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Homework 2

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Proof. Let $\{x, y\} \subset A$ be such that $x \neq y$. Then for any pairwise independent hash function $h \in H$,

$$(h(x), h(y)) \in_U T^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathop{\mathbb{P}}_{h \in_U H}[h(x) = h(y)] = \sum_{z \in T} \mathop{\mathbb{P}}_{h \in_U H}[(h(x), h(y)) = (z, z)] = \sum_{z \in T} \frac{1}{|T^2|} = |T| \cdot \frac{1}{|T|^2} = \frac{1}{|T|} = \frac{1}{t}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathop{\mathbb{E}}_{h \in_U H}[\#\text{ colliding pairs for } h] &= \mathop{\mathbb{E}}_{h \in_U H}\left[\sum_{\substack{\{x,y\} \subset A \\ x \neq y}} \mathbb{1}_{\{x,y\} \text{ is a colliding pair for } h}\right] \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\{x,y\} \subset A \\ x \neq y}} \mathop{\mathbb{E}}_{h \in_U H}\left[\mathbb{1}_{\{x,y\} \text{ is a colliding pair for } h}\right] \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\{x,y\} \subset A \\ x \neq y}} \mathop{\mathbb{P}}_{h \in_U H}[\{x, y\} \text{ is a colliding pair for } h] \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\{x,y\} \subset A \\ x \neq y}} \mathop{\mathbb{P}}_{h \in_U H}[h(x) = h(y)] \\
&= |\{\{x, y\} \subset A : x \neq y\}| \cdot \frac{1}{t} \\
&= \binom{|A|}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{t} \\
&= \binom{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{t}.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □