

So far looked at connectivity-like problems. Other graph problems have different reqs, e.g. distance-based symmetry breaking problems.

E.g. Maximal Independent Set

Input: Undirected graph $G(V, E)$

Output: A set $U \subseteq V$ where $\forall u, v \in U, (u, v) \notin E$ } Independent
and $\forall v \in V \setminus U, v$ has some neighbor in U . } Maximal.

Sequentially very easy to find an MIS.

Just place the vertices in an arbitrary order, add one-by-one. Whenever a vertex is added, remove all neighbors from consideration

$\Rightarrow O(m+n)$ work.

We will see later that using the "right order" above also yields a fast parallel algorithm, although the process is seemingly sequential.

Lot of work (again in classic-era) on MIS. Culminated in a celebrated algorithm by Luby:

Idea is to use a simple ^{random} symmetry-breaking procedure to find an independent set. Then we remove it, and its neighbors, and recurse using fresh randomness.

LubyMIS($G(V, E)$)

if $(|V| == 0)$ return $\{\}$

parfor $v \in V$: $p_v = \text{random_priority}()$

$I = \{v \in V \mid p_v < \min_{u \in N(v)} \{p_u\}\}$ // independent set

$V' = V \setminus (I \cup N(I))$ // remove I and its neighbors

$G' = (V', \{(u, v) \in E \mid u \in V' \text{ and } v \in V'\})$

$R = \text{LubyMIS}(G')$

return $I \cup R$

Correctness

Not hard to see that this algorithm works correctly and returns a valid MIS. Can prove via induction. BC is an empty graph, which has no vertices and thus $MIS = \emptyset$. For the IS, we have that I is independent. Given I , no vertices in $N(I)$ can be in the MIS. Any remaining vertex in V' is independent of I . By induction, the set R is an MIS of $G[V']$, and there are none other from V' we can add while maintaining independence. $\Rightarrow I \cup R$ is independent and maximal.

Cost. (Will show: LubyMIS runs in $O(m+n)$ expected work

$O(\log^2 n)$ depth whp.)

Cost analysis is trickier.

We will show that each round removes half of the edges in expectation.

Lemma: Each round of LubyMIS removes at least half of the edges in expectation.

Consider $(u, v) \in E$

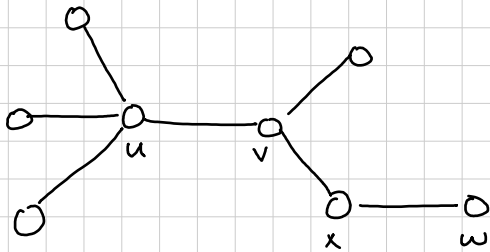
Let $A_{u,v}$ be the event that u has the largest priority among u, v and $N(u)$ and $N(v)$

Since the priorities are picked uniformly at random, we can compute this prob. directly by counting:

$$\Pr[A_{u,v}] \geq \frac{1}{d(u) + d(v)}$$

This is an inequality since u, v might share neighbors.

To avoid double-counting, we will (when adding a vertex u to MIS) focus on counting removal of its neighbors edges; not its own edges).



$$\Pr[A_{u,v}] = \frac{1}{4+3} = \frac{1}{7}$$

if $A_{u,v}$ occurs:

- u will join the MIS
- all edges incident on v will be removed since $v \in N(u)$.
- u itself will be removed

We expect to remove $\Pr[A_{u,v}]d(v)$ neighbors of v due to $A_{u,v}$.

Can we have multiple events remove edges incident to v on the same round?

E.g. $A_{u,v}$ and $A_{x,v}$ both occur?

Can't happen since $A_{u,v} \Rightarrow p_u$ has highest pri in $N(u) \cup N(v)$ and $x \in N(v)$.

This means if we count edges incident on v removed by $A_{u,v}$, we won't double count due to a simultaneous $A_{w,v}$ event.

What can happen is that an edge, eg. (v,x) gets removed twice, once by $A_{u,v}$ and once by $A_{w,x}$.

Each edge can be double-counted this way at most twice — one from each endpoint.

Let $Y = RV$ giving the #edges we remove.

Claim:

$$E[Y] \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(u,v) \in E} (Pr[A_{uv}] d(v) + Pr[A_{vu}] d(u))$$

double-counting of removed edges by both endpoints

removed edges in both directions of (u,v) edge.

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \left[\frac{d(v)}{d(u)+d(v)} + \frac{d(u)}{d(u)+d(v)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{|E|}{2}$$

Overall cost:

Steps within a round easy to do in $O(m+n)$ work, $O(\log n)$ depth in BF model.
(setting priorities, removing \perp UNION), building u').

Vertices removed if no incident edges.

$O(m+n)$ work and $O(\log n)$ depth per round.

edges goes from $m \rightarrow \frac{m}{2}$ in expectation $\Rightarrow O(\log m) = O(\log n)$ rounds

$\Rightarrow O(m+n)$ work and $O(\log^2 n)$ depth in expectation.

Are we done? Would be good to give tighter analysis of depth.

Let F_i = fraction removed on round i

M_i = # edges remaining on round i

$$\text{i.e. } M_i = m \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} F_j$$

Suppose we have $E[F_i] \leq \beta$ (For Luby, $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$ in every round since we don't re-use randomness).

$$E[M_i] \leq m \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} E[F_j] = m \beta^i$$

work on vertices ^{bounded} by work on the edges.

If work in a round is cM_i (assuming $|E_i| \geq |V_i|$), by LOE:

$$E[W(m)] \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c E[M_i] \leq cm \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \beta^i = O(m)$$

Span: Use Markov

$$\Pr[X \geq a] \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}$$

Consider $\Pr[M_i \geq 1]$. If $M_i < 1$, alg is done since no edges remain.

Would like to show that for some large i , this prob. is small.

$$\Pr[M_i \geq 1] \leq \frac{E[M_i]}{1} \leq m\beta^i$$

Let $i = k \log_2(m)$ for some k .

$$\Pr[M_i \geq 1] \leq m \beta^{k \log_2(m)} = m m^{k \log_2(\beta)} = m^{1 + k \log_2(\beta)}$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for us. } \Rightarrow \log_2(\beta) = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{also } O(\log n)).$$

$$\Pr[\text{rounds} < k \log_2(m)] \geq 1 - m^{1-k} \Rightarrow O(\log m) \text{ rounds, whp.}$$

