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Context Restriction (Strict):

Use only the provided lecture PowerPoint slides.

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Content to Include (Only if present in the lecture):

Formal definitions and notation

Explicit assumptions and stated conditions

Clearly stated theorems or propositions

Proofs or proof sketches written step by step, exactly as presented

Algorithms and pseudocode written faithfully

Worked examples shown in the lecture, with all intermediate steps

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Use clear LaTeX sectioning (`\section`, `\subsection`)

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`\documentclass ... \end{document}` block

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\textbf{CSE 400: Fundamentals of Probability in Computing} \\\
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\textbf{Lecture 10: Randomized Min-Cut Algorithm} \\\
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\section{Min-Cut Problem}
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\subsection{Why Use Min-Cut}
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Min-cut algorithms are used in applications related to network connectivity, reliability, and optimization. They are applied in:

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\item Network design to improve communication efficiency and optimize network flow by
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identifying the minimum capacity cut.

\item Communication networks to analyze vulnerability to failures and build robust, fault-tolerant systems.

\item VLSI design for partitioning circuits into smaller components to reduce interconnectivity complexity.

\end{itemize}

\subsection{What is Min-Cut}

\begin{definition}[Cut-Set]

A cut-set in a graph is a set of edges whose removal breaks the graph into two or more connected components.

\end{definition}

\begin{definition}[Minimum Cut]

Given a graph $G=(V,E)$ with n vertices, the minimum cut (min-cut) problem is to find a minimum cardinality cut-set in G .

\end{definition}

Min-cut algorithms such as Karger's algorithm are randomized and can be sensitive to the initial choice of edges. If critical edges are contracted early, the algorithm may find a smaller cut.

\subsection{Edge Contraction}

The main operation in the min-cut algorithm is **\emph{edge contraction}**.

\begin{definition}[Edge Contraction]

In contracting an edge (u,v) , the two vertices u and v are merged into one vertex, all edges connecting u and v are eliminated, and all other edges are retained. The resulting graph may contain parallel edges but no self-loops.

\end{definition}

\subsection{Successful Min-Cut Run}

A successful min-cut run refers to the success in the outcome of an algorithm designed to find the minimum cut in a graph.

\subsection{Unsuccessful Min-Cut Run}

An unsuccessful min-cut run refers to an iteration of a min-cut algorithm where the algorithm fails to correctly identify the minimum cut of a given graph.

`\section{Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem}`

`\begin{theorem}[Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem]`

In a flow network, the maximum amount of flow passing from the source to the sink is equal to the total weight of the edges in a minimum cut.

`\end{theorem}`

`\subsection{Related Definitions}`

`\begin{itemize}`

`\item` Capacity of a cut: The sum of the capacities of the edges in the cut that are oriented from a vertex in set X to a vertex in set Y .

`\item` Minimum cut: The cut in the network with the smallest possible capacity.

`\item` Minimum cut capacity: The capacity of the minimum cut.

`\item` Maximum flow: The largest possible flow from source S to sink T .

`\end{itemize}`

`\section{Deterministic Min-Cut Algorithm}`

`\subsection{Stoer--Wagner Min-Cut Algorithm}`

`\begin{proposition}`

Let s and t be two vertices of a graph G . Let $G/\{s,t\}$ be the graph obtained by merging s and t . A minimum cut of G is the smaller of:

`\begin{itemize}`

`\item` a minimum s -- t cut of G , and

`\item` a minimum cut of $G/\{s,t\}$.

`\end{itemize}`

`\end{proposition}`

`\subsection{Pseudocode}`

`\begin{algorithm}[MinimumCutPhase(G,a)]`

`\begin{enumerate}`

`\item` $A \leftarrow \{a\}$

`\item` while $A \neq V$ do

`\begin{itemize}`

`\item` add to A the most tightly connected vertex

`\end{itemize}`

`\item` return the cut weight as the cut of the phase

`\end{enumerate}`

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\end{algorithm}
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\begin{algorithm}[MinimumCut$(G)$]
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\begin{enumerate}
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  \item while  $|V| \geq 1$  do
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  \begin{itemize}
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    \item choose any  $a \in V$ 
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    \item MinimumCutPhase$(G,a)$
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    \item if the cut-of-the-phase is lighter than the current minimum cut, store it
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    \item shrink  $G$  by merging the two vertices added last
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  \end{itemize}
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  \item return the minimum cut
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\end{enumerate}
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\end{algorithm}
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\section{Randomized Min-Cut Algorithm}
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\subsection{Why Randomized Algorithms}
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Randomized algorithms provide a probabilistic guarantee of success and can give a more accurate estimate of the minimum cut with fewer iterations. Properties include efficiency, parallelization, approximation guarantees, avoidance of worst-case instances, heuristic nature, and robustness.

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\subsection{Karger's Randomized Algorithm}
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Karger's algorithm repeatedly contracts randomly selected edges until only two vertices remain. The remaining edges form a cut.

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\subsection{Pseudocode}
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\begin{algorithm}[Recursive-Randomized-Min-Cut$(G,\alpha)$]
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\begin{enumerate}
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  \item Input: Undirected multigraph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices, integer constant  $\alpha > 0$ 
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  \item Output: A cut  $C$  of  $G$ 
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  \item If  $n \leq 3$ , compute a min-cut of  $G$  using brute force and set  $C$ 
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  \item Else:
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  \begin{itemize}
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    \item for  $i = 1$  to  $\alpha$ :
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    \begin{itemize}
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      \item  $G' \rightarrow$  graph obtained by applying  $n - \lceil n/\sqrt{\alpha} \rceil$   
random contractions to  $G$ 
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\item  $C' \rightarrow$  Recursive-Randomized-Min-Cut $(G, \alpha)$ 
\item if  $i = 1$  or  $|C'| < |C|$ , set  $C \leftarrow C'$ 
\end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
\item return  $C$ 
\end{enumerate}
\end{algorithm}

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\section{Comparison: Deterministic vs Randomized Min-Cut}

The choice of algorithm depends on the specific problem.

\subsection{Deterministic Min-Cut}

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\begin{itemize}
\item Always guarantees an exact minimum cut
\item Higher time complexity for large graphs
\item Stoer--Wagner algorithm time complexity:  $O(V \cdot E + V^2 \log V)$ 
\end{itemize}

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\subsection{Randomized Min-Cut}

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\item Provides an approximate minimum cut with high probability
\item Karger's algorithm time complexity:  $O(V^2)$ 
\end{itemize}

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\section{Theorem for Min-Cut Set}

\begin{theorem}

The randomized min-cut algorithm outputs a min-cut set with probability at least $\frac{2}{n(n-1)}$.

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\end{theorem}
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