# W06: Hashing

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You may observe that it being 0 or 1 is the way we "count" whether some event occurs

# Indicator Random Variables (Expectation)

Let X be an indicator random variable with probability p of the event happening.

E[X]
$$= 1 \text{ (p)} + 0 \text{ (1-p) [Definition of expectation]} \quad X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } p \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1-p \end{cases}$$

$$= p$$

Very useful! Simple (hopefully) to calculate

$$E[X] = p$$

# The analysis "pattern" (1 & 2 are "interchangeable")

Most (but not all) analysis in Randomised Algorithms follow this "pattern".

1. Identify a Random Variable to "count" what you want (e.g. X. Goal: E[X])

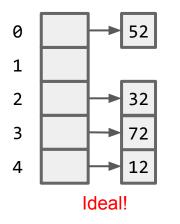
- 2. Express this RV as a **sum** of random variables (e.g.  $X = X_1 + X_2 + ... + X_n$ )
  - a. Calculate the relevant probability for  $X_1, X_2, ...$
  - b. Calculate the individual expectation of the "sub"-random variables. ( $E[X_1], E[X_2], ...$ )

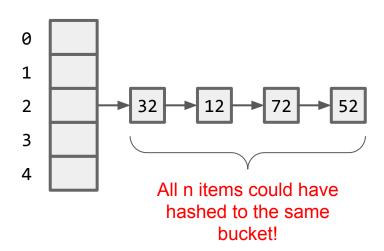
3. Use linearity of expectations on *E[X]*. Then you add up the expectation of the "sub"-random variables (from step 2b)

**Universal Hashing** 

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- We want to choose from a "good set" of hash functions -- Universal Hash Family is one way to define this "good set"!

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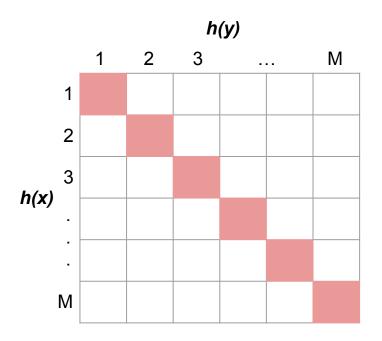
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Alternative formulation

# Universal Hashing (Illustration)

Universal:  $\Pr_{h \sim \mathcal{H}}[h(x) = h(y)] \leq \frac{1}{M}$ 

Take **any** different *x*, *y* in *U*. Write the number of hash functions *h* in *H* that lie in each box.



If *H* is universal, sum of values in red cells must be at most |*H*|/*M* 

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We have  $\frac{1}{3} \le \frac{1}{2}$ , so this set is universal!

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Not all pairs satisfy the universality condition!

Therefore not universal

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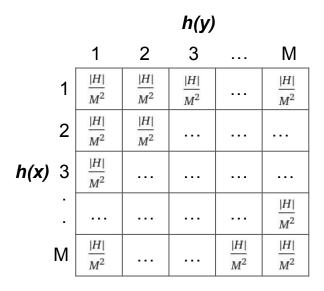
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- For all distinct x and y, I can choose  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  to be anything I want
  - $\circ$  And the result "should feel uniformly distributed" (remember,  $M^2$  is all possibilities)

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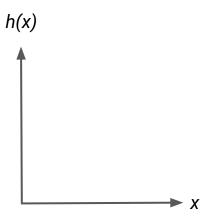
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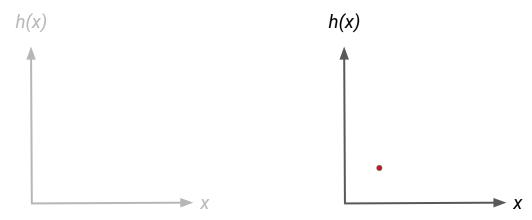
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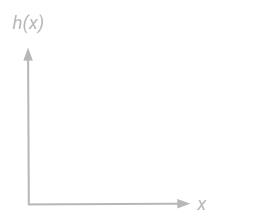
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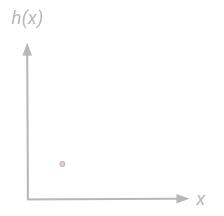
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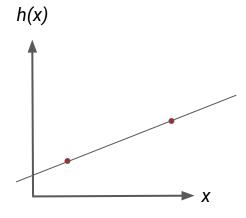
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But after the second point, the third point can be determined! Not independent anymore

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For all i, i.i.

LHS: 
$$Pr[h(a)=i_1, h(b)=i_2]=\frac{1}{141}=\frac{1}{4}$$
 $Phs: \frac{1}{4}=\frac{1}{2^2}=\frac{1}{4}$ 
 $Phs: LHS = Phs \quad \forall x, y, i_1, i_2$ 

# Note: Definition with Equality

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Tutorial question, earlier version of slides + recording uses ≤ to define pairwise-independent, whereas this version defines it with equality. The two definitions are **equivalent**. However, equality seems to be more common.

Proof Sketch: Consider all  $M^2$  combinations of  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ .

1 = Sum of combinations of Probability of hashing to  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  respectively  $\leq M^2 * (1/M^2) = 1$ 

First equality is due to probability axioms after considering all cases. For each probability of hashing to i<sub>1</sub> and i<sub>2</sub>, it must be exactly 1/M<sup>2</sup>

# Question 1: Pairwise Independent → Universal?

# Q1

Does Pairwise-Independent family imply Universal family?

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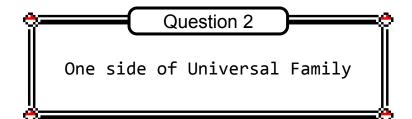
- 1. Use definition of Universal Hash family
- 2. Express it similar to Pairwise Independent family
- 3. Since we assume Pairwise Independent, use its property

$$\Pr[h(x) = h(y)]$$

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#### Question 2

Make it look like pairwise independent

e.g. 
$$M = 2$$
,  $\{0, 1\}$ 

Then
$$Pr[h(x) = h(y)]$$
 $= Pr[h(x) = 0, h(y) = 0]$ 
 $+ Pr[h(x) = 1, h(y) = 1]$ 

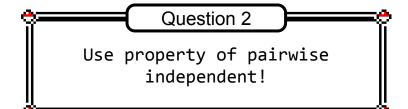
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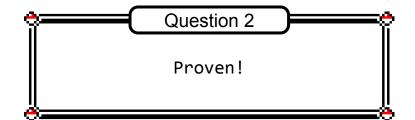
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Question 2: Universal → Pairwise

Independent?

# Q2

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Suppose you hash *N* distinct elements using *h* randomly drawn from a pairwise independent family. The expected number of elements which hash to slot 1 is at most?



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Next things to do:

- Calculate  $Pr(X_i = 1)$ . This is enough to get  $E[X_i]!$
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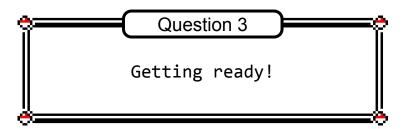
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"Make it look like pairwise indep":
 k = goes through all M items.
 y = item distinct from x<sub>i</sub>

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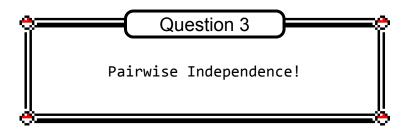
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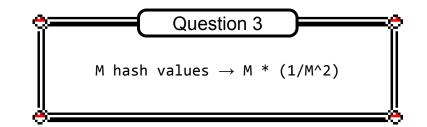
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# Question 3: Apply linearity!

$$E[X] = E[\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i]$$

Recall: hashing N distinct elements!

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From earlier slide

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The same upper bound as the previous question holds for a hash function drawn from a universal (instead of pairwise independent) family.

True or False?



False

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$$\frac{A \cdot B}{h_1 \cdot O \cdot O}$$
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Define IRV  $X_i$ :

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 $Pr[X_a = 1] = 0$ 

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$$|E[X] = |E[X_{\alpha}] + |E[X_{\beta}]|$$

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The following slides will show another example based on the hash family in lecture. If there is no time, it can be

skipped

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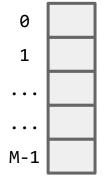
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#### O(log(x)) bits to represent!

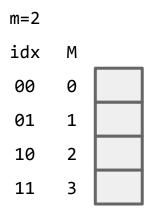
# **Decimals to Binary**

An integer  $x \ge 1$ , needs  $n = L\log_2(x)J + 1$  bits to represent it

Х	Binary Repr.	n
1	1	1
2	10	2
3	11	2
4	100	3
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10	1010	4
23	10111	5
63	111111	6
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M = the number of buckets in the hash table

m = the len of binary representation of M



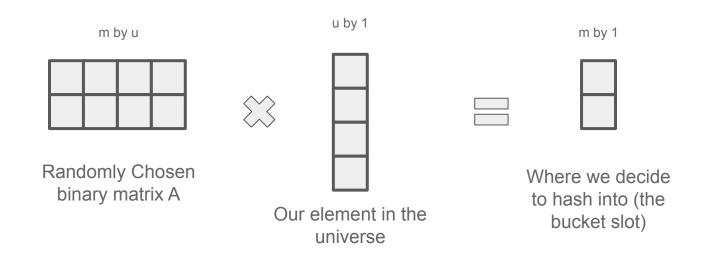
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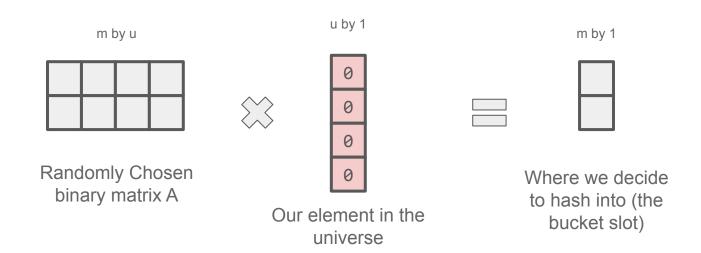
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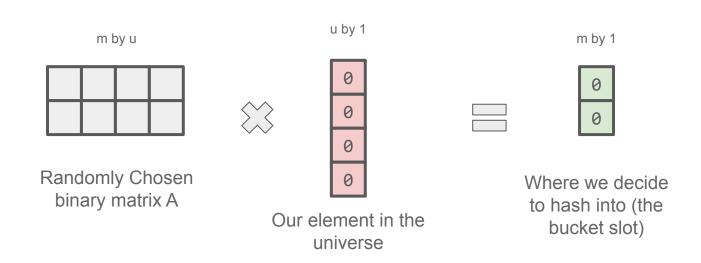
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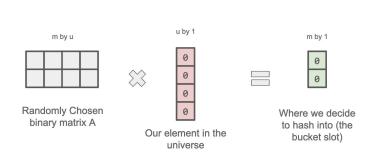
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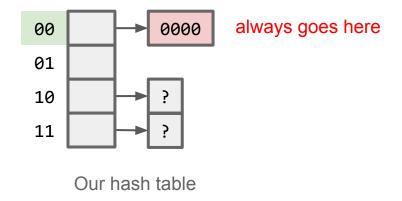
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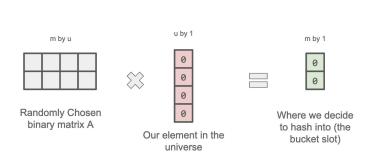
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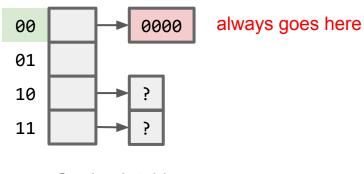
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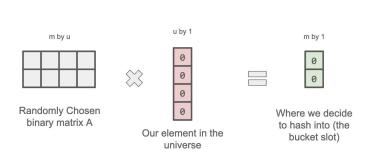
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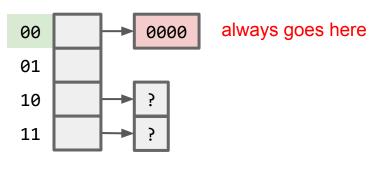
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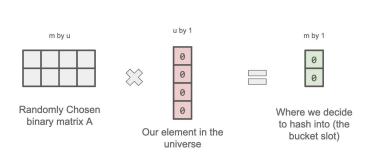
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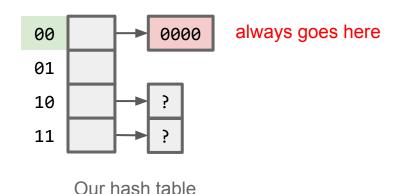
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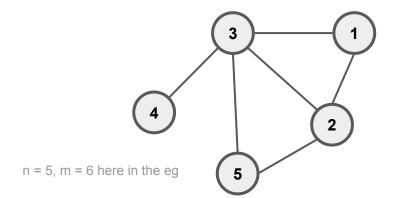
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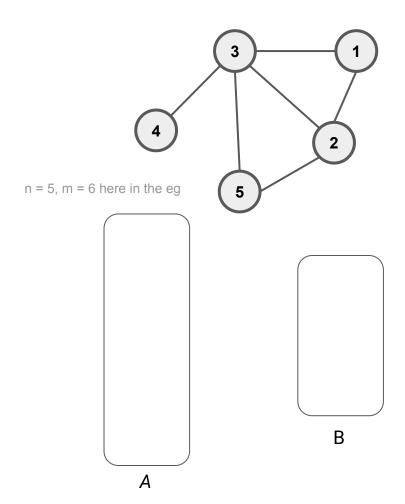


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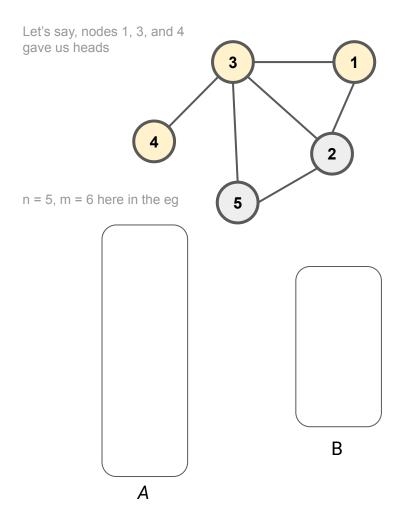
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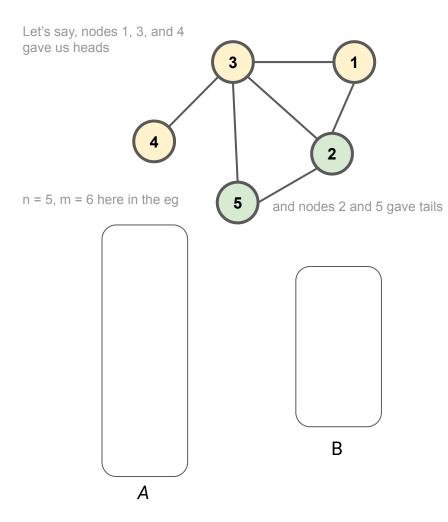
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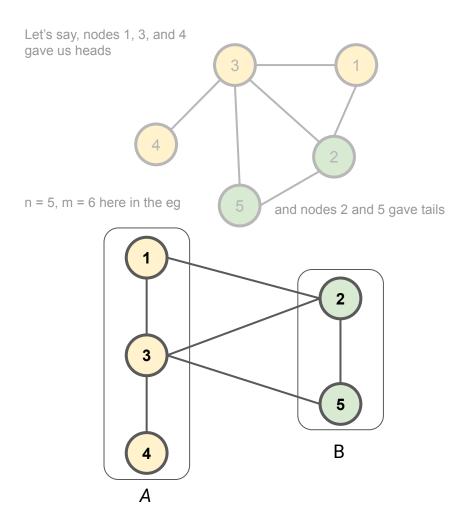
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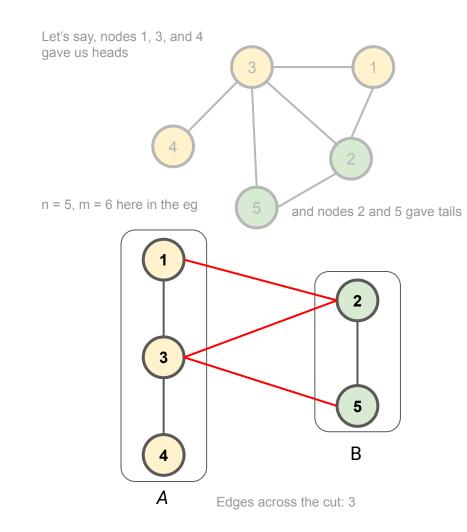


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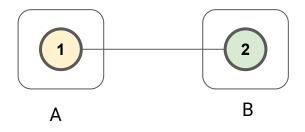
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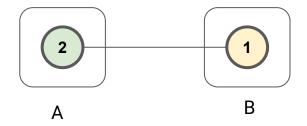
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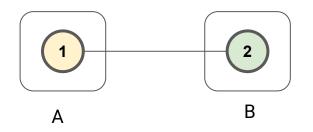
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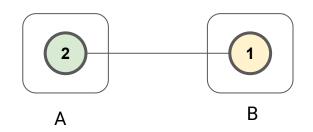




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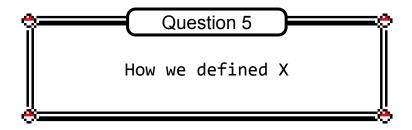
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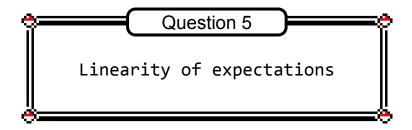
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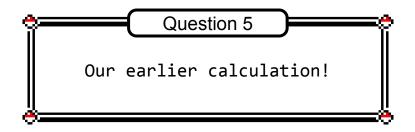
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