Data Structures and Algorithms

Cardinality

CS 225

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Learning Objectives

Review bloom filters and identify the ‘weakness’ of BFs

Introduce the concept of cardinality and cardinality estimation

Bloom Filters

A probabilistic data structure storing a set of values

$h_{\{1,2,3,\ldots,k\}}$

Has three key properties:

- k, number of hash functions
- n, expected number of insertions
- m, filter size in bits

Expected false positive rate: $\left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right)^{nk}\right)^{k} \approx \left(1 - e^{\frac{-nk}{m}}\right)^{k}$

Optimal accuracy when: $k^* = \ln 2 \cdot \frac{m}{n}$

The hidden problem with (most) sketches…

Cardinality

Cardinality is a measure of how many unique items are in a set

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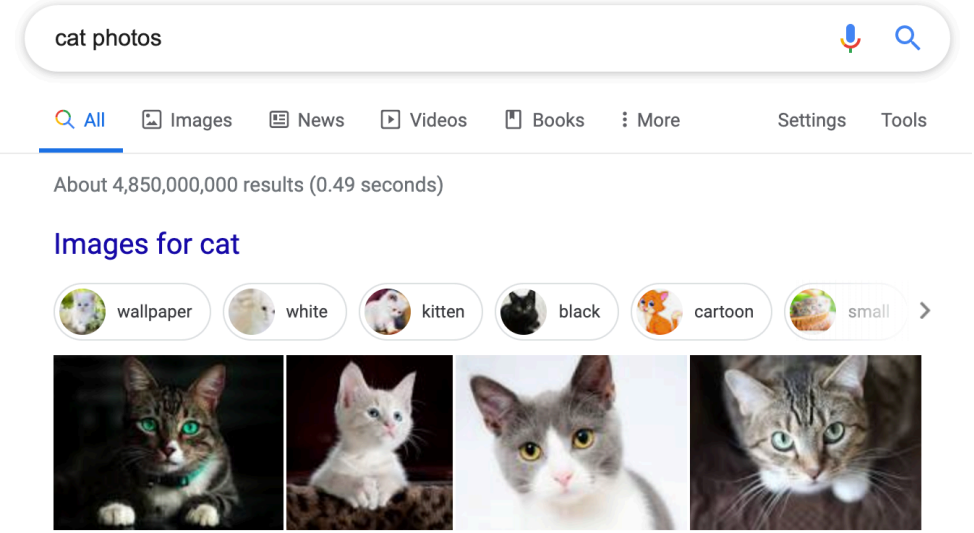
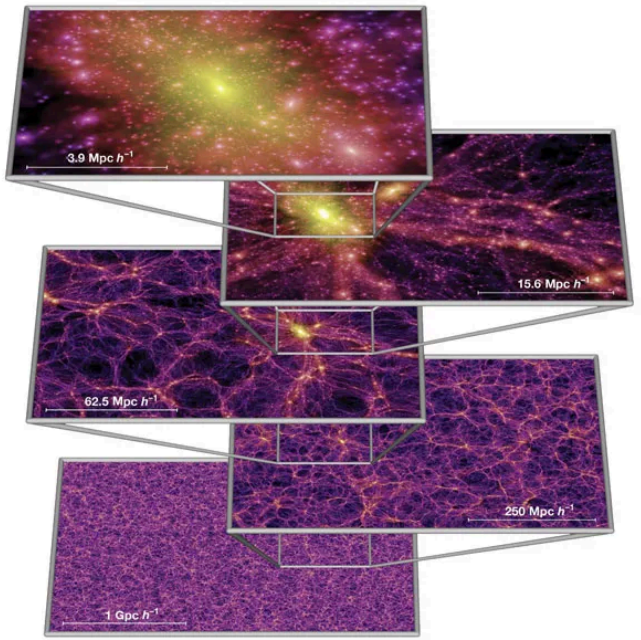
Cardinality

Sometimes its not possible or realistic to count all objects!



Estimate: 60 billion — 130 trillion



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Cardinality Estimation

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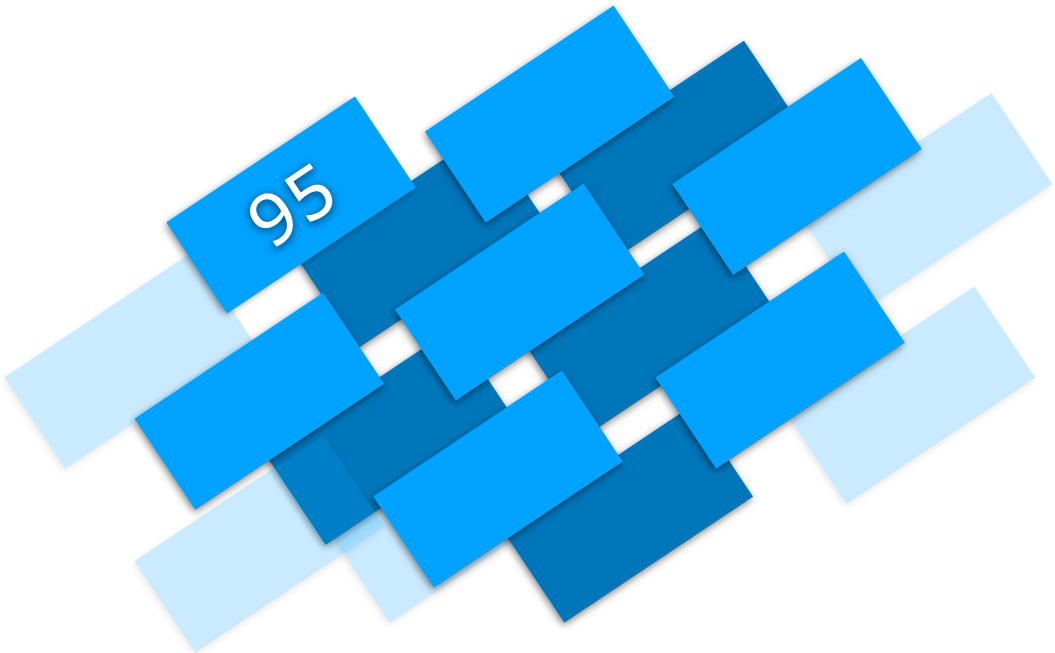
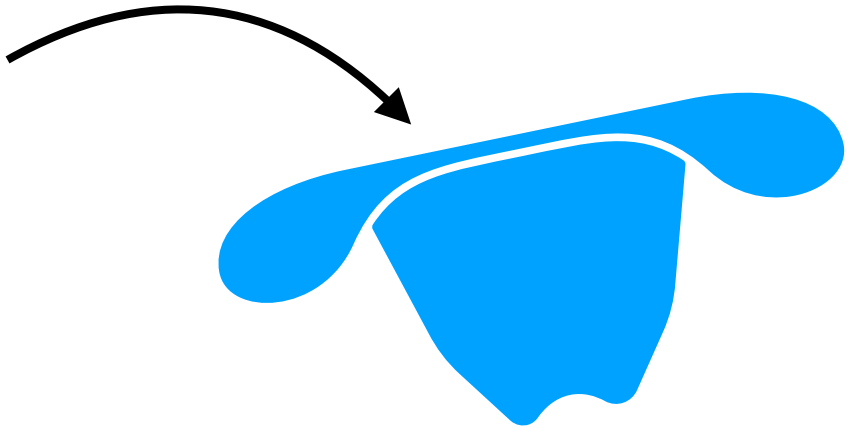
If I told you the value of the card was 95, what have we learned?



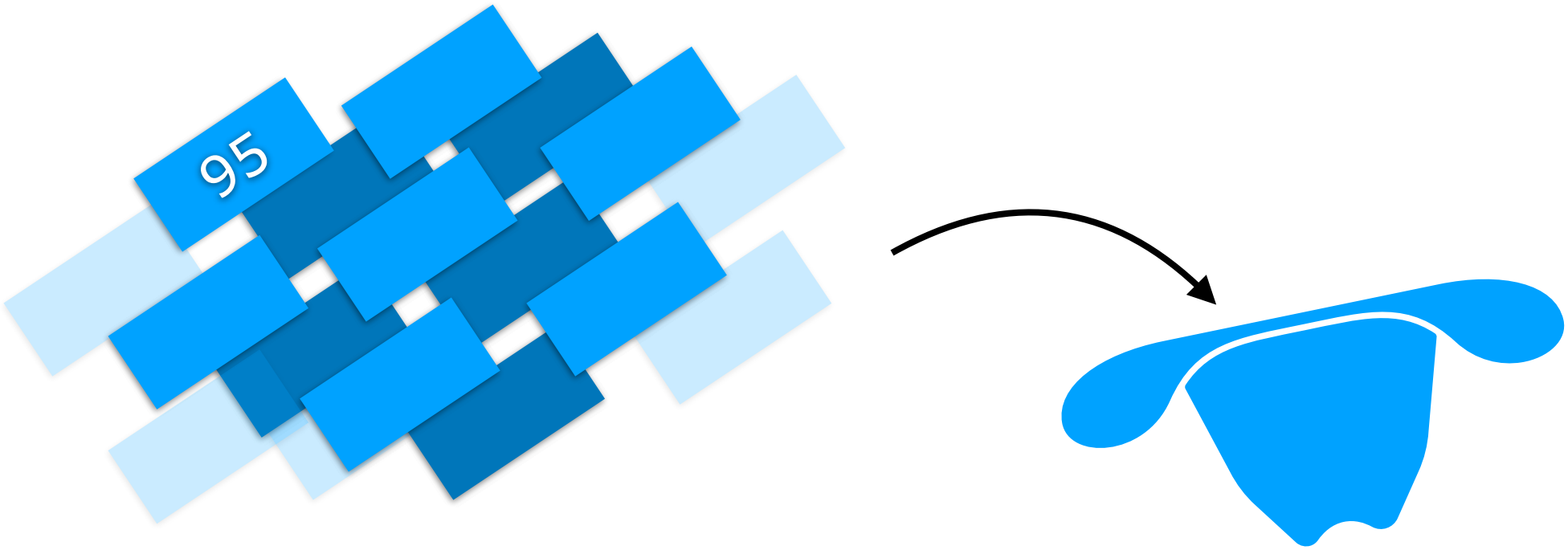


Analogy from Ben Langmead

Cardinality Estimation

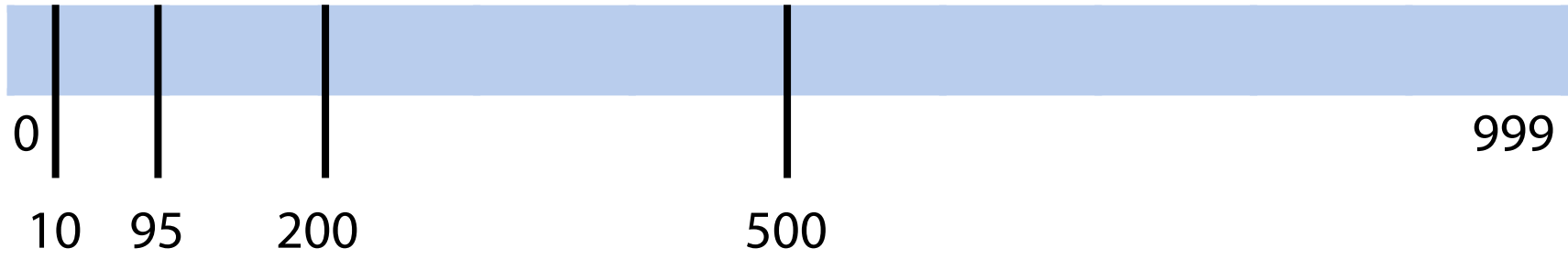
Imagine I fill a hat with **a random subset** of numbered cards **from 0 to 999**

If I told you that the **minimum** value was 95, what have we learned?



Cardinality Estimation

Imagine we have multiple uniform random sets with different minima.



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Conceptually: If we scatter N points randomly across the interval, we end up with $N + 1$ partitions, each about $1000/(N + 1)$ long

Assuming our first 'partition' is about average:

$$95 \approx 1000/(N+1)$$

$$N+1 \approx 10.5$$

$$N \approx 9.5$$

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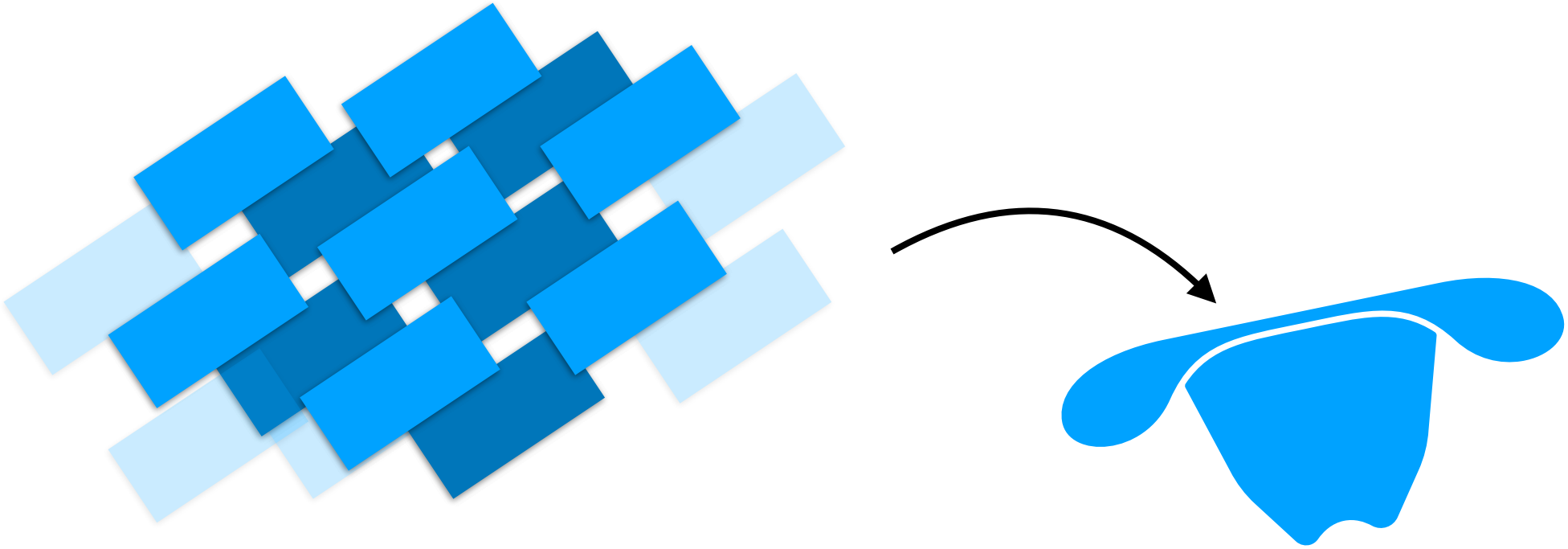

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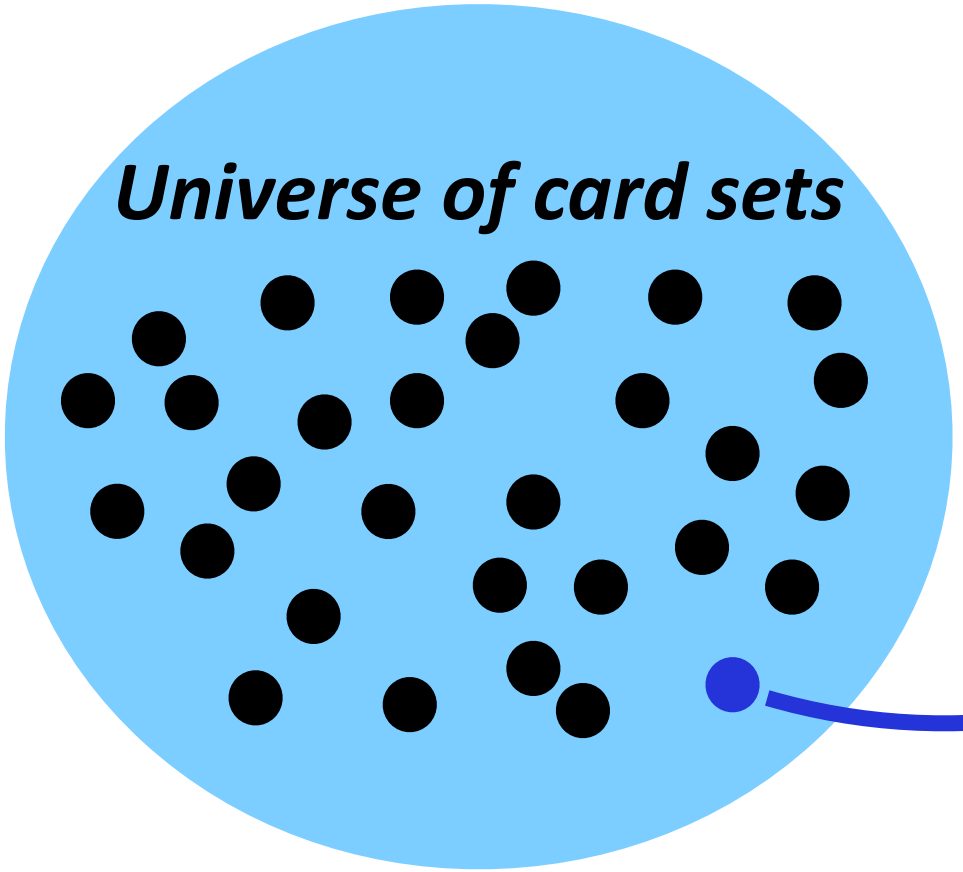

m possible minima

Key	Value

Cardinality Estimation

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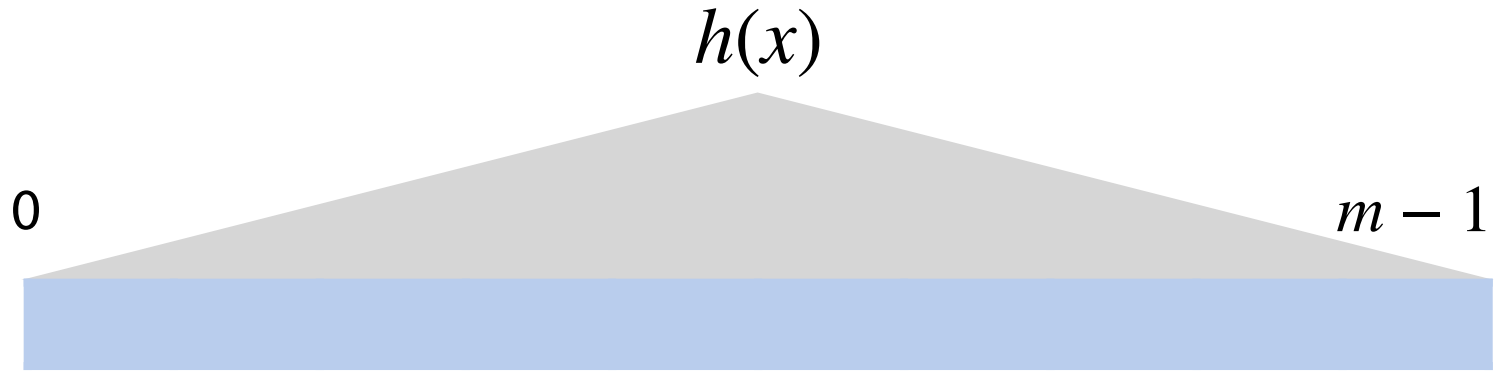

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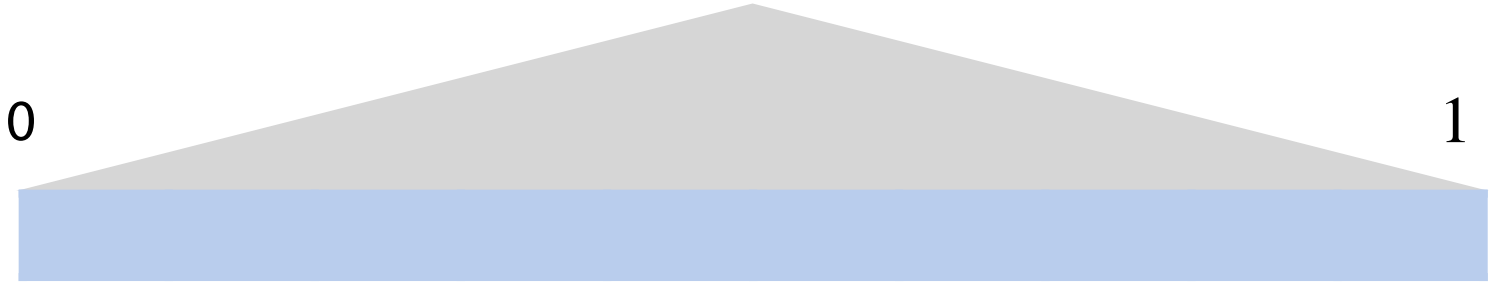
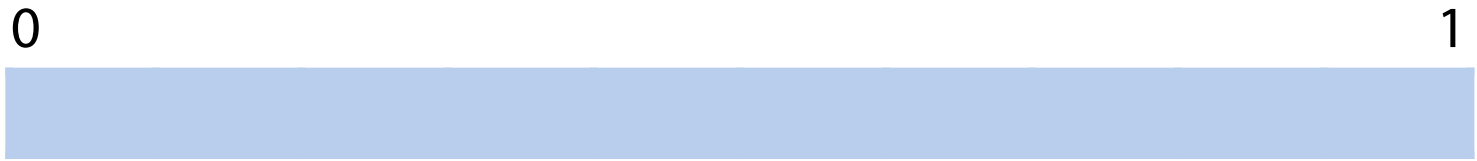
$$h'(x) = h(x) \ / \ (m - 1)$$



Cardinality Sketch

Let $M = min(X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_N)$ where each $X_i \in [0, 1]$ is an uniform independent random variable

Claim: $\mathbf{E}[M] = \frac{1}{N+1}$



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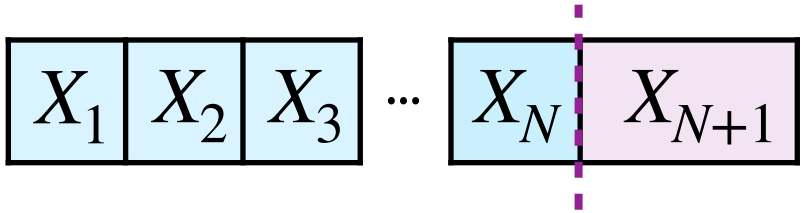

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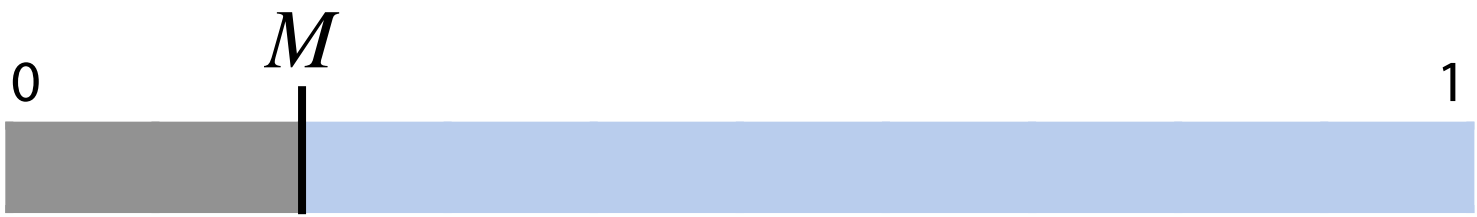

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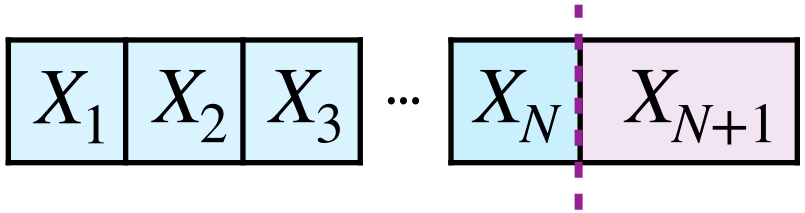

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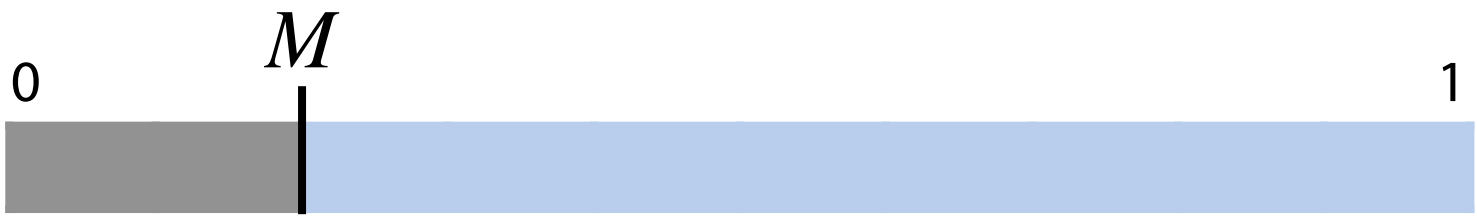

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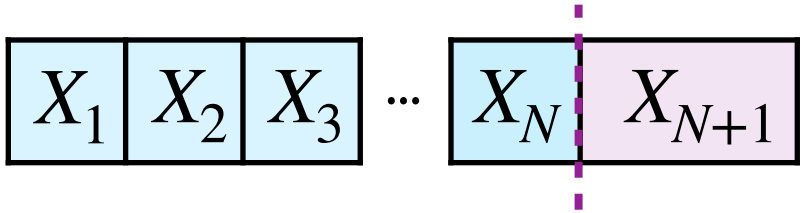

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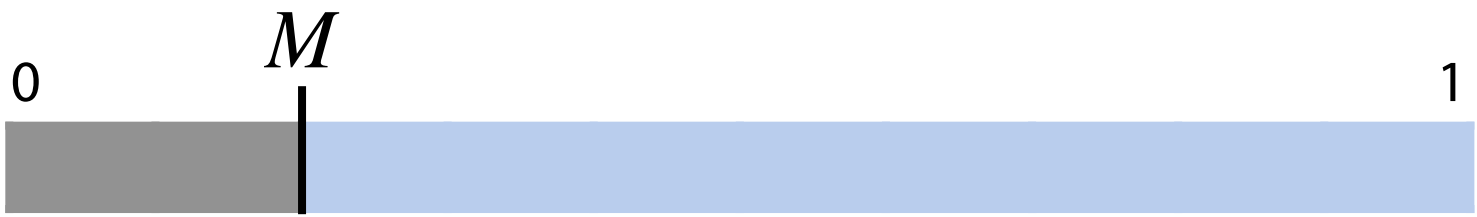

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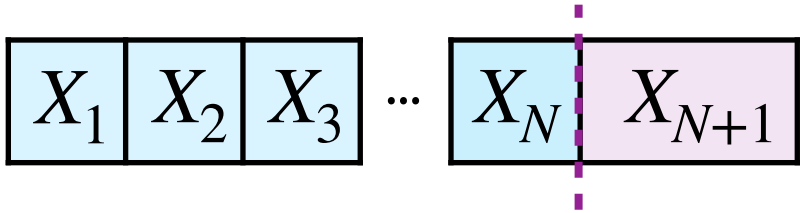

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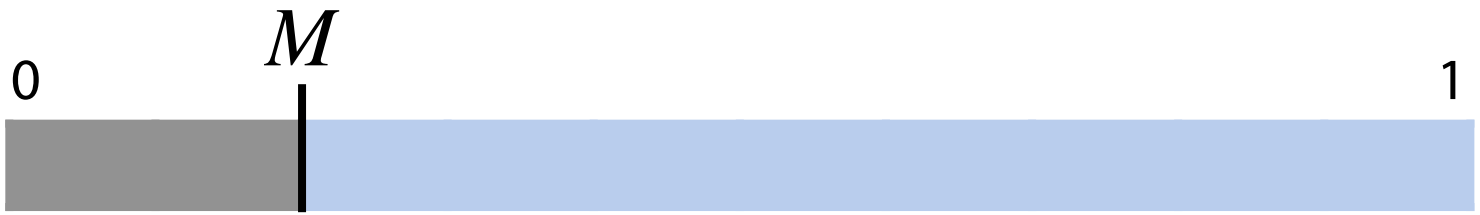

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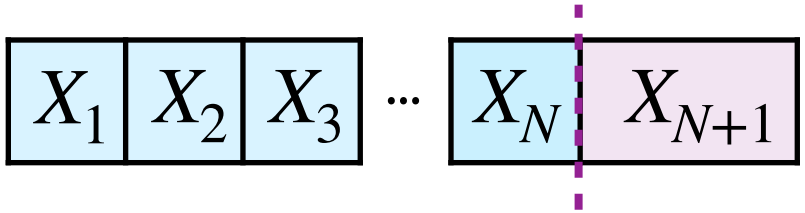

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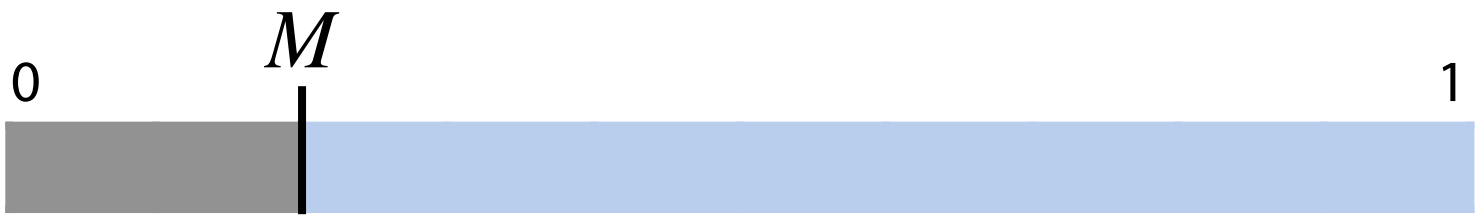


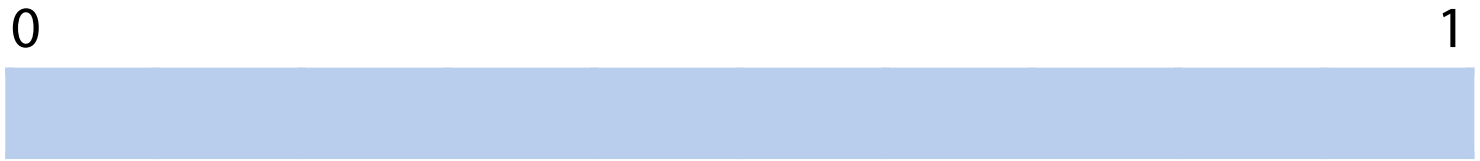
Cardinality Sketch

Claim: $\mathbf{E}[M] = \frac{1}{N+1}$ $\qquad N \approx \frac{1}{M} - 1$

Attempt 1	0.962	0.328	0.771	0.952	0.923
Attempt 2	0.253	0.839	0.327	0.655	0.491
Attempt 3	0.134	0.580	0.364	0.743	0.931

Cardinality Sketch

The minimum hash is a valid sketch of a dataset but can we do better?



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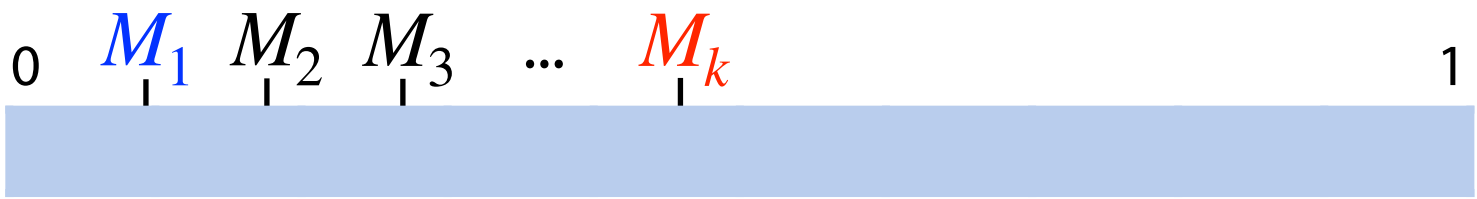

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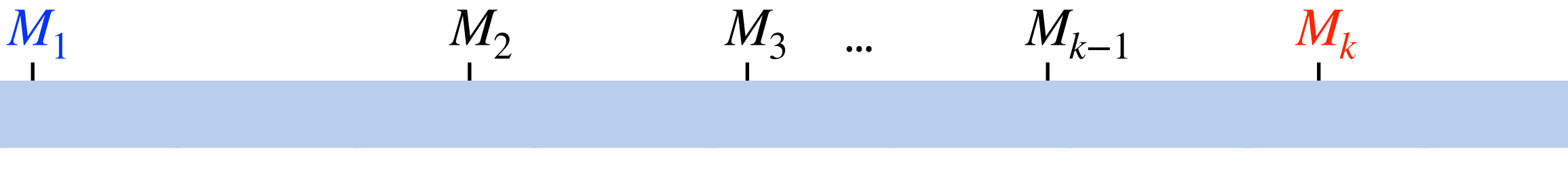

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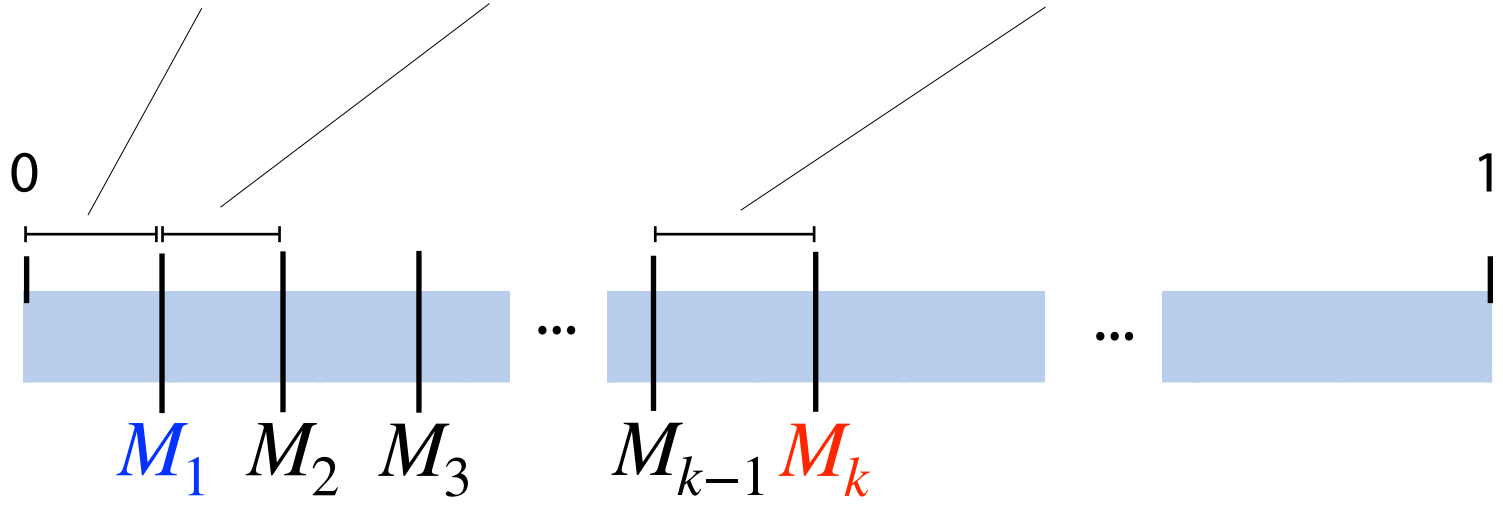

k^{th} minimum value (KMV)

Averages k estimates for $\frac{1}{N+1}$

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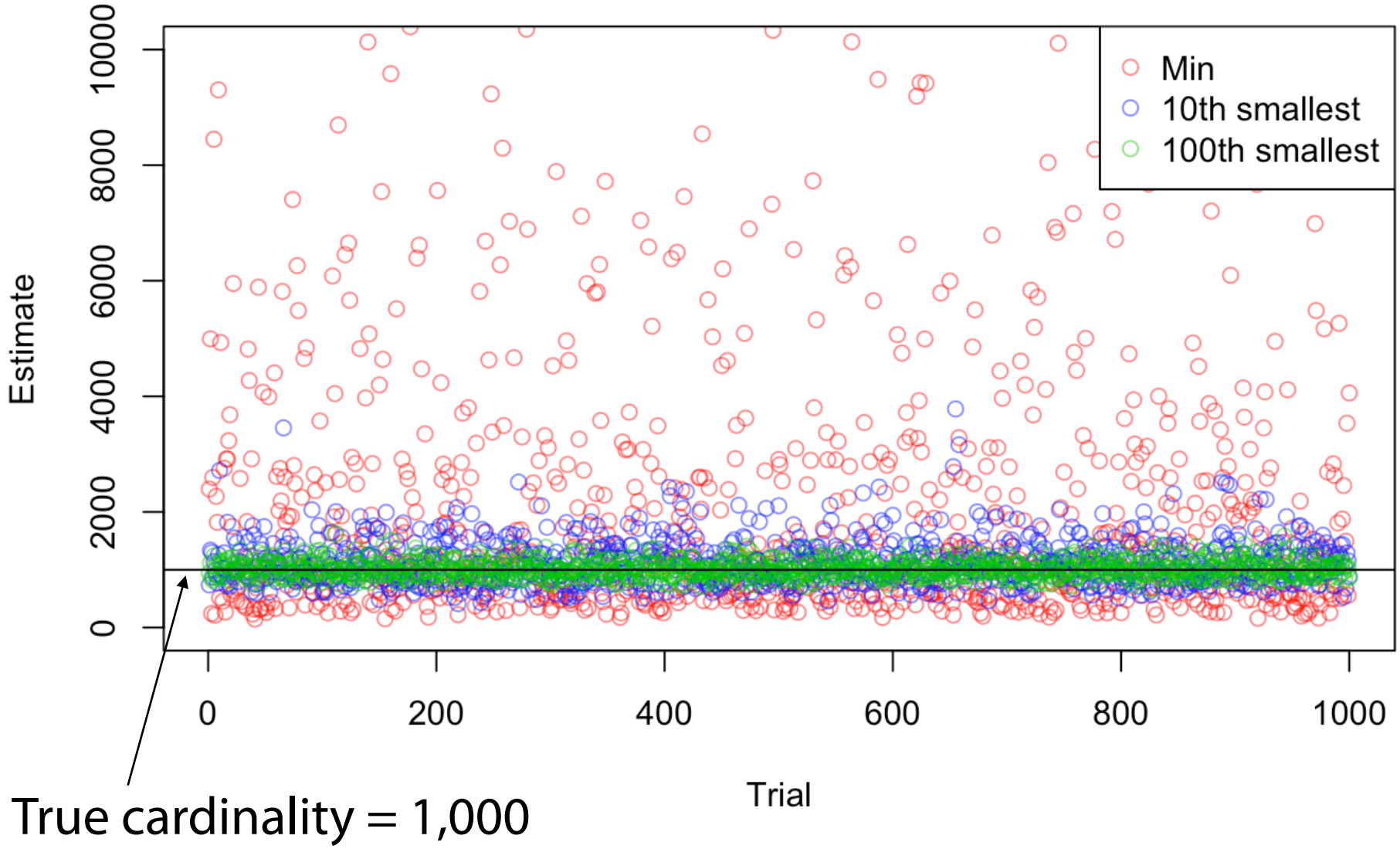

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Given any dataset and a SUHA hash function, we can **estimate the number of unique items** by tracking the **k-th minimum hash value**.

Hash

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To use the k-th min, we have to track k minima. **Can we use ALL minima?**

Applied Cardinalities

Cardinalities

$|A|$

$|B|$

$|A \cup B|$

$|A \cap B|$

Set similarities

$$O = \frac{|A \cap B|}{min(|A|, |B|)}$$

$$J = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

Real-world Meaning

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