
Randomisierte Algorithmen

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Aufgabe 1

The algorithm for approximating the number of connected components asks one to choose a Random Variable that satisfies $Pr[X \geq k] = \frac{1}{k}$ for $k \geq 1$. How is this Random Variable chosen? That is, come up with an appropriate random experiment and show that it is correct.

Aufgabe 2

The original approximation algorithm for MST cost is as follows:

```
ApproxMST(G,n,r){
  for(i = 1 to W - 1)
     $\hat{c}(i) = \text{ApproxConnectedComps}(G(i), r)$ 
  return  $n - W + \sum_{i=1}^{W-1} \hat{c}(i)$ 
}
```

```
ApproxConnectedComps(G(i), r){
  for(j = 1 to r){
    Uniformly and randomly choose  $v$  from  $V$ .
    Randomly choose  $X$  to satisfy the distribution  $Pr[X \geq k] = \frac{1}{k}$ 
    Begin a BFS from  $v$  until...
    (a)  $X$  nodes are visited
    (b) All nodes in the connected component of  $v$  are visited
    In case (a),  $b[j] = 0$ ; in case (b),  $b[j] = 1$ .
  }
  return  $\frac{n}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r b[j]$ 
}
```

The runtime for this algorithm is $O(WD \log \frac{n}{\rho \epsilon^2})$
Now consider the following:

```
ApproxMST(G,n,r){
   $\hat{c} = \text{ApproxConnectedComps}(G, r)$ 
  return  $n - W + \hat{c}$ 
}
```

```
ApproxConnectedComps(G, r){
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for( $j = 1$  to  $r$ ) {
  Uniformly and randomly choose  $v$  from  $V$ .
  Randomly choose  $X$  to satisfy the distribution  $Pr[X \geq k] = \frac{1}{k}$ 
  Compute largest  $j^*$  s.t.  $X \geq |c(j^*)|$ 
   $\hat{c}(j) = j^* \cdot n$ 
}
return  $\frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^r \hat{c}(j)$ 
}

```

The runtime for this algorithm has been improved to $O(D \log \frac{n}{\rho \epsilon^2})$. Is it still correct? Explain your answer.