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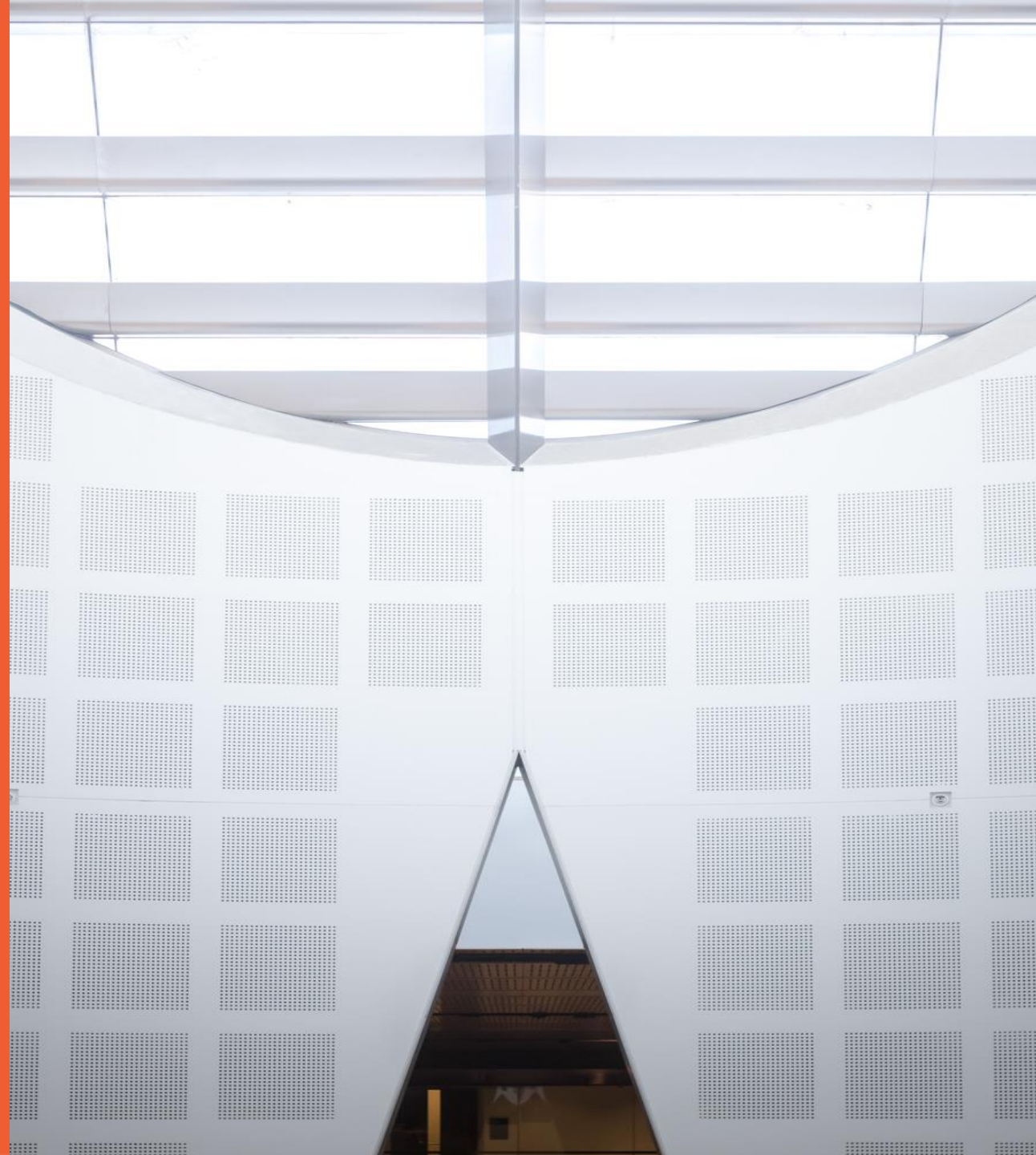
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COMPx270: Randomised and
Advanced Algorithms
Lecture 8: Streaming and
Sketching I

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Some housekeeping

- **A2** due tonight
See Ed+email announcement about Q3.f
- **A3** now live, due **May 9**
- **No class next week** (semester break!)

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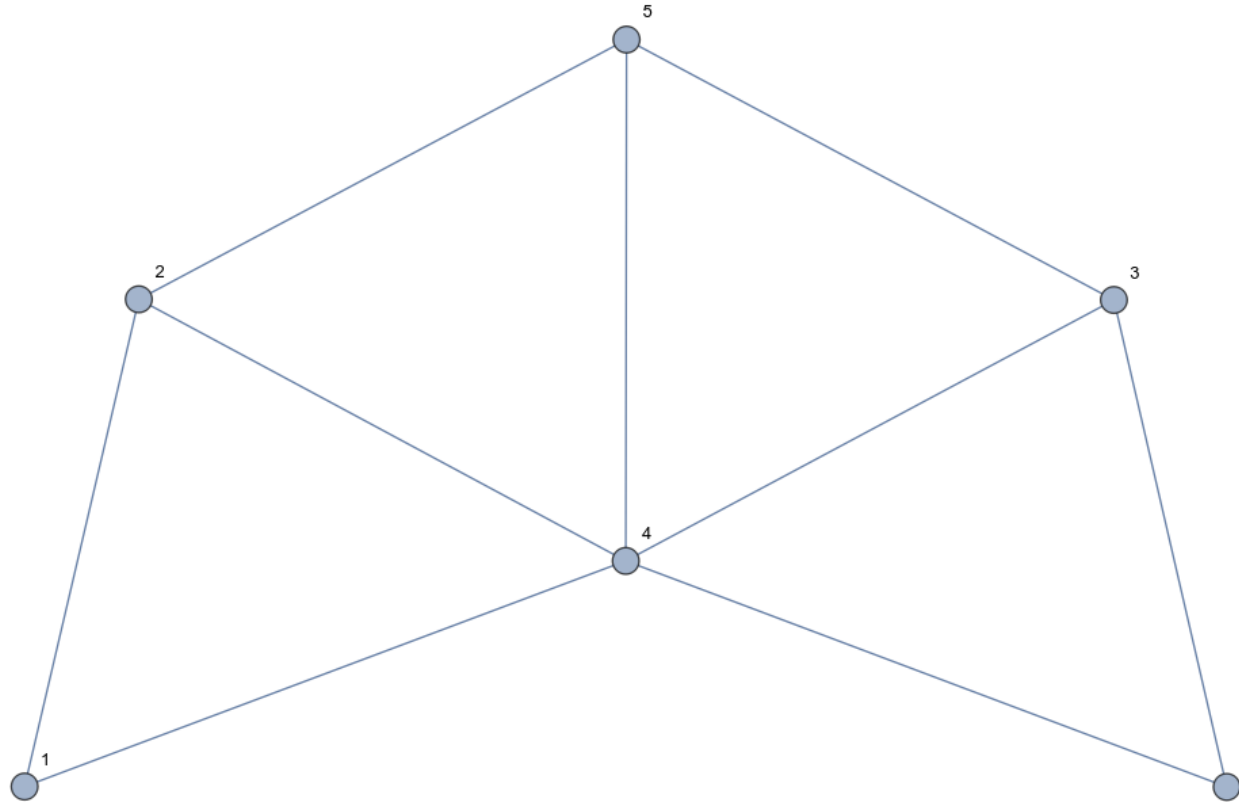
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A question (an answer)



Streaming algorithms: what? (1/3)

Streaming algorithms: what? (2/3)

- Low memory: cannot store whole input
- Input comes as a stream: sequence of length m

$$\sigma = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$$

\uparrow
 $a_i \in \mathcal{X}, |\mathcal{X}| = n$

Worst-case (arbitrary) order.

- p -pass algorithms get to see σ p times ($p=1$ for us*)
- cash register: don't remove parts of the input (that would be "turnstile")

SPACE: $O(\min(n, m))$
("sublinear")

hope: $O(\log(mn)) = O(\log m + \log n)$
very good polylog(m, n)

so less than
 $O(m \log n)$
or
 $O(n \log m)$



Streaming algorithms: what? (3/3)

- Randomised algorithms
- Approximate: want to compute some value $v \geq 0$
we're OK with $\hat{v} \approx^{\varepsilon} v$
 \uparrow ?

① Multiplicative:

$$\Pr[|\hat{v} - v| \geq \varepsilon v] \leq \delta$$

$(1 \pm \varepsilon)$ approx

② Additive:

$$\Pr[|\hat{v} - v| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \delta$$

$\pm \varepsilon$ approx

First example: Majority

A.k.a. "special case of Heavy Hitters"

• MAJORITY : is there an elem^t appearing $\geq 50\%$ of the time in the stream? (If so, which one(s)?)

$$\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m) \in [n]^m$$

$$\forall j \in [n] \quad f_j = \#(\text{times } j \text{ appears in } \sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbb{1}_{\sigma_i = j}$$

frequency of element j

Frequency vector $\vec{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$

$$\bullet 0 \leq f_j \leq m \quad \forall j \in [n]$$

$$\bullet F_1 = \|\vec{f}\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j = m$$

First example: Majority (Frequency Estimation)

MAJORITY: "Is there $j \in [n]$ s.t. $f_j \geq \frac{m}{2}$?" (at most 2 of them)
 ϵ -HH: "Is there $j \in [n]$ s.t. $f_j \geq \epsilon m$?" (at most $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ of them)

Want to solve this in one pass.

We'll see two passes, but deterministically

First example: the Misra-Gries algorithm (1/3)

MISRA-GRIES returns $\hat{b}_1, \dots, \hat{b}_n$ (a succinct representation of them)
st. $b_j - \varepsilon m \leq \hat{b}_j \leq b_j \quad \forall j$
in one pass.

! only $O(\frac{1}{\varepsilon})$ estimates are non-zero: only returns those \hat{b}_j

→ TO SOLVE MAJORITY IN TWO PASSES

Pass ① Run M-G on σ with $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{4}$

Pass ② Count exactly the frequency
for all j 's s.t. $\hat{b}_j \geq \frac{m}{4}$

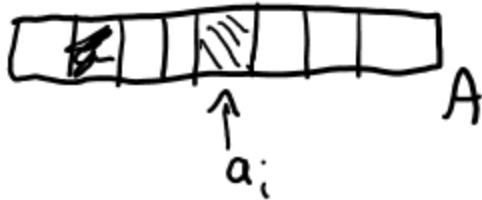
If $b_j \geq \frac{m}{2}$
 $\hat{b}_j \geq \frac{m}{4} > 0$
If $\hat{b}_j \geq \frac{m}{4}$
 $b_j \geq \frac{m}{4}$
 → at most 4 of them

First example: the Misra-Gries algorithm, alternative view (2/3)

$A \leftarrow n$ zeroes (use a BST to save space)
 $k \leftarrow 1/\epsilon$

At step $1 \leq i \leq m$:

- get a_i
- If $A[a_i] > 0$
 $A[a_i] += 1$ # of non-zero entries.
↓
- If $A[a_i] = 0$ and $|A| < k-1$
 $A[a_i] = 1$
- If $A[a_i] = 0$ and $|A| = k-1$
 $A[a_i] = 1 \rightarrow$ For all j s.t. $A[j] > 0$
 $A[j] = A[j] - 1$



At the end: return all j 's (and $A[j]$)
 s.t. $A[j] > 0$

SPACE : $O(k, (\log m + \log n))$
 $= O(\frac{\log(nm)}{\epsilon})$

CORRECTNESS ($\hat{b}_i = A[i]$)
 ① $\forall j, \hat{b}_j \leq b_j$ "clear"

② $\forall j, \hat{b}_j \geq b_j - \frac{m}{k}$

Claim: "can't decrement an element too many times"

Each decrement corresponds to exactly k prior increments \rightarrow at most $\frac{m}{k}$ decrements

First example: the Misra-Gries algorithm (3/3)

Theorem 39. *The MISRA-GRIES algorithm is a deterministic one-pass algorithm which, for any given parameter $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$, provides $\hat{f}_1, \dots, \hat{f}_n$ of all element frequencies such that*

$$f_j - \varepsilon m \leq \hat{f}_j \leq f_j, \quad j \in [n]$$

with space complexity $s = O(\log(mn)/\varepsilon)$. (In particular, it can be used to solve the MAJORITY problem in two passes.)

Second example: Approximate Counting

$$n=2 \quad \mathcal{X}=\{0,1\}$$

$$\text{Want } d = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i$$

- $O(\log m)$ trivial : counter (deterministic)
- 2-estimate $O(\log \log m)$ space (Morris)
randomized

Second example: Approximate Counting and the Morris Counter

```
1:  $x \leftarrow 0$ 
2: for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  do
3:   Get item  $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ 
4:   if  $a_i = 1$  then
5:      $r_i \leftarrow \text{Bern}(1/2^x)$        $\triangleright$  Independent of previous choices.
6:      $x \leftarrow x + r_i$ 
7: return  $\hat{d} \leftarrow 2^x - 1$ 
```

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\hat{d}] &= ? \\ \text{Var}[\hat{d}] &= ? \end{aligned}$$

Second example: Approximate Counting and the Morris Counter

```
1:  $C_0 \leftarrow 1$ 
2: for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  do
3:   Get item  $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$ 
4:   if  $a_i = 1$  then
5:      $r_i \leftarrow \text{Bern}(1/C_{i-1})$      $\triangleright$  Independent of previous choices.
6:   else  $r_i \leftarrow 0$ 
7:    $C_i \leftarrow 2^{r_i} C_{i-1}$ 
8: return  $\hat{d} \leftarrow C_m - 1$ 
```

Claim: $\mathbb{E}[C_m] = d+1$
 $\text{Var}[C_m] = O(d^2) \quad (= \binom{d}{2})$

Throwback: Law of Total Expectation (and Friends)

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\beta(Y)|Y] = \beta(Y)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\beta(Y)X|Y] = \beta(Y) \mathbb{E}[X|Y]$$

Second example: the Morris Counter (1/3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \bullet \mathbb{E}[C_0] = C_0 = 1 \\
 & \bullet \mathbb{E}[C_{i+1} | C_i] \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{C_i} \cdot 2C_i + \left(1 - \frac{1}{C_i}\right) \cdot C_i \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \text{if } a_{i+1} = 1 \\
 & \quad \quad \quad = C_i + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(if $a_{i+1} = 0$, $C_{i+1} = C_i$)

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{E}[C_{i+1}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[C_{i+1} | C_i]] = \mathbb{E}[C_i] + a_{i+1} = \mathbb{E}[C_{i-1}] + a_i + a_{i+1} = \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{E}[C_m] = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \approx 1 + d$$

✓

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$$\mathbb{E}[C_{i+1} | C_i] = C_i + a_{i+1}$$

Second example: the Morris Counter (2/3)

$$\text{Var}[C_m] = \mathbb{E}[C_m^2] - \mathbb{E}[C_m]^2$$

\uparrow known! $(d+1)^2$

$$\mathbb{E}[C_m^2] = ?$$

$$\bullet \mathbb{E}[C_0^2] = C_0^2 = 1$$

$$\bullet \mathbb{E}[C_{i+1}^2 | C_i] = \begin{cases} C_i^2 & \text{if } a_{i+1} = 0 \\ \frac{1}{C_i} \cdot 4C_i^2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{C_i}\right)C_i^2 = 3C_i + C_i^2 & \text{if } a_{i+1} = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$= C_i^2 + a_{i+1}(2 + a_{i+1})C_i$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^m (\dots)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{E}[C_m^2] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[C_m^2 | C_{m-1}]] = \dots = 1 + 3 \frac{d(d+1)}{2}$$

$$\leadsto \text{Var } C_m = \frac{d(d+1)}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

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Second example: the Morris Counter (3/3)

$$\mathbb{E}[C_m] = d+1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Var}[C_m] = \Theta(d^2) \quad \times$$

Chebyshev:

$$C_m = \mathbb{E}[C_m] \pm \sqrt{\text{Var}[C_m]} \quad \text{wp. } 99\%$$

useless guarantee.

Doem?

No

- ① "Meh" guarantee, wp. 51% \checkmark
- ↓
- ② "Good" guarantee, take average wp. 51%
- ↓
- ③ "Good" guarantee, median trick wp. $1-\delta$

Second example: the Morris Counter, Median-of-Means

Theorem 40. The medians-of-means version of the MORRIS COUNTER is a randomised one-pass algorithm which, for any given parameters $\epsilon, \delta \in (0, 1]$, provides an estimate \hat{d} of the number d of non-zero elements of the stream such that

$$\Pr \left[(1 - \epsilon)d \leq \hat{d} \leq (1 + \epsilon)d \right] \geq 1 - \delta$$

with space complexity

$$s = O \left(\underbrace{\frac{\log \log m}{\epsilon^2}}_{\text{average over}} \cdot \underbrace{\log \frac{1}{\delta}}_{\text{Median trick over}} \right)$$

that is, doubly logarithmic in m .

② average over instances $T = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$ to reduce variance, then Chebyshev

③ Median trick over instances $T' = O\left(\log \frac{1}{\delta}\right)$

Did we need to do that?

No.

No need for median-of-means
here!

⊕ better space ...

Second example: the Morris Counter, careful version (1/2)

Morris from before

$$C \leftarrow 2C \text{ w.p. } \frac{1}{C} \text{ (when } a_i = 1)$$



Morris, better

$$C \leftarrow (1+\alpha)C \text{ w.p. } \frac{1}{\alpha C}$$

(Estimate: $(1+\alpha)^x - 1$)

$$\boxed{\alpha = 2\varepsilon^2\delta}$$

Second example: the Morris Counter, careful version (2/2)

Theorem 41. The “careful” version of MORRIS COUNTER is a randomised one-pass algorithm which, for any given parameters $\epsilon, \delta \in (0, 1]$, provides an estimate \hat{d} of the number d of non-zero elements of the stream such that

$$\Pr \left[(1 - \epsilon)d \leq \hat{d} \leq (1 + \epsilon)d \right] \geq 1 - \delta$$

with space complexity

$$s = O \left(\log \log m + \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{1}{\delta} \right)$$

that is, doubly logarithmic in m and logarithmic in $1/\epsilon$.

Third example: Distinct Elements

Approximate $F_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{1_{b_i > 0}}_{\text{"d" (new name)}}$

Return $\hat{d} = (1 \pm \epsilon) d$

Third example: Distinct Elements, the Tidemark (AMS) algorithm (1/5)

$$\varepsilon = \Theta(1)$$

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3: for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  do
4:   Get item  $a_i \in [n]$ 
5:   if  $\text{zeros}(h(a_i)) \geq z$  then
6:      $z \leftarrow \text{zeros}(h(a_i))$ 
7: return  $\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^z$ 
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$$\text{zeros}(k) = \text{largest } i \text{ s.t. } 2^i \mid k$$



Third example: Distinct Elements, the Tdemark (AMS) algorithm (2/5)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Space } s &= O(\log n) && \text{(hash function)} \\ &+ O(\log \log n) && \text{(storing } z) \\ &= O(\log n) \end{aligned}$$

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Intuition: "Since h behaves like a random function"

- \rightarrow d values $h(j_1), \dots, h(j_d)$ uniformly distributed in $[n]$
- \rightarrow for each, probab to have at least r trailing zeroes in binary is $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2^r}$
- \rightarrow for $r \approx \log_2 d$, by "union bound" we "should" have at least one hash with r trailing zeroes (w.cst proba)
- \rightarrow for $r \gg \log_2 d$, by union bound very unlikely to have any hash with r trailing zeroes

Third example: Distinct Elements, the Tidemark (AMS) algorithm (3/5)

Analysis

Let
$$Y_n = \sum_{j: b_j > 0} \mathbb{1}_{\text{zeros}(h(j)) \geq n} \quad , \text{ for } n \geq 0$$

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Observations:

①

$$Y_n \geq 1 \iff z \geq n$$

(for all $n \geq 0$)

②

$$E[Y_n] = \sum_{j: b_j > 0} \Pr[\text{zeros}(h(j)) \geq n] = \sum_{j: b_j > 0} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{d}{2^n}$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 $h(j)$ is uniformly distributed d terms

③

$$\text{Var } Y_n = \sum_{j: b_j > 0} \text{Var } \mathbb{1}_{\text{zeros}(h(j)) \geq n}$$

\uparrow
pairwise independence

$$\leq \sum_{j: b_j > 0} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{d}{2^n}$$

Third example: Distinct Elements, the Tidemark (AMS) algorithm (4/5)

So $\mathbb{E}[Y_n] \leq \frac{d}{2^n}$, $\text{Var}[Y_n] \leq \frac{2^n}{d}$ for all $n \geq 0$

④ Markov! $\Pr[z \geq n] = \Pr[Y_n \geq 1] \leq \mathbb{E}[Y_n] = \frac{d}{2^n} \quad \textcircled{*}$

Chebyshev! $\Pr[z \leq n] = \Pr[Y_{n+1} = 0] \leq \frac{2^{n+1}}{d} \quad \textcircled{*}$

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⑤ Conclude: $\Pr[\hat{d} \geq Cd] = \Pr[2^z \geq \frac{C}{\sqrt{2}} d] \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{Cd} \cdot d = \frac{1}{3}$

$\Pr[\hat{d} \leq d/C] = \Pr[2^z \leq \frac{d}{\sqrt{2}C}] \leq \frac{2d}{\sqrt{2}C} \cdot \frac{1}{d} = \frac{1}{3}$

$C = 3\sqrt{2}$

⑥ Amplify (?) Not a very good guarantee! Union bound mainly gives $\Pr[\hat{d} \notin [d/C, Cd]] \leq \frac{2}{3} \dots$
 How to amplify this? $\frac{1}{2}$

"Carefully": median trick still applies, and works.

Third example: Distinct Elements, the Tidemark (AMS) algorithm (5/5)

Theorem 42. *The (median trick version of the) TIDEMARK (AMS) algorithm is a randomised one-pass algorithm which, for any given parameter $\delta \in (0, 1]$, provides an estimate \hat{d} of the number d of distinct elements of the stream such that, for some absolute constant $C > 0$,*

$$\Pr \left[\frac{1}{C} \cdot d \leq \hat{d} \leq C \cdot d \right] \geq 1 - \delta$$

with space complexity

$$s = O \left(\log n \cdot \log \frac{1}{\delta} \right).$$

Only issue: $C = \Theta(1)$.
We don't get $1 \pm \epsilon$
for arbitrary $\epsilon > 0$.

Can we do better?

Yes.

Third example: Distinct Elements, the BJKST algorithm (1/4)

Input: Parameter $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$

- 1: Set $k \leftarrow O(\log^2 n / \varepsilon^4)$, $T \leftarrow \Theta(1 / \varepsilon^2)$
- 2: Pick $h: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ from a strongly universal hashing family
- 3: Pick $g: [n] \rightarrow [k]$ from a strongly universal hashing family
- 4: $z \leftarrow 0$, $B \leftarrow \emptyset$
- 5: **for all** $1 \leq i \leq m$ **do**
- 6: Get item $a_i \in [n]$
- 7: **if** $\text{zeros}(h(a_i)) \geq z$ **then**
- 8: $B \leftarrow B \cup \{(g(a_i), \text{zeros}(h(a_i)))\}$
- 9: **while** $|B| \geq T$ **do**
- 10: $z \leftarrow z + 1$
- 11: Remove every (a, b) with $b < z$ from B
- 12: **return** $|B| \cdot 2^z$

Why this value of k ?

Birthday paradox.
We want no collision in any of the $\log n$ buckets (with high proba.).

$$k = O((T \log n)^2)$$

means
each bucket has no collision under g with proba

$$\geq 1 - \frac{1}{10 \log n}$$

+ union bound to get overall proba $1 - \frac{1}{10} = \frac{9}{10}$

Third example: Distinct Elements, the BJKST algorithm (2/4)

Space:

- Hash functions: h, g take space $O(\log n + \log k) = O(\log n + \log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$
- z : space $O(\log \log n)$
- B : space $T \cdot O(\log k + \log \log n) = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} (\log \log n + \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}))$

Total: $O(\log n + \frac{\log(1/\epsilon) + \log \log n}{\epsilon^2})$

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Assumption: no collisions via hashing. Our setting of k ensures this is true with high proba. ($\geq 9/10$), so we can just add $1/10$ of failure proba at the end (union-bound) to account for it.

Analysis:

As before, $E[Y_n] = \frac{d}{2^n}$, $\text{Var}[Y_n] \leq \frac{2^n}{d}$ for all $n \geq 0$.

We return

$$Y_z 2^z$$

on line 12, so we fail when $|Y_z 2^z - d| > \epsilon d$.

Third example: Distinct Elements, the BJKST algorithm (3/4)

$$\Pr[\text{fail}] = \Pr[|Y_Z 2^Z - d| > \varepsilon d] = \sum_{\eta=1}^{\log n} \Pr[|Y_\eta - \frac{d}{2^\eta}| > \varepsilon \frac{d}{2^\eta}, Z = \eta]$$

$$\leq \sum_{\eta=1}^{\log n} \min(\Pr[|Y_\eta - \frac{d}{2^\eta}| > \varepsilon \frac{d}{2^\eta}], \Pr[Z = \eta])$$

$$\leq \sum_{\eta=1}^{s-1} \Pr[|Y_\eta - \frac{d}{2^\eta}| > \varepsilon \frac{d}{2^\eta}] + \sum_{\eta=s}^{\log n} \Pr[Z = \eta]$$

$$\leq \sum_{\eta=1}^{s-1} \frac{2^{\eta^2}}{\varepsilon^2 d} + \frac{d}{2^{s-1} T}$$

$$\leq \frac{2^s}{\varepsilon^2 d} + \frac{\varepsilon^2 d}{100 \cdot 2^s}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{10}$$

and we are done!

Balance the two terms:
 $2^s \approx \varepsilon^2 d$

s is a param.
to choose

Chebyshev

setting
of T

Markov!

$$\begin{aligned} &= \Pr[Z \geq s] \\ &= \Pr[Y_{s-1} \geq T] \end{aligned}$$

↑ If we had the s -th bucket in play, the $(s-1)$ th must have reached capacity before

Input: Parameter $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$

- 1: Set $k \leftarrow O(\log^2 n / \varepsilon^4)$, $T \leftarrow \Theta(1/\varepsilon^2)$
- 2: Pick $h: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ from a strongly universal hashing family
- 3: Pick $g: [n] \rightarrow [k]$ from a strongly universal hashing family

4: $z \leftarrow 0$, $B \leftarrow \emptyset$

5: for all $1 \leq i \leq m$ do

6: Get item $a_i \in [n]$

7: if $\text{zeros}(h(a_i)) \geq z$ then

8: $B \leftarrow B \cup \{(g(a_i), \text{zeros}(h(a_i)))\}$

9: while $|B| \geq T$ do

10: $z \leftarrow z + 1$

11: Remove every (a, b) with $b < z$ from B

12: return $|B| \cdot 2^z$

⊕ Key idea: use one bound (+ Chebyshev) for some terms, the other (+ Markov) for the remaining ones.

Third example: Distinct Elements, the BJKST algorithm (4/4)

Theorem 43. *The (median trick version of the) BJKST algorithm is a randomised one-pass algorithm which, for any given parameters $\epsilon, \delta \in (0, 1]$, provides an estimate \hat{d} of the number d of distinct elements of the stream such that, for some absolute constant $C > 0$,*

$$\Pr \left[(1 - \epsilon) \cdot d \leq \hat{d} \leq (1 + \epsilon)d \right] \geq 1 - \delta$$

with space complexity

$$s = O \left(\left(\log n + \frac{\log(1/\epsilon) + \log \log n}{\epsilon^2} \right) \cdot \log \frac{1}{\delta} \right).$$

... Can we do better?

Yes.
(a little bit)

(But it's a much
more complicated
algorithm/analysis)