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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

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### 2.2 Results from Spectral Graph Theory

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## 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
```

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

#### 4.2.2 Recursive Algorithm with lazy updates

**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 ■

**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*

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

*Proof.* TODO ■





## 5 Laplacian Paradigm

### 5.1 Kelner, Madry



## 6 Conclusion