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- a. For any given pair, the probability of $X_i = X_j$ is $1/m$. Considering all combinations, we take the union of the sets. We can see that from rewriting the union bound, the total number of $X_i = X_j$ is $n(n-1)/2$ ($n-1$ combos for X_i , summing yields $n(n-1)/2$). Combining the two, we can bound the overall probability of a collision by $p_{n,m} \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2m}$.
- b. $1 - p = q$, where q is $\Pr[X_i \neq X_j]$. We can enumerate all options and possibilities of X_i and X_j being distinct $\frac{m-1}{m} * \frac{m-1}{m} * \dots * \frac{m-1}{m}$ (Mutual independence) \rightarrow

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m-(i-1)}{m} \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{m}{m} - \frac{(i-1)}{m} \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n 1 - \frac{(i-1)}{m} \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \frac{(i-1)}{m}) = 1 - p.$$
- c. $1 + x \leq e^x \rightarrow 1 - e^x \leq -x \rightarrow$ We know that $p_{n,m} \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \rightarrow -p_{n,m} \geq -\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \rightarrow$ Substitute the first inequality with the second, $x = -p_{n,m}$. This results in $1 - e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{2m}} \leq p_{n,m}$.
- d. Prove that $-\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \leq \ln(.5)$, as $p_{n,m} \geq 1 - e^{\ln(.5)} \rightarrow p_{n,m} \geq 1 - .5 \rightarrow p_{n,m} \geq .5$
 Given that $n \geq \sqrt{2\ln(2)m} + 1 \rightarrow n(n-1) \geq (n-1)^2 \geq 2\ln(2)m \rightarrow$
 $\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \geq \frac{(n-1)^2}{2m} \geq \ln(2) \rightarrow -\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \leq -\ln(2) \rightarrow -\frac{n(n-1)}{2m} \leq \ln(1/2)$. Because this exponent is bounded, we can substitute and see that $p_{n,m} \geq .5$.