

Semi-streaming: Allow  $O(n \text{ poly } \log n)$  space, multiple passes.

### ① Number of CCs:

- Goal: To determine the # of CCs for a given graph  $G = (V, E)$
- High level: Construct a spanning forest  $F$  of  $G$  as follows:
  - Join two nodes  $u, v$  which are not already connected (Otherwise, we would create a cycle.)

Algorithm 1: Construct  $F$  from  $G$

1.  $F \leftarrow \{\}$
2. for each edge  $\{u, v\} \in E$ :
3.   if  $u$  and  $v$  are not connected in  $F$ :
4.      $F \leftarrow F \cup \{\{u, v\}\}$
5. return  $F$

Note:

- $F$  has at most  $n-1$  edges
- With Union-Find data structure, we can count the # of CCs using  $O(n \log n)$  space.

## ② k-Edge Connectivity:

- Def: A graph is said to be "k-edge connected" if after removing any  $k-1$  edges, it remains connected.

- High level:

• Start off by maintaining  $k$  <sup>distinct</sup> forests of  $G$ :  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k$ .

• Then, we stream one edge at a time from  $G$ :

• For each edge  $\{u, v\} \in E$ , we find the smallest  $F_i$  in which  $u$  and  $v$  are not connected. Then, add  $\{u, v\}$  to such  $F_i$ .

- Analysis:

• Formally, we compute  $H = F_1 \cup F_2 \cup \dots \cup F_k$ . So,  $H$  is a subgraph of  $G$ , and as a result  $E(H) \subseteq E(G)$ . We claim that  $G$  is  $k$ -connected if and only if  $H$  is  $k$ -connected.

- Consider any cut  $S \subset V$ . Let  $\delta_G(S)$  denote the set of edges crossing this cut in  $G$ . We consider  $\delta_H(S)$ .
- Since  $H$  is a subgraph of  $G$ ,  $|\delta_G(S)| \geq |\delta_H(S)|$
- Suppose  $\exists \{u, v\} \in \delta_G(S)$  s.t.  $\{u, v\} \notin \delta_H(S)$ . This edge appeared in the stream but we ignored it as every forest  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k$  already had a connection between  $u, v$ .
- Therefore, in each  $F_i$ , there is one edge crossing the cut  $S$ . Since all the  $k$  forests are disjoint,  $|\delta_H(S)| \geq k$ .
- On the other hand, if there is no such edge, then  $|\delta_H(S)| = |\delta_G(S)|$ .
- Combining the two arguments, we get

$$|\delta_H(S)| \geq \min(|\delta_G(S)|, k)$$

- If  $G$  is  $k$ -connected, then  $\forall S \subset V$ ,  $|\delta_G(S)| \geq k$ , and so  $|\delta_H(S)| \geq k$ . If  $G$  is not  $k$ -connected, then  $\exists S \subset V$ ,  $|\delta_H(S)| < k$ , and so  $|\delta_G(S)| \leq k$ .

Note: - The algorithm takes  $k+1$  passes to construct  $F_1, \dots, F_k$ . Each pass requires  $O(n \log n)$  space. The total space used by the algorithm is  $O(k \cdot n \cdot \log n)$