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Lecture Scribe: Randomized Min-Cut Algorithm

CSE400 – Fundamentals of Probability in Computing
(Based entirely on Lecture 10 slides)

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1. Min-Cut Problem

1.1 Why Use Min-Cut?

The min-cut algorithm is used to solve problems related to:

- **Network connectivity**
- **Network reliability**
- **Optimization problems**

Its importance arises from identifying the *weakest points* in a network.

Applications

1. **Network Design**
    - Helps improve efficiency of communication.
    - Used to find the **minimum capacity cut** to optimize network flow.
2. **Communication Networks**
    - Helps analyze **vulnerability to failures**.
    - Aids in building **robust and fault-tolerant networks**.
3. **VLSI Design**
    - Used to **partition circuits** into smaller components.
    - Reduces **interconnectivity complexity**.

1.2 What is Min-Cut?

Definition: Cut-Set

A **cut-set** in a graph is:

> A set of edges whose removal breaks the graph into two or more connected components.

Definition: Minimum Cut (Min-Cut)

Given a graph

$$G = (V, E)$$

with n vertices,

- The **minimum cut problem** is to find a **cut-set with minimum cardinality**.

Key Observation

- Min-cut algorithms (like **Karger’s algorithm**) are **randomized**.
- They are **sensitive to early edge choices**.
- If **critical edges** are contracted early, the algorithm may fail to find the true min-cut.

1.3 Edge Contraction (Core Operation)

Definition: Edge Contraction

Edge contraction is the **main operation** used in min-cut algorithms.

Procedure

To contract an edge (u, v):

1. Merge vertices **u and v** into a single vertex.
2. Remove all edges directly connecting **u and v**.
3. Retain all other edges.
4. Resulting graph:
    - May have **parallel edges**
    - Has **no self-loops**

2. Min-Cut Runs

2.1 Successful Min-Cut Run

A **successful min-cut run** refers to:

- An execution of the algorithm that **correctly identifies** the minimum cut of the graph.

(Shown via figure in slides.)

2.2 Unsuccessful Min-Cut Run

An **unsuccessful min-cut run** refers to:

- An execution where the algorithm **fails to identify** the minimum cut.
- Typically caused by:
    - Contracting **critical edges too early**

(Shown via figure in slides.)

3. Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem

Statement

> *In a flow network, the maximum amount of flow passing from the source to the sink is equal to the total weight of the edges in a minimum cut.*

Definitions Used in the Theorem

1. **Capacity of a Cut**
   - Sum of capacities of edges oriented from:
     - vertex ∈ X to vertex ∈ Y
2. **Minimum Cut**
   - A cut with the **smallest possible capacity**
3. **Minimum Cut Capacity**
   - Capacity value of the minimum cut
4. **Maximum Flow**
   - Largest possible flow from source **S** to sink **T**

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4. Deterministic Min-Cut Algorithm

4.1 Stoer–Wagner Min-Cut Algorithm

Theorem
Let s and t be two vertices of a graph G.

Let:

$$G/\{s, t\}$$

be the graph obtained by **merging s and t**.

Then, a minimum cut of G is:

- The smaller of:
  1. A minimum **s-t cut** of G
  2. A minimum cut of $G/\{s, t\}$

Reasoning Behind the Theorem

There are two cases:

1. **Case 1: A minimum cut separates s and t**
   - Then the minimum **s-t cut** is also a minimum cut of G
2. **Case 2: No minimum cut separates s and t**
   - Then the minimum cut of $G/\{s, t\}$ is valid

Thus, the theorem holds.

4.2 Pseudocode

Algorithm 1: MinimumCutPhase(G, a)

1. Initialize:

$$A \leftarrow \{a\}$$

2. While $A \neq V$:
    - Add to A the **most tightly connected vertex**
3. Return:
    - The **cut weight**, called the *cut of the phase*

Algorithm 2: MinimumCut(G)

1. While $|V| \geq 1$:
    - Choose any vertex $a \in V$
    - Run `MinimumCutPhase(G, a)`
2. If the cut-of-the-phase is lighter than the current minimum cut:
    - Store it as the current minimum cut
3. Shrink the graph by:
    - Merging the **last two vertices added**
4. Return the **minimum cut**

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5. Randomized Min-Cut Algorithm

5.1 Why Randomized Algorithms?

Randomized algorithms:

- Provide **probabilistic guarantees of success**
- Can give **accurate estimates** with fewer iterations

Advantages

- Efficiency
- Parallelization
- Approximation guarantees
- Avoidance of worst-case instances
- Heuristic nature
- Robustness

5.2 Karger’s Randomized Algorithm

- A **randomized algorithm** for finding the minimum cut
- Based on **random edge contraction**
- Repeated executions increase success probability

(Pseudocode shown in slides.)

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6. Deterministic vs Randomized Min-Cut

Decision Factor

> The **problem itself** determines which approach is more suitable.

Deterministic Min-Cut

- Always guarantees **exact minimum cut**
- Higher time complexity for large graphs
- **Stoer–Wagner complexity**:

$$O(V \cdot E + V^2 \log V)$$

Randomized Min-Cut

- Produces **approximate min-cut with high probability**
- **Karger’s algorithm complexity**:

$$O(V^2)$$

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7. Theorem for Randomized Min-Cut

Theorem Statement

The algorithm outputs a **minimum cut set** with probability at least:

$$\frac{2}{n(n-1)}$$

where n is the number of vertices.

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Lecture Scribe: Randomized Min-Cut Algorithm

Course: CSE400 – Fundamentals of Probability in Computing
Lecture: 10
Instructor: Dhaval Patel, PhD
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1. Min-Cut Problem

1.1 Why Use Min-Cut?

Min-cut algorithms are used to solve problems related to:

- **Network connectivity**
- **Network reliability**
- **Network optimization**

The goal is to identify **critical edges** whose removal disconnects the network with **minimum cost or size**.

Applications of Min-Cut

1. **Network Design**
   - Used to improve communication efficiency.
   - Helps find the **minimum capacity cut** in a network.
2. **Communication Networks**
   - Helps analyze **network vulnerability to failures**.
   - Supports the design of **fault-tolerant and robust networks**.
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2. What is Min-Cut?

2.1 Definition: Cut-Set

A **cut-set** in a graph is:

> A set of edges whose removal breaks the graph into two or more connected components.

2.2 Definition: Minimum Cut

Given a graph

$$G = (V, E)$$

with n vertices,

- The **minimum cut (min-cut)** problem is to find a **cut-set with minimum cardinality**.

2.3 Important Observation

- Min-cut algorithms such as **Karger's algorithm** are **randomized**.
- Their result depends on **which edges are selected early**.
- If **critical edges** are contracted early, the algorithm may **fail to find the true minimum cut**.

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3. Edge Contraction

3.1 Definition: Edge Contraction

The **main operation** used in min-cut algorithms is **edge contraction**.

3.2 Step-by-Step Edge Contraction Process

For an edge (u, v):

1. Vertices **u and v** are merged into a **single vertex**.

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(Shown graphically in the lecture slides.)

4.2 Unsuccessful Min-Cut Run

An **unsuccessful min-cut run** refers to:

- An execution where the algorithm **fails to identify the minimum cut**.
- This typically happens when **important edges are contracted too early**.

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5.1 Theorem Statement

> In a flow network, the maximum amount of flow passing from the source to the sink is equal to the total weight of the edges in a minimum cut.

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Theorem Used

Let **s** and **t** be two vertices of graph G.

Let

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be the graph obtained by **merging s and t**.

A minimum cut of G is obtained by taking the **smaller** of:

1. A **minimum s–t cut** of G
2. A **minimum cut of** $G/\{s, t\}$

Logical Reasoning (As Given in Lecture)

There are two cases:

1. **Case 1:**

   A minimum cut of G separates **s** and **t**

   → Then the **minimum s–t cut** is the minimum cut of G
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Hence, the theorem holds.

6.2 Pseudocode

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7. Randomized Min-Cut Algorithm

7.1 Why Randomized Algorithms?

Randomized algorithms provide:

- **Probabilistic guarantees of success**
- **Accurate estimates** with fewer iterations

Advantages Mentioned

- Efficiency
- Parallelization
- Approximation guarantees
- Avoidance of worst-case instances
- Heuristic nature
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- A **randomized algorithm** for finding the minimum cut
- Uses **random edge contraction**
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- The **minimum cut (min-cut) problem** is to find a **minimum cardinality cut-set** in G.

2.3 Observation on Min-Cut Algorithms

- Min-cut algorithms such as **Karger’s algorithm** are **random**.
- They are **sensitive to the initial choice of edges**.
- If the algorithm **contracts critical edges early**, it may find a **smaller (incorrect) cut**.

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Reasoning (As Presented in Lecture)

The theorem holds because:

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  → Then a **minimum s-t cut of** G is a minimum cut of G.
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