

Today: continue estimating the number of edges

Recall:

Vertices partitioned into buckets  $B_0, B_1, B_2, \dots$

$$B_i = \left\{ v \in V : \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10}\right)^i \leq \deg(v) < \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10}\right)^{i+1} \right\}$$

$$\text{Number of buckets} = k = O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log n\right)$$

Want to categorize buckets as

- heavy if  $|B_i| > T \leftarrow T = \text{some threshold}$

- light if  $|B_i| \leq T$

Three types of edges:

- ① vertex in heavy bucket to vertex in heavy bucket
- ② heavy light
- ③ light light

$$H = \{v \in V: v \text{ in heavy bucket}\}$$

$$L = \{v \in V: v \text{ in light bucket}\}$$

$$\text{deg}(v) = d_H(v) + d_L(v)$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 # of  $v$ 's              # of  $v$ 's  
 neighbors in  $H$       neighbors in  $L$

$$\# \text{ edges} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \underbrace{\sum_{v \in H} d_H(v)}_{\textcircled{1}} + \underbrace{\sum_{v \in H} d_L(v)}_{\text{equal}} + \underbrace{\sum_{v \in L} d_H(v)}_{\text{equal}} + \underbrace{\sum_{v \in L} d_L(v)}_{\textcircled{3}} \right)$$

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Idea:

- learn which buckets are heavy and which are light
- estimate the first two sums:

- edges  $\textcircled{3}$  ignored  $\leftarrow$  negligible number

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Algorithm:

- set  $T = \frac{\varepsilon^{3/2} n^{1/2}}{C_1 \log n}$

$C_1, C_2$  - sufficiently large constants

- sample  $s = C_2 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{T}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \cdot \log n$   
vertices with replacement

- For each  $i$ , let  $s_i = \#$  samples in bucket  $i$

- For each bucket  $B_i$ :

if  $\frac{s_i}{s} \cdot n \geq T$ , mark it heavy  
otherwise, mark it light

- Output

$$\sum_{B_i \text{ heavy}} \frac{s_i}{s} \cdot n \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{10}\right)^i$$

Total queries:  $O\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\varepsilon^{O(1)}} \log^{O(1)} n\right)$

Why this works with probability  $\frac{99}{100}$ :

- Buckets  $B_i$  with  $|B_i| < T/2$ ;  
classified as light

- Buckets  $B_i$  with  $|B_i| \geq T/2$ :

$\frac{s_i}{s} \cdot n$  is a  $(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10})$ -approximation of  $|B_i|$

This follows via the Chernoff bound + the union bound

If this holds:

$$\# \text{ edges } \textcircled{3} \leq \overbrace{\left( 2 \cdot T \cdot O(\epsilon^{-1} \log n) \right)^2}^{\# \text{ buckets}} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{100} \cdot n$$

(light-to-light)

No isolated vertices  
 $m \geq n/2$

$$m \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right) \leq \frac{m}{1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_i |B_i| \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right)^i \leq m$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right) - \frac{\epsilon m}{50} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{B_i \text{ heavy}} |B_i| \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right)^i \leq m$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{5} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{5} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{B_i \text{ heavy}} \left( \frac{s_i}{s} \cdot n \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right)^i \leq m \left( 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{10} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m (1 - \epsilon)$$

the algorithm's output  
 $(2 + \epsilon)$ -approximation

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Getting  $1+\epsilon$  approximation:

- So far limited to checking degrees of random vertices
- Now also neighbor queries allowed
- Counter the loss of half the weight of edges of type (2)
- For each sampled vertex in heavy bucket, select random neighbor and see if it's in heavy or light bucket
- For bucket  $i$ , let  $\delta_i =$  fraction of observed neighbors in light buckets

- Output

$$\sum_{\substack{i \\ B_i \text{ heavy}}} \frac{s_i}{s} \cdot n \cdot \left(1 + \delta_i\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{10}\right)^i$$

↑  
Good estimate via Hoeffding's inequality