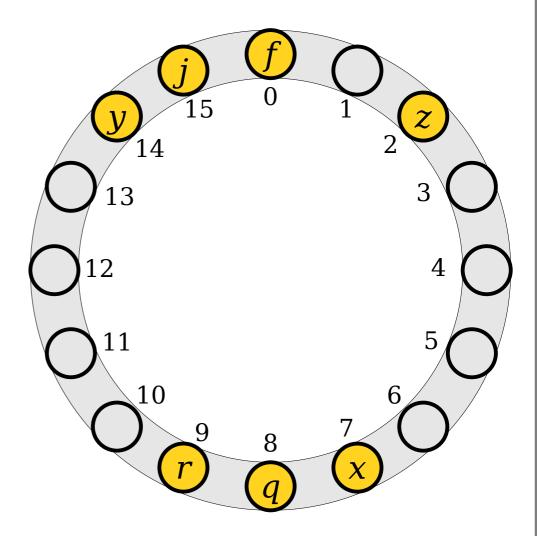


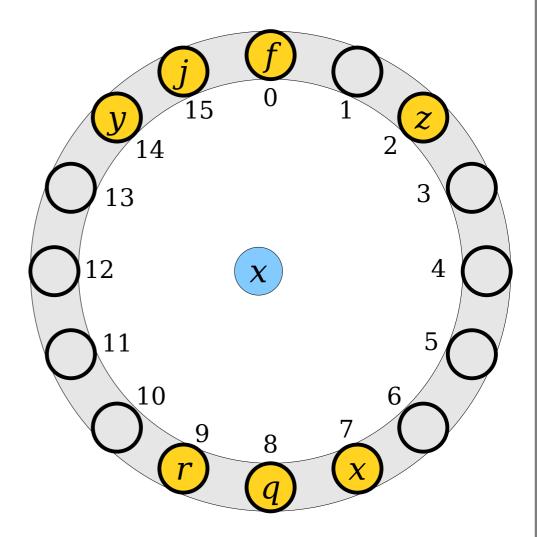
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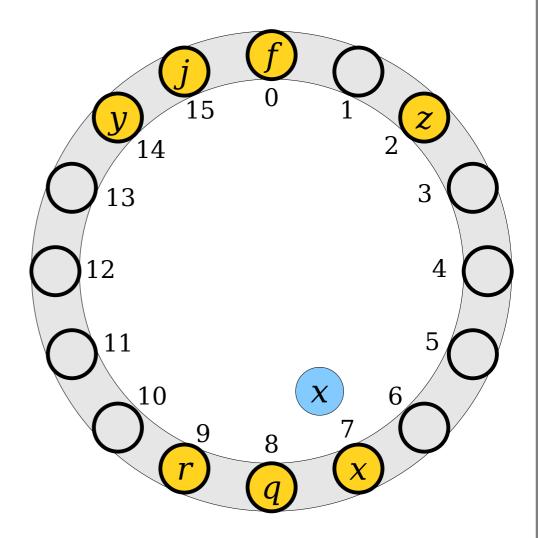


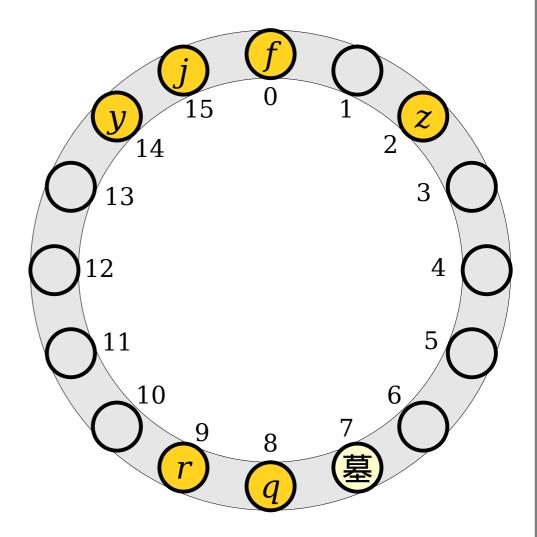
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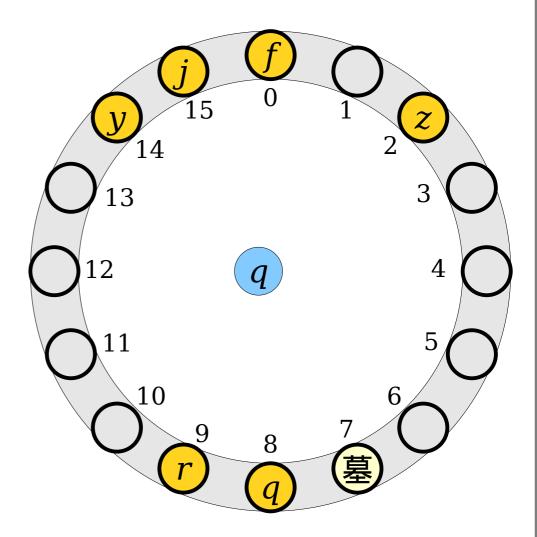


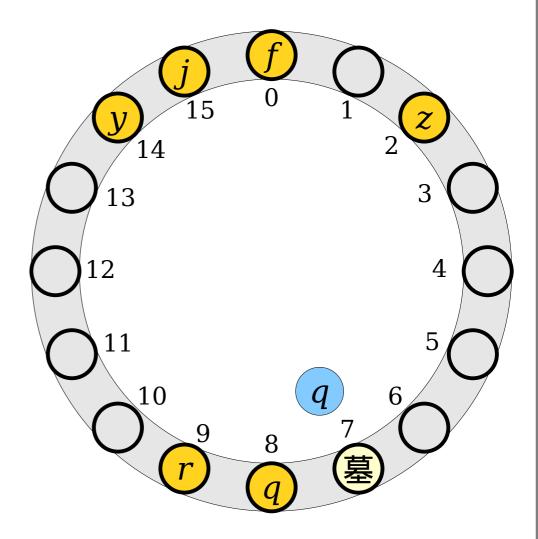


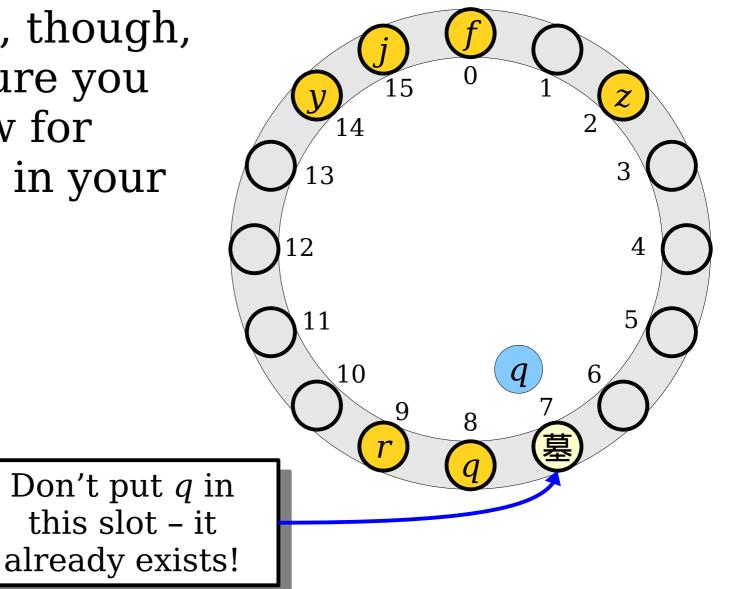


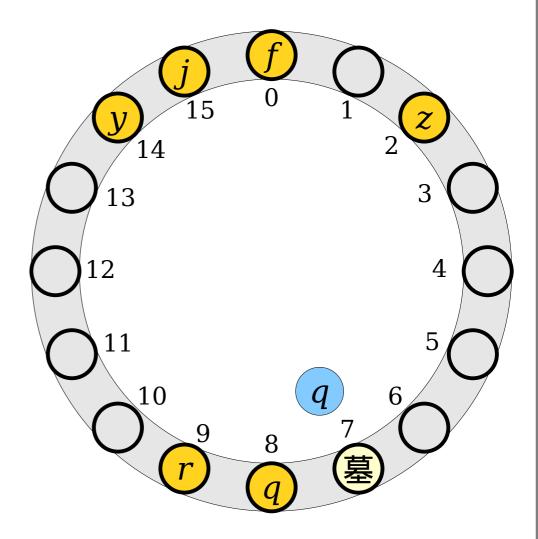


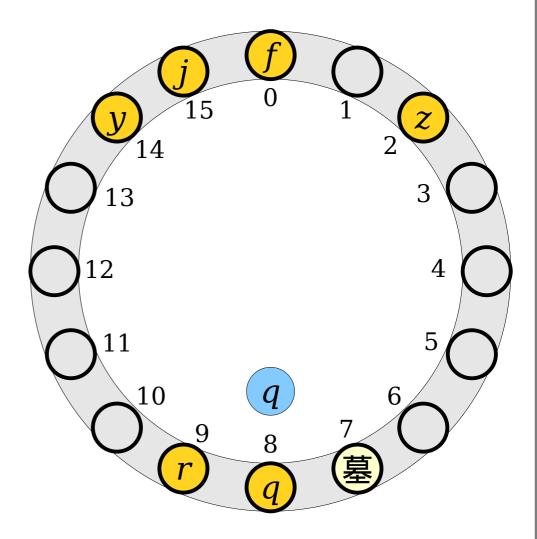


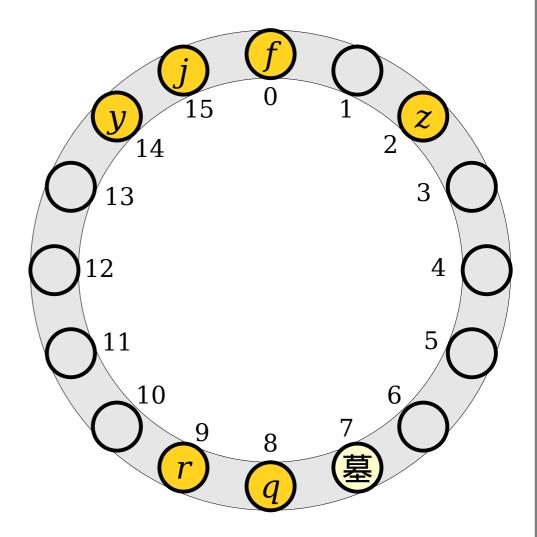












\bigstar Linear Probing at a Glance \bigstar

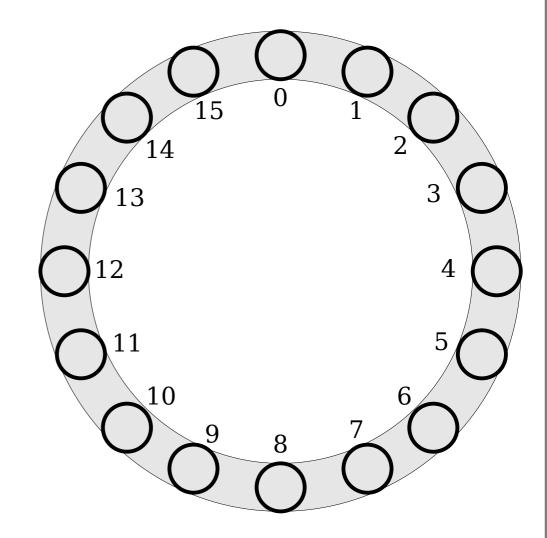
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 - Otherwise, jump to the slot given by the hash code of the element. Walk forward – wrapping around if necessary – until a blank spot or tombstone slot is found. Then, put the item there.
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How Fast is Linear Probing?

- Recall: The load factor of a hash table, denoted α, is the ratio of the number of items in the table to the number of slots.
- **Fact:** For any fixed value $\alpha < 1$, the expected cost of a lookup in a linear probing table is O(1), assuming you have a good hash function (and you rehash when the table gets too full).
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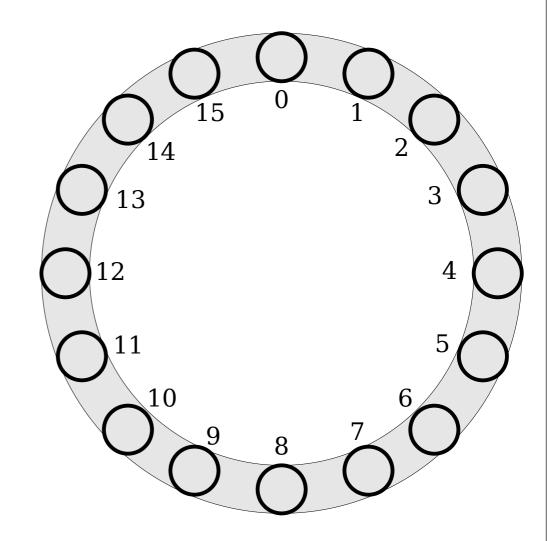
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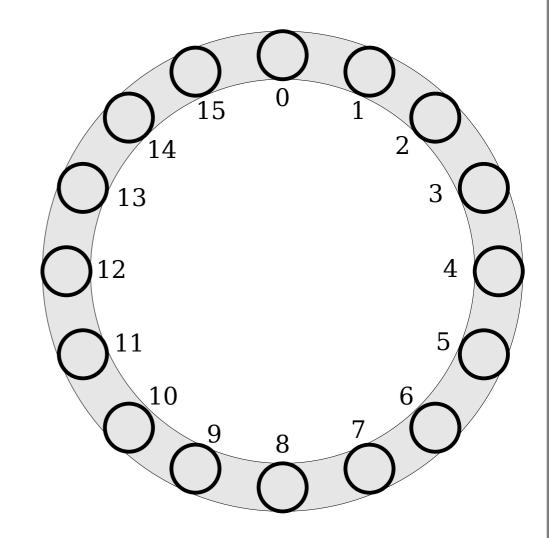


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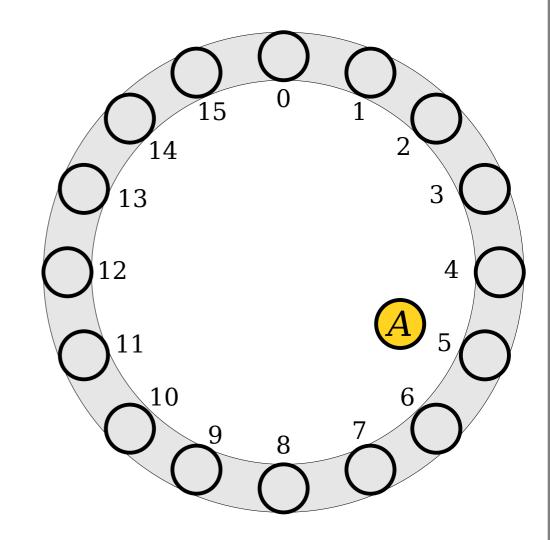
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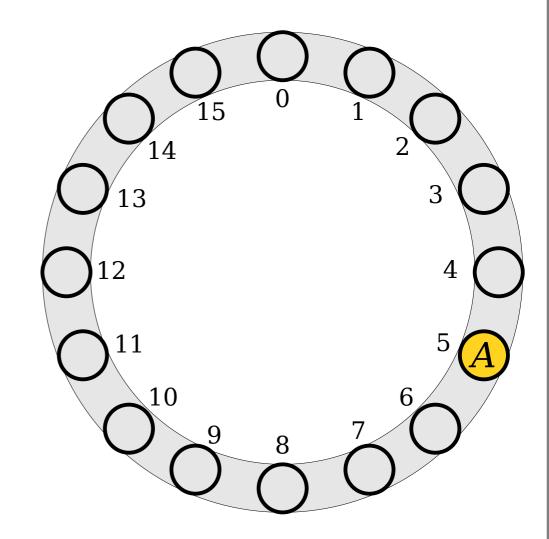
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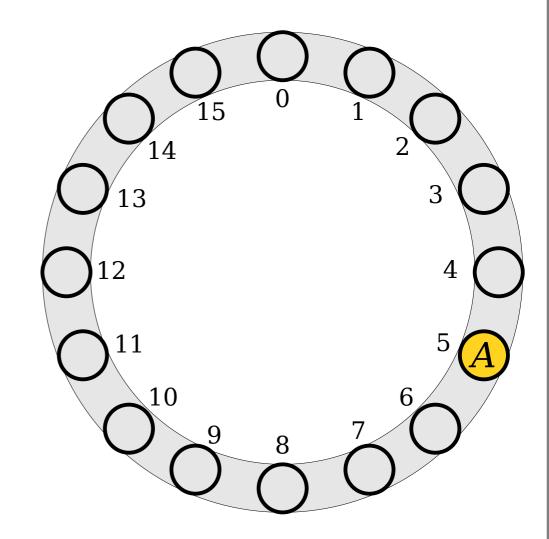
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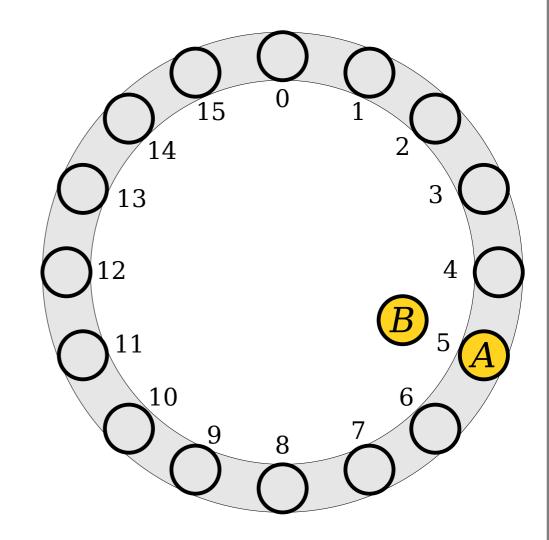
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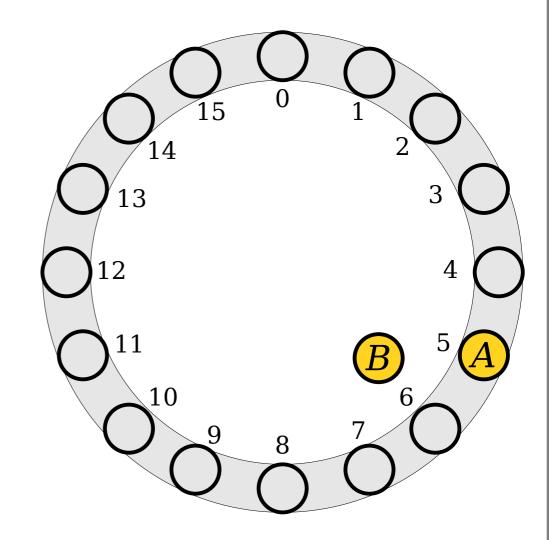
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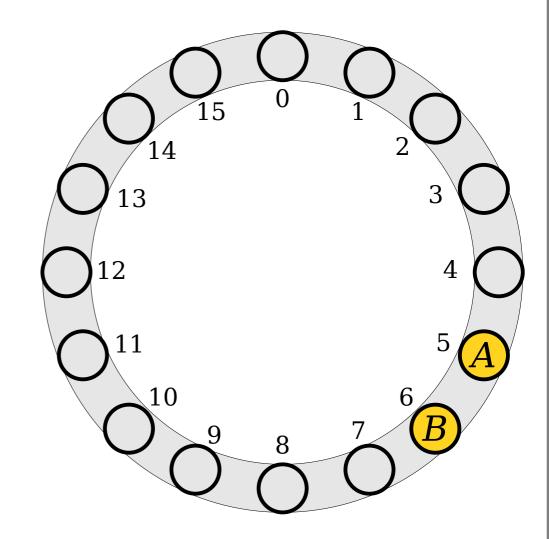
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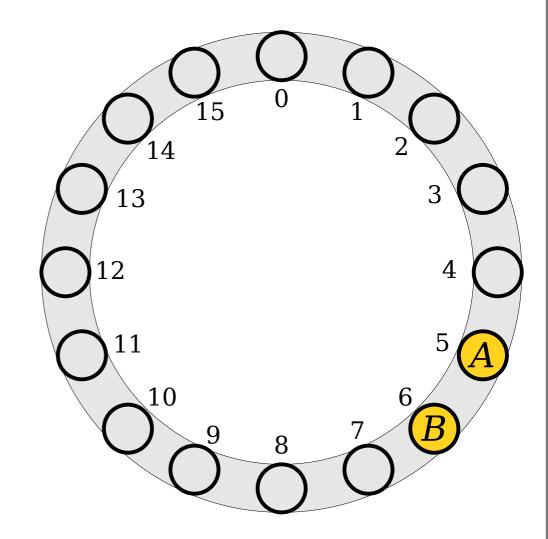
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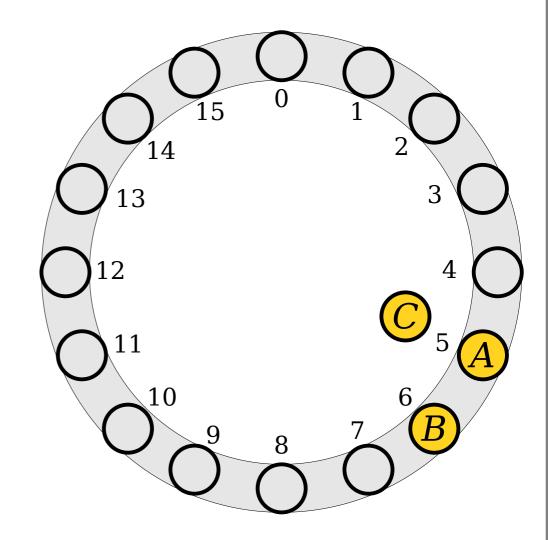
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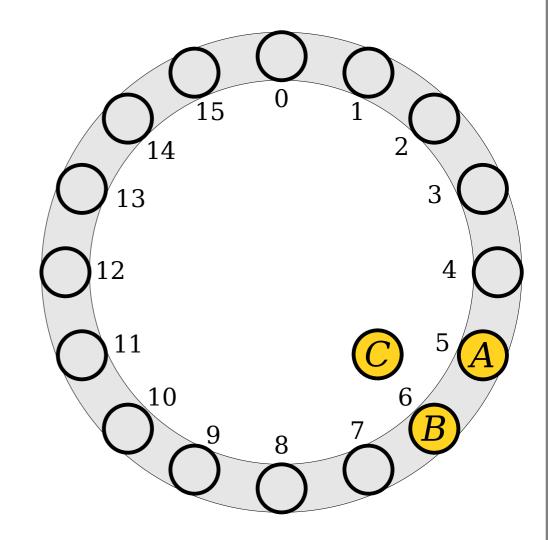
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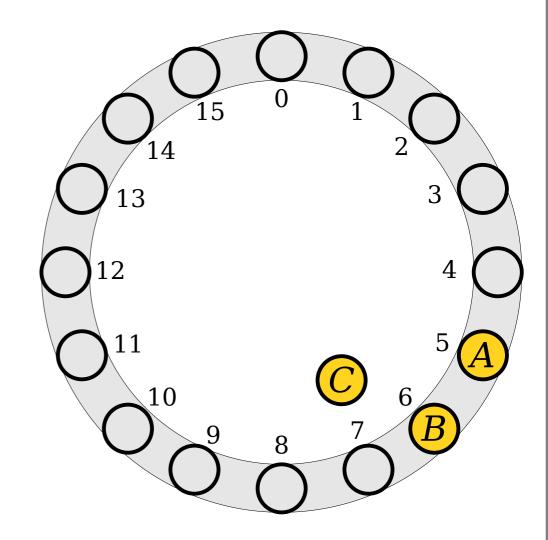
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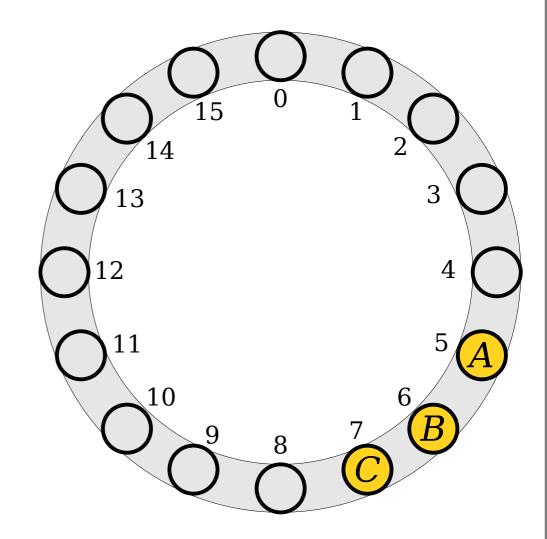
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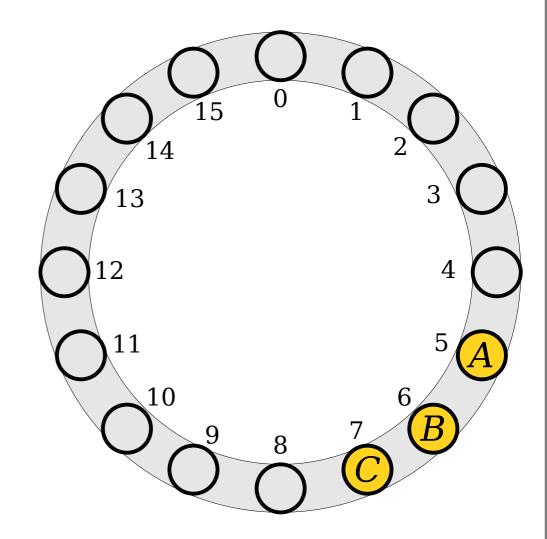
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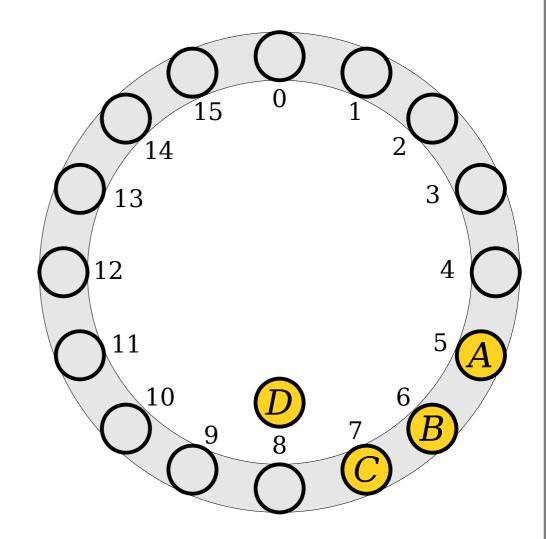
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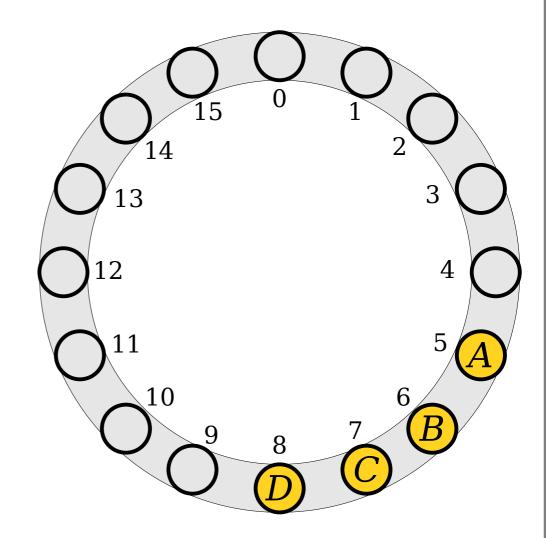
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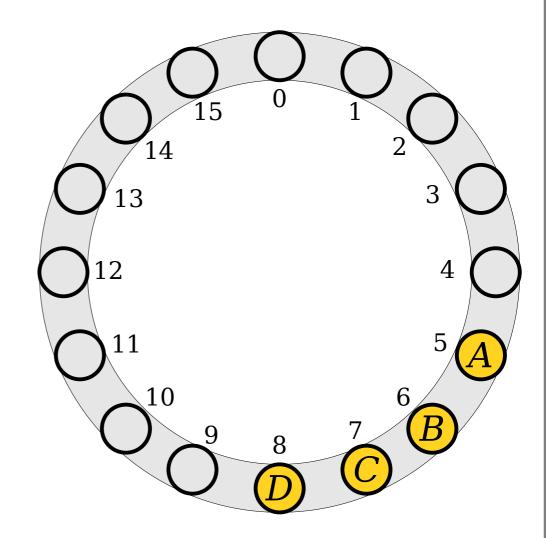
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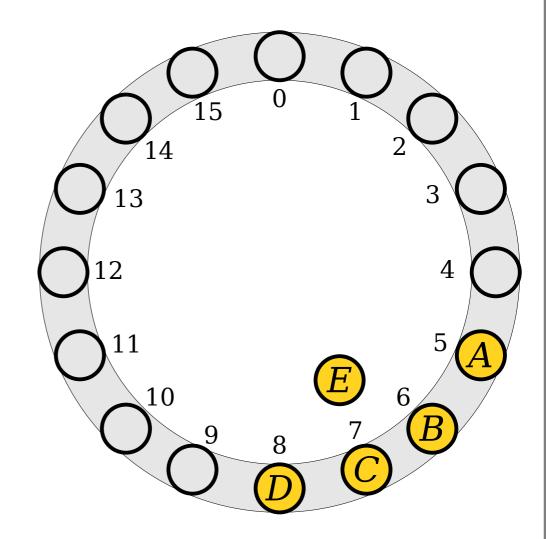
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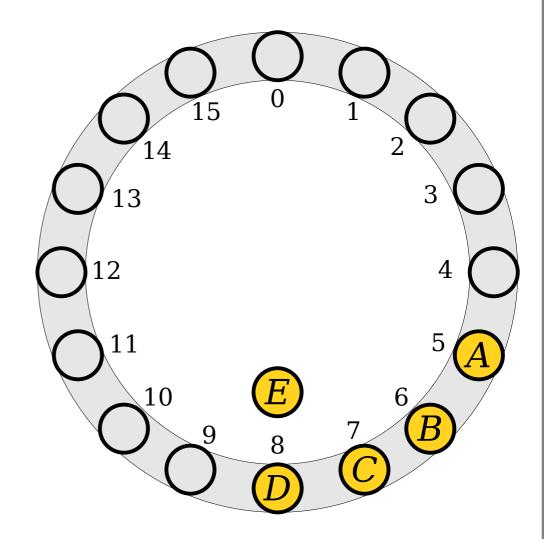
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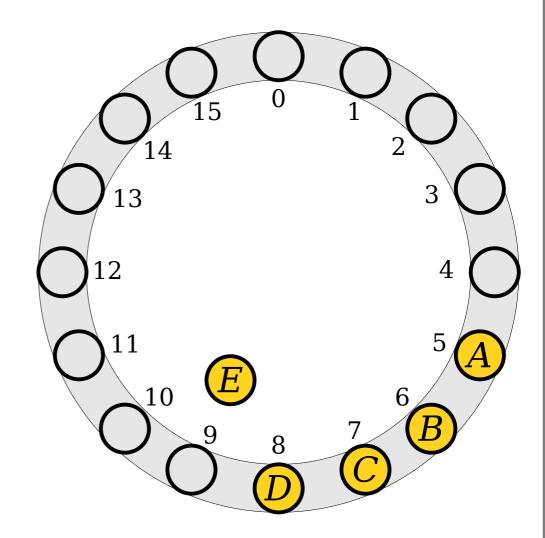
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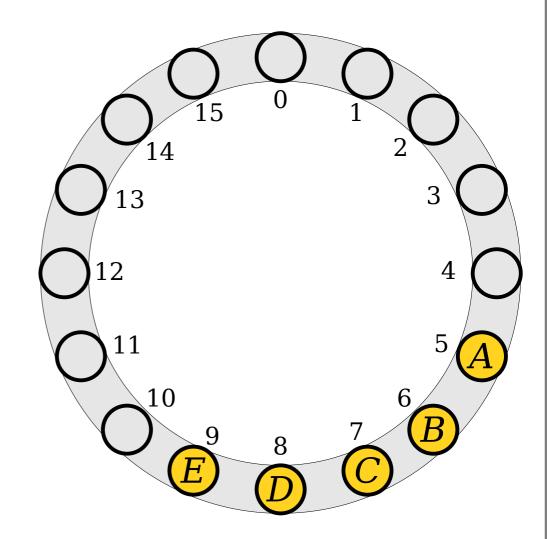
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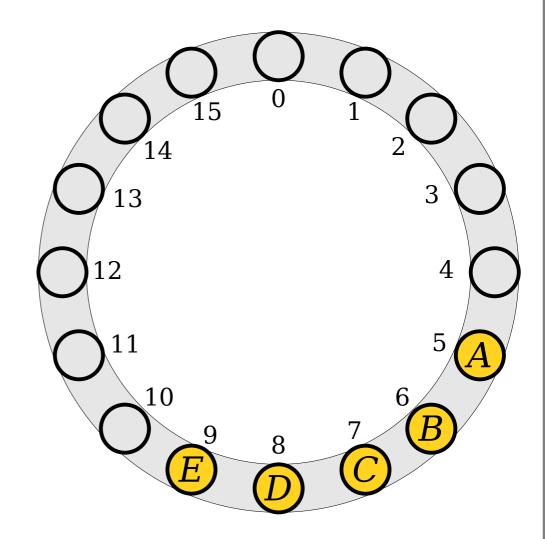
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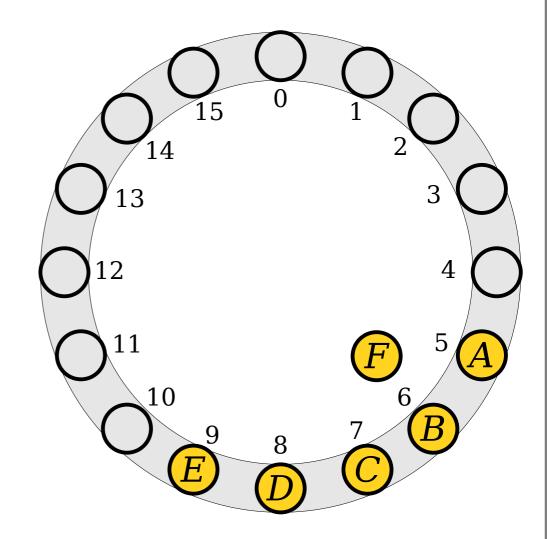
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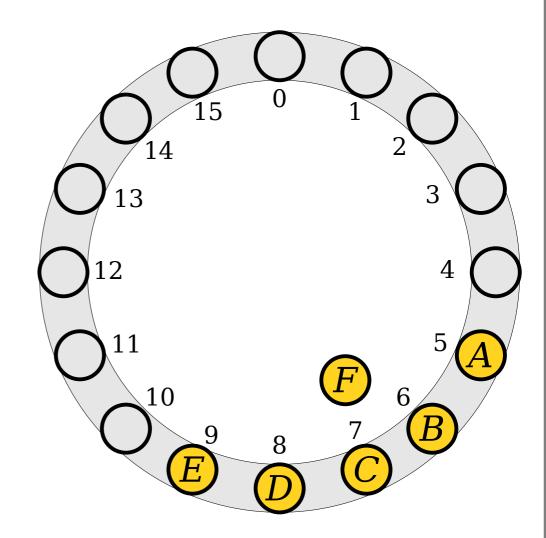
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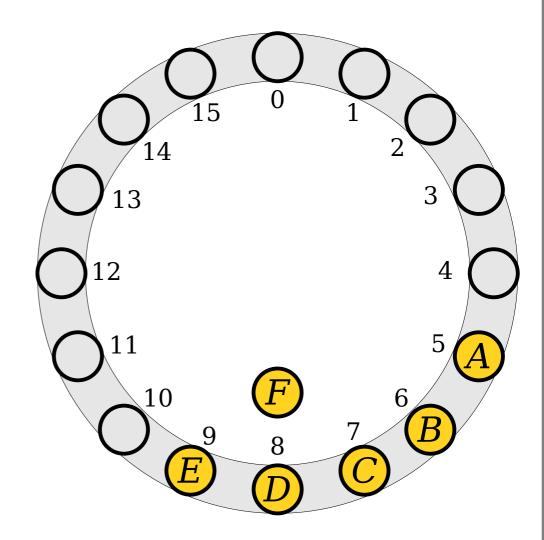
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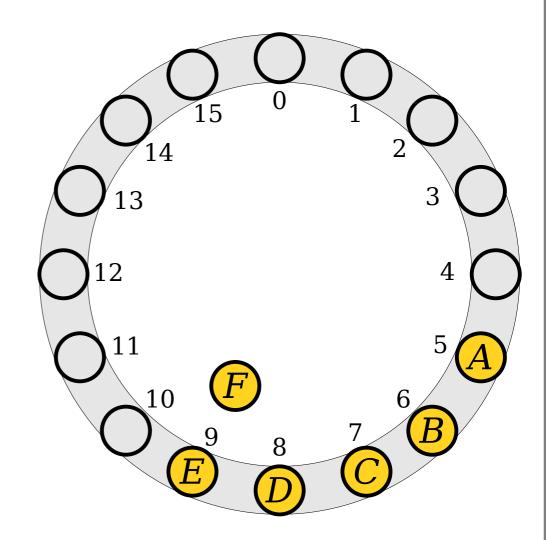
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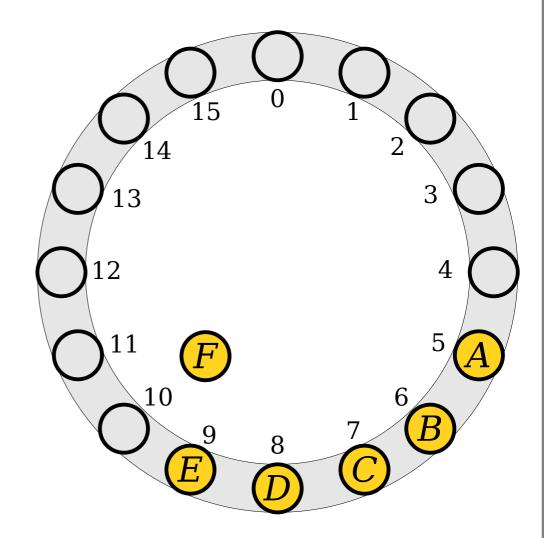
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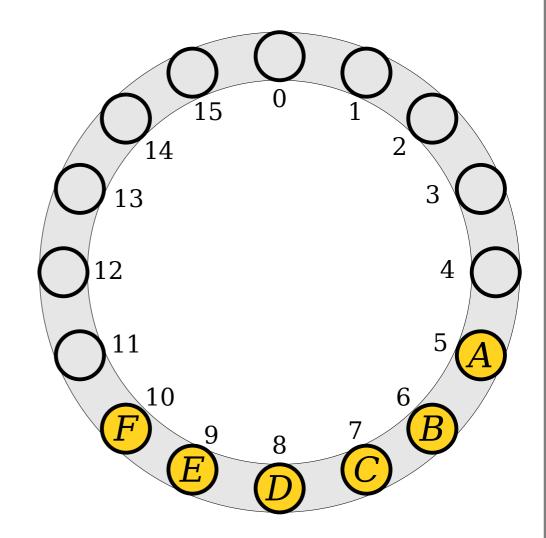
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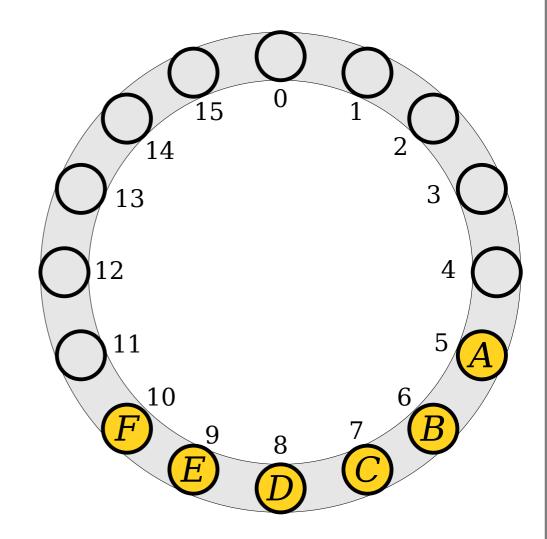
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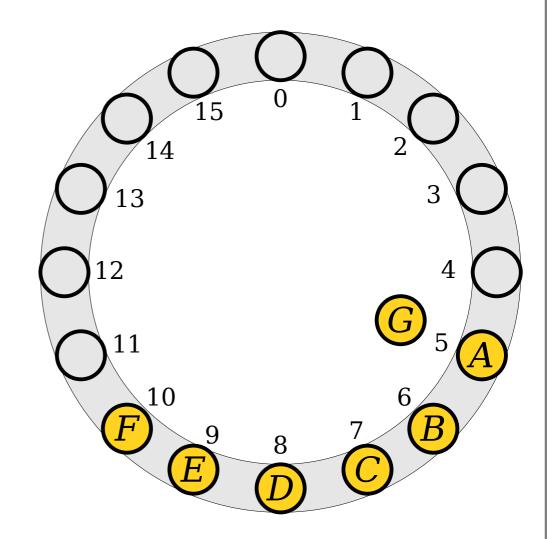
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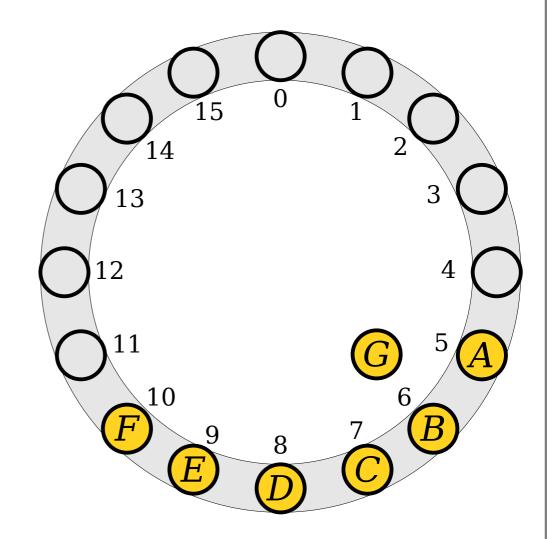
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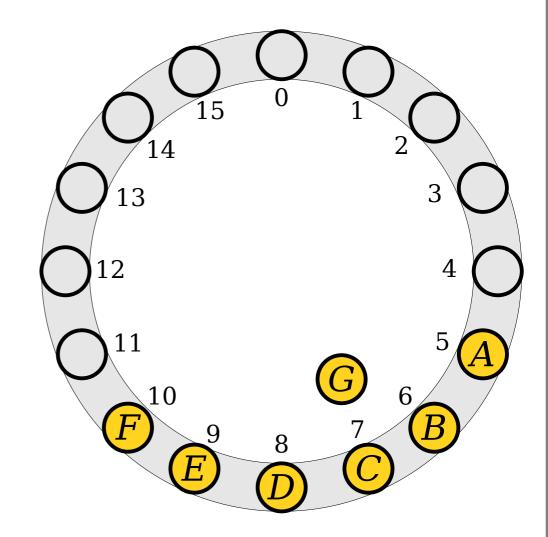
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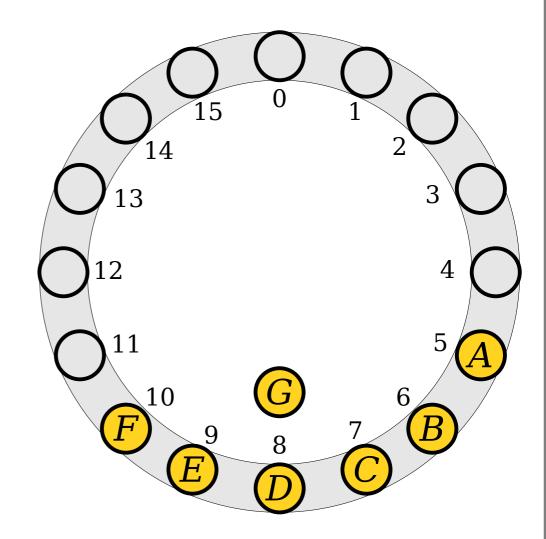
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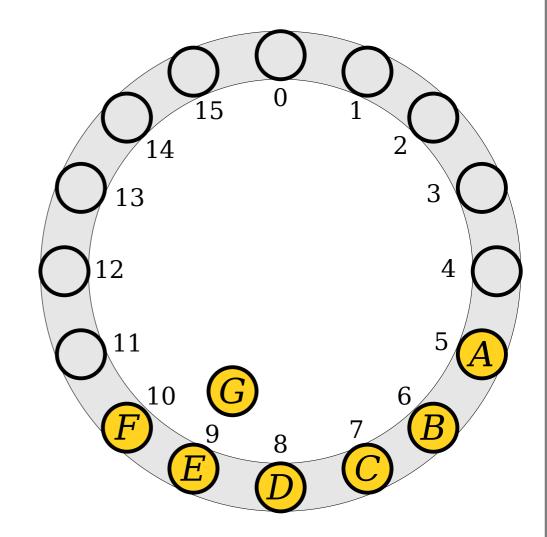
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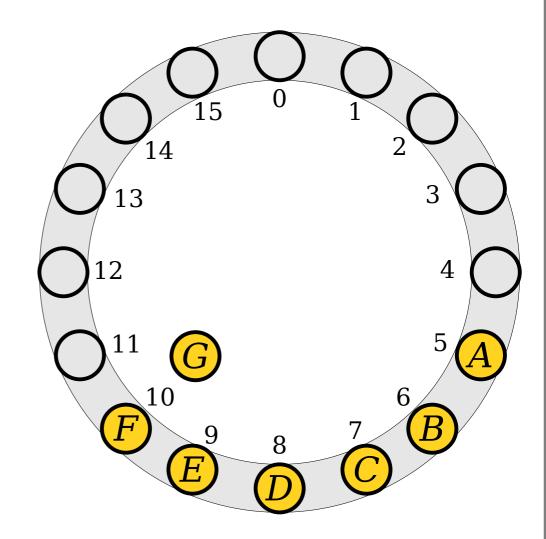
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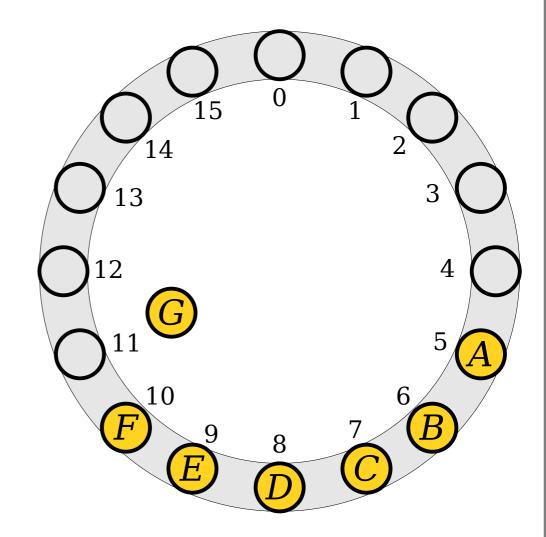
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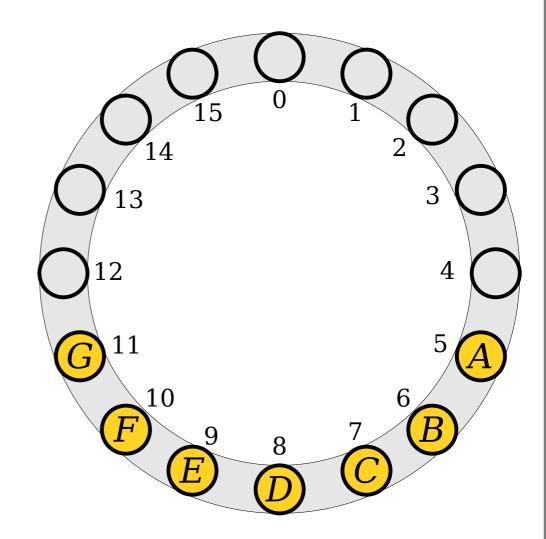
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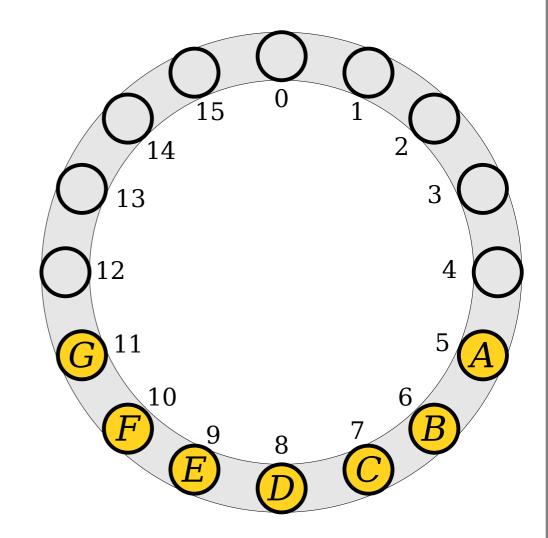
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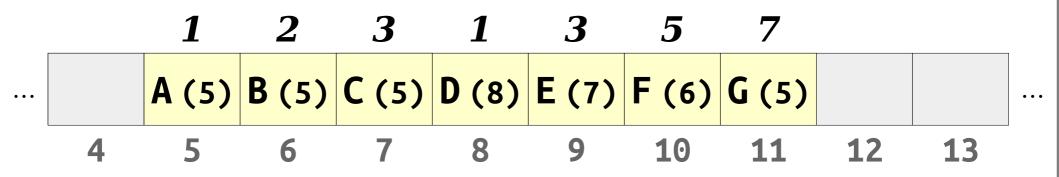


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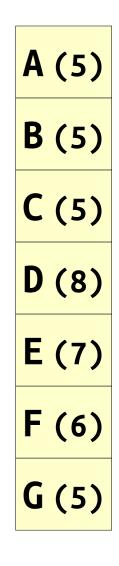


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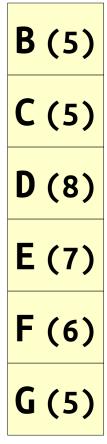
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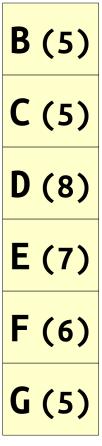


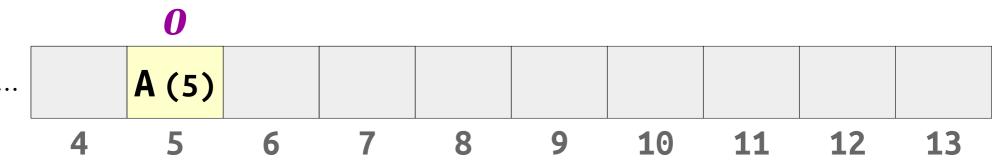
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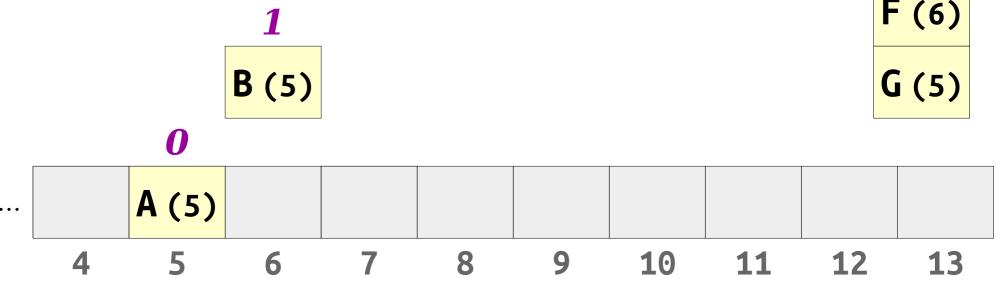
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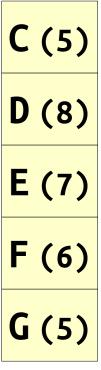
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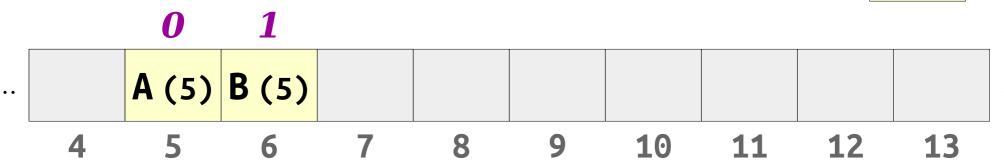
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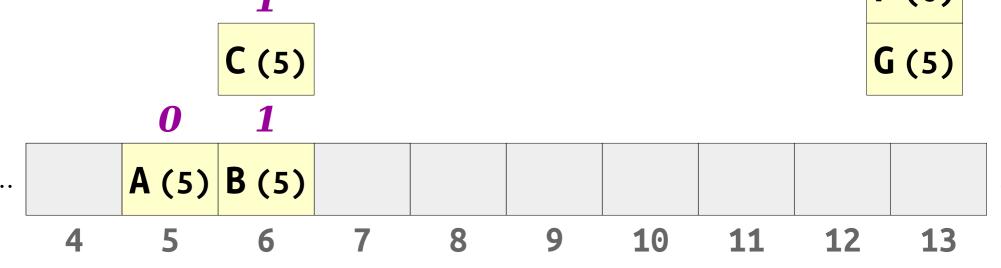




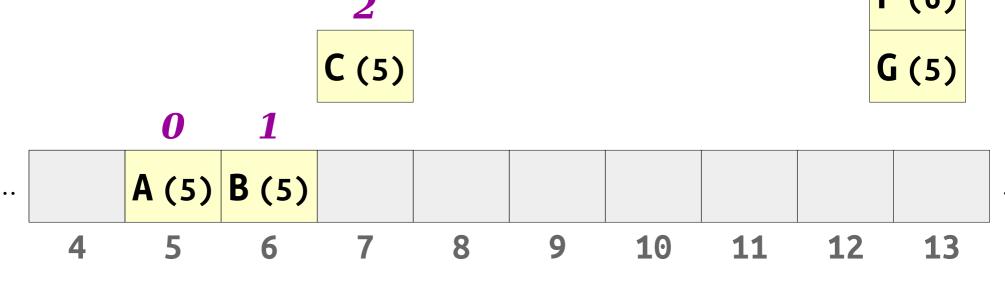
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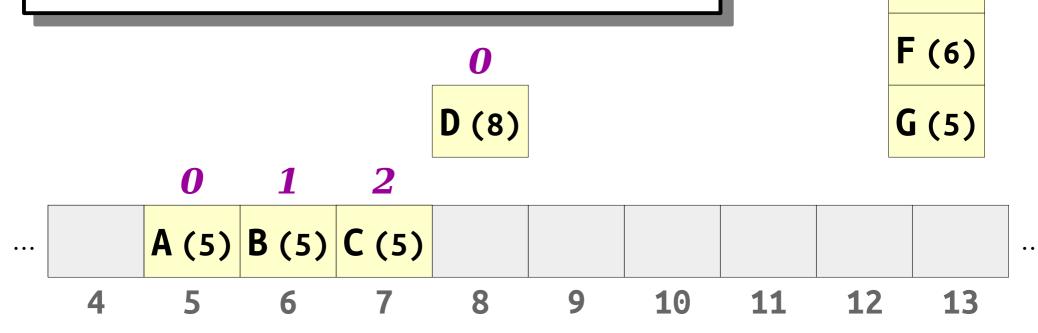
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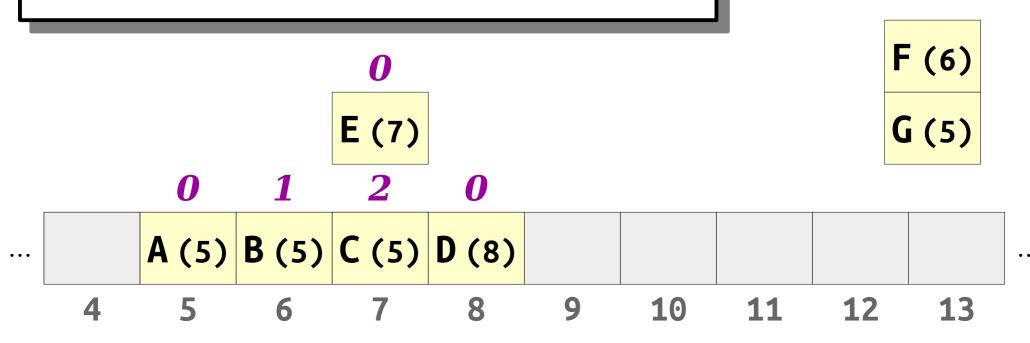
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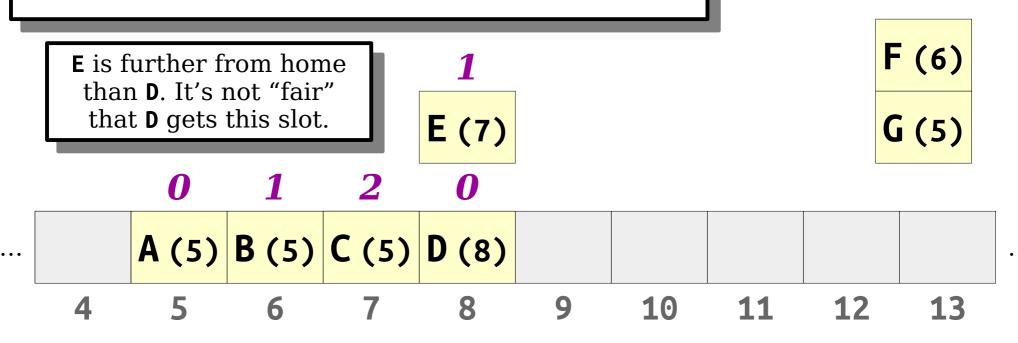
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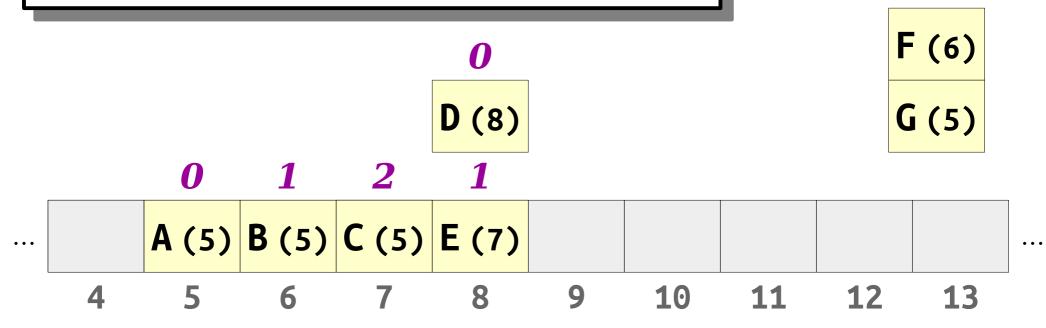
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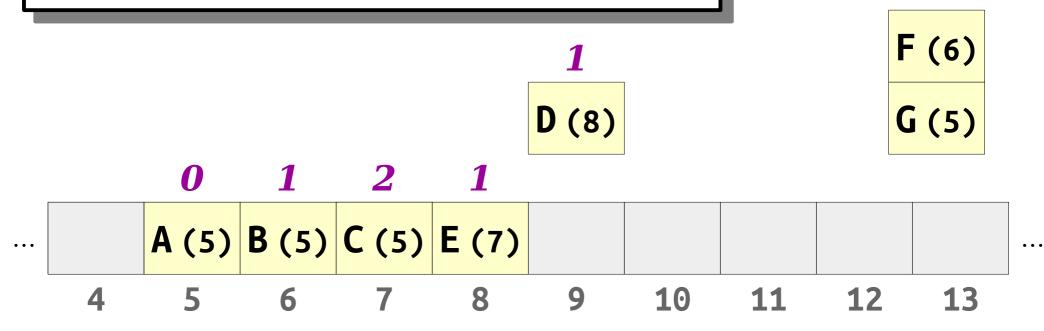
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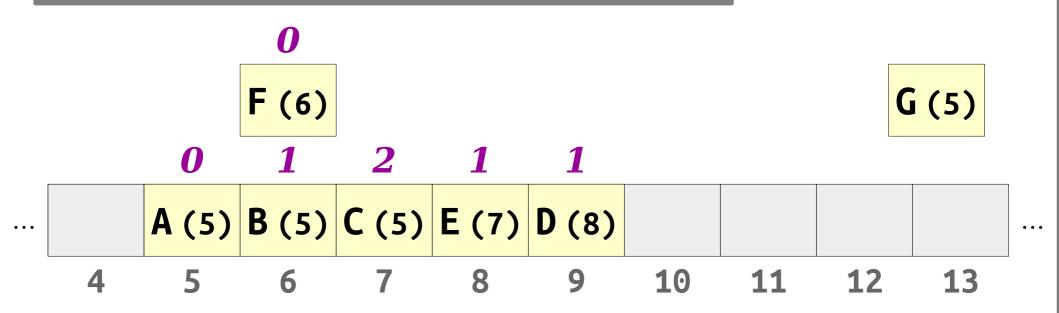


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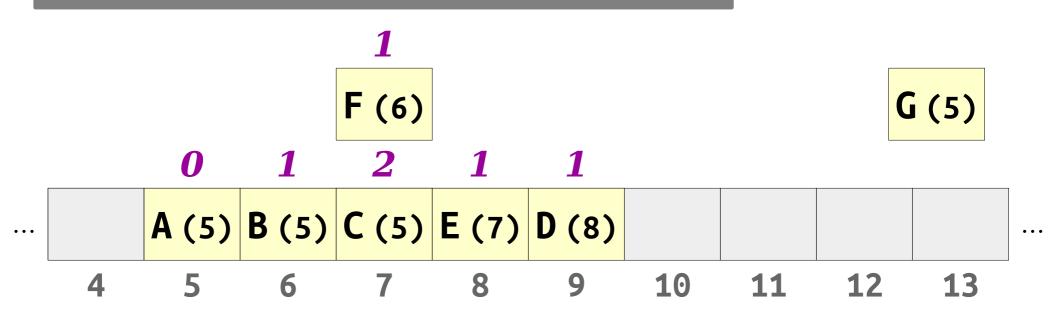
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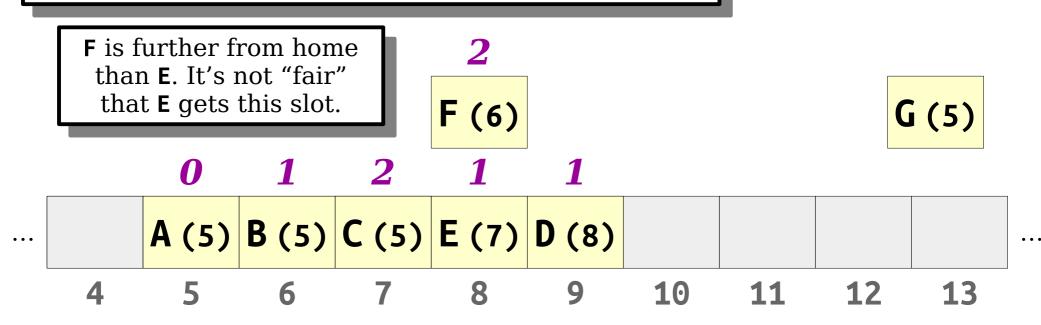
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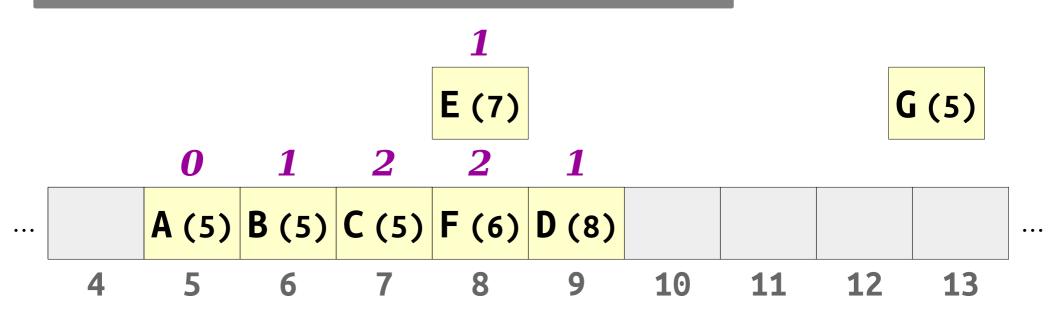
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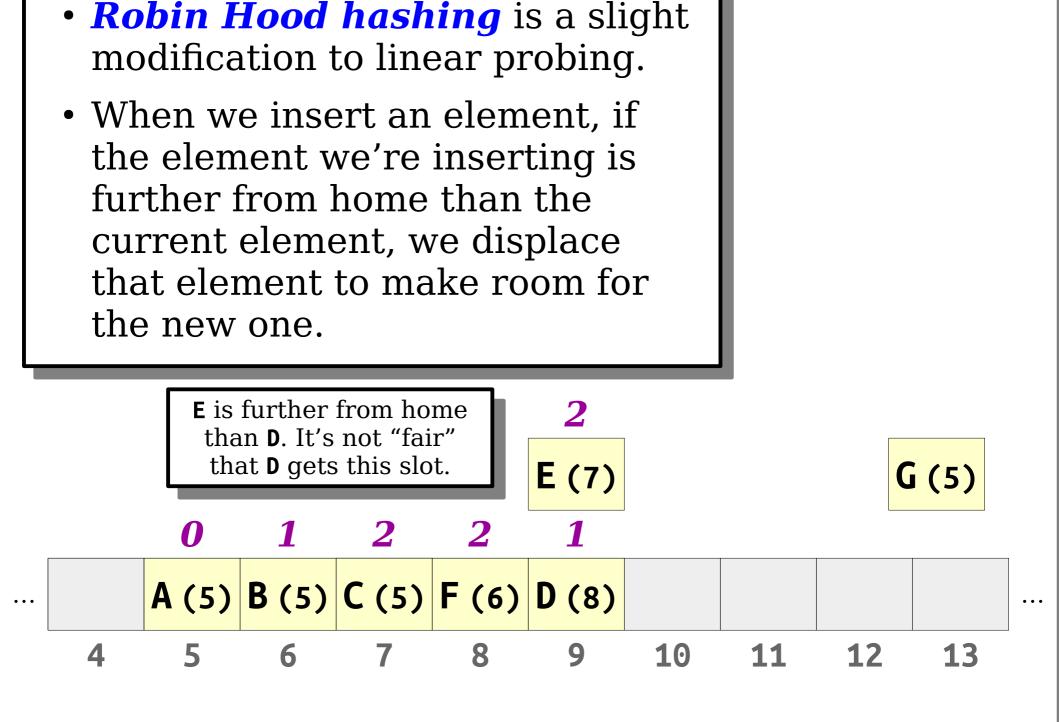


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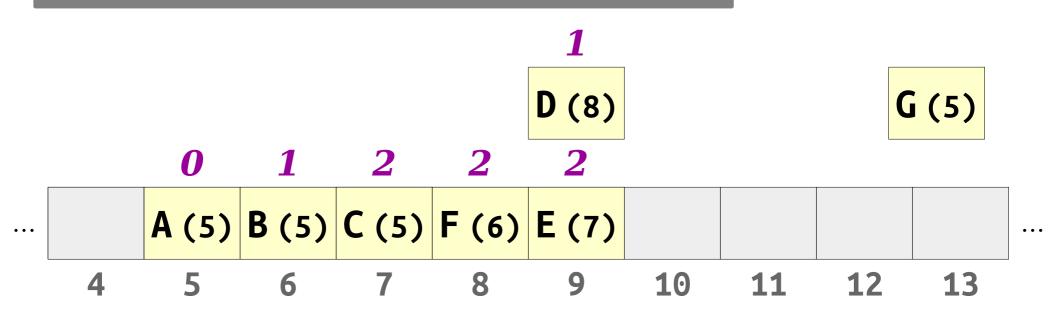


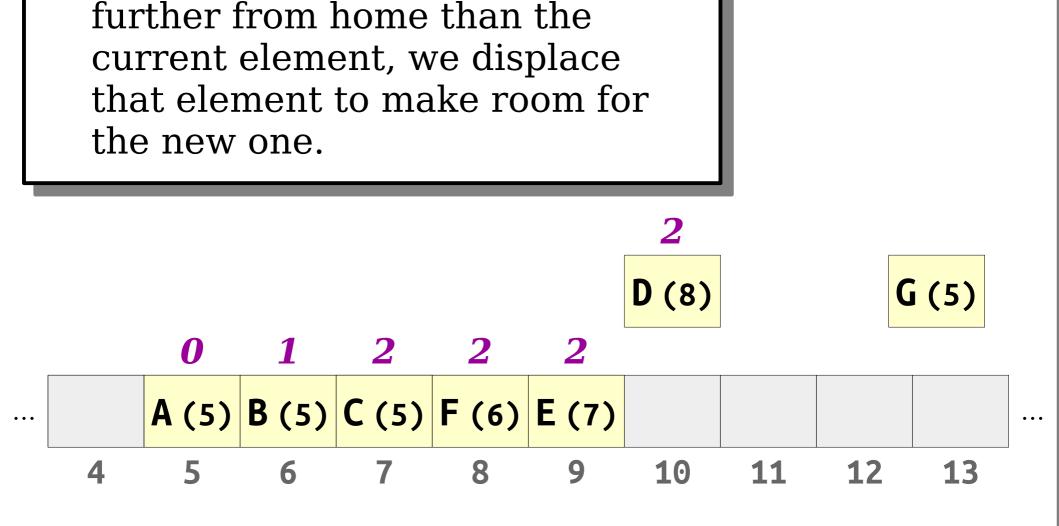
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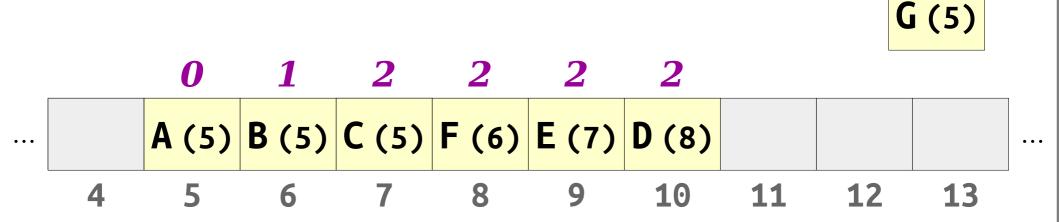


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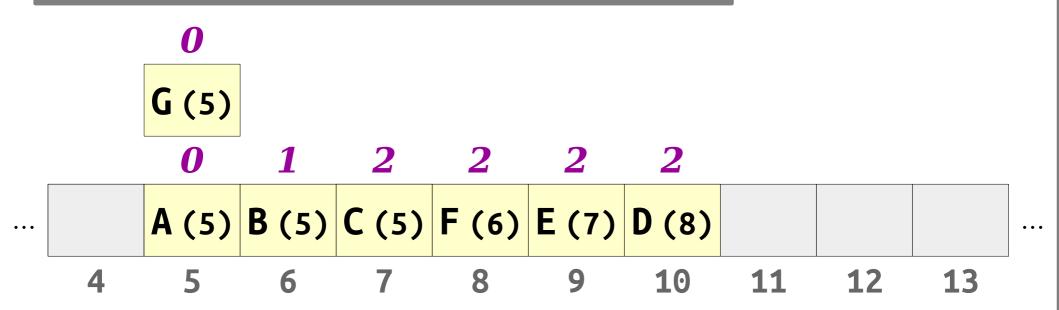
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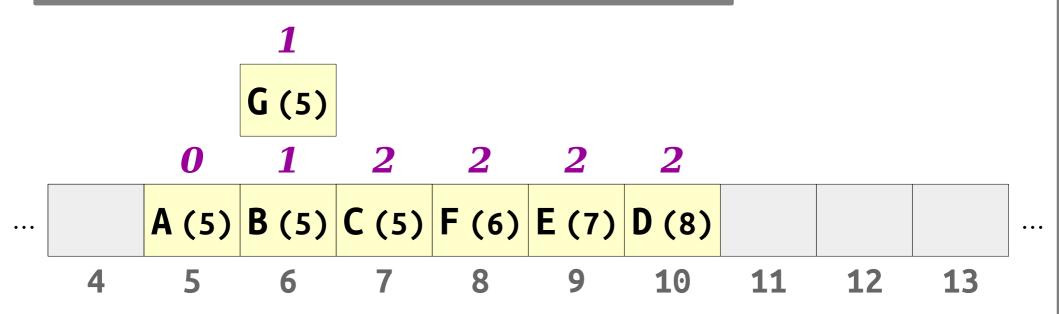
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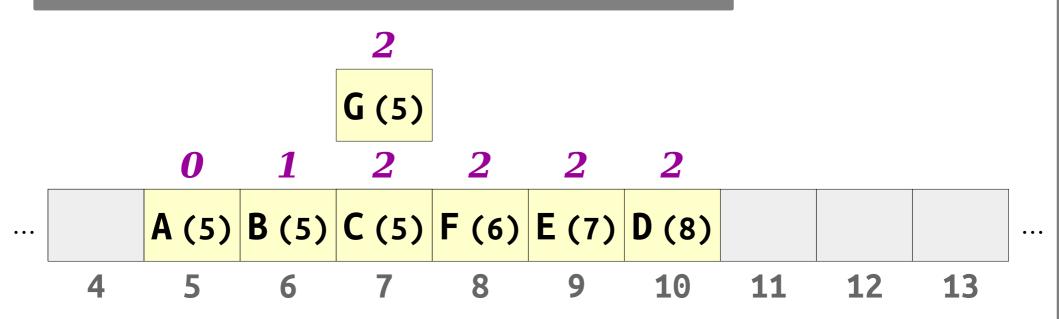
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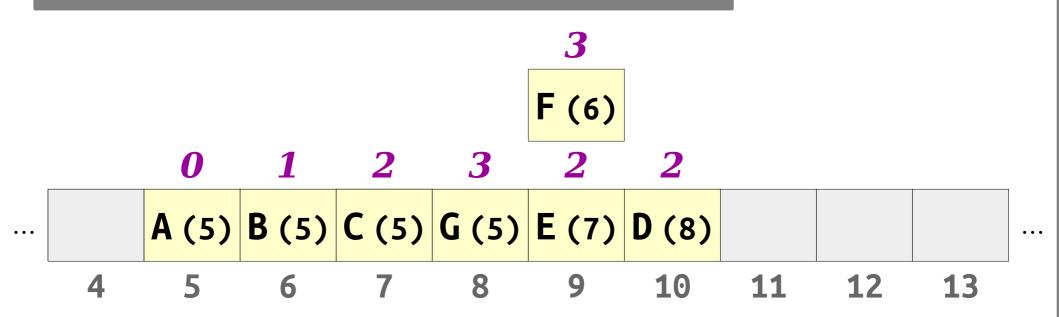
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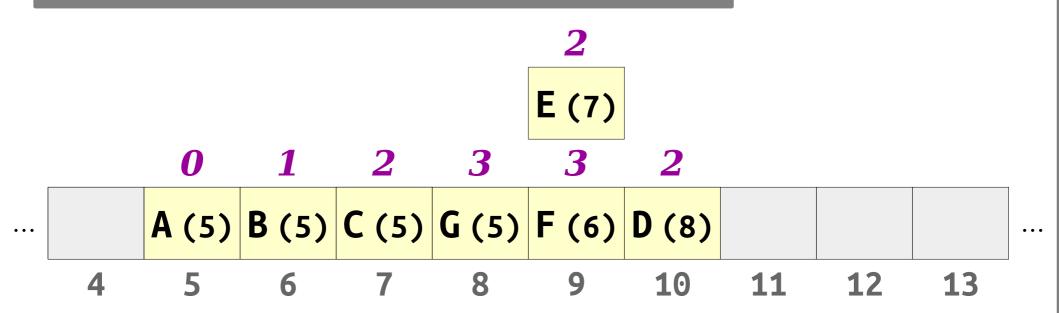
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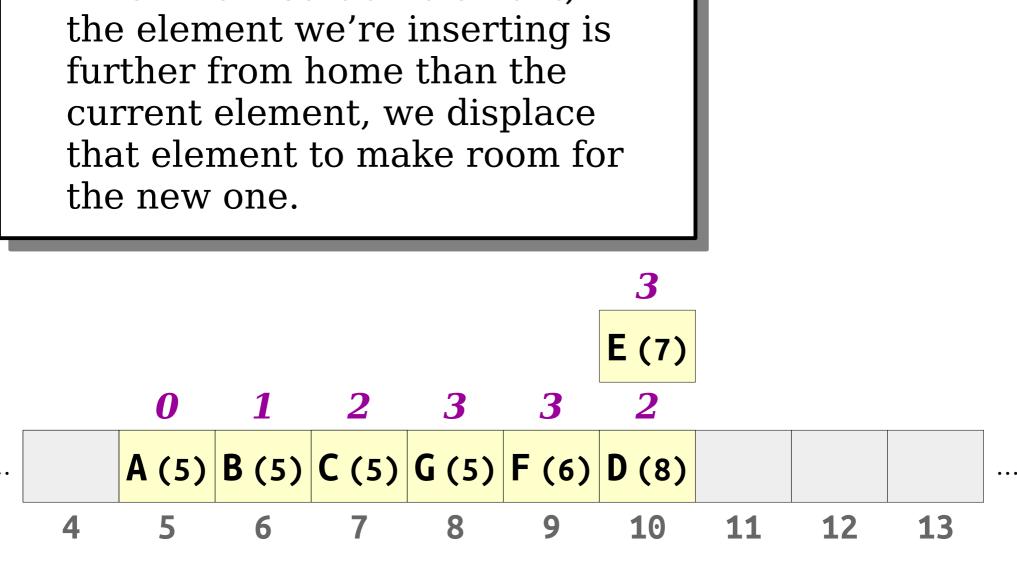
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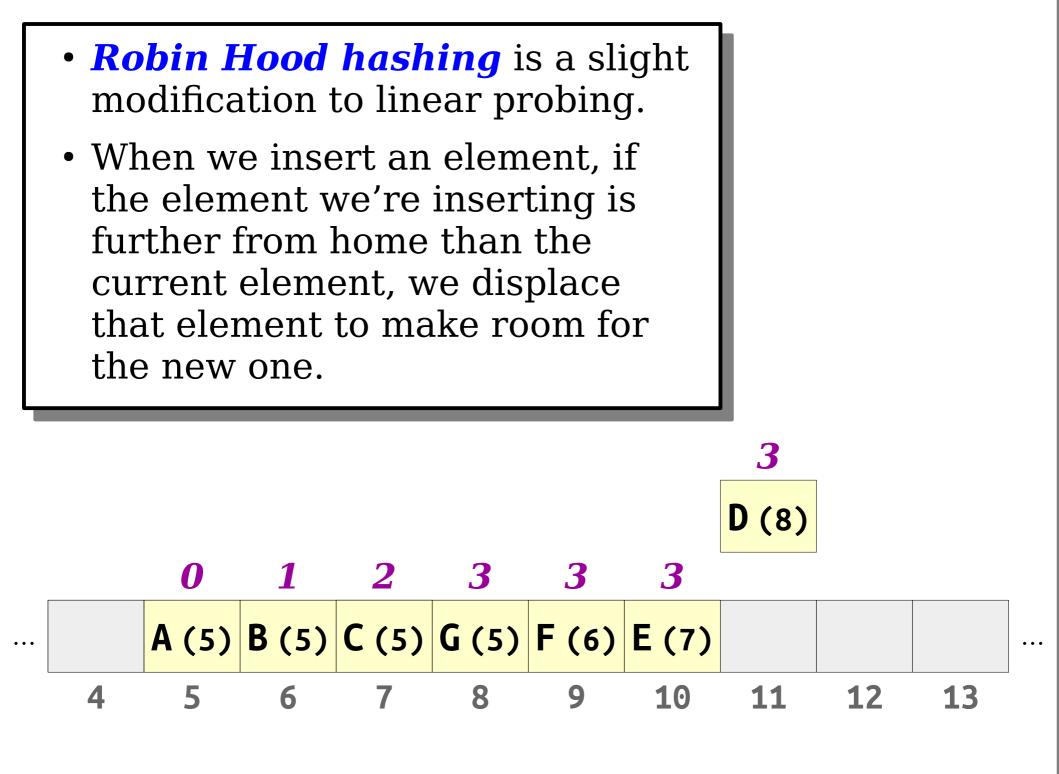
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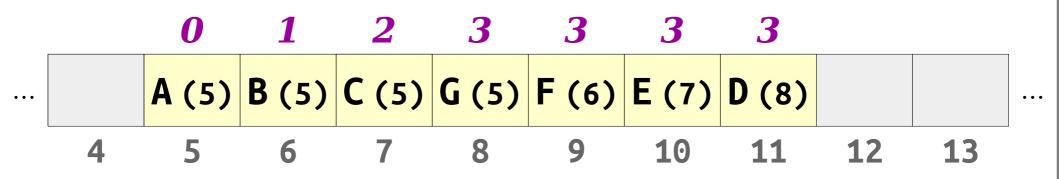
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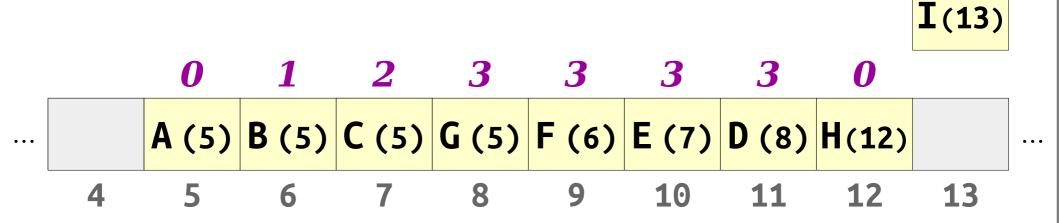
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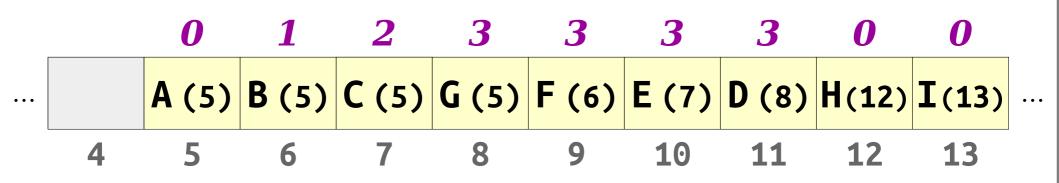
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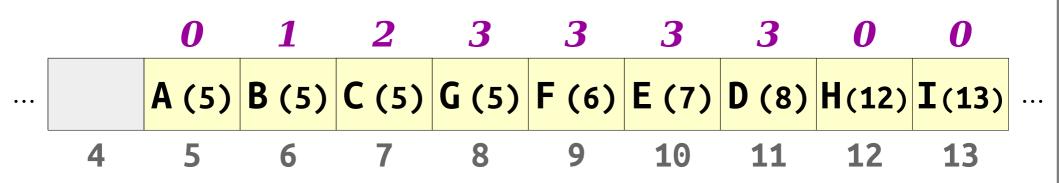


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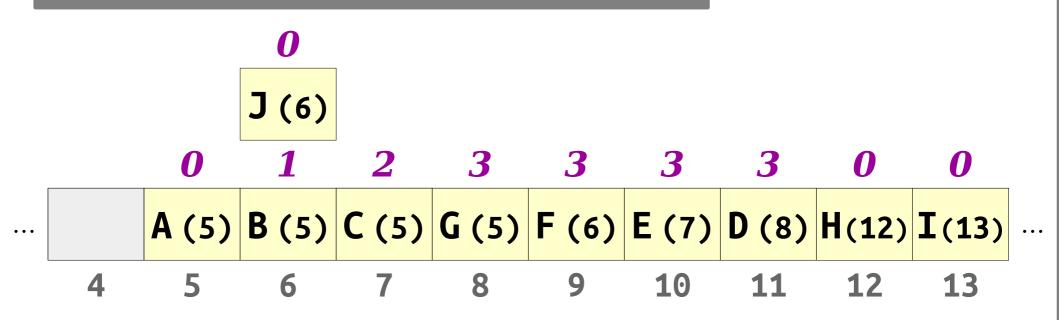


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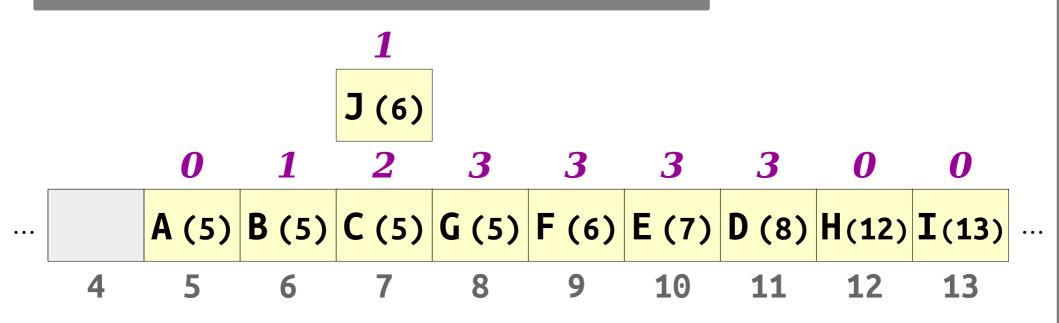
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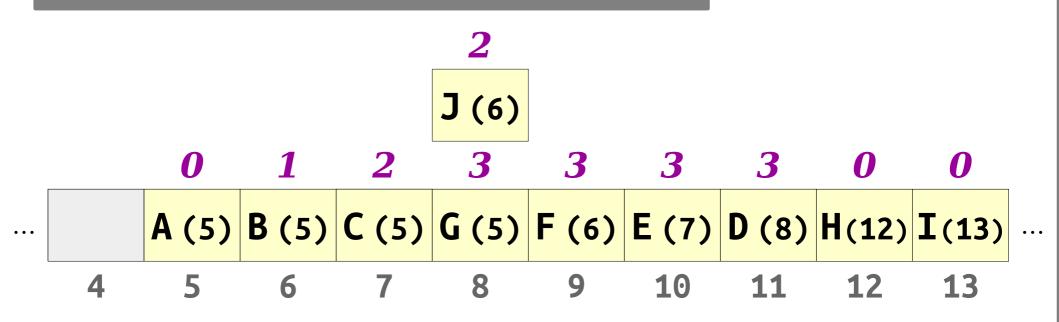
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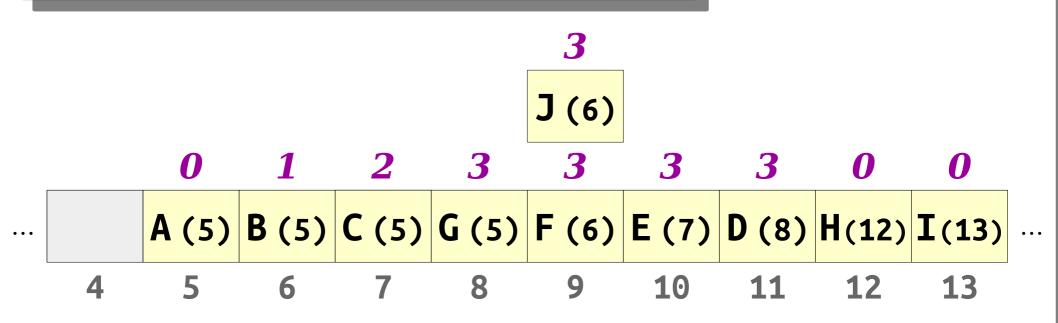
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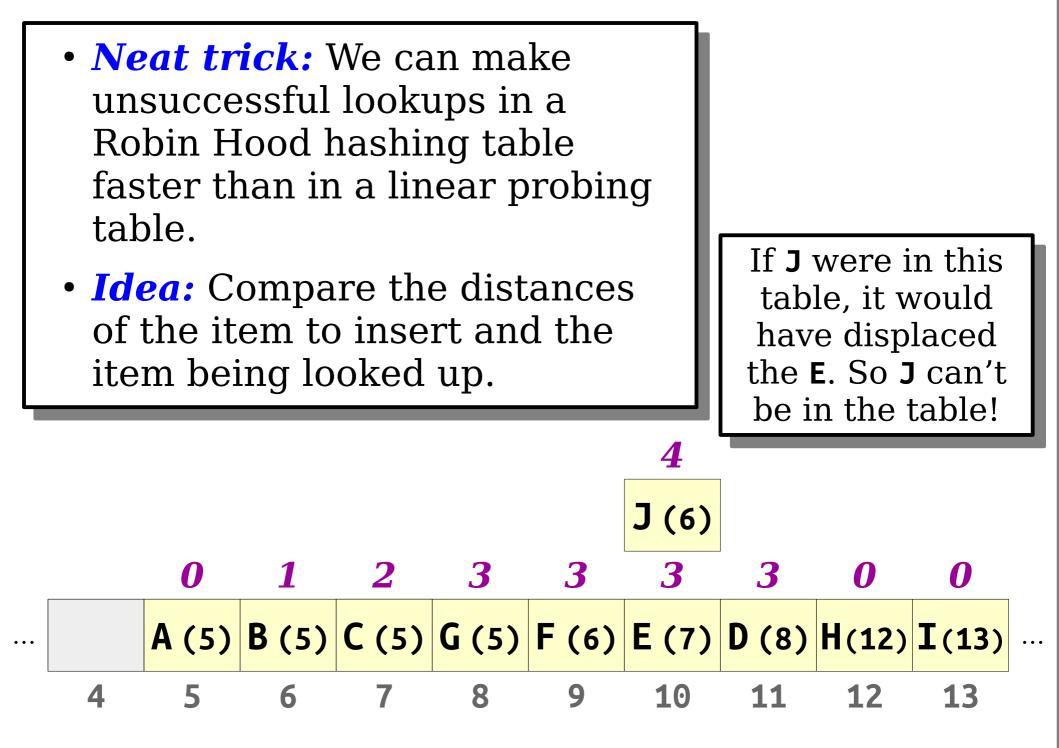


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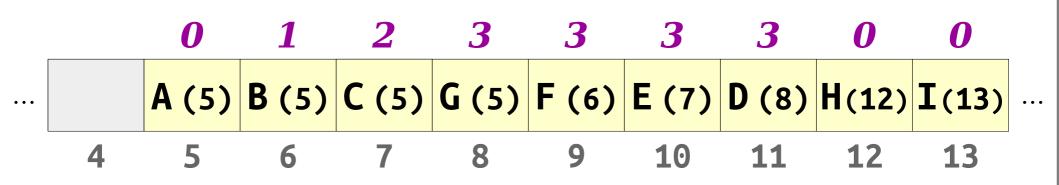


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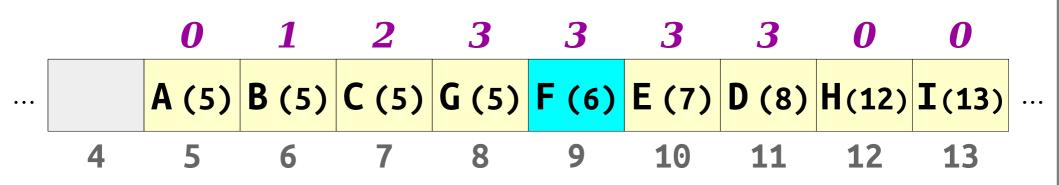




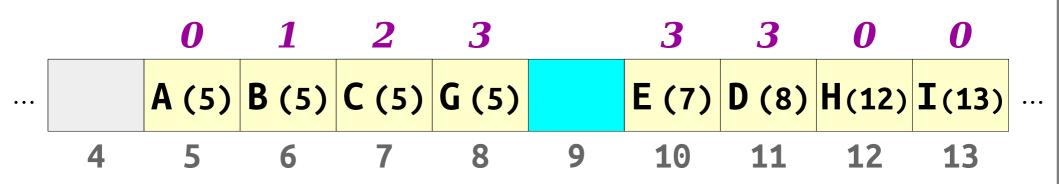
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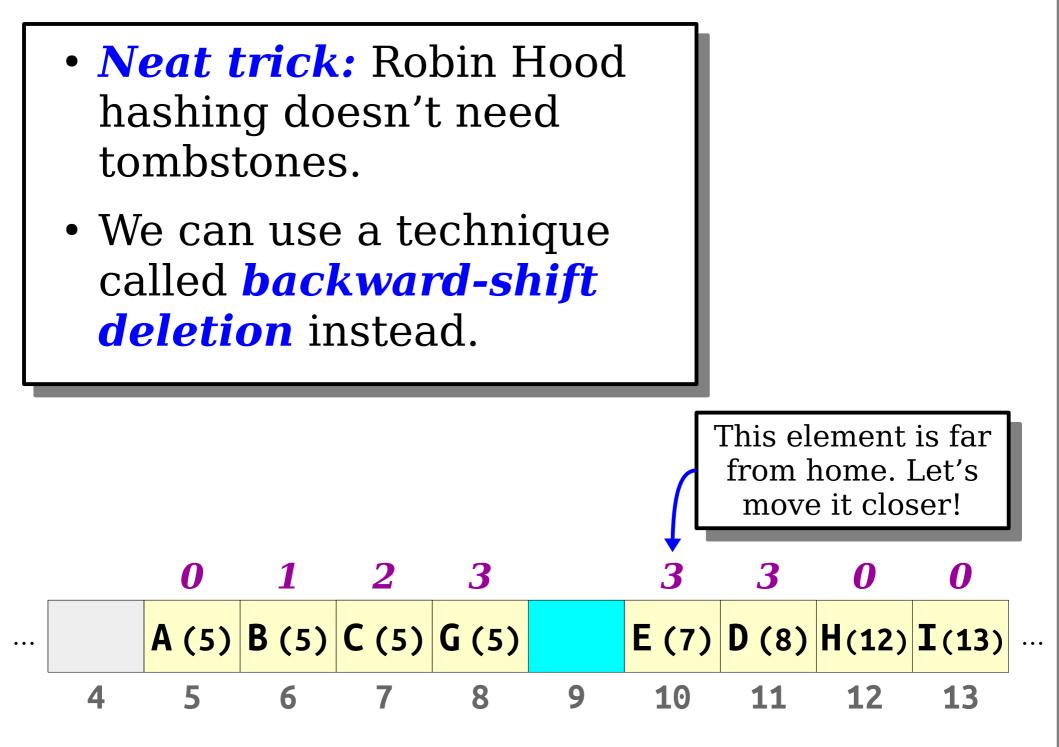


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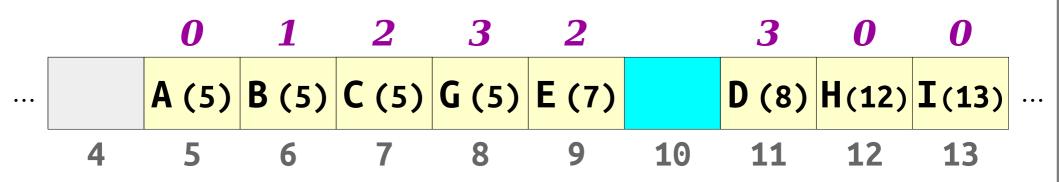


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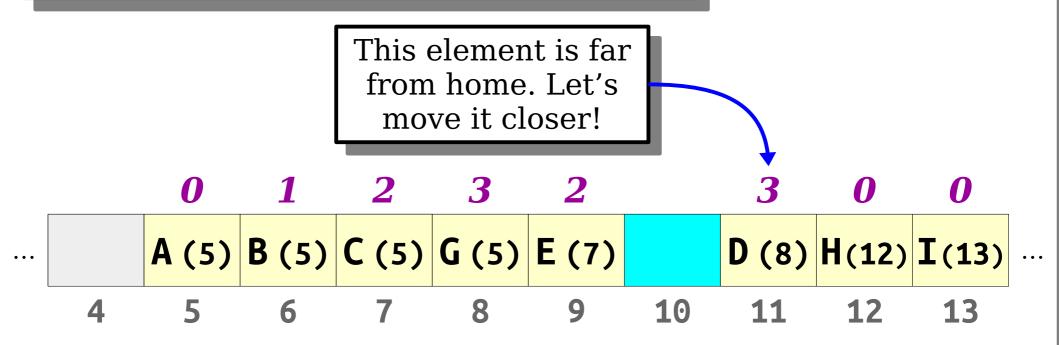
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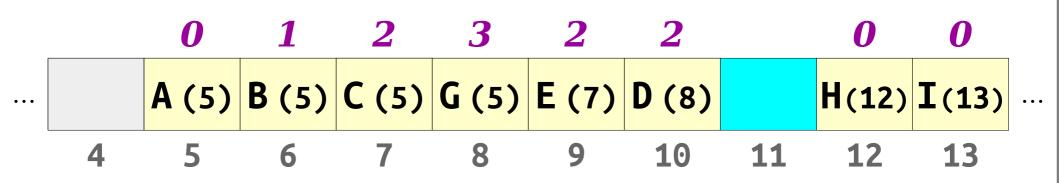
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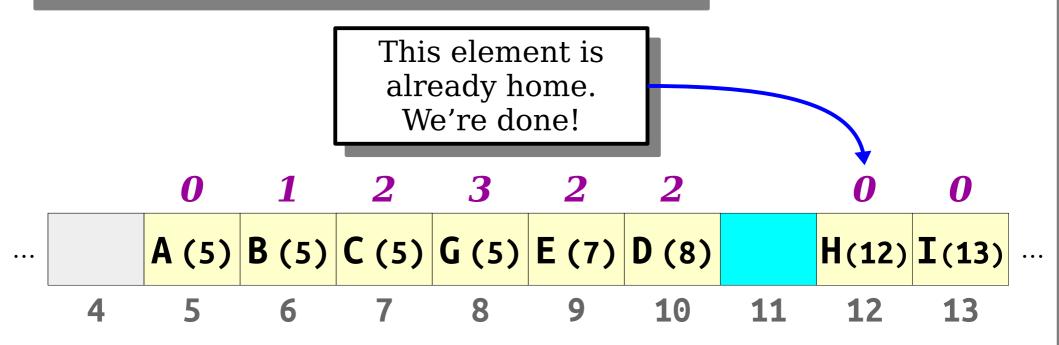
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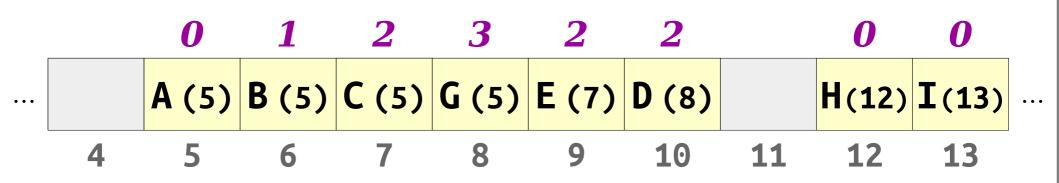
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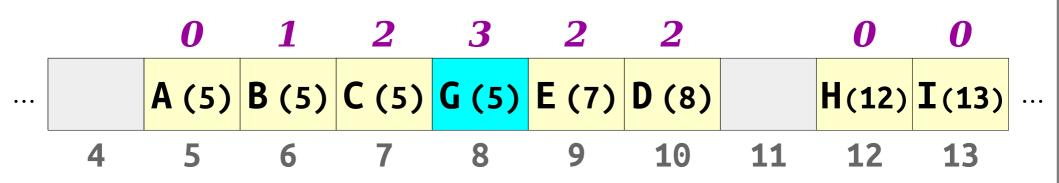
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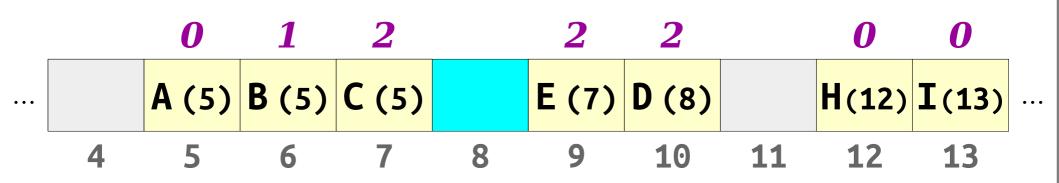
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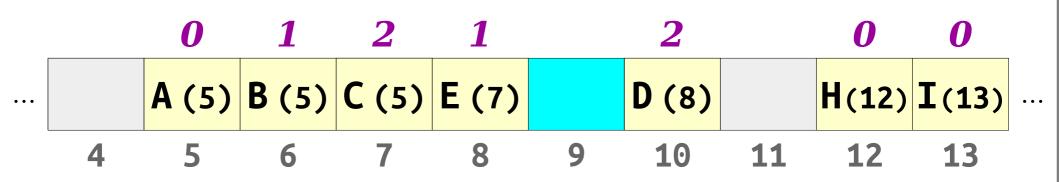
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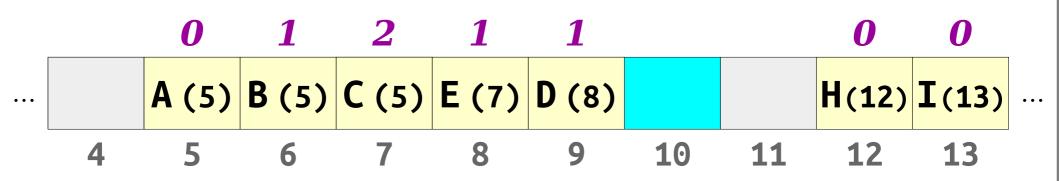
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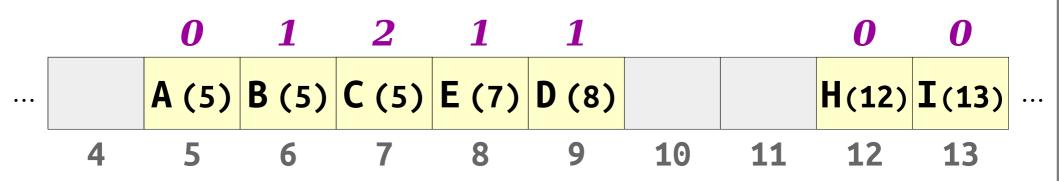
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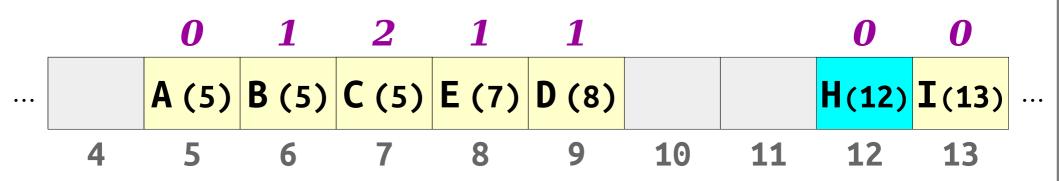
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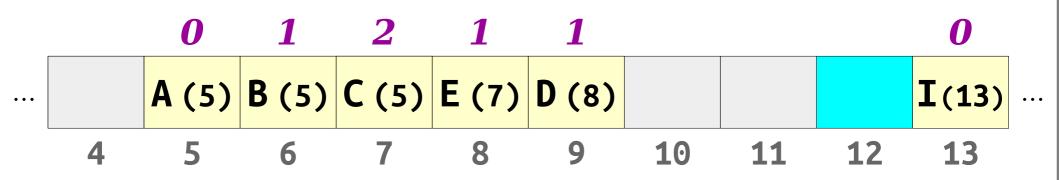
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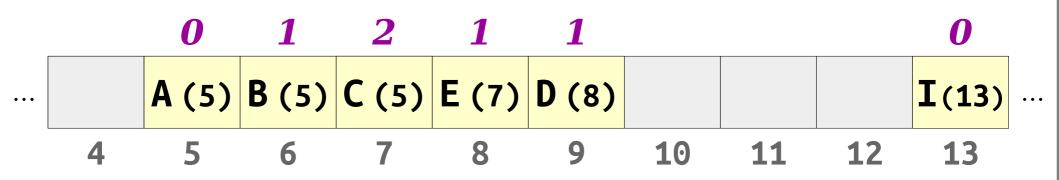
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\star Robin Hood Hashing at a Glance \star

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Jump to the spot in the table given by the element's hash code.

Scan forward – wrapping around if necessary – keeping track of how many steps you've taken. Stop when you find the item, you find a blank slot, or you find a filled slot closer to home than the number of steps you've taken.

• To insert an element into the table:

If the element is already in the table, do nothing.

Jump to the table slot given by the element's hash code. Scan forward – wrapping around if necessary – keeping track of the number of steps taken. If you find an empty slot, place the element there. Otherwise, if the current slot is full and closer to home than the element you're inserting, place the item to insert there, displacing the element that was at that spot, and continue the insertion as if you were inserting the displaced element.

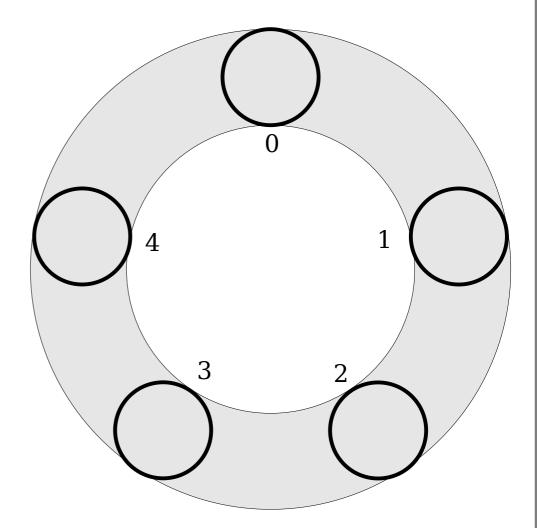
• To remove an element from the table:

Jump to the slot given by the hash code of the element.

Walk forward – wrapping around if necessary – until the item or an empty slot is found. If the item is found, remove it. Then, keep moving forward – wrapping around as necessary – moving elements backward in the table one slot until an empty slot or an item in its home position is found.

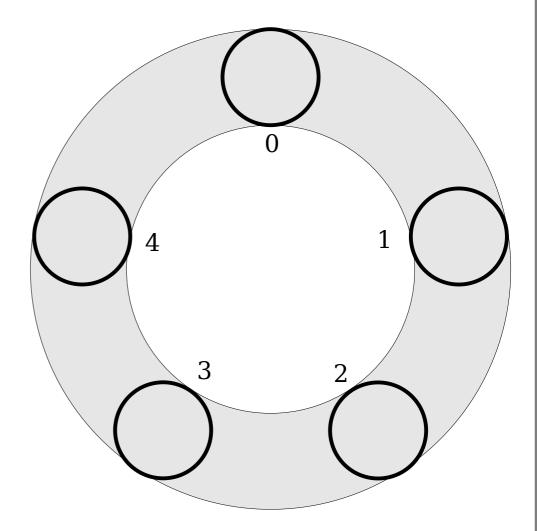
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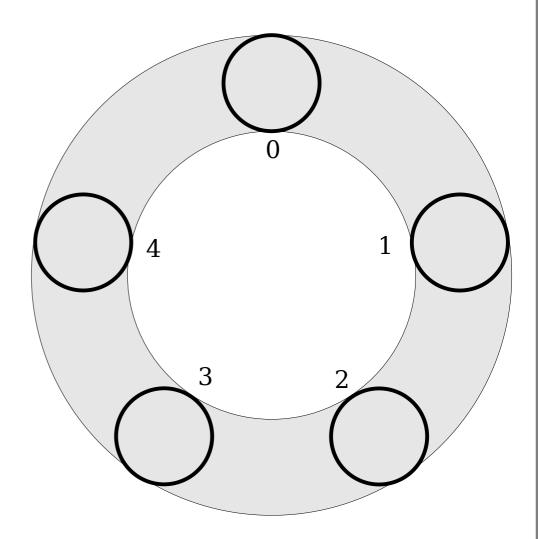


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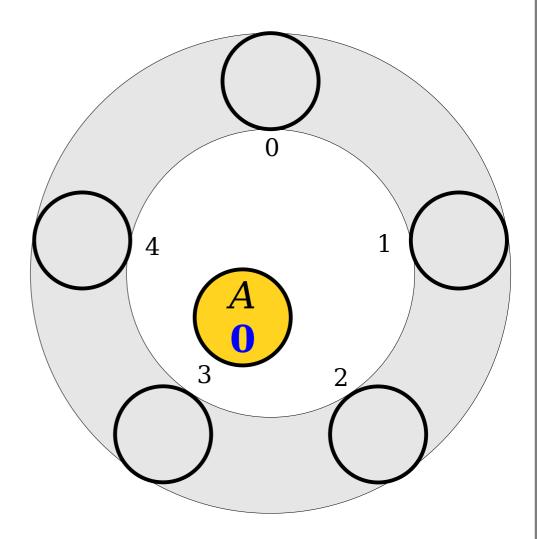
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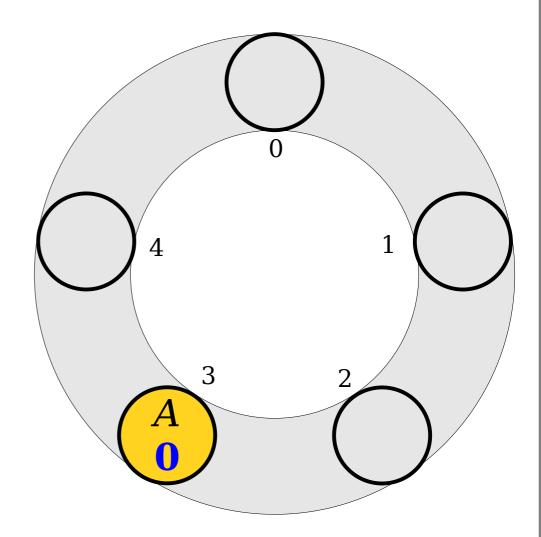
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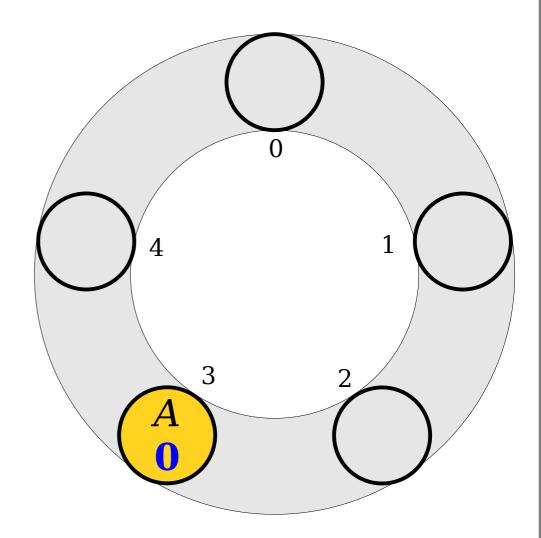
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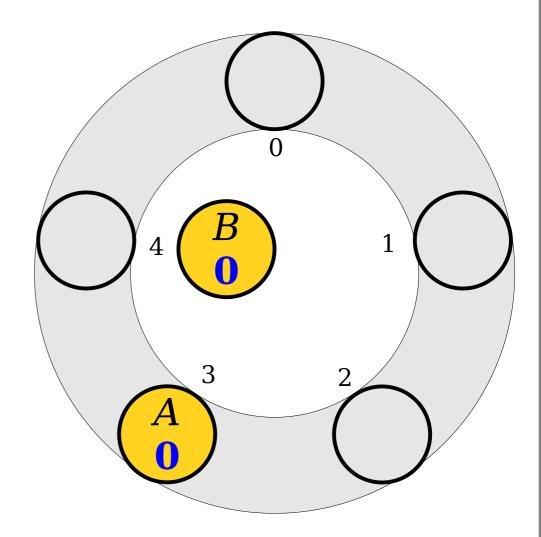
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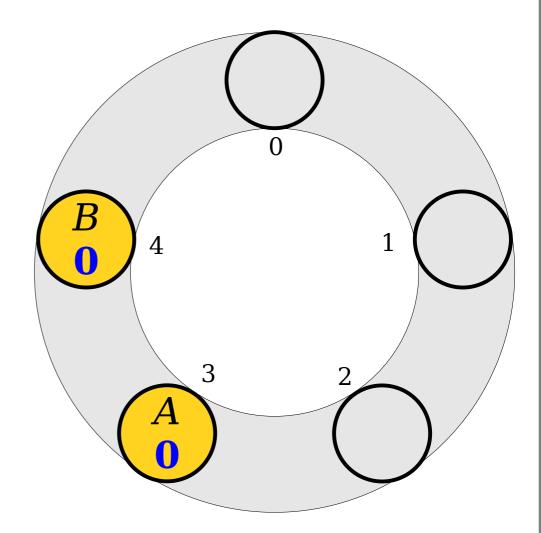
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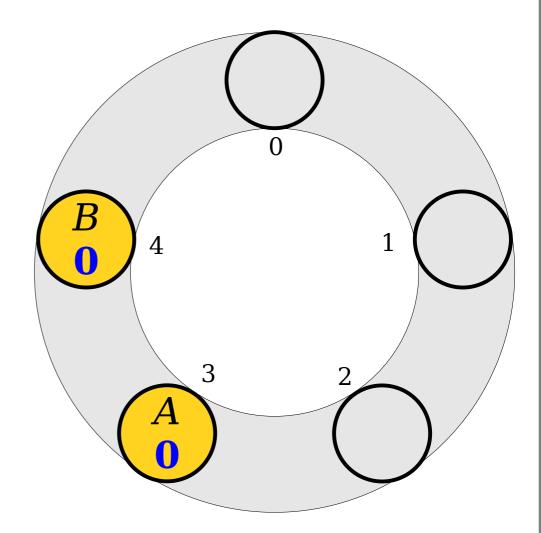
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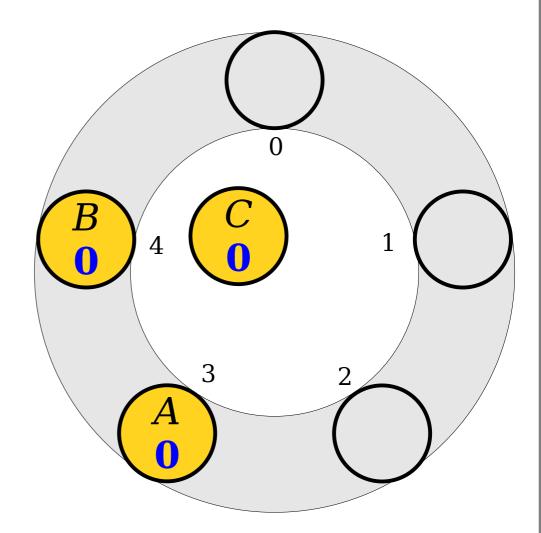
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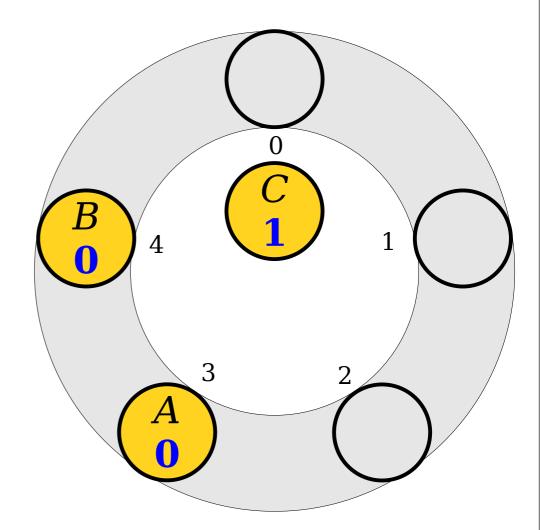
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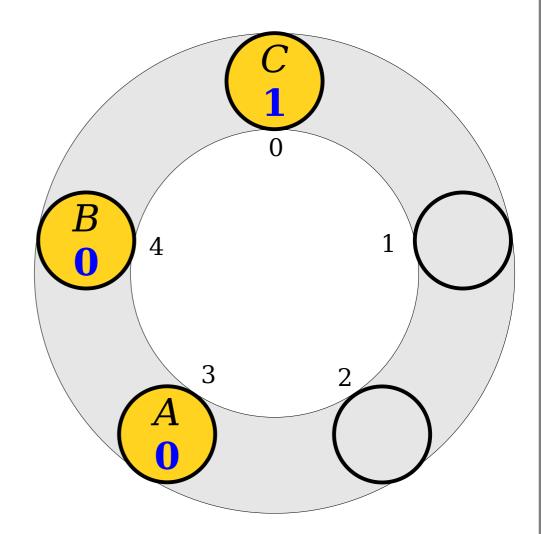
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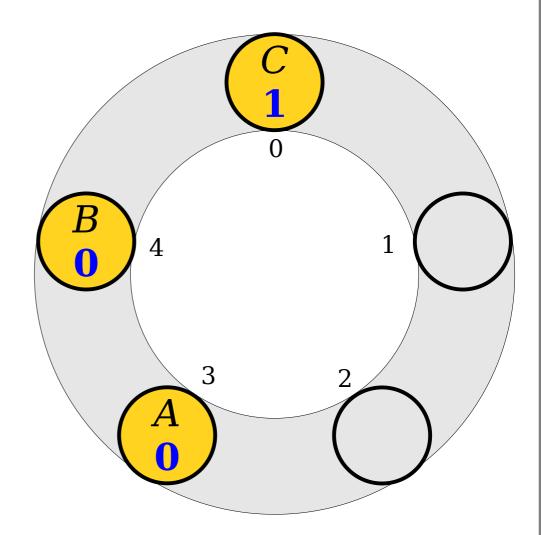
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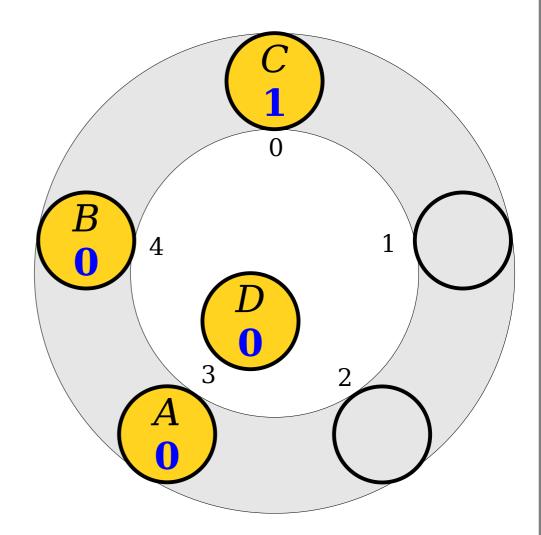
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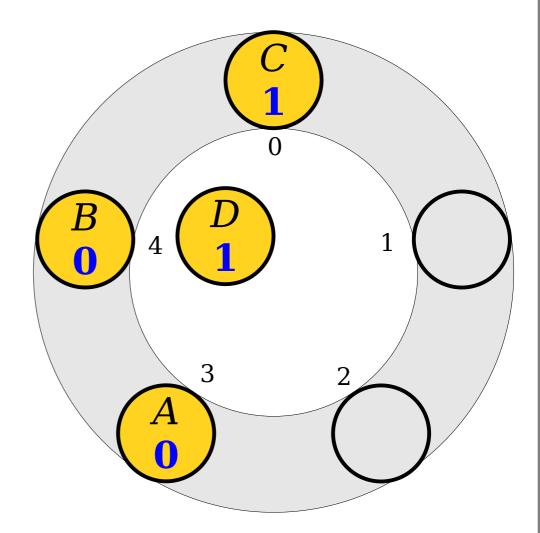
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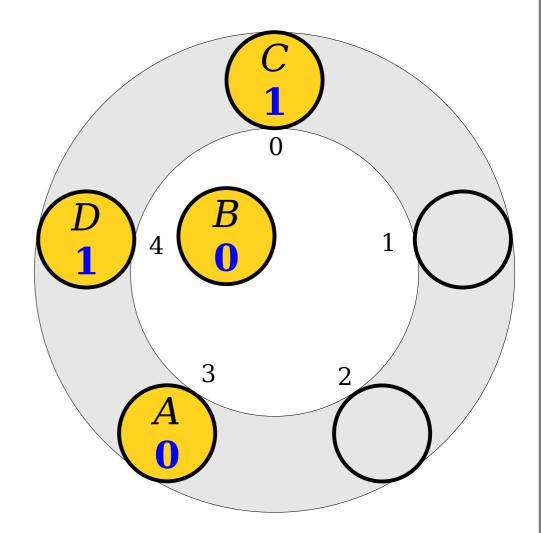
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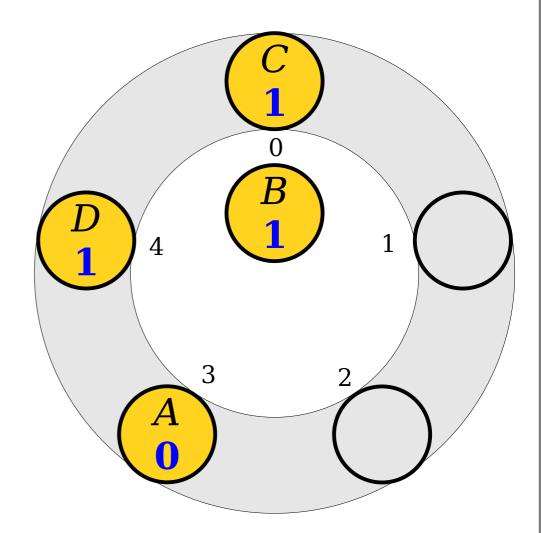
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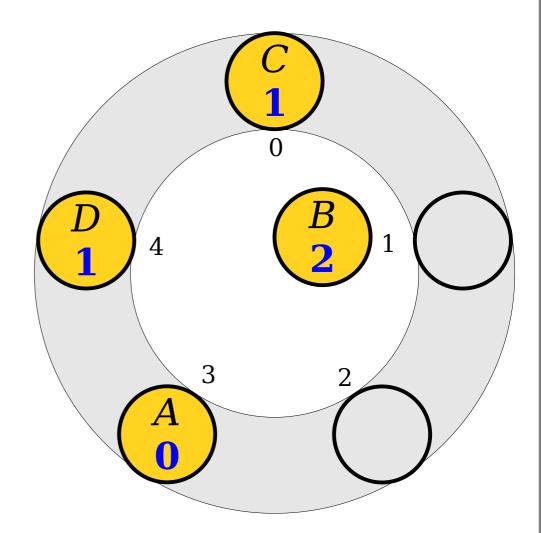
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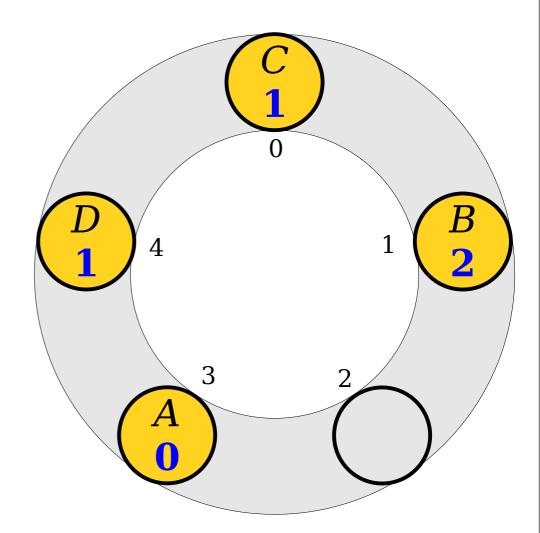
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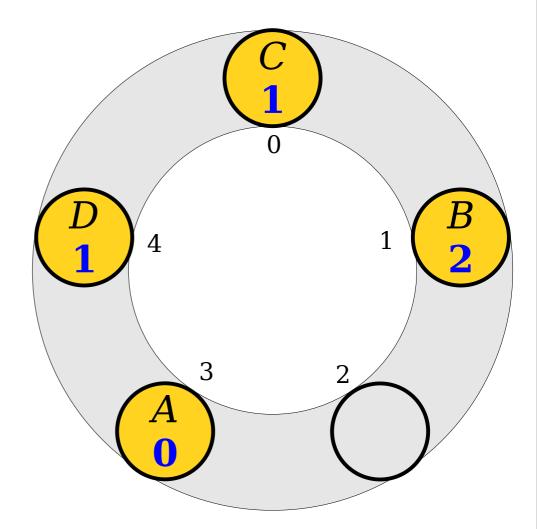
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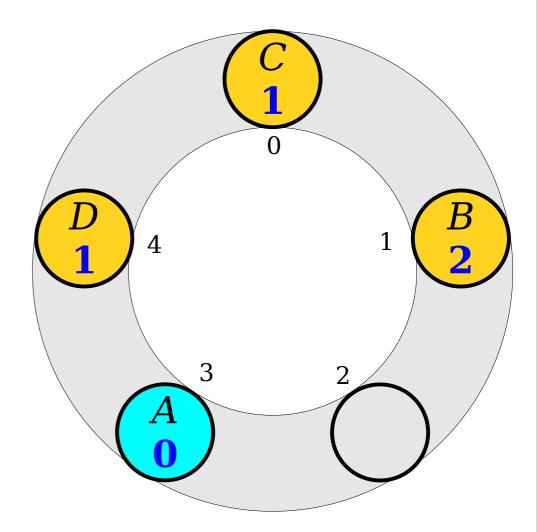
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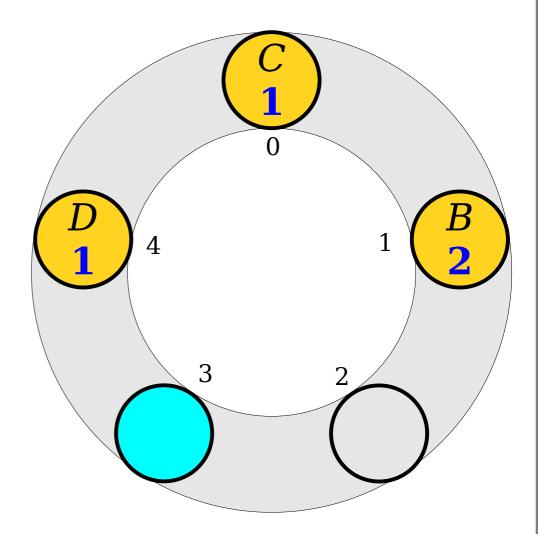
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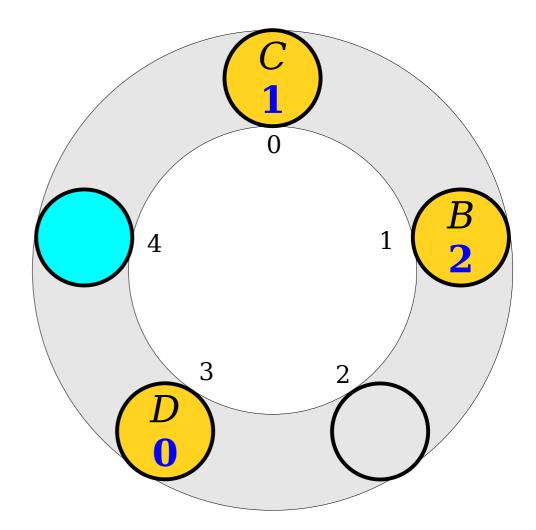
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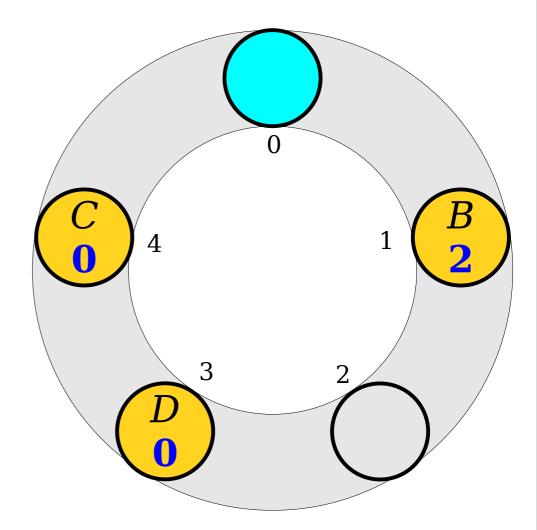
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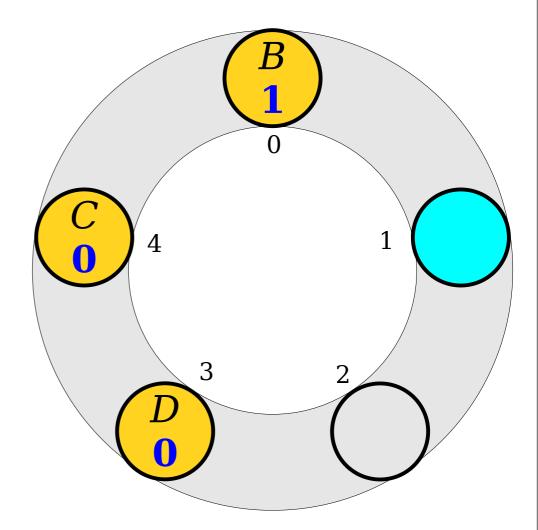
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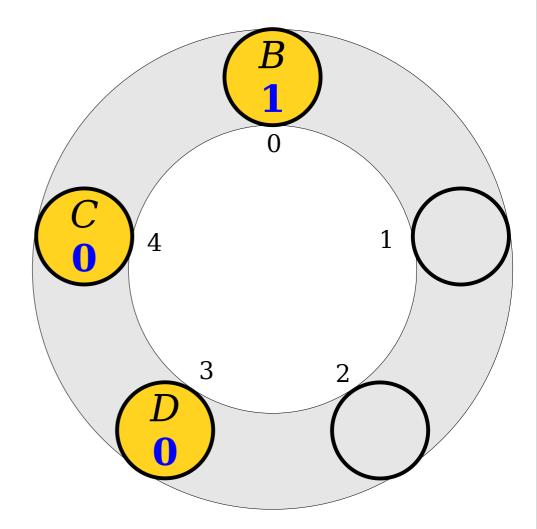
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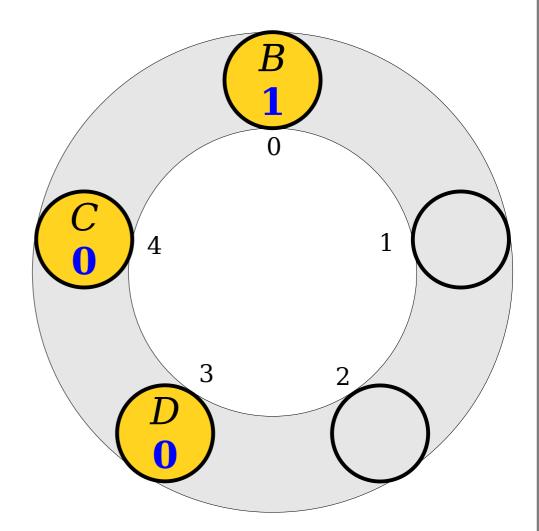
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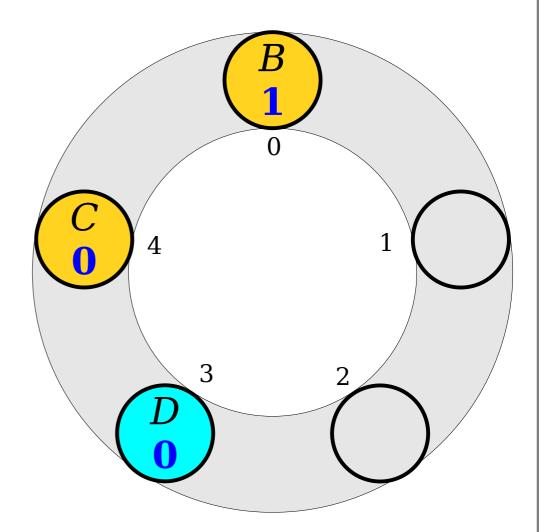
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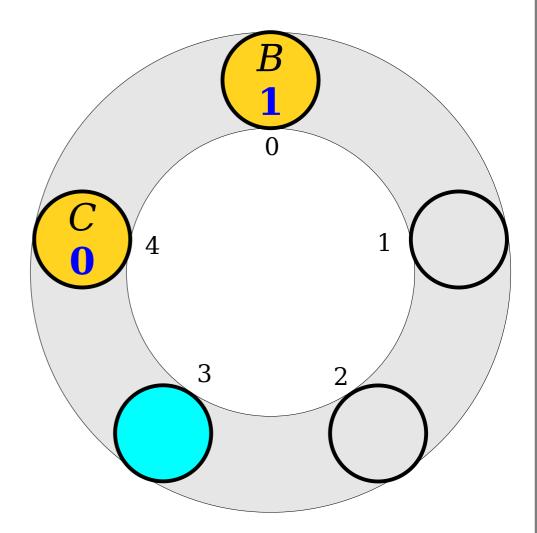
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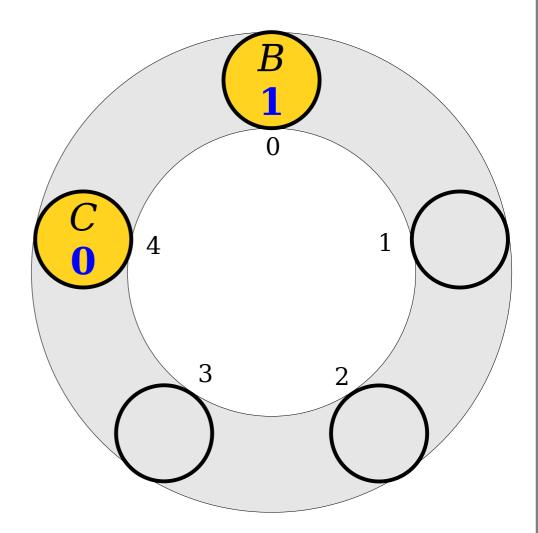
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Robin Hood Hashing

- Like linear probing, with a good hash function, the expected cost of a lookup in a Robin Hood hash table is O(1).
 - (Assuming you have a fixed load factor α and rehash the table when you get too full.)
- Is Robin Hood hashing worth it?
- How do these approaches compare to chained hashing?
- Find out in Assignment 7!

Your Action Items

- Finish Assignment 6
 - Best of luck polishing things off! As always, feel free to contact us if you need any help.

Next Time

- Linked Lists
 - Chaining things together!
- Recursive Data Types
 - Data types defined in terms of themselves.