

**EX:** Estimating the size & shape of a search tree. Consider sequence of r.v.s,  $X_0, X_1, \dots$ , where  $X_l$  estimates # nodes @ level  $l$ . We want  $E[X_l] = E[\text{\# nodes @ level } l]$ .  $SIZE = \sum_{0 \leq i} X_i$ , so  $size$  is a r.v.

Experiment:  $X_0 := 1$   
 $l := 0$   
 $current\_node \leftarrow \text{root of tree}$   
 $neighbors \leftarrow \text{children}(current\_node)$   
**while**  $|neighbors| > 0$  **do**  
     $l \leftarrow l + 1$   
     $X_l \leftarrow |neighbors| * X_{l-1}$   
     $current\_node \leftarrow \text{random\_select}(neighbors)$   
     $neighbors \leftarrow \text{children}(current\_node)$   
 $shape \leftarrow (X_0, X_1, \dots)$   $SIZE \leftarrow \sum_{0 \leq l} X_l$

CLAIM:  $X_l$  is an unbiased estimator. (Proof by induction on  $l$ ).

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**EX:** STABLE MARRIAGE  $n$  men,  $n$  women, *preferences, marriage, unstable marriage, stable marriage*

**THEOREM:** There always exists a stable marriage.

**PROOF:** *Male Proposal Strategy (MPS)*, & no man runs off his list.

Analysis: worst-case  $n^2$  proposals

average-case Consider *Amnesiac Proposal Strategy (APS)* where, upon rejection, man proposes to a random woman. Let  $rv X_m$  - # proposals of *MPS*  
 $rv X_a$  - # proposals of *APS*

Clearly  $\forall q \Pr[X_m > q] \leq \Pr[X_a > q]$  Trial  $k$  is *success* if  $k^{th}$  coupon not previously drawn.

$X$  - # trials until  $n^{th}$  success.

$rv X_k$  - # trials from  $k^{th}$  success  $\rightarrow (k+1)^{st}$  success.

$$X_a = \sum_{n-1 \geq k \geq 0} X_k, \quad E[X_a] = n \sum_{n \geq k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} = nH_n.$$

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**DEF:** A *cut* in graph is minimal set of edges whose removal increases # of components. *min-cut* is cut of minimum cardinality.

Karger & Stein, <http://www.acm.org/pubs/contents/journals/jacm/1996-43/#4>

**FIND MIN-CUT:** (Edge-)contraction from (multi)graph  $\Rightarrow$  multigraph identifies endpoints of an edge (keeping multiple edges, but removing loops).

$Contract(G, 2)$       {Contract  $G$  down to **output** of two vertices}

**while**  $|V(G)| > 2$  *edge-contract*( $random(e \in E(G))$ )

**return** {edges between two vertices of  $G$ }

Analysis: There are  $n-2$  edge-contractions.

Every surviving cut of contracted graph corresponds to a cut of the original graph of same value.
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Let  $C$  be a min-cut. Every vertex has degree  $\geq |C|$ .  $G$  has at least  $n|C|/2$  edges.

$\Pr(C \text{ survives contraction}) = \left(1 - \frac{|C|}{|E|}\right) \geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right)$ . If  $i$  previous edge-contractions,  $n - 2 \geq i \geq 1$ , avoided  $C$ , then  $C$  is still min-cut,  $G$  has  $n - i + 1$  vertices and  $\geq |C|(n - i + 1)/2$  edges, probability of edge-contraction  $i$  avoiding  $C$  is  $\geq \left(1 - \frac{2}{n - i + 1}\right)$ .

$\Pr[C \text{ surviving}] \geq \prod_{n-2 \geq i \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{2}{n - i + 1}\right) = \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \geq \frac{2}{n^2}$ . Can be executed in time  $O(n^2)$ .

After  $m$  executions,  $\Pr[\text{error}] \leq \left(1 - \frac{2}{n^2}\right)^m$ . After  $(n^2 \ln n)/2$  executions,  $\Pr[\text{error}] \leq 1/n$ .

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**Ex:** 2-SAT

SAT      A variable is  $x_1, x_2, \dots$

A literal is a variable or its negation -  $x_i, \bar{x}_i$

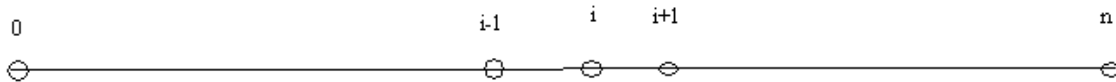
A  $k$ -clause is a disjunction of  $k$  literals -  $(x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3 \vee x_3)$  is a 3-clause

A  $k$ -CNF is a conjunction of  $k$ -clauses -  $(x_1 \vee \bar{x}_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_3)$  is a 2-CNF

An interpretation is a function  $\iota : \{\text{variables}\} \rightarrow \{\text{true, false}\}$ . A  $k$ -CNF  $F$  is *satisfiable* if there is an interpretation  $\iota$  which makes it true.

**THEOREM** (Papadimitriou): If  $F$  is a satisfiable 2-CNF with  $n$  variables, then there is an algorithm to find a satisfying interpretation in at most  $2n^2$  steps with probability  $\geq 1/2$ .

**PROOF:** Let  $\iota_0$  be a satisfying assignment of  $F$ , and for any interpretation  $\iota$ , mark its position by the number of variables for which it disagrees with  $\iota_0$ .



ALGORITHM: **while**  $\iota$  doesn't satisfy  $F$   
           randomly select an unsatisfied clause  $c$  of  $F$   
           randomly select a literal  $x_i$  of  $c$   
           flip the value of  $x_i$  in  $\iota$

**ANALYSIS:** If the position of  $\iota$  is  $i$ , then the position of the new interpretation is  $i-1$  or  $i+1$ .

Let  $t(i)$  be expected # steps for interpretation at  $i$  to reach 0.

$$t(0) = 0$$

$$t(n) = 1 + t(n-1)$$

Let  $p_{i,j}$  - probability particle moves from position  $i$  to position  $j \in \{i-1, i+1\}$

$$t(i) = p_{i,i-1}(1 + t(i-1)) + p_{i,i+1}(1 + t(i+1))$$

Because  $\geq 1$  literal in an unsatisfied clause disagrees with  $\iota_0$ ,  $p_{i,i-1} \geq 1/2$ .

Thus  $t(i) \leq \frac{t(i-1) + t(i+1)}{2} + 1$  which admits the solution  $t(n) \leq n^2$ .

MARKOV'S INEQUALITY: For any rv  $X$  and  $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $\Pr(X \geq \lambda) \leq \frac{E[X]}{\lambda}$ .

Letting  $\lambda = 2n^2 \leq 2t(n)$ ,  $\Pr(X \geq 2n^2) \leq \frac{n^2}{2n^2} = \frac{1}{2}$

**EX: Polynomial = 0?**

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> a := (sin(x)^2 - cos(x)*tan(x)) * (sin(x)^2 +
cos(x)*tan(x))^2;
      a := (sin(x)^2 - cos(x) tan(x)) (sin(x)^2 + cos(x) tan(x))^2
b := 1/4*sin(2*x)^2 - 1/2*sin(2*x)*cos(x) - 2*cos(x)^2
      + 1/2*sin(2*x)*cos(x)^3 + 3*cos(x)^4 - cos(x)^6;
      b := 1/4 sin(2 x)^2 - 1/2 sin(2 x) cos(x) - 2 cos(x)^2 + 1/2 sin(2 x) cos(x)^3 + 3 cos(x)^4 - cos(x)^6
testeq( a = b );
                                     true
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Maple:

- The function **testeq** tests for equivalence probabilistically. It returns **false** if the expressions are not equal (or not equal to 0) and **true** otherwise for the class of expressions that **testeq** recognizes. The result **false** is always correct; the result **true** may be incorrect with very low probability.
- This function will succeed over expressions formed with rational constants, independent variables, and **I**, combined by arithmetic operations, exponentials, trigonometrics and a few others. It may also succeed with some expressions involving algebraic constants and functions and involving **Pi** as an argument of trigonometrics. If the expressions do not fall in this class, **testeq** returns **FAIL**. **testeq** may also return **FAIL** if it cannot find an appropriate modulus that works after seven trials.

**THEOREM** (Zippel, Schwartz): If  $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a nonzero polynomial of degree  $d$  over field  $F$  and  $S \subseteq F$  and  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  is a random element of  $S^n$ , then

$$\Pr\{P(s_1, \dots, s_n) = 0\} \leq \frac{d}{|S|}.$$

ISOMORPHISM OF UNORDERED ROOTED TREES

Associate a polynomial with an unordered rooted tree by

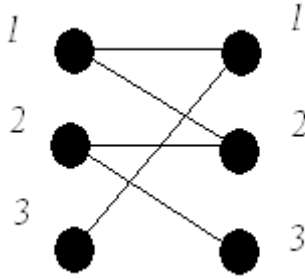
- If  $v$  is a leaf (has height 0), then  $f_v = x_0$ ,
- If  $v$  has height  $k$  and children  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ , then  $f_v = (x_k - f_{v_1})(x_k - f_{v_2}) \dots (x_k - f_{v_m})$ .

If tree has root  $r$ , then its polynomial is  $f_r$ . Trees with roots  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are isomorphic iff

$$f_{r_1} - f_{r_2} = 0$$

PERFECT MATCHINGS IN BIPARTITE GRAPH  $G = (\{1, \dots, n\}, \{1, \dots, n\}, E)$

Form array  $X_G$  with  $(i, j)$  entry =  $x_{ij}$  if  $ij \in E$  and 0 otherwise.



$$X_G = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \det X_G = x_{12}x_{23}x_{31} \neq 0$$

To test if  $\det X_G = 0$  we choose some prime  $p > 2n$  and randomly set  $x_{ij} \leftarrow U(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ . There are algorithms to test efficiently if  $\det X = 0$  if entries of  $X$  are drawn from  $\mathbb{Z}$

$$\Pr\{\det X_G \mid_{\mathbb{Z}^n} = 0\} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \det X_G = 0 \\ < \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } \det X_G \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

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### Chapt. 26 Maximum (steady-state, single source, single sink) Flow in Networks

A *network* is:

- a digraph  $(V, E)$ ,
- $s, t \in V$ , called *source* and *sink*
- capacity  $c: E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$

A *flow*,  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$  satisfies:

- CAPACITY CONSTRAINT**-  $(\forall e \in E) 0 \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$
- FLOW CONSERVATION**-  $\sum_u f(u, v) = \sum_u f(v, u)$  for all  $v \in V - \{s, t\}$

The *total flow* of  $f$  is  $|f| = \sum_{v \in V} f(s, v) = \sum_{v \in V} f(v, t)$ .  $f: E \rightarrow 0$  is a flow.

Given a network, find a maximum total flow.

**GENERALIZATION: Multiple sources/Multiple sinks** Given sources  $\{s_1, \dots, s_j\}$  and sinks  $\{t_1, \dots, t_k\}$ , reduce to single source/single sink by adding a super source  $s^*$  and a super sink  $t^*$  and edges  $\{s^*\} \times \{s_1, \dots, s_j\} \cup \{t_1, \dots, t_k\} \times \{t^*\}$  with  $\infty$  capacities.

**DEF:** For  $S \subset V$  such that  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T = V - S$ , the *cut*  $(S, T) = \{uv \in E \mid (u \in S \wedge v \in T) \vee (v \in S \wedge u \in T)\}$ .

**THEOREM:** For every cut  $(S, T)$ , the total flow is  $|f| = \sum_{e \in (S, T)} f(e) - \sum_{e \in (T, S)} f(e)$ .

**PROOF:** (by induction on  $|S|$ ). Basis: trivial. Assume for  $|S| - 1$ . Pick  $v \in S - \{s\}$ . In moving  $v$  to  $S$  in cut  $(S - \{v\}, T \cup \{v\})$ , decrease flow across cut by  $\sum_{u \in S - \{v\}} f(uv) + \sum_{u \in T} f(uv)$  and increase flow across cut by  $\sum_{u \in S - \{v\}} f(vu) + \sum_{u \in T} f(vu)$ , and by flow conservation this change is 0.

**DEF:** For any  $S \subset V$  such that  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$ , the *capacity of the cut* determined by  $S$  is  $c(S) = \sum_{e \in (S,T)} c(e)$ .

**THEOREM:** For every flow  $f$  and every  $S \subset V$ ,  $|f| \leq c(S)$ .

**PROOF:**  $|f| = \sum_{e \in (S,T)} f(e) - \sum_{e \in (T,S)} f(e) \leq \sum_{e \in (S,T)} f(e) \leq \sum_{e \in (S,T)} c(e) = c(S)$ .

**COROLLARY:** If  $f$  and  $S$  satisfy the previous equation with equality, then  $f$  is maximum (*max-flow*) and the cut defined by  $S$  is minimum (*min-cut*).

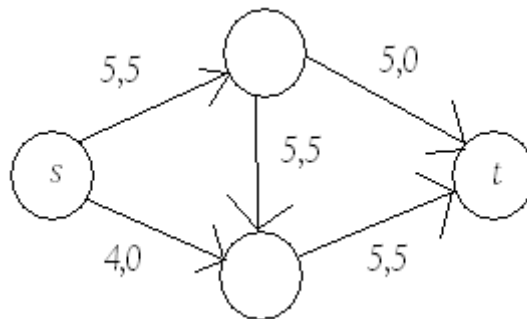
**NOTE:** Can't enumerate cuts to find max flow, because there are  $2^{|V|-2}$  of them.

**DEF:** An *augmenting path* relative to flow  $f$  is a sequence of edges from  $s$  to  $t$  such that for each edge  $e$  on the path:

-if  $e$  points from  $s$  to  $t$ , then  $f(e) < c(e)$ , (*forward edge*)

-if  $e$  points from  $t$  to  $s$ , then  $f(e) > 0$ . (*back edge*)

Greed fails –



**ALG:** -Start with a legal flow  $f$ , such as  $f(e)=0$  for all  $e \in E$ .

-while there exists an augmenting path relative to  $f$   
 push as much extra flow as possible through the path

How do we find an augmenting path? How much extra flow can be pushed through an augmenting path?

**LABELING ALGORITHM:**

-label  $s$  {every  $v \in V$  for which we can find augmenting path  $s \rightarrow v$  is labeled; if  $t$  labeled, then done.}

-forward labeling of  $v$  by edge  $u \xrightarrow{e} v$  applicable if

- $u$  labeled,

- $v$  not labeled,

- $c(e) > f(e)$

- $v$  gets label  $e$ ,  $\Delta(e) \leftarrow c(e) - f(e)$

-backward labeling of  $v$  by edge  $u \xleftarrow{e} v$  applicable if

- $u$  labeled,

- $v$  not labeled,

- $f(e) > 0$

- $v$  gets label  $e$ ,  $\Delta(e) \leftarrow f(e)$

**FORD & FULKERSON ALG:**

-Start with a legal flow  $f$ , such as  $f(e)=0$  for all  $e \in E$ .

(\*\*) -mark  $s$  labeled, all  $v \in V - \{s\}$  unlabeled.

-while an unlabeled vertex  $v$  can be labeled

-label  $v$

-if  $v=t$

let the augmenting path be  $s = v_0 - v_1^{e_1} - v_2^{e_2} - \dots - v_{l-1}^{e_{l-1}} - v_l = t$

let  $\Delta = \min_{1 \leq k \leq l} \Delta(e_k)$

if  $e_k$  forward (i.e.,  $v_{k-1} \rightarrow v_k$ ) then  $f(e_k) \leftarrow f(e_k) + \Delta$

if  $e_k$  backward (i.e.,  $v_k \leftarrow v_{k-1}$ ) then  $f(e_k) \leftarrow f(e_k) - \Delta$

goto (\*\*)

-quit { $f$  is a maximum flow}

**THEOREM:** Algorithm identifies a min-cut (hence a max flow). That is, the following are equivalent for flow  $f$  in  $G$ :

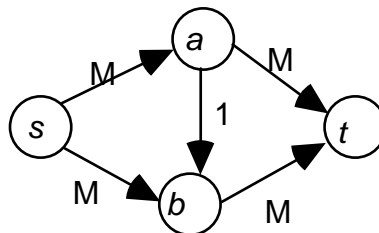
- $f$  is a max flow,
- $G$  admits cut  $(S, T)$  with  $c(S, T) = |f|$ ,
- $G$  does not admit an augmenting path relative to  $f$ .

**PROOF:** Let  $S$  be set of labeled vertices when algorithm quits.  $s \in S$  and  $t \in V - S = T$ . Consider the cut defined by  $S$ .  $(\forall e \in (S, T)) f(e) = c(e)$ .  $(\forall e \in (T, S)) f(e) = 0$ .

♦ If initial flow integral & all capacities integral, algorithm never introduces fractions.

-Analysis

Even if capacities are integral, may be real slow: initially,  $f(e)=0$  for all  $e \in E$



Augmenting paths:  $s-a-b-t$ ,  $s-b-a-t$ ,  $s-a-b-t, \dots$  +1 every time

need  $2M$  augmentations before flow of  $M$  reached.

There is a case with irrational capacities for which the algorithm neither terminates nor converges.