

## Learning a hidden graph (Complex model)

(\*) If we restrict all the complexes in complex model to be of size "2", then we can model the group testing as a learning graph problem.

Problem There is a graph  $G$  defined on  $[1, n]$ . The aim is to reconstruct the graph by using the so-called edge-detecting queries i.e. to ask: if  $S \subseteq [1, n]$  (induces a clique) contains an edge of  $G$ . This is equivalent to ask if  $S$  contains any 2-subset (edge) in  $E(G)$ .

For example, if  $n=8$  and  $G$  contains only one edge  $\{3, 7\}$ , then we would like to find it by using adaptive algorithm as fast as possible.

(\*) Note that in learning graph model, we don't know the number of edges in  $G$  in general. This type of group testing is known as a competitive model or competitive group testing.

A solution to the above problem.

$Q_1$ : Is  $[1, 8]$  induces an edge?  
(of  $G$ )  $A_1$ : Yes.

$Q_2$ : Is  $[1, 4]$  induces an edge?  
(of  $G$ )  $A_2$ : No.

$Q_3$ : Is  $[5, 8]$  induces an edge?  
(of  $G$ )  $A_3$ : No.

$Q_4$ : Is  $[1, 6]$  induces an edge?  
(of  $G$ )  $A_4$ : No.

$Q_5$ : Is  $[1, 7]$  induces an edge?  
(of  $G$ )  $A_5$ : Yes.

$Q_6$ : Is  $\{1, 2, 7\}$  induces an edge?  
(of  $G$ )  $A_6$ : No.

$Q_7$ : Is  $\{3, 7\}$  induces an edge?  
(of  $G$ )  $A_7$ : Yes.

$Q_8$ : Is  $[1, 8]$  induces an edge (after  
deleting  $\{3, 7\}$ )?  $A_8$ : No.

STOP!

So, it takes 8 queries to reconstruct  $G$ . Is this a good algorithm by using splitting idea? The following theorem gives a good lower bound.

Theorem 1. If  $G$  is a graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ , then

$\lceil \log \left( \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{n}{i} \right) \rceil$  queries are required to reconstruct  $G$ .

(Using adaptive algorithm)

Proof. It is not easy at all. But, the idea comes from that we can find one edge at a time and the answer is complete after all  $m$  edges are found.

(•)  $n=8, m=1$ , Lower bound is  $\lceil \log_2 \binom{28}{0} + \binom{28}{1} \rceil = 5$ .

(••) The work by Angluin and Chen in J. Machine Learning Research, 7, 2006, shows that "we can find an edge by using  $2 \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  queries". (In this case,  $m \geq 1$  is known.)

Exercise 1 Can you find an algorithm with this number of tests? Or, can you do a better job?  
(to detect one edge)

(•)  $2 \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  is very close to a good upper bound.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_2 \binom{n}{1} &= \log_2 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \log_2 n(n-1) - \log_2 2 \\ &= \log_2 n + \log_2(n-1) - 1 \approx 2 \log_2 n - 1 \approx 2 \lceil \log_2 n \rceil. \end{aligned}$$

(•••) Angluin and Chen also consider  $\|G\|=m$  and they can about detect all the  $m$  edges by using at most  $\frac{1}{2} m \log_2 n$  queries.  
(J. Comput. Syst. Sci. 74, 2008).

A better idea for  $m > 1$ .

For example,  $D = \{15, 38, 18\}$ ,  $\textcircled{0}. \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ , Yes.

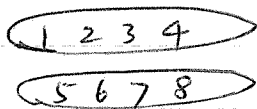
$\textcircled{1} \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , No.  $\textcircled{1}' \{5, 6, 7, 8\}$ , No.

$\textcircled{2} \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , Yes.

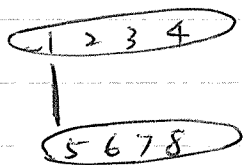
$\textcircled{3} \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , Yes.  $\Rightarrow$  Find 15 ( $\textcircled{3}'$ )

$\textcircled{4} \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8\}$ , Yes.

$\textcircled{5} \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7\}$ , No.  $\Rightarrow$  Find 81 and 83.



After  $\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{1}'$  (Independent set)

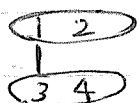


After  $\textcircled{3}'$

(0) No edges in a set  $S$ , put  $S$  as an independent set.

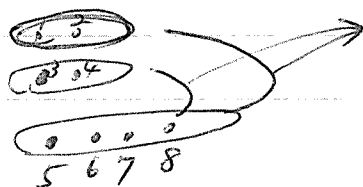
(00) If  $D = \{13, 38, 18\}$ , then the answer of  $\textcircled{1}$  will be Yes.

$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , Yes.  $\Rightarrow \{1, 2\}$ , No.  $\Rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$ , Yes.  $\Rightarrow \{1, 3\}$ , Yes.



$\{3, 4\}$ , No.

$\{1, 2, 4\}$  No.  $\Rightarrow \textcircled{1}' \Rightarrow$



Edges are here!

A general result by Angluin and Chen.

Theorem Let  $0 < \epsilon < 2$  and  $m = n^{2-\epsilon}$ . Then,  $\epsilon m (\log_2 n - 2)$  queries are required to identify (reconstruct) a graph  $G$  of order  $n$  and size  $m$ .

(.)  $\epsilon$  越大,  $m$  越小.

Theorem (張惠蘭, 施智懷, Fu)

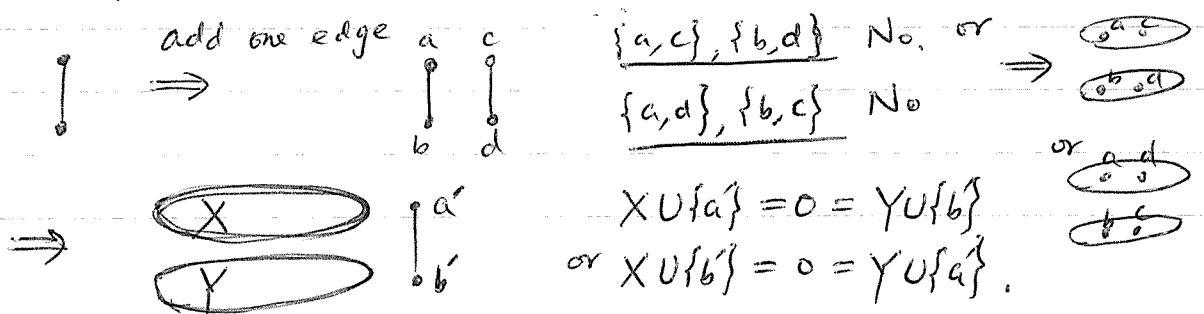
Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$  with  $m$  edges. Then,  $G$  can be reconstructed by using  $m(\log_2 n + 4) + \alpha(G)(\log_2 n + 5) + 1$  queries. ( $\alpha(G)$  is the maximum size of matching in  $G$ .)

Algorithm

Step 1 Find a maximal matching  $M$  and an independent set  $I$ .

( Find an edge and remove its incident vertices! )

Step 2 Decompose  $\langle [1, n] \setminus I \rangle$  into bipartite subgraphs.



(o) If  $X \cup \{a\} = 1$  or  $Y \cup \{b\} = 1$ , or the other way around, we find the edge and delete the edge.

Step 3 Identify the edges in bipartite graph.

Step 4 Identify the edge between  $v \in [1, n] \setminus I$  and  $I$ .

After some extra effort, the upper bound was improved to

$m \log_2 n + 10m + 3n$  which is much better than  $12m \log_2 n$ .