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First moment method:

Let X be a random variable taking values in $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$$P[X \geq 1] \leq E[X].$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(X|X=0)P[X=0] + E(X|X \geq 1)P(X \geq 1) \\ &\geq 0 + 1 \cdot P(X \geq 1). \end{aligned}$$

Union distinct families

\mathcal{A} is a family of sub-sets of $[n]$.

\mathcal{A} is union-free if for distinct

$A, B, C, D \in \mathcal{A}$ we have

$$A \cup B \neq C \cup D$$

We can get a large union free family by choosing randomly.

Choose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p

where X_i is a random subset of $[n]$.

$Z = \#$ of "bad" 4-tuple $A \cup B = C \cup D$

$$P_i(Z \geq 1) \leq E(Z)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k,l} P_i[X_i \cup X_j = X_k \cup X_l]$$

$$= p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3) P_i[X_1 \cup X_2 = X_3 \cup X_4]$$

$$P_1(Z \geq 1) \leq E(Z)$$

$$= \sum_{i,j,k,l} P_1[X_i \cup X_j = X_k \cup X_l]$$

$$= p(p-1)(p-2)(p-3) P_1[X_1 \cup X_2 = X_3 \cup X_4]$$

Think of
a subset as
a sequence of
0's & 1's.

$\frac{3}{16}$ chance $a_1 + b_1 = 1$
& $c_1 + d_1 = 0$
:

$$\begin{array}{l} \left[\begin{array}{l} 1 \\ a_1 \end{array} \right] X_1 \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} b_1 \end{array} \right] X_2 \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} c_1 \end{array} \right] X_3 \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} d_1 \end{array} \right] X_4 \end{array}$$

$$P_1[\max\{a_i, b_i\} = \max\{c_i, d_i\}] = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$E(Z) < \rho^4 \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^n$$

Say $\rho = \left(\frac{8}{5}\right)^{n/4}$ then

$$P_1(Z \geq 1) < 0$$

Similar problem: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p

Person i knows keys X_i
i.e. suppose $X_i = \{3, 5, 8, \dots\}$

i knows key $3, 5, 8, \dots$

n keys

If i wants to communicate with j .

How does i convince j that it is i

i sends key $X_i \cap X_j$ to j

This works if $\exists a, b, c$ s.t. $X_a \cap X_b \subseteq X_c$

Average Case of Quicksort

Distinct x_1, \dots, x_n

(i) Choose $p \in [n]$ at random.

(ii) Divide remaining numbers into

$$L = \{i : x_i < x_p\} \quad \& \quad R = \{i : x_i > x_p\}$$

(iii) Apply Quicksort to L, R

$$T_n = E(\# \text{ of comparisons})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n E(\# \text{ of comparisons} \mid p \text{ is the } i\text{th largest}) \\ \times P_i(p \text{ is } i\text{th largest})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [n-1 + T_{i-1} + T_{n-i}] \times \frac{1}{n}$$

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to construct
 L, R