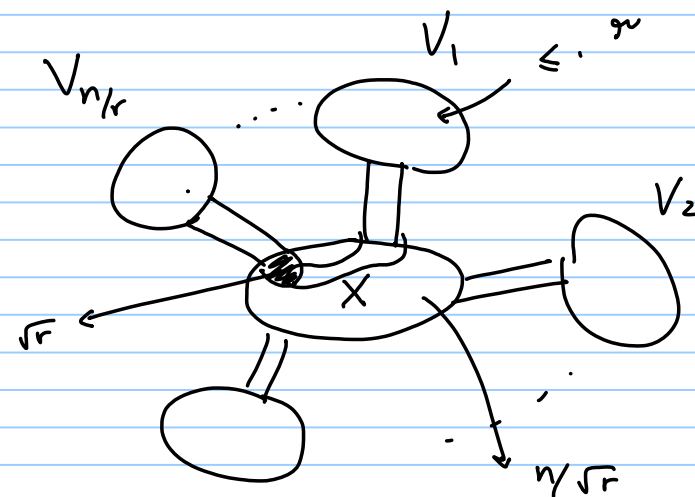


Theorem [Fredrickson '86] ( $r$ -divison) For any parameter  $r > 0$ , and any planar graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $\exists$  constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3 > 0$ ; and a partition:  $V_1, \dots, V_{n/r}, X$  of  $V$ , such that:

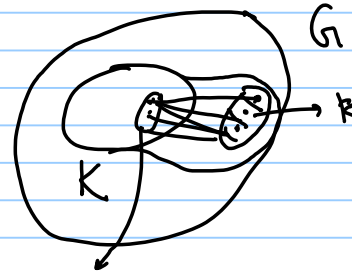
- (i)  $|V_i| \leq c_1 r$
- (ii)  $|X| \leq c_2 n / \sqrt{r}$
- (iii)  $|V_i \cap X| \leq c_3 \sqrt{r}$
- (iv)  $(V_i \setminus X) \cap (V_j \setminus X) = \emptyset \ \forall i \neq j$ .



## Local search : MIS in planar graphs.

$LS(k)$

1. Start with any IS  $K$ .
2. While possible
3.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Swap } k \text{ vertices from } V \setminus K \\ \text{\& remove their neighbors in } K \\ \text{if it improves the size of the} \\ \text{IS.} \end{array} \right.$



$$G \setminus K' = (K \cup S_k) \setminus N(S_k \cap K)$$

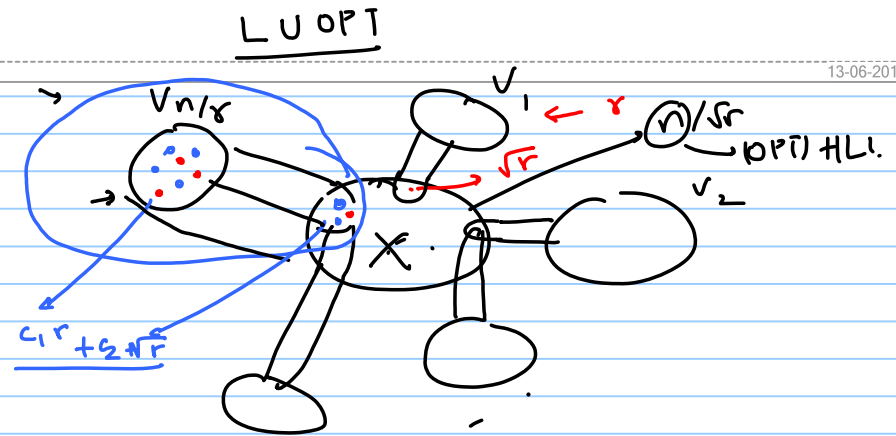
For  $k = O(1/\epsilon^2)$ ,  $LS(k)$  is a  $(1-\epsilon)$ -approx.

Theorem:  $LS(k)$  is a  $(1-\epsilon)$ -approx.  
for MIS in planar graphs.

Proof:

Let  $L, OPT$ :

$G[L \cup OPT]$ . ( $L \cap OPT = \emptyset$ )



- Suppose  $r$  is chosen s.t.

$$\underline{k > c_1 r + c_2 \sqrt{r}}$$

- Let  $OPT$  be an optimal soln.
- Let  $L$  be the soln. returned by  $LS(k)$

Proof . We can assume:  $L \cap OPT = \emptyset$ .

• Let  $OPT_i = OPT \cap V_i$

$$L_i = L \cap V_i$$

Obs1 .  $|L_i| \geq |OPT_i| \quad \forall i = 1 \dots n/r$ .

$$k \geq (c_1 + c_2)r$$

$$\text{Choose } r \leq \frac{k}{c_1 + c_2}.$$

$$|OPT| = \sum_{i=1}^{n/r} |OPT_i| + |OPT \cap X|$$

$$|OPT| \leq \sum |L_i| + |X|$$

$$|OPT| \leq |L| + c_3 \frac{|L \cup OPT|}{\sqrt{r}}.$$

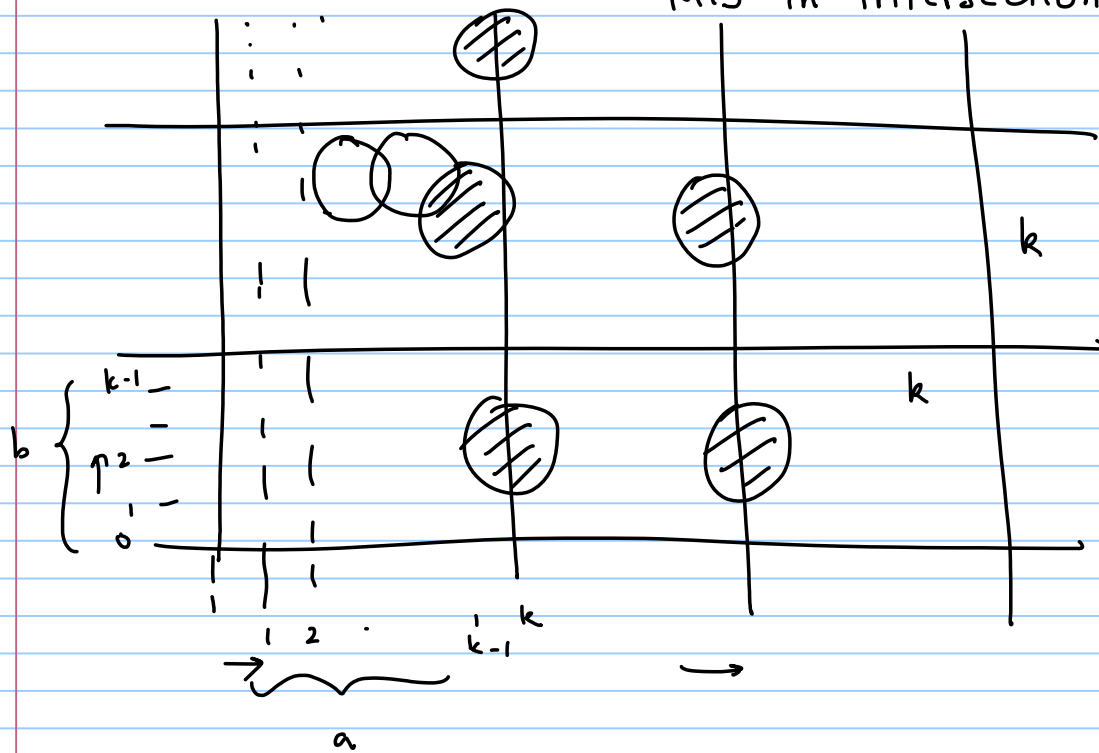
$$|OPT| \leq |L| + \alpha \cdot \frac{|L| + |OPT|}{\sqrt{k}}$$

$$k = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$

$$|OPT| \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{k}}\right) \leq |L| \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{k}}\right).$$

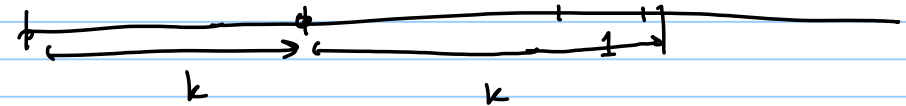
$$|L| \geq |OPT| \frac{(1 - \alpha/\sqrt{k})}{(1 + \alpha/\sqrt{k})} \geq (1 - \epsilon) |OPT|$$

# MIS in intersection graph of unit disks. (Hochbaum-Maass '82)



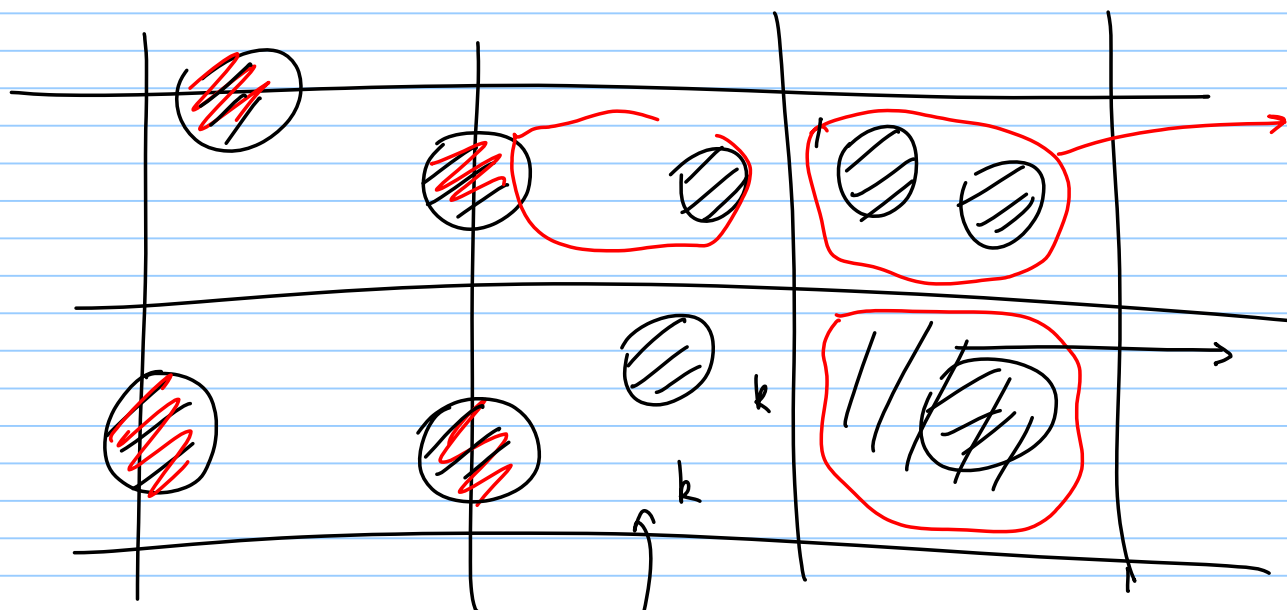
Fix an optimal soln: OPT

Lemma:  $\Pr[\text{a grid line intersecting a unit disk}] \leq 2/k$ .



If we shift randomly; the expected # disks of OPT intersecting a grid line is

$$\leq \frac{2 \text{OPT}}{k}$$



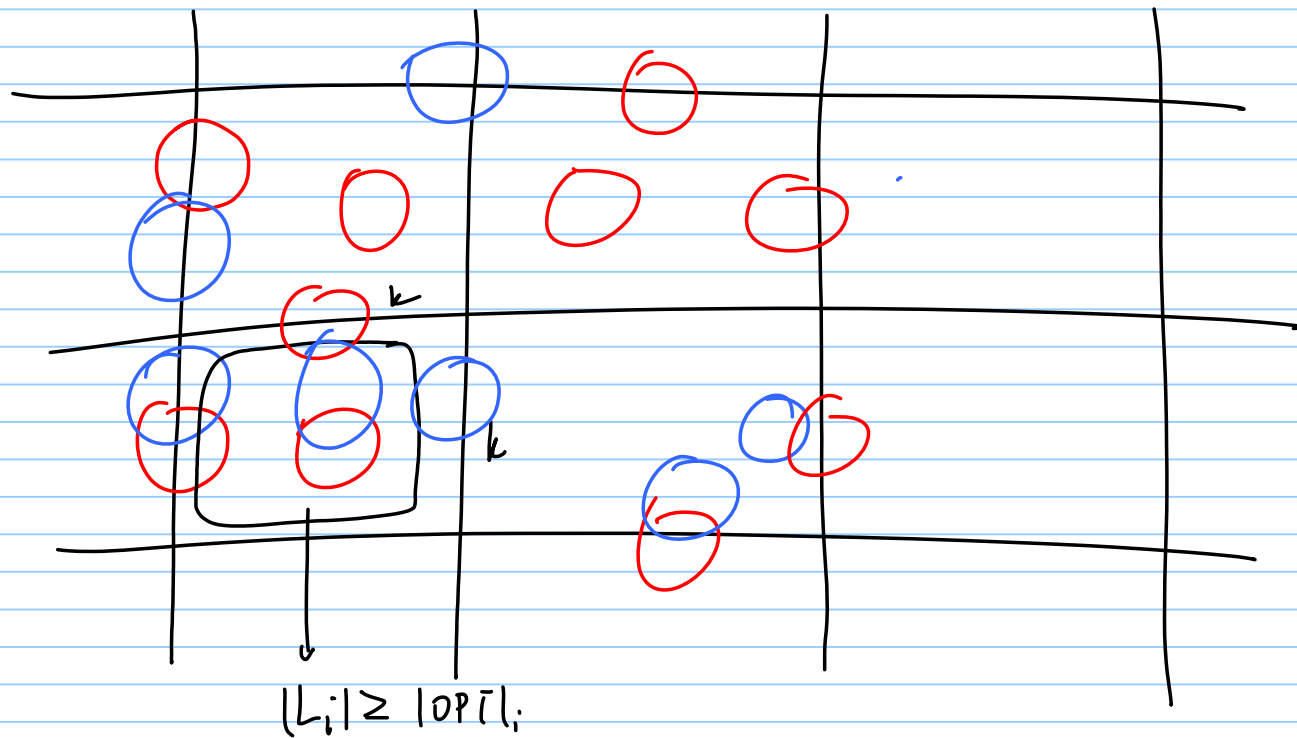
$\exists$  a soln. of size  $\geq (1 - \frac{2}{k}) \text{OPT}$

Enumerate all possible sets of  
Size  $O(k^2)$ :  $\binom{n}{k^2} = O(n^{k^2})$ .

Packing argument: A  $k \times k$  grid has area  $k^2$ ; a unit disk occupies  $\pi$   
 $\Rightarrow$  # of pairwise disjoint disks  $\leq O(k^2)$

$$k = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

LS( $k^2$ )

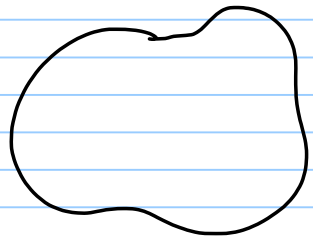


○ : OPT

○ : Local.

intersection graph of  
OPT  $\cup$  Local.

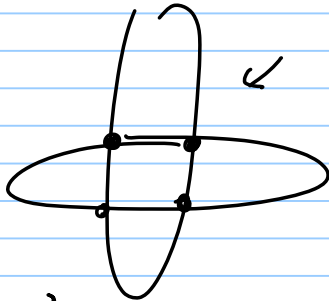
## Independent Set in pseudodisks



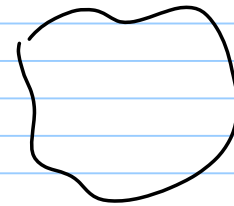
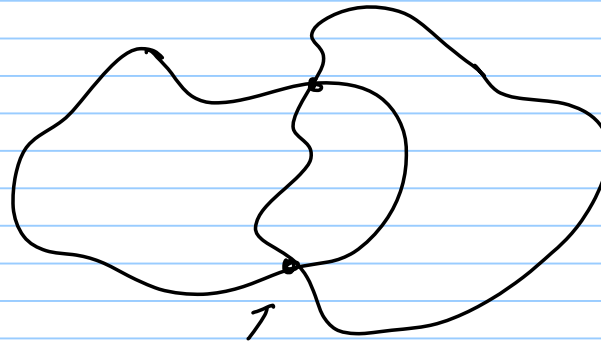
: Each region is def. by a cont. closed curve.

A collection of regions  $R$  is said to be a set of pseudodisks if

$$\forall A, B \in R$$



Cannot pierce



- either their boundaries intersect twice, or not at all.



Har-Peled & Chan '09.

Alg:  $LS(k)$

Pf. Let  $L$  be a LS soln.

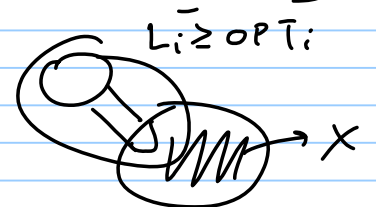
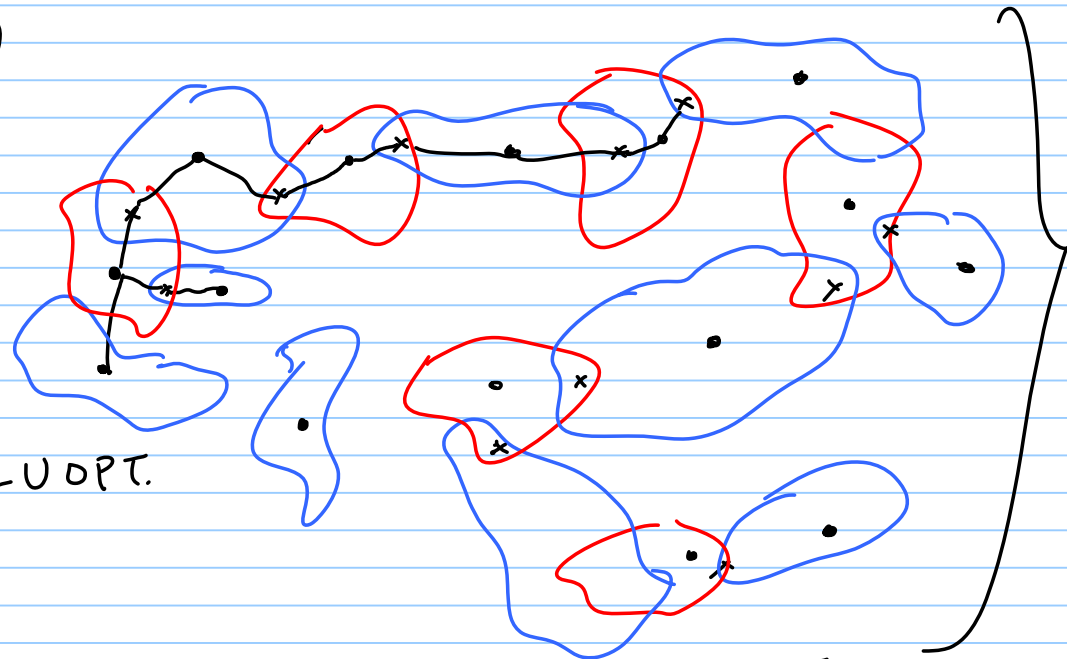
$OPT$  = an optimal soln.

Let  $G$  be the intersection graph of  $L \cup OPT$ .

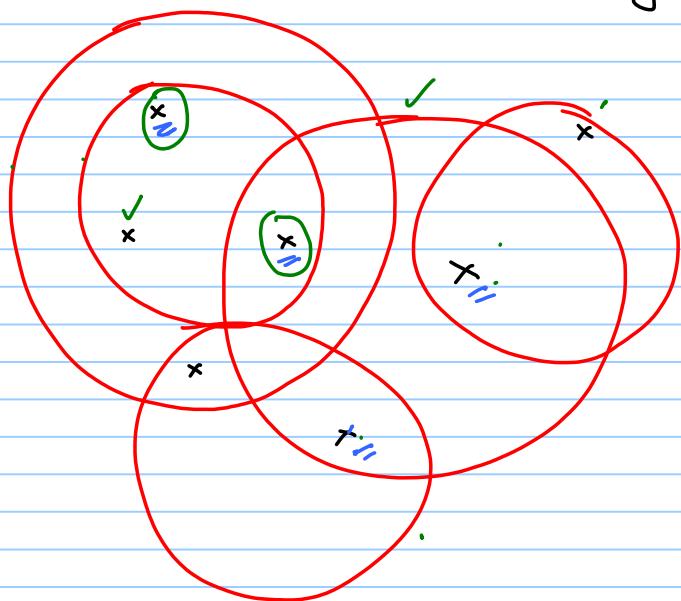
• Claim:  $G$  is a planar graph.

• For any set of  $\leq k$  vertices  $s$  of  $OPT$ ,  $|N(s)|$  in  $G$ ?

$|N(s)| \geq |s| \quad \forall \quad s \subseteq OPT, |s| \leq k.$



Hitting set for disks.



$\mathcal{D}$  = Set of disks;  $V$  = points

Find min. # points  $S$ :

$\forall D \in \mathcal{D}; S \cap D \neq \emptyset$

Alg: LS( $k$ )

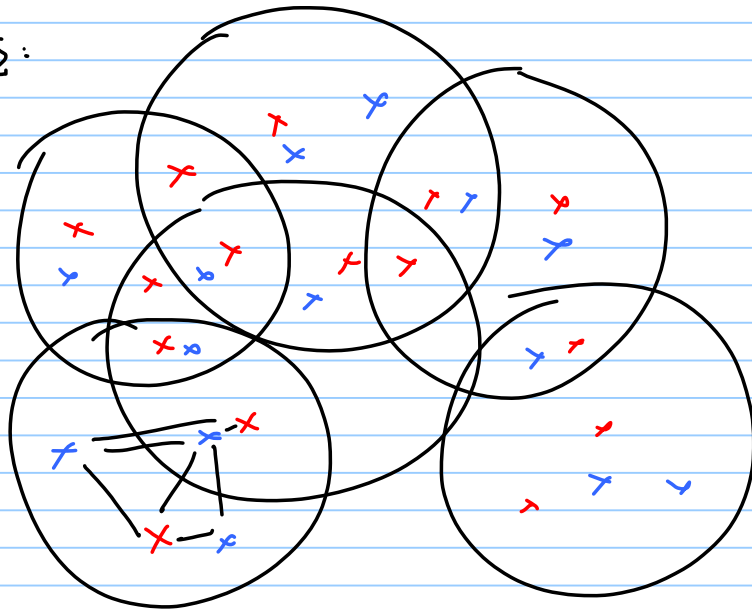
Given the current soln:  $k$

- For each  $C \subseteq k$ ,  $|C| \leq k$ .

- If we can find a set  $N(C) \subseteq V \setminus k$  s.t.  $k' = (k \setminus C) \cup N(C)$  is a hitting set, and

$|k'| < |k|$  then set  $k \leftarrow k'$ .

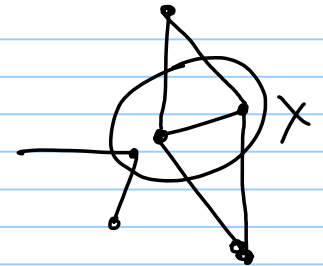
Analysis:



Fix an OPT soln. & a LS soln.

$x$ : OPT

$x$ : LS.



$G$

• Construct a graph, on  $L \cup \text{OPT}$ .  
s.t. for any set  $C \subseteq k$ ,  
 $(K \setminus C) \cup N(C)$  is a hitting set.

• If  $G$  is planar ✓

Locality property

$\forall D \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\exists$  an edge between a point  
in  $L \cap D$  &  $\text{OPT} \cap D$ . ✓

• Delaunay Triangulation of  $\text{OPT} \cup \text{LS}$   
→  $G[D]$  is connected  $\forall D \in \mathcal{D}$ .

LS(k).

H-minor free graphs.