

# Sketching and Streaming Matrix Norms

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# Turnstile Streaming Model

- Underlying  $n$ -dimensional vector  $x$  initialized to  $0^n$
- Long stream of updates  $x_i \leftarrow x_i + \Delta_i$  for  $\Delta_i$  in  $\{-1, 1\}$
- At end of the stream,  $x$  is promised to be in the set  $\{-M, -M+1, \dots, M-1, M\}^n$  for some bound  $M \leq \text{poly}(n)$
- Output an approximation to  $f(x)$  whp
- **Goal:** use as little space (in bits) as possible

# Example Problem: Norms

- Suppose you want  $\|x\|_p^p = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p$
- Want  $Z$  for which  $(1-\epsilon) \|x\|_p^p \leq Z \leq (1+\epsilon) \|x\|_p^p$
- $p = 1$  is Manhattan norm
  - Distances between distributions, network monitoring
- $p = 2$  is (squared) Euclidean norm
  - Geometry, linear algebra
- $p = \infty$  is max norm:  $\|x\|_p = \max_i |x_i|$ 
  - denial of service attacks, etc.

# Space Complexity of Norms

- For  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  and constant approximation, can get  $\log n$  space
- For  $p > 2$ , the space is  $\tilde{\Theta}(n^{1-\frac{2}{p}})$
- Lower bound: k-party disjointness
  - k vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_k \in \{0,1\}^n$  which have disjoint supports or uniquely intersect
  - $x = \sum_i x_i$  presented in the stream in the following order:  $x_1, \dots, x_k$
  - $x = (0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0)$ , or
  - $x = (0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, k, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0)$
  - Set  $k = 2n^{1/p}$ . Disjointness  $\Omega(\frac{n}{k})$  communication bound gives  $\Omega(\frac{n}{k^2})$  stream memory bound

# Matrix Norms

- We understand vector norms very well
- Recent interest in estimating *matrix* norms
- Stream of updates to an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$
- $A$  initialized to  $0^{n \times n}$ , see updates  $A_{i,j} \leftarrow A_{i,j} + \Delta_{i,j}$  for  $\Delta_{i,j}$  in  $\{-1,1\}$ 
  - Entries of  $A$  bounded in absolute value by  $\text{poly}(n)$
- Every matrix  $A = U \Sigma V^T$  in its singular value decomposition, where  $U, V$  have orthonormal columns and  $\Sigma$  is a non-negative diagonal matrix
- Schatten  $p$ -norm  $|A|_p^p = \sum_i \sigma_i^p$  where  $\sigma_i = \Sigma_{i,i}$

# Matrix Norms

- Schatten  $p$ -norm  $|A|_p^p = \sum_i \sigma_i^p$  where  $\sigma_i = \Sigma_{i,i}$ 
  - $p = 0$  is the rank
  - $p = 1$  is the trace norm  $\sum_i \sigma_i$
  - $p = 2$  is the Frobenius norm  $\sum_{i,j} A_{i,j}^2$
  - $p = \infty$  is the operator norm  $\sup_x \frac{|Ax|_2}{|x|_2}$
- What is the complexity of approximating  $|A|_p^p = \sum_i \sigma_i^p$  up to a constant factor?
- For one value of  $p$ , this is easy...
  - $p = 2$  norm can be estimated in  $\log n$  bits of space
- What about other values of  $p$ ?

# Matrix Norm Results

- Thoughts? Conjectures?
- An important special case: suppose  $A$  is sparse, i.e., has  $O(1)$  non-zero entries per row and per column
- There is an  $\tilde{O}(n)$  upper bound for every  $0 \leq p \leq \infty$
- Anything better for  $p \neq 2$ ?

## Bit lower bound for Schatten norms

	Previous lower bounds	Lower bounds in [LW16]
$p \in (2, \infty) \cap 2\mathbb{Z}$	$n^{1-2/p}$	$??$
$p \in (2, \infty) \setminus 2\mathbb{Z}$	$n^{1-2/p}$	$n^{1-g(\epsilon)}$
$p \in [1, 2)$	$n^{1/p-1/2} / \log n$ [AKP15]	$n^{1-g(\epsilon)}$
$p \in (0, 1)$	$\log n$ [KNP10]	$n^{1-g(\epsilon)}$
$p = 0$	$n^{1-g(\epsilon)}$ [BS15]	

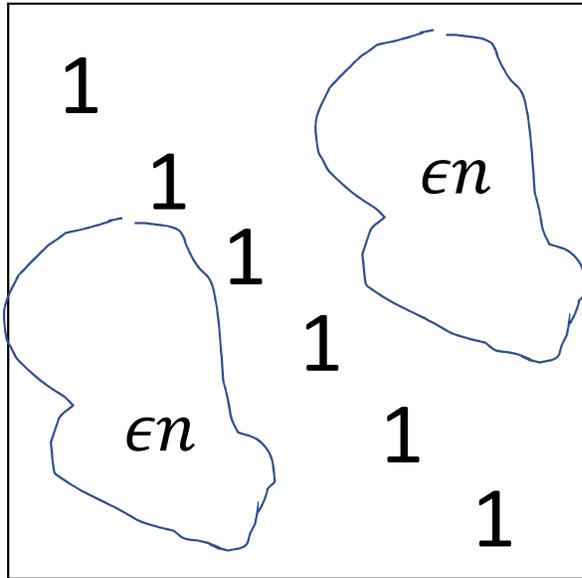
- $g(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$
- The near-linear lower bound is tight for sparse matrices (each row and column contains  $O(1)$  non-zero entries)

## What about even integers $p$ ? [LW16]

- Show an  $\tilde{O}(n^{1-\frac{2}{p}})$  upper bound for every even integer  $p$
- Matches the lower bound for vectors
- The even integer  $p$ -norms are the only norms with non-trivial space!

## Upper Bound Intuition for $p = 4$

- $|A|_4^4 = |AA^T|_F^2 = \sum_{i,j} \langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2$ , where  $A_i$  are the rows of  $A$
- $\langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2 \leq |A_i|_2^2 \cdot |A_j|_2^2 \leq \max_{i,j} \langle A_i, A_i \rangle^2$
- If  $|A_i|_2^2 = 1$  for all  $i$ , then
  - (1)  $\langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2 \leq 1$  for all  $i$  and  $j$
  - (2) if  $\sum_{i \neq j} \langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2 \geq \epsilon \sum_i \langle A_i, A_i \rangle^2 \geq \epsilon n$
- Implies uniformly sampling  $\tilde{O}(n)$  terms  $\langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2$  for  $i \neq j$  suffices for estimating  $\sum_{i \neq j} \langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2$



$$(1) \langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2 \leq 1 \text{ for all } i, j$$

$$(2) \sum_{i \neq j} \langle A_i, A_j \rangle^2 \geq \epsilon n$$

These conditions imply uniformly sampling  $\tilde{O}(n)$  entries works

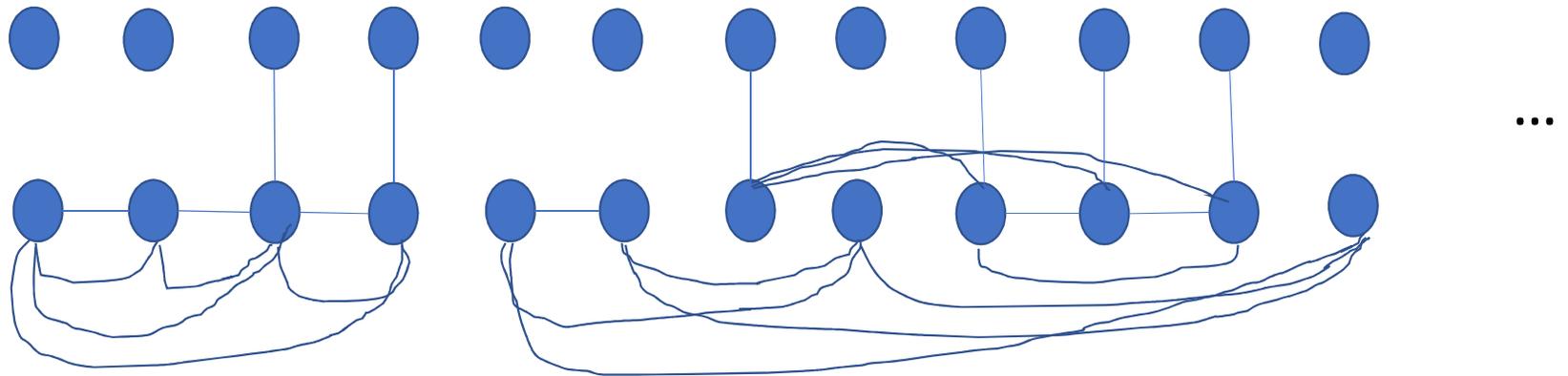
- To sample  $\tilde{O}(n)$  entries, we sample  $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$  rows in their entirety (can approximately do this in a stream)
  - Can store all sampled rows using  $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$  space given  $O(1)$  non-zero entries per row
  - Estimate (2) using all pairwise inner products in the sampled rows (some slight dependence issues)
- When  $\|A_i\|_2 \neq 1$  for all  $i$ , instead sample rows proportional to  $\|A_i\|_2^2$

## Beyond $p = 4$

- For even integers  $p$ , let  $q = p/2$ . Then,
- $|A|_p^p = \sum_{1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_q \leq n} \prod_{j=1, \dots, q} \langle A_{i_j}, A_{i_{j+1}} \rangle$ , where  $i_{q+1} = i_1$
- Sample  $\tilde{O}(n^{1-\frac{2}{p}})$  rows in their entirety proportional to their squared norm
- Approximate above sum by summing over all  $q$ -tuples from your sample
- For non-even integers  $p$  and  $p = 0$ , no such expression for  $|A|_p^p$  exists!

## Lower bound for $p = 0$ [BS15]

- Hidden Boolean Hypermatching Problem ([VY11], [BS15])
  - Alice has a boolean vector  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$  such that  $w_H(x) = n/2$
  - Bob has a perfect  $t$ -hypermatching  $M$  of  $n/t$  edges, each edge has  $t$  nodes
  - Determine whether  $Mx := (\bigoplus_{i=1}^t x_{M_{1,i}}, \dots, \bigoplus_{i=1}^t x_{M_{n/t,i}})$  is **1** or **0**
- $\Omega(n^{1-1/t})$  bits for one-way communication



- $2n$  nodes
- Create a  $t$ -clique for each hyperedge in Bob's input
- Add 'tentacles' according to Alice's input  $x$
- Determine whether all cliques have an even or odd number of tentacles
- Maximum matching size different by a constant factor in the cases
- If clique size is  $t$ , then with  $r$  tentacles, block matching size is  $r + \lfloor \frac{t-r}{2} \rfloor$
- Matching size is  $3n/4$  if  $r$  are all even, Matching size is  $3n/4 - n/(2t)$  if  $r$  are all odd

# Connection with Matrices

- Consider the Tutte matrix  $A$  of the graph
  - $A_{i,j} = 0$  if  $\{i,j\}$  is not an edge
  - $A_{i,j} = y_{i,j}$  if  $\{i,j\}$  is an edge and  $i < j$
  - $A_{i,j} = -y_{i,j}$  if  $\{i,j\}$  is an edge and  $j < i$
- $\text{rank}(A)$ , under random assignment to the  $y_{i,j}$ , is twice the maximum matching size, with high probability
- $\Omega(n^{1-\frac{1}{t}})$  lower bound for  $(1 + \Theta(\frac{1}{t}))$ -approximation

# Distributional BHH Problem

- **Distributional BHH [VY11]:** Alice get a uniformly random  $x$  in  $\{0,1\}^n$ , and Bob an independent, uniformly random perfect  $t$ -hyper-matching  $M$  on the  $n$  coordinates and a binary string  $w$  in  $\{0,1\}^{n/t}$ . Promise:  $Mx \oplus w = 1^{n/t}$  or  $Mx \oplus w = 0^{n/t}$
- **Let  $t$  be even. Distributional BHH problem [BS15]:**
  - Replace  $x$  with new input  $x \leftarrow (x, \bar{x})$
  - For  $i$ -th set  $S = \{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_t}\} \in M$ ,
    - if  $w_i = 0$ , include  $\{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_t}\}$  and  $\{\bar{x}_{i_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{i_t}\}$  in new input  $M$
    - if  $w_i = 1$ , include  $\{\bar{x}_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_t}\}$  and  $\{x_{i_1}, \bar{x}_{i_2}, \bar{x}_{i_3}, \dots, \bar{x}_{i_t}\}$  in the new input  $M$
  - Correctness is preserved, and  $Mx = 1^{n/t}$  or  $Mx = 0^{n/t}$
  - In graph, can partition  $t$ -cliques into pairs: in each pair number of tentacles is  $q$  and  $t-q$ , for a binomially distributed odd (even) integer  $q$  if  $Mx = 1^{n/t}$  (if  $Mx = 0^{n/t}$ )

# Distributional BHH Problem

- Consider Tutte matrix  $A$  with diagonal 0 and indeterminates equal to 1
- After permuting rows and columns,  $A$  is block-diagonal
- Each block is  $(2t) \times (2t)$  and corresponds to a clique with tentacles
- $t = 4$  and the three possible blocks for an even number of tentacles:

$$B_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Distribution of Singular Values

- $|A|_p^p = \sum_{\text{blocks } B \text{ in } A} |B|_p^p$
- Suppose  $E_{q \sim E(t)} \left[ |B_q|_p^p \right] \neq E_{q \sim O(t)} \left[ |B_q|_p^p \right]$ 
  - $E(t)$  is distribution on even integers  $q$  with  $\Pr[q = i] = \{t \text{ choose } i\}/2^{t-1}$
  - $O(t)$  is distribution on odd integers  $q$  with  $\Pr[q = i] = \{t \text{ choose } i\}/2^{t-1}$
- Since blocks  $B$  are of constant size, and pairs of blocks are independent, by Hoeffding bounds  $|A|_p^p$  differs by a constant factor if  $M_X = 1^{n/t}$  or if  $M_X = 0^{n/t}$
- Suffices to show  $E_{q \sim E(t)} \left[ |B_q|_p^p \right] \neq E_{q \sim O(t)} \left[ |B_q|_p^p \right] !$

## $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$ lower bound for $p \neq 2$

- $\Omega(n^{1-1/t}) = \Omega(\sqrt{n}) \Rightarrow t = 2$

$$M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\{1, 1\}$                        $\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}\}$                        $\{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}\}$

- $\mathbb{E}\|M_k\|_p^p$  in even and odd cases:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\{ 2 \cdot 1^p + 2 \left( \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right)^p + \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^p \right) \right\} \neq 2\sqrt{2}^p$$

- $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$  lower bound follows.

## $n^{1-g(\epsilon)}$ Lower Bound for $p$ not an Even Integer

- Just need to show  $E_{q \sim E(t)} \left[ |B_q|_p^p \right] \neq E_{q \sim O(t)} \left[ |B_q|_p^p \right]$
- Change the definition of blocks  $B_q$  to make analysis tractable
- Singular values are either 1 or roots of a quadratic equation depending on  $q$
- Analysis uses power series expansion of the roots and hypergeometric polynomials

# Conclusions and Future Directions

- Nearly tight bounds for sparse matrices for matrix norms for every  $p$
- For dense matrices, for  $p = 0$  there is an  $n^{2-g(\epsilon)}$  lower bound [AKL17]
- Nothing better known for other values of  $p$  for dense matrices
- When the streaming algorithm is a linear sketch:
  - Not clear if these lower bounds imply lower bounds for streams (though would be surprising if not)
  - $n^{2-4/p}$  bound for every  $p \geq 2$ , tight for even integers [LNW14,LW16]
  - For  $p$  not an even integer, conjecture an  $n^{2-g(\epsilon)}$  lower bound