

# CMPSCI 711: “Really Advanced Algorithms”

## Lecture 5 – Set Balancing and Routing in a Boolean Hypercube

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# Outline

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## Set Balancing

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be subsets of  $[n]$  such that  $|A_i| = n/2$ . We want to partition  $[n]$  into  $B$  and  $C$  such that

$$\max_i \left| |A_i \cap B| - |A_i \cap C| \right|$$

is minimized.

Hint: Use  $\mathbb{P}[|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| < \delta\mu] \leq 2 \exp(-\mathbb{E}[X] \delta^2/4)$ .

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