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WSF What (it) Stands For

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Naive chain rule algorithm

Input: $G = (V, E)$ and L_G^+
Output: Set of edges corresponding to a random spanning tree

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1 for  $e = (u, v) \in E$  do
2    $R_e^{\text{eff}} = (\chi_u - \chi_v)^T L_G^+ (\chi_u - \chi_v);$ 
3   if  $(X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(R_e^{\text{eff}})) = 1$  then
4     Add edge  $e$  to the spanning tree;
5      $G = G/e;$ 
6   else
7      $G = G \setminus e;$ 
8   end
9   Update  $L_G^+;$ 
10 end
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Algorithm 1: Sampling uniform spanning tree using chain rule

4.2.2 Recursive Algorithm with lazy updates

Deletion

Lemma 1 (Formulas in **Theorem 1** are well defined). *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph and $D \subseteq E$ then*

$$(I - L_D L_G^+) \text{ is invertible } \iff G \setminus D \text{ is connected}$$

Proof. TODO ■

Theorem 1 (Update identity for Deletion). *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph and $D \subseteq E$. If $G \setminus D$ is connected then*

$$(L_G - L_D)^+ = L_G^+ - (L_G^+ \cdot (L_D L_G^+ - I)^{-1} \cdot L_D \cdot L_G^+)$$

Proof. TODO ■

Definition 1 (Submatrix).

Corollary 1 (Improved **Theorem 1** for submatrix). *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph and $D \subseteq G$. For $S \subseteq V$ define $E[S]$ as $(S \times S) \cap E$. Suppose $E_D \subseteq E[S]$ and $G \setminus D$ is connected then*

$$(L_G - L_D)_{S,S}^+ = (L_G^+)_{S,S} - \left((L_G^+)_{S,S} \cdot ((L_D)_{S,S} (L_G^+)_{S,S} - I)^{-1} \cdot (L_D)_{S,S} \cdot (L_G^+)_{S,S} \right)$$

Proof. TODO ■

Definition 2 (Incidence Matrix). *Let $G = (V, E)$, given an edge $e = u, v \in E$ the incidence vector of e is defined as $v_e = (\chi_u - \chi_v)$. Given a set of edges $D = \{e_1, e_2 \dots e_m\} \subseteq E$, the incidence matrix of D is defined as $B_D = [v_{e_1} | v_{e_2} \dots | v_{e_m}]$*

Definition 3 ($G + ke$). $G + ke$ is the weighted graph obtained by increasing e 's weight by k

Contraction

Lemma 2 (Formulas in **Theorem 2** are well defined). *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph. Given $F \subseteq E$ with $|F| = r$ and let B_F be the incidence matrix of F .*

$$B_F^T L_G^+ B_F \text{ is invertible} \iff F \text{ is a forest}$$

Proof. TODO ■

Lemma 3 (Formulas in **Theorem 2** are well defined). *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph. Given $F \subseteq E$ and let B_F be the incidence matrix of F . For any $k > 0$,*

$$\text{If } F \text{ is a forest then } \left(\frac{I}{k} + B_F^T L_G^+ B_F \right) \text{ is invertible for any } k > 0$$

Proof. TODO ■

Theorem 2 (Contraction update formula for finite k). *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph. Given $F \subseteq E$ and let B_F be the incidence matrix of F . For any $k > 0$,*

$$(L_G + k L_F)^+ = L_G^+ - \left(L_G^+ \cdot B_F \cdot \left(\frac{I}{k} + B_F^T L_G^+ B_F \right)^{-1} \cdot B_F^T \cdot L_G^+ \right)$$

Proof. TODO ■

Corollary 2 (Improves **Theorem 2** for sub-matrices). *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph. Given $F \subseteq E$ and let B_F be the incidence matrix of F . Suppose $F \subseteq E[S]$, where $S \subseteq V$. For any $k > 0$,*

$$(L_G + k L_F)_{S,S}^+ = (L_G^+)_{S,S} - \left((L_G^+)_{S,S} \cdot B_F \cdot \left(\frac{I}{k} + B_F^T L_G^+ B_F \right)^{-1} \cdot B_F^T \cdot L_G^+ \right)$$

5 Laplacian Paradigm

5.1 Kelner, Madry

6 Conclusion