



## Maintaining Densest Subsets Efficiently in Evolving Hypergraphs

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## Abstract

**Problems:** The densest subgraph problem in hypergraphs

**Methods:**

- 1) We present two exact algorithms and a near-linear time  $r$ -approximation algorithm for the problem.
- 2) We also consider the dynamic version of the problem. We present two dynamic approximation algorithms in this paper with amortized  $\text{poly}(\frac{r}{\epsilon} \log n)$  update time, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

## Introduction

- $H(V, E)$  find a subset of nodes  $S \subseteq V$  such that  $\rho(S) = |E[s]| / |S|$  is maximized.  
 $E[s] = \{e \in E : e \subseteq S\}$
- The Densest Subgraph Problem:
  - 1) Goldberg provided a  $O(\log n)$  max-flow computations, where  $n = |V|$ .
  - 2) Charikar provided a  $O(m)$  2-approximation algorithm.
  - 3) A LP was proposed with  $O(m+n)$  variables.

## Introduction

- Densest Subset in Hypergraphs:
  1. In many applications, nodes under consideration are connected by hyperedges that involve more than 2 objects.
  2. Given the hypergraph, the goal of the Densest Subgraph Problem is to identify a group of researchers  $S$  such that the average number of collaborations within  $S$  is maximized.

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- **Dynamic Setting:**
  - The dynamic Densest Subgraph Problem aims at maintaining an (approximate) densest subgraph under edge insertions and deletions.
- **The Densest Subgraph Problem:**
  - **Bahmani:**  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n)$  passes, within a factor  $(2 + \epsilon)$  of the optimum fixes a threshold  $\beta$  and removes nodes with degree smaller than  $\beta$  in each iteration.
  - **Epasto** considered the problem where insertions are adversarial and deletions are random.  $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximation algorithm poly  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n)$  time, using  $O(m+n)$  space.

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- **Bhattachary**: consider the deletions are also adversarial.  $(4 + \epsilon)$ -approximation  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n)$  update time and  $O\left(n \cdot \text{poly}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n\right)\right)$  space.
- **Esfandiari et al. and Mitzenmacher** presented semi-streaming algorithms for the problem that maintain a  $(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation using  $O(n \cdot \text{poly}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n\right))$  space. Their algorithms process each update also in  $\text{poly}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n\right)$  time, but the query-time can be as large as  $\Omega(n \cdot \text{poly}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n\right))$ .

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- *Our Methods:*
- $r = \max_{e \in E} \{|e|\}$  to denote the maximum cardinality of a hyperedge.
- $M := \sum_{e \in E} |e| \leq rm$

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Given a weighted hypergraph  $H(V, E)$  with  $n = |V|$  nodes and  $m = |E|$  edges, the Densest Subgraph Problem can be solved by either using  $O(\log W)$  computations of max-flow in a flow network with  $O(M)$  edges, where  $W$  is the total weight of nodes and edges, or solving a linear program with  $O(m + n)$  variables and  $O(M)$  constraints.*

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**THEOREM 1.2.** *There exists a dynamic algorithm for the Densest Subgraph Problem in unweighted hypergraphs that maintains an  $r(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation under arbitrary edge insertions using  $O(n)$  extra space, in amortized  $\text{poly}(\frac{r}{\epsilon} \log n)$  time per update.*

**THEOREM 1.3.** *There exists a dynamic algorithm for the Densest Subgraph Problem in unweighted hypergraphs that maintains an  $r^2(1 + \epsilon)$ -approximation under arbitrary edge insertions and deletions using  $O(rm \cdot \text{poly}(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n))$  extra space, in amortized  $\text{poly}(\frac{r}{\epsilon} \log n)$  time per update.*



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- *Experimental Evaluation:*
- Moreover, our approximation algorithm runs several times faster than the exact algorithm, and returns a solution with density very close to the optimum.
- Moreover, as the first to implement the fully-dynamic maintenance algorithm for densest subgraph on hypergraphs, compared to, our maintained solution has a higher density, and is more stable.

## Static Algorithms

- Notations:
- $n=|V|$ ,  $m=|E|$ , and  $r = \max_{e \in E} |e|$   $M = \sum_{e \in E} |e|$
- $E_u = \{e \in E : u \in e\}$   $E_u[S] = \{e \in E : u \in e \subseteq S\}$  where  $S \subseteq V$ .
- $F \subseteq E$  (resp.  $S \subseteq V$ )  $w(F) = \sum_{e \in F} w_e$  (resp.  $w(S) = \sum_{u \in S} w_u$ )
- $\rho(S^*) = \max_{S \subseteq V} \rho(S)$   $\rho(S^*) \geq \frac{w(E)}{w(V)}$
- For an integer  $k \geq 1$ , we use  $[k]$  to denote  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

## Max-Flow-Based Exact Algorithm

- $\frac{w(E)}{w(V)} \leq \beta \leq w(E)$   $G_\beta = \{s, t\} \cup V \cup E$
- $c(s, u) = \delta_u = \sum_{e \in E_u} \frac{w_e}{|e|}$   $c(u, t) = \beta w_u$   $c(u, e) = \frac{w_e}{|e|}$   $c(e, u) = \infty$
- $G_\beta$  has  $n+m+2$  nodes

LEMMA 2.1. The maximum flow from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G_\beta$  is less than  $w(E)$  if and only if  $\rho(S^*) > \beta$ .

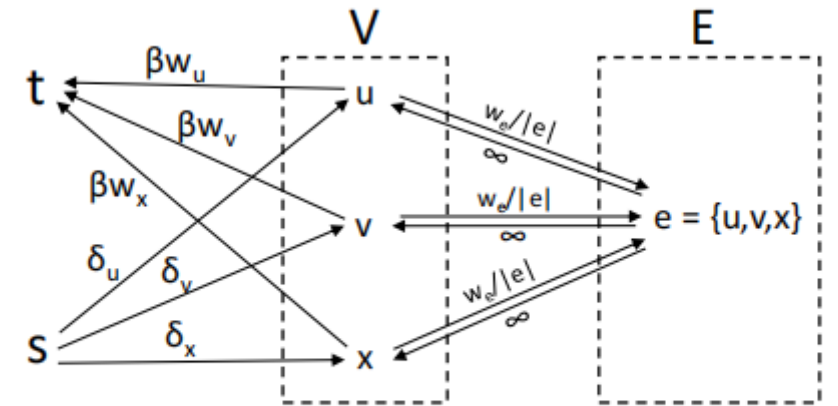


Figure 1: Auxiliary Graph  $G_\beta$

## Max-Flow-Based Exact Algorithm

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PROOF. Note that we always have  $\max\text{-flow}(s, t) \leq w(E)$  since there is an  $st$ -cut  $(\{s\}, \{t\} \cup V \cup E)$  of capacity  $\sum_{u \in V} \delta_u = w(E)$ . Now suppose we compute the max-flow from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G_\beta$  and find a minimum  $st$ -cut as  $(\{s\} \cup V_1 \cup E_1, \{t\} \cup V_2 \cup E_2)$ , where  $V_2 = V \setminus V_1, E_2 = E \setminus E_1$ , then we have (where  $\text{cut}(A, B)$  is the total capacities of edges from  $A$  to  $B$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \max\text{-flow}(s, t; G_\beta) &= \text{cut}(\{s\} \cup V_1 \cup E_1, \{t\} \cup V_2 \cup E_2) \\ &= \sum_{u \in V_2} \delta_u + \sum_{u \in V_1} \beta w_u + \text{cut}(V_1, E_2) + \text{cut}(E_1, V_2). \end{aligned}$$

First, observe that  $\text{cut}(E_1, V_2) = 0$ , since otherwise  $\text{cut}(E_1, V_2) = \infty$ ; this implies that any edge  $e$  intersecting  $V_2$  cannot be in  $E_1$ . On the other hand, since  $(\{s\} \cup V_1 \cup E_1, \{t\} \cup V_2 \cup E_2)$  is a minimum  $st$ -cut, if there is an edge  $e \subseteq V_1$  such that  $e \in E_2$ , then we can strictly reduce the cut by moving  $e$  from  $E_2$  to  $E_1$ . Hence, we have shown that  $E_1 = E[V_1]$  and  $E_2 = E \setminus E[V_1]$  and have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \max\text{-flow}(s, t; G_\beta) &= \sum_{u \in V} \delta_u - \sum_{u \in V_1} \delta_u + \beta w(V_1) + \text{cut}(V_1, E \setminus E[V_1]) \\ &= w(E) - (\text{cut}(V_1, E) - \beta w(V_1) - \text{cut}(V_1, E \setminus E[V_1])) \\ &= w(E) - (\text{cut}(V_1, E[V_1]) - \beta w(V_1)) \\ &= w(E) - w(V_1)(\rho(V_1) - \beta). \end{aligned}$$

## Max-Flow-Based Exact Algorithm

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**Algorithm 1** Weighted-densest-subgraph( $H(V, E)$ ):
 

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1: lower :=  $\frac{w(E)}{w(V)}$ , upper :=  $w(E)$ ,  $S^* := V$ .
2: while upper – lower  $\geq \frac{1}{(w(V))^2}$  do
3:    $\beta := \frac{\text{upper} + \text{lower}}{2}$ .
4:   if max-flow( $s, t; G_\beta$ ) = cut( $S_\beta, T_\beta$ ) <  $w(E)$  then
5:     lower :=  $\beta$ ,  $S^* := S_\beta \cap V$ .       $\triangleright S^*$  keeps a candidate
     solution:  $\rho(S^*) > \beta$ 
6:   else
7:     upper :=  $\beta$ .                         $\triangleright \forall S \subseteq V, \rho(S) \leq \beta$ 
8: return  $S^*$ .
  
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For any two subsets of nodes  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , if  $\rho(S_1) \neq \rho(S_2)$ , then we have  $|\rho(S_1) - \rho(S_2)| \geq \frac{1}{w(S_1) \cdot w(S_2)} \geq \frac{1}{(w(V))^2}$ . Hence, the above binary search terminates in  $\log((w(V))^2 \cdot (w(E) - \frac{w(E)}{w(V)})) = O(\log W)$

## LP-Based Exact Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \sum_{e \in E} w_e x_e \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & x_e \leq y_u, \quad \forall u \in e \\ & \sum_{u \in V} w_u y_u = 1, \\ & x_e, y_u \geq 0, \quad \forall e \in E, u \in V. \end{aligned}$$

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PROOF. First notice that given variables  $y_u$ , the objective is maximized when  $x_e = \min_{u \in e} y_u$  for all  $e \in E$  since  $w_e \geq 0$ . As noted above, for any  $S \subseteq V$ , we can derive a feasible solution  $z^S = (y^S, x^S)$ , whose objective value is  $\rho(S)$ . Let  $LP^* = LP(z^*)$  be the optimal value of the LP, then for all  $S \subseteq V$  we have

$$LP^* \geq LP(z^S) = \sum_{e \in E[S]} w_e \frac{1}{w(S)} = \rho(S). \quad (1)$$

Let  $P \subseteq V$  be the nodes  $v$  such that  $y_v^* > 0$ . Let  $a = w(P)$  and  $b = \min_{u \in P} y_u^*$ . Note that  $ab \leq \sum_{u \in P} w_u y_u^* = 1$ . Then we have  $z^* = abz^P + (1 - ab)\hat{z}$ , where

$$\hat{z} = (\hat{x}, \hat{y}), \quad \hat{y}_u = \max\{0, \frac{y_u^* - b}{1 - ab}\}, \quad \hat{x}_e = \max\{0, \frac{x_e^* - b}{1 - ab}\}.$$

Note that  $\hat{z}$  is feasible since  $\hat{x}_e = \min_{u \in e} \hat{y}_u$  and  $\sum_{u \in V} w_u \hat{y}_u = \frac{\sum_{u \in P} w_u y_u^* - ab}{1 - ab} = 1$ .

Because the objective value is linear and the optimal solution is a convex combination of feasible solutions  $z^S$  and  $\hat{z}$ , it follows that  $LP^* = LP(z^*) = LP(\hat{z}) = LP(z^P) = \rho(P)$ , which combined with (1) implies that  $\rho(P) \geq \max_{S \subseteq V} \rho(S)$ .  $\square$



## Near Linear-Time r-Approximation

- $\frac{w(E_u[s^*])}{w_u} \geq \rho(S^*)$  as otherwise  $\rho(S^* \setminus \{u\}) = \frac{w(E[s^*]) - w(E_u[S^*])}{w(S^*) - w_u} > \rho(S^*)$

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**Algorithm 2** Approx-densest-subgraph( $H(V, E)$ ):

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1:  $S_1 := V$ .  
2: for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  do  
3:    $u_i := \arg \min_{u \in S_i} \frac{w(E_u[S_i])}{w_u}$ .  
4:    $S_{i+1} := S_i \setminus \{u_i\}$ .  
5: return  $\arg \max_{i \in [n]} \rho(S_i)$ .
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Near Linear-Time  $r$ -Approximation

LEMMA 2.3. *Algorithm 2 returns an  $r$ -approximate densest subgraph in  $O(M \log n)$  time.*

PROOF. Consider the iteration such that  $S^* \subseteq S_i$  while  $S^* \not\subseteq S_{i+1}$ , which means  $u_i \in S^*$ . Then, by the above argument we have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(S_i) &= \frac{w(E[S_i])}{w(S_i)} \geq \frac{\sum_{u \in S_i} w_u \frac{w(E_u[S_i])}{w_u}}{r w(S_i)} \geq \frac{\sum_{u \in S_i} w_u \frac{w(E_{u_i}[S_i])}{w_{u_i}}}{r w(S_i)} \\ &= \frac{w(E_{u_i}[S^*])}{r w_{u_i}} \geq \frac{\rho(S^*)}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

When an edge  $e$  is removed (the first time a node in  $e$  is removed), the values of at most  $|e|$  nodes in the remaining set will be affected. Hence, in total, there will be at most  $\sum_{e \in E} |e|$  updates to the min-heap, each of which takes  $O(\log n)$  time. Therefore, the total running time of the algorithm is  $O(n + \sum_{e \in E} |e| \log n) = O(M \log n)$ .  $\square$

## Incremental Algorithm

- $r(1 + \epsilon) - \text{approximate}, \text{poly}(\frac{r}{\epsilon} \log n)$  time per edge insertion
- Unweighted hypergraphs Define  $\tau = \lceil \log_{1+\epsilon} n \rceil$

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**Algorithm 3** Find( $H(V, E), \beta, \epsilon$ ):

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1:  $S_0 := A_0 := V, i := 0.$ 
2: while  $S_i \neq \emptyset, A_i \neq \emptyset$  and  $i < \tau = \lceil \log_{1+\epsilon} n \rceil$  do
3:    $A_i := \{u \in S_i : |E_u[S_i]| < \beta\}.$        $\triangleright$  nodes of small degree
4:    $S_{i+1} := S_i \setminus A_i.$ 
5:    $i := i + 1.$ 
6: return  $\hat{S} := \arg \max_{i \leq \tau} \rho(S_i).$ 
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Static  $r(1 + \epsilon)$  Algorithm

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$$\bullet \quad A_\tau = S_\tau \quad (A_0, \dots, A_\tau) \quad S_i = A_{\geq i} = \bigcup_{j=i}^{\tau} A_j$$

LEMMA 3.1. If  $\beta > r(1 + \epsilon)\rho(\hat{S})$ , then  $S_\tau = \emptyset$ ; if  $\beta \leq \rho(S^*)$ , then  $S^* \subseteq S_\tau \neq \emptyset$ .

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PROOF. If  $\rho(\widehat{S}) < \frac{\beta}{r(1+\epsilon)}$ , then  $\rho(S_i) < \frac{\beta}{r(1+\epsilon)}$  for all  $S_i \neq \emptyset$ . For all  $S_i \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $\rho(S_i)|S_i| = |E[S_i]| \geq \frac{1}{r} \sum_{u \in S_i} |E_u[S_i]| \geq \frac{\beta}{r} |S_i \setminus A_i| > (1 + \epsilon)\rho(S_i)|S_{i+1}|$ , which implies  $|S_{i+1}| < \frac{|S_i|}{1+\epsilon}$ . Hence, we have  $|S_\tau| < \frac{n}{(1+\epsilon)^\tau} \leq 1$ , which means  $S_\tau = \emptyset$ .

As argued in Section 2.3, for all  $u \in S^*$ ,  $|E_u[S^*]| \geq \rho(S^*)$ . Hence if  $\beta \leq \rho(S^*)$ , then  $|E_u[S_i]| \geq \beta$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, \tau - 1$ , which means that no node from  $S^*$  will be removed in any iteration. Thus  $S^* \subseteq S_\tau \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

Static  $r(1 + \epsilon)$  Algorithm

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**Algorithm 4** Approx-densest( $H(V, E), \beta_0, \epsilon$ ):
 

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1:  $\hat{S} := V, \beta := \max\{\frac{m}{rn}, \beta_0\}.$            ▶  $\beta_0$  provides a lower bound
2: while true do                                ▶ at most  $O(\tau)$  iterations
3:    $S' := \text{Find}(H, \beta, \epsilon).$                 ▶  $\tilde{O}(M)$  time
4:   if  $\beta \leq r(1 + \epsilon)\rho(S')$  then
5:      $\hat{S} := S', \beta := (1 + \epsilon)\beta.$ 
6:   else
7:     return  $\hat{S}.$ 
  
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LEMMA 3.2. Algorithm 4 returns an  $r(1 + \epsilon)^2$ -approximation  $\hat{S}$  of the densest subgraph in  $O(M\tau^2) = \tilde{O}(M)$  time.

Static  $r(1 + \epsilon)$  Algorithm

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PROOF. Define  $B = \{\frac{m}{rn}(1 + \epsilon)^i : i \in [2\tau]\}$ . Let  $\beta^* \in B$  be the minimum such that  $S_\tau = \emptyset$  when Algorithm 3 is run with  $\beta = \beta^*$ . Note that when run with  $\beta = \frac{\beta^*}{1+\epsilon}$  in Algorithm 3, we have  $S_\tau \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\widehat{S}$  be returned by Algorithm 3 when run with  $\beta = \beta^*$ . By Lemma 3.1, we have  $\rho(\widehat{S}) \geq \frac{\beta^*}{r(1+\epsilon)^2} > \frac{\rho(S^*)}{r(1+\epsilon)^2}$ , which implies a  $r(1 + \epsilon)^2$ -approximation.

Since Algorithm 3 can be easily implemented in  $O(M\tau)$  time and Algorithm 4 terminates with  $O(\tau)$  calls of Algorithm 3, we immediately have the lemma.  $\square$

## Edge Insertion-Only Setting

- maintains  $(A_0, \dots, A_\tau)$   $A_\tau = \emptyset$
- $u \in V$   $l(u)$  be the level of  $u$ :  $u \in A_{l(u)}$   $b(u) = |E_u[S_{l(u)}]| < \beta$
- $l(e) = \min_{u \in e} l(u)$  for all  $e \in E$
- **Idea:**
- under edge insertions, the degrees of nodes could only increase and to maintain the partition, we increase the level of node  $u$  if  $b(u) = |E_u[S_{l(u)}]| \geq \beta$  after edge insertions. To guarantee the approximation ratio, we rebuild the partition if  $A_\tau \neq \emptyset$ .



## Edge Insertion-Only Setting

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**Algorithm 5** Insertion-only-approx-densest( $H(V, E), \epsilon$ ):
 

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1:  $\widehat{S} := \text{Approx-densest}(H, 0, \epsilon)$ ,
2: let  $A_i, S_i$  and  $\beta$  be as in the last call of Find().            $\triangleright S_\tau = \emptyset$ 
3: for each newly inserted edge  $e$  do
4:    $E := E \cup \{e\}$  and update  $b(u)$  for all  $u \in e$ .            $\triangleright O(|e|)$  time
5:   label all nodes in  $e$  “bad”.
6:   while exists a bad node do
7:     pick a bad node  $u$ , label  $u$  “good” and let  $l'(u) := l(u)$ .
8:     while  $b(u) \geq \beta$  and  $l'(u) < \tau$  do
9:        $l'(u) := l'(u) + 1$ ,
10:       $b(u) := |\{e \in E_u : \min_{v \in e \setminus \{u\}} l(v) \geq l'(u)\}|$ .
11:      if  $l'(u) > l(u)$  then
12:        for each  $v \in N(u)$  s.t.  $l(u) < l(v) \leq l'(u)$  do
13:          update  $b(v)$ , label  $v$  “bad”.
14:           $l(u) := l'(u)$ .
15:      if  $l(u) = \tau$  then
16:        Rebuild:  $\widehat{S} := \text{approx-densest}(H, \beta, \epsilon)$ ,
17:        update  $A_i, S_i, \beta, l()$  and  $b()$ .
18:        label all nodes “good”.
  
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## Edge Insertion-Only Setting

- **Approximation Ratio:**  $r(1 + \epsilon)$  – *approximation*
- **Update Time:**  $\max(O(M + \tau r^2 m), O(\frac{r}{\epsilon} \log n))$
- **Space Complexity:**  $O(n)$
- **Remark:**
  - if  $R \geq \frac{m}{\text{poly}(\frac{r}{\epsilon} \log n)}$ , then we charge the total update time  $\tilde{O}(m)$  to the deletions, yielding an amortized  $\text{poly}(\frac{r}{\epsilon} \log n)$  update time;
  - otherwise we can show that the density of  $\hat{S}$  is not decreased a lot (since the edges to be deleted are chosen uniformly at random), i.e., after  $R$  deletions,  $\rho'(\hat{S}) > \frac{\rho(\hat{S})}{1+\epsilon}$ , which guarantees that  $\hat{S}$  is still an  $r(1 + \epsilon)^4$ -approximation.

## Fully Dynamic Approximation

- **Lazy update:** For a fixed threshold  $\beta$ , we remove nodes with degree less than  $\beta$  while keeping nodes with degree at least  $\alpha\beta$ , for some  $\alpha > 1$ .

*Definition 4.1 (( $\alpha, \beta$ )-decomposition).* An  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -decomposition (for some  $\alpha \geq 1$ ) of  $H(V, E)$  is a sequence of subsets of  $V$  such that  $S_\tau \subseteq S_{\tau-1} \subseteq \dots \subseteq S_1 \subseteq S_0 = V$  and for all  $i \in [\tau]$ ,

- (1)  $\{u \in S_{i-1} : |E_u[S_{i-1}]| \geq \alpha\beta\} \subseteq S_i$ ,
- (2)  $\{u \in S_{i-1} : |E_u[S_{i-1}]| < \beta\} \cap S_i = \emptyset$ .

- $A_i = S_i \setminus S_{i+1}, A_\tau = S_\tau$
- $\hat{S} = \operatorname{argmax}_{i \leq \tau} \rho(S_i)$

LEMMA 4.2. If  $\beta > r(1 + \epsilon)\rho(\hat{S})$ , then  $S_\tau = \emptyset$ ; if  $\beta \leq \frac{\rho(S^*)}{\alpha}$ , then  $S^* \subseteq S_\tau \neq \emptyset$ .

As before, let  $\beta^* \in B = \{\frac{m}{\alpha r n}(1 + \epsilon)^t : t \in [2\tau]\}$  be the minimum such that  $S_\tau = \emptyset$  in an  $(\alpha, \beta^*)$ -decomposition. By Lemma 4.2, in the  $(\alpha, \beta^*)$ -decomposition we have  $\rho(\hat{S}) \geq \frac{\beta^*}{r(1+\epsilon)^2} > \frac{\rho(S^*)}{\alpha r(1+\epsilon)^2}$ .

Maintaining an  $(\alpha, \beta)$  - Decomposition

- $l(u)$ ,  $l(e)$  as the levels of nodes and edges in partitioning  $(A_0, \dots, A_\tau)$
- For all  $i \leq l(u)$ ,  $E_u^{(i)} = E_u[S_i] - E_u[S_{i+1}]$  be the hyperedges adjacent to  $u$  that are removed at level  $i$ .
- $(E_u^{(0)}, E_u^{(1)}, \dots, E_u^{(l(u))})$  define a partition of  $E_u$
- For all  $i \leq l(u)$ ,  $b_i(u) = |E_u[S_i]|$
- $b_{l(u)}(u) = |E_u[S_{l(u)}]| < \alpha\beta$  for all  $u \notin S_\tau$  and  $b_{l(u)-1}(u) \geq \beta$  for all  $u \notin A_0$

Maintaining an  $(\alpha, \beta)$  - Decomposition

- $l(u)$ ,  $l(e)$  as the levels of nodes and edges in partitioning  $(A_0, \dots, A_\tau)$
- For all  $i \leq l(u)$ ,  $E_u^{(i)} = E_u[S_i] - E_u[S_{i+1}]$  be the hyperedges adjacent to  $u$  that are removed at level  $i$ .
- $(E_u^{(0)}, E_u^{(1)}, \dots, E_u^{(l(u))})$  define a partition of  $E_u$
- For all  $i \leq l(u)$ ,  $b_i(u) = |E_u[S_i]|$
- $b_{l(u)}(u) = |E_u[S_{l(u)}]| < \alpha\beta$  for all  $u \notin S_\tau$  and  $b_{l(u)-1}(u) \geq \beta$  for all  $u \notin A_0$

## Maintaining an $(\alpha, \beta)$ - Decomposition

- We maintain for each  $u \in V$  its level  $l(u)$ , the partitioning  $\left(E_u^{(0)}, E_u^{(1)}, \dots, E_u^{(l(u))}\right)$  of  $E_u$  and the degree of  $u$  at each level  $b_0(u) \dots b_{l(u)}(u)$ .
- We further maintain  $l(e)$  for every  $e \in E$  and  $\rho(S_i)$
- The other can be updated by  $l(u)$  and  $E_u^{(j)}$

## Maintaining an $(\alpha, \beta)$ - Decomposition

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**Algorithm 6** Maintain-decomposition( $H(V, E)$ ):

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1: if insert( $e$ ) then                                ▶ initialize  $l(e) := \min_{u \in e} l(u)$ 
2:   for each  $u \in e$ ,  $E_u^{(l(e))} := E_u^{(l(e))} \cup \{e\}$ .
3: else if delete( $e$ ) then
4:   for each  $u \in e$ ,  $E_u^{(l(e))} := E_u^{(l(e))} \setminus \{e\}$ .
5: for each  $u \in e$  s.t.  $l(u) = l(e)$ , label  $u$  “bad”.
6: while exists a bad node  $u$  do
7:   if  $l(u) < \tau$  and  $b_{l(u)}(u) \geq \alpha\beta$  then
8:     Promote( $u$ ).
9:   else if  $l(u) > 0$  and  $b_{l(u)-1}(u) < \beta$  then
10:    Demote( $u$ ).
11:   else
12:    label  $u$  “good”.

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- Update the partitioning of each  $E_u$  and guarantees  $b_{l(u)}(u) < \alpha\beta$  and  $b_{l(u)-1}(u) > \beta$

Maintaining an  $(\alpha, \beta)$  - Decomposition**Algorithm 7** Promote( $u$ ):

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1:  $t := l(u), l(u) := t + 1, E_u^{(t+1)} := \emptyset.$   $\triangleright |E_u^{(t)}| \geq \alpha\beta$ 
2: for each  $e \in E_u^{(t)}$  do  $\triangleright O(|E_u^{(t)}|)$ -iterations
3:   if  $\min_{v \in e \setminus \{u\}} \{l(v)\} \geq t + 1$  then  $\triangleright O(|e|)$ -time
4:     for each  $v \in e$  do
5:        $E_v^{(t)} := E_v^{(t)} \setminus \{e\}, E_v^{(t+1)} := E_v^{(t+1)} \cup \{e\}.$ 
6:       if  $l(v) = t + 1$  and  $v \neq u$  then
7:         label  $v$  “bad”.

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**Algorithm 8** Demote( $u$ ):

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1:  $t := l(u), l(u) := t - 1.$   $\triangleright |E_u^{(t)}| < \beta$ 
2: for each  $v \in e \in E_u^{(t)}$  do  $\triangleright O(\sum_{e \in E_u^{(t)}} |e|)$ -time
3:    $E_v^{(t)} := E_v^{(t)} \setminus \{e\}, E_v^{(t-1)} := E_v^{(t-1)} \cup \{e\}.$ 
4:   if  $l(v) = t$  then
5:     label  $v$  “bad”.

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Maintaining an  $(\alpha, \beta)$  - Decomposition

LEMMA 4.3. *For each computation cost in the update procedure (Algorithm 6), the potential decreases by at least  $\Omega(\frac{\epsilon}{r})$  while each edge update increases the potential by at most  $O(r\tau)$ .*

- **Insert( $e$ ):**  $P' - P \leq P'(e) \leq r\tau$ .
- **Delete( $e$ ):**  $P' - P \leq \sum_{u \in e} (P'(u) - P(u)) \leq \epsilon|e|\tau \leq \epsilon r\tau$ .



## Maintaining an $(\alpha, \beta)$ - Decomposition

**Promote(u):** assume  $l(u) = t$ , then  $b_t(u) \geq \alpha\beta$ ,  $l'(u) = t + 1$  and  $S'_{t+1} = S_{t+1} \cup \{u\}$ . The potential of nodes and edges are changed as follows.

- Since  $S'_i = S_i$  for all  $i \leq t$ , we have

$$P(u) - P'(u) = -\max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b_t(u)\} \geq \epsilon b_t(u) - \alpha\beta.$$

- For all  $v \in e \in E_u[S_t]$  s.t.  $l(v) \geq t + 2$ ,

$$P(v) - P'(v) = \max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b_{t+1}(v)\} - \max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b'_{t+1}(v)\} \geq 0.$$

- For all other nodes  $v$ ,  $P(v) - P'(v) = 0$ .

- For all  $e \in E_u[S_t]$  s.t.  $\min_{v \in e \setminus \{u\}} \{l(v)\} \geq t + 1$ ,

$$P(e) - P'(e) \geq r(l'(e) - l(e) + \frac{1}{|e|} - 1) = \frac{r}{|e|} \geq 1.$$

- For all  $e \in E_u[S_t]$  s.t.  $\min_{v \in e \setminus \{u\}} \{l(v)\} = t$ ,

$$P(e) - P'(e) \geq \frac{r}{|e|} \geq 1.$$

- For all other edges  $e$ ,  $P(e) - P'(e) = 0$ .

Hence, overall the total potential is decreased by at least  $P - P' \geq \epsilon b_t(u) - \alpha\beta + |E_u[S_t]| \geq \epsilon |E_u[S_t]|$ . Since each promotion executes in  $O(r|E_u^{(t)}|) = O(r|E_u[S_t]|)$  time, for each computation cost, the potential is decreased by  $\Omega(\frac{\epsilon}{r})$ .

## Maintaining an $(\alpha, \beta)$ - Decomposition

**Demote**( $u$ ): assume  $l(u) = t$ , then  $b_{t-1}(u) < \beta$ ,  $l'(u) = t - 1$  and  $S'_t = S_t \setminus \{u\}$ . The potential of nodes and edges are changed as follows.

- Since  $S'_i = S_i$  for all  $i \leq t$ , we have  $P(u) - P'(u) = \max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b_{t-1}(u)\} = \alpha\beta - \epsilon b_{t-1}(u)$ .
- For all  $v \in e \in E_u[S_t]$  s.t.  $l(v) \geq t+1$ ,  $P(v) - P'(v) = \max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b_t(v)\} - \max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b'_t(v)\} \geq -\epsilon(b_t(v) - b'_t(v))$ , which means that the increase in potential of each such node  $v$  is at most  $\epsilon$  fraction of the number of hyperedges adjacent to  $v$  at level  $t$  that are removed due to the demotion of  $u$ . Hence, the total decrease of potential of those nodes is  $\sum_{v \in e \in E_u[S_t] \text{ s.t. } l(v) \geq t+1} P(v) - P'(v) \geq -\epsilon \sum_{e \in E_u[S_t]} |e| \geq -\epsilon r |E_u[S_t]|$ .

- For all other nodes  $v$ ,  $P(v) - P'(v) = 0$ .
- For all  $e \in E_u[S_t]$ ,  $P(e) - P'(e) \geq r(l'(e) - l(e) + \frac{1}{|e|} - \frac{1}{|e|}) = -r$ .
- For all  $e \in E_u^{(t-1)}$ ,  $P(e) - P'(e) \geq -\frac{r}{|e|} \geq -r$ .
- For all other edges  $e$ ,  $P(e) - P'(e) = 0$ .

Hence, the total potential decrease by (when  $\alpha = r(1 + 3\epsilon)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} P - P' &\geq \alpha\beta - \epsilon b_{t-1}(u) - \epsilon r b_t(u) - r |E_u(S_t)| - r |E_u^{(t-1)}| \\ &\geq \alpha\beta - (\epsilon + \epsilon r + r) b_{t-1}(u) \geq \epsilon |E_u[S_{t-1}]|. \end{aligned}$$

Since each demotion executes in  $O(r |E_u^{(t)}|) = O(r |E_u[S_{t-1}]|)$  time, for each computation cost, the potential is decreased by  $\Omega(\frac{\epsilon}{r})$ , which completes the analysis.  $\square$

## Maintaining an $(\alpha, \beta)$ - Decomposition

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- For all  $v \in e \in E_u[S_t]$  s.t.  $l(v) \geq t+1$ ,  $P(v) - P'(v) = \max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b_t(v)\} - \max\{0, \alpha\beta - \epsilon b'_t(v)\} \geq -\epsilon(b_t(v) - b'_t(v))$ , which means that the increase in potential of each such node  $v$  is at most  $\epsilon$  fraction of the number of hyperedges adjacent to  $v$  at level  $t$  that are removed due to the demotion of  $u$ . Hence, the total decrease of potential of those nodes is  $\sum_{v \in e \in E_u[S_t] \text{ s.t. } l(v) \geq t+1} P(v) - P'(v) \geq -\epsilon \sum_{e \in E_u[S_t]} |e| \geq -\epsilon r |E_u[S_t]|$ .

- For all other nodes  $v$ ,  $P(v) - P'(v) = 0$ .
- For all  $e \in E_u[S_t]$ ,  $P(e) - P'(e) \geq r(l'(e) - l(e) + \frac{1}{|e|} - \frac{1}{|e|}) = -r$ .
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## Experiments

## Datasets:

Datasets	$ V $	$ E $	Time
DBLP	1,159,694	1,778,467	1959-2016
CiteULike	1,038,323	2,411,819	2005-2008
YouTube	3,223,589	9,375,374	2004

## Experiments

## Exact vs Approximation

Catagory	# Author	# Paper	Avg. Authors	Max. Authors
TCS	9074	11991	2.56	15
ML	25526	20606	2.78	25
DB	18863	13420	3.27	36

**Table 2: Properties of publications, where Avg. Authors denotes the average number of authors per paper and Max. Author denotes the maximum number of authors in a paper.**



## Experiments

## Exact vs Approximation

Method	Measure	TCS	ML	DB
Ours	$ S $	232	43	71
	$ E[S] $	919	127	189
Existing work [19]	$ S $	288	25	48
	$ E[S] $	983	4	2

Table 4: Comparison of hyperedge density

Method	Measure	TCS	ML	DB
Exact	$ S / V (\%)$	2.56	0.17	0.38
	Density	3.96	2.95	2.66
	Time(ms)	196.12	314.59	198.90
$\epsilon = 0.1$	$ S / V (\%)$	7.76	0.10	0.25
	Density	3.64	2.16	1.60
	Time(ms)	53.57	123.96	82.24
$\epsilon = 0.5$	$ S / V (\%)$	7.76	0.10	0.25
	Density	3.64	2.16	1.60
	Time(ms)	54.91	121.08	83.05

Table 3: Performance on real datasets

## Experiments

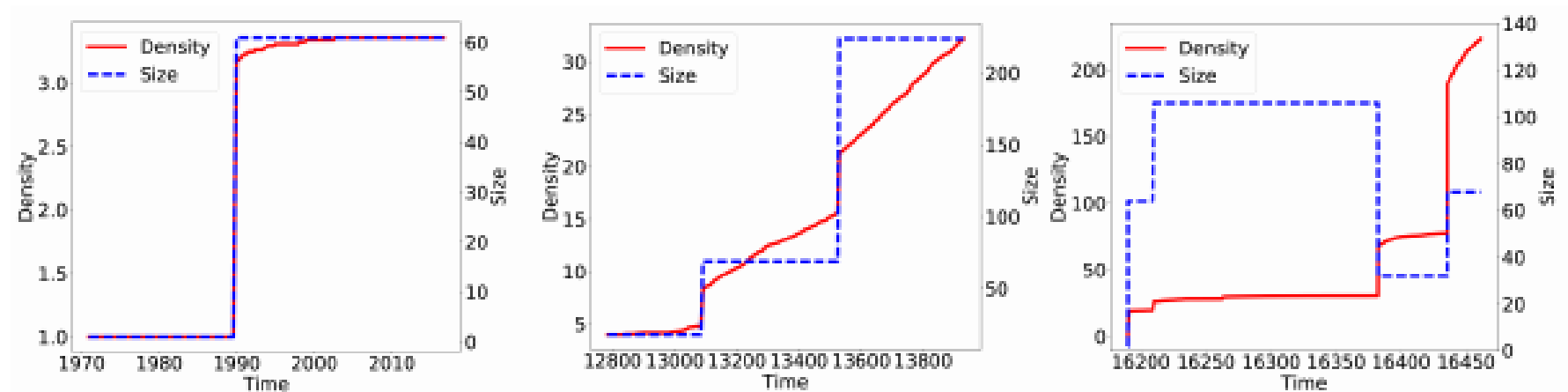
## Synthetic Datasets

Method	Measure	(1k, 2)	(1k, 4)	(10k, 2)	(10k, 4)
Exact	$ S / V (\%)$	1.25	1.19	0.16	0.13
	Density	12.50	25.93	21.50	74.40
	Time(ms)	15.06	32.93	279.34	543.12
$\epsilon = 0.1$	$ S / V (\%)$	1.50	0.98	0.13	0.13
	Density	9.70	23.51	20.83	74.39
	Time(ms)	5.65	6.79	66.23	66.11
$\epsilon = 0.5$	$ S / V (\%)$	7.56	2.07	0.09	0.11
	Density	6.31	17.36	17.53	73.26
	Time(ms)	4.43	6.21	67.65	66.25

Table 5: Performance on synthetic datasets

## Incremental Case

## Evolution of the Densest Subgraph



(a) DBLP

(b) CiteULike

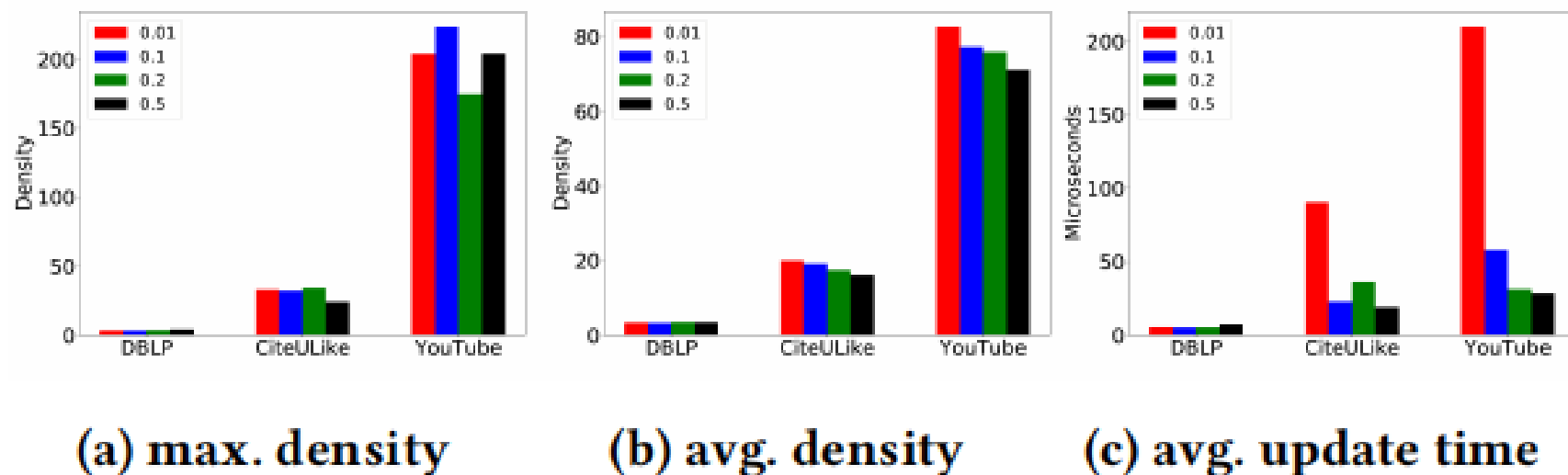
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**Figure 2: Evolution of densest subgraph: insertion only.**



## Incremental Case

## Efficiency Accuracy Trade-offs

Figure 3: Effect of  $\epsilon$  in the incremental case.

## Fully Dynamic Case

## Improved Maintenance on Normal Graphs

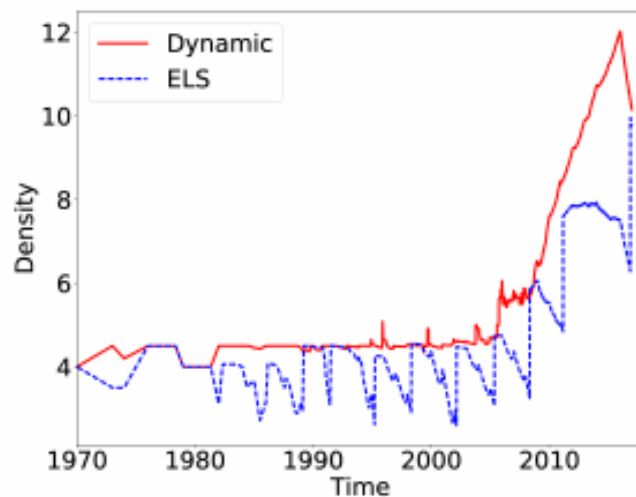


Figure 4: Evolution of the densest subgraph: ours vs ELS

## Fully Dynamic Case

## Evolution of the Densest Sub-hypergraph

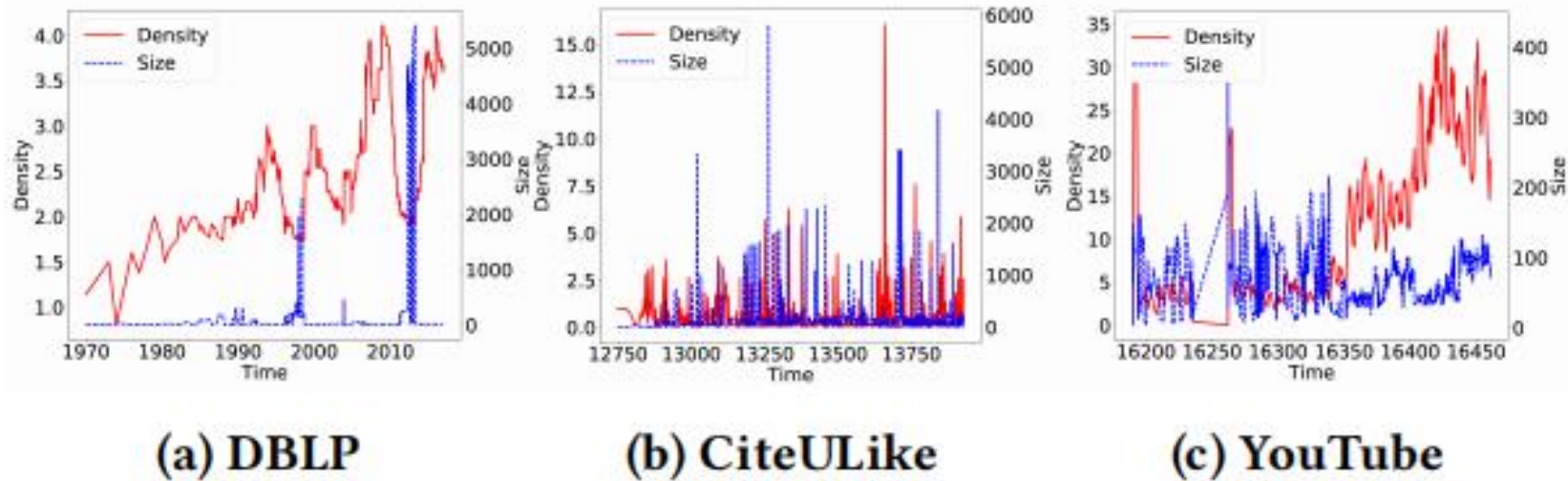


Figure 5: Evolution of densest subgraph: fully Dynamic.

## Fully Dynamic Case

## Efficiency Accuracy Trade-offs

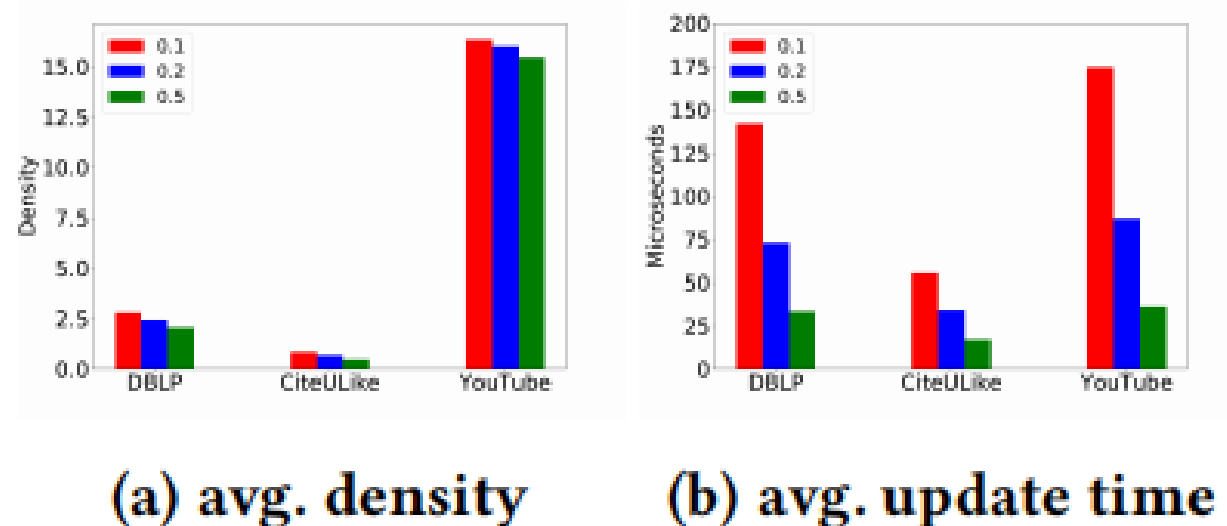


Figure 6: Trade-off between the average update time (in microseconds) and the density of the subgraph.



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