

# COMPSCI 690RA: Randomized Algorithms and Probabilistic Data Analysis

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Lecture 5

- Project guidelines and suggested topics have been posted on the Assignments Tab of the course page.
- One page proposal due Monday 3/7.
- Problem Set 2 was posted last Friday – due next Thursday, 3/3. We will not have a quiz this week – focus on the problem set and project brainstorming instead.

# Summary

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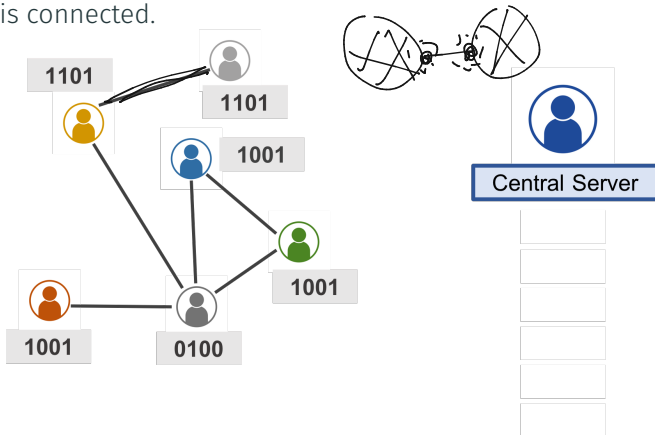
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## Today:

- Quickly finish up graph sketching and streaming.
- Start on randomized methods for linear algebraic computation.
- Approximate matrix multiplication via sampling.
- Stochastic trace estimation.

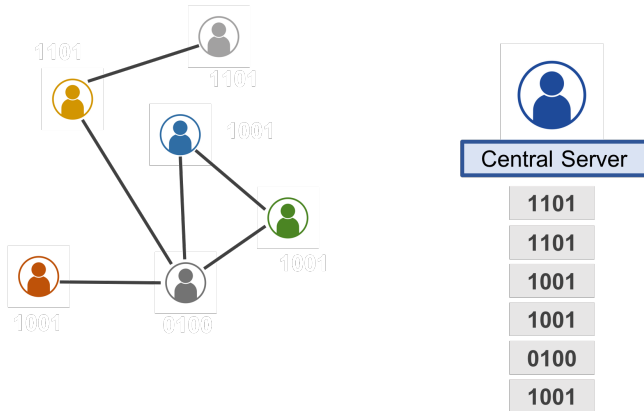
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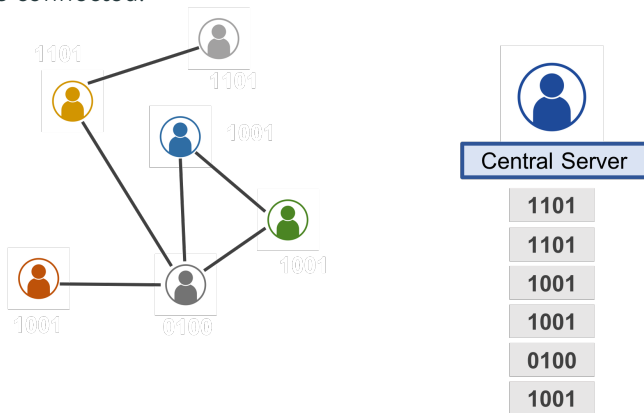
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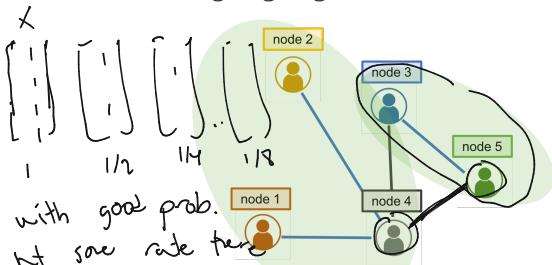
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Saw how to solve the problem with high probability using just  $O(\log^c n)$  sized messages.

# Simulating Boruvka's Algorithm via Sketches

- For independent  $\ell_0$  sampling matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_{\log_2 n}$ , each node computes  $A_j v_i$  and sends these sketches to the central server.  $O(\log^c n)$  bits in total.
- The central server uses  $A_j v_1, \dots, A_j v_n$  to simulate the  $j^{\text{th}}$  step of Boruvka's algorithm – the sketch allows the server to recover one outgoing edge from each connected component.



$\binom{n}{2}$

$$\begin{matrix} v_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} v_5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} (1,2) \\ (1,3) \\ (1,4) \\ (1,5) \\ (2,3) \\ (2,4) \\ (2,5) \\ (3,4) \\ (3,5) \\ (4,5) \end{matrix}$$

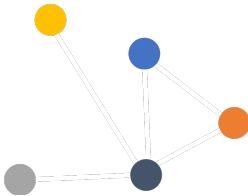
with goal prob.  
at some rate  
is exactly one nonzero  
entry remaining.

$$a_j = \sum x_i \quad b_j = \sum i \cdot x_i \quad c_j = \sum r_i \cdot x_i \pmod p \quad \text{where } r \text{ is random}$$



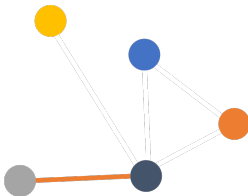
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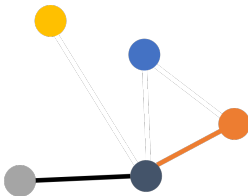
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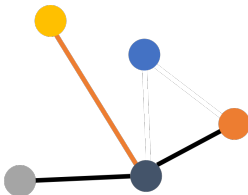
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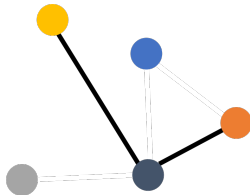
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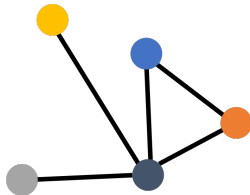
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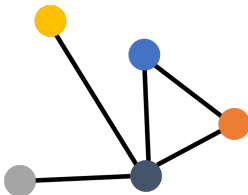
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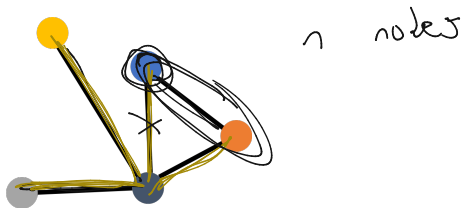
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$O(n^2)$

What is the worst-case memory required by a naive deterministic algorithm that just stores the current state of the graph? How can you improve on this when there are no edge deletions?

Disjoint

$O(n \log n)$  space if only have insertions



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$v_u$

1
0
0
0
-1
0
0
0
1
0

$A_j v_u$

1
-3
1
2

Generate  $A_j$ :

Option 1: Build a  $\text{PRG}$  from sufficient strong random hash functions

Option 2: Use a  $\text{PRG}$  for sparse matrix computation to generate  $A_j$ .

$h(x)$  is 2-universal if for any  $x \neq y$ ,  $P[h(x) = h(y)] \leq \frac{1}{2}$  where the # outputs  $[0, \dots, p]$

$A_1, \dots, A_j$  seed random prices  $\in [0, \dots, p]$

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- Can think of the algorithm as computing  $\mathbf{AB} \in \mathbb{R}^{\log^3 n \times n}$  where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{\log^3 n \times \binom{n}{2}}$  is made up of the appended sketching matrices and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{\binom{n}{2} \times n}$  is the **vertex-edge-incidence matrix**.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{AB} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Approximate Matrix Multiplication



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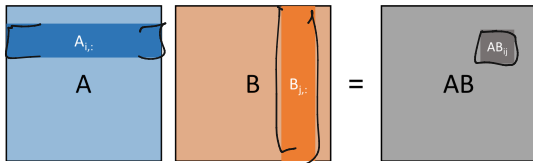
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- One of the most fundamental algorithms in **randomized numerical linear algebra**. Forms the building block for many other algorithms.

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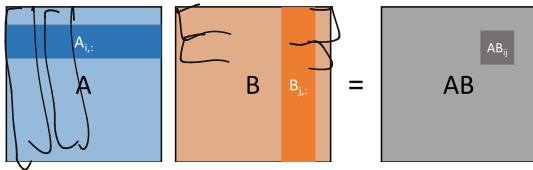
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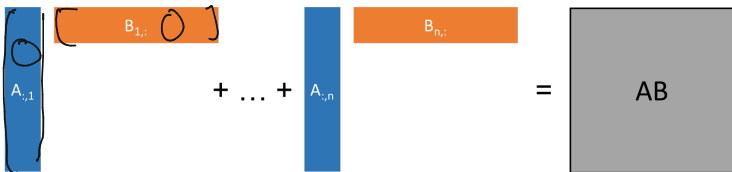
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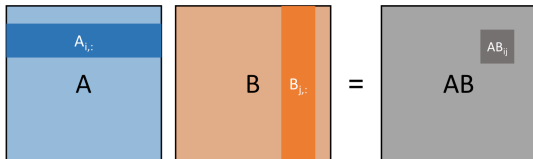
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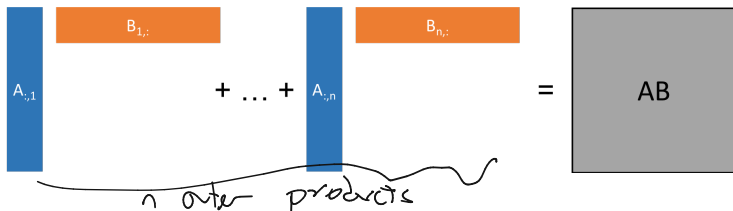
$n$  outer products, each takes  $O(n^2)$  time to compute  $\rightarrow O(n^3)$  time in total.

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Basic Idea: Approximate  $AB$  by sampling terms of this sum.

# Canonical AMM Algorithm

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$$\bar{C} \approx AB = C$$

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*index k with prob p<sub>k</sub>*

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variance of 1 out of  $t$  trials

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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(can derive eig. using Lagrange multipliers, or Cauchy Schwarz.)

$\begin{bmatrix} 100 \\ 100 \\ 200 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1000 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} B$

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**Overall:**  $\mathbb{E}[\|AB - \bar{C}\|_F^2] \leq \frac{\|A\|_F^2 \cdot \|B\|_F^2}{t}$  Setting  $t = \frac{1}{\epsilon^2 \delta}$ , by Chebyshev's inequality:

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$$\|A\|_F = \|B\|_F \approx \sqrt{n/2}$$

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$$\begin{matrix}
 \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{matrix} & A & & \\
 & & & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\
 & & & \end{matrix}
 \quad
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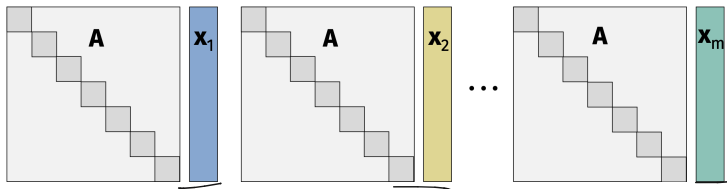
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$n$  operations

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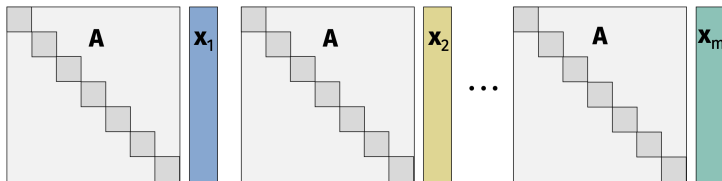
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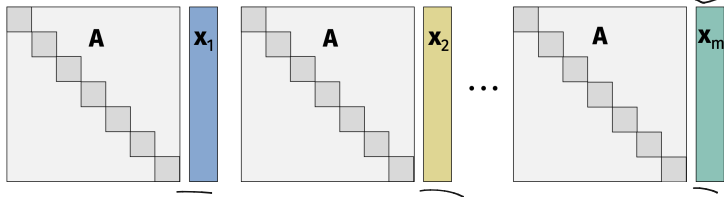
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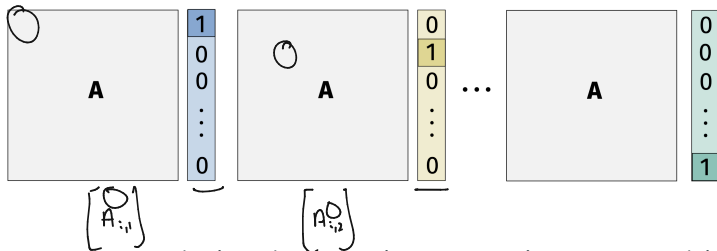
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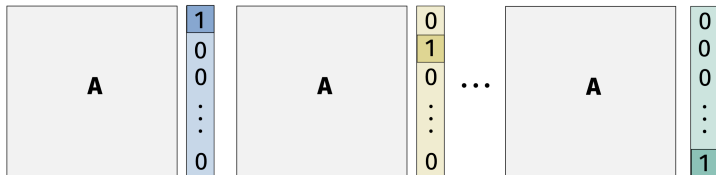


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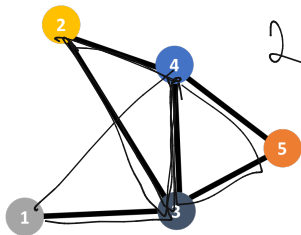


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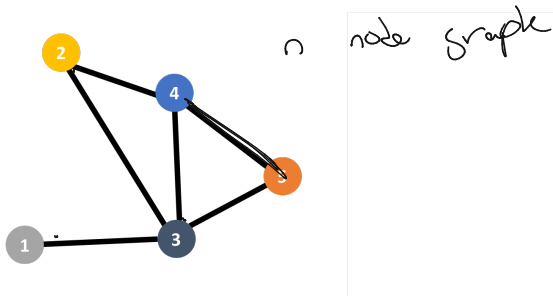
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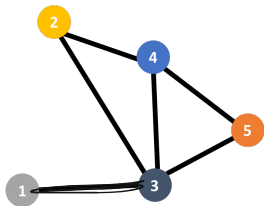
$$|E| \cdot n$$

$$\binom{n}{3}$$

tries to check  
 $O(n^3)$  runtime

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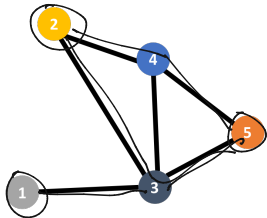


**B**

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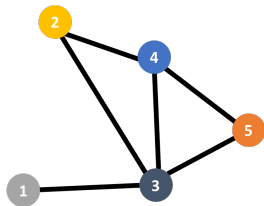


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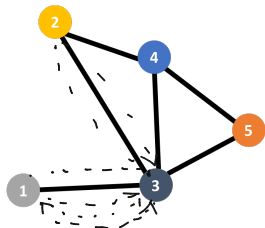
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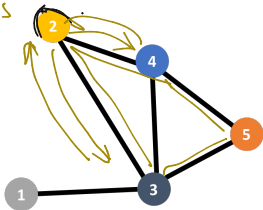
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+  $d_i^2$



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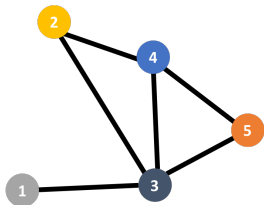
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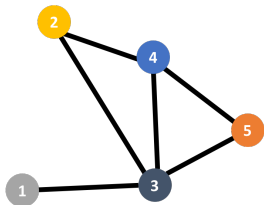
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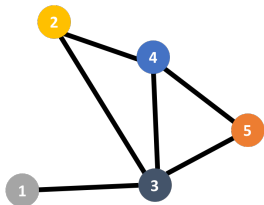


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- So a trace estimation algorithm using  $m$  queries, yields an  $O(m \cdot |E|)$  time approximate triangle counting algorithm.  
 $= \mathcal{O}(m \cdot n^2)$

**Example 2:** Hessian/Jacobian matrix-vector products.

- For vector  $x$ ,  $\nabla f(y)x$  and  $\nabla^2 f(y)x$  can often be computed efficiently using finite difference methods or explicit differentiation (e.g., via backpropagation).
- Do not need to fully form  $\nabla f(y)$  or  $\nabla^2 f(y)$ .
- Many applications, e.g., in analyzing neural network convergence.

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- Repeated multiplication to apply  $A = B^3$ .  $f(x) = x^3$   
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- Conjugate gradient, MINRES, or any linear system solver:

$$A = B^{-1}.$$

- Lanczos method, polynomial/rational approximation:

$$A = \exp(B), A = \sqrt{B}, A = \log(B), \text{ etc.}$$

- These methods run in  $\underline{n^2 \cdot C}$  time, where  $C$  depends on properties of  $B$ . Typically  $C \ll n$  so  $\underline{n^2 \cdot C \ll n^3}$ .

# Matrix Function Examples

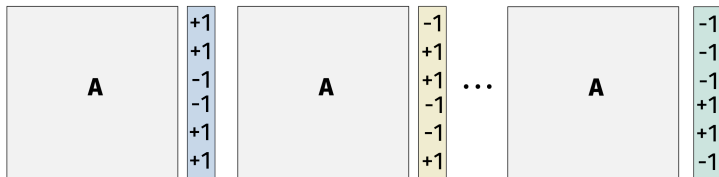
- Log-likelihood computation in Bayesian optimization, experimental design.  $\text{tr}(\log(B)) = \log \det(B)$ .
- Estrada index, a measure of protein folding degree and more generally, network connectivity.  $\text{tr}(\exp(B))$ .
- Trace inverse, which is important in uncertainty quantification and many other scientific computing applications.  $\text{tr}(B^{-1})$
- Information about the matrix eigenvalue spectrum, since  $\text{tr}(f(B)) = \sum_{i=1}^n f(\lambda_i)$ , where  $\lambda_i$  is  $B$ 's  $i^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue.
- E.g., counting the number of eigenvalues in an interval, spectral density estimation, matrix norms
- See e.g., [Ubaru, and Saad 2017].



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$$\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = \text{tr}(A).$$

So for PSD  $A$ :  $(1 - \epsilon) \text{tr}(A) \leq \bar{T} \leq (1 + \epsilon) \text{tr}(A)$ .

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$\{x_i x_j\}_{ij}$  are pairwise independent but not fully independent.

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