

# Data Structures and Algorithms

## Cardinality Sketches

CS 225

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# Reminder: Final Exam Scheduling

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There are no extensions or make-ups for the final exam

# Learning Objectives



Introduce the concept of cardinality and cardinality estimation

Demonstrate the relationship between cardinality and similarity

Introduce the MinHash Sketch for set similarity detection

# Bloom Filters

A probabilistic data structure storing a set of values

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

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

# Count-Min Sketch

A probabilistic data structure storing a set of values

Has **four** key properties:

$k$ , number of hash functions

$n$ , expected number of insertions

$m$ , filter size in **registers**

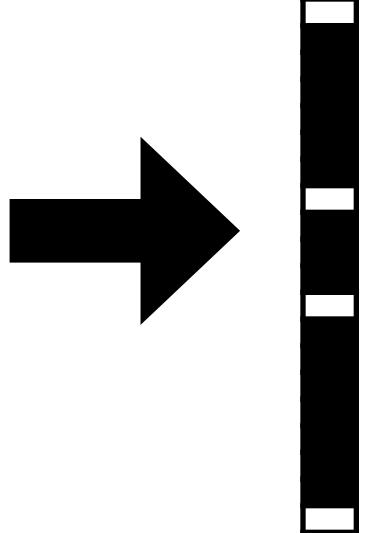
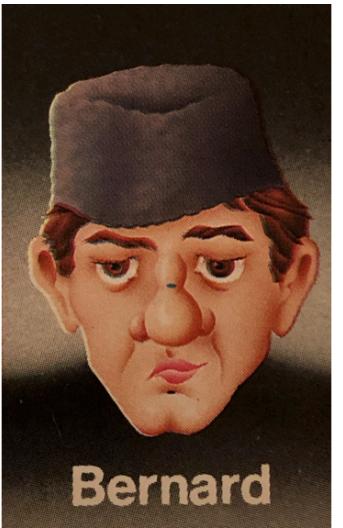
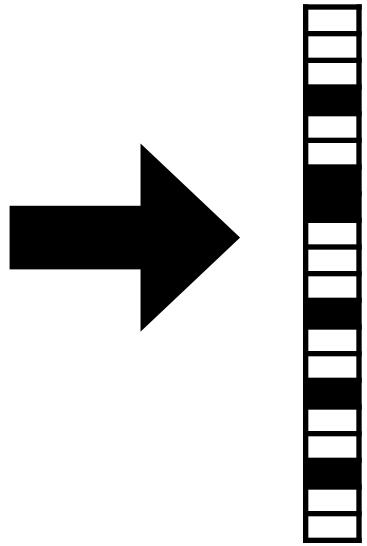
**$b$ , number of bits per register**

$h_{\{1,2,3,\dots,k\}}$	0	3	1	0
0	0	2	3	
2	0	1	0	
3	1	0	1	
0	0	2	2	

**Minimal increase** reduces overcounting by identifying collisions.

(Count returned by sketch)  $\geq$  (True count of the query)

# The hidden problem with sketches...



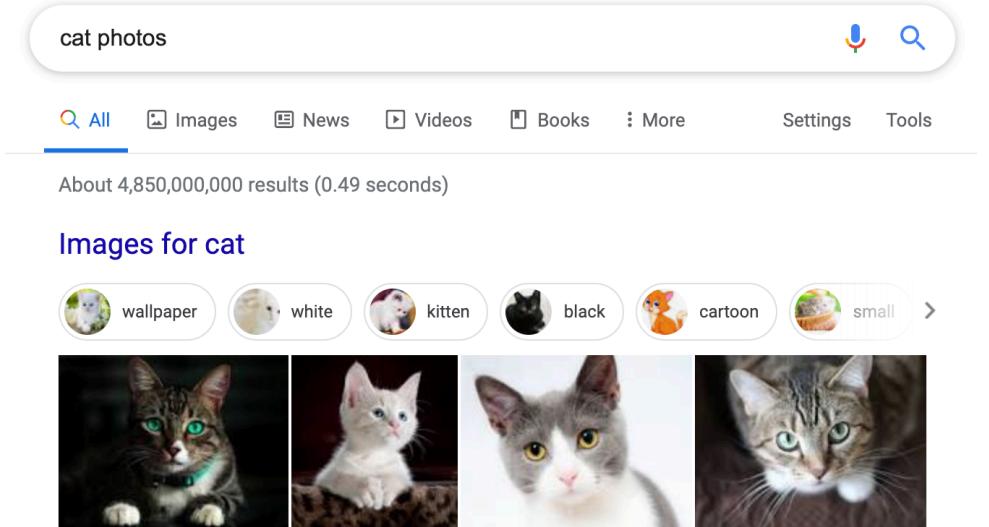
# Cardinality

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

2
4
9
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5
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# Cardinality

Sometimes its not possible or realistic to count all objects!



Estimate: 60 billion — 130 trillion

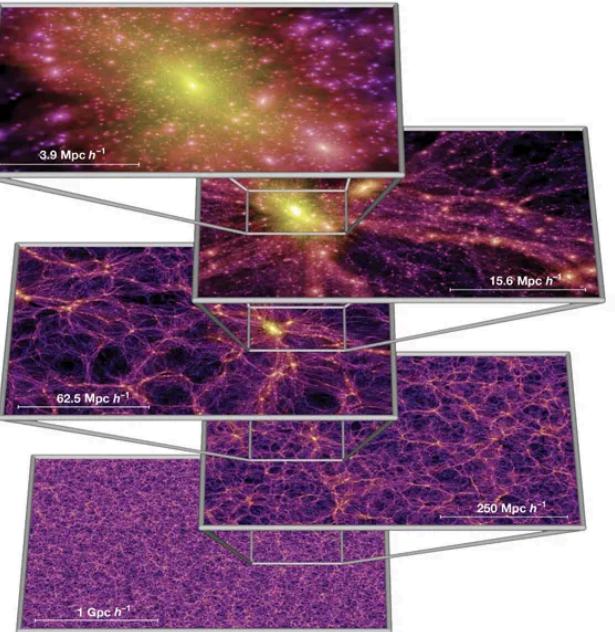


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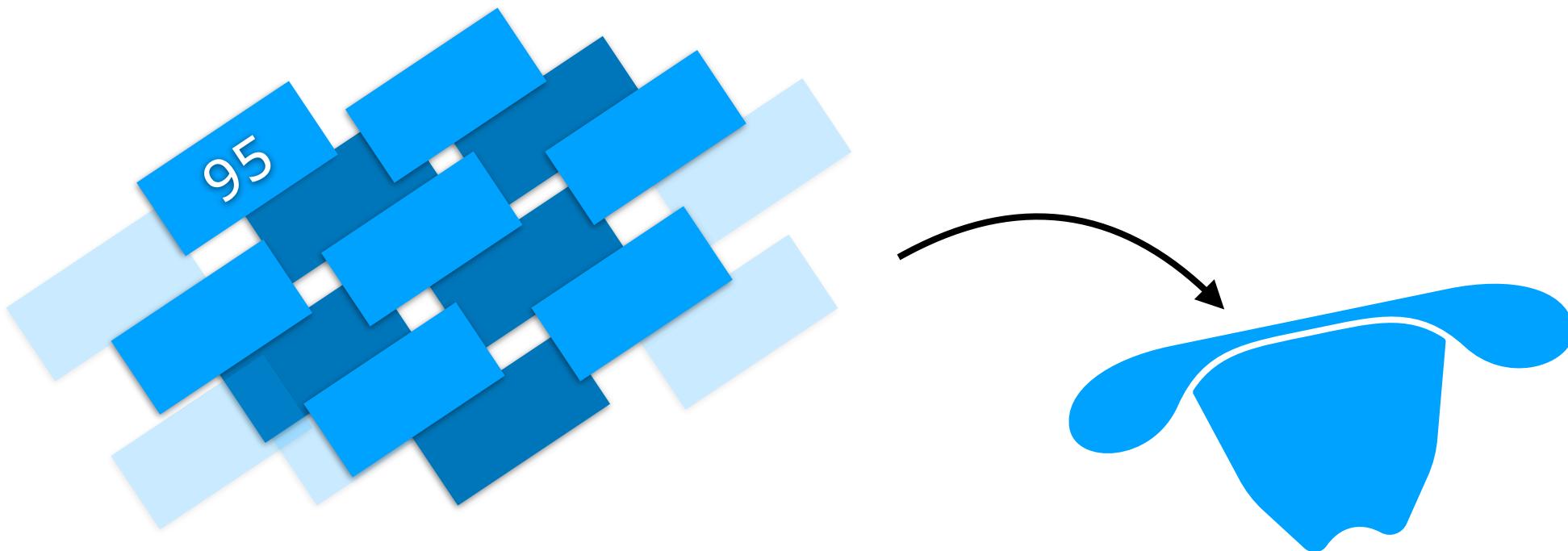
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# Cardinality Estimation

Imagine I fill a hat with numbered cards and draw one card out at random.

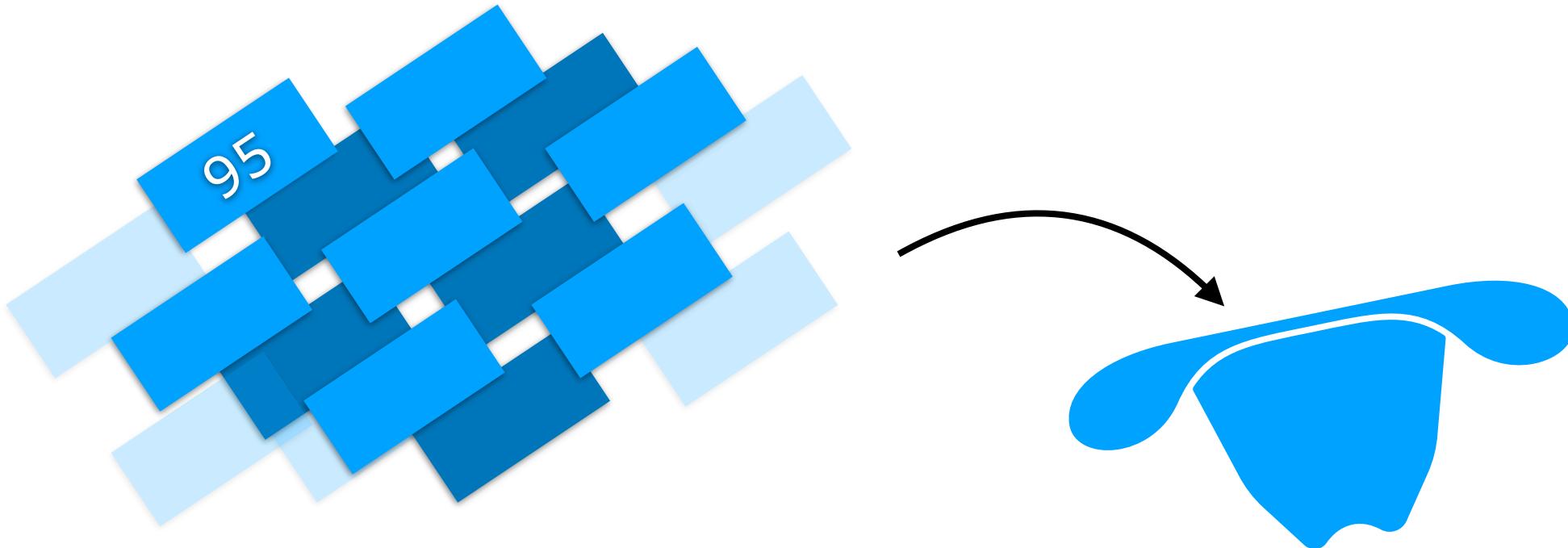
If I told you the value of the card was 95, what have we learned?



# 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 sets (multiple minimums).



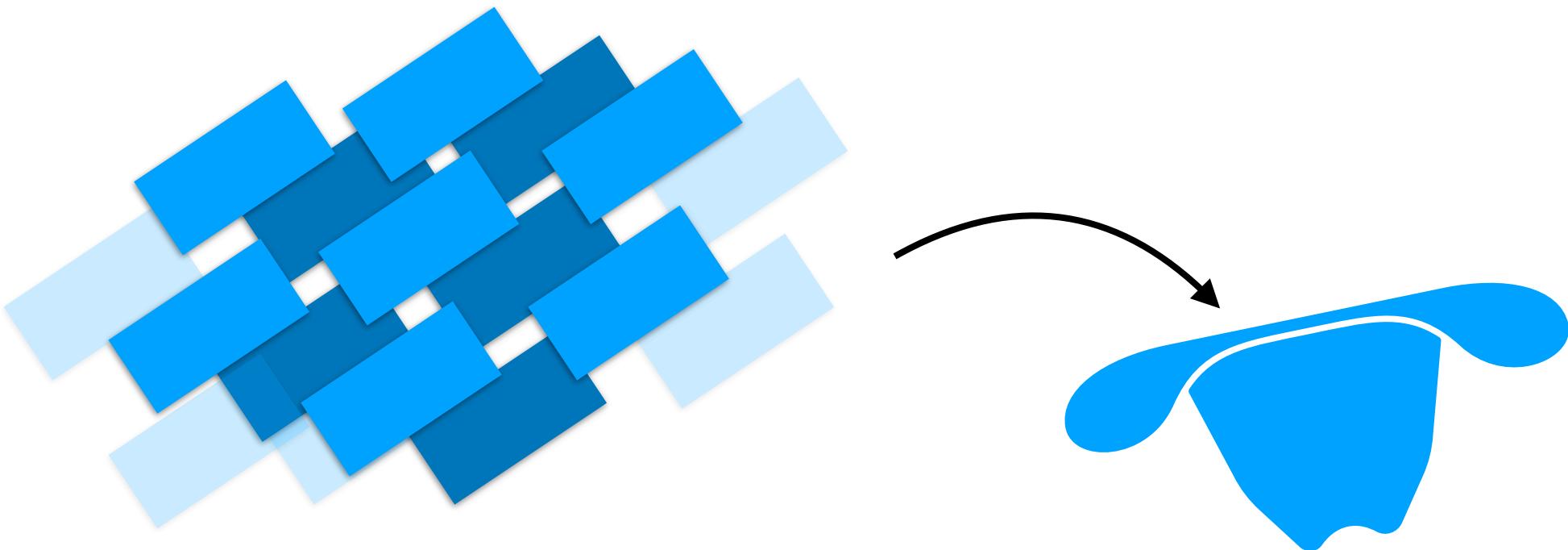
# Cardinality Estimation

Let  $\min = 95$ . Can we estimate  $N$ , the cardinality of the set?



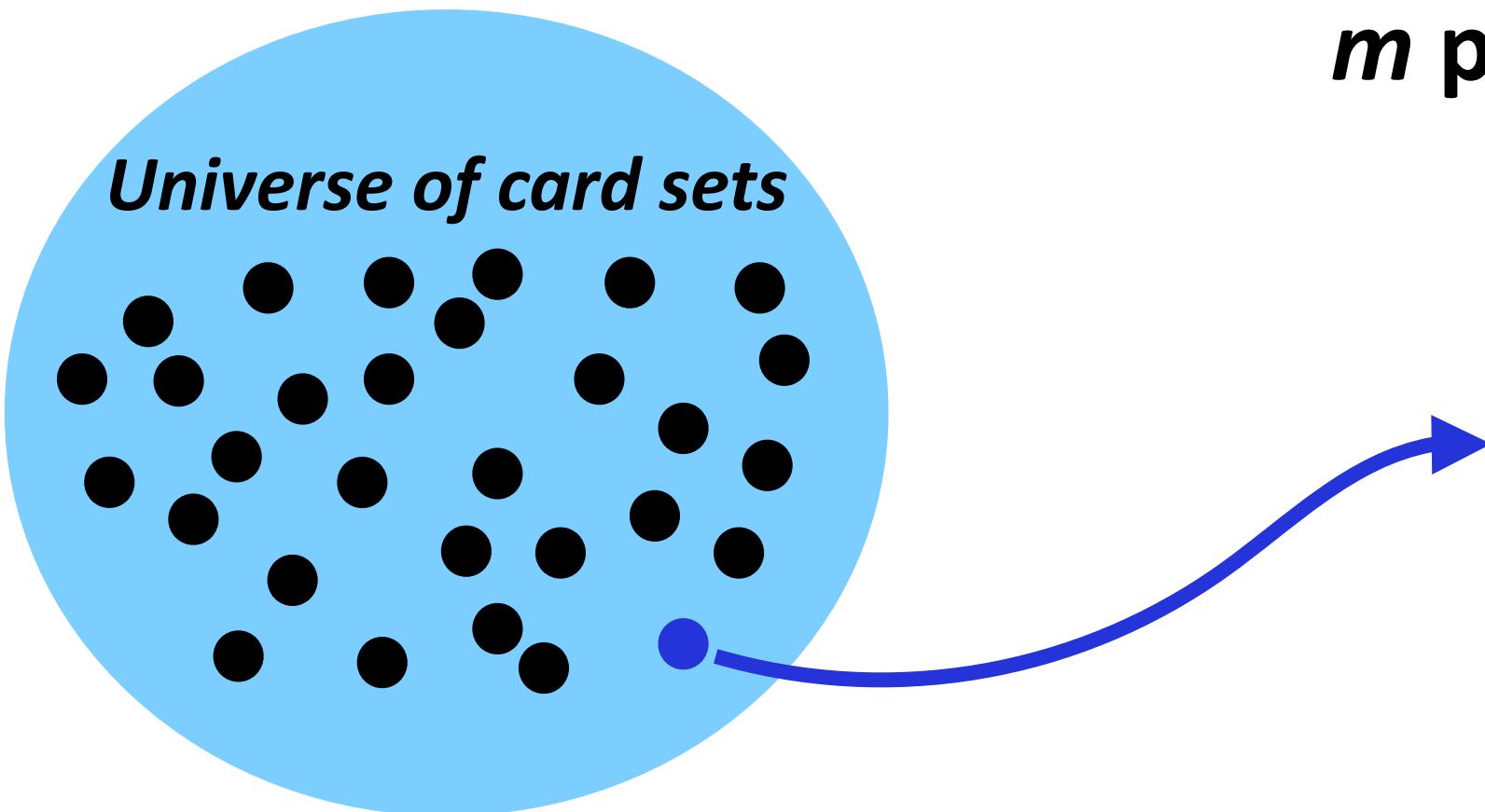
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# *m* possible minima

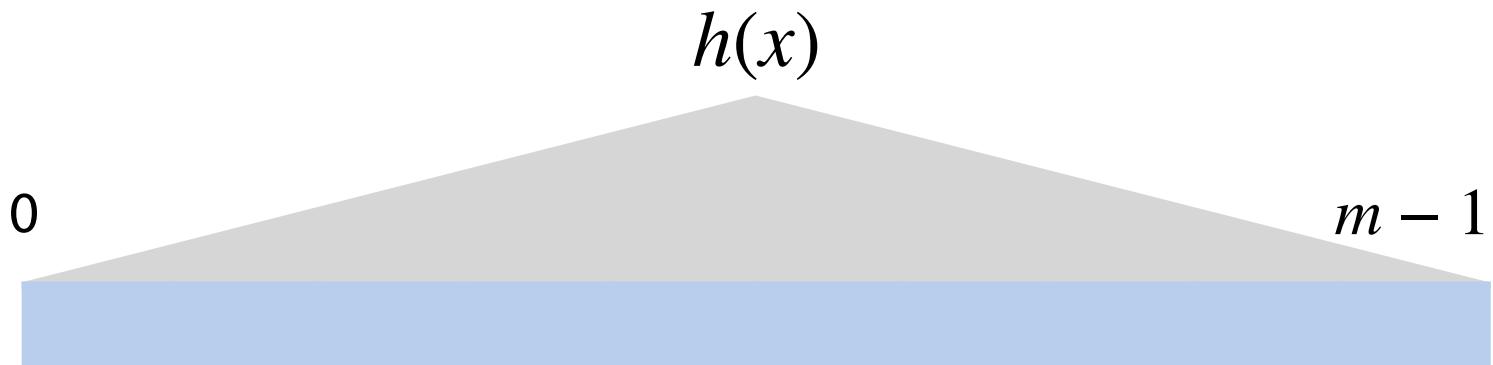
# Cardinality Estimation



Now imagine we have a SUHA hash  $h$  over a range  $m$ .

Here a hash insert is equivalent to adding a card to our hat!

Now storing only the minimum hash value is a **sketch**!



# Cardinality Sketch

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

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



# Cardinality Sketch

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

**Attempt 1**

0.962	0.328	0.771	0.952	0.923
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**Attempt 2**

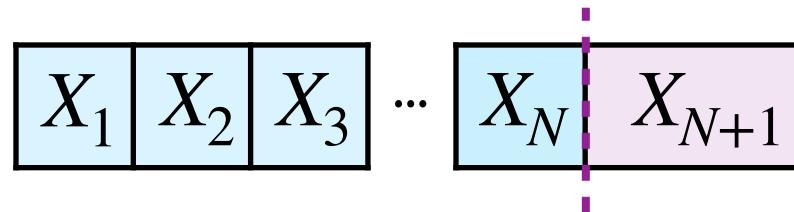
0.253	0.839	0.327	0.655	0.491
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**Attempt 3**

0.134	0.580	0.364	0.743	0.931
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# Cardinality Sketch

Consider an  $N + 1$  draw:



$$M = \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} X_i$$

**Claim:**  $E[M] = Pr\left(X_{N+1} < \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} X_i\right)$

0

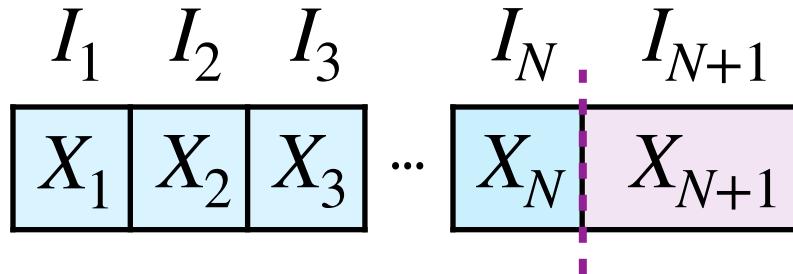
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$$I_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_i < \min_{j \neq i} X_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Pr\left(X_{N+1} < \min_{1 \leq i \leq N} X_i\right) = \mathbf{E}[I_{N+1}] = \frac{1}{N+1} = \mathbf{E}[M]$$



# Cardinality Sketch

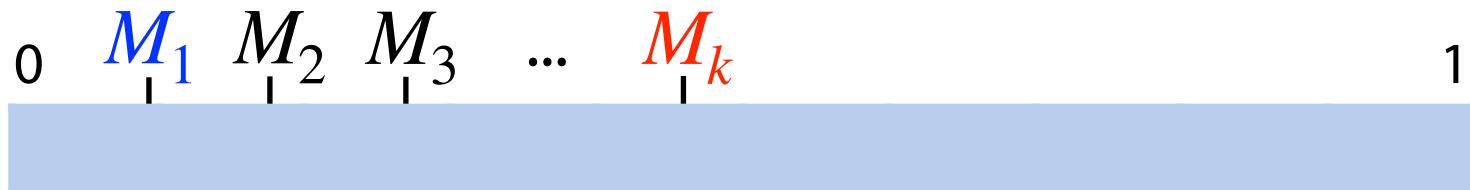
The minimum hash is a valid sketch of a dataset but can we do better?



# Cardinality Sketch

**Claim:** Taking the  $k^{th}$ -smallest hash value is a better sketch!

**Claim:**  $E[M_k] = \frac{k}{N+1}$



# Cardinality Sketch

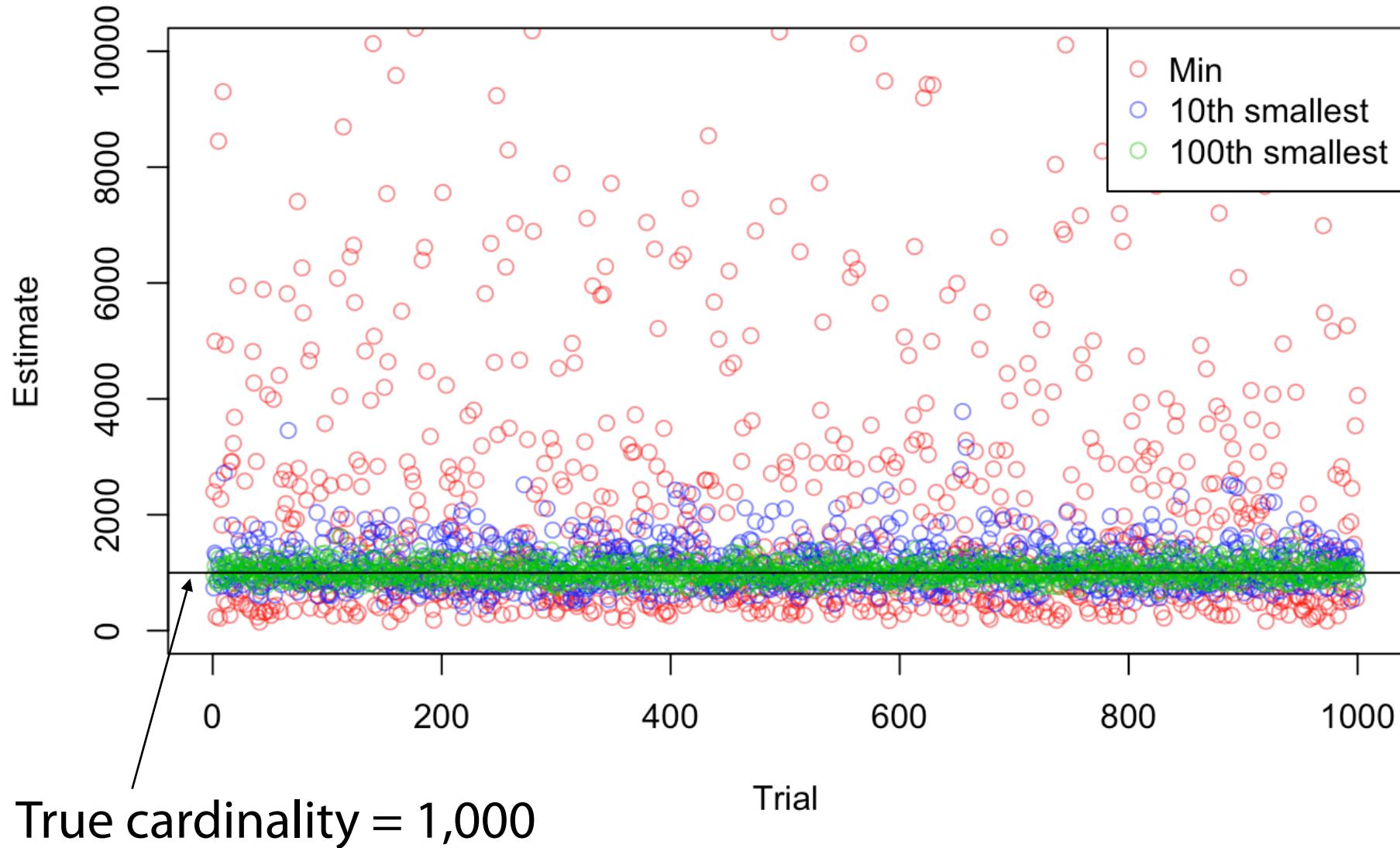
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$$\mathbf{Claim: } \mathbb{E}[M_k] = \frac{k}{N+1}$$

$$= [\mathbb{E}[M_1] + (\mathbb{E}[M_2] - \mathbb{E}[M_1]) + \dots + (\mathbb{E}[M_k] - \mathbb{E}[M_{k-1}])] \cdot \frac{1}{k}$$



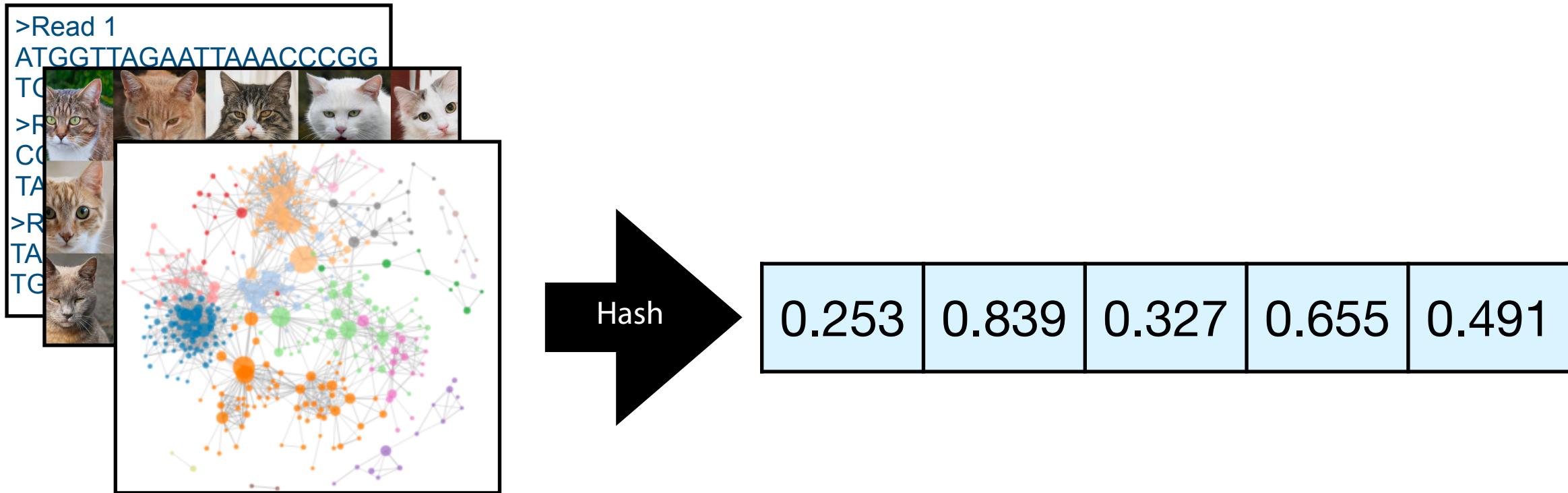
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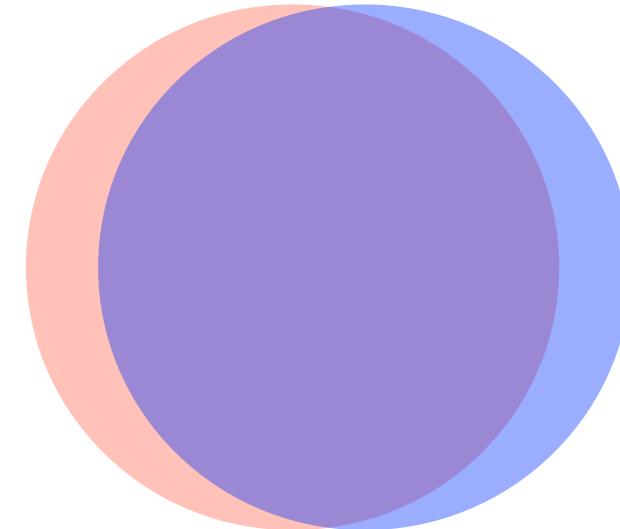
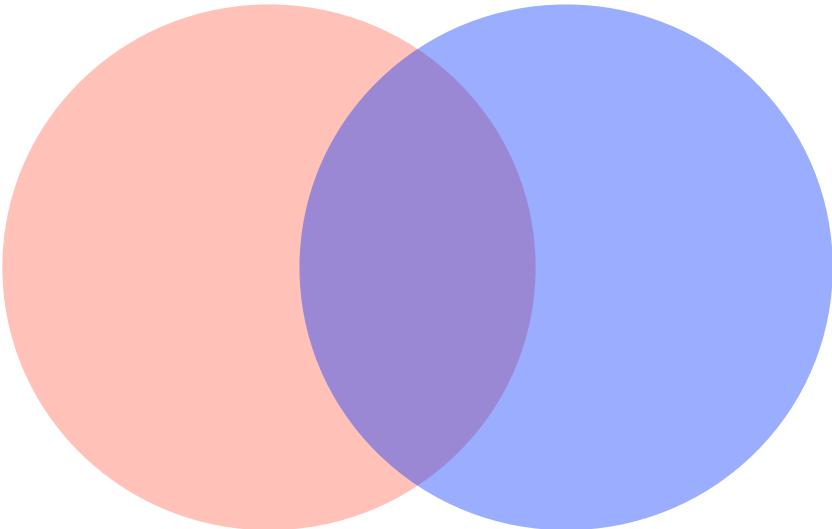
Given any dataset and a SUHA hash function, we can estimate the number of unique items by tracking the minimum hash values.





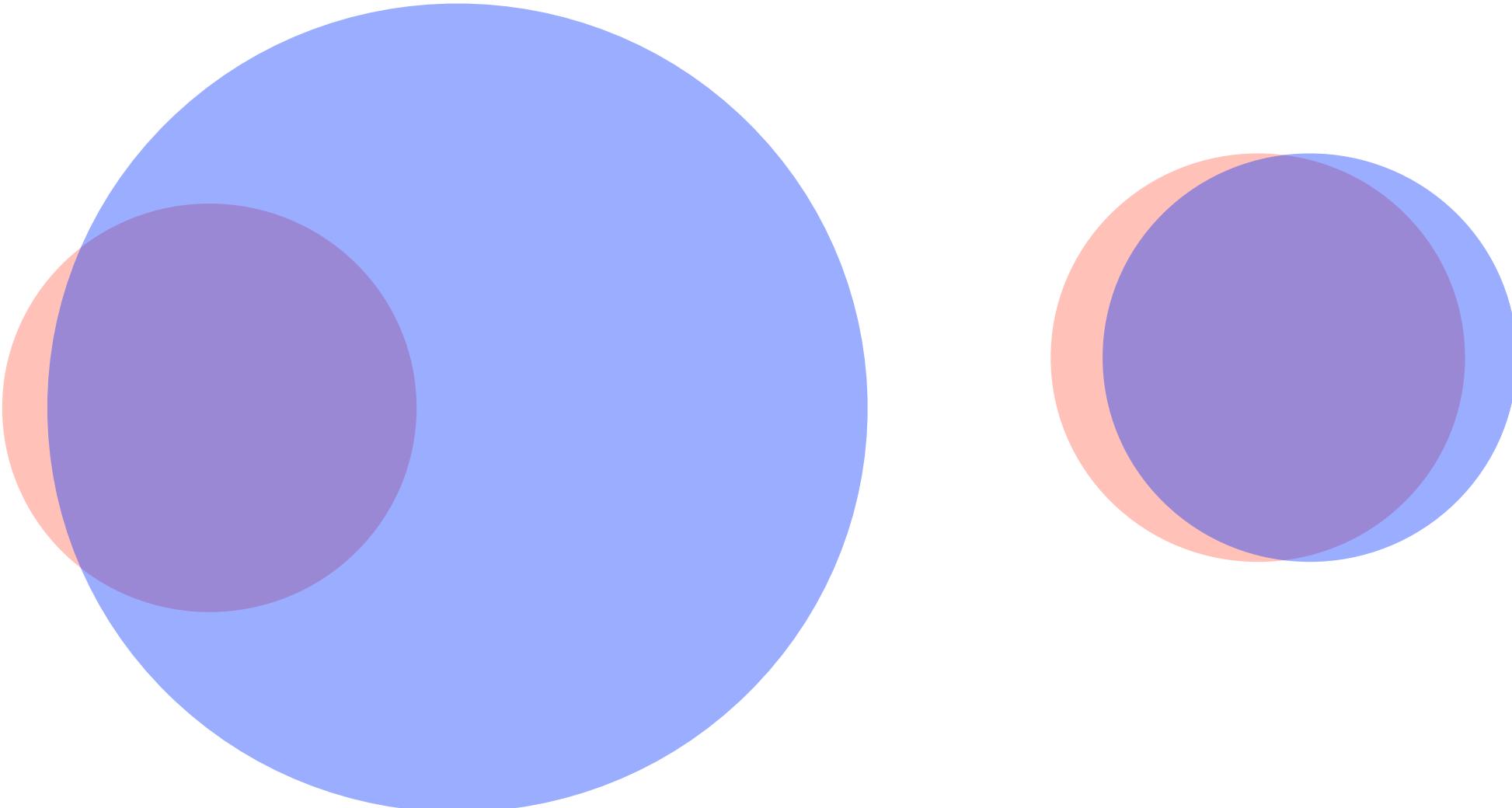
# Set Similarity

How can we describe how *similar* two sets are?



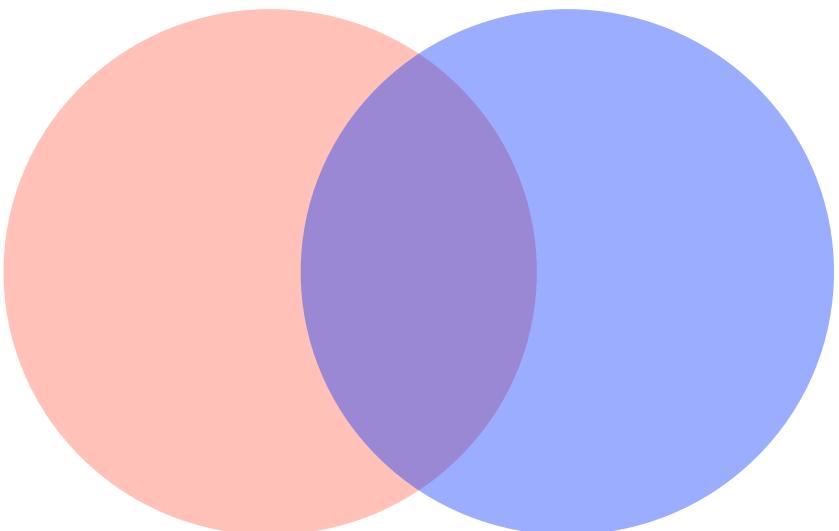
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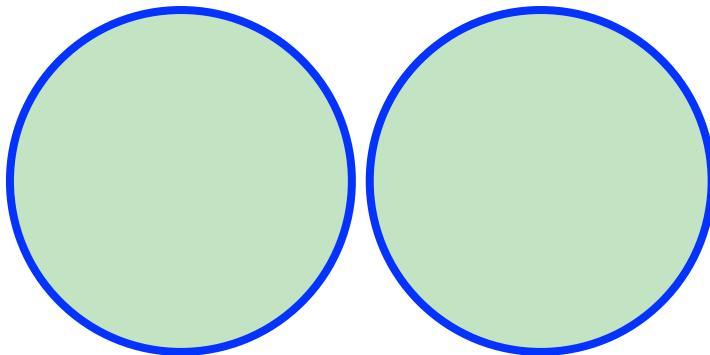
To measure **similarity** of  $A$  &  $B$ , we need both a measure of how similar the sets are but also the total size of both sets.



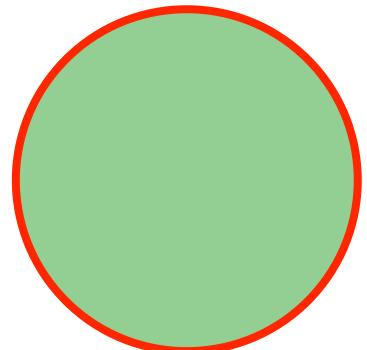
$$J = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

$J$  is the **Jaccard coefficient**

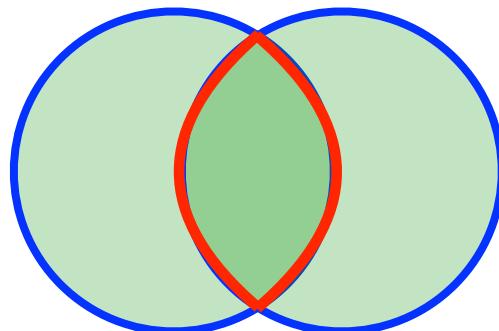
# Set Similarity



$$\frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} = 0$$



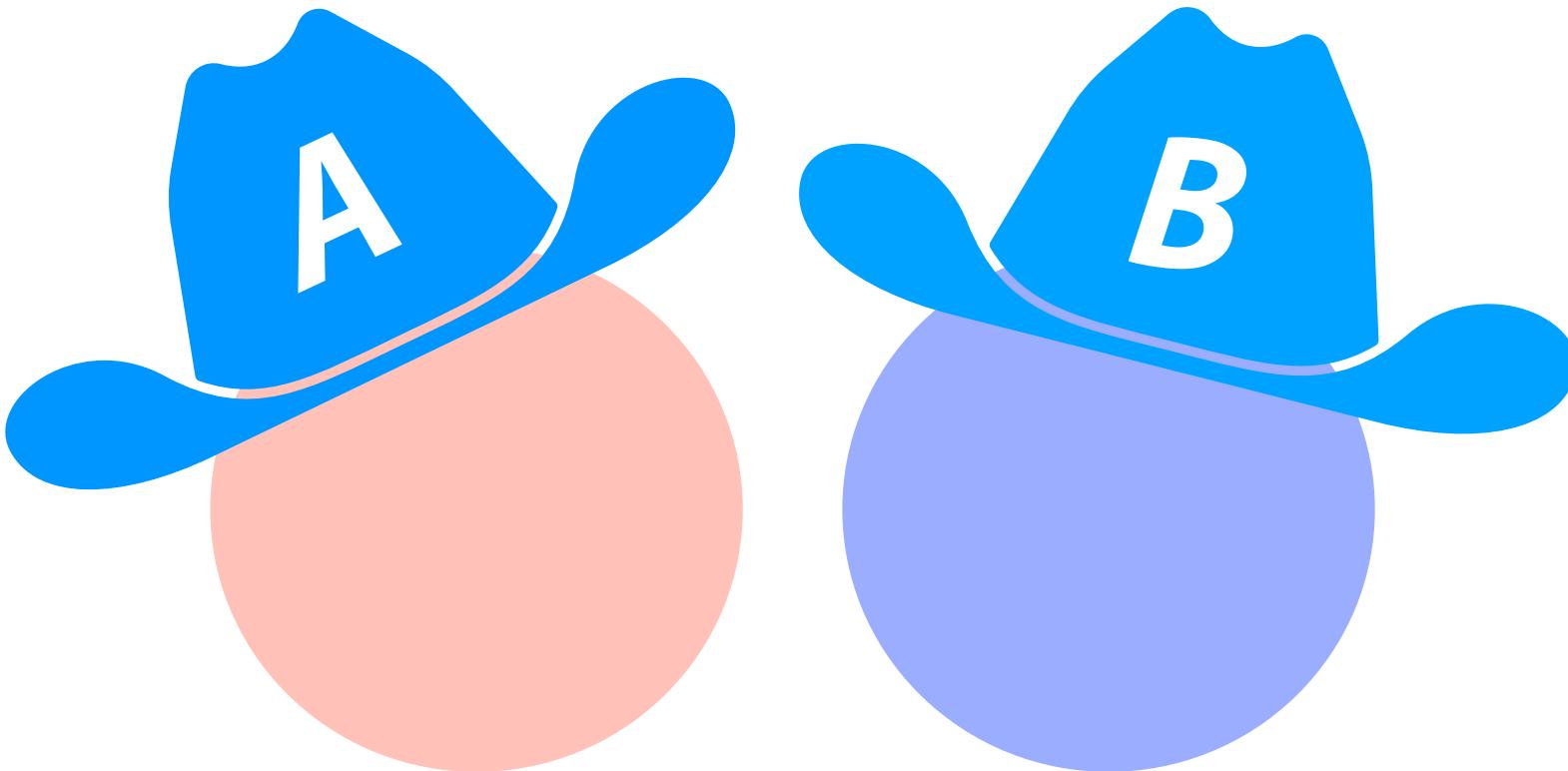
$$\frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} = 1$$



$$0 < \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} < 1$$

# Similarity Sketches

But what do we do when we only have a sketch?



# Similarity Sketches

Imagine we have two datasets represented by their  $k$ th minimum values

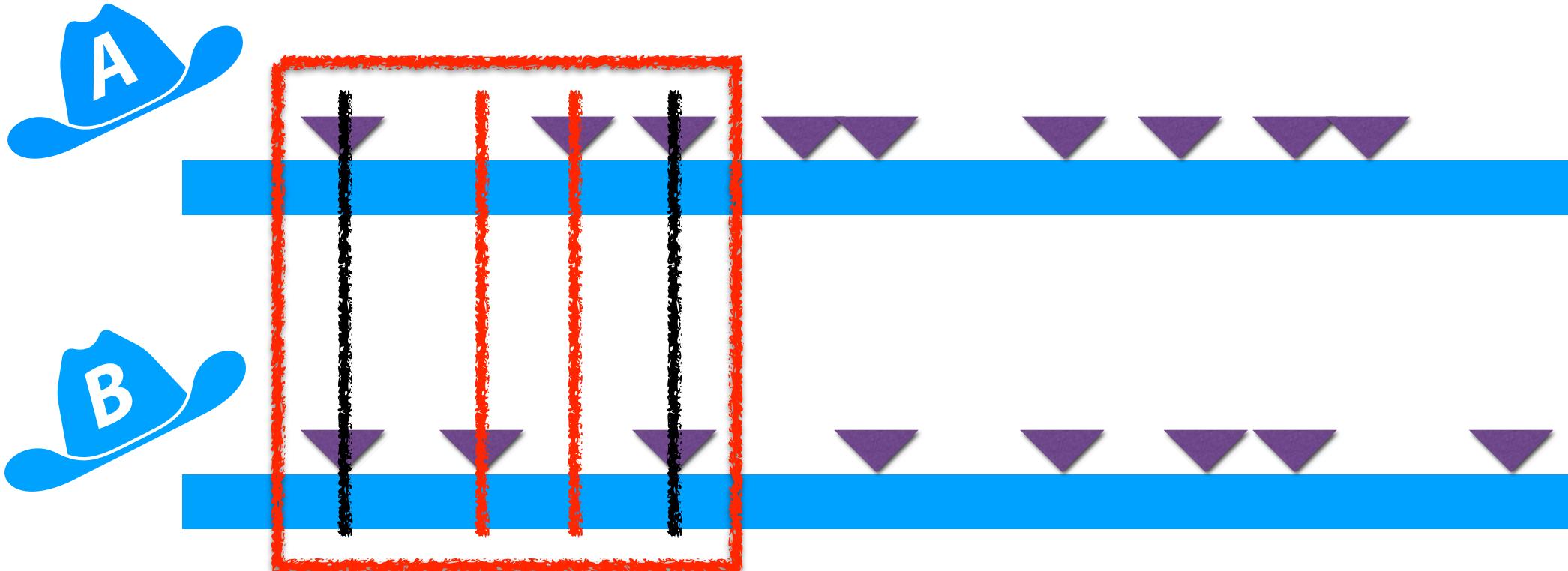


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# Similarity Sketches

**Claim:** Under SUHA, set similarity can be estimated by sketch similarity!

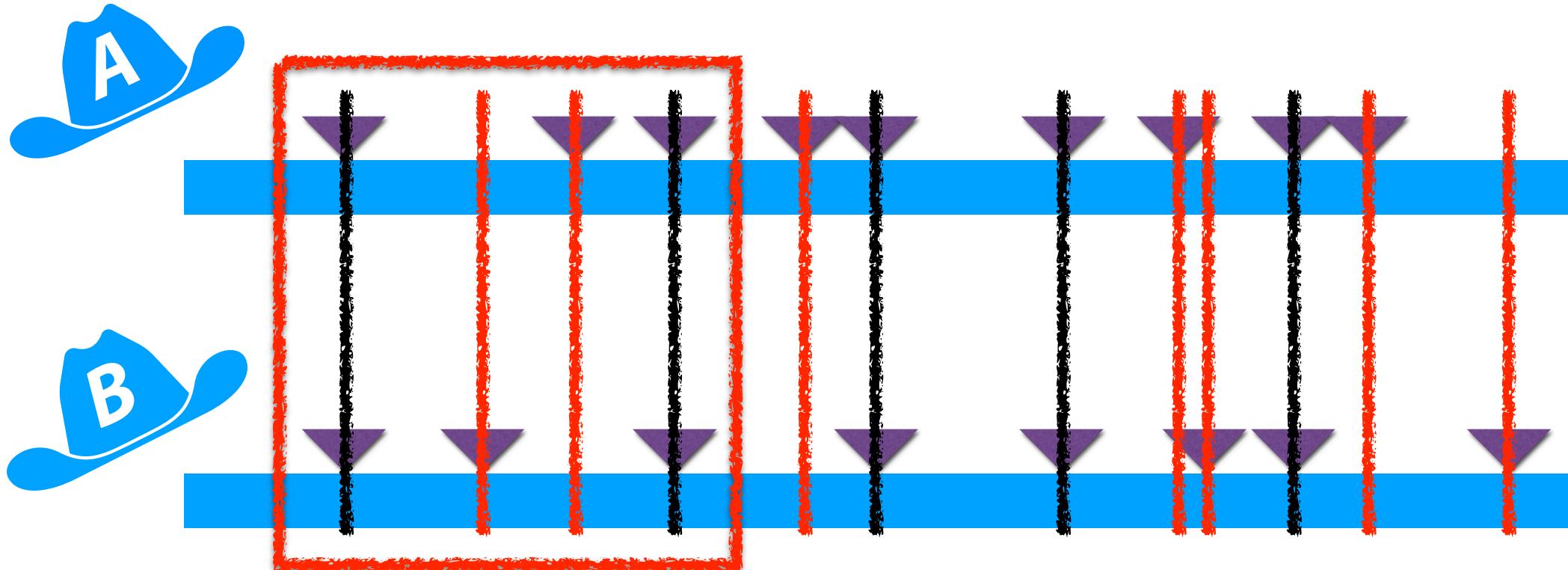


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# The MinHash Sketch

Let sets A and B be two arbitrary sets of at least 8 elements

The eight minimum hash values for sets A and B is a **MinHash Sketch**

Sketch A

3	15
7	17
8	22
11	23

Sketch B

2	9
3	11
6	17
7	23



# The MinHash Sketch

To get similarity, we want to estimate  $|A \cup B|$  and  $|A \cap B|$  ...

Sketch A	
3	15
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Sketch B	
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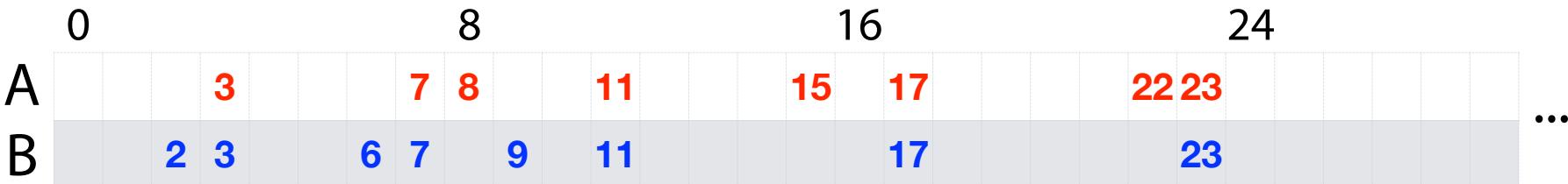
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Sketch of $ A \cup B $	
2	8
3	9
6	11
7	15



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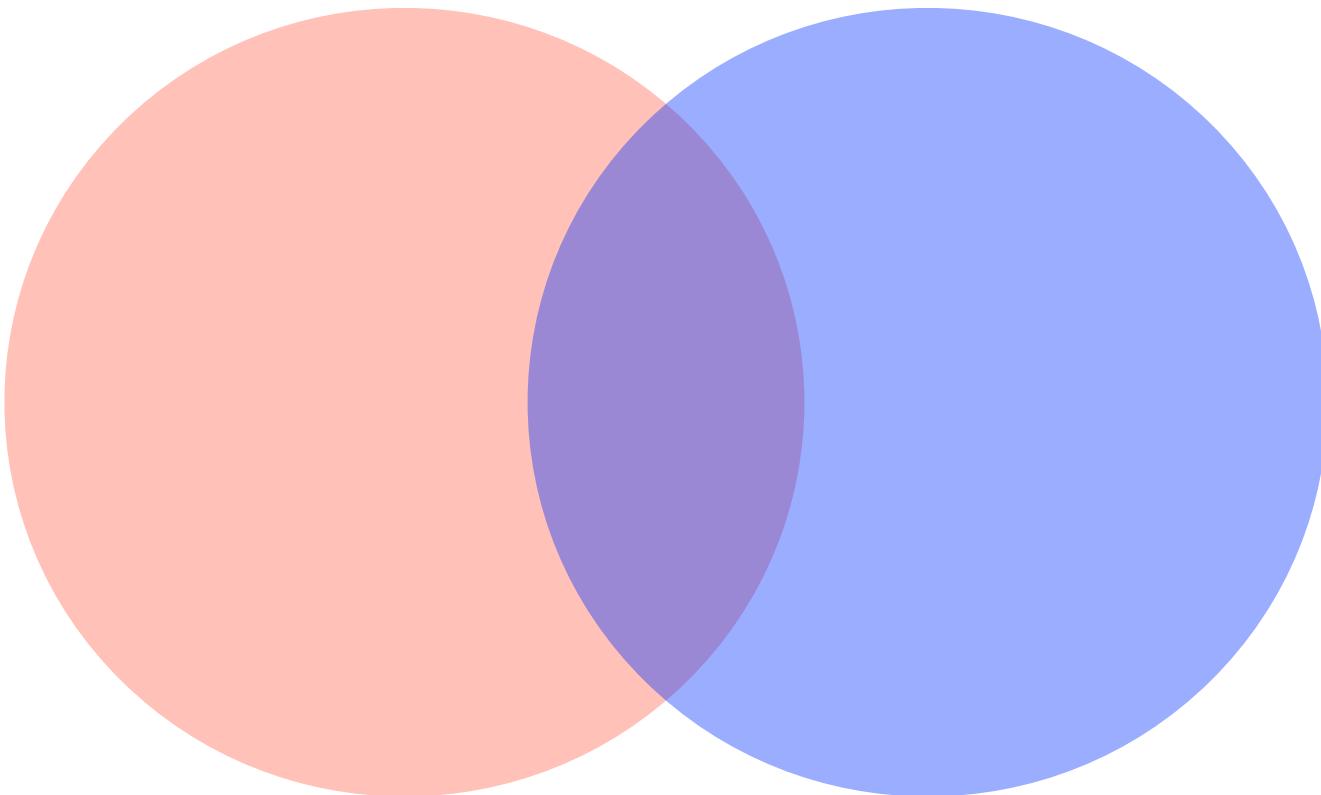
Sketch B	
2	9
3	11
6	17
7	23

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# Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

$$|A \cap B| =$$



# The MinHash Sketch

Using **inclusion-exclusion** principle and KMV, we can estimate similarity!

Sketch A

3	15
7	17
8	22
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Sketch B

2	9
3	11
6	17
7	23

Sketch of  
 $|A \cup B|$

2	8
3	9
6	11
7	15

$k$ th minimum value (KMV) with  $k = 8$ ,  
assuming hash range is integers in  $[0, 100]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{800/23-1 + 800/23-1 - 800/15-1}{800/15-1} \\ &= \frac{34.782 + 34.782 - 53.333 - 1}{53.333 - 1} \\ &\approx 0.29 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{|A| + |B| - |A \cup B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

# The MinHash Sketch

**Claim:** Cardinality of the intersection can also be estimated directly!

Sketch A

3	15
7	17
8	22
11	23

Sketch B

2	9
3	11
6	17
7	23

Sketch of  
 $|A \cup B|$

2	8
3	9
6	11

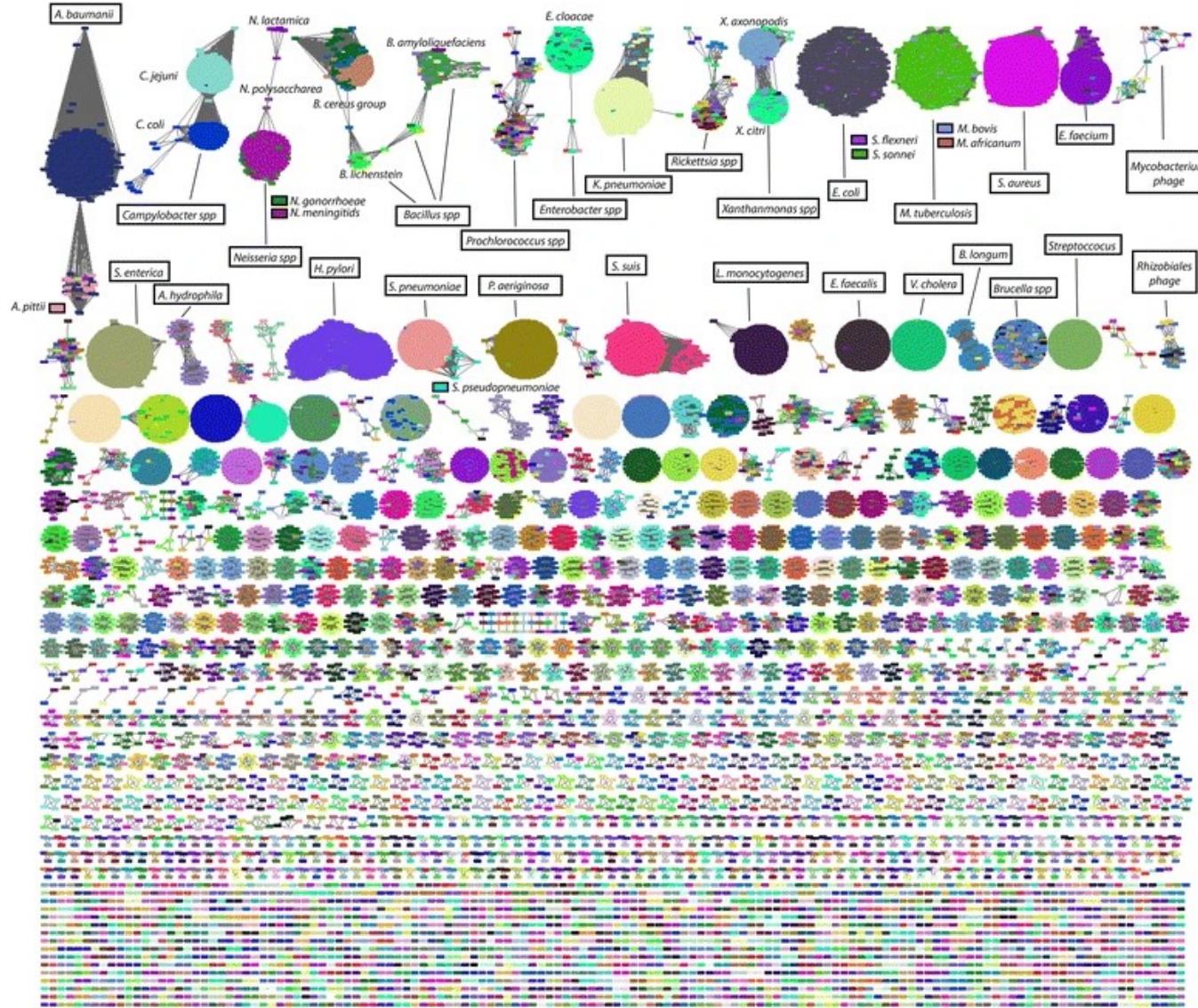
  

7	15
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# 1) Sequence decomposed into **kmers**

$S_1$ :	CATGGACCGACCAG	GCAGTACCGATCGT : $S_2$
	CAT GAC GAC	GTA CGA CGT
	ATG ACC ACC	AGT CCG TCG
	TGG CCG CCA	CAG ACC ATC
	GGA CGA CAG	GCA TAC GAT

# MinHash in practice



**Mash: fast genome and metagenome distance estimation using MinHash**  
Ondov et al (2016) *Genome Biology*

# Reviewing probabilistic data sketches



**What sketch would I use for the following:**

Does a *specific* object exist in my data?

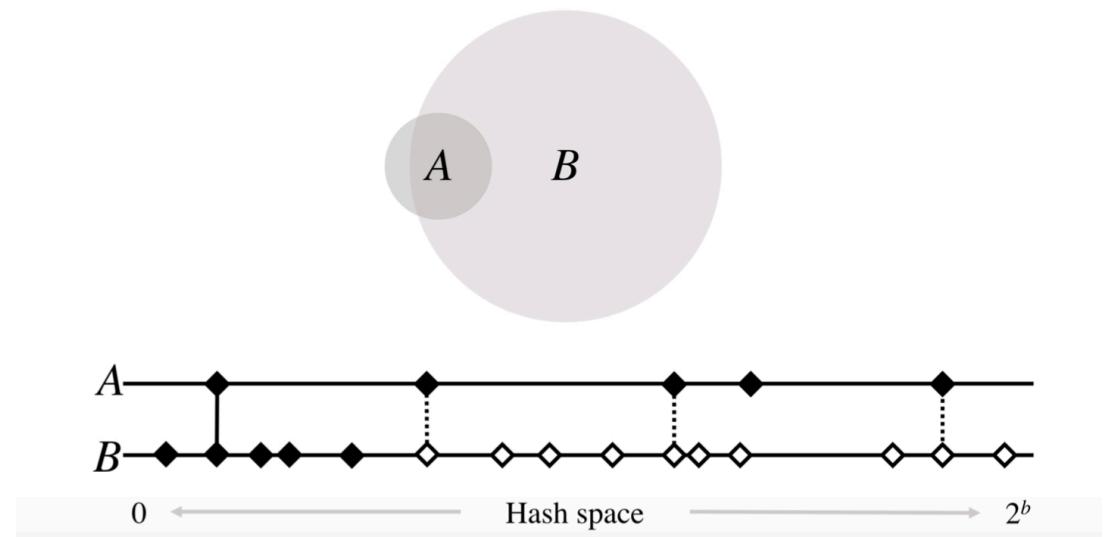
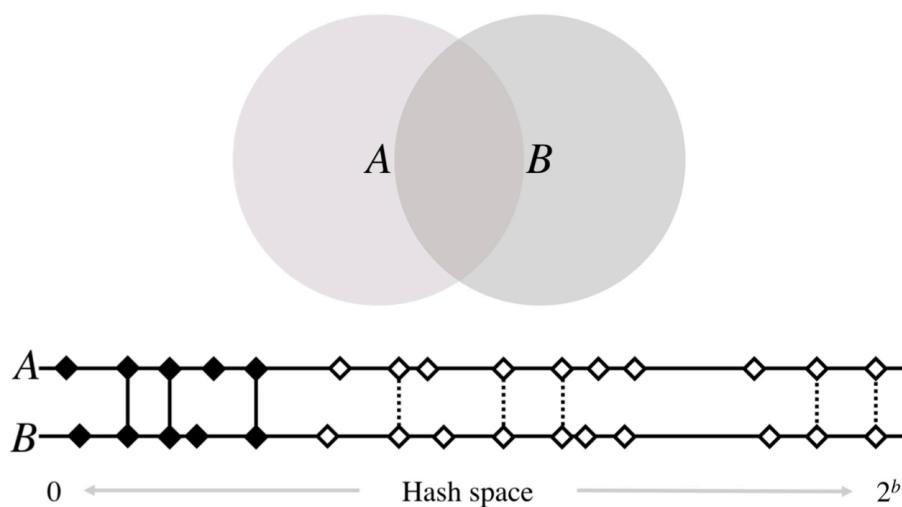
How often is a *specific* object repeated in my data?

How many unique objects do I have in my set?

How similar are two datasets?

# Bonus Slides (Taking it one step further...)

Bottom-k minhash has low accuracy if the cardinality of sets are skewed



Ondov, Brian D., Gabriel J. Starrett, Anna Sappington, Aleksandra Kostic, Sergey Koren, Christopher B. Buck, and Adam M. Phillippy. **Mash Screen: High-throughput sequence containment estimation for genome discovery**. *Genome biology* 20.1 (2019): 1-13.

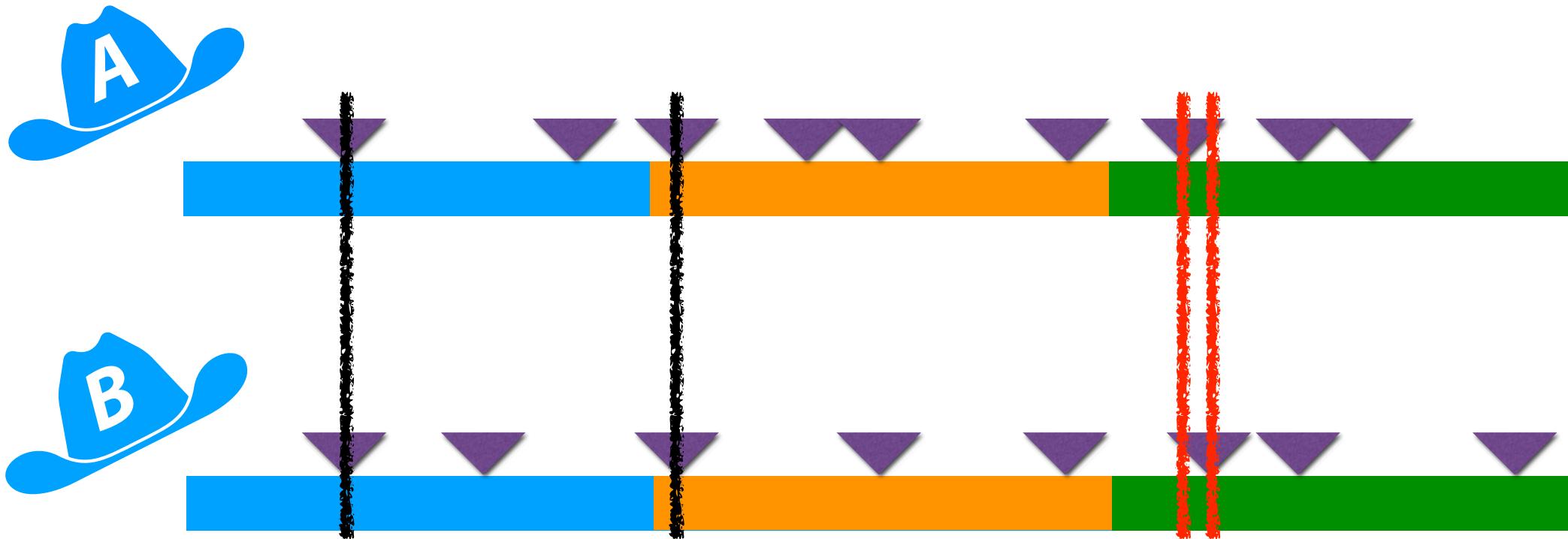
# K-Hash Minhash

What if instead we used  $k$  different hashes and took the min each time?

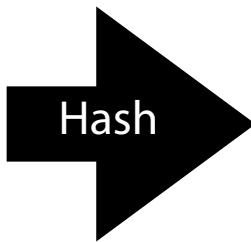
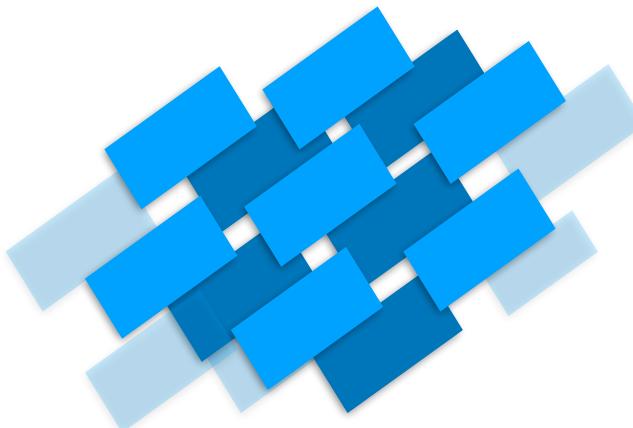


# K-Partition Minhash

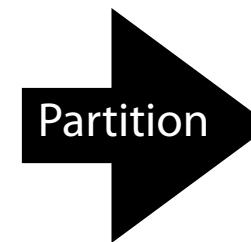
What if we instead took the minimum of k-partitions?



# K-Partition Minhash



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0001111010  
1101101011  
1011010110  
0101100000  
0010001101



00	01111010 10001101
01	01100000
10	10110101 11010110
11	01101011

# HyperLogLog

