

# Homework 2

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## 1 successful prob of Fast-Cut

Successful probability:

the origin size  $n$  problem is reduced to two subproblem size  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}}$ , considering the contract procedure, the probability that the result of subproblem is exactly the result of origin problem is

$$(1 - \frac{2}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n-1}) \dots (1 - \frac{2}{n/\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{(\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}} - 1)(\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}} - 2)}{n(n-1)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

denote the successful probability of origin problem with size  $n$  by  $P(k+1)$ , subproblem with size  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}}$  by  $P(k)$ , then we have

$$P(k+1) = 1 - (1 - \frac{1}{2}P(k))^2$$

so we get

$$P(k+1) = P(k) - \frac{1}{4}P(k)^2$$

perform a change of variable  $P(k) = \frac{4}{q(k)+1}$ , yields the following simplification:

$$q(k+1) = q(k) + 1 + \frac{1}{q(k)}$$

recursively apply the equation to the righthand side

$$q(k) = q(1) + k - 1 + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} \frac{1}{q(i)} \geq k - 1$$

by using  $q(k) \geq k - 1$ , we have

$$q(k) \leq q(1) + k - 1 + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} \frac{1}{i} \leq q(1) + k - 1 + \log k$$

combine the upper bound and lower bound

$$q(k) = \Omega(k)$$

$$P(k) = \Omega\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)$$

observe that  $k = \log n$ , we can draw the conclusion

$$Pr(n) = \Omega\left(\frac{1}{\log n}\right)$$

## 2 Exercise 10.9

the time complexity of the modified algorithm is  $\Theta(n^2 + t^3)$  with reducing procedure costs  $\Theta(n^2)$  and cubic time algorithm for subproblem.

consider the successful probability, after reducing the problem, the probability that the subproblem result is exactly the origin problem result is

$$\left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{n-1}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{2}{n/\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{t(t-1)}{n(n-1)} = \Theta\left(\frac{t^2}{n^2}\right)$$

to ensure at least 1/2 successful probability, repeat the algorithm  $\Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{t^2}\right)$  times

the total running time

$$\Theta(n^2 + t^3) * \Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{t^2}\right) = \Theta\left(\frac{n^4}{t^2} + n^2 t\right) = \Omega(n^{\frac{8}{3}})$$

the last step above is by using inequality of geometric and arithmetic means

$$\frac{n^4}{t^2} + \frac{n^2 t}{2} + \frac{n^2 t}{2} \geq \left(\frac{n^8}{4}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

## Optional(k-way cut-set)

Denote the minimum k-way cut-set is  $S$ , the size of the k-way cut-set is  $|S|$ . Sum over all possible trivial k-way ( $k-1$  singletons and the complement), and count how many times an edge is over-counted, we have

$$\binom{n}{k-1} |S| \leq \left[ \binom{n-2}{k-3} + 2 \binom{n-2}{k-2} \right] |E|$$

Notice that when an edge is counted in the cut-set, its two endpoints are either *both singletons* or *one singleton and one in the complement*.

Simplify the inequality and get

$$|E| \geq \frac{n(n-1)}{(2n-k)(k-1)} |S| \geq \frac{n}{2(k-1)} |S|$$

Run the Min-Cut algorithm on the graph until  $2k-1$  vertices left, the probability that cut-set of the left  $2k-1$  vertices is the answer of the original problem is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1 - \frac{2(k-1)}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2(k-1)}{n-1}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{2(k-1)}{2k+1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2(k-1)}{2k}\right) \\ &= \frac{2k(2k-1) \dots 3 \cdot 2}{n(n-1) \dots (n-2k+4)(n-2k+3)} \\ &\geq \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{2k-4} \end{aligned}$$

Actually, the successful probability could be much larger, but  $\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{2k-4}$  is enough for analysis

Since the run time is  $\Theta(n^2)$ , to obtain a constant successful probability, we can repeat the algorithm  $O(n^{2k-4})$  times. So the time complexity comes to  $O(n^{2k-2})$ .

## Exercise 1.10 Page 22

Assume that the algorithm is  $A$ , and let  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2^n} \forall x \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $\begin{cases} x \in L \Rightarrow \Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) = \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon \\ x \notin L \Rightarrow \Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) = \frac{1}{2} - \epsilon \end{cases}$

Repeat the algorithm  $p$  times ( $p$  is a polynomial of  $n$ ) and adopt the major vote strategy, if the error probability is  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{p}{2}} \binom{p}{i} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon\right)^i \left(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon\right)^{p-i} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon\right)^i \left(\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon\right)^{p-i} \right] \\
& \leq \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{p}{2}} \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{p-i} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon\right)^i - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon\right)^i \right] \\
& \leq \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{p}{2}} \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{p-i} 4i \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i-1} \epsilon \\
& \leq \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \frac{p}{2}} \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n+p-3} \\
& = \frac{\text{poly}(n)}{2^n} < \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 1.13 Page 27

**Prove**  $PP = coPP$ ,

$L \in PP, L^c$  denote the complement of  $L$ . By the definition of  $PP$ , there exists an algorithm  $A$ , for  $x$  in  $L$ ,  $\Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) > 1/2$ , for  $x$  not in  $L$ ,  $\Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) = 0$ .

construct an algorithm  $B$ ,  $B$  rejects when  $A$  accepts, and  $B$  accepts when  $A$  rejects.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in L^c & \Rightarrow \Pr(B(x) \text{ accepts}) = 1 - \Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) > \frac{1}{2} \\
x \notin L^c & \Rightarrow \Pr(B(x) \text{ accepts}) = 1 - \Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) < \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

which means  $PP = co-PP$

**Prove**  $BPP = co-BPP$

assume  $L \in BPP$  with algorithm  $A$ , construct algorithm  $B$  in the same way above.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
x \in L^c & \Rightarrow \Pr(B(x) \text{ accepts}) = 1 - \Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) > \frac{3}{4} \\
x \notin L^c & \Rightarrow \Pr(B(x) \text{ accepts}) = 1 - \Pr(A(x) \text{ accepts}) < \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

implies  $BPP = co-BPP$

## Optional Problem 1.15 Page 27

Show that  $\text{NP} \subseteq \text{BPP}$  implies  $\text{NP} = \text{RP}$