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**CSL 105: Discrete Mathematical Structures****Instructor:** Ragesh Jaiswal

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1. Remaining problems from previous tutorial.
2.  $k$  objects are picked independently at random with replacement from a set of  $n$  distinct objects. For  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$ , let  $X_{ij}$  denote the indicator random variable that is 1 if the  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $j^{\text{th}}$  objects are the same otherwise 0. Show that for any  $i < j$  and  $p < q$  such that  $(i, j) \neq (p, q)$ , the random variables  $X_{ij}$  and  $X_{pq}$  are independent.
3. (**Coupon-collector problem**) Every time you go to the superstore, you get a random coupon out of  $n$  distinct coupons. How many times do you have to visit the store to be able to collect all distinct coupons?
4. (**Balls and bins**)  $n$  balls are thrown randomly into  $n$  bins. What is the maximum number of balls that any bin can have?
5. (**Universal Hashing**) Hashing is a technique used to store elements from a large universe  $U = \{0, \dots, m-1\}$  using a small table  $T = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  using a hash function  $h : U \rightarrow T$  such that the number of collisions are minimized<sup>1</sup>.

Using a fixed hash function might does not work. So, we use a *family* of hash functions  $H$  and then pick a hash function randomly from this family. A hash function family  $H$  is called 2-universal if

$$\forall x, y \in U, x \neq y, \Pr_{h \leftarrow H}[h(x) = h(y)] \leq 1/n.$$

Show how a 2-universal hash function family is useful in hashing and give an example of such a family.

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<sup>1</sup>Assume that collisions are resolved using auxiliary data structure