

Lect 515 -

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Today: Universal Hash functions.

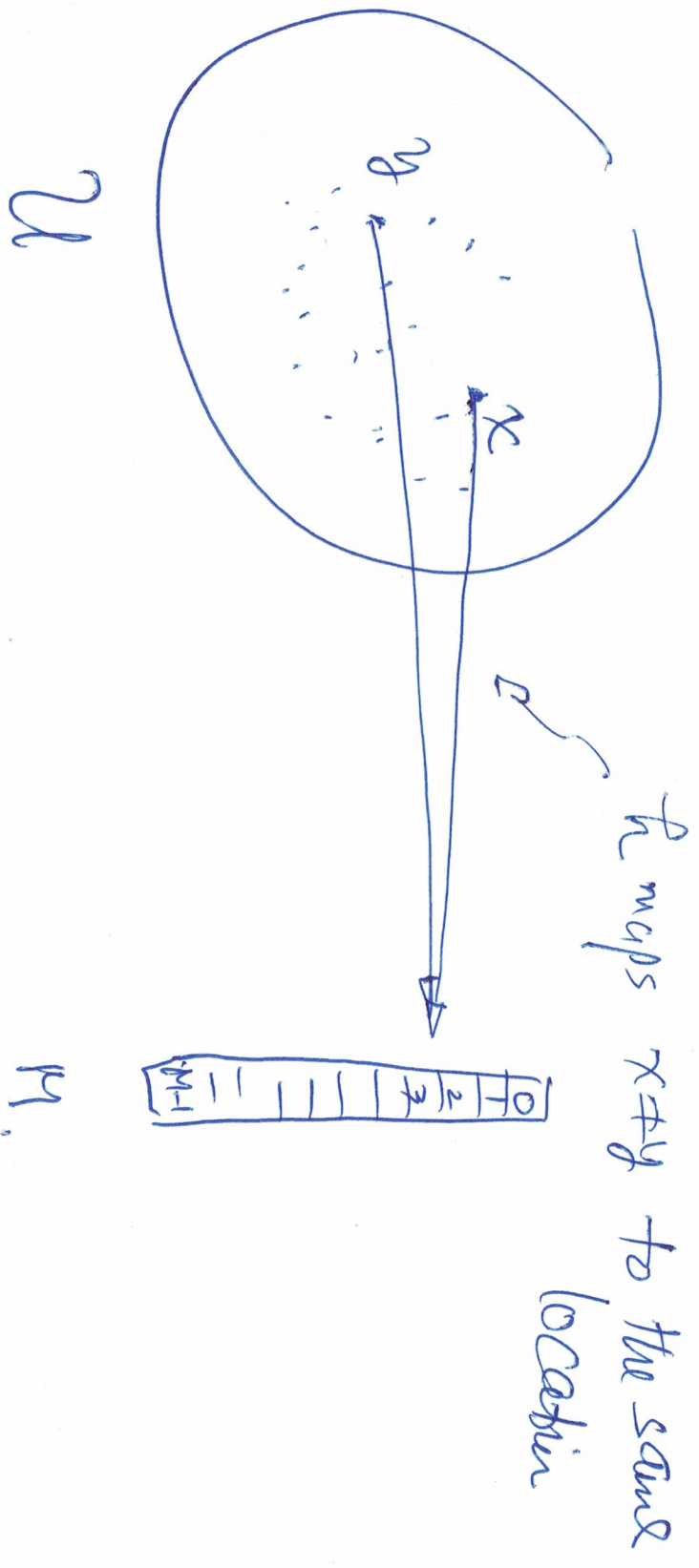
Key intuition: h is chosen randomly. However, once it's chosen, h is fixed (h itself is not random.)

Let \mathcal{H} be a finite set of hash functions from \mathcal{U} to $[M]$. \mathcal{H} is universal if $\forall x \neq y \in \mathcal{U}$,

$$\text{Prob}(h(x) = h(y)) \leq \frac{1}{M}.$$

↑
collision.

where h is a random var on \mathcal{H} .



\mathcal{U}

\mathcal{H}

f maps x to $f(x)$.

g maps y to $g(y)$.

How many choices of $h(y)$ when h is random?
 M choices among ~~one~~ of all these choices.

One will make $h(x) = h(y)$.

$\frac{1}{N}$.

Once h is chosen, h is fixed!
 h is ~~not~~ a random function. h is randomly
chosen function.

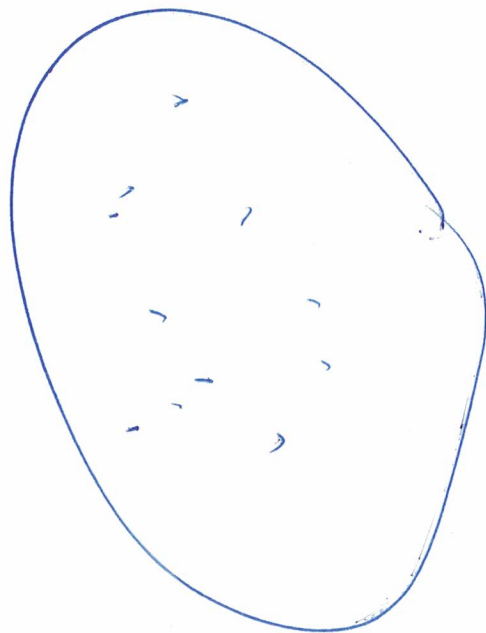
Thm. let \mathcal{H} be Universal. For each $S \subseteq \mathcal{U}$
with $|S| = N$,

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(C(x, h, S)) \leq \frac{N}{n},$$

where $x \in S$, h is random var on \mathcal{H} .

$$C(x, h, S) = |\{y: h(x) = h(y), x \neq y \in S\}|.$$

S: size N.



M.



Proof. Define $\delta_{xy} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h(x) = h(y) \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

collision cost

For a given x ,

$$\sum_{x \neq y \in S} \delta_{xy}$$

is the size of collision set,
 $C(x, h, S)$.

By def, $\text{Exp}(C_{xy}) \leq \frac{1}{N}$.

↳ of universal dh.

So, $\text{Exp}(\sum_{x \neq y \in S} \delta_{xy}) \leq \frac{N-1}{N} \leq \frac{N}{N}$.

Take this if $x \notin S$.

Example of universal hash functions.

(4-bit to 2-bit hash).

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \xrightarrow{h} (b_1, b_2).$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{pmatrix} \equiv_{\text{mod } 2} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

2 by 4 matrix of random bits.

Suppose that the random matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then $f_h(1, 0, 0, 1) =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv_{\text{mod } 2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv_{\text{mod } 2} (0, 0)$$

One can prove:

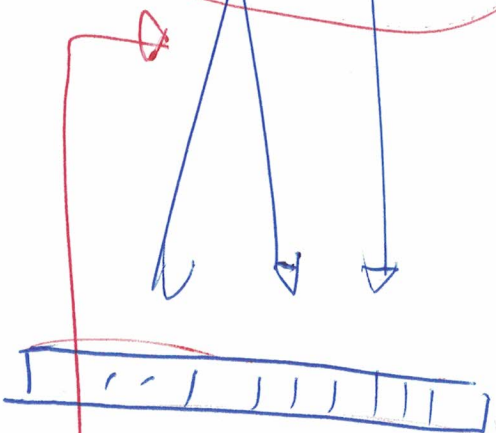
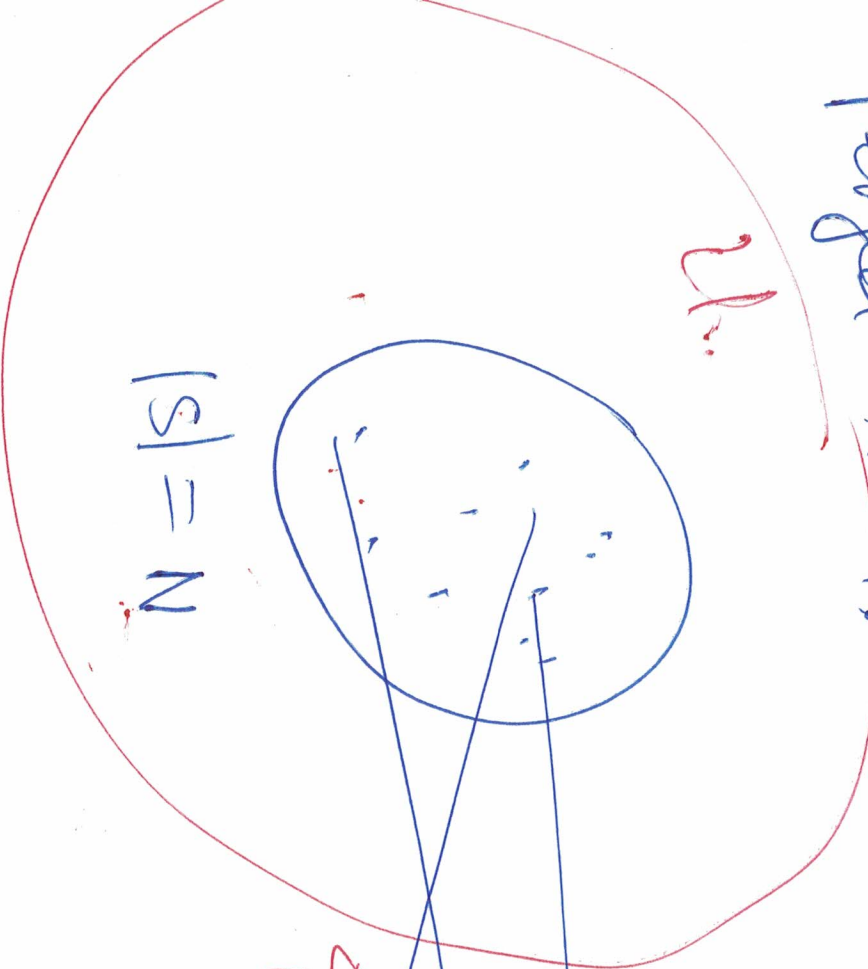
$$\text{Prob}(f_h(x) = f_h(y)) = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{for all } x \neq y$$

in 4 bits.

taken over h .

Perfect Hash:

collisions are constant many
for each x .



$$M = N^2$$

No collision!

Expectation of collision number for each x is
upper bounded by $\frac{N}{M}$. ~~actual collision number~~
is also $\leq \frac{N}{M}$.

Theorem. Let \mathcal{H} be universal. $|S| = N$ and

$M = N^2$. Then for each $S (\subseteq U)$,

$$\text{Prob} \left(\sum_{x \neq y \in S} \delta_{xy} = 0 \right) \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

(the Prob is taken on h randomly chosen from \mathcal{H}).

How to generate a collision-free hash:

~~Setup~~ Setup: Given S, \mathcal{H} ,

Goal: Pick a $h \in \mathcal{H}$ so that S is collision free wrt the h ; i.e.,

$$\underbrace{\sum_{x \neq y \in S} \delta_{xy}}_{S \text{ is collision-free wrt } h} = 0.$$

Alg of generating the h :

(1). Pick a random $h \in \mathcal{H}$.

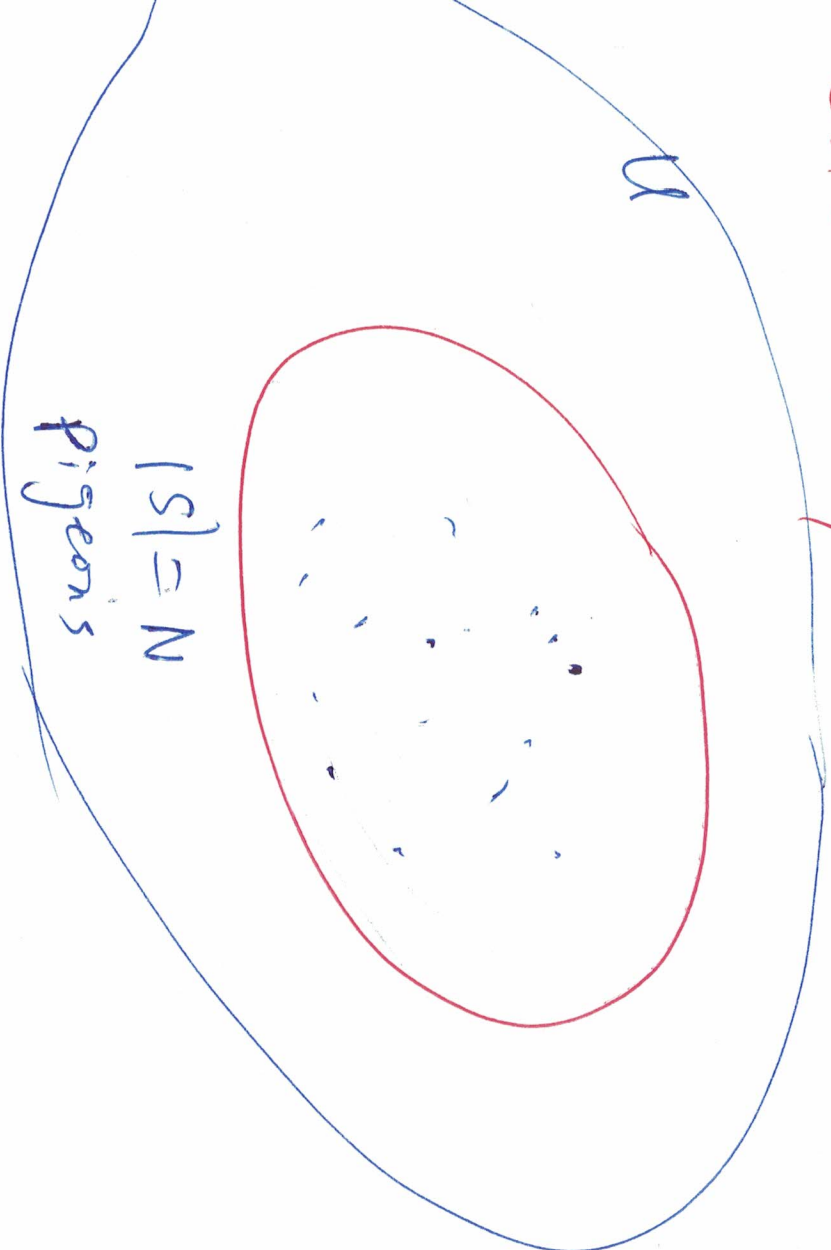
(2). Check $\sum_{x \neq y \in S} \delta_{xy} = 0$? (\Leftrightarrow is there

any collision in S wrt h)

if yes (no collision), ret h ,

o.w, go back to (1).

One Tricky Card.



$M = O(N)$ holes.

Confusion:

U : all 32-bit strings. // universe size \approx 4.7 billion.

For each $S \subseteq U$, with $|S| = 16$,
(you pick arb. 16 32-bit strings), I
want hash those 32-bit strings into,
16 drawers.