Succinct data structures for graphs

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- It can be shown that the optimum is obtained with *three* hash functions, in which case we just need $m \geq 1.21n$.

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