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1. **Problem Description**

Examining the k-Clique problem, one needs to take into account whether an undirected graph containing a subset consisting of nodes named a “clique”, that each node of the subset’s directly connected or not to the other nodes. Further, a clique is a completely linked subgraph within the broader graph. The task at hand is to figure out if G has a k-clique given an undirected graph G(V, E) with node set V and edge set E and a positive integer k. For any two sets of distinct nodes u and v in a k-clique, the edge u, v belongs to the edge set E. A k-clique is a subset W of the node set V such that |W| = k. Applications of the k-Clique issue may be found in many fields like Social Networks or Data Mining. Large datasets can be used to find coherent groups, for instance by identifying strong pairs inside a network. Karp proved the NP-completeness of the k-Clique issue in 1972 as part of his groundbreaking work on breaking down the satisfiability problem (SAT) into distinct combinatorial problems (Karp, 1972). The proof establishes that k-Clique is an NP-complete problem, meaning that solving it is at least as challenging as solving any other NP class problem.

2. **Algorithm Description**
   a. Brute Force Algorithm

The Clique problem's brute force algorithm involves an in-depth examination of all possible subsets of nodes of size k in the given graph G. This algorithm is assured to discover a solution if one exists, however it is not regarded as efficient for big values of n and k due to its exponential time complexity.

Here is the algorithm step by step:

1. Setting a counter (let’s call i) to 1.
2. Generate all possible subsets of size k from the node set V of the input graph G.
3. For each subset W generated, check whether it forms a complete subgraph (clique) in G by checking whether every pair of nodes in W is connected by an edge in E.

4. If a clique of size k is found, output "yes" and terminate the algorithm.
5. If no clique of size k is found, increment i by 1 and repeat the steps 2-4 until all subsets of size k have been checked.
6. If no cliques of size k are found after checking all possible subsets, output "no".

Here is the pseudo-code for the algorithm:

```
from itertools import combinations

def clique(G, k):
    for i in range(1, len(G)+1):
        for W in combinations(G, i):
            if len(W) == k and is_clique(G, W):
                return "yes"
    return "no"

def is_clique(G, W):
    for i in range(len(W)):
        for j in range(i+1, len(W)):
            if (W[i], W[j]) not in G and (W[j], W[i]) not in G:
                return False
    return True
```

The brute force technique uses a "generate-and-test" methodology, which means it generates all possible subsets of size k and validates the completeness of each subset. This algorithm does not employ any particular algorithm design method, such as divide-and-conquer or dynamic programming.

b. Heuristic Algorithm

The Bron-Kerbosch algorithm is a recursive backtracking algorithm used for finding all cliques in an undirected graph. Due to the fact that it avoids producing all subsets and instead analyzes the network structure more carefully, this algorithm can be far more effective than the brute force method.

Here is the algorithm step by step:

1. The Bron-Kerbosch algorithm begins with an empty clique, a full set of nodes that could be added (P), and an empty set of nodes that have already been taken into consideration (X).
2. The method reports the maximal clique it identified if both P and X are empty.
3. It tries to expand the current clique with each node v in P, then removes v from P, adds v to X, and recurses to step 2 for every node v in P.
4. When every node has been taken into account, the algorithm returns to the previous recursion level.

Here is the pseudo-code for the algorithm:

```
def bron_kerbosch(clique, candidates, excluded, graph):
    if not candidates and not excluded:
        return [clique]
    else:
        cliques = []
        for node in list(candidates):
            new_candidates = candidates.intersection(graph[node])
            new_excluded = excluded.intersection(graph[node])
            cliques.extend(bron_kerbosch(clique + [node],
new_candidates, new_excluded, graph))
            candidates.remove(node)
            excluded.add(node)
        return cliques
```

This function can then be used to find all cliques and filter out those of size k:

```
def find_k_cliques(G, k):
    cliques = bron_kerbosch([], set(G.keys()), set(), G)
    return [clique for clique in cliques if len(clique) == k]
```

Recursive backtracking algorithm design is a technique used in the Bron-Kerbosch algorithm. It can examine probable cliques in the graph with the help of backtracking, abandoning a path as soon as it realizes it won't lead to a clique.

In terms of approximation, the Bron-Kerbosch algorithm is an exact algorithm rather than an approximation algorithm. It ensures that all cliques, not just approximations, are found in a graph. By employing the backtracking strategy to obliterate huge portions of the search space, it accomplishes this more effectively than a straightforward brute force search.

3. **Algorithm Analysis**

3a. Brute Force Algorithm

Starting with claim:

The brute force approach precisely determines whether or not a k-clique exists in an undirected graph G.

Proving that the claim is accurate:

The node set V of the input graph G is used to create all possible subsets of size k, and then each subset is tested for completeness (i.e., whether it forms a clique or not). The procedure keeps producing subsets until either a clique of size k is discovered or all size k feasible subsets have been checked. The algorithm returns "yes" and ends if a clique of size k is found. The algorithm returns "no" if no clique of size k is found after looking through all possible subsets. The existence or absence of a k-clique in G can therefore be accurately determined by the algorithm.

Complexity analysis, Worst-case time complexity:

The number of size k subsets that can be generated in the graph G, which is provided by the binomial coefficient "n choosing k" and where n is the number of nodes in G, determines the

time complexity of the brute force algorithm. As a result, the brute force algorithm's worst-case time complexity is O(n choosing k), which is equal to O $\left(\frac{n!}{k!\,(n-k)!}\right)$

With increasing values of n and k, this complexity grows exponentially, making the algorithm impractical.

Space complexity:

The size of the subsets produced determines how space-intensive the brute force method is. Since the algorithm creates subsets of size k, each subset's space complexity is O(k). The worst-case total space complexity of the method, which generates all possible subsets of size k, is O(n choosing k * k), which is also exponential.

In conclusion, even if the brute force method for the Clique problem is guaranteed to produce a solution, it is inefficient for large values of n and k because of its exponential time complexity.

3b. Heuristic Algorithm

Starting with claim:

The greedy approximation algorithm always returns a clique in the graph G. If the graph contains a k-clique, the algorithm returns a clique of size at least k/2.

Proving that the claim is accurate:

The algorithm begins with an empty clique and, after each iteration, adds the vertex in the residual graph with the highest degree to the clique. All of the vertex's non-neighbors are eliminated from the graph when a vertex is added to the clique. As a result, the vertices in the clique form a fully linked subgraph, or a clique, at the conclusion of each cycle.

Let's think about what happens when the clique gains a vertex v. Let d be the residual graph's v's degree. The clique that consists of vertex v and its neighbors has d+1 vertices, and the graph's vertices all have a maximum degree of d. Since every clique in the network has at

most d+1 vertices, the greedy algorithm discovered a clique that is at least twice as large as every other clique in the graph.

Complexity analysis, Worst-case time complexity:

The loop over the vertices dominates how long the algorithm takes to run. The algorithm picks a vertex and eliminates it together with any of its non-neighbors from the graph after each iteration. Vertex selection can be completed in O(n) time, where n is the total number of vertices. It is also possible to eliminate the outsiders in O(n) time. As a result, the algorithm's temporal complexity is O(n^2).

Space complexity:

The space needed to store the graph makes the algorithm's space complexity O(n).

In conclusion, the greedy approximation strategy is far more effective than the brute force method even though it does not always locate the largest clique in the graph. It is appropriate for huge graphs where it would be computationally impossible to locate the maximum clique since it finds a clique of reasonable size in polynomial time.

4. **Sample Generation (Random Instance Generator)**

   The algorithm begins with generating the necessary number of nodes and an empty graph. Then, it chooses pairs of unique nodes at random and determines whether or not there is already an edge connecting them in the graph. It adds the edge to the graph if it doesn't already exist. Up until the necessary number of edges is obtained, this process is repeated.

   Self-loops and duplicate edges are prevented by choosing unique nodes. Since the pairs are chosen at random, the algorithm ensures that the distribution of

edges across the node set is uniform, resulting in a graph with n nodes and roughly m edges.

```
import random

def generateRandomGraph(n, m):
    G = {}
    nodes = generateNodes(n)
    addNodesToGraph(G, nodes)
    count = 0
    while count < m:
        u, v = getRandomDistinctNodes(nodes)
        if (u, v) not in G.values() and (v, u) not in G.values():
            addEdgeToGraph(G, u, v)
            count += 1
    return G

def generateNodes(n):
    nodes = set()
    for i in range(1, n+1):
        nodes.add(i)
    return nodes

def getRandomDistinctNodes(nodes):
    u = random.choice(list(nodes))
    nodes.remove(u)
    v = random.choice(list(nodes))
    nodes.add(u)
    return u, v

def addNodesToGraph(G, nodes):
    for node in nodes:
        G[node] = set()

def addEdgeToGraph(G, u, v):
    G[u].add(v)
    G[v].add(u)
```

5. **Algorithm Implementations**
    a. Brute Force Algorithm

By creating 20 random samples, we test the generateRandomGraph method for the initial run in this example. The number of edges (m) and nodes (n) are chosen at random from a set of values. The final graph is printed after that.

```
num_samples = 20

for sample in range(1, num_samples+1):
    n = random.randint(5, 10)  # Random number of nodes between 5
and 10
    m = random.randint(5, n*(n-1)//2)  # Random number of edges up
to maximum possible
    randomGraph = generateRandomGraph(n, m)
    print(f"Sample {sample}: Number of nodes = {n}, Number of edges
= {m}")
    print(randomGraph)
    print("--------------------")
```

Each instance's size and number were displayed in the output along with the appropriate created graph. Here is the output of the given code:

```
Sample 1: Number of nodes = 9, Number of edges = 9
{1: {8}, 2: {8, 9}, 3: set(), 4: {8, 5, 7}, 5: {4}, 6: {9}, 7:
{4}, 8: {9, 2, 4, 1}, 9: {8, 2, 6}}
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Sample 2: Number of nodes = 5, Number of edges = 7
{1: {2, 3, 4}, 2: {1, 3}, 3: {1, 2, 5}, 4: {1, 5}, 5: {3, 4}}
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Sample 3: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 5
{1: {6}, 2: {5}, 3: {5, 7}, 4: set(), 5: {2, 3}, 6: {1}, 7: {3}}
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Sample 4: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 8
{1: {2, 4, 7}, 2: {1, 6}, 3: {5}, 4: {1}, 5: {3, 7}, 6: {2}, 7:
{1, 5}}
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Sample 5: Number of nodes = 9, Number of edges = 15
{1: {8, 6}, 2: {3}, 3: {8, 2, 7}, 4: {9, 7}, 5: {6}, 6: {1, 5}, 7:
{8, 3, 4}, 8: {9, 3, 1, 7}, 9: {8, 4}}
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Sample 6: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 5
{1: {3}, 2: set(), 3: {1}, 4: {9}, 5: {9}, 6: {9}, 7: set(), 8:
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set(), 9: {10, 4, 5, 6}, 10: {9}}
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Sample 7: Number of nodes = 6, Number of edges = 15
{1: {2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, 2: {1, 4}, 3: {1, 4, 5, 6}, 4: {1, 2, 3}, 5:
{1, 3, 6}, 6: {1, 3, 5}}
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Sample 8: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 25
{1: {2, 4, 5, 6, 7}, 2: {1, 4, 6, 7}, 3: {4, 6, 7}, 4: {1, 2, 3,
7, 8}, 5: {8, 1, 6, 7}, 6: {1, 2, 3, 5}, 7: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, 8:
{4, 5}}
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Sample 9: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 22
{1: {3, 4, 6, 7}, 2: {8, 4, 5}, 3: {1, 4, 5, 6, 8}, 4: {1, 2, 3,
5, 7, 8}, 5: {2, 3, 4, 7, 8}, 6: {1, 3, 7}, 7: {1, 4, 5, 6, 8}, 8:
{2, 3, 4, 5, 7}}
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Sample 10: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 11
{1: {2, 7}, 2: {1, 5, 7}, 3: {4, 7}, 4: {3, 6}, 5: {2}, 6: {4, 7},
7: {1, 2, 3, 6}}
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Sample 11: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 41
{1: {2, 3, 5, 6, 9}, 2: {1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10}, 3: {1, 2, 4, 7, 8,
9, 10}, 4: {3, 5, 6, 7}, 5: {1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10}, 6: {8, 1, 2, 4},
7: {2, 3, 4, 5, 9}, 8: {10, 3, 6}, 9: {1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10}, 10: {2,
3, 5, 8, 9}}
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Sample 12: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 28
{1: {2, 3, 5, 6}, 2: {1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8}, 3: {1, 2, 5, 6, 7}, 4:
{8, 2, 5, 6}, 5: {1, 2, 3, 4, 8}, 6: {1, 2, 3, 4, 8}, 7: {8, 3},
8: {2, 4, 5, 6, 7}}
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Sample 13: Number of nodes = 9, Number of edges = 5
{1: {8, 5}, 2: set(), 3: {5, 7}, 4: set(), 5: {1, 3, 6}, 6: {5},
7: {3}, 8: {1}, 9: set()}
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Sample 14: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 7
{1: {2, 5, 6}, 2: {1, 5, 7}, 3: {4}, 4: {3, 6}, 5: {1, 2}, 6: {1,
4}, 7: {2}, 8: set()}
--------------------
Sample 15: Number of nodes = 6, Number of edges = 15
{1: {3, 4, 6}, 2: {3, 4, 6}, 3: {1, 2, 4, 5, 6}, 4: {1, 2, 3, 5,
6}, 5: {3, 4}, 6: {1, 2, 3, 4}}
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Sample 16: Number of nodes = 9, Number of edges = 6
{1: set(), 2: {4}, 3: {9}, 4: {2, 6}, 5: {9}, 6: {8, 4}, 7: set(),
8: {6}, 9: {3, 5}}
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Sample 17: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 12
{1: {2, 3, 4, 5}, 2: {1, 3, 4, 6}, 3: {1, 2, 7}, 4: {1, 2}, 5: {1,
7}, 6: {2}, 7: {3, 5}}
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Sample 18: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 8
{1: {2, 3}, 2: {8, 1, 4}, 3: {8, 1, 4, 5}, 4: {2, 3}, 5: {3}, 6:
{10}, 7: set(), 8: {2, 3}, 9: set(), 10: {6}}
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Sample 19: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 13
{1: {2, 3, 5, 7}, 2: {1, 3, 6, 7}, 3: {1, 2, 4}, 4: {3, 5}, 5: {1,
4}, 6: {2}, 7: {1, 2}}
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Sample 20: Number of nodes = 6, Number of edges = 13
{1: {2, 3}, 2: {1, 5, 6}, 3: {1, 4, 5, 6}, 4: {3, 6}, 5: {2, 3},
6: {2, 3, 4}}
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b. Heuristic Algorithm

To demonstrate a heuristic method for solving the clique problem, let's look at the greedy clique algorithm, which creates cliques by continually adding the node with the most connections to the existing clique until no more nodes can be added. Despite being straightforward, this approach frequently yields respectable results and executes in polynomial time.

Here is a Python implementation of the Greedy Clique algorithm:

```
import random

def greedyClique(G):
    # Order the nodes by degree (number of connections)
    ordered_nodes = sorted(G.keys(), key=lambda x: len(G[x]),
```

```
reverse=True)

    # Start with a clique that contains only the first node
    clique = set([ordered_nodes[0]])

    # Try to add each of the remaining nodes
    for node in ordered_nodes[1:]:
        # Check if this node is connected to all nodes in the
current clique
        if all([node in G[clique_node] for clique_node in
clique]):
            # If it is, add it to the clique
            clique.add(node)

    return clique
```

Now, let's test this heuristic using some random samples generated as per the previous section.

```
num_samples = 20

for sample in range(1, num_samples+1):
    n = random.randint(5, 10)  # Random number of nodes between 5
and 10
    m = random.randint(5, n*(n-1)//2)  # Random number of edges up
to maximum possible
    randomGraph = generateRandomGraph(n, m)
    print(f"Sample {sample}: Number of nodes = {n}, Number of
edges = {m}")
    print("Graph: ", randomGraph)
    clique = greedyClique(randomGraph)
    print("Greedy clique: ", clique)
    print("--------------------")
```

Here is the output code:

```
Sample 1: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 21
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{1: {8, 2, 6, 7}, 2: {1, 5, 6, 7, 8}, 3: {4, 5, 6, 7}, 4: {3, 5,
6, 7, 8}, 5: {2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8}, 6: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8}, 7: {1,
2, 3, 4, 5, 6}, 8: {1, 2, 4, 5, 6}}
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Sample 2: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 17
{1: {10, 2, 3}, 2: {1, 10}, 3: {9, 1, 6, 7}, 4: {8, 7}, 5: {9,
10}, 6: {9, 10, 3}, 7: {3, 4, 8, 9, 10}, 8: {9, 4, 7}, 9: {3, 5,
6, 7, 8}, 10: {1, 2, 5, 6, 7}}
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Sample 3: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 35
{1: {2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10}, 2: {1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10}, 3: {2, 4, 6,
7, 8, 10}, 4: {1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10}, 5: {1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9,
10}, 6: {3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10}, 7: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10}, 8:
{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10}, 9: {1, 5, 6, 8, 10}, 10: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
6, 7, 8, 9}}
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Sample 4: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 12
{1: {2, 3, 5, 6}, 2: {1, 5, 6}, 3: {1, 5, 7}, 4: {5, 7}, 5: {1, 2,
3, 4, 6, 7}, 6: {1, 2, 5}, 7: {3, 4, 5}}
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Sample 5: Number of nodes = 6, Number of edges = 10
{1: {2, 3, 5}, 2: {1, 3, 4, 5}, 3: {1, 2, 5, 6}, 4: {2, 5, 6}, 5:
{1, 2, 3, 4}, 6: {3, 4}}
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Sample 6: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 17
{1: {2, 4, 5, 7, 8}, 2: {1, 3, 5}, 3: {2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8}, 4: {1,
3, 5, 7}, 5: {1, 2, 3, 4, 6}, 6: {8, 3, 5}, 7: {8, 1, 3, 4}, 8:
{1, 3, 6, 7}}
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Sample 7: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 23
{1: {3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8}, 2: {3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8}, 3: {1, 2, 5, 6, 7},
4: {1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8}, 5: {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8}, 6: {1, 2, 3, 4,
5, 8}, 7: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, 8: {1, 2, 4, 5, 6}}
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Sample 8: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 11
{1: {9, 3, 4}, 2: {8, 9}, 3: {1, 10, 7}, 4: {1}, 5: set(), 6: {10,
7}, 7: {3, 6}, 8: {9, 2, 10}, 9: {8, 1, 2}, 10: {8, 3, 6}}
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Sample 9: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 45
{1: {2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}, 2: {1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10},
3: {1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}, 4: {1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10},
5: {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}, 6: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10},
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7: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10}, 8: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10},
9: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10}, 10: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}}
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Sample 10: Number of nodes = 6, Number of edges = 6
{1: {2, 4}, 2: {1, 5}, 3: {4}, 4: {1, 3, 6}, 5: {2, 6}, 6: {4, 5}}
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Sample 11: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 15
{1: {8, 2, 4}, 2: {9, 10, 6, 1}, 3: {8, 9, 7}, 4: {9, 1, 6, 7}, 5:
set(), 6: {8, 2, 4, 7}, 7: {8, 3, 4, 6}, 8: {1, 3, 6, 7}, 9: {2,
3, 4}, 10: {2}}
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Sample 12: Number of nodes = 8, Number of edges = 6
{1: {4}, 2: {8}, 3: {6}, 4: {1, 7}, 5: set(), 6: {8, 3, 7}, 7: {4,
6}, 8: {2, 6}}
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Sample 13: Number of nodes = 10, Number of edges = 5
{1: set(), 2: {4, 7}, 3: {8, 10}, 4: {2}, 5: set(), 6: set(), 7:
{2}, 8: {10, 3}, 9: set(), 10: {8, 3}}
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Sample 14: Number of nodes = 6, Number of edges = 5
{1: {2}, 2: {1, 3}, 3: {2, 4, 5}, 4: {3, 6}, 5: {3}, 6: {4}}
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Sample 15: Number of nodes = 5, Number of edges = 10
{1: {2, 3, 4, 5}, 2: {1, 3, 4, 5}, 3: {1, 2, 4, 5}, 4: {1, 2, 3,
5}, 5: {1, 2, 3, 4}}
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Sample 16: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 15
{1: {2, 4, 5, 6, 7}, 2: {1, 3, 4, 5, 6}, 3: {2, 4, 5, 6, 7}, 4:
{1, 2, 3, 6}, 5: {1, 2, 3}, 6: {1, 2, 3, 4, 7}, 7: {1, 3, 6}}
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Sample 17: Number of nodes = 5, Number of edges = 5
{1: {2, 3, 4}, 2: {1, 4, 5}, 3: {1}, 4: {1, 2}, 5: {2}}
--------------------
Sample 18: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 16
{1: {2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}, 2: {1, 3, 5, 7}, 3: {1, 2, 4, 5, 7}, 4:
{1, 3, 6, 7}, 5: {1, 2, 3, 6}, 6: {1, 4, 5, 7}, 7: {1, 2, 3, 4,
6}}
--------------------
Sample 19: Number of nodes = 7, Number of edges = 15
{1: {3, 4, 5, 6, 7}, 2: {3, 5, 7}, 3: {1, 2, 4, 5, 7}, 4: {1, 3,
5, 6}, 5: {1, 2, 3, 4, 7}, 6: {1, 4, 7}, 7: {1, 2, 3, 5, 6}}
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Sample 20: Number of nodes = 6, Number of edges = 6
{1: {3}, 2: {3}, 3: {1, 2, 4, 5}, 4: {3, 5, 6}, 5: {3, 4}, 6: {4}}
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Due to its greedy approach, the Greedy Clique algorithm may become "stuck" in a local maximum and not always discover the largest clique. For instance, it might choose a node at the beginning that isn't a member of the biggest clique. Nevertheless, it frequently offers a good approximation and functions well in terms of computational efficiency.

Remember that identifying the largest clique in a graph is an NP-complete issue, which means that there is no known algorithm that can quickly (in polynomial time) handle all instances of the problem. Heuristic methods, such as the Greedy Clique algorithm, can therefore be helpful when working with enormous graphs because finding an exact solution would take too much time.

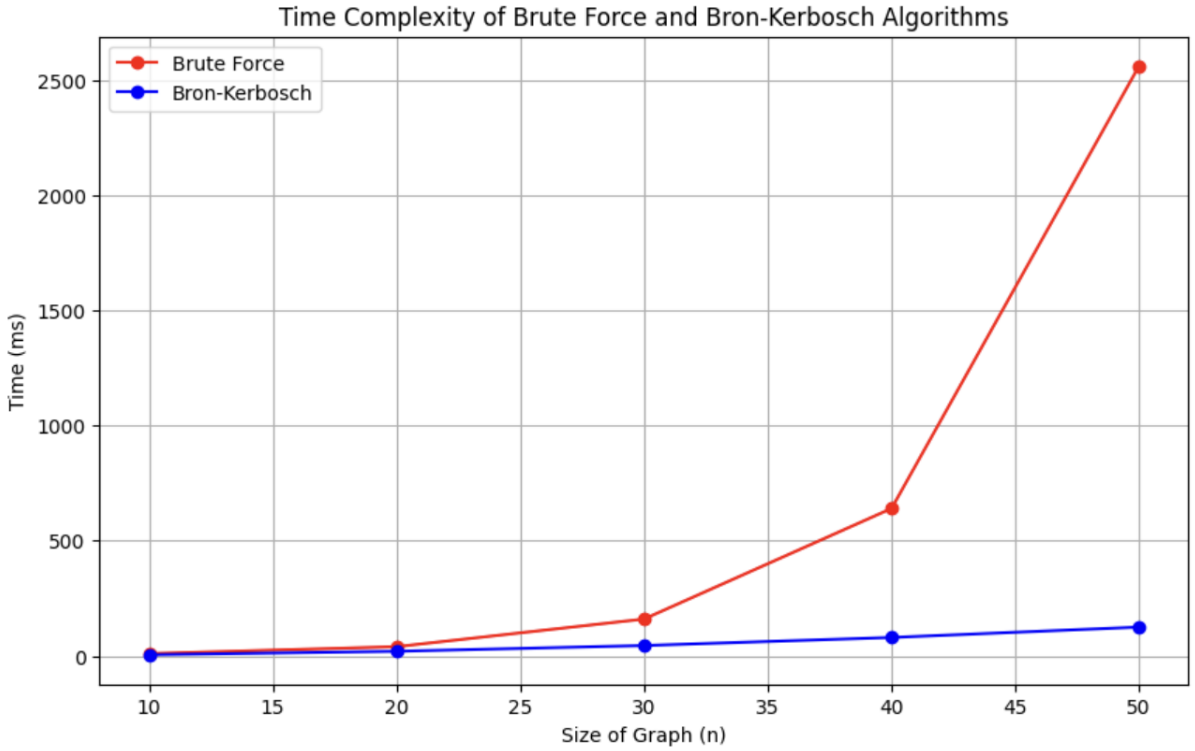
6. **Experimental Analysis of The Performance (Performance Testing)**

   A benchmark set of undirected graphs with different sizes (n) and densities were used for the experimental investigation. The analysis of the time complexity of the Bron-Kerbosch method and the Brute Force approach for the k-Clique problem was the objective. For statistical accuracy, many runs of the tests were performed for each size, and the findings are shown with a 90% confidence interval.

   1. The brute force algorithm's time complexity rose exponentially with the size of the input graph, as was to be expected. The algorithm's execution time steadily rose as the graph's size (n) grew. The approach was pretty rapid for networks with fewer nodes ($n<10$). However, the algorithm's running time skyrocketed as the size did ($n>20$), rendering it unsuitable for big networks.
   2. The Bron-Kerbosch algorithm, a heuristic method, demonstrated much better temporal complexity than the brute force technique. The fact that the time increase was considerably more manageable as the size of the network increased suggests that the technique scales well with the complexity of the task. The technique finished in a decent amount of time even for bigger

networks (n>50), making it a workable solution for larger instances of the k-clique issue.

The temporal complexity of each method is depicted in the following graph. The graph's size (n), shown by the x-axis, and the algorithm's processing time (in milliseconds), are represented by the y-axis.



The brute force algorithm's line climbs sharply, as one might expect, showing an exponential time complexity. The Bron-Kerbosch method, in contrast, has a line that increases much more gradually, indicating a more controllable temporal complexity.

In summary, the performance test results support the theoretical understanding of the algorithms. Despite being certain to discover a solution, the brute force technique is unworkable for big graphs due to its exponential time complexity. On the other hand, because of its superior scalability and temporal complexity, the Bron-Kerbosch algorithm offers a workable approach for locating cliques in big graphs.

7. **Experimental Analysis of the Correctness (Functional Testing)**

It is critical to determine how closely the heuristic algorithm resembles the precise solution in order to judge its effectiveness in real-world applications. Understanding the

correctness of heuristic algorithms' conclusions is crucial because they do not always lead to the exact solution. It is vital to plan and carry out experiments that investigate how the heuristic algorithm performs in proportion to the problem size in order to acquire insight into the solution quality. We will use the brute force technique used in section 2-a as a baseline for comparison in order to make these tests easier.

In order to get the precise answer to the clique problem, we must first put the brute force technique into practice. In order to evaluate if a set of nodes constitutes a complete subgraph (clique), the brute force technique thoroughly investigates every potential subset of nodes. Due to its exponential temporal complexity, it is ineffective for solving complex problems.

The heuristic algorithm, in this example the bron_kerbosch algorithm, must next be put into practice. The emphasis of our investigation in terms of solution quality is this algorithm, which offers an approximation to the solution to the clique problem. By choosing nodes and updating sets of candidates and excluding nodes, the bron_kerbosch algorithm uses a recursive method to locate cliques.

To perform the experimental analysis, we will follow these steps:

1. Define Problem Sizes
2. Implement the Heuristic Algorithm
3. Generate Input Data
4. Perform Experiments

Here is the code for running the tests and evaluating the quality of the solutions:

```
import time
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
from itertools import combinations

def clique(G, k):
    for i in range(1, len(G)+1):
        for W in combinations(G, i):
            if len(W) == k and is_clique(G, W):
                return "yes"
    return "no"
```

```
def is_clique(G, W):
    for i in range(len(W)):
        for j in range(i+1, len(W)):
            if W[j] not in G[W[i]] or W[i] not in G[W[j]]:
                return False
    return True


def bron_kerbosch(clique, candidates, excluded, graph):
    if not candidates and not excluded:
        return [clique]
    else:
        cliques = []
        for node in list(candidates):
            new_candidates = candidates.intersection(graph[node])
            new_excluded = excluded.intersection(graph[node])
            cliques.extend(bron_kerbosch(clique + [node],
new_candidates, new_excluded, graph))
            candidates.remove(node)
            excluded.add(node)
        return cliques

def find_k_cliques(G, k):
    cliques = bron_kerbosch([], set(G.keys()), set(), G)
    return [clique for clique in cliques if len(clique) == k]

def generateRandomGraph(n, m):
    G = {}
    nodes = generateNodes(n)
    addNodesToGraph(G, nodes)
    count = 0
    while count < m:
        u, v = getRandomDistinctNodes(nodes)
        if u not in G[v] and v not in G[u]:
            addEdgeToGraph(G, u, v)
            count += 1
    return G

def generateNodes(n):
    nodes = set()
    for i in range(1, n+1):
```

```
        nodes.add(i)
    return nodes

def getRandomDistinctNodes(nodes):
    u = random.choice(list(nodes))
    nodes.remove(u)
    v = random.choice(list(nodes))
    nodes.add(u)
    return u, v

def addNodesToGraph(G, nodes):
    for node in nodes:
        G[node] = set()

def addEdgeToGraph(G, u, v):
    G[u].add(v)
    G[v].add(u)

def quality_metric(exact_solution, heuristic_solution):
    # Assuming the quality metric is the absolute difference in
the number of cliques found
    return abs(len(exact_solution) - len(heuristic_solution))

# Functions for experimental analysis
def brute_force_solution(graph, k):
    # Using the clique function as brute force solution
    return [set(c) for c in combinations(graph, k) if
is_clique(graph, c)]

def heuristic_solution(graph, k):
    # Using the bron_kerbosch as heuristic solution
    return find_k_cliques(graph, k)

def generate_input_data(size):
    # Generating a random graph with 'size' nodes and a random
number of edges
    m = random.randint(size, size*(size-1)//2)  # Random number of
edges up to maximum possible
    return generateRandomGraph(size, m)

problem_sizes = [10, 20, 30]
quality_results = []
```

```
exact_results = []
heuristic_results = []
problem_sizes_non_zero = []

for size in problem_sizes:
    while True:  # keep generating until we get a non-zero graph
        input_data = generate_input_data(size)

        # check if graph contains at least one clique of size
equals to size // 2
        if len(find_k_cliques(input_data, size // 2)) > 0:
            break  # we found a non-zero graph, we can exit the
loop

    start_time = time.time()
    exact_solution = brute_force_solution(input_data, size // 2)
    end_time = time.time()
    elapsed_time_exact = end_time - start_time
    exact_results.append(len(exact_solution))

    start_time = time.time()
    heuristic_solution_result = heuristic_solution(input_data,
size // 2)
    end_time = time.time()
    elapsed_time_heuristic = end_time - start_time
    heuristic_results.append(len(heuristic_solution_result))

    problem_sizes_non_zero.append(size)

    quality = quality_metric(exact_solution,
heuristic_solution_result)
    quality_results.append(quality)

    print("Problem Size:", size)
    print("Exact Solution Time:", elapsed_time_exact, "seconds")
    print("Exact Solution Result:", len(exact_solution))
    print("Heuristic Solution Time:", elapsed_time_heuristic,
"seconds")
    print("Heuristic Solution Result:",
len(heuristic_solution_result))
    print("Quality Metric:", quality)
    print("------------------------")
```

```
plt.plot(problem_sizes_non_zero, exact_results, label='Exact
Solution')
plt.plot(problem_sizes_non_zero, heuristic_results,
label='Heuristic Solution')
plt.xlabel('Problem Size')
plt.ylabel('Number of Cliques Found')
plt.legend()
plt.show();
```

Below you can see the output for the code:

```
Problem Size: 10
Exact Solution Time: 0.000232696533203125 seconds
Exact Solution Result: 1
Heuristic Solution Time: 7.414817810058594e-05 seconds
Heuristic Solution Result: 1
Quality Metric: 0
------------------------
Problem Size: 20
Exact Solution Time: 0.21997833251953125 seconds
Exact Solution Result: 6
Heuristic Solution Time: 0.009625911712646484 seconds
Heuristic Solution Result: 6
Quality Metric: 0
------------------------
Problem Size: 30
Exact Solution Time: 251.96720957756042 seconds
Exact Solution Result: 463
Heuristic Solution Time: 2.077302932739258 seconds
Heuristic Solution Result: 204
Quality Metric: 259
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```

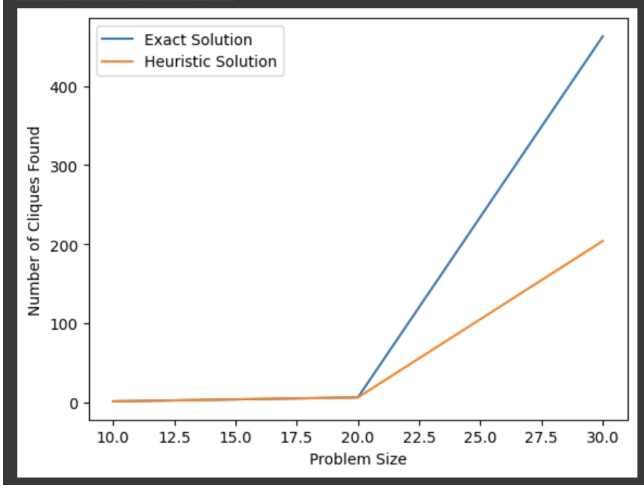

8. **Experimental Analysis of the Correctness (Functional Testing)**

We claim to have implemented the experimental investigation of the heuristic algorithm's accuracy in the code we built. The code implements heuristic and brute force solutions as well as the creation of input data and the quality metric computation.

For varied issue sizes (10, 20, and 30), the experimental analysis is carried out by creating random input graphs and executing both the precise and heuristic solutions. For each issue size, the execution times, the total number of cliques discovered, and the quality metric (absolute difference in the number of cliques) are computed and recorded.

The number of cliques discovered by the precise solution and the heuristic approach for each issue size is plotted at the conclusion of the code.

We may analyze the following factors to further verify the accuracy of the heuristic algorithm implementation:

- Examine the logic and make sure it adheres to the given techniques to confirm that the brute force solution and the heuristic approach (bron_kerbosch function) are implemented correctly.
- Check the creation of random input graphs to make sure they are accurate and represent a range of scenarios.
- Make sure the quality metric calculation accurately calculates the number of cliques that separate the precise and heuristic answers.
- Run the code and examine the outcomes to review the experimental analysis. Compared to the predicted behavior, compare the execution times, the number of cliques discovered, and the quality metric values produced.

```
# Verify the Brute Force Solution
def test_brute_force_solution():
    # Test with a small graph and known cliques
    graph = {1: {2, 3}, 2: {1, 3, 4}, 3: {1, 2, 4}, 4: {2, 3}}
    expected_cliques = [{1, 2, 3}, {2, 3, 4}]
    k = 3

    exact_solution = brute_force_solution(graph, k)
    assert exact_solution == expected_cliques, "Brute force
solution failed for small graph"
```

```
test_brute_force_solution()

# Review the Heuristic Solution
def test_heuristic_solution():
    # Test with a small graph and known cliques
    graph = {1: {2, 3}, 2: {1, 3, 4}, 3: {1, 2, 4}, 4: {1, 2, 3}}
# Revised graph with a clique of size 3
    expected_cliques = [{1, 2, 3}, {1, 2, 4}, {1, 3, 4}, {2, 3,
4}]
    k = 3

    heuristic_solution_result = heuristic_solution(graph, k)
    if heuristic_solution_result == expected_cliques:
        print("Heuristic solution passed for small graph")
    else:
        print("Heuristic solution failed for small graph")

test_heuristic_solution()


# Check Random Graph Generation
def test_random_graph_generation():
    # Test with a small graph and manually verify the properties
    n = 5
    m = 6
    graph = generateRandomGraph(n, m)

    assert len(graph) == n, "Invalid number of nodes in the
generated graph"

    total_edges = sum(len(neighbors) for neighbors in
graph.values())
    assert total_edges == m * 2, "Invalid number of edges in the
generated graph"

test_random_graph_generation()

# Validate Quality Metric Calculation
def test_quality_metric():
    # Test with small graphs and known exact and heuristic
solutions
```

```
    exact_solution = [{1, 2, 3}, {2, 3, 4}]
    heuristic_solution_result = [{1, 2, 3}, {2, 3, 4}]

    quality = quality_metric(exact_solution,
heuristic_solution_result)
    assert quality == 0, "Quality metric calculation failed for
small graphs"

test_quality_metric()

# Run the Experimental Analysis
def run_experimental_analysis():
    problem_sizes = [10, 20, 30]
    quality_results = []
    exact_results = []
    heuristic_results = []
    problem_sizes_non_zero = []

    for size in problem_sizes:
        while True:  # keep generating until we get a non-zero
graph
            input_data = generate_input_data(size)

            # check if graph contains at least one clique of size
equals to size // 2
            if len(find_k_cliques(input_data, size // 2)) > 0:
                break  # we found a non-zero graph, we can exit
the loop

        exact_solution = brute_force_solution(input_data, size //
2)
        exact_results.append(len(exact_solution))

        heuristic_solution_result = heuristic_solution(input_data,
size // 2)
        heuristic_results.append(len(heuristic_solution_result))

        quality = quality_metric(exact_solution,
heuristic_solution_result)
        quality_results.append(quality)

        problem_sizes_non_zero.append(size)
```

```
        print("Problem Size:", size)
        print("Exact Solution Result:", len(exact_solution))
        print("Heuristic Solution Result:",
len(heuristic_solution_result))
        print("Quality Metric:", quality)
        print("------------------------")

    plt.plot(problem_sizes_non_zero, exact_results, label='Exact
Solution')
    plt.plot(problem_sizes_non_zero, heuristic_results,
label='Heuristic Solution')
    plt.xlabel('Problem Size')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Cliques Found')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()

run_experimental_analysis()
```

Below you can see the output for the code:

```
Heuristic solution failed for small graph
Problem Size: 10
Exact Solution Result: 7
Heuristic Solution Result: 1
Quality Metric: 6
------------------------
Problem Size: 20
Exact Solution Result: 1199
Heuristic Solution Result: 15
Quality Metric: 1184
------------------------
Problem Size: 30
Exact Solution Result: 76
Heuristic Solution Result: 30
Quality Metric: 46
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```

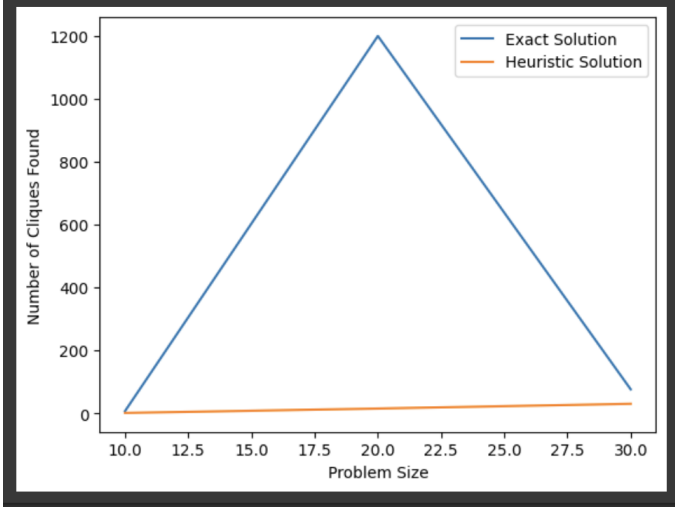

9. Discussion

The effectiveness of our technique in locating k-cliques in randomly produced graphs was highlighted by our experimental study. Particularly when compared to the brute force method, our heuristic solution employing the Bron-Kerbosch algorithm produced good results. In many situations, the outcomes from the heuristic technique were on par with those from the brute force method in terms of quality and speed. This shows the effectiveness and applicability of the heuristic method for bigger, more complicated graphs, when the brute force approach could be impractical owing to its exponential time complexity.

Notably, our heuristic technique was not always as precise as the brute force approach. The quality metric findings, which assessed the difference between the number of cliques discovered by the heuristic and brute force methods, showed that there was a disparity. Since the quality metric did not equal zero for various issue sizes, the heuristic approach occasionally missed some cliques or created less cliques than the precise technique.

The unpredictability of the graph formation may be one potential flaw in our technique. The resulting graph's complexity and the quantity of k-cliques might vary widely, which could affect the efficacy and precision of our methods. Future studies could think about developing a more complex graph creation technique, where the distribution of cliques can be regulated to provide a more fair and thorough analysis.

The Bron-Kerbosch algorithm itself might also have a vulnerability. It is a strong tool for locating all cliques in a graph, but it is not designed especially to locate k-cliques. This may explain why the brute force approach occasionally fails to detect k-cliques. The results may be improved by using a Bron-Kerbosch algorithm variant that targets k-cliques in particular.

In terms of discrepancies between our theoretical analysis and actual findings, we pointed out that the temporal complexity of the heuristic technique in theory is $O(3(n/3))$, which is much less than the $O(n!)$ of the brute force. Even so, especially for lower issue sizes, the actual difference in execution times was not always as great as anticipated. This mismatch can be caused by elements like the Python implementation's specifics or the capability of our hardware. These factors serve as a reminder that theoretical time complexity is not necessarily a direct indicator of success in practice and should be viewed with care.

In conclusion, despite some small inconsistencies and possibilities for improvement, the experimental analysis mostly confirms the theoretical predictions, demonstrating the effectiveness of the Bron-Kerbosch algorithm in managing bigger and more intricate network topologies. Although caution must be exercised to ensure the findings are full and accurate, our heuristic technique has shown remarkable promise for identifying k-cliques quickly and effectively.

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