

# Basic Hashing

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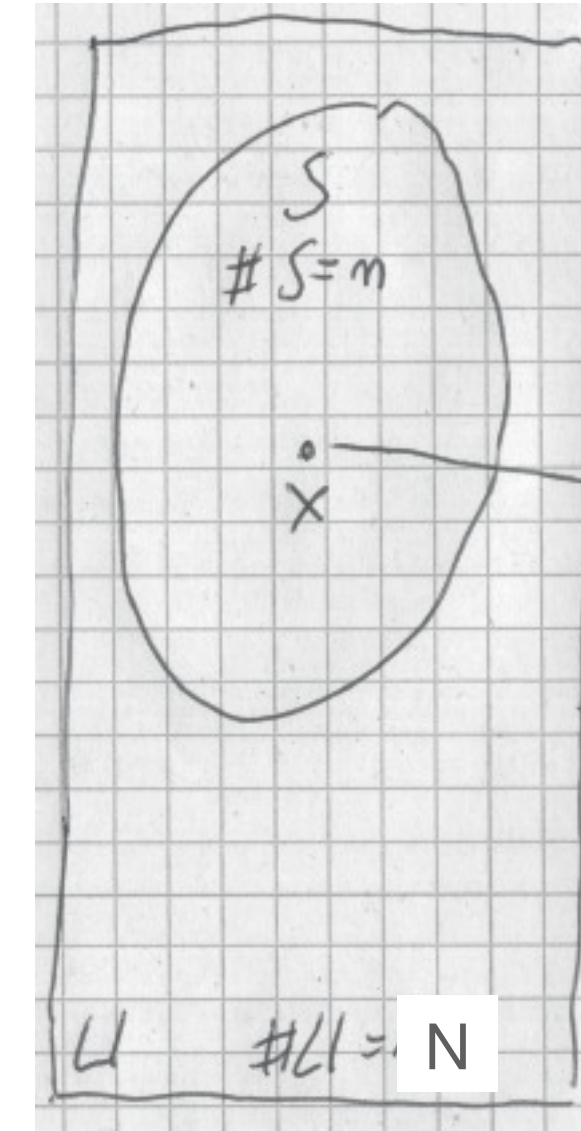
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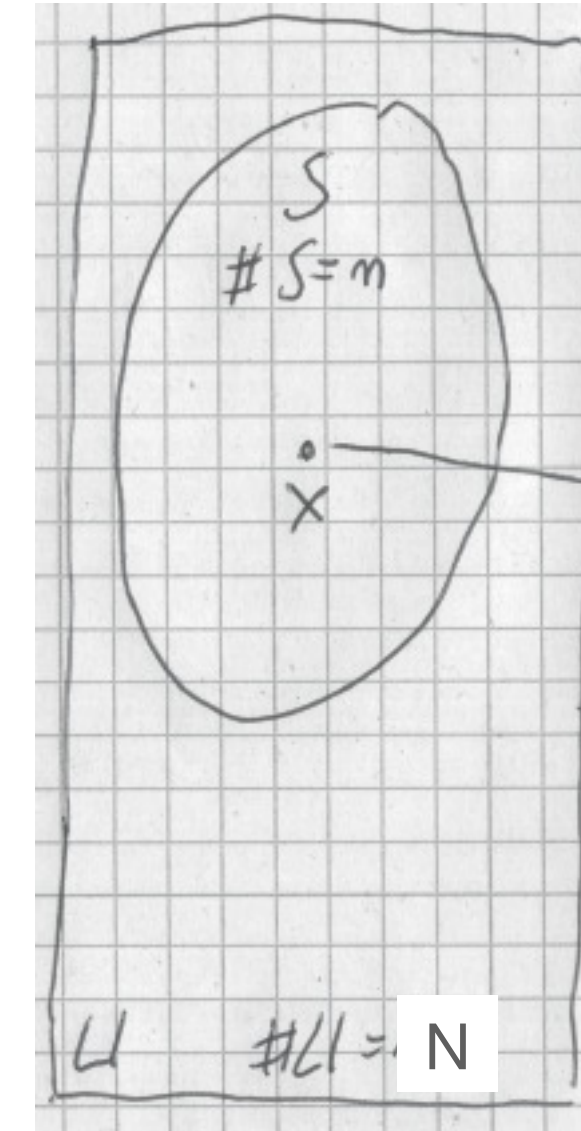
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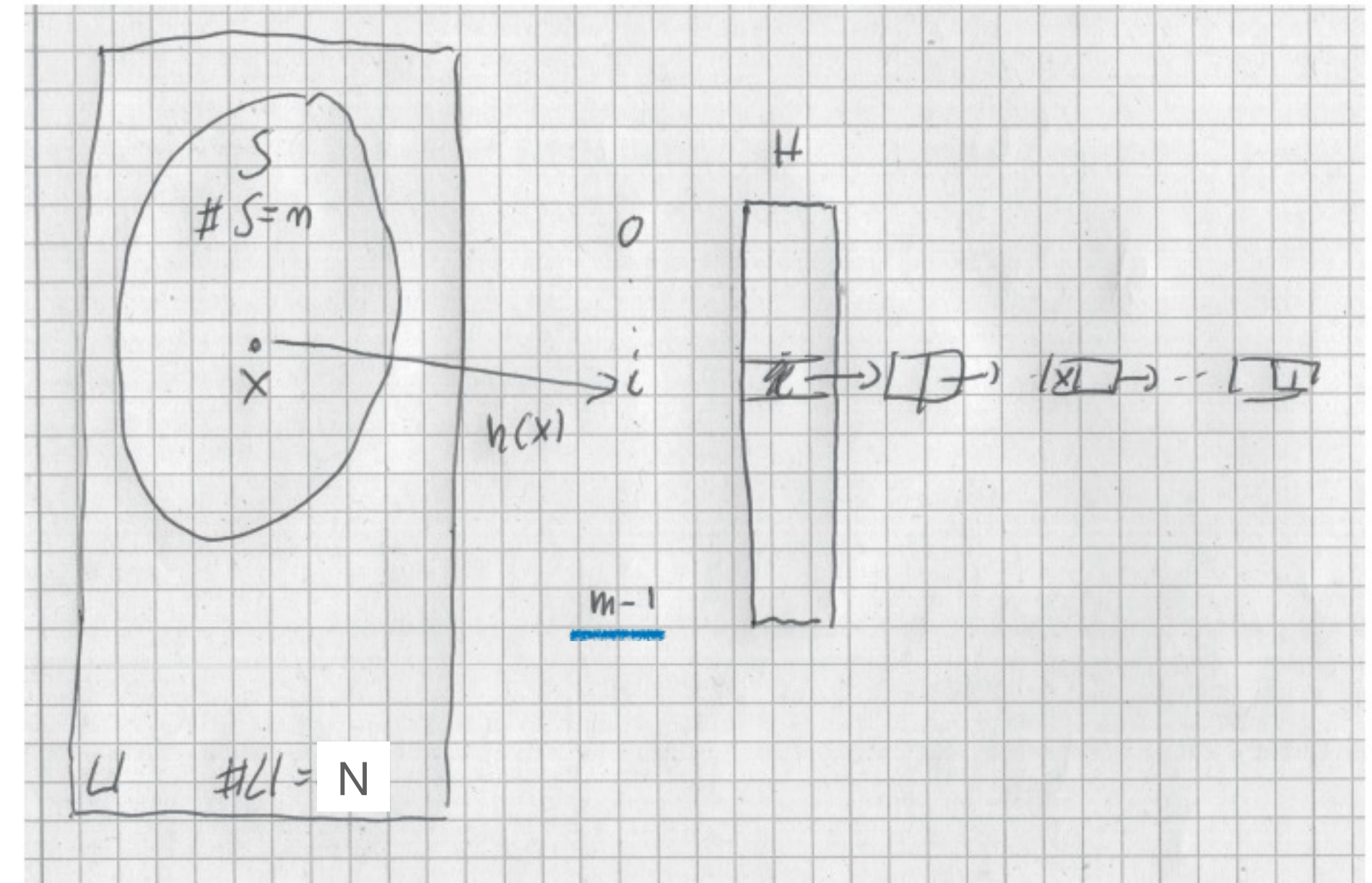


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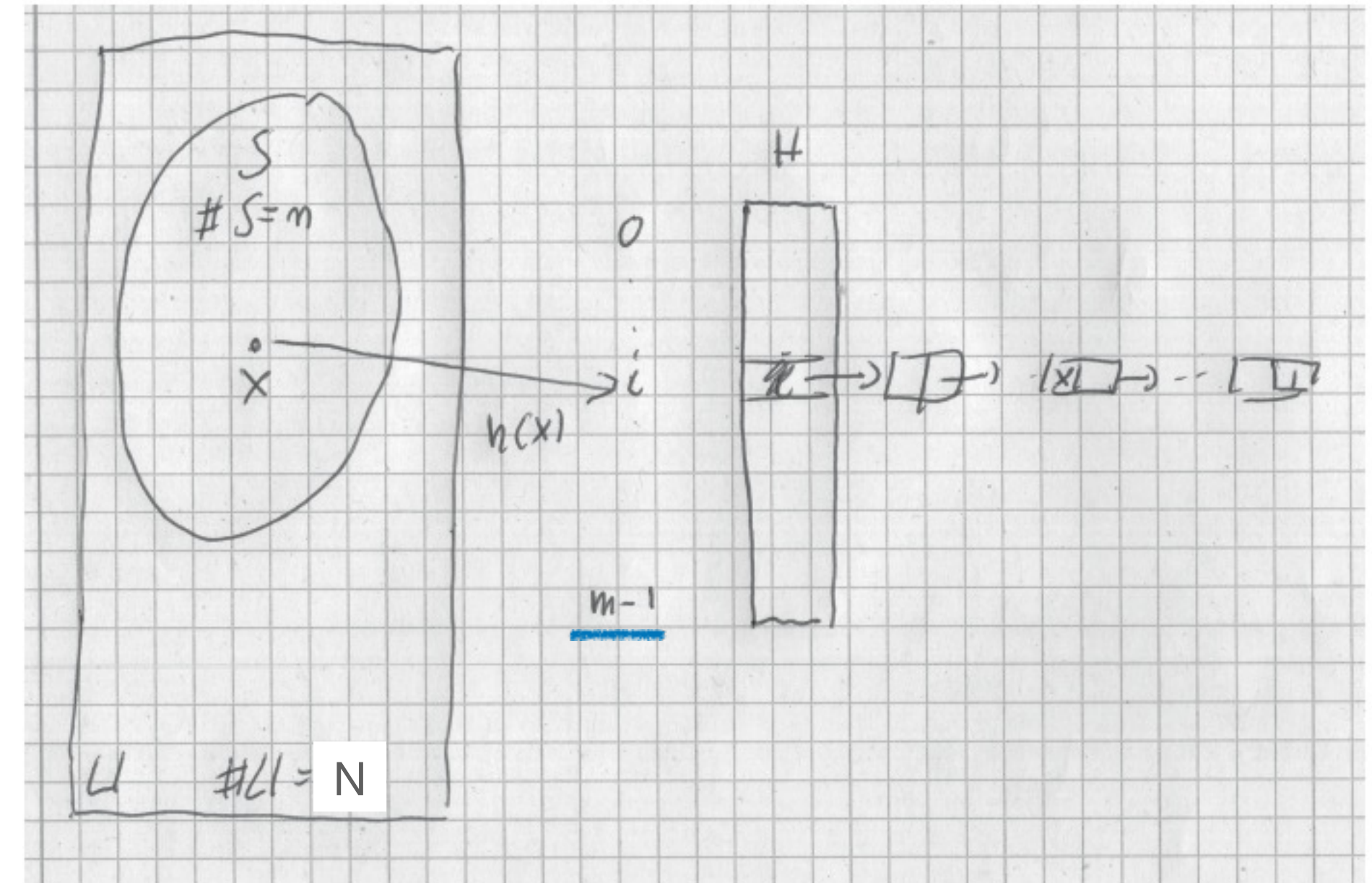


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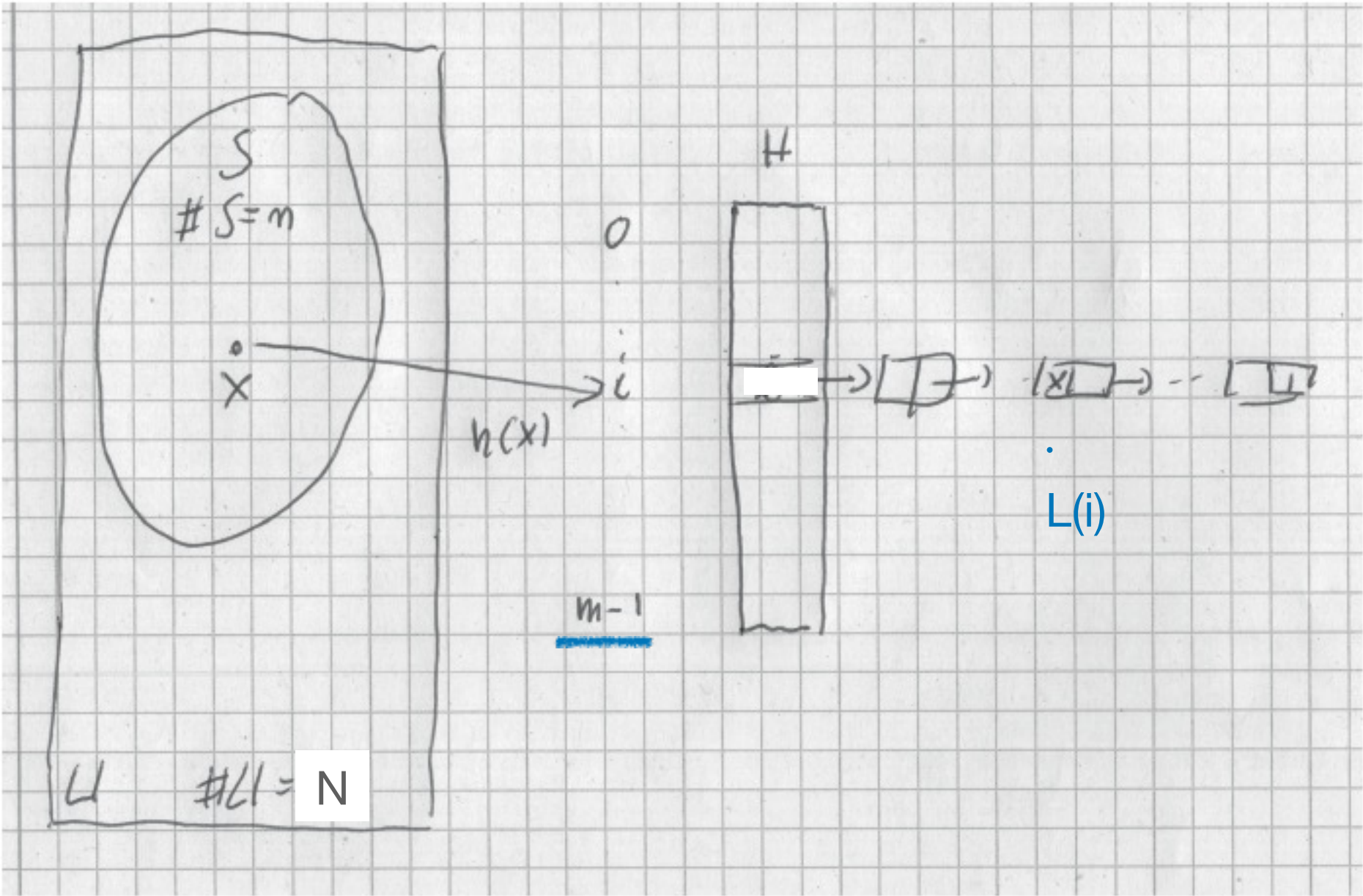


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$$H[i]* = hd(L(i))$$

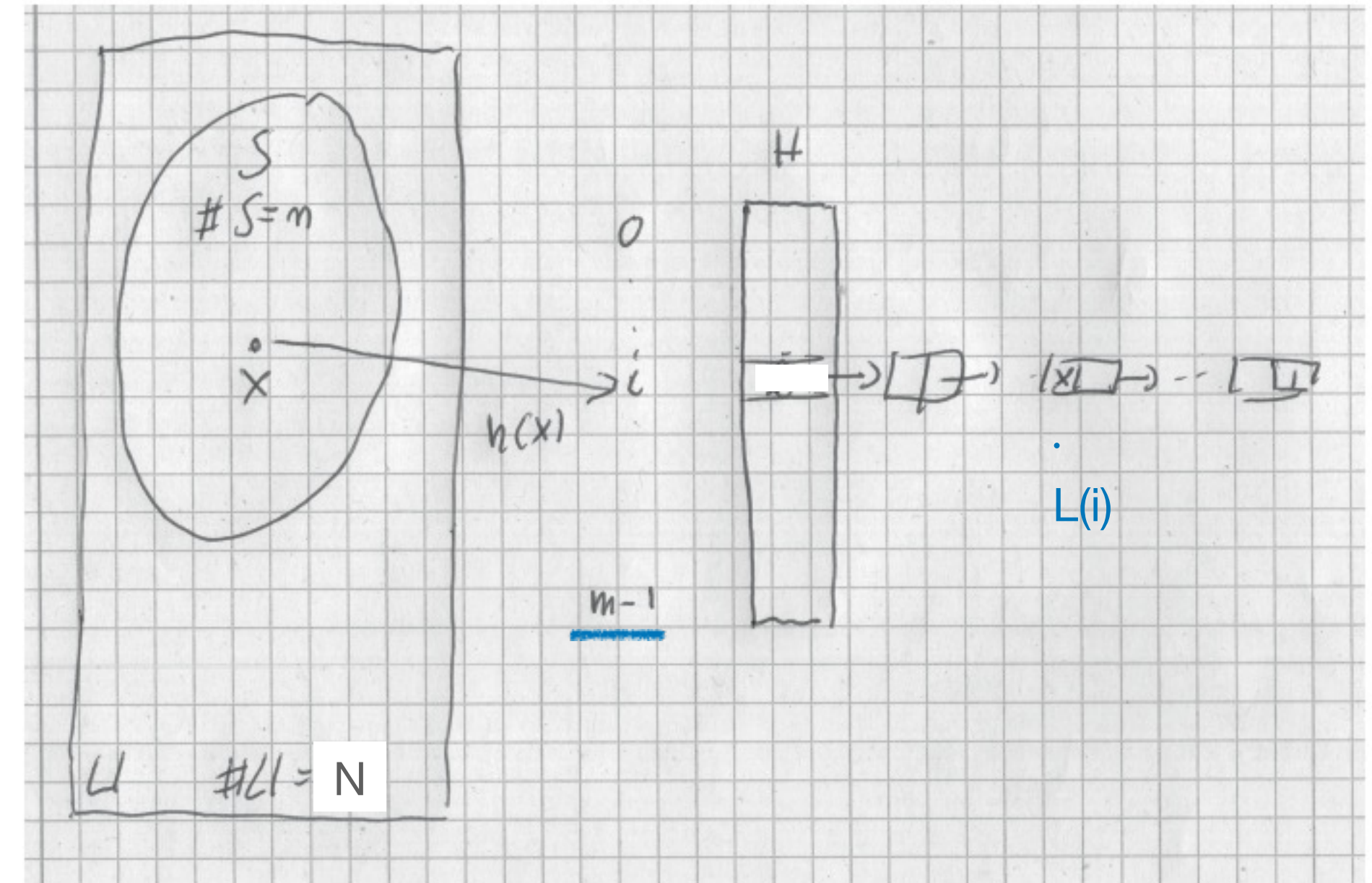


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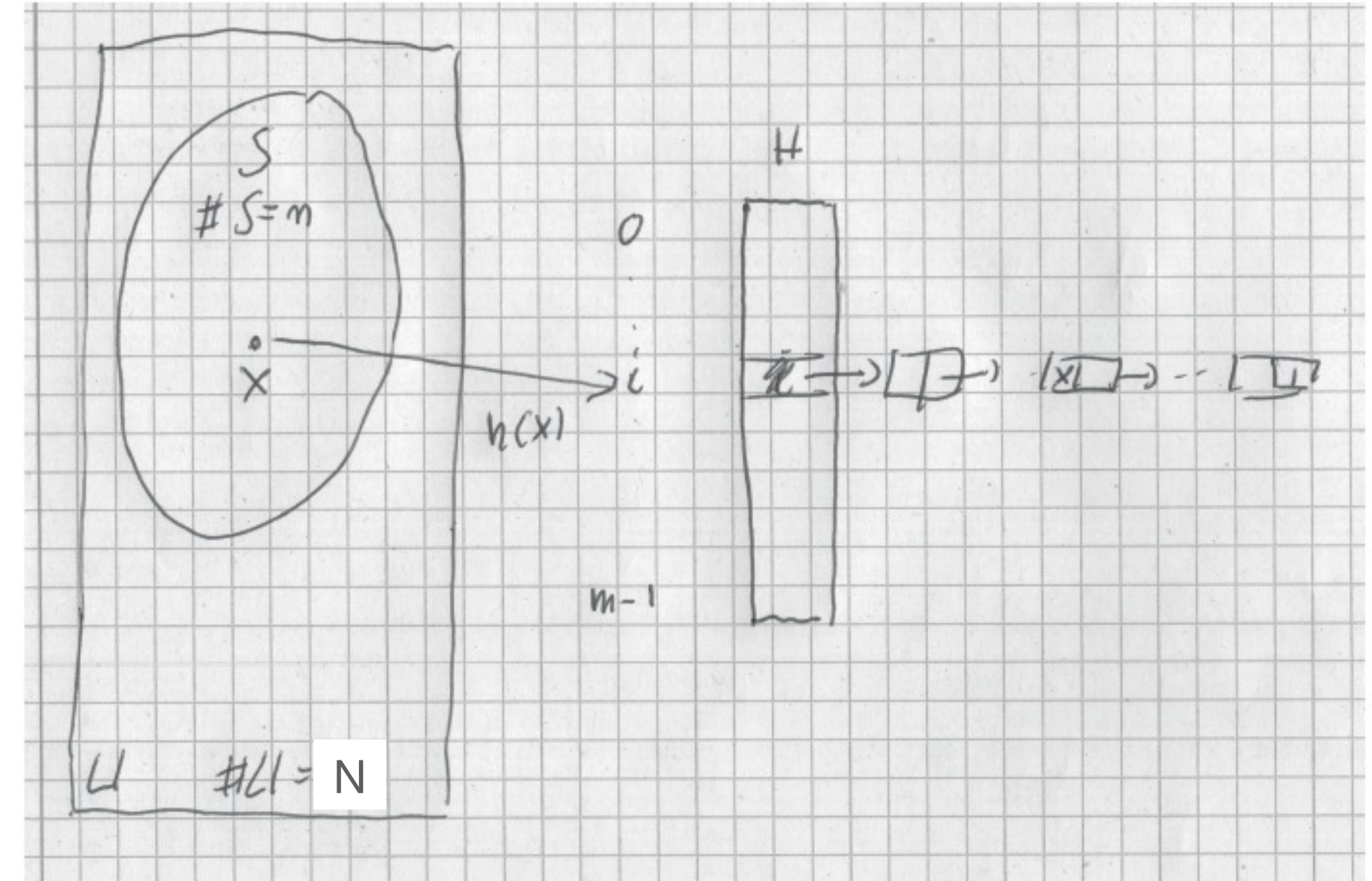


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Example:

$$N = 2^v, m = 2^\mu$$

- represent  $x = x[v-1:0]$  as binary number of length  $v$

$$\text{bin}(x) \in \mathbb{B}^v$$

- pick subset of  $\mu$  indices in  $[0:v-1]$

$$0 \leq j_0 < \dots < j_{\mu-1} < v$$

- concatenate bits  $\text{bin}(x)[j_y]$

$$z = \text{bin}(x)[i_{\mu-1}], \dots, \text{bin}(x)[0]$$

and interpret as number

$$h(x) = \langle z \rangle$$

Even distribution of keys: exercise.

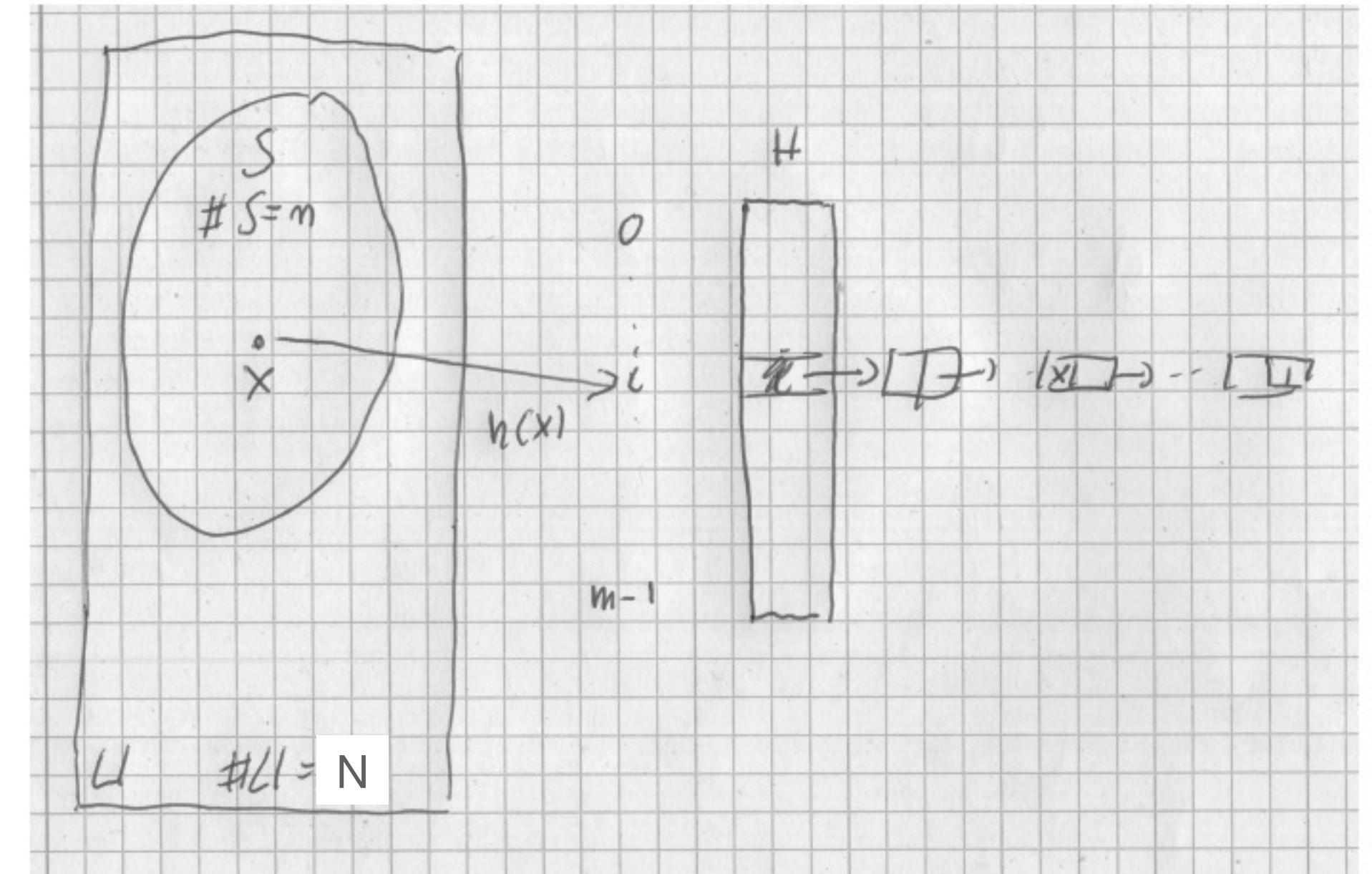


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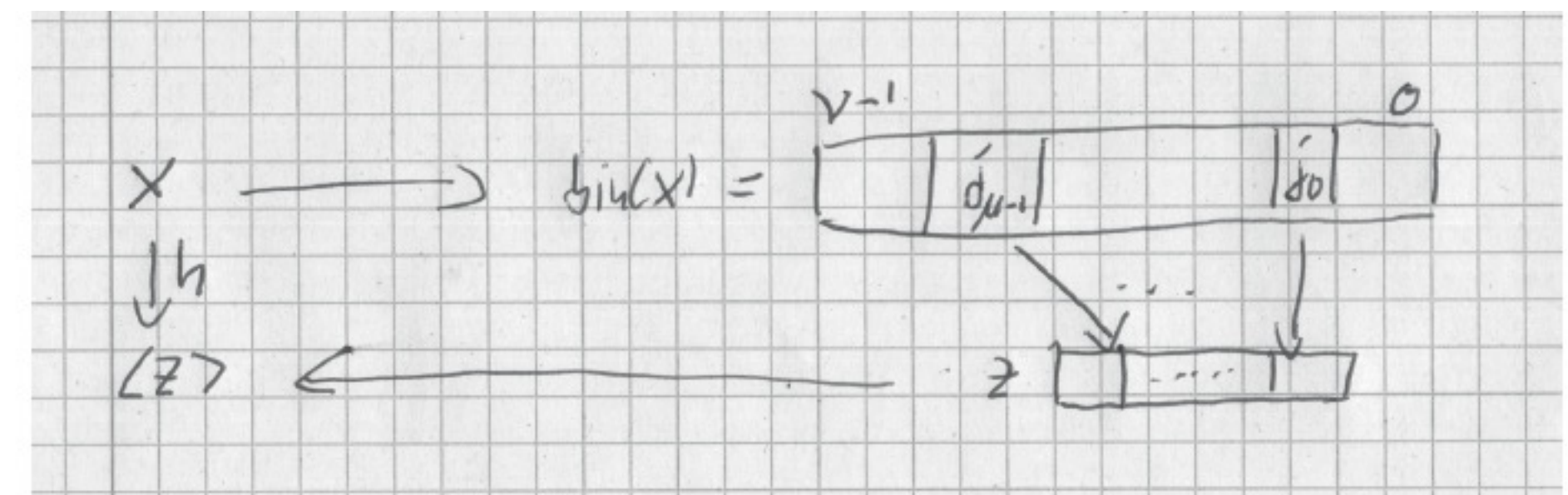


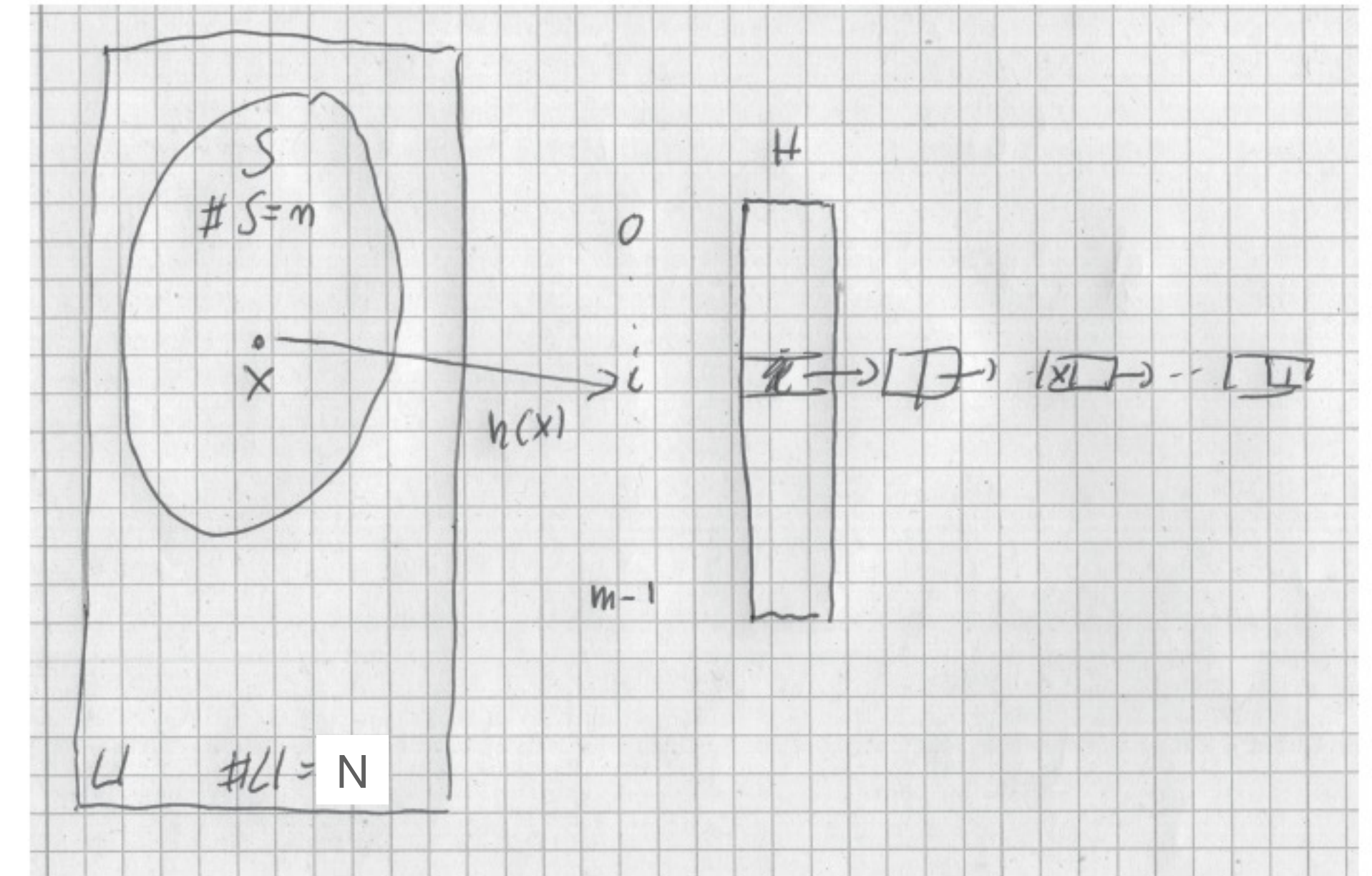
Figure 2: To hash  $x$  convert it into a binary number  $\text{bin}(x)$  of length  $v$ , obtain  $z$  by concatenating a prescribed subsequence of  $\mu$  bits of  $\text{bin}(x)$  and convert back



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