CS 161: Recitation 4 (Fall 2016)

Most of this recitation will focus on review of red-black trees and universal hashing.

Question 1

Consider a hash table with n buckets and n elements. We assume that each element has a distinct key and the simple uniform hashing property: each element has equal probability of hashing into any of the n buckets independently of other elements.

- (a) For a particular bucket, what is the probability that the bucket has exactly one element? How about k elements?
- (b) Let X_i be a random variable for the number of elements in bucket i. What is the expected value of X_i ?