

## 0.1 Balanced splitters and Catalan numbers

**Definition 1.** A  $(n, r, m)$ -splitter,  $S$ , is a set of functions  $s : [n] \rightarrow [m]$ , such that for any set  $R \subseteq [n]$  of size  $|R| = r$ , there is an  $s \in S$  such that

$$\lfloor r/m \rfloor \leq |s^{-1}(i) \cap R| \leq \lceil r/m \rceil$$

for all  $i \in [m]$ .

A balanced splitter is a splitter where for all  $s \in S$  and  $i \in [m]$ ,

$$\lfloor n/m \rfloor \leq |s^{-1}(i)| \leq \lceil n/m \rceil.$$