

Chernoff's inequality

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in \{0, 1\}$ independent coin flips.

$Y = \sum X_i \quad E[Y] = \frac{n}{2}$

$P[Y < \frac{n}{4}] = P[Y \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2})E[Y]] \leq \exp(-\frac{n}{c})$
c is some constant.

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \in \{-1, +1\}$ independently, $P[X_i = 1] = \frac{1}{2}$

$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$E[Y] \stackrel{\text{Linearity of ex.}}{=} E[\sum X_i] = \sum E[X_i] = \sum 0 = 0$

$E[Y^2] = E[(\sum X_i)^2] = E[(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)^2]$
 $= E[X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2 + 2 \sum_{i < j} X_i X_j]$
 $= \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i^2] + 2 \sum_{i < j} E[X_i X_j]$
 $= n + 0 = n$

$E[X_i^2] = 1$

$E[X_i X_j] = E[X_i] E[X_j] = 0$

$P[|Y| \geq t\sqrt{n}] = P[Y^2 \geq t^2 n] = P[Y^2 \geq t E[Y^2]] \leq \frac{1}{t^2}$
Markov's inequality

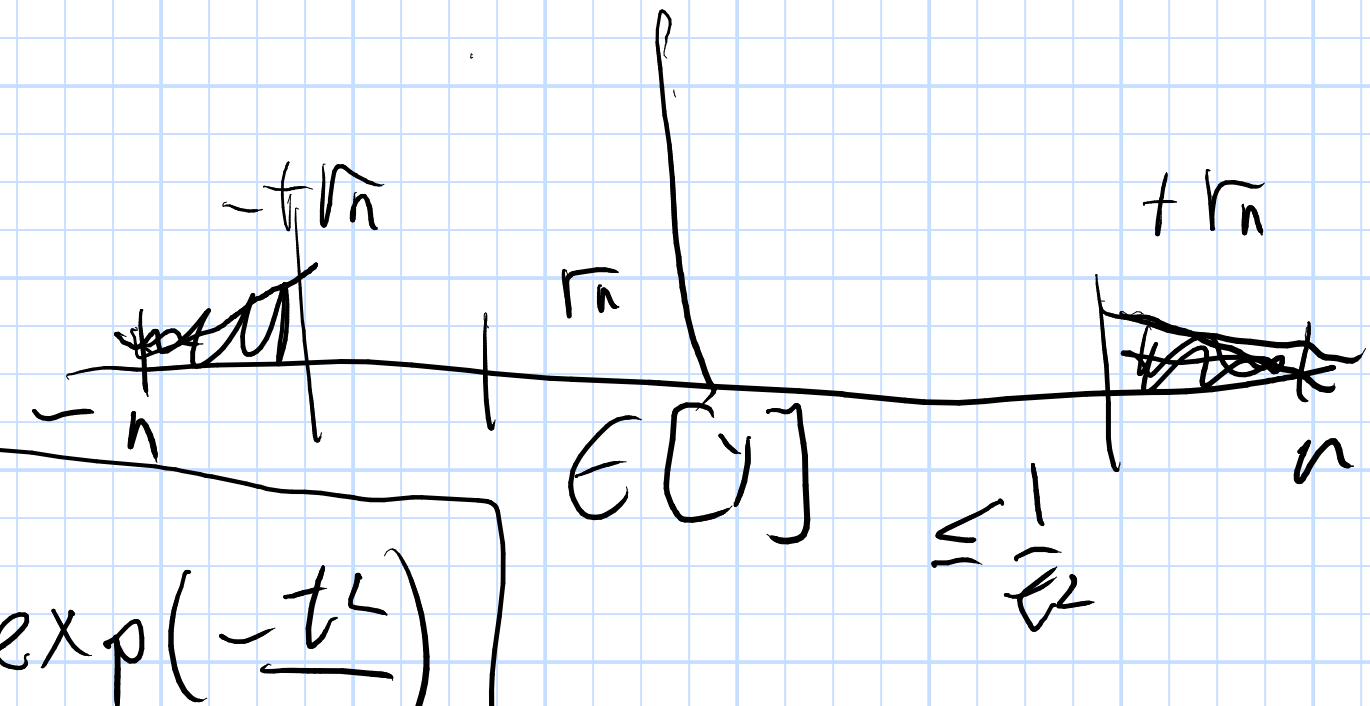
$V[Y] = E[(Y - E[Y])^2] = E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2$ variance of Y

Chebyshev inequality

For any random variable Y

$P[|Y - E[Y]| \geq t\sigma_Y] \leq \frac{1}{t^2}$

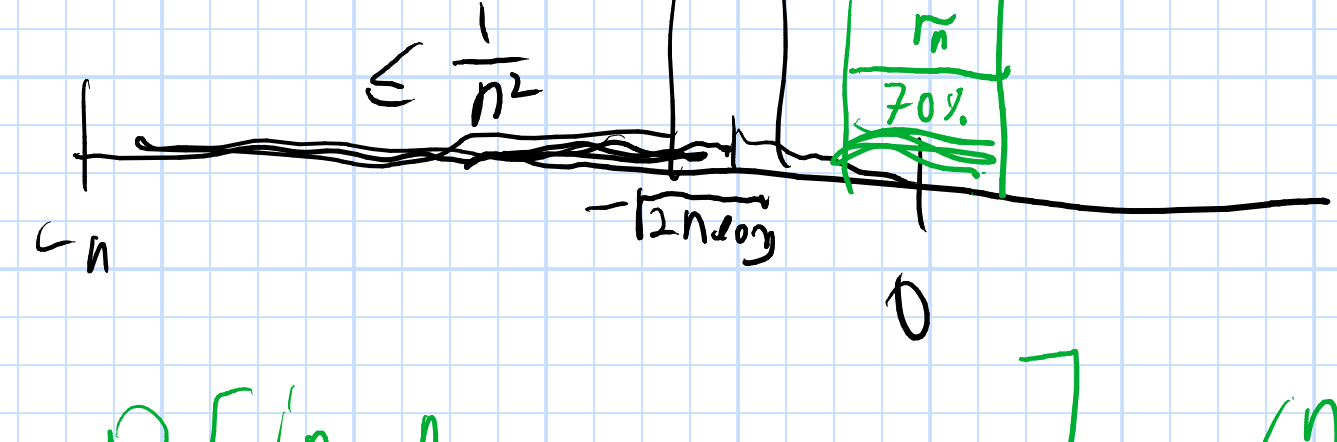
$\sigma_Y = \sqrt{V[Y]}$ standard deviation.



$P[Y \text{ in tail}] \leq \exp(-\frac{t^2}{c})$
 Chernoff.

$n = 1000000$
 $\sqrt{n} = 1000$
 $500,000 \pm 2\sqrt{1000}$

$Y \in [n, n]$
 $P[|Y| > t\sqrt{n}] \leq 2 \exp(-\frac{t^2}{4})$



$P[\text{coin flips you get i heads}] = \frac{\binom{n}{i}}{2^n}$

T_h full binary tree of height h

randomly color the edges of T_h by red and blue. Q: what is the probability of a blue path from the root to any leaf.

$P_0 = 1 \quad P_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

$P_2 = \frac{1}{2}$

$P_h = \frac{1}{2} P_{h-1}$

$P_h = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{P_{h-1}}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{P_{h-1}}{2}\right)$

$P_h = 1 - \left(1 - P_{h-1} + \frac{P_{h-1}^2}{4}\right) = P_{h-1} - \frac{P_{h-1}^2}{4}$

$P_1 = \frac{3}{4}$

$P_2 = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{48}{64} = \frac{39}{64}$

Lemma $P_h \geq \frac{1}{h+1} \quad \forall h$ (see class notes for proof)

$P_h = O\left(\frac{1}{h+1}\right)$

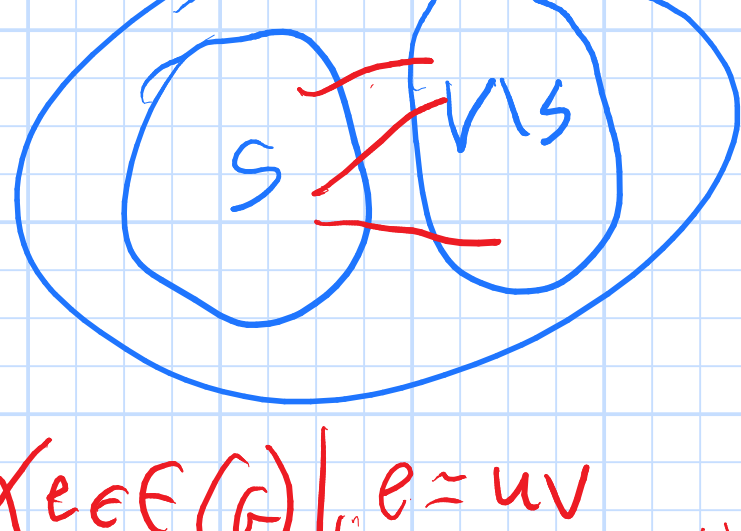
Min Cut

G : graph undirected n vertices m edges.

def The min-cut in G is the minimal # of edges that one has to remove to make G disconnected.

Cut

$S \subseteq V(G)$



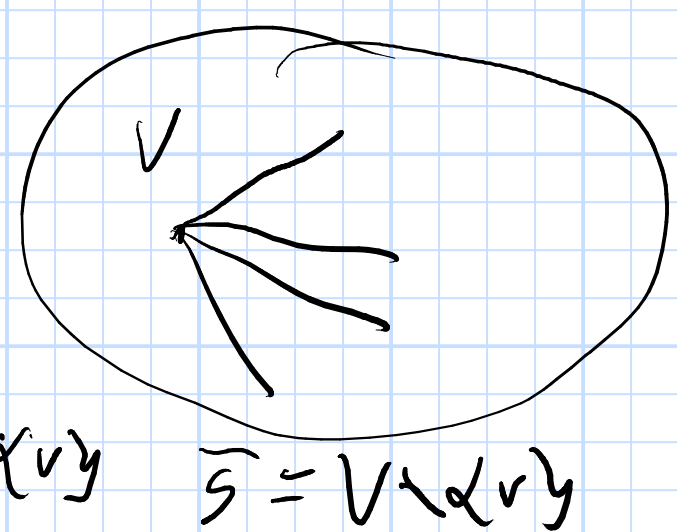
$\bar{S} = V \setminus S$

$(S, V \setminus S) = (S, \bar{S}) = \{e \in E(G) \mid e = uv, (u, v) \cap S = 1\}$

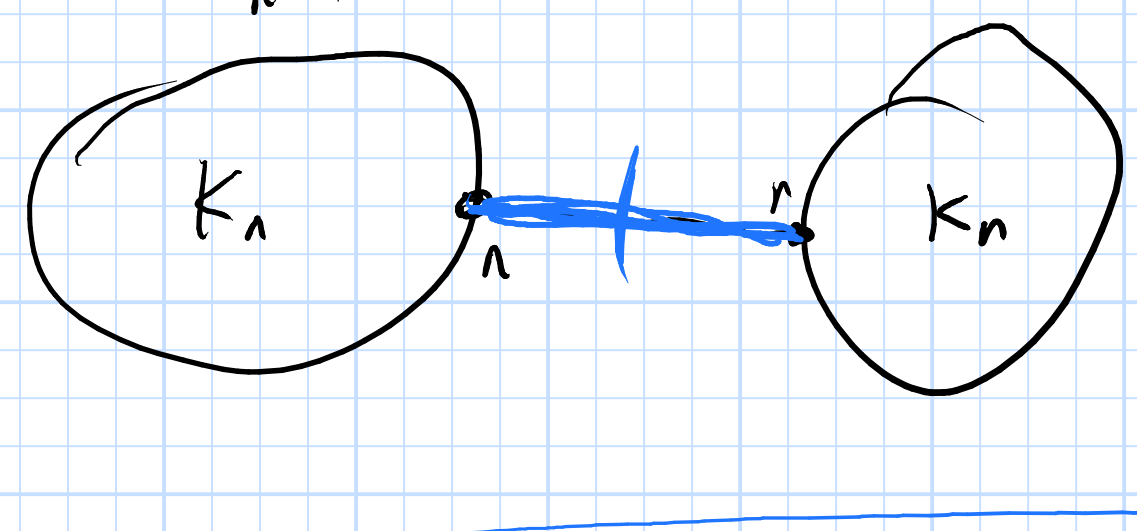
$\text{mincut}(G) = \arg \min_{S \subseteq V(G)} |(S, \bar{S})|$

$\text{MaxCut}(G) = \arg \max_{S \subseteq V(G)} |(S, \bar{S})|$

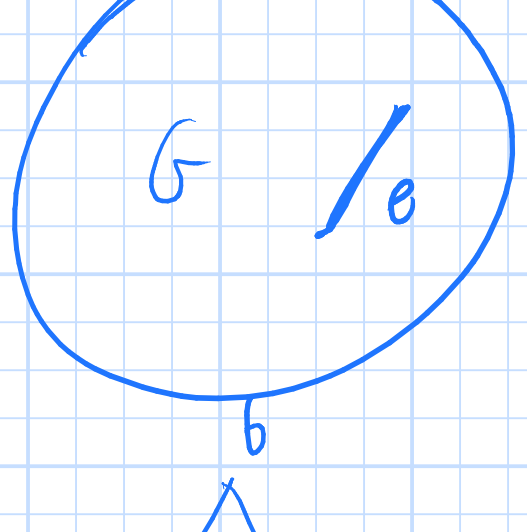
Thm MaxCut is NP-Hard.



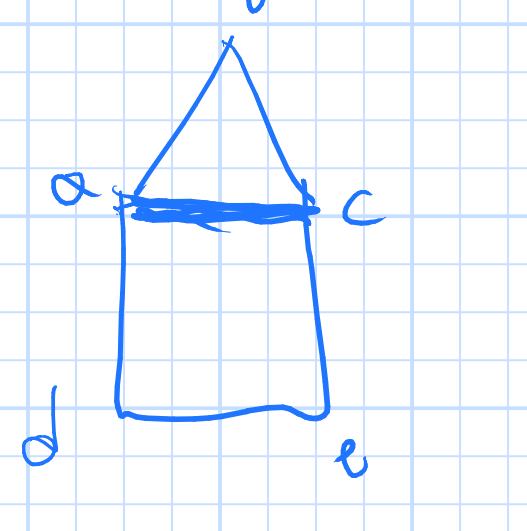
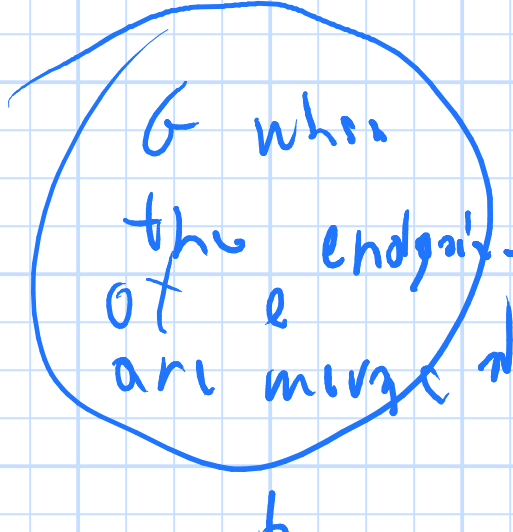
$S = \{v\} \quad \bar{S} = V \setminus \{v\} \quad (S, \bar{S}) = \text{all edges adjacent to } v$



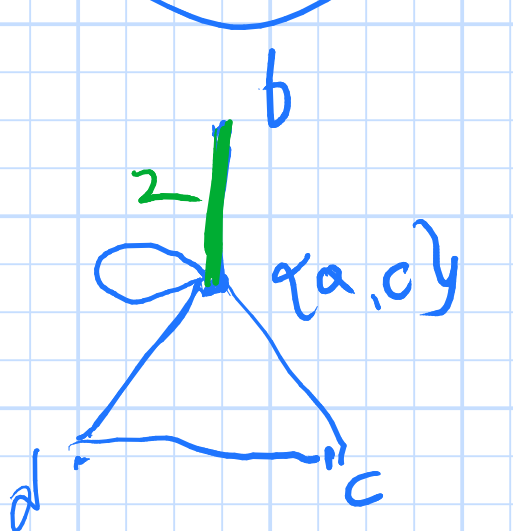
Contraction of edge



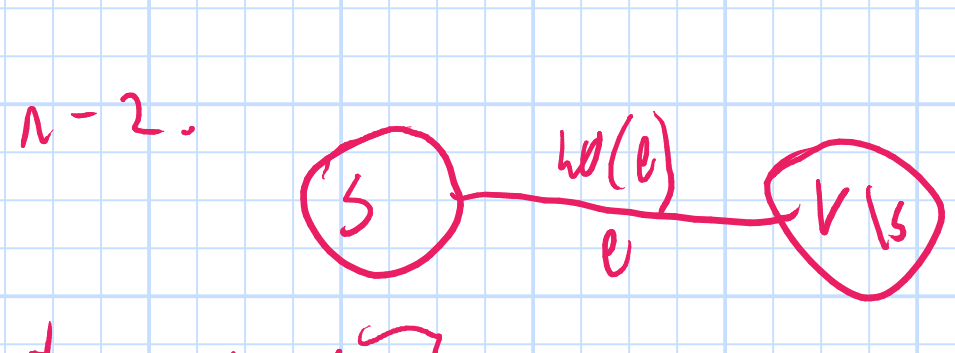
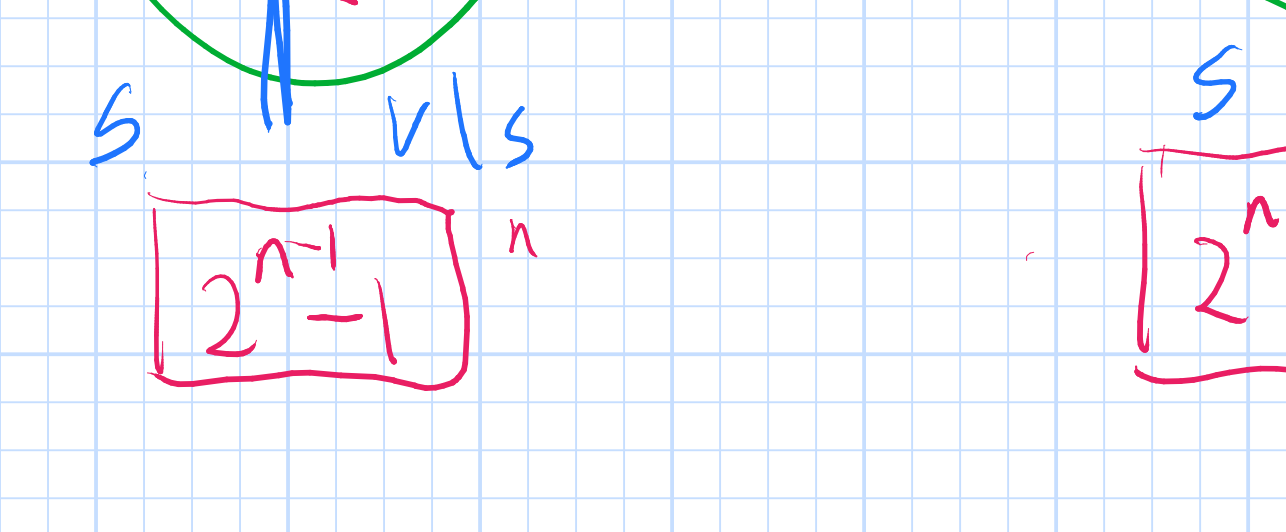
G/e



G/ac



Delete loops in the contracted graph
 - Keep weight of edges, where weight is # of original edges that got mapped to this multiplicity of the edge.



$\geq P[\text{contract randomly edge outside min cut}] \geq \frac{1}{n^2}$

$O\left(\frac{\log n}{p}\right) = O(n^2 \log n)$ times.