## Dynamic Algorithms for Matroid Submodular Maximization

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#### **Abstract**

Submodular maximization under matroid and cardinality constraints are classical problems with a wide range of applications in machine learning, auction theory, and combinatorial optimization. In this paper, we consider these problems in the dynamic setting where (1) we have oracle access to a monotone submodular function  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  and (2) we are given a sequence S of insertions and deletions of elements of an underlying ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ .

We develop the first fully dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid constraint that maintains a  $(4 + \epsilon)$ -approximation solution  $(0 < \epsilon \le 1)$  using an expected query complexity of  $O(k \log(k) \log^3{(k/\epsilon)})$ , which is indeed parameterized by the rank k of the matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{I})$  as well.

Chen and Peng [52] at STOC'22 studied the complexity of this problem in the insertion-only dynamic model (a restricted version of the fully dynamic model where deletion is not allowed), and they raised the following important open question: "for fully dynamic streams [sequences of insertions and deletions of elements], there is no known constant-factor approximation algorithm with poly(k) amortized queries for matroid constraints." Our dynamic algorithm answers this question as well as an open problem of Lattanzi et al. [109] (NeurIPS'20) affirmatively.

As a byproduct, for the submodular maximization under the cardinality constraint k, we propose a parameterized (by the cardinality constraint k) dynamic algorithm that maintains a  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximate solution of the sequence S at any time t using an expected query complexity of  $O(k\epsilon^{-1}\log^2(k))$ , which is an improvement upon the dynamic algorithm that Monemizadeh [125] (NeurIPS'20) developed for this problem using an expected query complexity  $O(k^2\epsilon^{-3}\log^5(n))$ . In particular, this dynamic algorithm is the first one for this problem whose query complexity is independent of the size of ground set V (i.e., n = |V|).

We develop our dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid or cardinality constraint by designing a randomized leveled data structure that supports insertion and deletion operations, maintaining an approximate solution for the given problem. In addition, we develop a fast construction algorithm for our data structure that uses a one-pass over a random permutation of the elements and utilizes monotonicity property of our problems which has a subtle proof in the matroid case. We believe these techniques could also be useful for other optimization problems in the area of dynamic algorithms.

### 1 Introduction

Submodularity is a fundamental notion that arises in many applications such as image segmentation, data summarization [106, 137], RNA and protein sequencing [146, 113] hypothesis identification [19, 53], information gathering [134], and social networks [99]. A function  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is called submodular

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if for all  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  and  $e \notin B$ , it satisfies  $f(A \cup \{e\}) - f(A) \ge f(B \cup \{e\}) - f(B)$ , and it is called *monotone* if for every  $A \subseteq B$ , it satisfies  $f(A) \le f(B)$ .

Given a monotone submodular function  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  that is defined over a ground set  $\mathcal{V}$  and a parameter  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , in the *submodular maximization problem under the cardinality constraint k*, we would like to report a set  $I^* \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  of size at most k whose submodular value is maximum among all subsets of  $\mathcal{V}$  of size at most k.

*Matroid* [131] is a basic branch of mathematics that generalizes the notion of linear independence in vector spaces and has basic links to linear algebra [121], graphs [66], lattices [117], codes [95], transversals [67], and projective geometries [116]. A matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{I})$  consists of a *ground set*  $\mathcal{V}$  and a nonempty downward-closed set system  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq 2^{\mathcal{V}}$  (known as the independent sets) that satisfies the *exchange axiom*: for every pair of independent sets  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$  such that |A| < |B|, there exists an element  $x \in B \setminus A$  such that  $A \cup \{x\} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

A growing interest in machine learning [142, 88, 70, 104, 22, 114, 138, 69, 4, 145, 62], online auction theory [23, 87, 9, 101, 83, 102, 9, 101, 68], and combinatorial optimization [112, 50, 111, 100, 108, 132, 118] is to study the problem of maximizing a monotone submodular function  $f: 2^V \to \mathbb{R}^+$  under a matroid  $\mathcal{M}(V, I)$  constraint. In particular, the goal in the *submodular maximization problem under the matroid constraint* is to return an independent set  $I^* \in I$  of the maximum submodular value  $f(I^*)$  among all independent sets in I.

The seminal work of Fisher, Nemhauser and Wolsey [129] in the 1970s, was the first that considered the submodular maximization problem under the matroid constraint problem in the offline model. Indeed, they developed a simple, elegant leveling algorithm for this problem that in time O(nk) (where k is the rank of the matroid  $\mathcal{M}(V, I)$ ), returns an independent set whose submodular value is a 2-approximation of the optimal value  $OPT = \max_{I^* \in I} f(I^*)$ .

However, despite the simplicity and optimality of this celebrated algorithm, there has been a surge of recent research efforts to reexamine these problems under a variety of massive data models motivated by the unique challenges of working with massive datasets. These include streaming algorithms [10, 79, 6, 97], dynamic algorithms [124, 98, 109, 125, 52], sublinear time algorithms [141], parallel algorithms [107, 15, 16, 72, 71, 74, 49], online algorithms [89], private algorithms [45], learning algorithms [13, 12, 14] and distributed algorithms [122, 73, 60, 59].

Among these big data models, the *(fully) dynamic model* [135, 93] has been of particular interest recently. In this model, we see a sequence *S* of updates (i.e., inserts and deletes) of elements of an underlying structure (such as a graph, matrix, and so on), and the goal is to maintain an approximate or exact solution of a problem that is defined for that structure using a fast update time. For example, the influential work of Onak and Rubinfeld [130](STOC'10) studied dynamic versions of the matching and the vertex cover problems. Some other new advances in the dynamic model have been seen by developing dynamic algorithms for matching and vertex cover [130, 34, 31, 139, 128, 44, 29, 30, 38], graph connectivity [94, 5], graph sparsifiers [32, 3, 64, 57, 51, 82, 143], set cover [37, 86, 35, 84, 86, 1], approximate shortest paths [26, 90, 27, 28, 91, 144, 92, 2], minimum spanning forests [127, 126, 47], densest subgraphs [36, 136], maximal independent sets [8, 25, 46], spanners [30, 20, 40, 21], and graph coloring [140, 33], to name a few<sup>1</sup>.

However, for the very basic problem of submodular maximization under the matroid constraint, there is no (fully) dynamic algorithm known. This problem was repeatedly posed as an open problem at STOC'22 [52] as well as NeurIPS'20 [109]. Indeed, Chen and Peng [52](STOC'22) raised the following open question:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Interestingly, the best paper awards at SODA'23 were awarded to two dynamic algorithms [24, 39] for the matching size problem in the dynamic model.

**Open question [52, 109]:** "For fully dynamic streams [sequences of insertions and deletions of elements], there is no known constant-factor approximation algorithm with poly(k) amortized queries for matroid constraints."

In this paper, we answer this question as well as the open problem of Lattanzi et al. [109] (NeurIPS'20) affirmatively. As a byproduct, we also develop a dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the cardinality constraint. We next state our main result.

**Theorem 1** (Main Theorem). Suppose we are provided with oracle access to a monotone submodular function  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  that is defined over a ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a sequence of insertions and deletions of elements of the underlying ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ . Let  $0 < \epsilon \le 1$  be an error parameter.

- We develop the first parameterized (by the rank k of a matroid  $\mathcal{M}(V,I)$ ) dynamic  $(4 + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid constraint using a worst-case expected  $O(k \log(k) \log^3(k/\epsilon))$  query complexity.
- We also present a parameterized (by the cardinality constraint k) dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization under the cardinality constraint k, that maintains a  $(2+\epsilon)$ -approximate solution of the sequence S at any time t using a worst-case expected complexity  $O(k\epsilon^{-1}\log^2(k))$ .

The seminal work of Fisher, Nemhauser and Wolsey [129], which we mentioned above, developed a simple and elegant leveling algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the cardinality constraint that achieves the optimal approximation ratio of  $\frac{e}{e^{-1}} \approx 1.58$  in time O(nk) [129, 76].

The study of the submodular maximization in the dynamic model was initiated at NeurIPS 2020 based on two independent works due to Lattanzi, Mitrovic, Norouzi-Fard, Tarnawski, and Zadimoghaddam [109] and Monemizadeh [125]. Both works present dynamic algorithms that maintain  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximate solutions for the submodular maximization under the cardinality constraint k in the dynamic model. The amortized expected query complexity of these two algorithms are  $O(\epsilon^{-11} \log^6(k) \log^2(n))$  and  $O(k^2 \epsilon^{-3} \log^5(n))$ , respectively.

Our dynamic algorithm for the cardinality constraint improves upon the dynamic algorithm that Monemizadeh [125] (NeurIPS'20) developed for this problem using an expected query complexity  $O(k^2 \epsilon^{-3} \log^5(n))$ . In particular, our dynamic algorithm is the first one for this problem whose query complexity is independent of the size of the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ .

We develop our dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid or cardinality constraint by designing a randomized leveled data structure that supports insertion and deletion operations, maintaining an approximate solution for the given problem. In addition, we develop a fast construction algorithm for our data structure that uses a one-pass over a random permutation of the elements and utilizes a monotonicity property of our problems which has a subtle proof in the matroid case. We believe these techniques could also be useful for other optimization problems in the area of dynamic algorithms.

Interestingly, our results can be seen from the lens of parameterized complexity [119, 81, 103, 96, 75, 54, 56, 55, 85]. In particular, the query complexity of our dynamic algorithms for the submodular maximization problems under the matroid and cardinality constraints (1) are independent of the size of the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$  (i.e.,  $|\mathcal{V}| = n$ ), and (2) are parameterized by the rank k of the matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{I})$  and the cardinality k, respectively. We hope that our work sheds light on the connection between dynamic algorithms and the Fixed-Parameter Tractability (FPT) [61, 80, 58] world. We should mention that streaming algorithms [75, 54, 56] through the lens of the parameterized complexity have been considered before where vertex cover and matching parameterized by their size were designed in these works.

Finally, one may ask whether we can obtain a dynamic c-approximate algorithm for the cardinality constraint

for c < 2 with a query complexity that is polynomial in k. Let  $g : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be an arbitrary function. Building on a hardness result recently obtained by Chen and Peng [52], we show in Appendix C that there is no randomized  $(2 - \epsilon)$ -approximate algorithm for the dynamic submodular maximization under cardinality constraint k with amortized expected query time of g(k) (e.g., not even doubly exponentially in k), even if the optimal value is known after every insertion/deletion.

**Concurrent work.** In a concurrent work, Dütting, Fusco, Lattanzi, Norouzi-Fard, and Zadimoghaddam [65] also provide an algorithm for dynamic submodular maximization under a matroid constraint. Their algorithm obtains a  $4 + \epsilon$  approximation with  $\frac{k^2}{\epsilon} \log(k) \log^2(n) \log^3(\frac{k}{\epsilon})$  amortized expected query complexity. <sup>2</sup>

Our query complexity of  $k \log(k) \log^3(\frac{k}{\epsilon})$  is strictly better as (a) it does not depend on n and (b) its dependence on k is nearly linear rather than nearly quadratic and the dependence on  $\epsilon^{-1}$  is polylogarithmic. Additionally, our guarantees are worst-case expected, rather than amortized expected.

#### 1.1 Preliminaries

**Notations.** For two natural numbers x < y, we use [x, y] to denote the set  $\{x, x+1, \cdots, y\}$ , and [x] to denote the set  $\{1, 2, \cdots, x\}$ . For a set A and an element e, we denote by A + e, the set that is the union of two sets A and  $\{e\}$ . Similarly, for a set A and an element  $e \in A$ , we denote by A - e or  $A \setminus e$ , the set A from which the element e is removed. For a level  $L_i$ , we represent by  $L_{1 \le j \le i}$  the levels  $L_1, L_2, \cdots, L_i$ , and we simplify  $L_{1 \le j \le i}$  and show it by  $L_{\le i}$ . The levels  $L_{i \le j \le T}$  and its simplification  $L_{i \le j}$  are defined similarly. For a function x and a set A, we denote by x[A] the function x that is restricted to domain A. For an event E, we use  $\mathbb{I}[E]$  as the *indicator function* of E. That is,  $\mathbb{I}[E]$  is set to one if E holds and is set to zero otherwise. For random variables and their values, we use bold and non-bold letters, respectively. For example, we denote a random variable by E and its value by E. We will use the notations E and E and E and E and E are defined similarly, if E and the expectation of E are defined similarly. For an event E are defined similarly, and the indicator function of E are used in E and E are defined similarly. For a function E and E are used in E and E are defined similarly, and E are used in E and E are defined similarly. For an event E are used in E are used in E and E ar

**Submodular function.** Given a ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ , a function  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is called *submodular* if it satisfies  $f(A \cup \{e\}) - f(A) \ge f(B \cup \{e\}) - f(B)$ , for all  $A \subseteq B \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  and  $e \notin B$ . In this paper, we assume that f is *normalized*, i.e.,  $f(\emptyset) = 0$ . When f satisfies the additional property that  $f(A \cup \{e\}) - f(A) \ge 0$  for all A and  $e \notin A$ , we say f is *monotone*. For a subset  $A \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  and an element  $e \in \mathcal{V} \setminus A$ , the function  $f(A \cup \{e\}) - f(A)$  is often called the *marginal gain* [10, 97] of adding e to A.

Let  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a monotone submodular function defined on the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ . The monotone submodular maximization problem under the cardinality constraint k is defined as finding  $OPT = \max_{I \subseteq \mathcal{V}: |I| \le k} f(I)$ . We denote by  $I^*$  an optimal subset of size at most k that achieves the optimal value  $OPT = f(I^*)$ . Note that we can have more than one optimal set.

The leveling algorithm of the seminal work of Nemhauser, Wolsey, and Fisher [129] that can approximate OPT to a factor of (1 - 1/e), is as follows. In the beginning, we let  $S = \emptyset$ . We then take k passes over the set V, and in each pass, we find an element  $e \in V$  that maximizes the marginal gain  $f(S \cup \{e\}) - f(S)$ , add it to S and delete it from V.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The two works appeared on arxiv at the same time; We had submitted an earlier version of our work to SODA'23, in July 2022.

**Access Model.** We assume the access to a monotone submodular function  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  is given by an *oracle*. That is, we consider the oracle that allows *set queries* such that for every subset  $A \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ , one can query the value f(A). The marginal gain  $f(A \cup \{e\}) - f(A)$  for every subset  $A \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  and an element  $e \in \mathcal{V}$  in this query access model can be computed using two queries  $f(A \cup \{e\})$  and f(A).

**Matroid.** A matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, I)$  consists of a *ground set*  $\mathcal{V}$  and a nonempty downward-closed set system  $I \subseteq 2^{\mathcal{V}}$  (known as the independent sets) that satisfies the *exchange axiom*: for every pair of independent sets  $A, B \in I$  such that |A| < |B|, there exists an element  $x \in B \setminus A$  such that  $A \cup \{x\} \in I$ . A subset of the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$  that is not independent is called *dependent*. A maximal independent set—that is, an independent set that becomes dependent upon adding any other element—is called a *basis* for the matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, I)$ . A *circuit* in a matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, I)$  is a minimal dependent subset of  $\mathcal{V}$ —that is, a dependent set whose proper subsets are all independent. Let A be a subset of V. The rank of A, denoted by rank(A), is the maximum cardinality of an independent subset of A.

Let  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  be a monotone submodular function defined on the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$  of a matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, I)$ . We denote by  $OPT = \max_{I \in I} f(I)$  the maximum submodular value of an independent set in I. We denote by  $I^* \in I$  an independent set that achieves the optimal value  $OPT = f(I^*)$ .

Here, we bring two lemmas about matroids that will be used in our paper.

**Lemma 2** ([131]). The family C of circuits of a matroid  $\mathcal{M}(V, I)$  has the following properties:

- (C1) Ø ∉ C.
- (C2) if  $C_1$ ,  $C_2 \in C$  and  $C_1 \subseteq C_2$ , then  $C_1 = C_2$ .
- (C3) if  $C_1$ ,  $C_2 \in C$ ,  $C_1 \neq C_2$  and  $e \in C_1 \cap C_2$ , then there exists  $C_3 \in C$  such that  $C_3 \subseteq C_1 \cup C_2 \setminus \{e\}$ . **Lemma 3.** Let  $e \in V$  be an element, and  $I \in I$  be an independent set. Then  $I \cup \{e\}$  has at most one circuit.

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**Dynamic Model.** Let S be a sequence of insertions and deletions of elements of an underlying ground set V. Let  $S_t$  be the sequence of the first t updates (insertion or deletion) of the sequence S. By time t, we mean the time after the first t updates of the sequence S, or simply when the updates of  $S_t$  are done. We define  $V_t$  as the set of elements that have been inserted until time t but have not been deleted after their latest insertion.

Given a monotone submodular function  $f: 2^{\mathcal{V}} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  defined on the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ , the aim of *dynamic monotone submodular maximization problem under the cardinality constraint k* is to have (an approximation of)  $OPT_t = \max_{I_t \subseteq V_t: |I| \le k} f(I_t)$  at any time t. Similarly, the aim of *dynamic monotone submodular maximization problem under a matroid*  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, I)$  *constraint* for a monotone function f defined over the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$  is to have (an approximation of)  $OPT_t = \max_{I_t \subseteq V_t: I_t \in I} f(I_t)$  at any time t. We also define  $MAX_t$  to be  $\max_{e \in V_t} f(e)$ . For simplicity, during the analysis for a fixed time t, we use V, OPT, and MAX instead of  $V_t$ ,  $OPT_t$ , and  $MAX_t$  respectively.

Our dynamic algorithm is in the oblivious adversarial model as is common for analysis of randomized data structures such as universal hashing [42]. The model allows the adversary, who is aware of the submodular function f and the algorithm that is going to be used, to determine all the arrivals and departures of the elements in the ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ . However, the adversary is unaware of the random bits used in the algorithm and so cannot choose updates adaptively in response to the randomly guided choices of the algorithm. Equivalently, we can suppose that the adversary prepares the full input (insertions and deletions) before the algorithm runs.

The query complexity of an  $\alpha$ -approximate dynamic algorithm is the number of oracle queries that the

algorithm must make to maintain an  $\alpha$ -approximate of the solution at time t, given all computations that have been done till time t-1.

We measure the *time complexity* of our dynamic algorithm in terms of its *query complexity*, taking into account queries made to either the submodular oracle for f or the matroid independence oracle for I.

The query complexities of the algorithms in our paper will be worst-case expected. An algorithm is said to have worst-case expected update time (or query time)  $\alpha$  if for every update x, the expected time to process x is at most  $\alpha$ . We refer to Bernstein, Forster, and Henzinger [30] for a discussion about the worst-case expected bound for dynamic algorithms.

#### 1.2 Our contribution and overview of techniques

Our dynamic algorithms for the submodular maximization problems with cardinality and matroid constraints consist of the following three building blocks.

- Fast leveling algorithms: We first develop linear-time leveling algorithms for these problems based on random permutations of elements. These algorithms are used in *rare occasions* when we need to (partially or totally) reset a solution that we maintain.
- *Insertion and deletion subroutines:* We next design subroutines for inserting and deleting a new element. Upon insertion or deletion of an element, these subroutines often perform *light* computations, but in rare occasions, they perform *heavy* operations by invoking the leveling algorithms to (partially or totally) reset a solution that we maintain.
- Relax OPT or MAX assumptions: For the leveling algorithms, and the insertion and the deletion subroutines, we assume we know either an approximation of OPT (as for the cardinality constraint) or an approximation of the maximum submodular value  $MAX = \max_{e \in V} f(e)$  of an element (as for the matroid constraint). In the final block of our dynamic algorithms, we show how to relax such an assumption.

#### 1.2.1 Submodular maximization problem under the cardinality constraint

Designing and analyzing the above building blocks for the cardinality constraint is simpler than designing and developing them for the matroid constraint. Therefore, we outline them first for the cardinality constraint. That gives the intuition and sheds light on how we develop these building blocks for the matroid constraint which are more involved. Since the main contribution of our paper is developing a dynamic algorithm for the matroid constraint, we explain the algorithms (in Section 2) and the analysis (in Section 3) for the matroid first. The dynamic algorithm and its analysis for the cardinality constraint are given in Section 4 and Appendix B, respectively.

Suppose for now, we know the optimal value  $OPT = \max_{I^* \subseteq V: |I^*| \le k} f(I^*)$  of any subset of the set V of size at most k. We consider the fixed threshold  $\tau = \frac{OPT}{2k}$ .

First building block: Fast leveling algorithm. Our leveling algorithm constructs a set of levels  $L_0, L_1, \dots, L_T$ , where T is a random variable guaranteed to be  $T \le k$ . Every level  $L_\ell$  consists of two sets  $R_\ell$  and  $I_\ell$ , and an element  $e_\ell$  so that:

- 1.  $R_0 = V$ ,  $I_0 = \emptyset$ , and  $R_1 = \{e \in R_0 : f(e) \ge \tau\}$
- 2.  $R_0 \supseteq R_1 \supset \cdots \supset R_T \supset R_{T+1} = \emptyset$
- 3. For  $1 \le \ell \le T$ , we have  $I_{\ell} = I_{\ell-1} \cup \{e_{\ell}\}$

4. We report the set  $I_T$  as the solution

The illustration of our construction is shown in Figure 1.

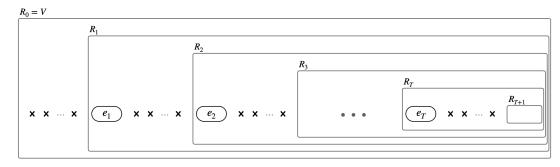


Figure 1: The illustration of our leveling algorithm.

The key concept in constructing the levels is the notion of *promoting elements*.

**Definition 1.1** (Promoting elements). Let  $L_{1 \le \ell \le T}$  be a level. We call an element  $e \in R_{\ell}$ , a promoting element for the set  $I_{\ell}$  if  $f(I_{\ell} \cup \{e\}) - f(I_{\ell}) \ge \tau$  and  $|I_{\ell}| < k$ .

The levels are constructed as follows: Let  $\ell = 1$ . We first randomly permute the elements of the set  $R_1$  and denote by P this random permutation. We next iterate through the elements of P and for every element  $e \in P$ , we check if e is a promoting element with respect to the set  $I_{\ell-1}$  or not.

- If e is a promoting element for the set  $I_{\ell-1}$ , we then let  $e_{\ell}$  be e and let  $I_{\ell}$  be  $I_{\ell-1} \cup \{e_{\ell}\}$ . Observe that now we have the set  $I_{\ell}$  and the element  $e_{\ell}$ , however, the set  $R_{\ell}$  is not complete yet, as some of its elements may come after e in the permutation P. We create the next level  $L_{\ell+1}$  by setting  $R_{\ell+1} = \emptyset$ . We then proceed to the next element in P. Note that in this way, for all levels  $L_{1 < j \le \ell}$ , the sets  $R_j$  are not complete, and they will be complete when we reach the end of the permutation P.
- Next, we consider the case when e is not a promoting element for the set  $I_{\ell-1}$ . This essentially means that we need to find the largest  $z \in [1, \ell-1]$  so that e is promoting for the set  $I_{z-1}$ , but it is not promoting for the set  $I_z$ . A naive way of doing that is to perform a linear scan for which we need one oracle query to compute  $f(I_x \cup \{e\}) f(I_x)$  for every  $x \in [1, \ell-1]$ . However, we do a binary search in the interval  $[i, \ell-1]$ , which needs  $O(\log k)$  oracle queries to find z. Once we find such z, we add e to all sets  $R_r$  for  $2 \le r \le z^3$ . Observe that adding e to all these sets may need O(k) time, but we do not need to do oracle queries in order to add e to these sets.

The permutation P has at most n elements, and we do the above operations for every such element. Thus, the leveling algorithm may require a total of  $O(n \log k)$  oracle queries. Observe that the implicit property that we use to perform the binary search is the *monotonicity property* which says if an element is a promoting for a set  $I_{z-1}$ , it is promoting for all sets  $I_{\leq z-1}$ . For the cardinality constraint, the monotone property is trivial to see. However, it is *intricate* for the *matroid* constraint. We will develop a leveling algorithm for the matroid constraint, which satisfies a monotonicity property, allowing us to perform the binary search.

**Second building block: Insertion and deletion of an element.** Next, we explain the insertion and deletion subroutines. Let S be a sequence of insertions and deletions of elements of an underlying ground set V. First,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Observe that z is already in  $R_1$ 

suppose we would like to delete an element v. Observe that the set  $R_0$  should contain all elements that have been inserted but not deleted so far. Thus, we remove v from  $R_0$ . Now, two cases can occur:

- Light computation: The first case is when  $v \notin I_i$  for all  $i \in [T]$ . Then, we do a light computation by iterating through the levels  $L_1, \dots, L_T$ , and for each level  $L_i$ , we delete v from  $R_i$ . Handling this light computation takes zero query complexity as we do not make any oracle query.
- Heavy computation: However, if there exists a level  $i \in [T]$  where  $e_i = v$ , we then rebuild all levels  $L_{i \le j \le T}$ . To this end, we invoke the leveling algorithm for the level  $L_i$  to rebuild the levels  $L_i, \dots, L_T$ . This computation is heavy, for which we need to make  $O(|R_i| \log k)$  oracle queries.

When we invoke the leveling algorithm for a level  $L_i$ , it randomly permutes the elements  $R_i$  and iterates through this random permutation to compute  $I_\ell$ ,  $R_\ell$ , and  $e_\ell$  for  $i \le \ell \le T$ . We prove that this means for every level  $L_{\ell \ge i}$ , the promoting element  $e_\ell$  that we picked is sampled uniformly at random from the set  $R_\ell$ . This ensures that the probability that the sampled element  $e_\ell$  being deleted is  $\frac{1}{|R_\ell|}$ . Therefore, the expected number of oracle queries to reconstruct the levels [i, T] is at most  $O(\frac{1}{|R_i|}|R_i|\log k) = O(\log k)$ . Since there are at most  $T \le k$  levels, by the linearity of expectation, the expected oracle queries that a deletion can incur is  $O(k \log k)$ .

Next, suppose we would like to insert an element v. First of all, the set  $R_0$  should contain all elements that have been inserted but not deleted so far. Thus, we add v to  $R_0$ . Later, we iterate through levels  $L_1, \dots, L_{T+1}$ , and for each level  $L_i$ , we check if v is a promoting element for the previous level or not. If it is not, we break the loop and exit the insertion subroutine. However, if v is a promoting element for the level  $L_{i-1}$ , we then add it to the set  $R_i$  and with probability  $\frac{1}{|R_i|}$ , we let  $e_i$  be v and invoke the leveling algorithm for the level  $L_{i+1}$  to rebuild the levels  $L_{i+1}, \dots, L_T$ . The proof of correctness for insertion uses similar techniques to the proof for deletion.

Third building block: Relax the assumption of having OPT. Our dynamic algorithm assumes the optimal value  $OPT = \max_{I^* \subseteq V: |I^*| \le k} f(I^*)$  is given as a parameter. However, in reality, the optimal value is not known in advance and it may change after every update. To remove this assumption, we use the well-known technique that has been also used in [109]. Indeed, we run parallel instances of our dynamic algorithm for different guesses of the optimal value  $OPT_t$  for the set  $V_t$  of elements that have been inserted till time t, but not deleted, such that for any time t,  $\max_{I^* \subseteq V: |I^*| \le k} f(I^*) \in (OPT_t/(1+\epsilon), OPT_t]$  in one of the runs. These guesses are  $(1+\epsilon)^i$  where  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We apply each update on only  $O(\log(k)/\epsilon)$  instances of our algorithm. See Section 4 for the details.

### 1.2.2 Submodular maximization problem under the matroid constraint

The dynamic algorithm that we develop for the matroid constraint has similar building blocks as the cardinality constraint, but it is more intricate. We outline these building blocks for the matroid constraint next.

First building block: Leveling algorithm. Let  $\mathcal{M}(V, I)$  be a matroid whose rank is  $k = rank(\mathcal{M})$ . We first assume that we have the maximum submodular value  $MAX = \max_{e \in V} f(e)$ . We relax this assumption later. Our leveling algorithm builds a set of levels  $L_0, L_1, \dots, L_T$ , where T is a random variable guaranteed to satisfy  $T = O(k \log(k/\epsilon))$ . Every level  $L_i$  consists of three sets  $R_i$ ,  $I_i$ , and  $I'_i$ , and an element  $e_i$ . For these sets, we have the following properties:

- 1.  $V = R_0 \supseteq R_1 \supset \cdots \supset R_T \supset R_{T+1} = \emptyset$
- 2. The sets  $I_i$  are independent sets, i.e.,  $I_i \in \mathcal{I}$
- 3. Each  $I_i'$  is the union of all  $I_j$  for  $j \le i$ , i.e.,  $I_i' = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j$

- 4. The sets  $I'_i$  are not necessarily independent
- 5. We report the set  $I_T$  as the solution

The illustration of our construction is similar to the one for the cardinality constraint and is shown in Figure 1. A key concept in our algorithm is again the notion of *promoting elements*. However, the definition of promoting elements for the matroid constraint is more complex than that of the cardinality constraint, and is inspired by the streaming algorithm of Chakrabarti and Kale [43]. The complexity comes from the fact that adding an element e to an independent set, say I may preserve the independency of I or it may violate it by creating a circuit<sup>4</sup>. In Lemma 3, we prove that adding e to an independent set can create at most one circuit. Thus, we need to handle both cases when we define the notion of promoting elements.

**Definition 1.2** (Promoting elements). Let  $L_{1 \le \ell \le T}$  be a level. We call an element e, a promoting element for the level  $L_{\ell}$  if

- **Property 1:**  $f(I'_{\ell} + e) f(I'_{\ell}) \ge \frac{\epsilon}{10k} \cdot MAX$ , and
- One of the following properties hold:
  - **Property 2:**  $I_{\ell}$  + e is independent set (i.e.,  $I_{\ell}$  + e ∈ I) or
  - Property 3:  $I_{\ell}$  + e is not independent and the minimum weight element  $\hat{e} = \arg\min_{e' \in C} w(e')$  of the set  $C = \{e' \in I_{\ell} : I_{\ell} + e e' \in I\}$  satisfies  $2w(\hat{e}) \leq f(I'_{\ell} + e) f(I'_{\ell})$ .

We next explain the leveling algorithm. We first initialize  $I_0$  and  $I'_0$  as empty sets and let  $R_0$  be the set of existing elements V. We then let  $R_1$  be all elements of the set  $R_0$  that are promoting with respect to  $L_0$ . Observe that since  $I_0$  and  $I'_0$  are empty sets, an element is filtered out from level  $L_0$  because of Property 1.

The leveling algorithm can be called for any level  $L_i$  and starting at that level, it builds the rest of levels  $L_{i \le j \le T}$ . Suppose our leveling algorithm is called for a level  $L_i$  for  $i \ge 1$ . Let  $\ell = i$ . We randomly permute the set  $R_i$  and let P be this random permutation. We iterate through the elements of P and upon seeing a new element e, we check if e is a promoting element for the level  $L_{\ell-1}$ .

- The first case occurs if e is a promoting element for the level  $L_{\ell-1}$ . Note that e is promoting if satisfies Property 1 and one of Properties 2 and 3.
  - If the element e satisfies Properties 1 and 2, we set  $I_{\ell} = I_{\ell-1} + e$ .
  - If e satisfies Properties 1 and 3, we set  $I_{\ell} = I_{\ell-1} + e \hat{e}$ .

In both cases, the resulting  $I_{\ell}$  is an independent set in  $\mathcal{I}$ . We then fix the weight of e to be  $w(e) = f(I'_{\ell-1} + e) - f(I'_{\ell-1})$ . Later, we let  $I'_{\ell} := I'_{\ell-1} + e$ , and  $e_{\ell} = e$ . Similar to the leveling algorithm that we develop for the cardinality case, we now have the sets  $I_{\ell}$  and  $I'_{\ell}$ , and the element  $e_{\ell}$ . However, the set  $R_{\ell}$  is not complete yet, as some of its elements may come after e in the permutation P. We create the next level  $L_{\ell+1}$  by setting  $R_{\ell+1} = \emptyset$ . We then proceed to the next element in P. Note that in this way, for all levels  $L_{i < j \le \ell}$ , the sets  $R_j$  are not complete and they will be complete when we reach the end of the permutation P.

• The second case is when e is not a promoting element for  $L_{\ell-1}$ . Here, similar to the cardinality constraint, our goal is to perform the binary search to find the smallest  $z \in [i, \ell-1]$  so that e is promoting for the level  $L_{z-1}$ , but it is not promoting for the level  $L_z$ . *Interestingly, we prove the monotonicity property holds for the matroid constraint*. (The proof of this subtle property is given in Section 3.1.) That is, we prove if e is promoting for a level  $L_{x-1}$ , it is promoting for all levels  $L_{r \le x-1}$  and if e is not promoting for a level  $L_x$ , it is not promoting for all levels  $L_{r \ge x}$ . Thus, we can do the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>A *circuit* in a matroid  $\mathcal{M}$  is a minimal dependent subset of V—that is, a dependent set whose proper subsets are all independent.

binary search to find the smallest  $z \in [i, \ell - 1]$  so that e is promoting for the level  $L_{z-1}$ , but it is not promoting for the level  $L_z$ , which needs  $O(\log(T)) = O(\log(k\log(k/\epsilon))$  steps of binary search. Once we find such z, we add e to all sets  $R_r$  for  $i < r \le z$ . Unlike the previous case, however, we stay in the current level  $L_\ell$  and proceed to the next element of P. Observe that adding e to all these sets may need  $T = O(k\log(k/\epsilon))$  time, but we do not need to do oracle queries in order to add e to these sets.

**Overview of the analysis:** In order to prove the correctness of our leveling algorithm and compute its query complexity, we define two invariants; *level* and *uniform* invariants. The level invariant itself is a set of 5 invariants *starter*, *survivor*, *independent*, *weight*, and *terminator*. We show that these invariants are fulfilled by the end of the leveling algorithm (in Section 3.2) and after every insertion and deletion of an element (in Section 3.3).

The level invariants assert that all elements that are added to  $R_i$  at a level  $L_i$  are promoting elements for the previous level. In other words, those elements of the set  $R_{i-1} \setminus e_{i-1}$  that are not promoting will be filtered out and not be seen in  $R_i$ . Intuitively, this invariant provides us the approximation guarantee. The uniform invariant asserts that for every level  $L_{i \in [T]}$ , conditioned on the random sets  $R_{j \le i}$  and random elements  $e_{j < i}$ , the element  $e_i$  is chosen uniformly at random from the set  $R_i$ . That is,  $\mathbb{P}\left[e_i = e | R_{j \le i} \land e_{j < i}\right] = \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left[e \in R_i\right]^5$ . Intuitively, this invariant provides us with the randomness that we need to fool the adversary in the (fully) dynamic model which in turn helps us to develop a dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under a matroid constraint.

The proof that the level and uniform invariants hold after every insertion and deletion is **novel** and **subtle**. This proof is given in Sections 3.2 and 3.3. The technical part is to show that all promoting elements that are added to  $R_i$  at a level  $L_i$  (from the previous level) will be promoting after every update (i.e., insert or delete) and also, the sets  $I_i$  will remain independent after updates. In addition, we need to show that uniformly chosen elements  $e_i$  from survivor set  $R_i$  will be uniform after every update.

Now, we overview how we analyze the query complexity of our leveling algorithm. Checking if an element e is promoting for a level  $L_i$  can be done using  $O(\log(k))$  oracle queries using a binary search argument. The proof is given in Section 3.1. The binary search that we perform in order to place an element e in the correct level requires  $O(\log T)$  such promoting checks. Thus, if we initiate the leveling algorithm with a set  $R_i$ , our algorithm needs  $O(|R_i|\log(k)\log(T))$  oracle queries to build the levels  $L_i, \dots, L_T$  for  $T = O(k\log(k/\epsilon))$ .

Second building block: Insertion and deletion of an element. Now, we explain how to maintain the independent set  $I_T$  upon insertions and deletions of elements. First, suppose we would like to delete an element e. We iterate through levels  $L_1, \dots, L_T$  and for each level  $L_i$  we delete e from  $R_i$  and we later check if e is the element  $e_i$  that we have picked for the level  $L_i$ . If this is the case, we then invoke the leveling algorithm for the set  $R_i$  to reset the levels  $L_i, \dots, L_T$ . Since, the invocation of the leveling algorithm for the level  $L_i$  may initiate  $O(|R_i|\log(k)\log(T))$  oracle queries (to build the levels  $L_i, \dots, L_T$ ) and since the element  $e_i$  is chosen uniformly at random from the set  $R_i$  and we iterate through levels  $L_1, \dots, L_T$ , thus, the worst-case expected query complexity of deletion is  $\sum_{i=1}^T \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot O(|R_i| \cdot \log(k) \cdot \log(T)) = O(k \log(k) \log^2(k/\epsilon))$ .

Next, suppose we would like to insert an element e. First of all, the set  $R_0$  should contain all elements that have been inserted but not deleted so far. Thus, we add e to  $R_0$ . Later, we iterate through levels  $L_1, \dots, L_T$  and for each level  $L_i$ , we check if e is a promoting element for that level or not. If it is not, we break the loop and exit the insertion subroutine. However, if e is indeed, a promoting element for the level  $L_i$ , we then add it to the set  $R_i$  and with probability  $1/|R_i|$ , we set  $e_i = e$  and invoke the leveling algorithm (with the input index

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>For an event A, we define  $\mathbb{1}[A]$  as the *indicator function* of A. That is,  $\mathbb{1}[A]$  is set to one if A holds and is set to zero otherwise.

i+1) to <u>reset</u> the subsequent levels  $L_{i+1}, \dots, L_T$ . The query complexity of an insertion is proved similar to what we showed for a deletion.

The third block of our dynamic algorithm for the matroid constraint is to relax the assumption of knowing *MAX*. Relaxing this assumption is similar to what we did for the cardinality constraint. See Section 2 for the details.

#### 1.3 Related Work

In this section, we state some known results for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid and cardinality constraints or some other related problems in the streaming, distributed, and dynamic models. In Table 1, we summarize the results in streaming and dynamic models for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid or cardinality constraint.

model	result	problem	approx.	query complexity	ref.
dynamic stream- ing model	algorithm	cardinality	$2 + \epsilon$	$O(\epsilon^{-1}dk\log(k))$	[124]
		cardinality	$2 + \epsilon$	$O(dk\log^2(k) + d\log^3(k))$	[98]
		matroid	$5.582 + O(\epsilon)$	$O(k + \epsilon^{-2} d \log(k))$	[63]
insertion-only dynamic model	algorithm	matroid	$2 + \epsilon$	$k^{\tilde{O}(1/\epsilon)}$	[52]
			$\frac{e}{e-1} + \epsilon$	$k^{\tilde{O}(1/\epsilon^2)} \cdot \log(n)$	[52]
fully dynamic model	algorithm	matroid	4 + <i>ϵ</i>	$O(k\log(k)\log^3(k/\epsilon))$	this paper
				$O(\frac{k^2}{\epsilon}\log(k)\log^2(n)\log^3(\frac{k}{\epsilon}))$	[65]
		cardinality	$2 + \epsilon$	$O(\epsilon^{-3}k^2\log^4(n))$	[125]
				$O(\epsilon^{-4}\log^4(k)\log^2(n))$	[110]
				$O(\operatorname{poly}(\log(n), \log(k), \frac{1}{\epsilon}))$	[17]
				$O(k\epsilon^{-1}\log^2(k))$	this paper
	lower bound	cardinality	$2 - \epsilon$	$n^{\tilde{\Omega}(\epsilon)}/k^3$	[52]
			1.712	$\Omega(n/k^3)$	[52]

Table 1: Results for the submodular maximization subject to cardinality and matroid constraints. The lower bounds presented in [52] assume that we know the optimal submodular maximization value of the sub-sequence  $S_t$ , where  $S_t$  is the set of elements that are inserted but not deleted from the beginning of the sequence  $S_t$  till any time t.

**Known dynamic algorithms.** The study of the submodular maximization in the dynamic model is initiated at NeurIPS 2020 based on two independent works. The first work is due to Lattanzi, Mitrovic, Norouzi-Fard, Tarnawski, and Zadimoghaddam [109] who present a randomized dynamic algorithm that maintains an expected  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximate solution of the maximum submodular (under the cardinality constraint k) of a dynamic sequence S. The amortized expected query complexity of their algorithm is  $O(\epsilon^{-11} \log^6(k) \log^2(n))$ . The second work is due to Monemizadeh [125] who presents a randomized dynamic algorithm with approximation guarantee  $(2 + \epsilon)$ . The amortized expected query complexity of his algorithm is  $O(\epsilon^{-3}k^2 \log^5(n))$ . The original version of the algorithm in Lattanzi et al. [109] has some correctness issues, as pointed out by Banihashem, Biabani, Goudarzi, Hajiaghayi, Jabbarzade, and Monemizadeh [17] at ICML 2023, who also provide an alternative algorithm for solving this problem with polylogarithmic update time. Those issues were also subsequently fixed by Lattanzi et al. [110] by modifying their algorithm. The query complexity of their new algorithm is  $O(\epsilon^{-4} \log^4(k) \log^2(n))$  per update. Peng's work at NeurIPS 2021 [133] focuses on the dynamic influence maximization problem, which is a white box dynamic submodular maximization problem. Work of Banihashem, Biabani, Goudarzi, Hajiaghayi, Jabbarzade, and Monemizadeh [18] at NeurIPS 2023 solves dynamic non-monotone submodular maximization under cardinality constraint k.

At STOC 2022, Chen and Peng [52] show two lower bounds for the submodular maximization in the dynamic model. Both of these lower bounds hold even if we know the optimal submodular maximization value of the sequence S at any time t. Their first lower bound shows that any randomized algorithm that achieves an approximation ratio of  $2 - \epsilon$  for dynamic submodular maximization under cardinality constraint k requires amortized query complexity  $n^{\tilde{\Omega}(\epsilon)}/k^3$ . They also prove a stronger result by showing that any randomized algorithm for dynamic submodular maximization under cardinality constraint k that obtains an approximation guarantee of 1.712 must have amortized query complexity at least  $\Omega(n/k^3)$ .

Chen and Peng [52] also studied the complexity of the submodular maximization under matroid constraint in the insertion-only dynamic model (a restricted version of the fully dynamic model where deletions are not allowed) and they developed two algorithms for this problem. The first algorithm maintains a  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximate independent set of a matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, I)$  such that the expected number of oracle queries per insertion is  $k^{\tilde{O}(1/\epsilon)}$ . Their second algorithm is a  $(\frac{e}{e-1} + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm using an amortized query complexity of  $k^{\tilde{O}(1/\epsilon^2)} \cdot \log(n)$ , where k is the rank of  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, I)$  and  $n = |\mathcal{V}|$ . However, these results do not work for the classical (fully) dynamic model, and they posed developing a dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid constraint in the (fully) dynamic model as an open problem.

And as discussed previously, the concurrent work of Dütting et al. [65] at ICML 2023 provides an algorithm for dynamic submodular optimization under matroid constraint. Their algorithm has a  $4 + \epsilon$  approximation guarantee and  $O(\frac{k^2}{\epsilon} \log(k) \log^2(n) \log^3(\frac{k}{\epsilon}))$  amortized expected query complexity.

**Known (insertion-only) streaming algorithms.** The first streaming algorithm for the submodular maximization under the cardinality constraint was developed by Badanidiyuru, Mirzasoleiman, Karbasi, and Krause [10]. In this seminal work, the authors developed a  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm for this problem using  $O(k\epsilon^{-1}\log k)$  space. Later, Kazemi, Mitrovic, Zadimoghaddam, Lattanzi and Karbasi [97] proposed a space streaming algorithm for this problem that improves the space complexity down to  $O(k\epsilon^{-1})$ .

In a groundbreaking work, Chakrabarti and Kale [43] at IPCO'14 designed a streaming framework for submodular maximization problems under the matroid and matching constraints, as well as other constraints where independent sets are given either by a hypermatching constraint in p-hypergraphs or by the intersection of p matroids. In particular, their streaming framework gives a 4-approximation streaming algorithm for the submodular maximization under the matroid constraint using O(k) space, where k is the rank of the underlying matroid  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{I})$ . The approximation ratio was recently improved to 3.15 by Feldman, Liu, Norouzi-Fard, Svensson, and Zenklusen [78].

Later, Chekuri, Gupta, and Quanrud [48] developed one-pass streaming algorithms for (non-monotone) submodular maximization problems under p-matchoid<sup>6</sup> constraint as well as simpler streaming algorithms for the monotone case that have the same bounds as those of Chakrabarti and Kale [43]. (These two works [43, 48] were inspiring works for us as well).

**Known streaming algorithms for related submodular problems.** For non-monotone submodular objectives, the first streaming result was obtained by Buchbinder, Feldman, and Schwartz [41], who designed a randomized streaming algorithm achieving an 11.197-approximation for the problem of maximizing a non-monotone submodular function subject to a single cardinality constraint.

Chekuri, Gupta, and Quanrud [48] further extended the work of Chakrabarti and Kale by developing (5p +

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A set system (N, I) is p-matchoid if there exists m matroids (N<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>1</sub>), · · · , (N<sub>m</sub>, I<sub>m</sub>) such that every element of N appears in the ground set of at most p of these matroids and I = {S ⊆ 2<sup>N</sup> : ∀<sub>1≤i≤m</sub>S ∩ N<sub>i</sub> ∈ I<sub>i</sub>}.

 $2 + 1/p)/(1 - \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm for the non-monotone submodular maximization problems under p-matchoid constraints in the insertion-only streaming model. They also devised a deterministic streaming algorithm achieving  $(9p + O(\sqrt{p}))/(1 - \epsilon)$ -approximation for the same problem. Later, Mirzasoleiman, Jegelka, and Krause [123] designed a different deterministic algorithm for the same problem achieving an approximation ratio of  $4p + 4\sqrt{p} + 1$ .

At NeurIPS'18, Feldman, Karbasi and Kazemi [77] improved these results for monotone and non-monotone submodular maximization under the p-matchoid constraint with respect to the space usage and approximation factor. As an example, their streaming algorithm for non-monotone submodular under p-matchoid achieves 4p + 2 - o(1)-approximation that improves upon the randomized streaming algorithm proposed in [48].

**Known dynamic streaming algorithms.** Mirzasoleiman, Karbasi and Krause [124] and Kazemi, Zadimoghaddam and Karbasi [98] proposed dynamic streaming algorithms for the cardinality constraint. In particular, the authors in [124] developed a dynamic streaming algorithm that given a stream of inserts and deletes of elements of an underlying ground set V,  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximates the submodular maximization under cardinality constraint using  $O((dk\epsilon^{-1}\log k)^2)$  space and  $O(dk\epsilon^{-1}\log k)$  average update time, where d is an upper-bound for the number of deletes that are allowed.

The follow-up paper [98] studies approximating submodular maximization under cardinality constraint in three models, (1) centralized model, (2) dynamic streaming where we are allowed to insert and delete (up to d) elements of an underlying ground set  $\mathcal{V}$ , and (3) distributed (MapReduce) model. In order to design a generic framework for all three models, they compute a coreset for submodular maximization under cardinality constraint. Their coreset has a size of  $O(k \log k + d \log^2 k)$ . Out of this coreset, we can extract a set S of size at most k whose f(S) in expectation is at least 2-approximation of the optimal solution. The time to extract such a set S from the coreset is  $O(dk \log^2 k + d \log^3 k)$ .

The algorithms presented in [124] and [98] are dynamic streaming algorithms (not fully dynamic algorithms) whose time complexities depend on the number of deletions (Theorem 1 of the second reference). Therefore, their query complexities will be high if we recompute a solution after each insertion or deletion. Indeed, if the number of deletions is linear in terms of the maximum size of the ground set V, it is in fact better to re-run the known leveling algorithms (say, [129]) after every insertion and deletion. A similar result was recently obtained for the submodular maximization under the matroid constraint. At ICML 2022, Duetting, Fusco, Lattanzi, Norouzi-Fard, Zadimoghaddam [63] presented a streaming (5.582 +  $O(\epsilon)$ )-approximation algorithm for the deletion robust version of this problem, where the number of deletions is known to the algorithm, and they are revealed at the end of the stream. The space usage of their algorithm is  $O(k + \epsilon^{-2} d \log(k))$ , which is again linear if the number of deletions (d) is linear in terms of the maximum size of the ground set V. This was subsequently improved by Zhang, Tatti, and Gionis [147].

**Known MapReduce algorithms.** The first distributed algorithm for the cardinality constrained submodular maximization was due to Mirrokni and Zadimoghaddam [122] who gave a 3.70-approximation in 2 rounds without duplication and a 1.834-approximation with significant duplication of the ground set (each element being sent to  $\Theta(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\log(\frac{1}{\epsilon}))$  machines). Later, Barbosa, Ene, Nguyen and Ward [60] achieves a  $(2+\epsilon)$ -approximation in 2 rounds and was the first to achieve a  $(\frac{e}{e-1}+\epsilon)$  approximation in  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$  rounds. Both algorithms require  $\Omega(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$  duplication. [60] mentions that without duplication, the two algorithms could be implemented in  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\log(\frac{1}{\epsilon}))$  and  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2})$  rounds, respectively.

In a subsequent work, Liu and Vondrak [115] develop a simple thresholding algorithm that with one random partitioning of the dataset (no duplication) achieves the following: In 2 rounds of MapReduce, they obtain a  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximation and in  $2/\epsilon$  rounds, they achieve  $(\frac{\ell}{\ell-1} - \epsilon)$ -approximation. Their algorithm is inspired

by the streaming algorithms that are presented in [105] and [120]. It is also similar to the algorithm of Assadi and Khanna [7] who study the communication complexity of the maximum coverage problem.

## 2 Dynamic algorithm for submodular matroid maximization

In this section, we present our dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization problem under the matroid constraint. The pseudocode of our algorithm is provided in Algorithms 1 and 2. The overview of our dynamic algorithm is given in Section 1.2 "Our contribution".

**Promoting Elements** As we explained in Section 1.2 "Our contribution", a key concept in our algorithm is the notion of *promoting elements*.

**Definition 2.1** (Promoting elements). Let  $L_{1 \le \ell \le T}$  be a level. We call an element e, a promoting element for the level  $L_i$  if

- **Property 1:**  $f(I'_{\ell} + e) f(I'_{\ell}) \ge \frac{\epsilon}{10k} \cdot MAX$ , and
- One of the following properties hold:
  - **Property 2:**  $I_{\ell} + e$  is independent set (i.e.,  $I_{\ell} + e \in I$ ) or
  - **Property 3:**  $I_{\ell}$  + e is not independent and the minimum weight element  $\hat{e} = \arg\min_{e' \in C} w(e')$  of the set  $C = \{e' \in I_{\ell} : I_{\ell} + e e' \in I\}$  satisfies  $2w(\hat{e}) \leq f(I'_{\ell} + e) f(I'_{\ell})$ .

We define the function Promote( $I_{\ell}, I'_{\ell}, e, w[I_{\ell}]$ ) for an element  $e \in V$  with respect to the level  $L_{\ell}$  which

- returns 0 if properties 1 and 2 hold;
- returns  $\hat{e}$  if properties 1 and 3 hold;
- returns Fail otherwise.

Subroutine Promote in Algorithm 1 implements this function. This subroutine checks if an element  $e \in V$  is a promoting element for a level  $L_{\ell}$  or not. In case that e is a promoting element for  $L_{\ell}$ , the subroutine Promote finds an element e' (if it exists) that satisfies Property 3 of definition 2.1 and replaces it by e.

Our leveling algorithm consists of three subroutines, Init, Matroid Construct Level, and Promote. We explained in above Subroutine Promote. In Subroutine Init, we first initialize  $I_0$  and  $I'_0$  as empty set and set  $R_0$  to the ground set V. We then let  $R_1$  be all elements of the set  $R_0$  that are promoting with respect to  $L_0$ . Observe that since  $I_0$  and  $I'_0$  are empty sets, if an element e filtered out from the level  $L_0$ , i.e.,  $e \in L_0$  but  $e \notin L_1$ , then e was filtered because of Property 1. Finally, we invoke Matroid Construct Level for the level  $L_1$ , to build all the remaining levels. Subroutine Matroid Construct Level implements our leveling algorithm that we gave an overview of it in Section 1.2 "Our contribution".

**Relaxing** MAX **assumption.** Our dynamic algorithm assumes the maximum value  $\max_{e \in V} f(e)$  is given as a parameter. However, in reality, the maximum value is not known in advance and it may change after every insertion or deletion. To remove this assumption, we run parallel instances of our dynamic algorithm for different guesses of the maximum value  $MAX_t$  at any time t of the sequence  $S_t$ , such that  $\max_{e \in V_t} f(e) \in (MAX_t/2, MAX_t]$  in one of the runs. Recall that  $V_t$  is the set of elements that have been inserted but not deleted from the beginning of the sequence till time t. These guesses that we take are  $2^i$  where  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $\rho$  is the ratio between the maximum and minimum non-zero possible value of an element in V, then the number of parallel instances of our algorithm will be  $O(\log \rho)$ . This incurs an extra  $O(\log \rho)$ -factor in the query complexity of our dynamic algorithm.

#### **Algorithm 1** MatroidLeveling( $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{I}), MAX$ ) 1: **function** Init(V) $I_0 \leftarrow \emptyset, \quad I_0' \leftarrow \emptyset, \quad R_0 \leftarrow V$ 2: $R_1 \leftarrow \{e \in R_0 : \text{Promote}(I_0, I'_0, e, w[I_0]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$ 3: Invoke MatroidConstructLevel(i = 1) 4: 5: **function** MatroidConstructLevel(*i*) Let P be a random permutation of elements of $R_i$ and $\ell \leftarrow i$ 6: 7: **for** *e* in *P* **do if** Promote $(I_{\ell-1}, I'_{\ell-1}, e, w[I_{\ell-1}]) \neq \text{Fail }$ **then** 8: $y \leftarrow \text{Promote}(I_{\ell-1}, I'_{\ell-1}, e, w[I_{\ell-1}])) \text{ and } z \leftarrow \ell$ 9: Fix the weight $w(e) \leftarrow f(I'_{\ell-1} + e) - f(I'_{\ell-1})$ , and set the element $e_{\ell} \leftarrow e$ 10: Let $I_{\ell} \leftarrow (I_{\ell-1} + e) \setminus y$ , $I'_{\ell} \leftarrow I'_{\ell-1} + e$ , $R_{\ell+1} \leftarrow \emptyset$ , and then $\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$ 11: else 12: Run binary search to find the lowest $z \in [i, \ell - 1]$ such that $PROMOTE(I_z, I_z', e, w[I_z]) = FAIL$ 13: 14: for $r \leftarrow i + 1$ to z do 15: $R_r \leftarrow R_r + e$ **return** $T \leftarrow \ell - 1$ which is the final $\ell$ that the for-loop above returns subtracted by one 16: **function** Promote(I, I', e, w[I]) if $f(I' \cup \{e\}) - f(I') \notin \left[\frac{\epsilon}{10k} \cdot MAX, MAX\right]$ then 18: 19: return Fail if $I + e \in \mathcal{I}$ then 20: 21: return Ø $C \leftarrow \{e' \in I : I + e - e' \in I\}$ and let $\hat{e} \leftarrow \arg\min_{e' \in C} w(e')$ 22: **if** $2 \cdot w(\hat{e}) \le f(I' + e) - f(I')$ **then** 23:

Next, we show how to replace this extra factor with an extra factor of  $O(\log{(k/\epsilon)})$  which is independent of  $\rho$ . We use the well-known technique that has been also used in [109]. In particular, for every element e, we add it to those instances i for which we have  $\frac{\epsilon}{10k} \cdot 2^i \le f(e) \le 2^i$ . The reason is if the maximum value of  $V_t$  is within the range  $(2^{i-1}, 2^i]$  and  $f(e) > 2^i$ , then f(e) is greater than the maximum value and can safely be ignored for the instance i that corresponds to the guess  $2^i$ . On the other hand, we can safely ignore all elements e whose  $f(e) < \frac{\epsilon}{10k} \cdot 2^i$ , since these elements will never be a promoting element in the run with  $MAX = 2^i$ . This essentially means that every element e is added to at most  $O(\log{(k/\epsilon)})$  parallel instances. Thus, after every insertion or deletion, we need to update only  $O(\log{(k/\epsilon)})$  instances of our dynamic algorithm.

# 3 Analysis of dynamic algorithm for submodular matroid

24:

25:

26:

return  $\{\hat{e}\}$ 

return Fail

else

In this section, we prove the correctness of our Matroid Construct Level, Insert, and Delete algorithms. We will also compute the query complexity of each one of them. To analyze our randomized algorithm, for any variable x in our pseudo-code, we use  $\mathbf{x}$  to denote it as a random variable and use x itself to denote its value in an execution. The most frequently used random variables in our analysis are as follows:

### **Algorithm 2** Matroid Updates $(\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{I}), MAX)$

```
1: function Delete(v)
          R_0 \leftarrow R_0 - v
 2:
 3:
          for i \leftarrow 1 to T do
               if v \notin R_i then
 4:
                    break
 5:
               R_i \leftarrow R_i - v
 6:
 7:
               if e_i = v then
                    Invoke MatroidConstructLevel(i)
 8:
 9:
                    break
10: function Insert(v)
          R_0 \leftarrow R_0 + v.
11:
          for i \leftarrow 1 to T + 1 do
12:
13:
               if Promote(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, v, w[I_{i-1}]) = \text{Fail} then
                    break
14:
               R_i \leftarrow R_i + v.
15:
               Let p_i = 1 with probability \frac{1}{|R_i|}, and otherwise p_i = 0
16:
               if p_i = 1 then
17:
                    e_i \leftarrow v, w(e_i) \leftarrow f(I'_{i-1} + v) - f(I'_{i-1}), y \leftarrow \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, v, w[I_{i-1}])
18:
                     I_i \leftarrow I_{i-1} + v - y, \quad I'_i \leftarrow I'_i + v
19:
                    R_{i+1} = \{e' \in R_i : \text{Promote}(I_i, I'_i, e', w[I_i]) \neq \text{Fail}\}
20:
                    MatroidConstructLevel(i + 1)
21:
22:
                    break
```

#### Algorithm 3 Unknown MAX

1: Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be the instance of our dynamic algorithm, for which  $MAX = 2^i$ 

```
2: function UpdateWithoutKnowingMAX(e)
3: for each i \in \left[ \lceil \log f(e) \rceil, \left\lfloor \log \left( \frac{10k}{\epsilon} \cdot f(e) \right) \right\rfloor \right] do
4: Invoke Update(e) for instance \mathcal{A}_i
```

- We denote by  $\mathbf{e}_i$  the random variable corresponding to the element  $e_i$  picked at level  $L_i$ .
- We denote by  $\mathbf{R}_i$  the random variable that corresponds to the set  $R_i$ .
- The random variable **T** corresponds to T, which is the index of the last non-empty level created. Indeed, for a level  $L_i$  to be existent and non-empty,  $\mathbf{T} \ge i$  should hold.
- We define  $H_i = (e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}, R_0, \dots, R_i)$  as the partial configuration up to the level  $L_i$ . Note that  $R_i$  is included in this definition, while  $e_i$  is not.  $\mathbf{H}_i := (\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{i-1}, \mathbf{R}_0, \mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_i)$  is the random variable corresponding to the partial configuration  $H_i$ .

We break the analysis of our algorithm into a few steps.

**Step 1: Analysis of binary search.** In the first step, we prove that the binary search that we use to speed up the process of finding the right levels for non-promoting elements works. Indeed, we prove that if  $e \in V$  is a promoting element for a level  $L_{z-1}$ , it is promoting for all levels  $L_{r \le z-1}$  and if e is not promoting for the level  $L_z$ , it is not promoting for all levels  $L_{r \ge z}$ . Therefore, because of this monotonicity property, we can do a

binary search to find the smallest  $z \in [i, \ell - 1]$  so that e is promoting for the level  $L_{z-1}$ , but it is not promoting for the level  $L_z$ . Additionally, we show that checking whether e is promoting for a level  $L_z$  can be done with  $O(\log(k))$  queries using a binary search argument.

**Step 2: Maintaining invariants.** We define six invariants, and we show that these invariants *hold* when Init is run, and our whole data structure gets built, *and are preserved* after every insertion and deletion of an element.

#### **Invariants:**

- 1. Level invariants.
  - 1.1 **Starter.**  $R_0 = V$  and  $I_0 = I'_0 = \emptyset$
  - 1.2 **Survivor.** For  $1 \le i \le T+1$ ,  $R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \ne \text{Fail}\}$
  - 1.3 **Independent.** For  $1 \le i \le T$ ,  $I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e_i, w[I_{i-1}])$ , and  $I'_i = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j$
  - 1.4 **Weight.** For  $1 \le i \le T$ ,  $e_i \in R_i$  and  $w(e_i) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) f(I'_{i-1})$
  - 1.5 **Terminator.**  $R_{T+1} = \emptyset$
- 2. **Uniform invariant.** For all  $i \ge 1$ , conditioned on the random variables **T** and **H**<sub>i</sub>, the element  $e_i$  is chosen uniformly at random from the set  $R_i$ . That is,  $\mathbb{P}\left[\mathbf{e}_i = e | \mathbf{T} \ge i \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_i = H_i\right] = \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left[e \in R_i\right]$ .

The survivor invariant says that all elements that are added to  $R_i$  at a level  $L_i$  are promoting elements for that level. In other words, those elements of the set  $R_{i-1} - e_{i-1}$  that are not promoting will be filtered out and not be seen in  $R_i$ . The terminator invariant shows that the recursive construction of levels stops when the survivor set becomes empty. The independent invariant shows that the sets  $I_i$  are independent sets of the matroid  $\mathcal{M}(V, I)$ , and  $I_i'$  is equal to the union of  $I_1, \ldots, I_i$ . The weight invariant explains that the weight of every element  $e_i$  added to the independent set  $I_i$  is defined with respect to the marginal gain it adds to the set  $I_{i-1}'$ , and it is fixed later on. Intuitively, the level invariants provide the approximation guarantee.

The uniform invariant asserts that, conditioned on  $\mathbf{T} \geq i$  which means that  $L_i$  is a non-empty level and  $\mathbf{H}_i = H_i$ , which implies that  $e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}$  are chosen and  $R_i$  is well-defined, the element  $\mathbf{e}_i$  is uniform random variable over the set  $R_i$ . That is,  $\mathbb{P}\left[\mathbf{e}_i = e | \mathbf{T} \geq i \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_i = H_i\right] = \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left[e \in R_i\right]$ . Intuitively, this invariant provides us with the randomness that we need to fool the adversary in the (fully) dynamic model which in turn helps us to develop a dynamic algorithm for the submodular matroid maximization.

**Step 3: Query complexity.** In the third part of the proof, we show that if the **uniform** invariant holds, we can bound the worst-case expected query complexity of the leveling algorithm, and later, the worst-case expected query complexity of the insertion and deletion operations.

**Step 4: Approximation guarantee.** Finally, in the last step of the proof, we show that if the survivor, terminator, independent and weights invariants hold, we can report an independent set  $I_T \in I$  whose submodular value is an  $(4 + \epsilon)$ -approximation of the optimal value.

#### 3.1 Monotone property and binary search argument

Recall that we defined the function  $Promote(I_j, I'_j, e, w[I_j])$  for an element  $e \in V$  with respect to the level  $L_j$  which

- returns 0 if properties 1 and 2 hold;
- returns  $\hat{e}$  if properties 1 and 3 hold;

• returns Fail otherwise.

Here properties 1, 2, and 3 are the ones that we defined in Definition 2.1. Recall that if the first two cases occur, we say that e is a promoting element with respect to the level  $L_j$ . In this section, we consider a boolean version of the function  $PROMOTE(I_j, I'_j, e, w[I_j])$ . We denote this boolean function by  $BoolPROMOTE(e, L_j)$  which is True if either of the first two cases happen. That is, when  $PROMOTE(I_j, I'_j, e, w[I_j])$  returns either  $\emptyset$  or  $\hat{e}$ ; otherwise,  $BoolPROMOTE(e, L_i)$  returns False.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $L_j$  be an arbitrary level of the Algorithm DynamicMatroid, where  $1 \le j \le T$ . Let e be an arbitrary element of the ground set. If BoolPromote(e,  $L_{j-1}$ ) returns False, then BoolPromote(e,  $L_j$ ) returns False.

Suppose for the moment that this lemma is correct. Then by applying a simple induction, we can show the function BoolPromote( $e, L_j$ ) is monotone which means that the function Promote( $I_j, I'_j, e, w[I_j]$ ) is monotone. Thus, for every arbitrary element e, it is possible to perform a binary search on the interval  $[i, \ell - 1]$  to find the smallest  $z \in [i, \ell - 1]$  such that BoolPromote( $e, L_{z-1}$ ) = True and BoolPromote( $e, L_z$ ) = False.

Now we prove the lemma.

Proof. TOPROVE 1

**Lemma 5.** Let  $I \in I$  be an independent set and e be an element such that  $I \cup \{e\} \notin I$ . Define  $C := \{e' : I + e - e' \in I\}$ . Let  $w : I \cup \{e\} \to \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  be an arbitrary weight function and define  $\hat{e} := \arg\min_{e' \in C} w(e')$ . The element  $\hat{e}$  can be found using at most  $O(\log(|I|))$  oracle queries.

Proof. TOPROVE 2

#### 3.2 Correctness of invariants after Matroid Construct Level is called

In this section, we focus on the previously defined invariants at the end of the execution of the algorithm MATROIDCONSTRUCTLEVEL(j). We first provide a definition explaining what we mean by stating that level invariants partially hold.

**Definition 3.1.** For  $j \ge 1$ , we say that the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels if the followings hold.

- 1. **Starter.**  $R_0 = V$  and  $I_0 = I'_0 = \emptyset$
- 2. **Survivor.** For  $1 \le i \le j$ ,  $R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \ne \text{Fail}\}$
- 3. **Independent.** For  $1 \le i \le j-1$ ,  $I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e_i, w[I_{i-1}])$ , and  $I'_i = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j$
- 4. Weight. For  $1 \le i \le j-1$ ,  $e_i \in R_i$  and  $w(e_i) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) f(I'_{i-1})$

Next, we have the following theorem, in which we ensure that all level invariants hold after the execution of MatroidConstructLevel(j) given the assumption that level invariants partially hold for the first j levels when MatroidConstructLevel(j) is invoked. This theorem will be of use in the following sections in showing that level invariants hold after each update. It can also independently prove that level invariants hold after Init is run.

**Theorem 6.** If before calling MatroidConstructLevel(j), the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after the execution of MatroidConstructLevel(j), level invariants fully hold.

Proof. TOPROVE 3 □

Finally, we prove a lemma that says knowing that the level invariants are going to hold after the execution of MATROIDCONSTRUCTLEVEL(j), a modified version of uniform invariant will also hold after this execution. We use this lemma in the next sections to prove that the uniform invariant holds after each update. It also shows that uniform invariant holds after Init is run since the previous theorem had proved that level invariants would hold.

**Lemma 7** (Uniform invariant). *If* Matroid Construct Level(j) *is invoked and the level invariants are going to hold after its execution, then for any*  $i \ge j$  *we have*  $\mathbb{P}[\mathbf{e}_i = e | \mathbf{T} \ge i \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_i = H_i] = \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}[e \in R_i]$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 4

#### 3.3 Correctness of invariants after an update

In our dynamic model, we consider a sequence S of updates to the underlying ground set V where at time t of the sequence S, we observe an update which can be the deletion of an element  $e \in V$  or insertion of an element  $e \in V$ . We assume that an element e can be deleted at time e, if it is in e meaning that it was not deleted after the last time it was inserted.

We use several random variables for our analysis, including  $\mathbf{e}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$ , and  $\mathbf{H}_i$ . Upon observing an update at time t, we should distinguish between each of these random variables and their corresponding values before and after the update. To do so, we use the notations  $\mathbf{Y}^-$  and  $Y^-$  to denote a random variable and its value before time t when e is either deleted or inserted, and we keep using  $\mathbf{Y}$  and Y to denote them at the current time after the execution of update. As an example,  $\mathbf{H}_i^- := (\mathbf{e}_1^-, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{i-1}^-, \mathbf{R}_0^-, \mathbf{R}_1^-, \dots, \mathbf{R}_i^-)$  is the random variable that corresponds to the partial configuration  $H_i^- = (e_1^-, \dots, e_{i-1}^-, R_0^-, \dots, R_i^-)$ .

#### 3.3.1 Correctness of invariants after every insertion

We first consider the case when the update at time t of the sequence S is an insertion of an element v. In this section, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 8.** If before the insertion of an element v, the level invariants and uniform invariant hold, then they also hold after the execution of INSERT(v).

We break the proof of this theorem into Lemmas 9 and 10. Note that we use Lemma 9 in the proof of Lemma 10. However, Lemma 10 would not be used in the proof of 9, so no loop would form when combined to prove the theorem. Proof of Lemma 9 is written in detail in Appendix A Section A.2.

**Lemma 9** (Level invariants). *If before the insertion of an element* v *the level invariants (i.e., starter, survivor, independent, weight, and terminator) hold, then they also hold after the execution of* Insert(v).

**Lemma 10** (Uniform invariant). *If before the insertion of an element* v *the level and uniform invariants hold, then the uniform invariant also holds after the execution of* INSERT(v).

Proof. TOPROVE 5

#### 3.3.2 Correctness of invariants after every deletion

Now, we consider the case when the update at time t of the sequence S, is a deletion of an element v, and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 11.** If before the deletion of an element v, the level invariants and the uniform invariant hold, then they also hold after the execution of DELETE(v).

Similar to Theorem 8, we break the proof of this theorem into Lemmas 12 and 13. Proofs of Lemmas 12 is given in Appendix A Sections A.3.

**Lemma 12** (Level invariants). *If before the deletion of an element v the level invariants (i.e., starter, survivor, independent, weight, and terminator) hold, then they also hold after the execution of* Delete(v).

**Lemma 13** (Uniform invariant). *If before the deletion of an element* v, *the level and uniform invariants hold, then the uniform invariant also holds after the execution of* Delete(v).

Proof. TOPROVE 6

### 3.4 Application of Uniform Invariant: Query complexity

As for the query complexity of this algorithm, observe that checking if an element e is promoting for a level  $L_z$  needs  $O(\log(k))$  oracle queries because of Lemma 5 and the fact that the size of the independent set  $I_z$  is at most k. The binary search that we perform needs  $O(\log T)$  number of such suitability checks for the element e. Thus, if we initiate the leveling algorithm with a set  $R_i$ , our algorithm needs  $O(|R_i| \cdot \log(k) \cdot \log(T))$  oracle queries to build the levels  $L_i, \dots, L_T$ .

**Lemma 14.** The number of levels T is at most  $k \log(\frac{k}{\epsilon})$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 7

Next, we analyze the query complexity of MatroidConstructLevel.

**Lemma 15.** The total cost of calling MatroidConstructLevel(i) is at most  $O(|R_i|\log(k)\log(\frac{k}{\epsilon}))$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 8

**Lemma 16.** For a specified value of MAX, each update operation in Algorithm 2 has query complexity at most  $O\left(k\log(k)\log^2\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)\right)$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 9

In order to obtain an algorithm that works regardless of the value of MAX, we guess MAX up to a factor of 2 using parallel runs. Each element is inserted only to  $\log(k/\epsilon)$  copies of the algorithm. Therefore, we obtain the total query complexity claimed in Theorem 17.

**Theorem 17.** The expected query complexity of each insert/delete for all runs is  $O\left(k\log(k)\log^3\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\right)\right)$ .

#### 3.5 Application of Level Invariants: Approximation guarantee

Recall that we run parallel instances of DynamicMatroid for different guesses of the maximum value MAX such that after each update, there is a run with  $\max_{e \in V_t} f(e) \in (MAX/2, MAX]$ , where  $V_t$  is the set of elements that have been inserted but not deleted yet. In this section, we only talk about the run with  $\max_{e \in V_t} f(e) \in (MAX/2, MAX]$ . We prove that if the level invariants hold, then after each update the submodular value of the set  $I_T$  in this run is a  $(4 + \epsilon)$ -approximation of the optimal value OPT. Formally, we state this claim as follows:

**Theorem 18.** Suppose that the level invariants hold in every run of DynamicMatroid. Let  $I_T$  be the independent set of the final level  $L_T$  in the run with  $\max_{e \in V} f(e) \in (MAX/2, MAX]$ . Then, the set  $I_T$  satisfies  $(4 + \epsilon) \cdot f(I_T) \ge OPT$ , where  $OPT = \max_{I^* \in I} f(I^*)$ .

To this end, we first define a few notations.

**Definition 3.2.** For an element  $e \in V$ , we let z(e) denote the largest i such that  $e \in R_i$ . In Algorithms 1 and 2, w(e) is defined for all elements  $e \in I_T'$ , but we need to define it for other elements as well. Therefore, if  $e_{z(e)} = e$ , we set  $w(e) = f(I_{z(e)-1}' + e) - f(I_{z(e)-1}')$ , to match the value defined in the Algorithm. Otherwise, we set  $w(e) = f(I_{z(e)}' + e) - f(I_{z(e)}')$ . For a set  $E \subseteq V$ , we define  $w(E) = \sum_{e \in E} w(e)$ .

We split the proof of Theorem 18 into four steps. We first (in Lemma 19) prove that  $w(I_T') \leq 2w(I_T)$ . Later, in Lemma 20 we show that the sum of the weight of the elements in  $I_T$  is upper-bounded by the submodular function of  $I_T$ . That is,  $w(I_T) \leq f(I_T)$ . Recall that  $OPT = \max_{I \in I} f(I)$  and we used the notation  $I^* = \arg\max_{I \in I} f(I)$  for an independent set in I whose submodular value is maximum. In the third step of the proof of Theorem 18, we show that  $f(I^*) \leq 2w(I_T) + w(I^*)$ . We prove this in Lemma 21. Our proofs for these lemmas are inspired by the analysis in Chakrabarti and Kale [43] who study the streaming version of the problem. Finally, we show that  $w(I^*) \leq 2w(I_T) + \frac{\epsilon}{5} \cdot f(I^*)$ . This is proven in Lemma 22 using an argument inspired by the analysis of Ashwinkumar [11].

Having all these tools in hand, we can then finish the proof of Theorem 18. Indeed, we have

$$f(I^*) \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 2w(I_T) + w(I^*) \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 4w(I_T) + \frac{\epsilon}{5} \cdot f(I^*) \stackrel{(c)}{\leq} 4f(I_T) + \frac{\epsilon}{5} \cdot f(I^*) ,$$
 (1)

where (a), (b), and (c) follow from Lemmas 21, 22 and 20 respectively.

This essentially means that  $f(I^*) \le \frac{4}{1-\frac{\epsilon}{5}} \cdot f(I_T)$ . Now observe that  $\frac{4}{1-\frac{\epsilon}{5}} \le 4 + \epsilon$ . Indeed, if we want to have this claim correct, we must have  $20 - 4\epsilon + 5\epsilon - \epsilon^2 \ge 20$  which means we must have  $\epsilon(\epsilon - 1) \le 0$ . However, this is correct since  $0 < \epsilon \le 1$ , which finishes the proof of Theorem 18.

Next, we prove the four steps that we explained above.

**Definition 3.3** (Span). Let  $E \subseteq V$  be a set of elements. We define  $Span(E) = \{e \in V : rank(E + e) = rank(E)\}$ . Lemma 19.  $w(I'_T) \le 2w(I_T)$ .

**Lemma 20.** The sum of the weight of the elements in  $I_T$  is upper-bounded by the submodular function of  $I_T$ . That is,  $w(I_T) \leq f(I_T)$ .

**Lemma 21.** Recall that  $OPT = \max_{I \in I} f(I)$  and we used the notation  $I^* = \arg \max_{I \in I} f(I)$  for an independent set in I whose submodular value is maximum. Then,  $f(I^*) \leq 2w(I_T) + w(I^*)$ .

**Lemma 22.**  $w(I^*) \le 2w(I_T) + \frac{\epsilon}{5} \cdot f(I^*)$ .

We first give a sketch of the proof of Lemma 22.

We split the  $I^*$  into two parts. The first part consists of elements with weights  $w(e) \le \frac{\epsilon}{10k} MAX$ . As we will show, the total weight of these elements can be bounded by  $\frac{\epsilon}{5} \cdot f(I^*)$ . As for the second group, we will show that each element can be mapped one-to-one to an element in  $I_T$  with at least half its weight.

Formally, let  $I_W^*$  consist of all the elements in  $I^*$  such that  $w(e) \le \frac{\epsilon}{10k} MAX$ . We first bound  $w(I_W^*)$ :

$$w(I_W^*) = \sum_{e \in I_W^*} w(e) \le |I_W^*| \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{10k} \cdot MAX$$

$$\le |I^*| \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{10k} \cdot MAX$$

$$\le \frac{\epsilon}{10} \cdot MAX < \frac{\epsilon}{5} \cdot f(I^*) . \tag{2}$$

The last conclusion comes from the fact that  $f(I^*) \ge \max_{e \in V} f(e) \in (\frac{MAX}{2}, MAX]$ .

In order to bound  $w(I^* \setminus I_W^*)$ , we will use the following lemmas:

**Lemma 23.** Let sets  $E_1, E_2 \subseteq V$  and elements  $e_1, e_2 \in V$ . If  $e_1 \in Span(E_1)$  and  $e_2 \in Span(E_2 - e_2)$ , then  $e_1 \in Span((E_1 \cup E_2) - e_2)$ .

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Proof. TOPROVE 13
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**Lemma 24.** There is a function  $N: I^* \backslash I_W^* \to 2^{I_T}$  such that for all  $e \in I^* \backslash I_W^*$ ,  $e \in Span(N(e))$  and for all  $e' \in N(e)$ ,  $w(e) \leq 2w(e')$ .

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Proof. TOPROVE 14
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**Lemma 25.** Assume that  $E, E' \subseteq V$ . If E be an independent set such that  $E \subseteq Span(E')$ , then  $|E| \leq |E'|$ .

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Proof. TOPROVE 15
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Proof. TOPROVE 16

# 4 Parameterized dynamic algorithm for submodular maximization under cardinality constraint

In this section, we present our dynamic algorithm for the maximum submodular problem under the cardinality constraint k. The pseudo-code of our algorithm is provided in Algorithm 4. The overview of our dynamic algorithm is given in Section "Our contribution" 1.2. The analysis of this algorithm is similar to the dynamic algorithm that we designed for the matroid constraint. Thus, we explain it in Appendix B.

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Algorithm 4 CardinalityConstraintLeveling(k, OPT)
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1: function INIT(V)
         \tau \leftarrow \frac{OPT}{2k}
I_0 \leftarrow \emptyset \text{ and } R_0 \leftarrow V
 2:
 3:
          R_1 \leftarrow \{e \in R_0 : \text{Promote}(I_0, e) = True\}
 5:
          Invoke ConstructLevel(i = 1)
 6: function ConstructLevel(i)
 7:
          Let P be a random permutation of elements of R_i and \ell \leftarrow i
 8:
          for e in P do
 9:
               if Promote(I_{\ell-1}, e) = True then
                    e_{\ell} \leftarrow e, I_{\ell} \leftarrow I_{\ell-1} + e_{\ell}, and z \leftarrow \ell
10:
                    \ell \leftarrow \ell + 1 and R_{\ell} \leftarrow \emptyset
11:
               else
12:
                    Run binary search to find the lowest z \in [i, \ell - 1] such that Promote(I_z, e) = False
13:
               for r \leftarrow i + 1 to z do
14:
                    R_r \leftarrow R_r + e.
15:
          return T \leftarrow \ell - 1 which is the final \ell that the for-loop above returns subtracted by one
16:
17: function Promote(I, e)
          if f(I + e) - f(I) \ge \tau and |I| < k then
18:
               return True
19:
20:
          return False
```

#### **Algorithm 5** CardinalityConstraintUpdates(k, OPT)

```
1: function Delete(v)
         R_0 \leftarrow R_0 - v
 2:
 3:
         for i \leftarrow 1 to T do
              if v \notin R_i then
 4:
                   break
 5:
              R_i \leftarrow R_i - v
 6:
 7:
              if e_i = v then
                   Invoke ConstructLevel(i).
 8:
 9:
                   break
10: function Insert(v)
         R_0 \leftarrow R_0 + v.
11:
         for i \leftarrow 1 to T + 1 do
12:
13:
              if Promote(I_{i-1}, v) = False then
                   break
14:
              R_i \leftarrow R_i + v.
15:
              Let p = 1 with probability \frac{1}{|R|}, and otherwise p = 0.
16:
              if p = 1 then
17:
                   e_i \leftarrow v, I_i \leftarrow I_{i-1} + v
18:
                   R_{i+1} = \{e' \in R_i : \text{Promote}(I_i, e') = True\}
19:
                   ConstructLevel(i + 1)
20:
21:
                   break
```

**Relaxing** *OPT* **assumption.** Our dynamic algorithm assumes the optimal value  $OPT = \max_{I^* \subseteq V: |I^*| \le k} f(I^*)$  is given as a parameter. However, in reality, the optimal value is not known in advance and may change after every insertion or deletion. To remove this assumption in Algorithm 6, we run parallel instances of our dynamic algorithm for different guesses of the optimal value  $OPT_t$  at any time t of the sequence  $S_t$ , such that  $\max_{I^* \subseteq V_t: |I^*| \le k} f(I^*) \in (OPT_t/(1+\epsilon), OPT_t]$  in one of the runs. Recall that  $V_t$  is the set of elements that have been inserted but not deleted from the beginning of the sequence till time t. These guesses that we take are  $(1+\epsilon)^i$  where  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $\rho$  is the ratio between the maximum and minimum non-zero possible value of a subset of V with at most k elements, then the number of parallel instances of our algorithm will be  $O(\log_{1+\epsilon}\rho)$ . This incurs an extra  $O(\log_{1+\epsilon}\rho)$ -factor in the query complexity of our dynamic algorithm.

In fact, we can replace this extra factor with an extra factor of  $O(\log(k)/\epsilon)$  which is independent of  $\rho$ . To this end, we use the well-known technique that has been also used in [109]. In particular, for every element e, we add it to those instances i for which we have  $\frac{(1+\epsilon)^i}{2k} \leq f(e) \leq (1+\epsilon)^i$ . The reason is if the optimal value of  $V_t$  is within the range  $((1+\epsilon)^{i-1}, (1+\epsilon)^i]$  and  $f(e) > (1+\epsilon)^i$ , then f(e) is greater than the optimal value and can safely be ignored for the instance i that corresponds to the guess  $(1+\epsilon)^i$ . On the other hand, we can safely ignore all elements e whose  $f(e) < \frac{(1+\epsilon)^i}{2k} = \tau$ , since these elements will never be a promoting element in the run with  $OPT = (1+\epsilon)^i$ . This essentially means that every element e is added to at most  $O(\log_{1+\epsilon}(2k)) = O(\log(k)/\epsilon)$  parallel instances. Thus, after every insertion or deletion, we need to update only  $O(\log(k)/\epsilon)$  instances of our dynamic algorithm.

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#### Algorithm 6 Unknown OPT

1: Let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be the instance of our dynamic algorithm, for which  $OPT = (1 + \epsilon)^i$ .

2: **function** UpdateWithoutKnowingOPT(e)

3: **for each**  $i \in [\lceil \log_{1+\epsilon} f(e) \rceil, \lfloor \log_{1+\epsilon} (2k \cdot f(e)) \rfloor]$  **do** 

 $> \frac{(1+\epsilon)^i}{2k} \le f(e) \le (1+\epsilon)^i$ 

4: Invoke Update(e) for instance  $\mathcal{A}_i$ .

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# A Some of the Proofs regarding Invariants of the algorithm for submodular matroid maximization

#### A.1 Proof of Theorem 6

**Lemma 26** (Survivor invariant). *If before calling* MatroidConstructLevel(*j*), *the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after its execution, the survivor invariant fully holds.* 

Proof. TOPROVE 17

**Lemma 27** (Independent invariant). *If before calling* Matroid Construct Level (j), the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after its execution, the independent invariant fully holds.

Proof. TOPROVE 18

**Lemma 28** (Weight invariant). *If before calling* MatroidConstructLevel(*j*), *the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after its execution, the weight invariant fully holds.* 

Proof. TOPROVE 19 □

**Lemma 29** (Terminator invariant). *If before calling* Matroid ConstructLevel(*j*), *the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after its execution, the terminator invariant fully holds.* 

Proof. TOPROVE 20

#### A.2 Proof of Lemma 9

To prove the lemma, we first mention some useful facts and then show that the starter, weight, independent, and survivor invariants partially hold. Finally, we prove that all level invariants hold.

We begin with defining variables  $i^*$  and  $j^*$  as follows.

- i\*: If during the execution of Insert(v) there is i ∈ [T] such that e<sub>i</sub> has been set to be v, which also implies that we have invoked MatroidConstructLevel(i + 1), then we set i\* to be i. Otherwise, we set i\* to be T + 1.
- $j^*$ : Let  $j^*$  be the largest  $i \in [0, T^- + 1]$  such that we have added v to  $R_i^-$ .

We consider these two cases in this proof.

- Case 1:  $i^* \le T$ , which means  $e_{i^*} = v$  and therefore  $j^* = i^*$ . It also means that we have invoked MATROIDCONSTRUCTLEVEL $(i^* + 1)$ .
- Case 2:  $i^* = T + 1$ , which means Matroid Construct Level has never been invoked during the insertion of v. Note that in this case,  $T = T^-$  and it is not possible for  $j^*$  to be equal to  $T^- + 1$ , since that would have caused invoking Matroid Construct Level. Thus,  $j^* < T^- + 1 = T + 1 = i^*$ .

Considering our algorithm in Insert( $\nu$ ), it is clear that for any  $i < i^*$ , we have not made any kind of change in  $e_i^-$ ,  $w(e_i)$ ,  $I_i^-$ , or  $I_i'^-$  at least until Matroid Construct Level is invoked, if it ever gets invoked. Additionally, according to Matroid Construct Level, we know that if we have invoked Matroid Construct Level ( $i^* + 1$ ), there has not been any alteration to the variables regarding previous levels. Hence, we can conduct the following facts.

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Fact 30. For any i \in [1, i^*), we have e_i = e_i^-.
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**Fact 31.** For any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ , we have  $w(e_i) = w^-(e_i)$ .

**Fact 32.** For any  $i \in [0, i^*)$ , we have  $I_i = I_i^-$ .

**Fact 33.** For any  $i \in [0, i^*)$ , we have  $I'_i = I'_i^-$ .

By the definition of  $j^*$ , we have added the element v to the set  $R_i^-$ , for each  $i \in [0, j^*]$ . Recall that  $j^* \le i^*$ , and by invoking Matroid Construct Level  $(i^* + 1)$ , there has not been any alteration to the variables regarding previous levels. It leads to the following fact.

**Fact 34.** For any  $i \in [0, j^*]$ , we have  $R_i = R_i^- + v$ .

We know that if Case 2 holds, which means Matroid Construct Level has never been invoked during the insertion of v, we have  $R_i = R_i^-$  for any  $i \in [j^* + 1, T + 1]$ . Recall that in Case 2,  $i^* = T + 1$ , and therefore  $[j^* + 1, T + 1] = [j^* + 1, i^*]$ . Also if Case 1 holds,  $j^* = i^*$ , so  $[j^* + 1, i^*] = \emptyset$ . Thus, independent of the case, we can have the following fact.

**Fact 35.** For any  $i \in [j^* + 1, i^*]$ , we have  $R_i = R_i^-$ .

In the following, we first prove that the starter invariant holds after executing Insert( $\nu$ ). We next show that the weight, independent, and survivor invariants partially hold for the first  $i^* + 1$  levels. Finally, we complete the proof by proving that all the level invariants hold.

**Starter invariant.** To show that the starter invariant holds after Insert(v), we need to prove  $R_0 = V$  and  $I_0 = I'_0 = \emptyset$ . By the assumption of this lemma, we have  $R_0^- = V^-$ , and Fact 34 results that  $R_0 = R_0^- + v$ . Thus  $R_0 = R_0^- + v = V^- + v = V$ .

Again by the assumption of this lemma,  $I_0^- = I_0'^- = \emptyset$ . Due to Fact 32, we have  $I_0 = I_0^-$ , and therefore, it is clear that  $I_0 = I_0^- = \emptyset$ . Similarly, we have  $I_0' = I_0'^- = \emptyset$ .

**Weight invariant (partially).** To show that weight invariant partially holds for the first  $i^*$  levels, we first prove  $e_i \in R_i$  and we prove then  $w(e_i) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) - f(I'_{i-1})$ .

By the assumption of this lemma, we know that  $e_i^- \in R_i^-$  for  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . Besides, according to Fact 35 and Fact 34, for any  $i \in [0, i^*]$ , either  $R_i = R_i^- + v$  or  $R_i = R_i^-$ , and thus  $R_i^- \subseteq R_i$ . Also for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$  we have  $e_i = e_i^-$  by Fact 30. Putting everything together, we have  $e_i = e_i^- \in R_i^- \subseteq R_i$  for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . which means  $e_i \in R_i$ .

Next we need to show  $w(e_i) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) - f(I'_{i-1})$ . For any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ , we have  $w(e_i) = w^-(e_i)$  by Fact 31. Besides,  $e_i = e_i^-$  by Fact 30, and then  $w^-(e_i) = w^-(e_i^-)$ . Moreover, the assumption of this lemma implies that  $w^-(e_i^-) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i^-) - f(I'_{i-1})$ . Also  $I'_{i-1} = I'_{i-1}$  for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$  because of Fact 33. Adding it to  $e_i = e_i^-$  implies  $f(I'_{i-1} + e_i^-) - f(I'_{i-1}) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) - f(I'_{i-1})$ . Putting everything together, for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$  we have

$$w(e_i) = w^-(e_i) = w^-(e_i^-) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i^-) - f(I'_{i-1}) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) - f(I'_{i-1}).$$

**Independent invariant (partially).** Now we show that the independent invariant partially holds for the first  $i^*$  levels after Insert(v). To do this, we prove  $I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e_i, w[I_{i-1}])$  and  $I'_i = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j$  holds for all  $i \in [1, i^*)$ .

Using Fact 32, we have  $I_i = I_i^-$  for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . Also,  $I_i^- = I_{i-1}^- + e_i^- - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, e_i^-, w^-[I_{i-1}^-])$  by the assumption of this lemma. Then,

$$I_i = I_i^- = I_{i-1}^- + e_i^- - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, e_i^-, w^-[I_{i-1}^-])$$
.

Recall that w[X] means w restricted to domain X. Now, we show that  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-] = w[I_{i-1}]$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . By Fact 32,  $I_{i-1} = I_{i-1}^-$ , which means the domain of  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-]$  and  $w[I_{i-1}]$  are equal. Moreover, since the independent invariant holds before the insertion of v by the assumption of this lemma, we have  $I_{i-1}^- \subseteq \{e_1^-, \cdots, e_{i-1}^-\}$ . Besides, for any  $j \le i - 1 < i^*$ , Fact 30 implies that  $e_j^- = e_j$ , which results in  $I_{i-1}^- \subseteq \{e_1, \cdots, e_{i-1}\}$ . We also have  $w(e_j) = w^-(e_j)$  for any  $j \le i - 1 < i^*$  using Fact 31. It completes the proof of  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-] = w[I_{i-1}]$ . Hence,

$$I_i = I_{i-1}^- + e_i^- - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, e_i^-, w[I_{i-1}])$$
.

For any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ , we have  $I_{i-1} = I_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 32,  $I'_{i-1} = I'_{i-1}^-$ 1 by Fact 33, and  $e_i = e_i^-$  by Fact 30. Then we can further conclude that:

$$I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e_i, w[I_{i-1}])$$
.

Finally, we prove  $I'_i = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j$  for all  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . Because of Fact 33,  $I'_i = I'_i$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . Besides,  $I'_i = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j^-$  a result of the assumption of this lemma. Also,  $I_j^- = I_j$  for any  $j \le i < i^*$  due to Fact 32. Putting everything together we have

$$I'_i = I'_i^- = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j^- = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j$$
.

**Survivor invariant (partially).** Next, we show that the survivor invariant partially holds for the first  $i^*$  levels by proving that  $R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} - e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*]$ . In the following, we first consider  $i \in [1, j^*]$  and then  $i \in [j^* + 1, i^*]$ . Recall that  $j^*$  is the largest j that we added v to  $R_j$  in Insert(v).

First we study  $i \in [1, j^*]$ . Using Fact 34,  $R_i = R_i^- + v$  holds for each  $i \in [1, j^*]$ , and  $R_i^- = \{e \in R_{i-1}^- - e_{i-1}^-: \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, e, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$  according to the assumption of this lemma. Besides, by the definition of  $j^*$  and according to the break condition in Line 13, we can conduct that  $\text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, v, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}$ . Putting everything together we have,

$$\begin{split} R_i &= R_i^- + v \\ &= \{e \in R_{i-1}^- - e_{i-1}^- : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I_{i-1}'^-, e, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}\} + v \\ &= \{e \in R_{i-1}^- + v - e_{i-1}^- : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I_{i-1}'^-, e, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}\} \enspace . \end{split}$$

As stated in the previous part, we know that  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-] = w[I_{i-1}]$  for any i that  $i-1 < j^* \le i^*$ . Using this fact alongside  $R_{i-1} = R_{i-1}^- + v$  by Fact 34,  $e_{i-1} = e_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 30,  $I_{i-1} = I_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 32, and  $I'_{i-1} = I'_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 33, we have:

$$R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} - e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$$
.

Recall that if case 1 holds,  $i^* = j^*$ , and then the survivor invariant partially holds for the first  $i^*$  levels. Otherwise, if Case 2 holds, it remains to study  $i \in [j^* + 1, i^*] = [j^* + 1, T + 1]$ .

It holds that  $R_i = R_i^-$  for any  $i \in [j^*, i^*]$  according to Fact 35. Adding it to the assumption of this lemma, we have:

$$R_i = R_i^- = \{e \in R_{i-1}^- - e_{i-1}^- : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, e, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$$
.

Besides,  $e_{i-1} = e_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 30,  $I_{i-1} = I_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 32, and  $I'_{i-1} = I'_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 33. Using these fact alongside  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-] = w[I_{i-1}]$ , which was stated beforehand we have

$$R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1}^- - e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$$
.

We have either  $i = j^* + 1$  or  $i \in (j^* + 1, i^*]$ . If  $i \in (j^* + 1, i^*]$ , then  $R_{i-1} = R_{i-1}^-$  by Fact 35. Hence,

$$R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} - e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$$
.

Now consider  $i = j^* + 1$ . According to Fact 34,  $R_{j^*} = R_{j^*}^- + v$ , and then  $R_{j^*}^- = R_{j^*} \setminus \{v\}$ . Due to the definition of  $j^*$ , we know v is not added to  $R_{j^*+1}$ . Hence, according to the break condition in Line 13, we can conduct that  $PROMOTE(I_{j^*}, I'_{j^*}, e, w[I_{j^*}]) = FAIL$ . Putting everything we have

$$\begin{split} R_{j^*+1} &= \{e \in R_{j^*}^- - e_{j^*} : \text{Promote}(I_{j^*}, I'_{j^*}, e, w^-[I_{j^*}]) \neq \text{Fail}\} \\ &= \{e \in R_{j^*} \setminus \{v\} - e_{j^*} : \text{Promote}(I_{j^*}, I'_{j^*}, e, w^-[I_{j^*}]) \neq \text{Fail}\} \\ &= \{e \in R_{j^*} - e_{j^*} : \text{Promote}(I_{i^*}, I_{j^*}, e, w[I_{j^*}]) \neq \text{Fail}\} \enspace, \end{split}$$

as claimed.

**Completing the proof.** Now having everything in hand, we can complete the proof of this lemma. Above, we show that the starter, survivor, weight, and independent invariants partially hold for the first  $i^*$  levels.

If Case 1 holds, it means we set  $e_{i^*}$  to v. We also set  $w(e_{i^*}) = f(I'_{i^*-1} + e_{i^*}) - f(I'_{i^*-1})$  in Line 18,  $I_{i^*} = I_{i^*-1} + e_{i^*} - \text{Promote}(I_{i^*-1}, I'_{i^*-1}, e_{i^*}, w[I_{i^*-1}])$  and  $I'_i = I'_i + e_{i^*}$  in Line 19. Then in the Line 20, we set  $R_{i^*+1} = \{e' \in R_{i^*} : \text{Promote}(I_{i^*}, I'_{i^*}, e', w[I_{i^*}]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$ . It implies that the level invariants partially hold for the first  $i^* + 1$  levels. Next, we invoke Matroid Construct Level  $(i^* + 1)$ , and then all the invariants hold by Theorem 6.

Otherwise, if Case 2 holds,  $i^* = T + 1 = T^- + 1$ . It means the starter, survivor, weight, and independent invariants hold and it remains to show that the terminator invariant holds to complete the proof. Recall that in this case,  $j^* < T^- + 1$ , which implies  $(T^- + 1) \in [j^* + 1, i^*]$  and then  $R_{T^- + 1} = R_{T^- + 1}^-$  by Fact 34. Also, the assumption of this lemma implies  $R_{T^- + 1}^- = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $R_{T^+ 1} = R_{T^- + 1}^- = \emptyset$ , which means the terminator invariant holds and completes the proof.

#### A.3 Proof of Lemma 12

Let  $i^*$  be the level for which Matroid Construct Level is invoked, and if Matroid Construct Level is never invoked during the execution of Delete(v), we set  $i^*$  to be T+1. Considering our algorithm in Delete(v), we know that in levels before  $i^*$ , or in other words in each level  $i \in [1, i^*)$  we do not make any change in our data structure other than removing the element v from  $R_i^-$  if it has this element in it. Hence, we have the following facts about e, w, I, and I', which are similar to the Facts 30, 31, 32, and 33 in the proof of Lemma 9.

**Fact 36.** For any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ , it holds that  $e_i = e_i^-$ .

**Fact 37.** For any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ , it holds that  $w(e_i) = w^-(e_i)$ .

**Fact 38.** For any  $i \in [0, i^*)$ , it holds that  $I_i = I_i^-$ .

**Fact 39.** For any  $i \in [0, i^*)$ , it holds that  $I'_i = I'_i$ .

In Delete(v), we removes the element v from  $R_i^-$  for any  $i \in [0, \min(i^*, T^-)]$ . By the definition of  $i^*$ , we have  $i^* \leq T^- + 1$ , and  $i^* = T^- + 1$  happens only if Matroid-Construct-Level has never been invoked during the execution of Delete(v). In this case,  $R_{T^-+1} = R_{T^-+1}^-$ , and since  $R_{T^-+1}^- = \emptyset$  according to the assumption of this lemma, we have  $R_{T^-+1} = R_{T^-+1}^- = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $R_i = R_i^- \setminus \{v\}$  also holds when  $i = T^- + 1$ , and as  $\min(i^*, T^- + 1) = i^*$ , we can conduct the following fact.

**Fact 40.** For any  $i \in [0, i^*]$ , it holds that  $R_i = R_i^- \setminus \{v\}$ .

**Starter invariant.** Similar to Lemma 9, we prove the starter invariant holds, which means  $R_0 = V$  and  $I_0 = I'_0 = \emptyset$ .

Fact 40 implies that  $R_0 = R_0^- \setminus \{v\}$ . Besides,  $R_0^- = V^-$  since the starter invariant holds before the deletion of v by the assumption. We also know  $V = V^- \setminus \{v\}$ . Therefore,  $R_0 = R_0^- \setminus \{v\} = V^- \setminus \{v\} = V$ .

We have  $I_0 = I_0^-$  by Fact 38 and  $I'_0 = I'_0^-$  by Fact 39. Adding these to  $I_0^- = I'_0^- = \emptyset$ , which is the assumption of lemma, implies that  $I_0 = I'_0 = \emptyset$ .

**Weight invariant (partially).** We next prove that the weight invariant partially holds for the first  $i^*$  levels. To do this, we show  $e_i \in R_i$  and  $w(e_i) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) - f(I'_{i-1})$  hold for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ .

We first prove  $e_i \in R_i$  holds for each  $i \in (1, i^*)$ . According to the definition of  $i^*$  and Delete Algorithm, we know that  $e_i^- \neq v$  for any  $i < i^*$ . Moreover, the assumption of this lemma implies that  $e_i^- \in R_i^-$ . Hence we can say that  $e_i^- \in R_i^- \setminus \{v\}$ . We also know  $R_i^- \setminus \{v\} = R_i$  for any  $i \in [0, i^*)$  according to Fact 40. Adding it to  $e_i = e_i^-$ , which is a result of Fact 36, we have

$$e_i = e_i^- \in R_i^- \setminus \{v\} = R_i$$
.

We next show  $w(e_i) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i) - f(I'_{i-1})$  in the same way of Lemma 9. For any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ , we have  $w(e_i) = w^-(e_i)$  by Fact 37, and  $e_i = e_i^-$  by Fact 36. Moreover,  $w^-(e_i^-) = f(I'_{i-1} + e_i^-) - f(I'_{i-1})$  because of the assumption of this lemma. Also,  $I'_{i-1} = I'_{i-1}$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$  because of Fact 39. Putting everything together, for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$  we have

$$w(e_i) = w^-(e_i) = w^-(e_i^-) = f(I_{i-1}^{\prime -} + e_i^-) - f(I_{i-1}^{\prime -}) = f(I_{i-1}^{\prime} + e_i) - f(I_{i-1}^{\prime}) \ ,$$

which completes the proof.

**Independent invariant (partially).** We show that the independent invariant partially holds for the first  $i^*$  levels, which means  $I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e_i, w[I_{i-1}])$  and  $I'_i = \bigcup_{j \leq i} I_j$  hold for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ .

Same as Lemma 9, we first prove  $I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e_i, w[I_{i-1}])$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . By the assumption of this lemma,  $I_i^- = I_{i-1}^- + e_i^- - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, e_i^-, w^-[I_{i-1}^-])$  holds. Besides,  $I_i = I_i^-$  for any any  $i \in [1, i^*)$  according to Fact 38. Therefore,

$$I_i = I_i^- = I_{i-1}^- + e_i^- - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, {I'}_{i-1}^-, e_i^-, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \ .$$

Recall that w[X] means w restricted to domain X. Again same as Lemma 9, we show that  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-] = w[I_{i-1}]$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . By Fact 38,  $I_{i-1} = I_{i-1}^-$ , which means the domain of  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-]$  and  $w[I_{i-1}]$  are equal. Moreover, since the independent invariant holds before the deletion of v by the assumption of this lemma, we have  $I_{i-1}^- \subseteq \{e_1^-, \cdots, e_{i-1}^-\}$ . Besides, for any  $j \le i - 1 < i^*$ , Fact 36 implies that  $e_j^- = e_j$ , which results in  $I_{i-1}^- \subseteq \{e_1, \cdots, e_{i-1}\}$ . We also have  $w(e_j) = w^-(e_j)$  for any  $j \le i - 1 < i^*$  using Fact 37. It completes the proof of  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-] = w[I_{i-1}]$ . Hence,

$$I_i = I_{i-1}^- + e_i^- - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I_{i-1}^{\prime-}, e_i^-, w[I_{i-1}])$$
.

Adding it to  $I_{i-1}^- = I_{i-1}$  by Fact 38,  $e_i^- = e_i$  by Fact 36, and  $I'_{i-1}^- = I'_{i-1}$  by Fact 39, for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$  we have

$$I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i - \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e_i, w[I_{i-1}])$$
.

Next, we show  $I'_i = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . By Fact 39,  $I'_i = I'_i^-$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*)$ . Also,  $I'_i^- = \bigcup_{j \le i} I_j^-$  is a result of the assumption of this lemma. Moreover, Fact 38 implies  $I_j^- = I_j$  for any  $j \le i < i^*$ . Therefore,

$$I'_{i} = I'_{i}^{-} = \bigcup_{i \leq i} I_{i}^{-} = \bigcup_{i \leq i} I_{i}$$
.

**Survivor invariant (partially).** We next show that the survivor invariant partially holds for the first  $i^*$  levels. To do this, we prove  $R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} - e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$  holds for any  $i \in [1, i^*]$ .

Using Fact 40, we have  $R_i = R_i^- \setminus \{v\}$  for each  $i \in [1, i^*]$ . Also, the assumption of this lemma implies that  $R_i^- = \{e \in R_{i-1}^- - e_{i-1}^- : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I'_{i-1}^-, e, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{split} R_i &= R_i^- \backslash \{v\} \\ &= \{e \in R_{i-1}^- - e_{i-1}^- : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I_{i-1}'_{i-1}^-, e, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}\} \backslash \{v\} \\ &= \{e \in R_{i-1}^- \backslash \{v\} - e_{i-1}^- : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}^-, I_{i-1}'_{i-1}^-, e, w^-[I_{i-1}^-]) \neq \text{Fail}\} \enspace . \end{split}$$

As we stated in the previous, we know that  $w^-[I_{i-1}^-] = w[I_{i-1}]$  holds when  $i-1 < i^*$ . Using this fact alongside  $R_{i-1}^- = R_{i-1}$  by Fact 40,  $e_{i-1}^- = e_{i-1}$  by Fact 36,  $I_{i-1}^- = I_{i-1}$  by Fact 38, and  $I'_{i-1}^- = I'_{i-1}$  by Fact 39, for each  $i \in [1, i^*]$  we have

$$R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} - e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, I'_{i-1}, e, w[I_{i-1}]) \neq \text{Fail}\}$$
.

**Completing the proof.** Above, we show that the starter, survivor, weight, and independent invariants hold for the first  $i^*$  levels. To complete the proof of this lemma, we show all level invariants hold. If  $i^* \neq T+1$ , which means that we have invoked Matroid Construct Level ( $i^*$ ), our proof is complete by Theorem 6. Otherwise, if  $i^* = T+1$ , we just need to show the terminator invariant holds to complete our proof, which means  $R_{T+1} = \emptyset$ . Note that in this case,  $T = T^-$ . Fact 40 implies that  $R_{T+1} = R_{T+1}^-$ , and the assumption of lemma implies that  $R_{T-1}^- = \emptyset$ . Hence,

$$R_{T+1} = R_{T+1}^- = R_{T-+1}^- = \emptyset$$
 ,

which completes the proof.

# B Analysis of dynamic algorithm for maximum submodular under cardinality constraint

In this section, we prove the correctness of ConstructLevel, Delete, and Insert algorithms. We will also compute the query complexity of each one of them. Except for the approximation guarantee proof and some parts of the query complexity section, most of the theorems, lemmas, and their proof in this section are similar to Section 3 where we analyze our dynamic algorithm for matroid constraint. First, we define the following random variables.

#### **Random Variables:**

- We define the random variable  $e_i$  for the promoting element  $e_i$  that we pick at level  $L_i$ .
- We denote by  $\mathbf{R}_i$  the random variable that corresponds to the set  $R_i$  of elements at the level  $L_i$  and its value is denoted by  $R_i$  which is the set of elements that are in the set  $R_i$ .
- We define the random variable **T** for the index of the last level that our algorithm creates. Indeed, for a level  $L_i$  to be created entirely, the value of the random variable **T** should be **T**  $\geq i$ .
- We define  $H_i = (e_1, \dots, e_{i-1}, R_0, \dots, R_i)$  as the partial configuration up to level i. Note that  $R_i$  is included in this definition, while  $e_i$  is not. We let  $\mathbf{H}_i := (\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{i-1}, \mathbf{R}_0, \mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_i)$  be a random variable that corresponds to  $H_i$ .

We break the analysis of our algorithms into a few steps.

**Step 1: Analysis of binary search.** In the first step, we prove that the binary search that we use to speed up the process of finding the right levels for non-promoting elements works. Indeed, we prove that if  $e \in V$  is a promoting element for a level  $L_{z-1}$ , it is promoting for all levels  $L_{r \le z-1}$  and if e is not promoting for the level  $L_z$ , it is not promoting for all levels  $L_{r \ge z}$ . Therefore, because of this monotonicity property, we can do a binary search to find the smallest  $z \in [i, \ell-1]$  so that e is promoting for the level  $L_{z-1}$ , but it is not promoting for the level  $L_z$ .

**Step 2: Maintaining invariants.** We define five invariants, and we show that these invariants *hold* when Init is run, and our whole data structure gets built, and *are preserved* after every insertion and deletion of an element.

#### **Invariants:**

- 1. Level invariants.
  - 1.1 **Starter.**  $R_0 = V$  and  $I_0 = \emptyset$
  - 1.2 **Survivor.** For  $1 \le i \le T + 1$ ,  $R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} e_{i-1} : Promote(I_{i-1}, e) = True\}$
  - 1.3 **Cardinality.** For  $1 \le i \le T$ ,  $I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i$  where Promote $(I_{i-1}, e) = True$
  - 1.4 **Terminator.**  $R_{T+1} = \emptyset$
- 2. **Uniform invariant.** For all  $i \ge 1$ , condition on the random variables  $\mathbf{H}_i$ , the element  $e_i$  is chosen uniformly at random from the set  $R_i$ . That is,  $\mathbb{P}\left[\mathbf{e}_i = e | \mathbf{T} \ge i \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_i = H_i\right] = \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left[e \in R_i\right]$ .

The survivors invariant says that all elements that are added to  $R_i$  at a level  $L_i$  are promoting elements for that level. In another words, those elements of the set  $R_{i-1} - e_{i-1}$  that are not promoting will be filtered out and not be seen in  $R_i$ . The terminator invariant shows that the recursive construction of levels stops when the survivor set becomes empty. The cardinality invariant shows that the sets  $I_i$  are constructed by adding a new element that promotes the previous set. That means the new element adds at least  $\tau$  to the submodular value of  $I_{i-1}$ , and the size of  $I_i$  remains at most k. Intuitively, these level invariants provide us the approximation guarantee.

The uniform invariant asserts that for every level  $L_{i \in [T]}$ , condition on  $\mathbf{T} \geq i$  and  $\mathbf{H}_i = H_i$ , the element  $e_i$  is chosen uniformly at random from the set  $R_i$ . That is,  $\mathbb{P}\left[e_i = e | \mathbf{T} \geq i \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_i = H_i\right] = \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left[e \in R_i\right]$ . Intuitively, this invariant provides us with the randomness that we need to fool the adversary in the (fully) dynamic model which in turn helps us to develop a dynamic algorithm for the submodular maximization under the cardinality constraint.

**Step 3: Query complexity.** In the third part of the proof, we bound the worst-case expected query complexity of the leveling algorithm, and later, we show that if the **uniform** invariant holds, we can bound

the worst-case expected query complexity of the insertion and deletion operations.

**Step 4: Approximation guarantee.** Finally, in the last step of the proof, we show that if the **level** invariants is fulfilled, we can report a set  $I_T$  with  $|I_T| \le k$  whose submodular value is an  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximation of the optimal value.

#### **B.1** Monotone property of promotable levels and binary search argument

Recall that we defined the function Promote( $I_i$ , e) for an element  $e \in V$  with respect to the level  $L_i$  which

- returns True if  $f(I_i + e) f(I_i) \ge \tau$  and  $|I_i| < k$ ;
- returns *False* otherwise.

**Lemma 41.** Let  $L_j$  be an arbitrary level of the Algorithm Cardinality Constraint Leveling, where  $1 \le j \le T$ . Let  $e \in V$  be an arbitrary element of the ground set. If  $PROMOTE(I_{j-1}, e)$  returns False, then  $PROMOTE(I_j, e)$  returns False.

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Using Lemma 41, and by applying a simple induction, we can show the function  $PROMOTE(I_j, e)$  is monotone. Thus, for every arbitrary element e, it is possible to perform a binary search on an interval  $[i, \ell - 1]$  to find the smallest  $z \in [i, \ell - 1]$  such that  $PROMOTE(I_{z-1}, e) = True$  and  $PROMOTE(I_z, e) = False$ .

#### **B.2** Correctness of invariants after Construct Level is called

In this section, we show that the invariants that we defined above will hold at the end of the algorithm ConstructLevel(j). There are many similarities between this section and Section 3.2. However, in Section 3.2, where we prove the correctness of invariants after calling MatroidConstructLevel, we have independent and weight invariants instead of the cardinality invariant.

We first explain what we mean by stating that level invariants partially hold.

**Definition B.1.** For  $j \ge 1$ , we say that the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels if the followings hold.

- 1. Starter.  $R_0 = V$  and  $I_0 = \emptyset$
- 2. **Survivor.** For  $1 \le i \le j$ ,  $R_i = \{e \in R_{i-1} e_{i-1} : \text{Promote}(I_{i-1}, e) = True\}$
- 3. Cardinality. For  $1 \le i \le j-1$ ,  $I_i = I_{i-1} + e_i$  where Promote $(I_{i-1}, e_i) = True$

We want to prove the following theorem that says after invoking ConstructLevel(*j*), all level invariants hold. We break the proof of this theorem into four parts where we separately prove the survivor, cardinality, and terminator invariant hold in Lemmas 43, 44, and 45, respectively. Also, note that the starter invariant holds by the assumption of our theorem.

**Theorem 42.** If before calling ConstructLevel(j), the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after the execution of ConstructLevel(j), level invariants fully hold.

**Lemma 43** (Survivor invariant). *If before calling* ConstructLevel(*j*), *the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after its execution, the survivor invariant fully holds.* 

Proof. TOPROVE 22

**Lemma 44** (Cardinality invariant). *If before calling* ConstructLevel(j), the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after its execution, the cardinality invariant fully holds.

Proof. TOPROVE 23

**Lemma 45** (Terminator invariant). *If before calling* ConstructLevel(*j*), *the level invariants partially hold for the first j levels, then after its execution, the terminator invariant fully holds.* 

Proof. TOPROVE 24

**Lemma 46** (Uniform invariant). *If* ConstructLevel(j) is invoked and the level invariants are going to hold after its execution, then for any  $j \ge i$  we have  $\mathbb{P}\left[\mathbf{e}_i = e | \mathbf{T} \ge i \text{ and } \mathbf{H}_i = H_i\right] = \frac{1}{|R_i|} \cdot \mathbb{1}\left[e \in R_i\right]$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 25

#### **B.3** Correctness of invariants after an update

In our dynamic model, we consider a sequence S of updates of elements of an underlying ground set V where at time t of the sequence S, we observe an update which can be the deletion of an element  $e \in V$  or insertion of an element  $e \in V$ . We assume that an element e can be deleted at time e, if after the first time e is inserted, it is not deleted until time e. In this section, similar to Section 3.3, we prove that all invariants hold after each update. While most of this section is identical to Section 3.3, we have the cardinality invariant instead of independent and weight invariants in this section.

We use several random variables for our analysis, including  $\mathbf{e}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{T}$ , and  $\mathbf{H}_i$ . Upon observing an update at time t, we should distinguish between each of these random variables and their corresponding values before and after the update. To do so, we use the notations  $\mathbf{Y}^-$  and  $\mathbf{Y}^-$  to denote a random variable and its value before time t when e is either deleted or inserted, and we keep using  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  to denote them at the current time after the execution of update. As an example,  $\mathbf{H}_i^- := (\mathbf{e}_1^-, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{i-1}^-, \mathbf{R}_0^-, \mathbf{R}_1^-, \dots, \mathbf{R}_i^-)$  is the random variable that corresponds to the partial configuration  $H_i^- = (e_1^-, \dots, e_{i-1}^-, R_0^-, \dots, R_i^-)$ .

#### **B.3.1** Correctness of invariants after every insertion

We first consider the case when the update at time t of the sequence S is an insertion of an element v. In this section, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 47.** If before the insertion of an element v, the level invariants and uniform invariant hold, then they also hold after the execution of Insert(v).

We break the proof of this theorem into Lemmas 48 and 49.

**Lemma 48** (Level invariants). *If before the insertion of an element v the level invariants (i.e., starter, survivor, cardinality, and terminator) hold, then they also hold after the execution of* Insert(v).

Proof. TOPROVE 26

**Lemma 49** (Uniform invariant). *If before the insertion of an element v the level and uniform invariants hold, then the uniform invariant also holds after the execution of* INSERT(v).

Proof. TOPROVE 27

#### **B.3.2** Correctness of invariants after every deletion

Now, we consider the case when the update at time t of the sequence S, is a deletion of an element v, and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 50.** If before the deletion of an element v, the level invariants and the uniform invariant hold, then they also hold after the execution of Delete(v).

Similar to Theorem 47, we break the proof of this theorem into Lemmas 51 and 52.

**Lemma 51** (Level invariants). *If before the deletion of an element v the level invariants (i.e., starter, survivor, cardinality, and terminator) hold, then they also hold after the execution of* Delete(v).

Proof. TOPROVE 28

**Lemma 52** (Uniform invariant). *If before the deletion of an element* v, *the level and uniform invariants hold, then the uniform invariant also holds after the execution of* Delete(v).

Proof. TOPROVE 29

### **B.4** Application of Uniform Invariant: Query complexity

In terms of the query complexity of this algorithm, it's important to note that verifying whether an element e is promoting for a level  $L_z$  requires a single oracle query. The binary search that we perform needs  $O(\log T)$  number of such suitability checks for the element e. Thus, if we initiate the leveling algorithm with a set  $R_i$ , our algorithm needs  $O(|R_i| \cdot \log(T))$  oracle queries to build the levels  $L_i, \dots, L_T$ .

**Lemma 53.** The number of levels T is at most k.

Proof. TOPROVE 30 □

**Lemma 54.** The query complexity of calling ConstructLevel(i) is at most  $O(\log(k) \cdot |R_i|)$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 31 □

**Lemma 55.** For a specified value of OPT, the query complexity of each update operation in Cardinality-ConstraintUpdates is at most  $O(k \log (k))$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 32

In order to obtain an algorithm that works regardless of the value of OPT, we guess OPT up to a factor of  $1 + \epsilon$  using parallel runs. Each element is inserted only to  $O(\log(k)/\epsilon)$  copies of the algorithm. Therefore, we obtain the total query complexity claimed in Theorem 56.

**Theorem 56.** The expected query complexity of each insert/delete for all runs is  $O\left(\frac{k}{\epsilon}\log^2(k)\right)$ .

## **B.5** Application of Level Invariants: Approximation guarantee

Recall that we run parallel instances of our algorithm with different guesses of OPT. In this section, we prove that if the level invariants hold, then after each update, there is a run such that the submodular value of the set  $I_T$  in this run is a  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximation of the optimal value. Formally, we state this claim as follows:

**Theorem 57.** Suppose that the level invariants hold in every run of our algorithm. Let  $I_T$  be the selected set of the final level  $L_T$  in each run. If  $I^* \subseteq V$  is an optimal subset of size at most k that achieves the optimal value, then there is a run such that the set  $I_T$  in that run satisfies  $(2 + \epsilon) \cdot f(I_T) \ge f(I^*)$ .

Proof. TOPROVE 33

## **C** Parameterized Lower Bound

In above, we presented our dynamic 0.5-approximation algorithm that has an amortized query complexity of  $O(k \log k)$  if we know the optimal value of the sequence S after every insertion or deletion, and incurs an extra  $O(\log(k)/\epsilon)$ -factor in the case that we do not know the optimal value. One may ask if we can obtain a dynamic algorithm for this problem that provides better than 0.5-approximation factor having a query complexity that is still linear, or even polynomial in k. Interestingly, we show there is no dynamic algorithm that maintains a  $(0.5 + \epsilon)$ -approximate submodular solution of the sequence S using a query complexity that is an arbitrary function g(k) of k (e.g., not even doubly exponentially in k). This hardness holds even when we know the optimal value of the sequence after every insertion or deletion. Thus, the approximation ratio of our parameterized dynamic algorithm is tight. We first state the lower bound due to Chen and Peng [52, Theorem 1.1] in the following lemma.

**Lemma 58** (Theorem 1.1 of [52]). For any constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a constant  $C_{\epsilon} > 0$  with the following property. When  $k \geq C_{\epsilon}$ , any randomized algorithm that achieves an approximation ratio of  $(0.5 + \epsilon)$  for dynamic submodular maximization under cardinality constraint k requires amortized query complexity  $n^{\alpha_{\epsilon}}/k^3$ , where  $\alpha_{\epsilon} = \tilde{\Omega}(\epsilon)$  and n is the number of elements in V.

Chen and Peng proved their theorem by considering a sequence that has the optimal value 1 after every insertion or deletion. Building on this lower bound, we next prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 59.** Let  $g: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be an arbitrary function. There is no randomized  $(0.5 + \epsilon)$ -approximate algorithm for dynamic submodular maximization under cardinality constraint k with an expected amortized query time of g(k), even if the optimal value is known after every insertion/deletion.

Proof. TOPROVE 34

As a result of Theorem 59, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , even if k is a constant, the required amortized query complexity to find a  $0.5 + \epsilon$ -approximate solution increases by increasing n. Therefore, even if we know the optimal value, it is not possible to find a parameterized algorithm with an approximation factor better than 0.5 while query complexity is a function of only k; even if the query complexity is a double exponential of k. For example, if we are looking for an algorithm with amortized query complexity of  $2^{2^k}$ , when n goes up enough, it is not possible to get a  $(0.5 + \epsilon)$ -approximate solution for any  $\epsilon > 0$ . Hence, the best approximation ratio of an algorithm that is parameterized by only k is 0.5, even with the assumption of knowing the optimal value. Surprisingly, the parameterized dynamic 0.5-approximation algorithm that we presented above has expected amortized query complexity of  $O(k \log k)$  if we know the optimal value.