

A ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

This section shows the additional experimental results that are not included in the submitted version of this paper.

A.1 Frequency Estimation

In this subsection, we evaluate the performance of our RA-CS in frequency estimation using the CAIDA dataset where each data stream tuple is represented as $(flow\ ID, 1/-1 \cdot packet\ size\ in\ bytes)$. We set the $D:I$ ratio to 0.5. The metrics used include RB and RMSRE, and the results are shown in Fig. 13(a) and (b), respectively.

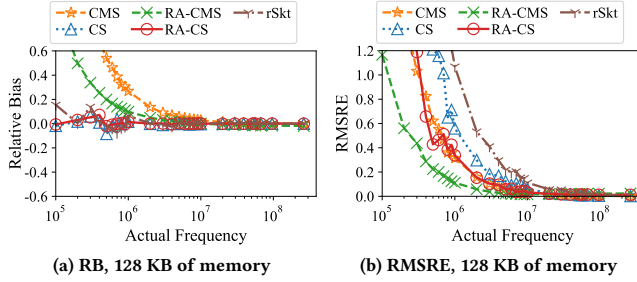


Figure 13: Frequency estimation errors when $|weight| > 1$

A.2 Heavy Hitter Detection

In this subsection, we evaluate the performance of RAS in heavy hitter detection using the Precision and Recall metrics. For comparison, we set the relative threshold ϵ defined in Eq. (2) to 2^{-11} and set the filter size to $\frac{\zeta}{12\epsilon}$. Firstly, we fix the $D:I$ ratio to 0.5 and use the CAIDA dataset for evaluation. The results for the stream tuple represented as $(flow\ ID, 1/-1)$ are shown in Fig. 14(a) and (b), and the results for the stream tuple represented as $(flow\ ID, 1/-1 \cdot packet\ size\ in\ bytes)$ are shown in Fig. 14(c) and (d), respectively.

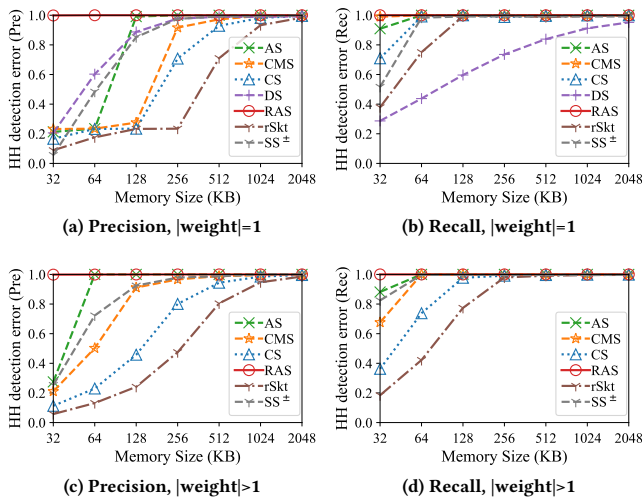


Figure 14: Precision and Recall for heavy hitter detection when $D:I$ ratio is 0.5

Then, we evaluate the performance of our RAS under different $D:I$ ratios using the Zipf distribution dataset. The results for the two metrics are shown in Fig. 15(a) and (b), respectively.

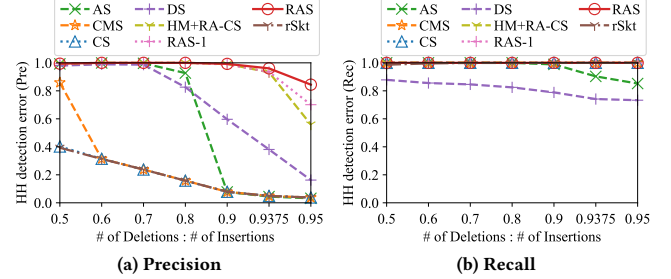


Figure 15: Precision and Recall for heavy hitter detection under varying $D:I$ ratios

A.3 Moment Estimation

First, we evaluate the performance of our algorithm in moment estimation using the CAIDA dataset when the stream tuples are in the form of $(flow\ ID, 1/-1)$. We set the $D:I$ ratio to 0.5, and use the ARE as a metric to evaluate the estimation performance. The estimation error curves of the $L0$ moment, $L1$ moment, entropy, and $L2$ moment, are shown in Fig. 16(a), (b), (c), and (d), respectively.

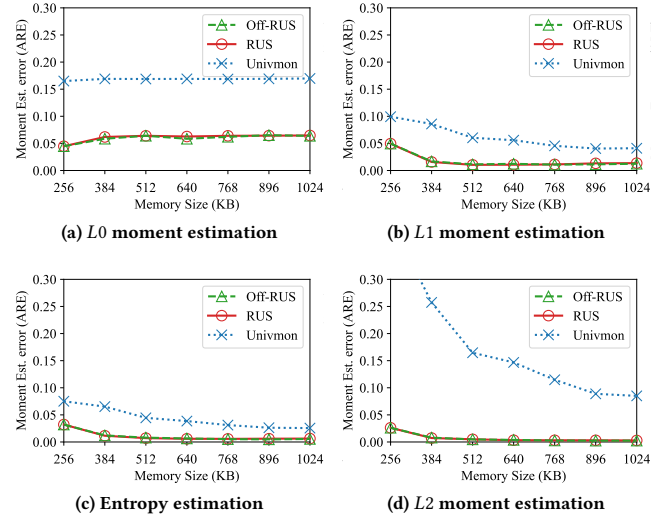


Figure 16: Moment estimation errors when $|weight| = 1$

Then, we evaluate the performance of our algorithm in moment estimation under varying $D:I$ ratios. We use the synthetic Zipf distribution dataset. The estimation error curves of the $L0$ moment, $L1$ moment, entropy, and $L2$ moment, are shown in Fig. 17(a), (b), (c), and (d), respectively.

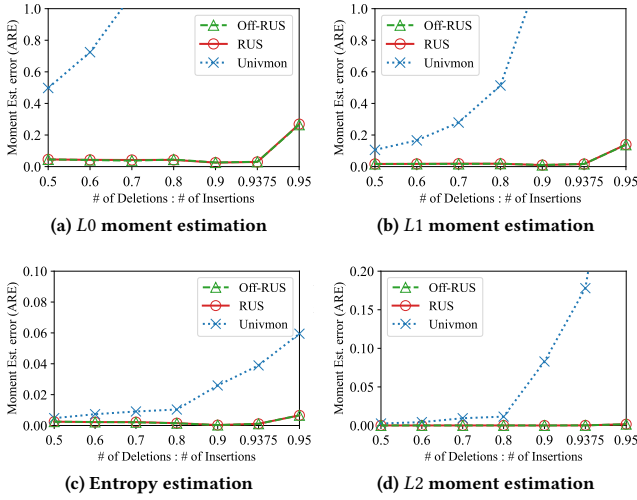


Figure 17: Moment estimation errors on varying $D:I$ ratios

B MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS

In this section, we present the mathematical analyses of our solutions. We first analyze the expectation and variance of our RAC. Then, we derive the L1 and L2 error bounds of our RA-CS. Finally, for RAS, we provide the lower bound of the filter size and the error bound of the heavy hitter detection error.

B.1 Mathematical Analysis of RAC

In this subsection, we provide the expectation of RAC which proves that our RAC is unbiased. Then we give the variance of our RAC, and the coefficient of variation (i.e., $\frac{\text{variance}}{\text{expectation}^2}$).

Suppose an RAC C with an exponent α of length \mathcal{L}_α , and a coefficient β of length \mathcal{L}_β . Denote by $T(a, b)$ the random variable that represents the amount of total update value needed from the start of counting ($C.\alpha = 0, C.\beta = 0$) until that RAC C reaches the state when $C.\alpha$ equals a and $C.\beta$ equals b . We also assume a uniform increment or decrement size θ .

THEOREM 2. *Suppose that increments to the RAC C are uniform and given by θ . Then, for the random variable $T(a, b)$ defined above we have:*

$$E[T(a, b)] = (b + 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta}) \cdot 2^a - 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta}$$

PROOF. Recall that for a geometric random variable $G(p)$, we have $E[G(p)] = \frac{1}{p}$ and $\text{Var}[G(p)] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$. For each a , denote by $W(a)$ the random variable that represents the amount of value to make one increment of the RAC C when $C.\alpha = a$. The probability of incrementing the RAC C in a single trial is $p_a = \frac{\theta}{2^a}$. Note that the maximum value of $C.\alpha$ is $2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1$. Therefore, the number of trials before the increment of RAC C is $G(p_a)$ and since each trial corresponds to θ of the total frequency we have

$$W(a) = \theta G(p_a)$$

Time from the beginning of counting can be divided in $2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}$ intervals, corresponding to each exponent $\alpha = 0, 1, \dots, a < 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}$. In

exponent $\alpha = 0$, RAC C is incremented $q_0 = 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta}$ times, for exponent $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, a \leq 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2$, we have $q_a = 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta}$ times. For exponent $\alpha = 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1$, we have $q_a = 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} - 1$. This is because if we increment $2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta}$ times, the coefficient will overflow, and the exponent will increase 1 to correct this overflow, however, the maximum value of exponent α is $2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1$. If $a = 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}$, it overflows.

Denote by $Q(a)$ the total increments in each of these $2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}$ intervals. Now for any $\alpha = 0, 1, \dots, a$,

$$Q(a) = \sum_{j=1}^{q_a} W_j(a)$$

where $W_j(a)$ is the set of independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables, with distribution given by $W(a)$.

Therefore

$$E[Q(a)] = \sum_{j=1}^{q_a} E[W_j(a)] = q_a \cdot \theta \frac{1}{p_a} = q_a \cdot 2^a$$

where $a \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1\}$, and $p_a = \frac{\theta}{2^a}$.

Now $T(a, b)$ is given by:

$$T(a, b) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^a Q(\alpha)$$

When a is 0, the expected value of $T(a, b)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} E[T(a, b)] &= E\left[\sum_{j=1}^b W_j(0)\right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^b E[\theta G(p_0)] \\ &= b \end{aligned}$$

The theorem follows when $a = 0$.

When $a \in 1, 2, \dots, 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2$, the expected value of $T(a, b)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} E[T(a, b)] &= E[Q(0)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{a-1} E[Q(\alpha)] + b \cdot E[W(a)] \\ &= 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} + 2^{a+\mathcal{L}_\beta} - 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta+1} + b \cdot 2^a \\ &= (b + 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta}) \cdot 2^a - 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} \end{aligned}$$

The theorem follows when $a \in 1, 2, \dots, 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2$.

When $a = 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1$, the expected value of $T(a, b)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} E[T(a, b)] &= E[Q(0)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}-2} E[Q(\alpha)] + b \cdot E[W(a)] \\ &= 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} + 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}+\mathcal{L}_\beta-1} - 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta+1} + b \cdot 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}-1} \\ &= (b + 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta}) \cdot 2^a - 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} \end{aligned}$$

The theorem follows when $a = 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1$. \square

COROLLARY 3. *The estimation of RAC C is unbiased.*

PROOF. As stated in Theorem 2, the amount of total update value is equal to the expectation of the estimation of RAC C . \square

THEOREM 4. Suppose that increments to the RAC C are uniform and given by θ . Then, for the random variable $T(a, b)$ defined above we have:

$$\text{Var}[T(a, b)] \leq \frac{1}{3} \left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - 2 \right) 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} \left(-3\theta + 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} + 2 \right) - 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2} \left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - 2\theta \right)$$

PROOF. Since $Q(a) = \sum_{j=1}^{q_a} W_j(a)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[Q(a)] &= \sum_{j=1}^{q_a} \text{Var}[W_j(a)] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{q_a} \text{Var}[\theta G(p_a)] \\ &= q_a \cdot 2^a \cdot 2^a \cdot (1 - p_a) \end{aligned}$$

The variance of $T(a, b)$ is now:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(T(a, b)) &= \sum_{\alpha=0}^a \text{Var}[Q(a)] \\ &\leq \text{Var}[Q(0)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2} \text{Var}[Q(a)] + \text{Var}[Q(2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1)] \end{aligned}$$

For $\text{Var}[Q(0)]$, as the exponent part is 0, the increment is deterministic, so the variance is 0.

For $\sum_{\alpha=1}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2} \text{Var}[Q(a)]$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2} \text{Var}[Q(a)] &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2} q_a \cdot 2^{2\alpha} (1 - p_a) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2} 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} \cdot 2^{2\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{2^\alpha} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} + 1 + \mathcal{L}_\beta - 2} - \frac{1}{3} 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta + 2} - \theta 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta + 2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1} + \theta 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta + 1} \end{aligned}$$

For $\text{Var}[Q(2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1)]$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[Q(2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1)] &= \text{Var}\left[\sum_{j=1}^{q_{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1}} W_j(2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1)\right] \\ &= (2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} - 1) \cdot (2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} + 1} - 2 - \theta 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1}) \end{aligned}$$

Overall, the Variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[T(a, b)] &\leq \sum_{a=0}^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 1} \text{Var}[Q(a)] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - 2 \right) 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta} \left(-3\theta + 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} + 2 \right) - 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha} - 2} \left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - 2\theta \right) \end{aligned}$$

□

The following corollary characterizes the asymptotic behavior of the coefficient of variation $\delta(T(a, m))$.

COROLLARY 5. For RAC C , $\delta(T(a, b)) \approx \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}}$.

PROOF.

$$\delta(T(a, b)) = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Var}[T(a, b)]}{(E[T(a, b)])^2}}$$

And we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Var}[T(a, b)]}{(E[T(a, b)])^2} &= \frac{\left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - 2 \right) 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta + 2} \left(-3\theta + 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} + 2 \right) - 3 \cdot 2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} \left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - 2\theta \right)}{3 \left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - \left(2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}} - 1 \right) 2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta + 1} \right)^2} \\ &\approx \frac{2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta + 2} - 3}{3 \left(2^{\mathcal{L}_\beta + 1} - 1 \right)^2} \\ &\approx \frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

where the approx symbol follows from that the $2^{2^{\mathcal{L}_\alpha}}$ is larger than the constant term in the addition process. □

B.2 Mathematical Analysis of RA-CS

In this subsection, we first prove that the estimation of RA-CS (i.e., CountSketch combined with our RAC) is unbiased. Then, we provide the L1 and L2 error bound of the RA-CS.

THEOREM 6. The RA-CS provides an unbiased element frequency estimation.

PROOF. We treat the value of RAC C as the true value C_r plus the estimation error C_ϵ , such that $C = C_r + C_\epsilon$. For estimating the frequency of an element e , in each row of the CountSketch, we have

$$\hat{f}_e = f_e + \sum_{e': e' \neq e} f_{e'} g(e) g(e') Y_{e'}$$

where

$$Y_{e'} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } h(e') = h(e) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So, for the frequency estimation \hat{f}_e of the element e , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{f}_e] &= E[C] \\ &= E[C_r] + E[C_\epsilon] \\ &= f_e + E\left[\sum_{e': e' \neq e} f_{e'} g(e) g(e') Y_{e'}\right] + E[C_\epsilon] \end{aligned}$$

Since the CountSketch and RAC C are unbiased, we have $E[C_r] = 0$ and $E[\sum_{e': e' \neq e} f_{e'} g(e) g(e') Y_{e'}] = 0$. Therefore, $E[\hat{f}_e] = f_e$, and the theorem follows. □

THEOREM 7 (L1 ERROR BOUND FOR COUNTSKETCH WITH GENERAL DEPTH). For a RA-CS with depth d , and width b , the frequency estimation error $|f_e - \hat{f}_e|$ of an element e is at most $\frac{\epsilon}{b} F_1$ with probability $1 - \delta$ from the RAS with parameters $d = O(\log(1/\delta))$.

PROOF. For the L1 bound in one row, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[|f_e - \hat{f}_e|] &= E\left[\left|\sum_{e' \neq e} Y_{e'} \cdot f_{e'} \cdot g_j(e) \cdot g_j(e') + C_\epsilon\right|\right] \\ &\leq E\left[\left|\sum_{e' \neq e} Y_{e'} \cdot f_{e'} \cdot g_j(e) \cdot g_j(e')\right|\right] + E[|C_\epsilon|] \\ &= E\left[\left|\sum_{e' \neq e} Y_{e'} \cdot f_{e'} \cdot g_j(e) \cdot g_j(e')\right|\right] + E[|C - C_r|] \end{aligned}$$

For $E[|\sum_{e' \neq e} Y_{e'} \cdot f_{e'} \cdot g_j(e) \cdot g_j(e')|]$, we have

$$E\left[\left|\sum_{e' \neq e} Y_{e'} \cdot f_{e'} \cdot g_j(e) \cdot g_j(e')\right|\right] \leq \frac{F_1}{b}$$

for $E[|C - C_r|]$, since the RAC C is unbiased (i.e., $C_r = E[C]$), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[|C - C_r|] &\leq \sqrt{E[(C - C_r)^2]} = \sqrt{\text{Var}[C]} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \cdot (E[C])^2} \\ &= C_r \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$E[|f_e - \hat{f}_e|] \leq \frac{F_1}{b} + C_r \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}}$$

Where the C_r can be seen as the expectation of the frequency in one RAC, which is $\frac{F_1}{b}$. So

$$\begin{aligned} E[|f_e - \hat{f}_e|] &\leq \frac{F_1}{b} + \frac{F_1}{b} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}} \\ &= \frac{F_1}{b} \cdot (1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}}) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the b equals twice that in the vanilla CountSketch. Combine Markov's inequality, we have

$$P[|f_e - \hat{f}_e| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{b} F_1] \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \cdot (1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}})$$

Setting ϵ to 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P[|f_e - \hat{f}_e| \geq \frac{3}{b} F_1] &\leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot (1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}}) \\ P[|f_e - \hat{f}_e| \leq \frac{3}{b} F_1] &\geq 1 - \frac{1}{3} \cdot (1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}}) \end{aligned}$$

Combining the Chernoff bounds, Theorem 7 follows. \square

Theorem 7 suggests using a value of b that is logarithmic in the desired failure probability. However, practitioners rarely use more than a small constant number of rows, such as 3, 4, or 5 rows. Recently, a study [29] proved that a CountSketch with a depth of 3 satisfies a similar error bound:

THEOREM 8 (L1 ERROR BOUND FOR COUNTSKETCH WITH A DEPTH OF 3). *For a RAS with a depth of 3, and width of b , the frequency estimation error $|f_e - \hat{f}_e|$ of an element e is at most $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{b} (1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}}) F_1$.*

PROOF. Combining Corollary 5 with the study [29], the theorem follows. \square

THEOREM 9 (L2 ERROR BOUND FOR COUNTSKETCH WITH GENERAL DEPTH). *For a RAS with depth d , and width b , the frequency estimation error $|f_e - \hat{f}_e|$ of an element e is at most $\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{b}} F_2$ with probability $1 - \delta$ from the RAS with parameters $d = O(\log(1/\delta))$.*

PROOF. We have computed the variance of the RAC C , based on the expectation $E[C] = C_r$. So we have the conditional variance $\text{Var}[C|C_r]$. So we have

$$\text{Var}[C] = E[\text{Var}[C|C_r]] + \text{Var}[E[C|C_r]]$$

where $\text{Var}[C|C_r] = \text{Var}[T(a, b)] \approx \frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \cdot (E[T(a, b)])^2 < \frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \cdot \frac{F_2^2}{b}$, and $\text{Var}[E[C|C_r]]$ is $\text{Var}[C_r] \leq \frac{F_2^2}{b}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[C] &\leq E[\frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \cdot (E[T(a, b)])^2] + \frac{F_2^2}{b} \\ &= \frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} E[(E[T(a, b)])^2] + \frac{F_2^2}{b} \\ &\leq \frac{2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \frac{F_2^2}{b} + \frac{F_2^2}{b} \\ &= \frac{3 + 2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \frac{F_2^2}{b} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the b is twice as large as that of the CountSketch. By the Chebyshev's inequality, we have

$$P[|f_e - \hat{f}_e| \geq \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{b}} F_2] \leq \frac{3 + 2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$$

Setting ϵ to 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P[|f_e - \hat{f}_e| \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{b}} F_2] &\leq \frac{3 + 2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \\ P[|f_e - \hat{f}_e| \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{b}} F_2] &\geq 1 - \frac{3 + 2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

By the Chernoff bounds, Theorem 9 follows. \square

THEOREM 10 (L2 ERROR BOUND FOR COUNTSKETCH WITH A DEPTH OF 3). *For a RAS with depth 3, and width b , the frequency estimation error $|f_e - \hat{f}_e|$ of an element e is at most $\sqrt{\frac{3 + 2^{-\mathcal{L}_\beta}}{3}} \frac{F_2}{\sqrt{b}}$.*

PROOF. Combining Corollary 5 with the study [29], the theorem follows. \square

B.3 Mathematical Analysis of RAS

In this subsection, we first present the lower bound on the size of the prefilter. Then, we propose the error bound of the frequency estimation of the heavy hitters.

Lower Bound on Filter Size. Previously, the SpaceSaving[±] (SS[±]) [64] established a lower bound $L = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon}$ on its size to track all HHs in the *bounded deletion model*. However, the lower bound is determined under the assumption of an evenly distributed insertion pattern. In this pattern, the number of insertions of each element is equal; therefore, no HHs exist. In this section, we further derive the lower bound. We consider a data stream following Zipf Law, which is characterized by heavy hitters, and most real-world data streams exhibit this distribution.

The lower bound when the data streams follow a Zipf distribution is given in Theorem 1, whose proof is as follows.

PROOF. The probability mass function of the Zipf distribution is shown in Eq. (11), where η represents the exponent that characterizes the skewness of the distribution, and N is the number of distinct elements.

$$f(i; \eta, N) = 1 / (i^\eta \sum_{j=1}^N j^{-\eta}) \quad (11)$$

After all I insertions and D deletions, the frequencies of heavy hitters are at least $\frac{\epsilon}{\zeta}I$, since $\epsilon(I - D) = \frac{\epsilon}{\zeta}I$. Thus, the prefilter must retain all the elements with a frequency greater than $\frac{\epsilon}{\zeta}I$ before any deletion occurs. Otherwise, if such an element is not retained before deletion occurs, it becomes an untracked heavy hitter afterward. Therefore, the size lower bound L is the maximum value of k that satisfies $f(k; \eta, N) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{\zeta}$. The expression of L is defined as

$$L = \max k, \text{ s.t. } 1 \leq k \leq N \wedge f(k; \eta, N) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{\zeta}.$$

Combining Eq. (11), the value of k can be determined as

$$k \leq \left\lceil \sqrt{\frac{\eta \frac{\zeta/\epsilon}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)^\eta}}{\eta \frac{\zeta/\epsilon}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)^\eta}}} \right\rceil.$$

□

The derivative of $\eta \sqrt{\frac{\zeta/\epsilon}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)^\eta}}$ for η is negative, i.e., $\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \eta \sqrt{\frac{\zeta/\epsilon}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)^\eta}} < 0$. As the parameter η describes the skewness, this means that a Zipf distribution with less skewness needs a higher lower bound on the size of the prefilter. Consequently, the configuration of k works for a low-skew Zipf distribution and is also compatible with the high-skew Zipf distribution. So we derive the corollary of the lower bound k when $\eta = 1$ (i.e., low skew Zipf distribution) to fit more scenarios.

COROLLARY 11. When the skewness η of a Zipf distribution is 1, the lower bound can be set to $\frac{\zeta}{12\epsilon}$.

PROOF. When η is 1, the size lower bound L can be written as

$$k = \frac{\zeta/\epsilon}{\sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)} \approx \frac{\zeta/\epsilon}{\ln(N+1)+\gamma}, \quad (12)$$

where $\gamma \approx 0.5772$ is the Euler's constant.

By combining Theorem 1 with the assumption that N typically exceeds 2^{16} in real-world datasets, we set the size of the filter to $\frac{\zeta/\epsilon}{12}$, which is only $\frac{1}{12}$ of that of the SS $^\pm$. This value is validated to yield excellent results in the evaluation presented in Section 9. □

Estimation Error of RAS. From Theorem 1, we transform the ϵ -heavy hitters problem to the top- k heavy hitter problem, where k is set to $\frac{\zeta}{\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)}$. Let f_e^k denote the frequency of the k th frequent element. We then give the L1 and L2 error bound to ensure that all the elements with frequency at least $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$ are maintained.

THEOREM 12 (L1 BOUND OF THE HEAVY HITTER PROBLEM WITH A DEPTH OF 3). If d is set to 3, and $b \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}(1+\sqrt{\frac{2^{-L\beta}}{3}})F_1}{f_e^k}$, then the element with frequency no less than $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$ in top- $\frac{\zeta}{\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)}$ element are preserved.

PROOF. By Theorem 7, the estimation for the frequency of all elements is within an additive factor of $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{b}(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-L\beta}}{3}})F_1$ of the actual element frequency. Thus for two elements whose true frequency differs by more than $2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{b}(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-L\beta}}{3}})F_1$, the estimation can correctly identify the more frequent element. By setting $2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{b}(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-L\beta}}{3}})F_1 \leq \epsilon f_e^k$, we ensure that the only elements that can replace the true most frequent elements in the estimated top- $\frac{\zeta}{\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)}$ are elements with true frequency at least $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$.

$$2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{b}(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-L\beta}}{3}})F_1 \leq \epsilon f_e^k$$

$$b \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}(1 + \sqrt{\frac{2^{-L\beta}}{3}})F_1}{f_e^k}$$

□

THEOREM 13 (L1 BOUND OF THE HEAVY HITTER PROBLEM WITH GENERAL DEPTH). If $b \geq \frac{\epsilon f_e^k}{6F_1}$, then the element with frequency no less than at least $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$ in top- $\frac{\zeta}{\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)}$ element are preserved with probability $1 - \delta$ from the RAS with parameters $d = O(\log(1/\delta))$.

PROOF. Similar to Theorem 12, we set the error smaller than half of ϵf_e^k , and the theorem follows. □

THEOREM 14 (L2 BOUND OF THE HEAVY HITTER PROBLEM WITH A DEPTH OF 3). If d is set to 3, and $b \geq \frac{4F_2^2(3+2^{-L\beta})^2}{9(\epsilon f_e^k)^2}$, then the element with frequency no less than at least $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$ in top- $\frac{\zeta}{\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)}$ element are preserved.

PROOF. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 12. Combined with Theorem 10, when $b \geq \frac{4F_2^2(3+2^{-L\beta})^2}{9(\epsilon f_e^k)^2}$, the estimation error is smaller than half of $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$, so the theorem follows. □

THEOREM 15 (L2 BOUND OF THE HEAVY HITTER PROBLEM WITH GENERAL DEPTH). If $b \geq \frac{16F_2^2}{\epsilon^2 f_e^{k^2}}$, then the element with frequency no less than at least $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$ in top- $\frac{\zeta}{\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^N (1/i)}$ element are preserved with probability $1 - \delta$ from the RAS with parameters $d = O(\log(1/\delta))$.

PROOF. The proof is similar to that of Theorem 12. Combined with Theorem 9, when $b \geq \frac{16F_2^2}{\epsilon^2 f_e^{k^2}}$, the estimation error is smaller than half of $(1 - \epsilon)f_e^k$, so the theorem follows. □

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