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





# 1 Introduction



## 2 Background

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## 3 Random Walk Approach

3.1 Aldous, Broder

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## 4 Matrix Approach

### 4.1 Colbourn, Dey, 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
```

**Algorithm 1:** Sampling uniform spanning tree using chain rule





## 5 Laplacian Paradigm

### 5.1 Kelner, Madry



## 6 Conclusion