

# Week 3: CS5234

Last Week:

1) Connected components

2) Approx-MST

3) Divisibility

Today:

1) Diameter

2) Avg. degree

## Diameter

→ Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , undirected  
 $n$  nodes,  $m$  edges

One solution:  $\forall u \in V$  do: BFS( $u$ )  
 $\hookrightarrow O(n(n+m))$  time

Note: different!  
 $\in n$ , not  $\in m$

Defn:  $G$  is  $\varepsilon$ -far from  $G'$  if must add/delete  
 $\lceil \varepsilon n \rceil$  edges to  $G$  to get  $G'$ .

Goal: Given  $G$ ,  $D$ , decide:

- 1) if  $G$  has diameter  $\leq D$ , return TRUE
- 2) if  $G$  is  $\varepsilon$ -far from graph with diameter  $4D+2$ , return FALSE
- 3) otherwise, either

Surprising! Diameter is a global property

Goal:  $O(1/\varepsilon^2)$  time

( $n, D$  don't matter!!)

Trick: find a local property to test

Defn: Node  $u \in V$  is  $(K, C)$ -friendly if there are  $\geq K$  nodes within distance  $C$  of  $u$ .

Key lemma: if  $\geq (1 - \frac{1}{K})n$  nodes in  $G$  are  $(K, D)$ -friendly, then  $G$  is  $\frac{3}{K}$ -close to a graph with diameter  $4D + 2$ .

Proof by algorithm: Label each node center  
friend  
fringe

Repeat:

- 1) Choose unlabelled node  $u$ .
- 2) Label  $u$  a center
- 3) Label nodes  $w$  s.t.  $d(u, w) \leq D$  as friend.
- 4) Label unlabelled  $w$  s.t.  $d(u, w) \leq 2D$  as fringe.
- 5) Delete  $u$  and all friends from  $G$

Eventually, all nodes are labelled. How many centers?

For each center, 2 cases:

1) Center  $u$  is not  $(K, D)$ -friendly  $\Rightarrow \leq \frac{n}{K}$  centers

2) Center  $u$  is  $(K, D)$ -friendly.

a)  $u$  is not distance  $2D$  from any previously chosen center  
(or it would have already been labelled fringe)

b) initially,  $u$  had  $\geq K$  nbhs at distance  $\leq D \Rightarrow$  call them  $F$   
(by defn of friendly)

c) Nodes in  $F$  were not previously labelled center / friend.  
(if  $w \in F$  was friend, then  $\exists$  center  $v$  s.t.  $d(w, v) \leq D$ ,  
so  $d(u, v) \leq d(u, w) + d(w, v) \leq 2D$ )

d) All nodes in  $F$  labelled friends, deleted  
 $\hookrightarrow K$  nodes deleted

Conclusion:  $\leq \frac{n}{K}$  non-friendly centers chosen

Total:  $\leq \frac{n}{K}$  centers chosen

## Proof (continued):

- 1) Choose a center  $u$ . Call it  $C$ .
  - 2) Add  $2n/k - 1$  edges connecting all centers to  $u$ .

Claim: diameter  $\leq 4D+2$

$\Rightarrow G$  was  $\gamma/k$  close to a graph (constructed) with  $\text{diam} \leq 4n+2$

## Alg

Diam(G, D, ε) :

Repeat 5 times:

Choose  $u$  at random.

Do BFS to see if  $u$  is  $(^2/\varepsilon, D)$ -friendly

If not friendly, return FALSE.

Return TRUE.

- 1) if  $\text{diam} \leq D$  and  $n \geq \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$ , then all nodes friendly.  $\Rightarrow$  TRUE
  - 2) if  $n < \frac{2}{\varepsilon}$ , then can connect by  $< \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \leq \frac{2^n}{\varepsilon}$  edges  $\Rightarrow$  special case
  - 3) if not  $\varepsilon$ -close to  $4D-2$ , then  $\geq \frac{\varepsilon n}{2}$  nodes not  $(\frac{2}{\varepsilon}, D)$ -friendly

$$\Pr[u \text{ is not } (\gamma/\varepsilon, \Omega)\text{-friendly}] \geq (\varepsilon n/\gamma) / n \geq \varepsilon/2$$

$$\Pr[\text{no sampled } u \text{ is not } (\frac{\gamma}{\varepsilon}, 0)\text{-friendly}] \leq (1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2})^s \leq e^{-\frac{s}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

$\uparrow$   
independent

Choose  $s = 4/\varepsilon$

Conclusion: if  $\varepsilon$ -far from  $4D+2$ , the FALSE w.p.  $\geq 2/3$

Cost:  $S = 4/\varepsilon$  iterations

Cost/iteration: BFS to find  $2/\varepsilon$  nodes in distance  $D$

$\hookrightarrow \text{cost} \leq (2/\varepsilon)^2 \leftarrow \leq 2/\varepsilon \text{ nodes found}$   
 $\leq 2/\varepsilon \text{ nbrs of each}$   
 $\text{node visited}$   
 $\text{unnecessarily}$

Total time:  $(4/\varepsilon)(2/\varepsilon)^2 = \mathcal{O}(1/\varepsilon^3)$

## Degree estimation

$G = (V, E)$ , undirected, connected

Alg

```
AvgDeg(G,  $\varepsilon$ )
min = n
repeat K times
  total = 0
  Sampling loop
    repeat S times:
      choose  $u \in V$  at random
      total = total + degree(u)
    if total/s < min then
      min = total/s
  return min
```

Seems unlikely to work:

$$A = \{n, n, n, n, 0, 0, \dots, 0\}$$

$$\text{avg} = 4$$

$$\text{Sampling} \Rightarrow 0$$

Sampling does not  
find average

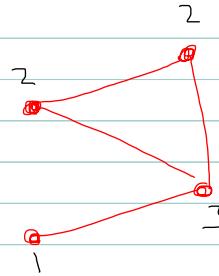
Key insight: a graph is not an arbitrary array  
it has structure      Cannot have degrees  $[n, n, n, n, 1, 1, 1, \dots, 1]$

### Setup

$n$  nodes

$m$  edges

$$\text{avg degree} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_u \deg(u) = \frac{1}{n} [2m]$$



Fix  $\varepsilon$ .

Goal:  $(1/2 - \varepsilon)$ -approx in

$$O\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\varepsilon/2}\right) \text{ time}$$

$$\text{avg} = 8/4 = 2$$

Step 1: Show answer  $\leq (1 + \varepsilon)d$

Markov's Inequality!!

For one sampling loop: let  $X_j = \deg$  sample  $j$

$$X = \sum X_j = \text{total}, \quad E[X_j] = \frac{1}{n} \sum \deg(u) = \frac{2m}{n} = d$$

$$E[X] = sd$$

$$\Pr[X/s \geq (1 + \varepsilon)d] = \Pr[X \geq (1 + \varepsilon)E[X]] \leq \frac{E[X]}{(1 + \varepsilon)E[X]}$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{1}{1 + \varepsilon}\right) \leq 1 - \varepsilon/2$$

$$\text{Recall: if } X < 1: \quad (1 + X)^{-1} \geq 1 - X$$

$$\leq 1 - X/2$$

$$\text{Taylor: } (1 + X)^{-1} = 1 - X - \frac{X^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$\text{Conclusion: } \Pr[X/s > (1 + \varepsilon)d] \leq 1 - \varepsilon/2$$

Too big? [cont]

$$\Pr(\text{all } K \text{ sample loops} > (1+\varepsilon)d) \leq (1-\varepsilon/2)^K$$

↑ independent

choose  $K = 8/\varepsilon$

$$\leq (1-\varepsilon/2)^{8/\varepsilon}$$
$$\leq e^{-4} \leq 1/8$$

Conclusion: w.p.  $\geq 7/8$ , answer is  $\leq (1+\varepsilon)d$

What about showing answer is not  $\leq (1-\varepsilon)d$ ??

How do you find heavy nodes?

If miss heavy nodes, then answer is too small!

Key problem: heavy (large deg) values have big impact on final result but are hard to find.

Solution: "Ignore" heavy nodes

Defn

$H = \lceil \varepsilon n \rceil$  nodes with largest deg

$L = \text{all other nodes}$

$M = \max \text{ degree in } L$ .

Question: if we only sample  $L$ , is that good enough?

(How to sample only  $L$ ?? Postponed...)

$$\text{Defn } \deg(H) = \sum_{u \in H} \deg(u)$$

$$\deg(L) = \sum_{u \in L} \deg(u)$$

$$\deg(G) = \sum_u \deg(u) = 2m = \deg(H) + \deg(L)$$

$$\text{Claim } \deg(L) \geq m(1-\varepsilon)$$

$$\deg(H) \leq 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon n}}{2}\right) + m \leq 2\left[\frac{\varepsilon n}{2}\right] + m \leq \varepsilon n + m \leq \varepsilon m + m \leq (1+\varepsilon)m$$

↑ edges between edges in H and L

$$\deg(L) = \deg(G) - \deg(H) \leq 2m - m(1+\varepsilon) = m - \varepsilon m = m(1-\varepsilon)$$

Conclusion: if we estimate avg  $\deg L$ , we are within  $(\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon)$

$$\text{of avg } \deg G \quad [\text{i.e., } \frac{m}{n}(1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \text{ is } \geq \frac{2m}{n}(\frac{1}{2}-\varepsilon)]$$

How to estimate  $\deg(L)$ ?

(Don't know which are in L.)

Trick: define new random vars.

$$y_i = \min(X_i, M)$$

↑ max value in L

$$\text{if } X_j \in H, \quad y_j = M$$

$$\text{if } X_j \in L, \quad y_j = X_j$$

$$X_j \geq y_j$$

New goal: bound Y

$$X \geq Y = \sum y_j$$

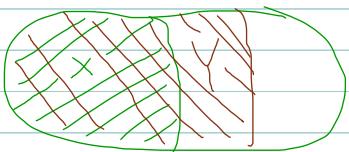
$$\begin{aligned}
E[y_j] &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_j \min(\deg(j), M) \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u \in H} \min(\deg(u), M) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u \in L} \min(\deg(u), M) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u \in L} \min(\deg(u), M) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u \in L} \deg(u) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{n} \deg(L) \\
&\geq \frac{m}{n} (1 - \varepsilon) \\
&\geq \left(\frac{d}{2}\right) (1 - \varepsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[y_j] &\geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{u \in H} \min(\deg(u), M) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{n} \cdot |H| \cdot M \\
&\geq \frac{1}{n} (\sqrt{n\varepsilon}) M \geq \frac{M}{\sqrt{n\varepsilon}}
\end{aligned}$$

Show:  $\Pr[Y \leq (1-\delta) E[Y]]$  is small, i.e.,  $\leq 1/8K$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[X \leq S(1-\delta)(\frac{d}{2})(1-\varepsilon)] \leq \Pr[Y \leq S(1-\delta)(\frac{d}{2})(1-\varepsilon)]$$

$\uparrow Y \leq X$



$$\leq \Pr[Y \leq (1-\delta) E[Y]] \leq 1/8K$$

$$\left[ E[Y] \geq \left(\frac{d}{2}\right) (1-\varepsilon) S \right]$$

$$\Pr[X/S \leq (1-\delta)(\frac{d}{2})(1-\varepsilon)] \leq 1/8K$$

## Break: Chernoff Bounds

$z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  are r.v.  $\in [0, 1]$

$$Z = \sum z_j$$

$$0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 1$$

$$E[Z] = M$$

$$1) \Pr(Z \geq (1 + \varepsilon)M) \leq e^{-\varepsilon^2 M / 3}$$

$$2) \Pr(Z \leq (1 - \varepsilon)M) \leq e^{-\varepsilon^2 M / 2}$$

$$3) \Pr(|Z - M| \leq \varepsilon M) \leq 2e^{-\varepsilon^2 M / 3}$$

Wait!! What if  $Z_i \in [1, K]$ ?

$$1) \Pr(Z \geq (1 + \varepsilon)M) \leq e^{-\varepsilon^2 M / 3K}$$

$$2) \Pr(Z \leq (1 - \varepsilon)M) \leq e^{-\varepsilon^2 M / 2K}$$

$$3) \Pr(|Z - M| \leq \varepsilon M) \leq 2e^{-\varepsilon^2 M / 3K}$$

$$\Pr[Y \leq (1 - \delta)E[Y]] \leq e^{-E[Y]\delta^2/2M}$$
$$\leq e^{-sM/\sqrt{2\delta}} \cdot \frac{\delta^2}{2M} \quad \leftarrow E[Y] \geq sM/\sqrt{2\delta}$$

$$\text{Choose } S = \frac{8\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\delta^2} \ln K$$

$$\leq e^{-4\ln K} \leq 1/K$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr\left[\frac{X}{S} \leq (1 - \delta)(1 - \varepsilon)\left(\frac{M}{s}\right)\right] \leq 1/K$$

$$\Pr[\text{all iterations good}] \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{8K}\right)^K \geq e^{-1/8} \geq 7/8$$

$$\Pr[\text{some iteration bad OR answer too big}] \leq 1/8 + 1/8 \leq 1/4$$

↳ correct w.p.  $\geq 3/4$

$$\text{Set } \delta = \varepsilon: \text{ correct} = 1) \text{ answer} \leq (1 + \varepsilon)d$$

$$2) \text{ answer} \geq (1 - \delta)(1 - \varepsilon)\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)$$

$$\geq (1 - \varepsilon)^2 \left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \quad (1 - \varepsilon)^2 = (1 - 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2) \geq 1 - 2\varepsilon$$

$$\geq (1 - 2\varepsilon)\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)$$

$$\geq d\left[\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon\right]$$

$$d\left(\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon\right) \leq \text{answer} \leq d(1 + \varepsilon)$$

Time:  $\mathcal{O}(KS)$

$$K = \frac{8}{\varepsilon} \quad S = \frac{8\sqrt{r/\varepsilon} \ln(8/\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(KS) \leq \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{r/\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon^4}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{r} \cdot \varepsilon^{-9/2}\right)$$