

$\epsilon_i = \text{Even}$. i th iteration succeeded

The algorithm succeeds if $\epsilon_1 \wedge \epsilon_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon_n$

$P[\epsilon_i | \epsilon_1 \wedge \epsilon_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon_{i-1}] = \text{known value}$

$P[A|B] = \frac{P[A \wedge B]}{P[B]}$ $B = \epsilon_1, A = \epsilon_2$

$\Rightarrow P[\epsilon_1 \wedge \epsilon_2] = P[\epsilon_1] P[\epsilon_2 | \epsilon_1]$

$P[\underbrace{\epsilon_3 \wedge \epsilon_2 \wedge \epsilon_1}_A] = \underbrace{P[\epsilon_1 \wedge \epsilon_2]}_B P[\epsilon_3 | \epsilon_1 \wedge \epsilon_2]$

$\qquad \qquad \qquad = P[\epsilon_3 | \epsilon_1 \wedge \epsilon_2] P[\epsilon_2 | \epsilon_1] P[\epsilon_1]$

$P[\underbrace{\epsilon_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon_n}_A] = \prod_{i=1}^n P[\epsilon_i | \epsilon_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon_{i-1}]$

Back to min-cut

$\Rightarrow n-2 \text{ times} \Rightarrow$

$\epsilon_0 \equiv \text{prob first contracted edge not in min cut!}$

$P[\epsilon_0] = ?$

$k = \text{size of min cut}$

$\forall v \quad \forall u \quad d(v) \geq k$

$\forall v \in V \quad d(v) \geq k$

$\sum_{v \in V} d(v) = 2m \quad m = |E(G)|$

$m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in V} d(v) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in V} k = \frac{nk}{2}$

$P[\epsilon_0] = P[\text{picked an edge not in the min cut}] = \frac{m-k}{m}$

$= 1 - \frac{k}{m} \geq 1 - \frac{k}{nk/2} = 1 - \frac{2}{n}$

$P[\epsilon_1 | \epsilon_0] \geq 1 - \frac{2}{n-1}$

$\uparrow$ the graph has $n-1$ vertices

$P[\epsilon_i | \epsilon_0 \wedge \epsilon_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon_{i-1}] \geq 1 - \frac{2}{n-i}$

1st iter	$\geq 1 - \frac{2}{n}$	
2nd iter	$\geq 1 - \frac{2}{n-1}$	
$\vdots$	$\geq 1 - \frac{2}{n-i}$	
$n-4$	$\geq 1 - \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$	
$n-3$ iter	$1 - \frac{2}{n-(n-3)} = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$	

$\alpha = P[\text{algorithm succeeds}] = P[\epsilon_0 \wedge \epsilon_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon_{n-3}]$

$= \prod_{i=0}^{n-3} P[\epsilon_i | \epsilon_1 \wedge \epsilon_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \epsilon_{i-1}]$

$\geq \prod_{i=0}^{n-3} (1 - \frac{2}{n-i}) = \prod_i \frac{n-i-2}{n-i}$

$\alpha = \frac{n-2}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-1} \cdot \frac{n-4}{n-2} \cdot \frac{n-5}{n-3} \cdot \frac{2}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$

$= \frac{2 \cdot 1}{n(n-1)} = \frac{2}{n(n-1)}$

$(1 - \frac{2}{n})(1 - \frac{2}{n-1}) \dots \frac{1}{3}$

$\alpha \geq \frac{2}{n(n-1)}$ probability of min-cut to output the real min cut.

Run it T times (amplification) $O(n^2)$

Return smallest cut computed

$O(n^2 T)$

Probability that amplified algorithm fail:

$(P[\text{min-cut failed}])^T = (1-\alpha)^T \leq \exp(-\alpha T) \leq \exp(-\frac{\alpha T}{2}) \leq \frac{1}{n^3}$

$\leq 1-\alpha$ $|1-x| \leq \exp(-x)$ $\alpha \geq \frac{2}{n(n-1)}$ $T = \frac{1}{2} 3 \ln n$

$T = \frac{1}{2} 3 \ln n \leq \frac{n^2}{2} 3 \ln n = O(n^2 \log n)$ times

$O(n^2)$ every run

Total running time is $O(n^4 \log n)$

Implementing contraction

G : adjacency list representation

$1, 2, \dots, n$

$u \rightarrow v \Rightarrow (u,v)$

$O(n)$ time merge the lists.

Maintain for every vertex the total weight of edges adjacent to it.

$1, 2, \dots, n$

$w(i) > 0$ integer number

Q: How to pick i with probability $\frac{w(i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n w(j)}$

Running time of basic mincut $O(n^2)$

Shrink(G, t):

Repeatedly do random contraction on G till it has t vertices

return G .

$P[\text{shrink}(G, t) \text{ has some min cut as } G] = O(n^2)$

$\geq \frac{n-2}{n} \cdot \frac{n-3}{n-1} \dots \frac{t-1}{t-2} \frac{t-1}{t-1} = \frac{t(t-1)}{n(n-1)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$

$t = \frac{n}{\sqrt{2}}$

FastCut(G):

$H_1 \leftarrow \text{Shrink}(G, \frac{n}{\sqrt{2}})$

$H_2 \leftarrow \text{Shrink}(G, \frac{n}{\sqrt{2}})$

Return min FastCut(H_1), FastCut(H_2))

$T(n) = O(n^2) + 2T(\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}}) = O(n^2 \log n)$

Recursion tree FC

$P[\exists \text{ blue path from root}] \geq \frac{1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{\log_2 n^4} = \Omega(\frac{1}{\log^4 n})$

$\alpha = \frac{1}{\log n}$ prob FC succeed

$(1-\alpha)^T \leq \exp(-\alpha T) \leq \frac{1}{n^3}$

$O(n^2 \log n) \cdot O(\log^4 n)$

$= O(n^2 \log^5 n) !!!$

