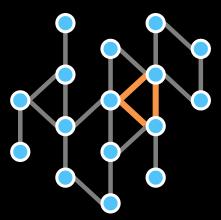
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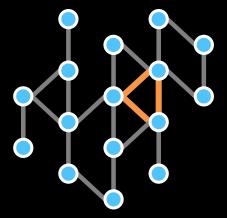
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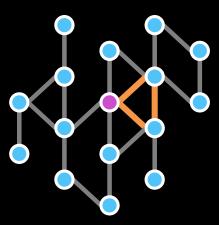
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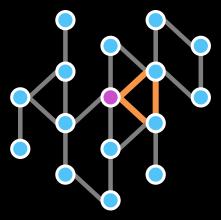


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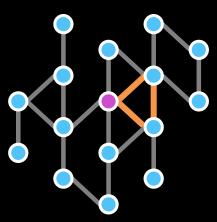
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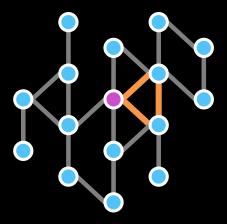
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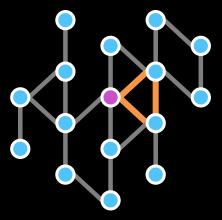


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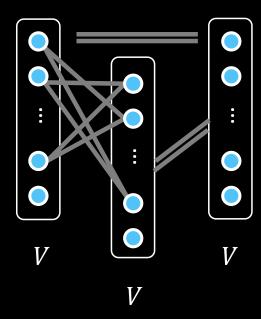
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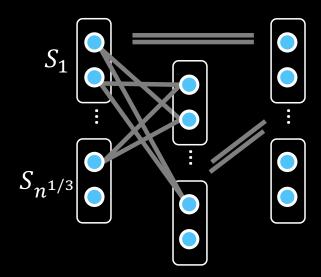
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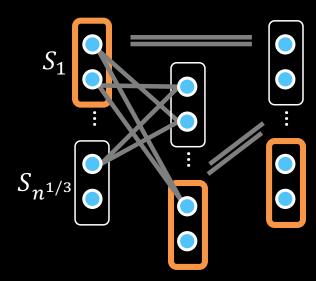
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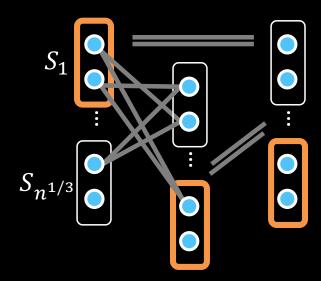
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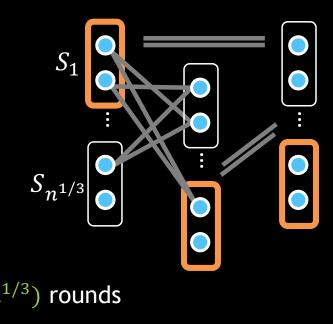
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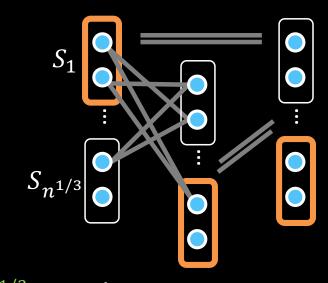
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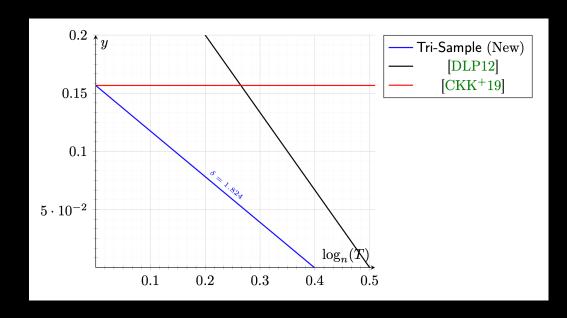
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 $\tilde{O}(n^{0.1567}/(t^{0.3926}+1))$ rounds in the worst case

 $\tilde{O}(1)$ rounds already when $t \ge n^{0.3992}$

*Slide courtesy of Tomer Even

Matrix Multiplication in Congested Clique

$O(n^{0.373})$	randomized	[Drucker, Kuhn, Oshman '14]
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$O(n^{1/3})$		[C, Kaski, Korhonen, Lenzen, Paz, Suomela '15]
$\widetilde{\Omega}(n)$	ВСС	
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Rectangular, multiple instances, more		[Le Gall '16]

$\widetilde{\Omega}(n^{1/3})$	listing	[Izumi, Le Gall '17, Pandurangan, Scquizzato, Robinson '18]
$\tilde{O}(n^{2/3})$	detection	[Izumi, Le Gall '17]
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$\widetilde{\Omega}(n/\log n)$	listing, BCC	[Drucker, Kuhn, Oshman '14]
$\widetilde{\Theta}(m/n^{1+2/p})$	listing	[C, Le Gall, Leitersdorf '20]

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K_p in Congest

$\widetilde{\Omega}(n^{1-2/p})$	K_p listing	[Fischer, Gonen, Kuhn, Oshman '18]
$\tilde{O}(n^{5/6+o(1)})$	K_4	[Eden, Fiat, Fischer, Kuhn, Oshman '19]
$\tilde{O}(n^{21/22+o(1)})$	K_5	[Eden, Flac, Fischer, Raim, Osimian 17]
$\tilde{O}(n^{3/4+o(1)})$	K_5	[C, Le Gall, Leitersdorf '20]
$\tilde{O}(n^{p/(p+2)+o(1)})$	$K_{p\neq 5}$	[e, le dan, leneradori zo]
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$\widetilde{\Omega}(n/p)$	K_p Detection, $p > n^{1/2}$	[Czumaj, Komau roj

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C_p in Congested Clique

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$O(n^{0.158})$	C_p detection	Lenzen, Paz, Suomela '15]
0(1)	C_p detection p is even	[C, Fischer, Gonen, Le Gall, Leitersdorf, Oshman '20]

Open problem:

Round complexity of C_p detection for even p in Congested Clique?

C_p in Congest

$\widetilde{\Theta}(n^{1/2})$	C ₄ detection	[Drucker, Kuhn, Oshman '14]	
$\widetilde{\Omega}(n)$	C_p , p is odd	[Drucker, Kuriir, Oshinari 14]	
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$\widetilde{\Omega}(n^{1/2})$	C_p , p is even	[KOITIOHEII, KYDICKI 17]	
$\tilde{O}(n^{1-1/p(p-1)})$	C_{2p}	[Fischer, Gonen, Kuhn, Oshman '18]	
$\tilde{O}(n^{1-2/(p^2-p+2)})$	C_{2p} , p is odd	[Eden, Fiat, Fischer, Kuhn, Oshman '19]	
$\tilde{O}(n^{1-2/(p^2-2p+4)})$	C_{2p} , p is even	[Luch, Flat, Fischer, Ruffit, Oshinan 17]	
LB limitation	C_p , p is even	[C, Fischer, Gonen, Le Gall,	
$\tilde{O}(n^{1-1/p})$	$C_{2p}, p=3,4,5$	Leitersdorf, Oshman '20]	
$\tilde{O}(n^{1-1/p})$	C_{2p}	[Fraigniaud, Luce, Magniez, and Todinca '24 + '25]	

Other Subgraphs

- $\forall p \geq 4$, $\exists H, |H| = p$, detection in $\widetilde{\Omega}(n^{2-\Theta(1/p)})$ [Fischer, Gonen, Kuhn, Oshman '18]
- $\forall H$, detection in $\widetilde{O}(n^{2-2/(3p+1)+o(1)})$ [Eden, Fiat, Fischer, Kuhn, Oshman '19]
- Induced subgraphs
 [Le Gall, Miyamoto '21, Nikabadi, Korhonen '21]

Dynamic

- Single-round bandwidth [Bonne, C '19]
- *O*(1) amortized highly dynamic [C, Kolobov, Schwartzman '21]

Testing

- Large cliques [Brakerski, Patt-Shamir '11] $(1/\epsilon^2)$ for triangles + more [C, Fischer, Schwartzman, Vasudev '16]
- $O(1/\epsilon)$ for triangles + more [Even, Fischer, Fraigniaud, Gonen, Levi, Medina, Montealegre, Olivetti, Oshman, Rapaport, Todinca '17]+[Fraigniaud, Olivetti '17]
- More [Fraigniaud, Rapaport, Salo, Todinca '16]

Quantum

- $\tilde{O}(n^{1/4})$ triangle detection [Izumi, Le Gall, Magniez '20]
- $\tilde{O}(n^{1/5})$ triangle detection + more [C, Fischer, Le Gall, Leitersdorf, Oshman '21]

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Questions?