

# Probabilistic Method (Erdős and Renyi)

Version 1: For any event  $E$ , if  $\Pr(E) > 0$  then  $E \neq \emptyset$ .

Version 2: For any random variable  $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , there exists at least one  $\omega \in S$  such that  $X(\omega) \geq E(X)$ .

Proof by contradiction: If  $X(\omega) < E(X)$  for every  $\omega \in S$  then

$$E(X) = \sum_{\omega \in S} \Pr(\omega) \cdot X(\omega) < \sum_{\omega \in S} \Pr(\omega) \cdot E(X) = E(X) \cdot \sum_{\omega \in S} \Pr(\omega) = E(X). \quad \text{↯}$$

Example 1:  $G = (V, E)$  is a graph. If  $(A, B)$  is a partition of  $V$  we say that an edge  $e \in E$  crosses  $(A, B)$  if  $e$  has one endpoint in  $A$  and one endpoint in  $B$ .

Theorem: Every graph  $G = (V, E)$  has a vertex-partition  $(A, B)$  such that the number of edges in  $G$  that cross  $(A, B)$  is at least  $|E|/2$ .

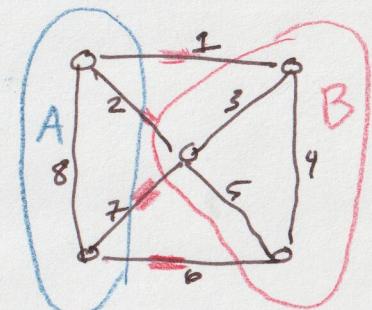
Proof: For each vertex  $v \in V$ , toss a coin to decide if  $v$  goes into  $A$  or  $v$  goes into  $B$ .

For each edge  $e \in E$ , define  $X_e = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e \text{ crosses } (A, B) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Define  $X = \text{"the number of edges of } G \text{ that cross } (A, B)"$

$$\therefore E(X) = E\left(\sum_{e \in E} X_e\right) = \sum_{e \in E} E(X_e) = \sum_{e \in E} \Pr(X_e = 1) = \sum_{e \in E} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot |E|.$$

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$\therefore$  There exist at least one vertex partition  $(A, B)$  of  $G$  such that at least  $\frac{1}{2}|E|$  edges cross  $(A, B)$ .

Theorem: Every graph with  $n$  vertices contains a clique of size  $\lceil \frac{\log_4 n}{\sqrt{n}} \rceil$  or contains an independent set of size  $\lfloor \frac{\log_4 n}{\sqrt{n}} \rfloor \cdot 2$ .

Theorem: For every positive integer  $n$  and every integer  $K \geq 2\log_2 n + 2$ , there exists a graph with no clique of size  $K$  and no independent set of size  $K$ .

Proof: Let  $G = G_{n, \frac{1}{2}}$  with  $n$  vertices and, for each pair of vertices  $v$  and  $w$ , toss a coin to decide if  $vw$  is an edge of  $G$ .

- Let  $R$  be a set of  $K$  vertices in  $G$ .

- Let  $A_R = \text{"the vertices in } R \text{ form a clique"}$

$$\Pr(A_R) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\binom{K}{2}} = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{K(K-1)/2}{2}}} \leq \frac{1}{2^{\frac{K(2\log_2 n + 2)}{2}}} = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{K\log_2 n + K}{2}}}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2^{\frac{K\log_2 n + 1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n^K}.$$

- Let  $B_R = \text{"the vertices in } R \text{ form an indep. set"}$

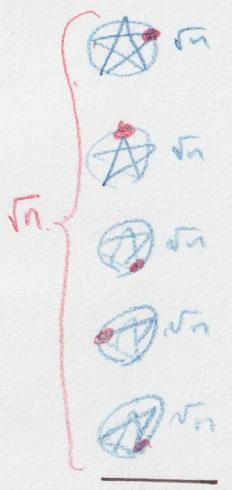
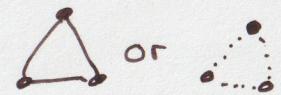
$$\Pr(B_R) \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n^K}.$$

- Let  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{\binom{n}{K}}\}$  be the set of ~~K-element~~ vertex subset of vertices of  $G$ .

$$\Pr(\text{G has a clique or IS of size } K) = \Pr\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\binom{n}{K}} (A_{V_i} \cup B_{V_i})\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\binom{n}{K}} \Pr(A_{V_i}) + \Pr(B_{V_i}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\binom{n}{K}} \frac{1}{n^K} = \frac{\binom{n}{K}}{n^K} < 1.$$

$\Pr(\text{G does not have clique or IS of size } K) \geq 1$

$\therefore$  there exists  $n$ -vertex  $G$  with no clique or IS of size  $K$ .



$$K-1 \geq 2\log_2 n + 2$$

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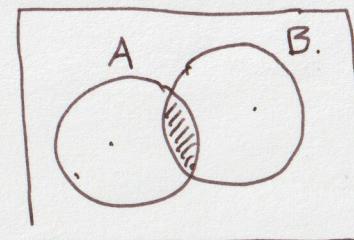
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## Jaccard Distance:

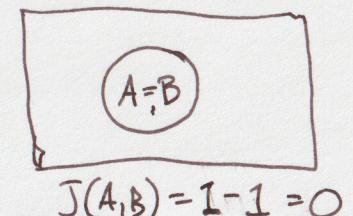
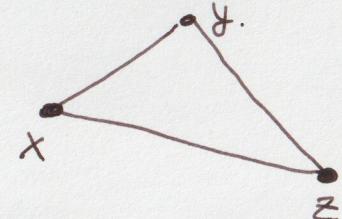
For any two ~~sets~~ non-empty sets  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$J(A, B) = 1 - \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$



Theorem: For any three non-empty sets  $X, Y, Z$ .

$$J(X, Z) \leq J(X, Y) + J(Y, Z).$$



- Proof: let  $x_1 \dots x_m$  be a random permutation of  $X \cup Y \cup Z$ .

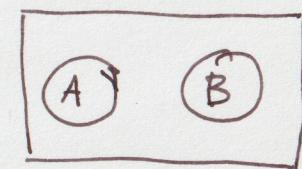
$$\text{dist}(X, Z) \leq \text{dist}(X, Y) + \text{dist}(Y, Z).$$

$$\text{Define } i = \min\{i : x_i \in X\}, \quad j = \min\{j : x_j \in Y\}, \quad k = \min\{k : x_k \in Z\}.$$

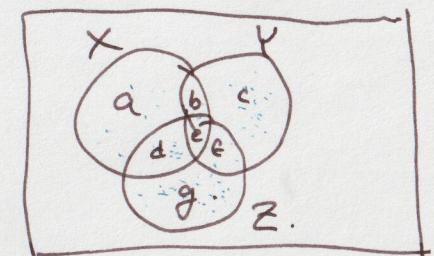
$$\Pr(i=j) = \frac{|X \cap Y|}{|X \cup Y|} > \Pr(i \neq j) = 1 - \frac{|X \cap Y|}{|X \cup Y|} = J(X, Y).$$

$$\Pr(j \neq k) = 1 - \frac{|Y \cap Z|}{|Y \cup Z|} = J(Y, Z).$$

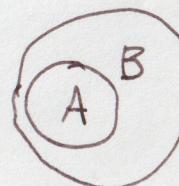
$$\Pr(i \neq k) = J(X, Z).$$



$$J(A, B) = 1 - 0 = 1$$



Fact 1: If  $A$  implies  $B$  then  $\Pr(A) \leq \Pr(B)$ .  
 $A \subseteq B$



$$J(X, Y) = 1 - \frac{b+e}{a+b+c+d+e+f}.$$

Fact 2: For any three numbers  $i, j$ , and  $k$ .

If  $i \neq k$  then  $i \neq j$  or  $j \neq k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(i \neq k) &\leq \Pr(i \neq j \text{ or } j \neq k) \leq \Pr(i \neq j) + \Pr(j \neq k) \\ J(X, Z) &\leq J(X, Y) + J(Y, Z). \end{aligned}$$