

## Count-min sketch: range queries

Show and analyze the application of count-min sketch to range queries  $(i, j)$  for computing  $\sum_{k=i}^j F[k]$ . Hint: reduce the latter query to the estimate of just  $t \leq 2 \log n$  counters  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_t$ . Note that in order to obtain a probability at most  $\delta$  of error (i.e. that  $\sum_{l=1}^t c_l > \sum_{k=i}^j F[k] + 2\epsilon \log n ||F||$ ), it does not suffice to say that it is at most  $\delta$  the probability of error of each counter  $c_l$ : while each counter is still the actual wanted value plus the residual as before, it is better to consider the sum  $V$  of these  $t$  wanted values and the sum  $X$  of these residuals, and apply Markov's inequality to  $V$  and  $X$  rather than on the individual counters.