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# List of Abbreviations

**LAH** List Abbreviations Here  
**WSF** What (it) Stands For





# 1 Introduction



## 2 Background

### 2.1 Markov Chains

#### 2.1.1 Fundamental theorem of Markov chain

#### 2.1.2 Markov chain tree theorem

### 2.2 Results from Spectral Graph Theory

#### 2.2.1 Kirchoff Matrix Tree Theorem

#### 2.2.2 Some properties of Laplacian

### 2.3 Electric Networks



## 3 Random Walk Approach

3.1 Aldous, Broder

3.2 Wilson



## 4 Matrix Approach

### 4.1 Colbourn, Day, Nel

### 4.2 Harvey, Xu

#### 4.2.1 Techniques used

##### 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 Facts used

**Fact 1** (Woodbury matrix identity).  $\mathbb{M}$

#### 4.2.3 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  $k > 0$ ,*

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

*Proof.* TODO ■

**Theorem 3** (Extends **Theorem 2** to  $k \rightarrow \infty$  case). *For a forest  $F_1 \subseteq E$ , let  $G(k) = G + k F_1$  as defined in **Definition 3**. Let  $F_2 \subseteq E$  be disjoint from  $F_1$  such that  $F_1 \cup F_2$  is a forest. Let  $B_{F_2}$  be the incidence matrix of  $F_2$ . For  $k > 0$  define  $N = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_{G(k)}^+$*

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_{G(k) + k F_2}^+ = N - \left( N \cdot B_{F_2} \cdot (B_{F_2}^T N B_{F_2}) \cdot B_{F_2}^T \cdot N \right)$$



$$\text{Also } \ker \left( \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L_{G(k)+kF_2}^+ \right) = \text{span} (B_{F_1 \cup F_2} \cup \mathbf{1})$$

*Proof.* TODO





## 5 Laplacian Paradigm

### 5.1 Kelner, Madry



## 6 Conclusion