

# CS5234 Algorithms at Scale

$$e \approx 2.718$$

$$e^{-1} \approx 0.368$$

$$e^{-2} \approx 0.135 < \frac{1}{6}$$

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Fact:  $e^{-2x} \leq 1 - x \leq e^{-x}$

Markov's inequality: If  $X$  is a nonnegative ran.var then  $\forall k > 0 : \Pr[X \geq k] \leq \frac{E[X]}{k}$

Chebyshev inequality: If  $X$  is a ran.var then  $\forall k > 0 : \Pr[|X - E[X]| \geq k] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{k^2}$

Variance:  $\text{Var}[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$

Where  $X, Y$  are indep:  $E[XY] = E[X] \cdot E[Y]$

$\text{Var}[X+Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y]$

Hoeffding bound: If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are indep. ran.vars s.t.  $\forall i, X_i \in [a_i, b_i]$ ,

then  $\forall \delta > 0, \Pr[|Z - E[Z]| \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{2\delta^2}{\sum(b_i - a_i)^2}\right)$  where  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and  $E[Z] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$

Where  $a_i = 0$  and  $b_i = 1$ , we get:  $\forall \delta > 0, \Pr[|Z - E[Z]| \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{2\delta^2}{n}\right)$

Adjlist format graph: get  $i^{th}$  neighbour of node  $u$  in constant time

Connectivity problem on sparse graphs ( $n$  nodes,  $m$  edges,  $d$  max.degree) → return true if connected

Lemma: If  $G$  is  $\epsilon$ -far from connected, then it has  $\epsilon dn/4$  connected components  
(note: when add/removing edges, must ensure max degree is satisfied)

Lemma: If  $G$  is  $\epsilon$ -far from connected, then it has  $\epsilon dn/8$  connected components of size  $\leq 8/\epsilon d$

Algo: repeat  $16/\epsilon d$  times: pick random node and check if component size is less than  $8/\epsilon d$ .  
Takes  $O(d \cdot (\frac{8}{\epsilon d})) = O(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$  per check, total time  $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2 d})$

If  $G$  is  $\epsilon$ -far from connected, each iteration has at least  $\frac{\epsilon dn}{8}$

So  $P(\text{algo returns true when } \epsilon\text{-far}) \leq (1 - \frac{\epsilon d}{8})^{\frac{16}{\epsilon d}} \leq e^{-2} \leq \frac{1}{3}$

Multiplicative approximation:  $C^*(1-\epsilon) \leq C \leq C^*(1+\epsilon)$

↑ correct answer      ↑ estimate      ↗ correct answer

MST approx. algo: outputs a  $(1 \pm \epsilon)$ -multiplicative approximation

(for integer edge weights in  $\{1, \dots, W\}$ , assuming graph is connected)

sum =  $n - W$   
for  $j = 1$  to  $W-1$   
  sum += ApproxCC( $G_j, d, \epsilon', \delta$ )  
return sum

graph containing only edges with weight  $\leq j$

Result: with probability  $> \frac{2}{3}$ , output is within  $\text{MST}(G) (1 \pm \epsilon)$

takes  $O(\frac{dW^4 \log W}{\epsilon^3})$  time

Maximal matching approx algo:

query( $e$ ):  
  For all neighbours  $e'$  of  $e$ :  
    if hash( $e'$ ) < hash( $e$ ):  
      if query( $e'$ ) = true  
        return false  
  return true

→ query( $e$ ) is supposed to return true iff  $e$  is part of the greedy maximal matching induced by the hashes

Expected time complexity of query  $\leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^k}{k!} = O(e^d)$

Algo to approx. maximal matching size:

sum = 0  
for  $j = 1$  to  $s$ :  
  choose edge uniformly at random.  
  if (query( $e$ )) then sum += 1  
return  $m \cdot (sum/s)$

by linearity of exp.

return false if  $\epsilon$ -far from connected  
(i.e. graph cannot be connected even if you can add/remove at most  $\epsilon n$  entries in adjlist (note: each edge has two entries))

Approx. connected components algo:

sum = 0  
for  $j = 1$  to  $s$ :  
  u ← randVertex()  
  if u has at least  $\frac{2}{\epsilon}$  nodes reachable (BFS)  
    sum = sum +  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$   
  else (found  $n(u)$  nodes)  
    sum = sum +  $\frac{1}{n(u)}$   
return  $n \cdot (sum/s)$

Result: with probability  $> \frac{2}{3}$ , output is within  $\text{CC}(G) \pm \epsilon n$   
takes  $O(\frac{d}{\epsilon^3})$  time

Result: with probability  $> 1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ , output is within  $\text{CC}(G) \pm \epsilon n$   
takes  $O(\frac{d \ln \epsilon}{\epsilon^3})$  time

Chernoff bounds: If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are indep ran.vars s.t.  $\forall i, X_i \in [0, s]$ ,

and let  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and  $\mu = E[X]$ ,

then: for any  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1 : \Pr[X \geq (1+\delta)\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\mu\delta^2}{3s}}$

$\Pr[X \leq (1-\delta)\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\mu\delta^2}{2s}}$

- Yao's minimax principle: Given a problem, let  $X$  be the set of inputs,  $\Gamma(X)$  be the set of probability distributions on  $X$ ,  $D$  be the set of deterministic algs,  $R$  be the set of randomised algs:

$$\forall A \in R, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma(X) : \max_{x \in X} \underset{\text{randomness of } A}{E} [\text{cost}(A, x)] \geq \min_{B \in D} \min_{x \sim \gamma} E [\text{cost}(B, x)]$$

- To show that the expected cost of any randomised algorithm (on the worst case input) is  $\geq T$ , it suffices to show that there is an input distribution  $\gamma \in \Gamma(X)$  such that

$$\text{For any deterministic algorithm } B \in D, \underset{x \sim \gamma}{E} [\text{cost}(B, x)] \geq T$$

### Streaming Algorithms:

- only have a small scratch space, but want to calculate some property of the items in the stream.

E.g.: return an approximation of the number of times  $x$  appears:

$$\text{count}(x) : N(x) - \epsilon m \leq \text{count}(x) \leq N(x) + \epsilon m$$

$\uparrow$  real count       $\uparrow$  length of stream

- heavy hitters: return every item appearing  $\geq 2\epsilon m$  times but no item appearing  $< \epsilon m$  times

### Misra-Gries algorithm:

- Set  $P$  of  $\langle \text{item}, \text{count} \rangle$  pairs

- For each  $u$  in stream:

- if  $\langle u, c \rangle$  is in  $P$ , increment  $c$ .

- else add  $\langle u, 1 \rangle$  to  $P$ .

- if  $|P| > k$ , decrement  $c$  for every  $\langle v, c \rangle$  in  $P$

- remove from  $P$  all  $\langle v, c \rangle$  where  $c=0$ .

- count( $x$ ): return  $c$  if  $\langle x, c \rangle$  in  $P$

otherwise return 0.

- Heavy hitters: return  $x$  if  $\text{count}(x) \geq \epsilon m$ .

### Flajolet-Martin (FM) algorithm:

$$x = 1$$

- for each  $u$  in the stream:

- if  $h(u) < x$  then  $x = h(u)$

$$\text{return } \frac{1}{x} - 1$$

hash

### FM+ algorithm:

- run  $a$  copies of FM, to get  $X_1, \dots, X_a$

$$\text{compute } Z = \frac{1}{a} \sum_{j=1}^a X_j$$

$$\text{return } \frac{1}{Z} - 1$$

these are the  $x$  from FM

### FM++ algorithm:

- run  $b$  copies of FM+, to get  $Y_1, \dots, Y_b$

return the median of  $Y_i$

- Result:  $a = \frac{4}{\epsilon^2}$ ,  $b = 36 \ln \frac{2}{\delta}$ , then with probability at least  $1-\delta$ , FM++ returns an answer in  $t(1 \pm 4\epsilon)$ .

### Streaming a graph: each edge is an element in the stream, and edges arrive in arbitrary order.

#### UFDS-based

- count connected components:  $O(n \log n)$  space and  $O(\alpha(n, n))$  update cost

- check if graph is bipartite:  $O(n \log n)$  space and  $O(\alpha(n, n))$  update cost

since  $\log n$  bits to store each vertex

update cost

inverse Ackerman function

update cost

### Shortest path approx.

- Find a "spanner": a spanning subgraph  $H \subseteq G$  s.t.  $H$  is sparse (i.e. not too many edges) and for all  $u, v \in V(G)$ :  $d_G(u, v) \leq d_H(u, v) \leq \alpha d_G(u, v)$ .
- Note: if every edge  $uv \in E(G)$  satisfies  $\frac{d_H(u, v)}{d_G(u, v)} \leq \alpha$ , then  $\forall u, v \in V(G)$  (not necessarily an edge),  $\frac{d_H(u, v)}{d_G(u, v)} \leq \alpha$

↑  
"stretch"

### Algo:

- For each edge  $uv$  in stream:
  - if  $d_H(u, v) > 2k - 1$  then:
    - add  $uv$  to  $H$
- return  $H$

### Thms:

- The girth of  $H$  is  $> 2k$   
length of smallest cycle

If  $\text{girth}(H) > 2k$  then  $H$  has  $O(n^{1+\frac{1}{k}})$  edges

- If we pick  $k=2$ , then space =  $O(n^{\frac{3}{2}} \log n)$
- If we pick  $k=\log n$ , then space =  $O(n^{1+\frac{1}{\log n}} \log n) = O(n \log n)$

### Matching approx:

- Do greedy matching - pick an edge if both vertices are still not matched
- It is a 2-approximation

### Weighted matching: Graph edges have weights, want to find max weight matching

#### Algo:

- $M$ : matching, initially empty.
- For each edge  $uv$  in stream:
  - let  $C$  be the set of edges in  $M$  that are incident on  $u$  or  $v$
  - if  $w(uv) > (1+\gamma)w(C)$  then:
    - remove  $C$  from  $M$
    - add  $uv$  to  $M$

Result: it is a  $b$ -approximation of optimal.

### Clustering:

- $k$ -centre clustering: choose  $k$  points (centres) that minimise the maximum distance to a centre
- $k$ -median clustering: choose  $k$  points that minimise the average distance to a centre
- $D(P, C) := \sum_{i=1}^n \|p_i - c(i)\|$  where  $P = \langle p_1, \dots, p_n \rangle$  are the points  
and  $C = \langle c_1, \dots, c_k \rangle \subseteq P$   
and  $c$  is a function mapping a point to a centre
- $C$  is an  $(\alpha, \gamma)$ -approx:  $|C| \leq \alpha |C^*|$  and  $D(P, C) \leq \gamma D(P, C^*)$

ILP solution:  $y_j := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_j \text{ is a centre} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$x_{i,j} := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_i \text{ is assigned to centre } p_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

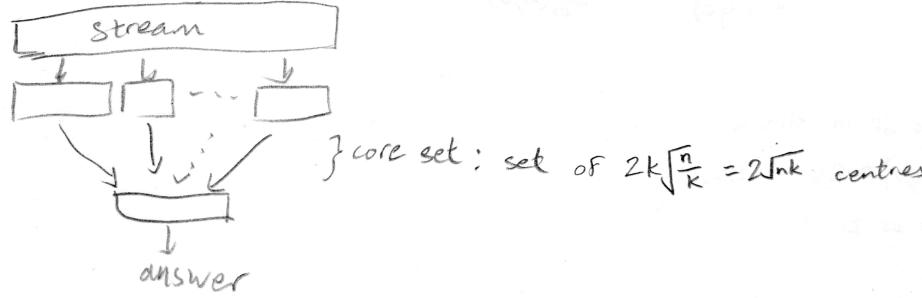
minimise  $\sum_{i,j} x_{i,j} d(p_i, p_j)$  where  $\forall i: \sum_j x_{i,j} = 1$      $\forall i, j: x_{i,j}, y_j \in \{0, 1\}$

Solve the LP version,  
then do some rounding.

$\sum_j y_j \leq k$   
 $\forall i, j: x_{i,j} \leq y_j$

## Core-Set algorithm for streaming k-median:

- $C = \emptyset$
- repeat  $\lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil$  times:
  - Let  $P =$  next  $\lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil$  points
  - Find  $(2, 4)$ -approx clustering on  $P$
  - Add  $2k$  new cluster centres to  $C$ , but weight each cluster centre with the number of points attached to it
- return  $(2, 4)$ -approx (weighted) clustering on  $C$ .



Space:  $O(\lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil)$

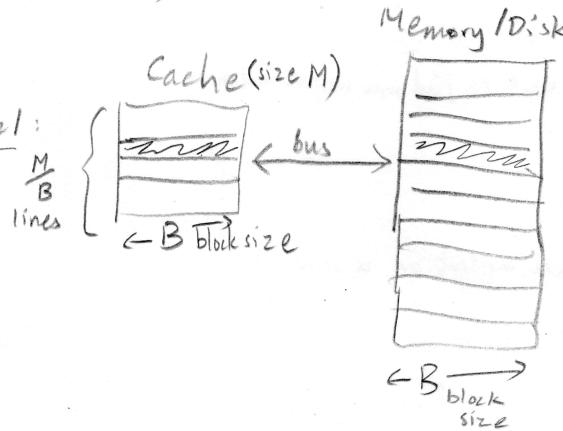
output:  $(2, 80)$ -approx of k-median

proof: generally by  $\Delta$ -ineq.

- can stack more layers if we want a further reduction in space:
  - let  $m = n^\varepsilon$  ( $m$  elements before grouping to the next level)
  - num levels  $= \log_m n = \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$
  - space  $= \frac{2kn^\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}$
  - approx factor  $= O(8^{\frac{1}{\varepsilon}})$

## Caching

### External Memory Model:



← entire cache line gets copied over when we want to access anything on it

← want to minimise the number of times a cache line gets transferred

### Examples:

#### Scanning data:

- Linked list:  $O(N)$
- Array:  $O(N/B)$

#### Searching data:

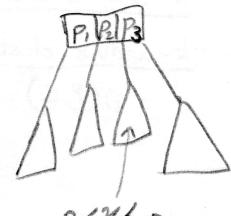
- Linked list:  $O(N)$
- Red-black tree:  $O(\log N)$
- (sorted) Array:  $O(\log \frac{N}{B})$
- B-tree:  $O(\frac{\log N}{\log B})$

#### Sorting data:

- B-tree:  $O(N \log_B N)$
- Buffer tree:  $O(\frac{N}{B} \log_M \frac{N}{B})$

#### (a,b)-trees:

- tree structure
- satisfies search property
- $b \geq 2a$
- all keys stored in leaves
- internal nodes store pivots to guide search
- root has  $\geq 2$  children
- non-root nodes have  $\geq a$  children
- all nodes have  $\leq b$  children
- all leaves have same depth



$$P_2 \leq n \leq P_3$$

#### Properties:

• height of tree  $\leq \log_a(\frac{n}{a}) + 1 \in O(\log_B n)$  where  $a, b \in O(B)$

- insert: insert into correct leaf, then split from bottom up if  $> b$  keys
- delete: remove from correct leaf, then either merge or rebalance siblings from bottom up if  $< a$  keys

#### amortized cost (w/ parent ptr)

- per node:  $O(1)$
- per operation:  $O(\log_B n)$

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- per node:  $O(\frac{1}{B})$
- per operation:  $O(\frac{1}{B} \log_B n)$

### Buffer tree: (for fast searching and very fast insertion/deletion)

- Build a  $(2,4)$ -tree, but add a buffer of size  $2B$  to every node.
- For each leaf: ensure that it has between  $B$  and  $5B$  keys (inclusive).

- insert: add  $\text{ins}[\text{key}]$  to root buffer

• Clean buffer: remove any  $\text{del}[\text{key}]$  or duplicate  $\text{ins}[\text{key}]$

• If  $|\text{buffer}| \geq B$ , flush the buffer

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & O(1) + \text{buffer flush} \\ & = O\left(\frac{1}{B} \log n\right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- delete: similar to insert  $\rightarrow O(1) + \text{buffer flush} = O\left(\frac{1}{B} \log n\right)$

- search: walk from root to leaf, remember to search buffer too:  $O(\log n)$

- flush: sort buffer

• move operations to children's buffers

• Clean children's buffers

• recursively flush children's buffers if necessary.

- leaves have no buffer — all the keys are stored there.

• consider splitting/merging leaves as necessary.

← branching factor is 3, not  $B$ .

each item contributes  $\Theta\left(\frac{1}{B}\right)$  to flush operation  
 $\uparrow$   
 $\text{ins}[\text{key}] / \text{del}[\text{key}]$

### $\sqrt{B}$ Buffer tree: (each node has $\sqrt{B}$ children)

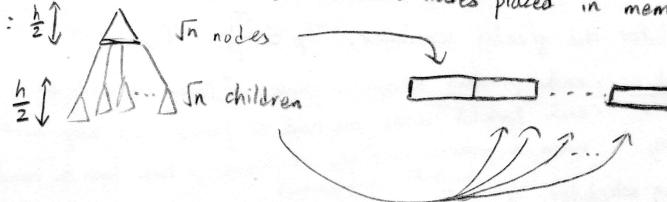
- insert/delete:  $O(\log_B n)$

- search:  $O\left(\frac{\log_B n}{\sqrt{B}}\right)$  (tree depth:  $2 \log_B n$ )

### van Emde Boas search tree: static cache-oblivious search tree

• Like a normal balanced binary search tree, but with nodes placed in memory in a special way.

• recursively layout:  $\frac{h}{2} \uparrow$



• search:  $O(\log_B n)$

### Cache-efficient graph algorithms:

- Breadth-first search: Layer by layer: For each layer: ①  $L_{i+1} \leftarrow$  neighbours of nodes in  $L_i$ ;  $O(|L_i| + \text{edges}(L_i)/B)$

Graph is stored as adjlist format.

② Sort  $L_{i+1}$   $O(\text{sort}(L_{i+1}))$

③ Remove duplicates in  $L_{i+1}$   $O(\text{edges}(L_i)/B)$

④  $L_{i+1} \leftarrow L_{i+1} \setminus L_i$   $O(|L_i|/B + \text{edges}(L_i)/B)$

⑤  $L_{i+1} \leftarrow L_{i+1} \setminus L_{i-1}$   $O(|L_{i-1}|/B + \text{edges}(L_i)/B)$

Total cost =  $O(|V| + |E|/B + \text{sort}(|E|))$

### Count connected components: edges are stored in a single array.

• some recursive algorithm like UFDS

•  $O(\text{sort}(E) \log(E))$

- MST: Dijkstra on edge weight: Divide  $E$  into  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ .

• Recursively find MST  $T_1$  of  $E_1$ .

• Contract  $E_1$ .

• Recursively find MST  $T_2$  of  $E_2$ .

• Expand  $E_2$ .

• Return  $T_1 \cup T_2$ .

•  $O(\text{sort}(E) \log(\frac{E}{M}))$

## Parallel Algorithms

- PRAM model:
  - p processors
  - shared memory
  - processors take one step at each clock tick
  - each processor can be programmed separately

relies on a good scheduler

Fork/Join:

E.g.:  $\text{Sum}(A, b, e)$ :

if  $b = e$ :  
return  $A[b]$

$$\text{mid} = \frac{(b+e)}{2}$$

Fork:

$L \leftarrow \text{Sum}(A, b, \text{mid})$   
 $R \leftarrow \text{Sum}(A, \text{mid}+1, e)$

join

sync  
return  $L + R$

E.g. AllZero( $A, l, r, p$ ):

for  $i = (\frac{l}{p}) \cdot (j-1) + 1$  to  $(\frac{r}{p}) \cdot j$ :

if  $A[i] \neq 0$  then answer = false

done  $\leftarrow$  done + 1

wait until done = p

return answer

Work: total steps done on all processors:  $T_1$

Span: longest path in the program:  $T_\infty$

Parallelism:  $\frac{T_1}{T_\infty}$  ( $\approx$  number of processors that we can use productively)

On P processors: want:  $T_p \approx \frac{T_1}{P} + T_\infty$

parallel part      sequential part

Greedy scheduler:

- If  $\leq p$  tasks are ready, execute all of them
- If  $> p$  tasks are ready, execute any  $p$  of them

Brent-Graham thm: For the greedy scheduler,  $T_p \leq \frac{T_1}{P} + T_\infty$

Work-stealing scheduler:

- each process keeps a queue of tasks to work on
- each fork() adds one task to queue, and keeps working
- when a process is free, it steals a task from a random queue.

Thm: For work-stealing scheduler,  $T_p \leq \frac{T_1}{P} + O(T_\infty)$

## Parallel operations on a balanced binary search tree:

insert/delete/divide:  $T_1 = T_\infty = O(\log n)$

union/subtraction/intersection/difference:  $T_1 = O(n+m)$

$$T_\infty = O(\log n + \log m)$$

↑  
set symmetric difference

E.g. Union( $T_1, T_2$ ):

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if  $T_1 = \text{null}$  return  $T_2$ 
if  $T_2 = \text{null}$  return  $T_1$ 
key  $\leftarrow$  root( $T_1$ )
( $L, G, R$ )  $\leftarrow$  split( $T_2$ , key)
fork:
    TL  $\leftarrow$  Union(key.left, L)
    TR  $\leftarrow$  Union(key.right, R)
sync.
T  $\leftarrow$  join(TL, TR)
insert(T, key)
return T.

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Basic building blocks operations for BBST:

$O(\log n)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{split}(T, k) \rightarrow (T_1, T_2, x)}$  ( $x$  could be null)  
 $+ \log m$   $\xrightarrow{\text{join}(T_1, T_2) \rightarrow T}$  ( $x$  is the item at k)  
 $\xrightarrow{\text{root}(T) \rightarrow x}$  (assumes  $\forall x_1 \in T_1, \forall x_2 \in T_2, x_1 < x_2$ , if exists)  
 $\xrightarrow{\text{insert}(T, x) \rightarrow T'}$  (get the root item of  $T$ ,  $x_1 < x_2$ , leaving  $T$  unchanged)

Parallel BFS using BBST for storage:

$F \subseteq \{S\}$

$D \subseteq \{S\}$

while  $F \neq \emptyset$ :

$D \leftarrow \text{Union}(D, F)$

$F \leftarrow \text{ProcessFrontier}(F)$

$F \leftarrow \text{SetSubtract}(F, D)$

recursive divide/process/union.

Work

$O(m \log n)$   $O(\log^2 m)$

$O(m \log^2 n)$   $O(\log^3 m)$

$O(m \log n)$   $O(\log^2 m)$

$T_1 = O(m \log^2 n)$   $T_\infty = D \log^3 m$

↑  
diameter of graph

Map-reduce model:

- separate memory
- loosely synchronised
- data exchanged over fast interconnect
- Data:  $(key, value)$  pairs on distributed shared disk/Filesystem

Metric: how many rounds needed?  
(best:  $O(1)$ )

Round:  $\text{map}(key, value) \rightarrow (key, value)$

shuffle (group items by key)

$\text{reduce}(key, [values...]) \rightarrow (key, value)$

can optionally produce any number of pairs, but try not to have input/output of more than  $O(n^2)$  time/memory.  
each  $(key, value)$  pair should be  $O(\text{polylog}(n))$ .

Nice properties to have:

- Associative reducer: scheduler can perform reduce of the same key on multiple threads
- Certain (sentinel) pairs come first: e.g. select from multiple datasets

E.g. Bellman Ford with  $n$  iterations (assuming small max degree)