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1. Intro

a. Common techniques

- (Recursion)
 - Divide & Conquer
 - Greedy
 - dynamic programming
- + exposure to complexity theory.

What I'll do:

→ Modern algorithms

- Randomized algorithms
- Approximation algorithms
- online/streaming algorithms

1. Randomized alg's.

a. Warm-up:

Computation needs resources:

{ time
space

✓

computational

✓

Randomness is a resource

↗ often extremely simple algorithms

↗ outperform deterministic algorithms
on time/space

⑤ fail sometimes

prob. of failure $\rightarrow O \frac{1}{2^{100}}$

vs. prob. of hardware failure?

vs. prob. of computer hit by
a meteor $\frac{1}{2^{60}}$

b. Examples.

• Primality testing (素数判定)

→ direct alg.

Given: integer $N > 0$ $\text{len}(N) \stackrel{\text{binary}}{=} \log N = n$

Goal: decide N prime?

- direct algorithm: $2, 3, 4, \dots, \sqrt{N} \mid N$

$$O(N) = O(2^{n/2})$$

→ 70's: efficient rand alg. $\text{poly}(n)$

[Miller-Rabin / Solovay-Strassen]

→ [AKS'04] poly-time deterministic alg

★ $\nwarrow$ higher poly, complicated, real apps.

- Polynomial identity Testing (PIT)

→ poly-time det. alg. unknown

^^ $\exists$ very efficient rand. alg.

- Matrix-Product checking.

Given: 3 $n \times n$ matrices A, B, C

Goal: decide if $AB = C$

→ Det. alg: $A \cdot B$ matrix mult.

Compare w/ C

M. M alg's : naive $O(n^3)$

Strassen $O(n^{2.81})$

(Div. & Con)

$O(n^{2.37188})$ 2022

$\omega(n^2)$

→ Rand. alg: $O(n^2)$ time

A : on input A, B, C
 • sample $r \in \{0, 1\}^n$ unif. at rand.
 • Output: $A(B(r)) \stackrel{?}{=} C(r)$

Time: $B(r) \rightarrow r' : O(n^2)$

$A(r') \rightarrow r'' : O(n^2)$

$C(r) \rightarrow r''' : O(n^2)$

$r'' \stackrel{?}{\leftrightarrow} r''' \quad O(n)$

$\rightarrow O(n^2)$

error: $r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

if $AB = C$: always correct

if $AB \neq C$: $\Pr_r [AB \cdot r = C \cdot r] \leq \frac{1}{2}$

2. Probability Review.

a. Basics.

• Sample space Ω : set of all possible outcomes. $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ \nearrow & \nearrow \\ 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$

- A single coin toss: $\Omega = \{H, T\}$

- Two coin tosses: $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

- Roll a 6-sided die: $\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$

• DEF: an event E is any subset of Ω

- getting at least one Head in 2 tosses

$$\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$E = \{HH, HT, TH\}$$

• DEF: E & F mutually exclusive

$$\text{if } E \cap F = \emptyset.$$

- E : roll an even number $\{2, 4, 6\}$

- F : roll an odd number $\{1, 3, 5\}$

- Consider a function

$$P: \Omega \rightarrow [0,1]$$

$$\omega \mapsto P(\omega) \quad Pr(\omega)$$

-EX: $\Omega = \{H, T\}$.

what do you want P to be?

- fair coin: $P(H) = P(T) = \frac{1}{2}$

- Biased coin: $P(H) = 0.85$
 $P(T) = 0.15$

OBS: $P(H) + P(T) = 1$

-EX: 2 coin tosses $\Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$.

$$\rightarrow P(\quad) = P(\quad) = P(\quad) = P(\quad) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\rightarrow$ Prob. of some outcome, i.e.

$$E = \{HH, TT\} \text{ NOT an elem of } \Omega$$

$$P(E) = P(HH) + P(TT) = \sum_{\omega \in E} Pr(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}$$

DEF: A probability space is a pair

$$(\Omega, P)$$

- Ω : sample space

- P : prob. function

$$\Omega \rightarrow [0,1]$$

$$\bullet P(\omega) \geq 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega$$

$$\bullet \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} P(\omega) = 1$$

• if events E & F mutually exclusive.

$$P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F)$$

Axioms of Probability.

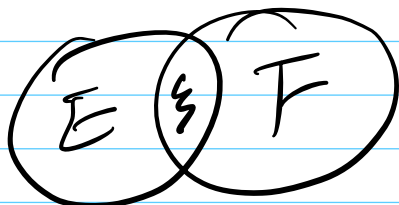
• Corollaries. $\rightarrow$ (Complement 补)

$$- P(\bar{E}) = 1 - P(E)$$

$$- \text{if } E \subseteq F : P(E) \leq P(F)$$

$$- P(E \cup F) = P(E) + P(F)$$

$$- P(E \cap F)$$



- Equally likely outcomes

$$p(w) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \quad \forall w \in \Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow p(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|}$$

Ex: Toss a coin 100 times.

what's prob. 50 H's ?

A $\frac{1}{2}$. B. $\frac{1}{2^{50}}$

C. $\frac{\binom{100}{50}}{2^{100}}$

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1. Probability Cont'd.

a. More exercises.

- Roll 2 dice (6-sided)

What's probability both being even?

- $\Omega = \{1, \dots, 6\} \times \{1, \dots, 6\}$

- $P(\omega) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = \frac{1}{36}, \forall \omega \in \Omega$

- $E := \{2, 4, 6\} \times \{2, 4, 6\}$

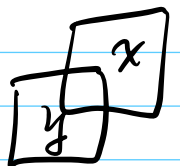
- $P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}.$

- Shuffle a deck of cards (52)

- Any arrangement equally likely

? Probability top two cards

have same rank



- $\Omega = \{ (x, y) : x, y \text{ top 2 cards} \}$

- $P(\omega) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} = \frac{1}{52 \times 51} \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega$

- $E := \{(x, y) : x, y \text{ have same rank}\}$

$$|E| = \binom{13}{1} \cdot 4 \cdot 3$$

$P(4, 2)$

$$- P(E) = \frac{|E|}{|\Omega|} = \dots$$

b. Conditional probability.

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$(P(B) \neq 0)$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B)$$

$$? P(A|B) = P(B|A)$$

c. independence.

• DEF: A & B independent:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P(A) = P(A|B)$$

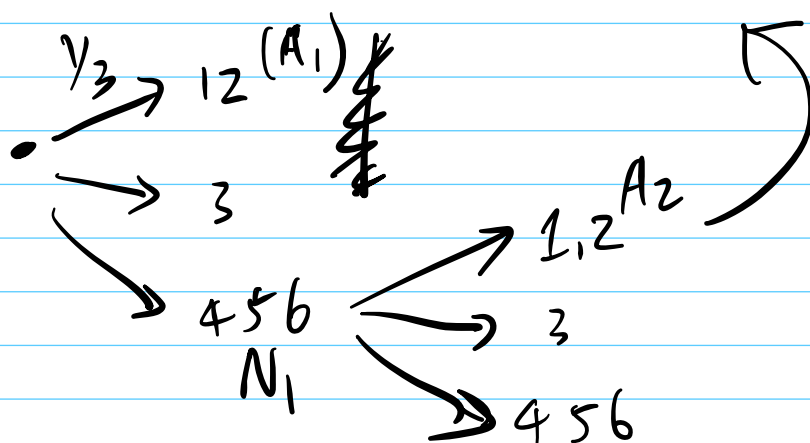
• Ex: Roll a 6-sided die.

→ 1 & 2 → Alice wins
3 → Bob wins

otherwise, another round.

- $P(\text{Alice wins 1st round}) = \frac{1}{3}$

- $P(\text{Alice} \dots 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ round}) = \frac{1}{6}$



$$P(A_2) = P(N_1 \cap A_2)$$

$$= P(N_1) \times P(A_2 | N_1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3}$$

- If they keep playing

$$P(\text{Alice wins at some point}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

↓
2. Analyze MPC

Given: $A, B, C \ n \times B$

Goal: $AB = C$.

A:

Choose random $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$

check $A \cdot (B(r)) \stackrel{?}{=} C(r)$

If $AB = C$, always correct

if $AB \neq C$, incorrect when $ABr = Cr$

Claim: $P_{r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} (ABr = Cr) \leq \underline{\frac{1}{2}}$

PF: Let $D = AB - C \neq 0$

$$z = D \cdot r$$

$d_{ij} \neq 0$ for some i, j .

$$i \cdot \begin{pmatrix} d_{i1} & \dots & d_{ij} & \dots & d_{in} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_j \\ \vdots \\ r_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z_i \\ \vdots \\ z_i \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$z_i = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n d_{ik} r_k = 0 \right]$$

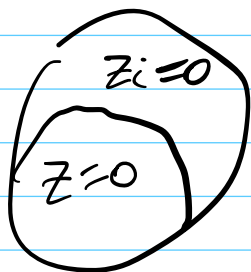
$$\Leftrightarrow d_{ij} r_j = \sum_{k \neq j} d_{ik} r_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_j = \frac{1}{d_{ij}} \sum_{k \neq j} d_{ik} r_k$$

$$P[r_j = x] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\uparrow$
 $z_i = 0$
 indep of r_j

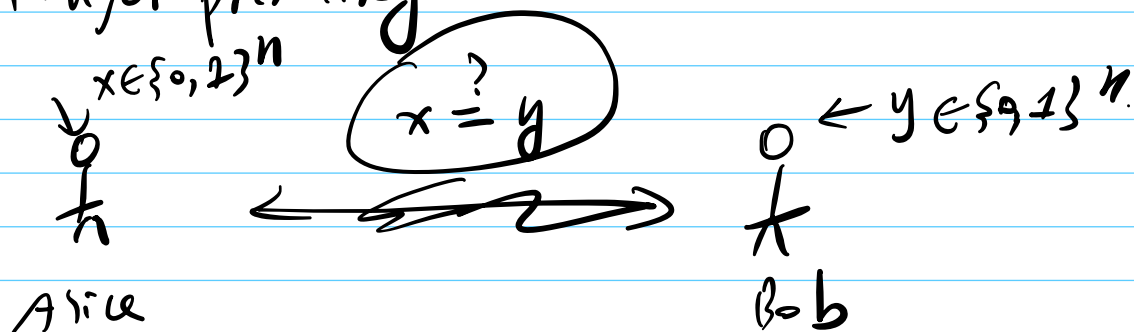
To fail: $\forall i \ z_i = 0$.



$$P(z=0) \leq P(z_i=0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

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3. Finger printing

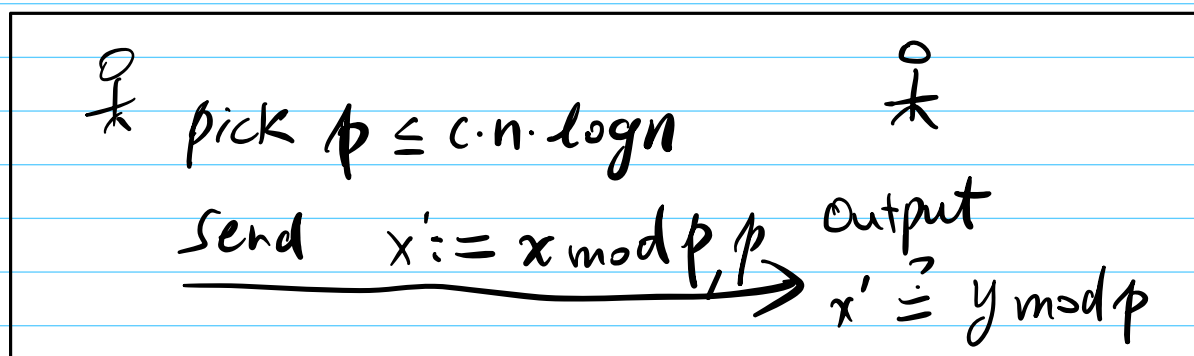


Given: x & y .

Goal: decide if $x = y$ w/ few bits exchange.

$\rightarrow$ Det: msg space $O(n)$

→ Randomized: $O(\log n)$ bits



Analysis:

if $x = y$: $x' = y'$ always holds

$x \neq y$: fail $x \bmod p = y \bmod p$
 $\Leftrightarrow p \mid x - y \leq 2^n$

FACT: Prime number theorem.

$$\left| \{ p : p \leq n \text{ \& prime} \} \right| \sim n / \log n$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ primes} \leq c \cdot n \log n$$

$$\sim \frac{c n \log n}{\log(c n \log n)} \sim c n$$

$$\Rightarrow P(p \mid x - y) \leq \frac{n}{c n} = \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \text{ if } c > 4$$

4. Coupon Collector problem.

盲盒: Ne zha

→ 20 items

→ every time pick one at random.

? how many times to collect all

A. 20, B. 40 C. $20 \cdot \log 20$

$$\approx 20 \cdot 4.3 = 86$$

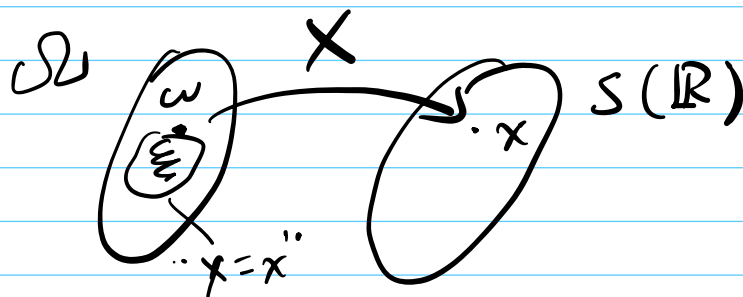
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1. Random variables

a. Basics

- coin tosses: # of heads.
- random return HW assignments
students get their own assignment.

• DEF: $X: \Omega \rightarrow S(\mathbb{R})$



- $X=x$: event $E := \{\omega: X(\omega)=x\}$

• Indep. R.V.'s. X, Y R.V.'s.

X & Y are called indep. iff.

for all possible x & y .

events $X=x$ & $Y=y$ indep.

• Expectation (期望): weighted average.

$$E[X] = \sum_{x \in S} P(X=x) \cdot x$$

★: Linearity of expectation ($\mathbb{E}$)

$$\mathbb{E}[X+Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

• Ex.: Bet game

- You choose a card from a deck

- I pay you $\$ \begin{cases} 5 & \heartsuit \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

- X : your earning.

$$\Omega = \{ \heartsuit, \overline{\heartsuit} \}$$

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\omega \mapsto X(\omega) \in \{0, 5\}$$

Ω	X	$P(X=x)$
$\heartsuit$	5	1/4
$\overline{\heartsuit}$	0	3/4

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in S} P(X=x) \cdot x$$

$$= P(X=5) \cdot 5 + \underbrace{P(X=0) \cdot 0}_{=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 5 = 5/4$$

★

• Ex.: same setup.

- play it 100 rounds

- γ : total earning.

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = ?$$

→ (LoE)

Let X_i = earning in i th round.
 $i = 1, \dots, 100$

OBS: $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{100}$

$\forall i: \mathbb{E}[X_i] = 5/4$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[X_1 + \dots + X_{100}]$$

(LoE) $\rightarrow = \mathbb{E}[X_1] + \mathbb{E}[X_2] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[X_{100}]$
 $= 100 \times 5/4 = 125$ ★

b. useful R.V's.

• Bernoulli R.V. $\longleftrightarrow$ biased coin toss

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & p \\ 0 & 1-p \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = p \cdot 1 + \underline{(1-p)0} = p$$

• Binomial R.V.: # of heads n coin tosses.
w/ bias p

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

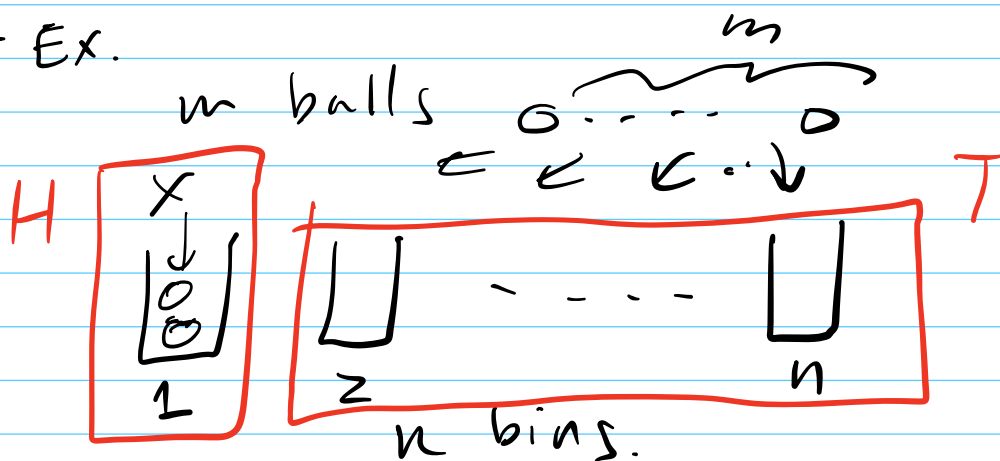
($\sim$: has prob. distribution)

$$P[X=k] = \binom{n}{k} \cdot p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad \forall k=0, \dots, n$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^n P(X=k) \cdot k$$

$$= n \cdot p$$

Ex.



① $X := \# \text{ balls in bin 1}$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(m, \frac{1}{n}) \quad p = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$E[X] = m \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{m}{n}$$

② $Y := \# \text{ empty bins}$

$$E[Y] = ?$$

($\sum X_i$)

• Ex: (Return HW).

$X := \# \text{ student get their own assign.}$

$\# \text{ students} = n.$

$i = 1, \dots, n$

$X_i := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if student } i \text{ get correct HW.} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

OBS:

$$X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$$

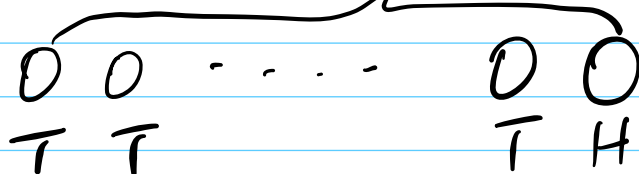
$$\forall i, E[X_i] = P(X=1) \cdot 1 + P(X=0) \cdot 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{n}$$

$$= n \times \frac{1}{n} = \boxed{1}$$

~~✗~~

• Geometric R.V. X



$H = p$

$T = 1 - p$

X : # tosses till first see "H"

$$X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$$

Claim:

$$P[X=n] = (1-p)^{n-1} \cdot p$$

$\forall n = 1, 2, \dots$

Claim: $E[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[X=n] \cdot n$

$$= 1/p$$

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2. Coupon collector problem:

a. - n coupons

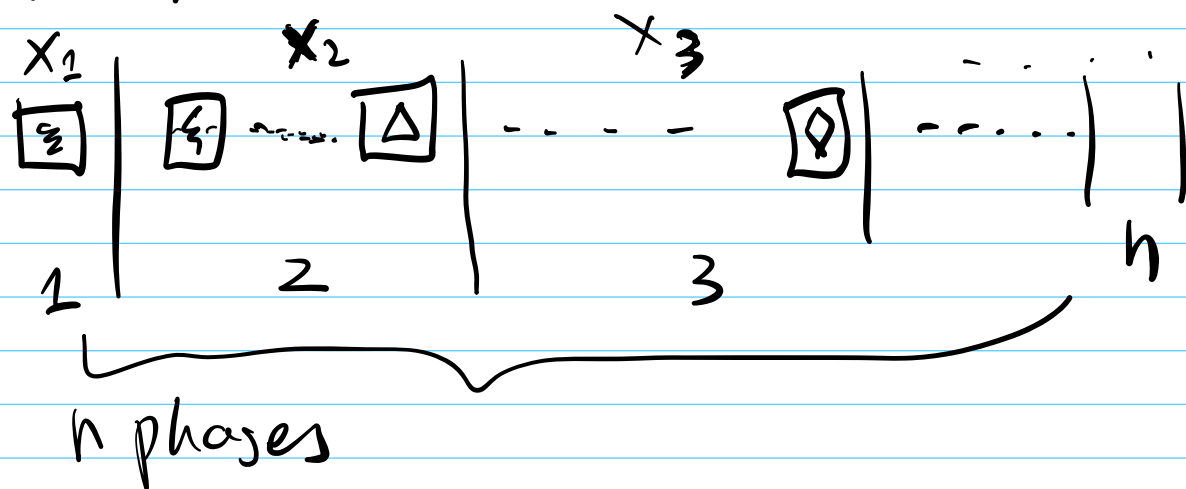
- every time get one coupon

uniformly at random

- $X := \#$ of purchases/boxes

to collect at least one copy
of each coupon

→ $E[X]$



$X_i :=$ already had $(i-1)$ coupons

boxes to get a new coupon

$$X = \sum X_i = X_1 + \dots + X_n.$$

$$X_i \sim \text{Geom}(p_i) \quad \begin{array}{l} i=2, p_2 = \frac{n-1}{n} \\ i=3, p_3 = \frac{n-2}{n} \end{array}$$

(Geometric R.v.)

$$p_i = \frac{n-(i-1)}{n}$$

$$E[X_i] = 1/p_i = \frac{n}{n-(i-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n}{n-(i-1)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{n}{n} + \frac{n}{n-1} + \frac{n}{n-2} + \dots + \frac{n}{1}$$

$$= n \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right)$$

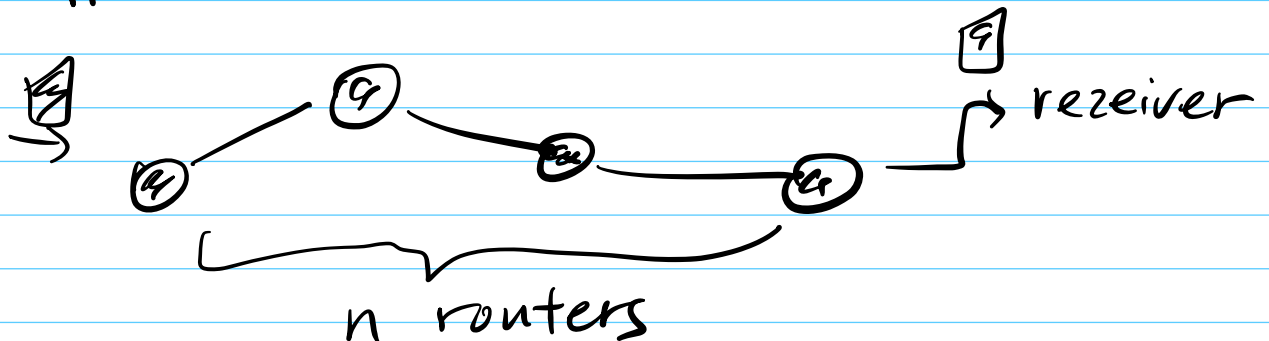
$H(n)$

FACT: $\ln n \leq H(n) \leq \ln n + 1$

$$E[X] \approx n \cdot \ln n$$

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b. Application



Goal: Receiver want to know.

all n routers.

- package has space for one name & counter

Idea: Sample a uniform router

??? distributed setting. ★

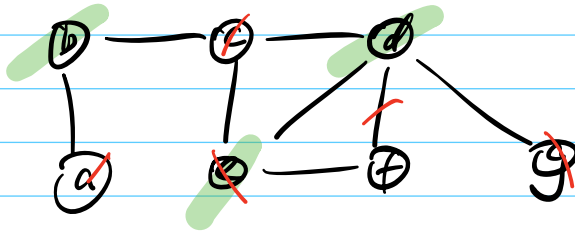
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1. Intro: Vertex cover

a. Basics. Graph $G = (V, E)$
nodes/vertex $\downarrow$
edges $\downarrow$

• DEF: A vertex cover $S \subseteq V$
is subset of V s.t.
touches all edges

Ex:



- V itself ✓
- (a, c, e, g, d) ✓
- (b, e, d) optimal VC
↳

• Vertex cover

Given: $G = (V, E)$

Goal: Find vertex cover S
of minimum size

what's known?

↳ Brute force: all subsets of V $|V|=n$ $O(2^n)$

→ NP-hard: unknown (unlikely) to admit a poly-time alg's.

b. Approx. alg's for VC.

★: Greedy strategies:

choose one that appears to be beneficial (up to some measure) at the moment.

• 1st attempt:

pick the vertex that touches most edges

App-VC1: on input $G = (V, E)$

for $v \in V$ (in descending order)
of degrees

- add v to S (VC candidate)
- delete v & neighbors from G

• Analysis:

- correctness: S will be VC:
all edges are touched.

- optimality?

$$\exists G, \text{ s.t. } |S| = \Omega(\log n \cdot \text{OPT})$$

• 2nd attempt.

App-VC 2: on input $G=(V,E)$
while some $\{u,v\}$ is uncovered
add both u,v to T . (VC candidate)
Output T

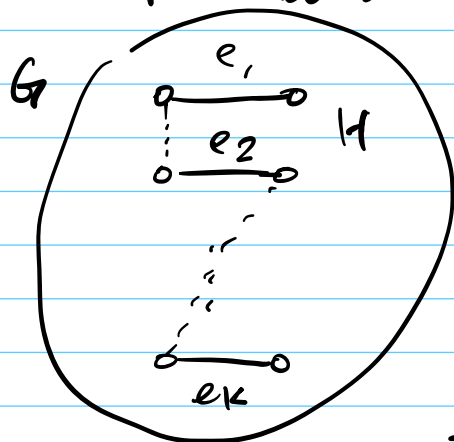
Claim 1: T is VC : by termination condition.

Claim 2: $|T| \leq 2 \cdot \text{OPT}$ (OPT is size)
of min. VC

Pf: let $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ be the
edges chosen during the alg.

$$|T| = 2k.$$

Suffice to show: $\text{OPT} \geq k$



H is subgraph of G .
(other edges may exist in G)

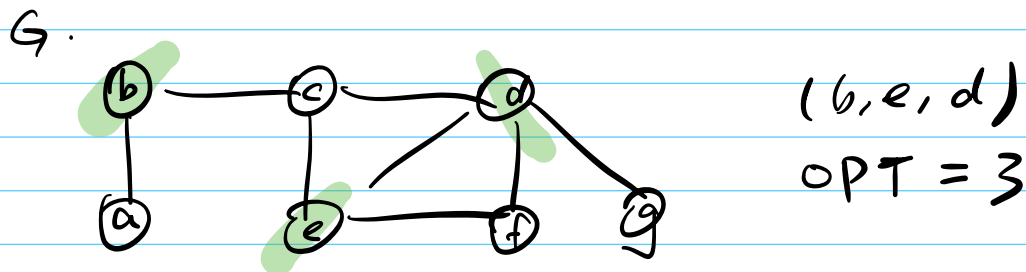
At least pick one
node from each of
 k edges in opt VC.

$$\Rightarrow \text{OPT} \geq k$$

$$\Rightarrow |T| \leq 2 \cdot \text{OPT} \quad \mathbb{A}$$

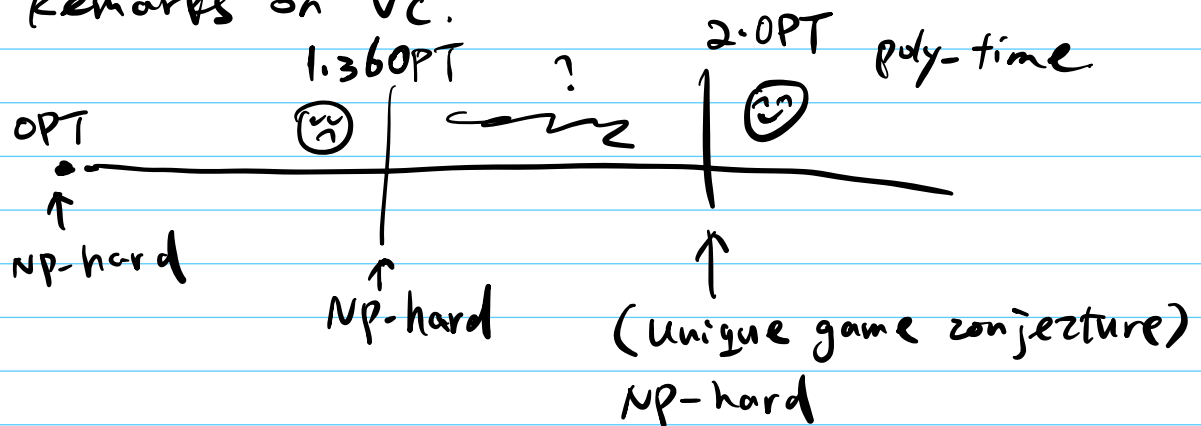
App-VC2 find $\xrightarrow{\text{Approximation factor}}$ 2-Approx. VC
 (of size at most $2 \cdot \text{OPT}$)

Ex: Find a graph saturates the bound
 $|T| = 2 \cdot \text{OPT}$
 This shows 2. approx-factor is tight.



Run App-VC2 on G:

c. Remarks on VC.



• A more principled approach:

Integer Linear Programming ILP.

2. Linear Programming.

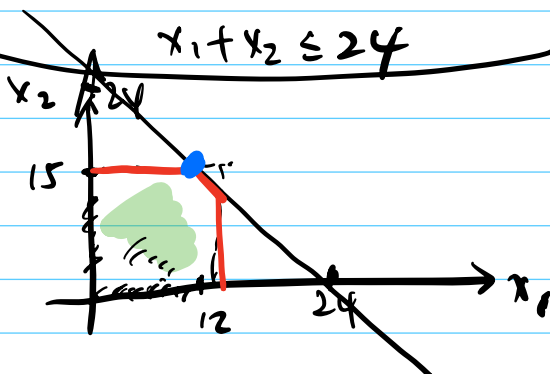
a. Basics.

Ex 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \max: & x_1 + 5x_2 \quad (x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}) \\ \text{subject to:} & \\ & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 12 \\ & 0 \leq x_2 \leq 15 \\ & x_1 + x_2 \leq 24 \end{aligned}$$

(feasible) ✓
LP instance

→ linear constraints



$$x_1 = 24 - 15 = 9$$

$$x_2 = 15$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 = 9 + 15 \times 5 = 84$$

obs:

$$x_1 + 5x_2$$

$$= \underbrace{(x_1 + x_2)} + 4 \underbrace{x_2}$$

$$\leq 24 + 4 \times 15 = 84$$

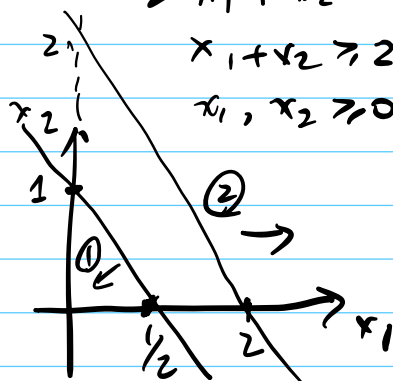
Ex 2. $\max x_1 - x_2$ (infeasible)

subject to:

$$2x_1 + x_2 \leq 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 2$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$

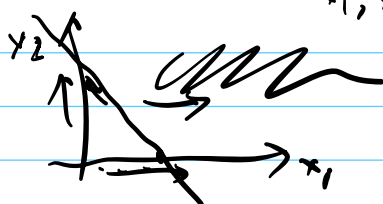


Ex 3. $\max 2x_1 + x_2 \rightarrow$ (unbounded)

subj. to:

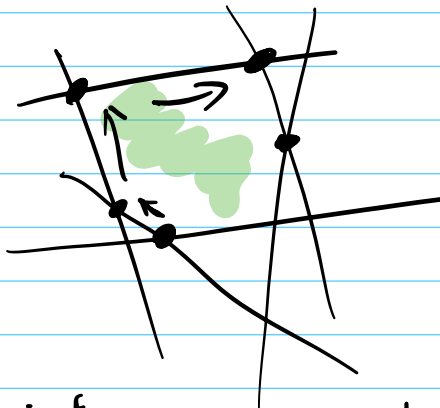
$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 1$$

$$x_1, x_2 \geq 0$$



b. LP algorithms (for feasible instances)

• Simplex alg (George Dantzig 1947)



linear constraints
define a polygon
as feasible region.

Gist: "Hill-climbing" move to a neighbor
if obj value increases ↗

Details to fill in:

→ how to find initial feasible vertex?

→ which neighbor to move to?

→ Running time?

⊖ worst-case exponential time.

⊕ super fast real world

→ correctness?

convex polyhedron + linear obj

⇒ local max = global max

* poly-time LP Alg's

→ Ellipsoid Alg [Kha chyan '979]
(not competitive in practice)

* Interior point alg. [Karmakar '84]
Naredra

N.B. Commercial solvers
solve LP. w/ millions of variables
& constraints.

c. Formal description

Standard form

m : # of constraints $i = 1, \dots, m$.

n : # of variables $j = 1, \dots, n$

LP Input: real numbers
 c_j, a_{ij}, b_i $i = 1 \dots m$
 $j = 1 \dots n$

Output: real numbers x_j
 $\max: \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \cdot x_j$ (obj. function)

subject to

matrix form $\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i$ $i = 1, \dots, m$
 $x_j \geq 0$ $j = 1, \dots, n$.

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$$c = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{objective: } \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \cdot x_j$$
$$c^T \cdot x \quad \langle c, x \rangle$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{A row vector} \\ \text{defines one constraint.} \end{array}$$

$m \times n$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{pmatrix} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j \leq b_i \quad i=1, \dots, m$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$Ax \leq b$$

$$x \geq 0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

matrix-form LP	
<u>max</u>	$c^T \cdot x$
<u>subj.to</u> :	$Ax \leq b$
	$x \geq 0$

$\Downarrow$

a. Integral LP: variables must have integer value.
(ILP)

Formulating Vertex Cover as ILP

For each $i \in V$, introduce $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$

// indicate whether
node i is included

ILP for Vertex cover Π

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{min}} : & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad (\text{size of VC}) \\ \underline{\text{subj. to}} : & x_i + x_j \geq 1 \quad \text{for } (i, j) \in E \\ & x_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in V. \end{aligned}$$

ILP is NP-hard: poly-time alg. unlikely!

b. VC ILP.

: putting aside integral constraint.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{min.}} : & \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ \underline{\text{Subj to}} : & x_i + x_j \geq 1 \quad \forall (i, j) \in E \\ & 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \quad \forall i \in V. \end{aligned}$$

LP Σ ↓

Let x^* be an optimal soln. for Σ .

& optimal value $\text{OPT} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^*$

how to derive an integral soln?

Rounding (Threshold)

$$\hat{x}_i := \lfloor x_i^* \rfloor = \begin{cases} 1 & x_i^* \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

① $\{\hat{x}_i\}$ is a feasible soln?

$$\forall (i,j) \in E, x_i^* + x_j^* \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i^* \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x_j^* \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ or both.}$$

$\Rightarrow$ after rounding, (i,j) is covered.

$$(2) \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i} \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n 2 \cdot x_i^*$$

$$= 2 \cdot \text{OPT} \leq 2 \cdot \text{OPT}_{\text{int}}$$

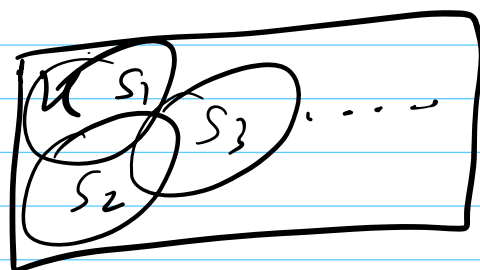
$$\underline{\text{OBS}}: \text{OPT}_{(\text{LP})} \leq \text{OPT}_{(\text{ILP})}$$

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C. Set Cover

• Input: $\mathcal{U}$ (universe)

$$S_1, \dots, S_m \subseteq \mathcal{U}$$



Goal: Find $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$ as small as possible

$$\text{s.t. } \bigcup_{i \in I} S_i = \mathcal{U}.$$

• ILP Π for set cover.

for each set S_i introduce $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$
 $//$ whether to choose S_i

$$\underline{\text{min}}: \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \quad (\# \text{ of subsets chosen})$$

$$\underline{\text{Subj. to}}: \forall u \in \mathcal{U}: \sum_{i: u \in S_i} x_i \geq 1$$

or at least one of the subsets containing u is chosen.

d. Randomized Rounding

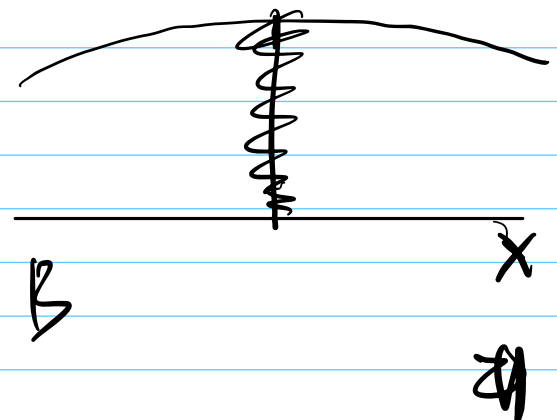
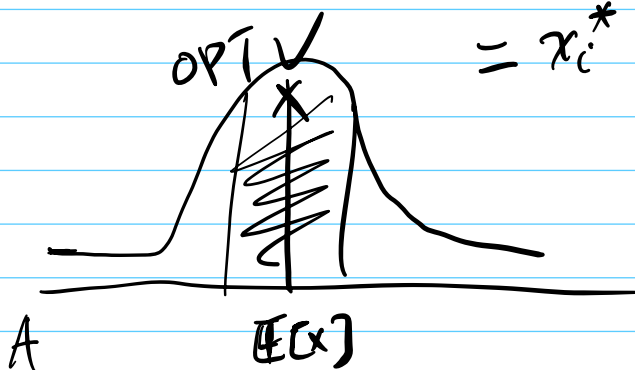
Idea: Suppose x^* is opt. for LP
 $0 \leq x_i^* \leq 1$ (fractional).

$$\downarrow \quad \hat{x}_i := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } x_i^* \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } (1 - x_i^*) \end{cases} \leftarrow$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{x}_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\hat{x}_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^*$$

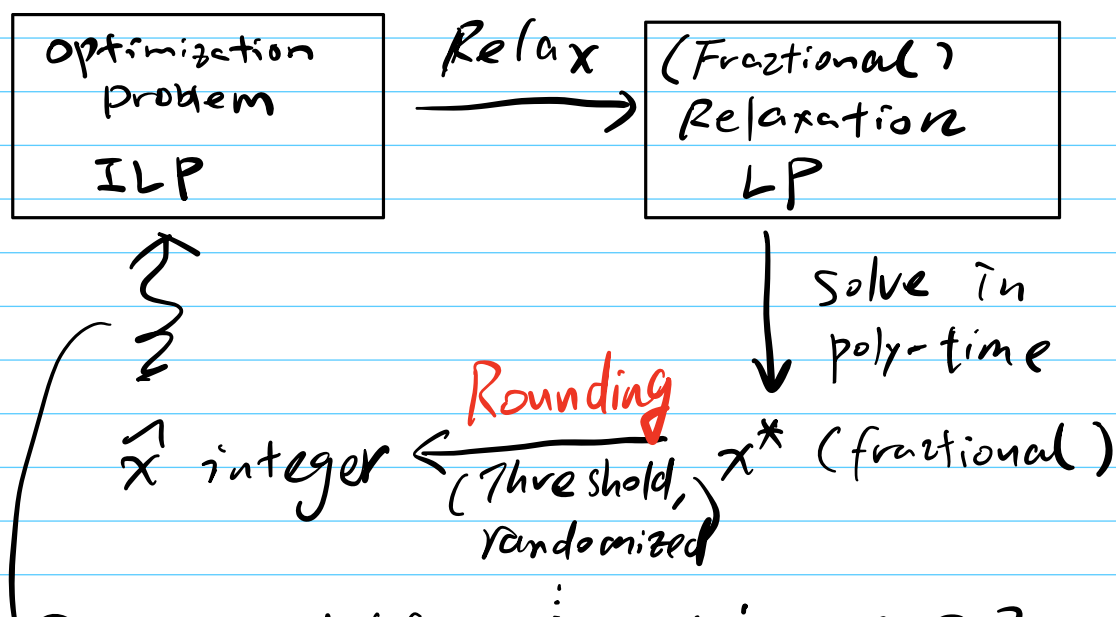
Obs: $\hat{x}_i$ is Bernoulli R.V. $\forall i$
w.p. x_i^*

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{x}_i] = \underbrace{1 \cdot \mathbb{P}(\hat{x}_i = 1)}_{x_i^*} + \underbrace{0 \cdot \mathbb{P}(\hat{x}_i = 0)}_0$$



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1. ILP $\rightarrow$ Approximation algorithms.



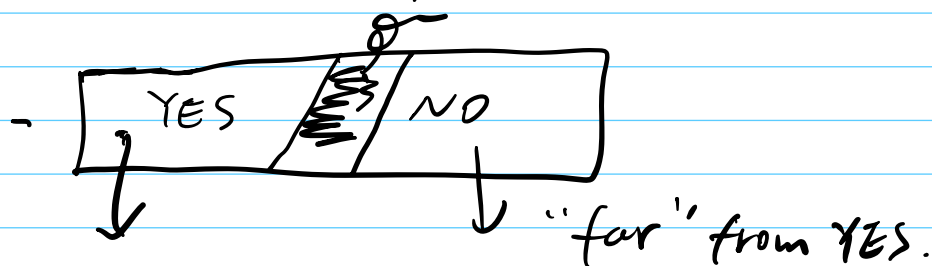
① A valid/feasible soln to ILP?

② Any good? (Approximation ratio)

2. Algorithms in new settings: A few examples.

a. Property testing (another kind of approximation)

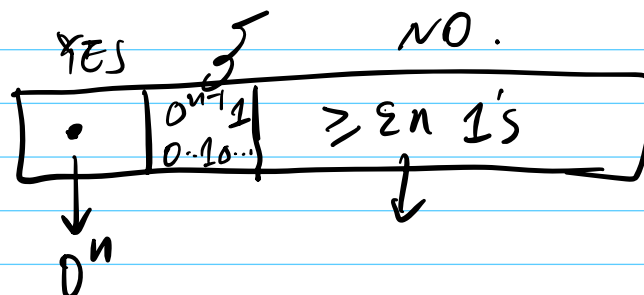
in P-T.: Decision Problem YES/NO answers



• Toy example: zero-testing

Input: $w \in \{0, 1\}^n$
Goal: Decide $w \stackrel{?}{=} 0^n$?

Need to read entire input.



P.T. Is $w = 0^n$ or $\geq \epsilon n$ 1's ("far" from 0^n)?

Test(n, ϵ)

1. Sample $s = \frac{2}{\epsilon}$ positions unif. random

2. If "1" found output NO

o.w. --- YES

Analysis:

- if $w = 0^n$: always answer YES.

- if w ϵ -far:

$$P[\text{error}] = P[\text{output YES} \mid |w| \geq \epsilon n]$$

$$= P[\text{no 1's in } s \text{ random positions}]$$

$$\leq \underbrace{(1-\epsilon) \cdot (1-\epsilon) \cdots (1-\epsilon)}_s$$



at least ϵn red balls

$$\leq e^{-\epsilon \cdot s} = e^{-\epsilon \cdot \frac{2}{\epsilon}} = e^{-2} < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$(1-x) \leq e^{-x}$$

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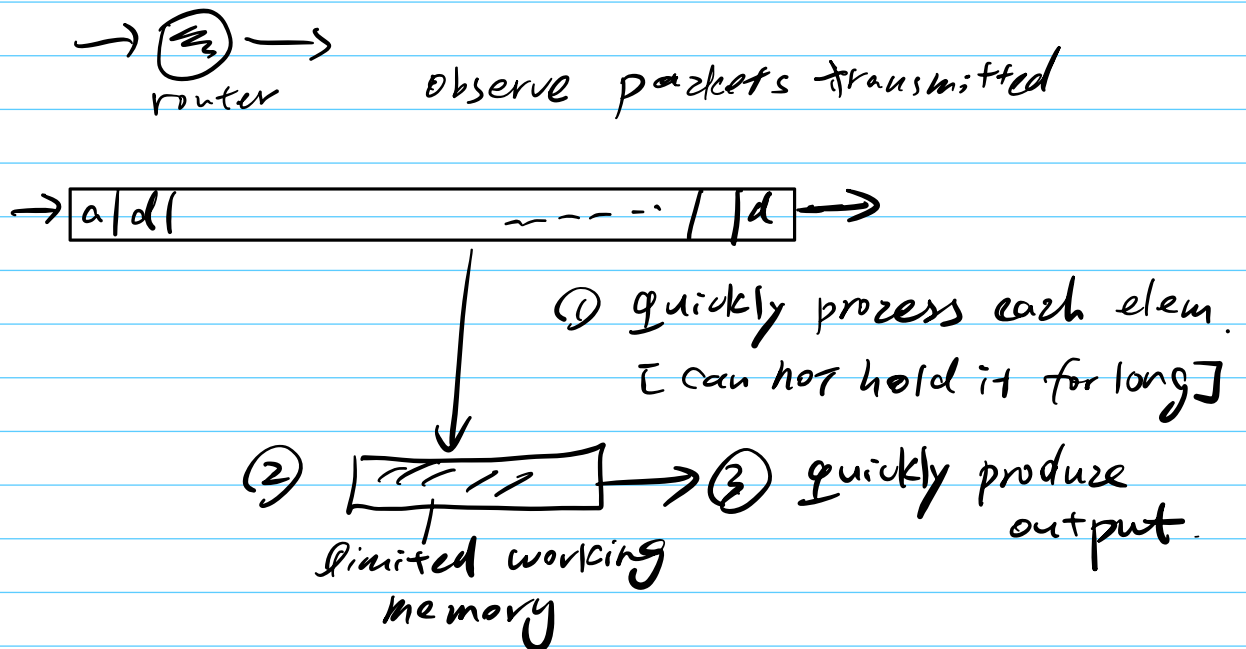
Witness Lemma

If a test catches a witness w.p. $\geq p$
then $S = \frac{2}{p}$ iterations of test
catches a witness w.p. $\geq \frac{2}{3}$

★ PATCH 1: amplify succ. probability
of (1-sided error)
randomized algorithms.

b. Streaming algorithms

- Motivation: internet traffic.



- Data stream Model. [Alon, Matias, Szegedy '96].
 - Model stream as m element from $\{1, \dots, n\}$
 $\langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle = 3, 5, 37, \dots$
 - Goal: Compute a function of the stream

e.g. average, median, # distinct elem's.

- Toy example: a stream $\langle a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle$
n-1 distinct elem's from $\{1, \dots, n\}$.

Goal: find the missing elem.
using $O(\log n)$ memory

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i$$

space to store n^2 : $\log n^2 = O(\log n)$. 21

- Reservoir Sampling (蓄水池采样)

→ $\langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle$ m is known (distinct)

↓
Sample an elem s from it unif. at random
pick a_i w.p $\frac{1}{m}$

→ what if m is unknown?

Res. Sampling:

1. init. $s \leftarrow a_1$

2. on seeing t^{th} element.

update $s \leftarrow a_t$ w.p $\frac{1}{t}$

(unchanged w.p. $(1 - \frac{1}{t})$)

Analysis: At time t $\langle a_1, \dots, a_t \rangle$

Want $s = a_i$ w.p $\frac{1}{t} \forall i = 1 \dots t$

Look at a_i ($\forall i, i \leq t$)

$$P[s = a_i] = P[a_i \text{ chosen at time } i] \\ \wedge i+1 \rightarrow t \text{ not changed}$$

indep
events

$$\rightarrow P[a_i \text{ chosen at } i]$$

$$\cdot P[a_i \text{ not changed at } i+1]$$

$$\cdot P[\dots \dots \dots i+2]$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\cdot P[\dots \dots \dots \text{at } t]$$

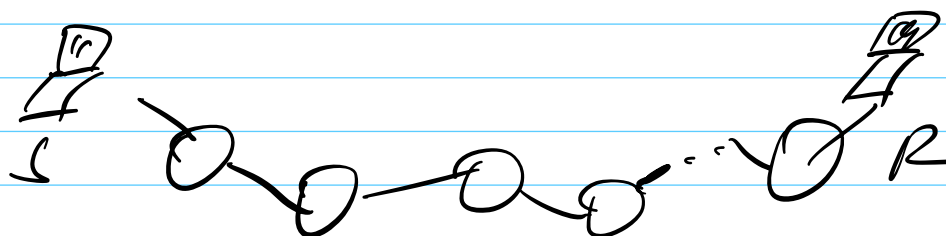
$$= \frac{1}{i} \left(1 - \frac{1}{i+1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{i+2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{t}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cancel{i}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{i}}{\cancel{i+1}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{i+1}}{\cancel{i+2}} \dots \frac{\cancel{t-1}}{t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{t}$$

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↓ PATCH 2:



Goal: R wants to learn names of all

routers along the PATH.

limit: each packet can carry
one router info. (& a counter)

Idea: every packet records a random router.

How? → reservoir sampling!

★ N.B: p.t. & streaming. → Sublinear algorithms
→ massive data
→ long access time

computing useful info. by reading,

a tiny portion of data & runs

in sublinear time (wrt full input)
 $O(\log n)$

• Randomization is key!