

Homework 29

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Minimum of Probability of Bloom Filter Error

$$P(h) = (1 - \frac{1}{n})^u (1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^{uh})^h$$

$$\begin{aligned} P'(h) &= (1 - \frac{1}{n})^u (\ln(1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^{uh}) * (1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^{uh})^h - uh * \ln(1 - \frac{1}{m}) * (1 - \frac{1}{m})^{uh} * (1 - (1 - \frac{1}{m})^{uh})^{h-1}) \\ &= (1 - \frac{1}{n})^u (\ln(1 - Q) * (1 - Q)^h - uh * \ln(1 - \frac{1}{m}) * Q * (1 - Q)^{h-1}) \\ &\quad \text{for } Q = (1 - \frac{1}{m})^{uh} \end{aligned}$$

Note that $e^{-x} = 1 - x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \dots \approx 1 - x$ for small x

$$\Rightarrow Q = (1 - \frac{1}{m})^{uh} \approx e^{-\frac{uh}{m}} \text{ and } (1 - \frac{1}{m}) \approx e^{-\frac{1}{m}}$$

If $P'(h) = 0$, then

$$\ln(1 - e^{-\frac{uh}{m}}) * (1 - e^{-\frac{uh}{m}})^h = uh * \ln(e^{-\frac{1}{m}}) * e^{-\frac{uh}{m}} * (1 - e^{-\frac{uh}{m}})^{h-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(1 - e^{-\frac{uh}{m}}) * (1 - e^{-\frac{uh}{m}}) = -\frac{uh}{m} * e^{-\frac{uh}{m}}$$

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$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{m}{u} \ln 2$$