# Advanced Techniques for Combinatorial Algorithms: Randomized Algorithms

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How many random cuts are needed?

### Independent set

G: undirected graph. Average degree d = 2m/n

#### Algorithm 1: Random Independent Set

- 1  $S \leftarrow$  a random sample of V, each vertex is picked with p = 1/d;
- 2 *I* ← *S*:
- 3 while there exists an edge e in  $G \mid I$  do
- 4 Remove an endpoint of *e* from *I*

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