

# Matrix Queries for Solving Linear Algebra, Statistics, and Graph Problems

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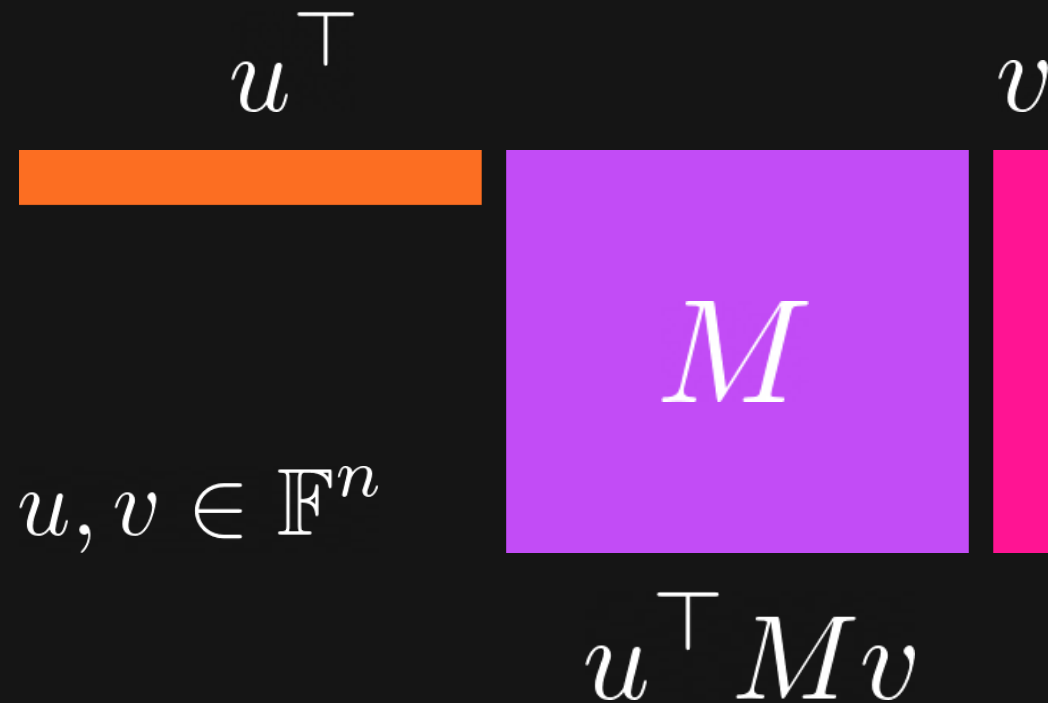
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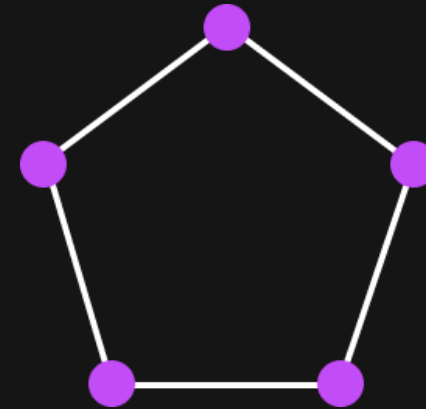


$n \times n$

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graph queries



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Bounded entries and  $O(\log n)$  bit complexity

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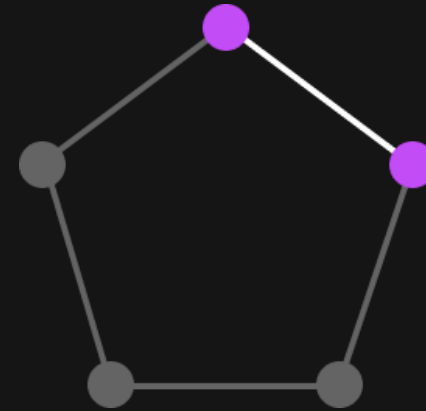
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$$u^T M v$$

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edge-probe query



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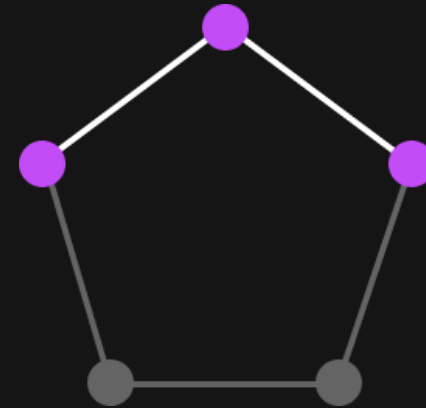
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degree query



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- sample random edge with  $O(\log n)$  queries

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with negligible overhead

Lots and lots of work on sublinear time algorithms for graph problems...

[Feige '04; Goldreich, Ron '04]

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[Eden, Levi, Ron, Seshadhri '15; Eden, Ron, Seshadhri '18 ]

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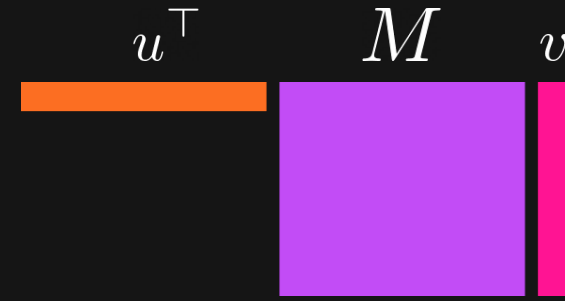
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$$\mathbf{1}_A^\top M \mathbf{1}_B$$

number of edges between  $A, B \subseteq V_G$

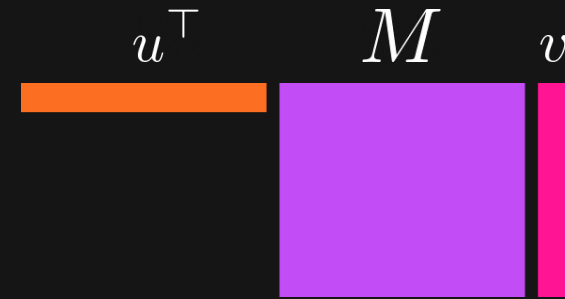
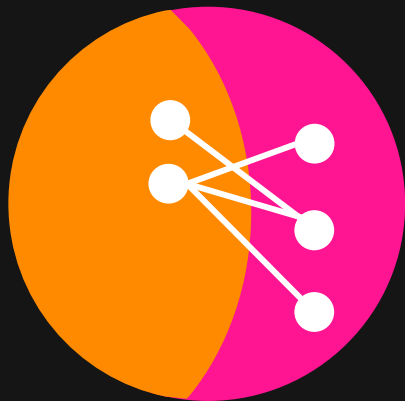


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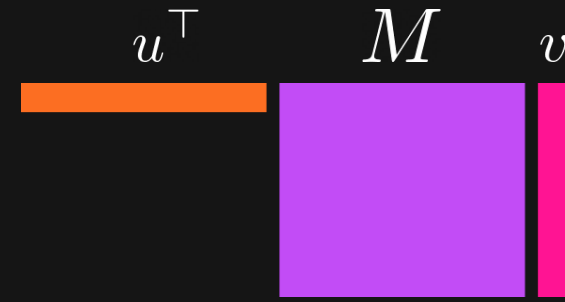
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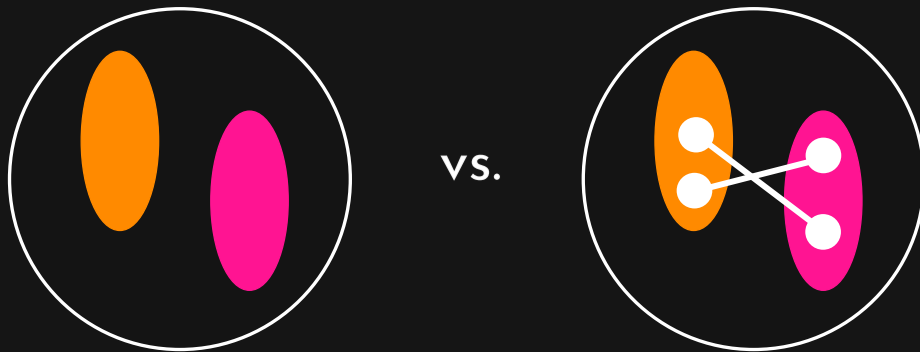
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[Beame, Har-Peled, Natarajan Ramamoorthy, R., Sinha '18]

[Chen, Levi, Waingarten '19]

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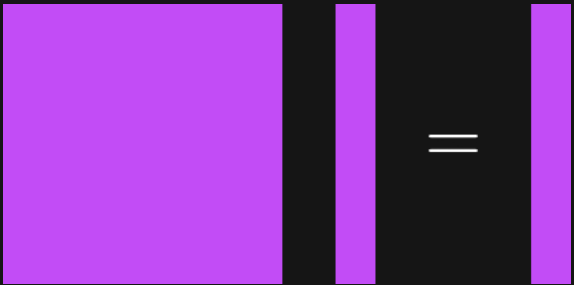
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$Mv$

[Sun, Woodruff, Yang, Zhang '19]

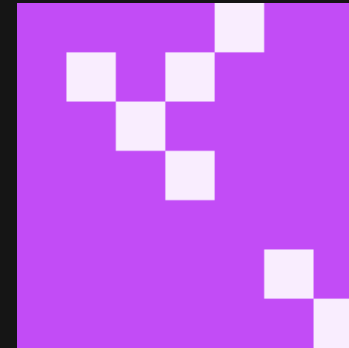
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- Matrix vector queries
- Linear sketching



$\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{F}_2$

$$v^\top \text{vec}(M)$$

$$v \in \mathbb{F}^{n^2}$$

# Agenda

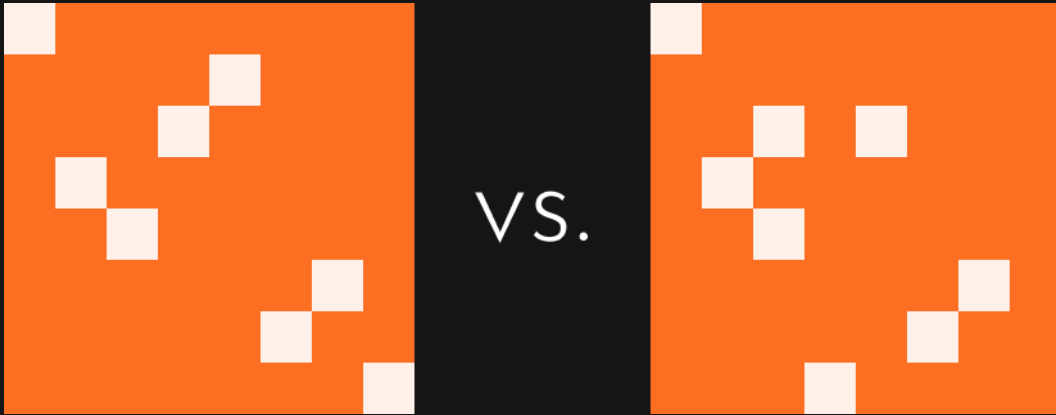
Focus on  $uMv$  and edge-probe queries

Permutation Matrices

Planted Clique

Other Results & Open Questions

# Permutation Matrices



Constant success probability

Assume binary matrix  $\{0, 1\}^{n \times n}$

Assume  $n$  is even

**Theorem:**  $O(1)$  queries over  $\mathbb{R}$

$\Omega(n)$  queries over  $\mathbb{F}_2$

in uMv or Linear Sketching models

# Permutation Matrices

Test permutation over  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $O(1)$  queries

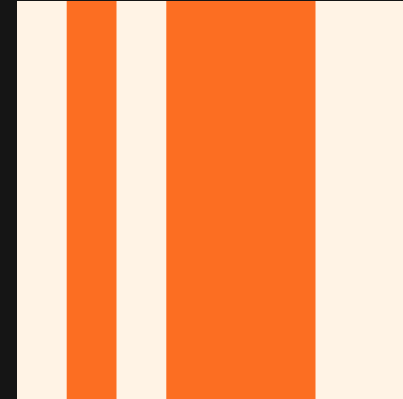
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Check # ones

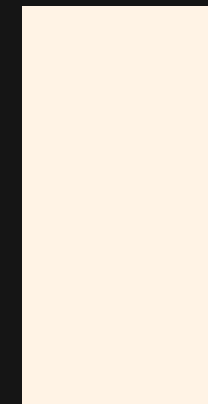
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Else, repeat



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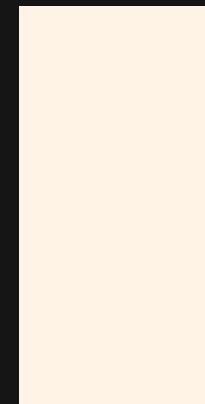
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Run algorithm for rows & cols



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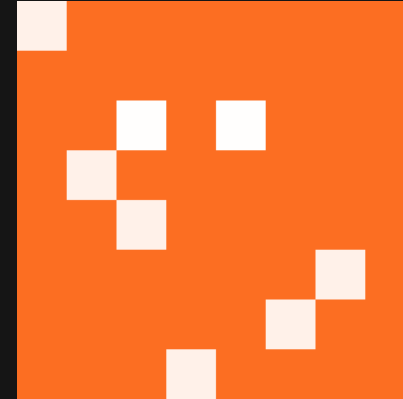
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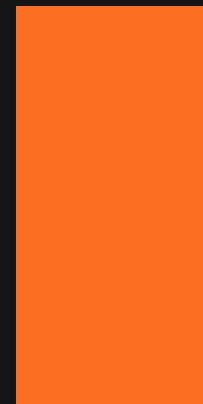
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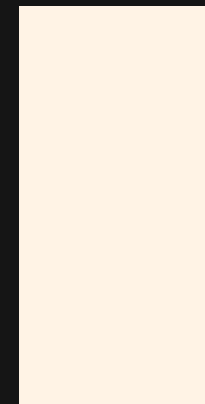
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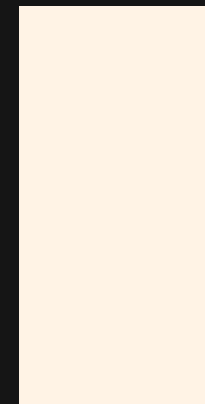
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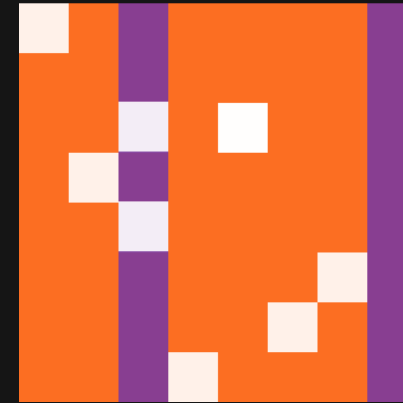
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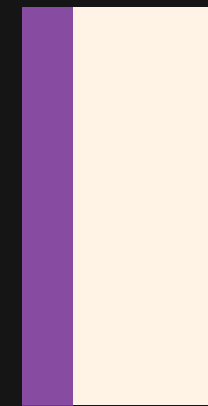
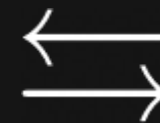
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Permutation  $\iff$  Perfect Matching

Same idea works for Doubly Stochastic Matrices

Test if a matrix is diagonal also  $O(1)$  queries (random vectors, zero diagonal)

# Permutation Matrices

Test permutation requires  $\Omega(n)$  queries over  $\mathbb{F}_2$

Proof sketch in the video, with animations

Idea: communication complexity

- reduce to disjointness (2-player)
- Alice & Bob build matrices based on their strings
- Using 3 x 3 gadgets  $\rightarrow$  XOR of matrices permutation iff disjoint

# Planted Clique

Random instance (null hypothesis)  $G(n, 0.5)$

Planted instance (alternate hypothesis)  $G(n, 0.5, k)$



null: w.h.p. max clique  $\leq 2 \log n$

determine null vs. alternate:

possible to detect  $k \geq (2 + o(1)) \log n$

unknown if polytime  $k = o(\sqrt{n})$

easy & efficient  $k \gg \sqrt{n}$

# Edge Probe Prior Results

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## Algorithm:

1. Sample  $\gg \frac{n \log n}{k}$  vertices uniformly at random; query all pairs
2. Check if there is a clique of size  $\geq 3 \log n$  induced by sampled vertices
3. If so, claim there is a planted  $k$ -clique; otherwise, claim the graph is random

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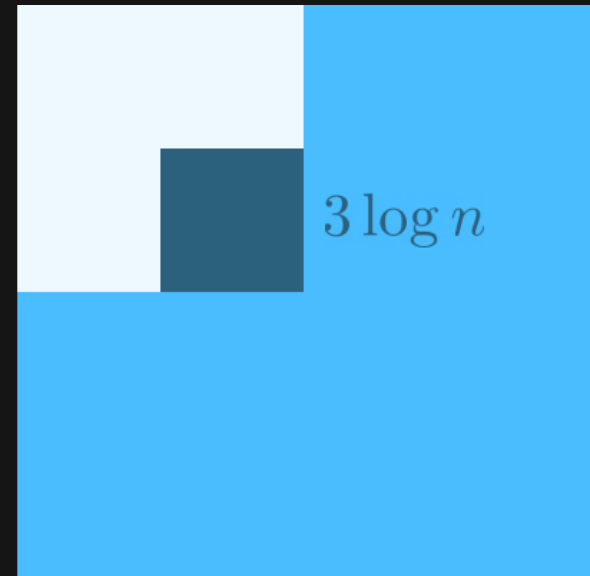
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$$\frac{100n \log n}{k}$$





# Clique Decomposition

Provide an alternate proof of lower bound via communication complexity

Assign edges to Alice and Bob, decomposing graph into random subsets of  $k$ -cliques

**Lemma** [Conlon, Fox, Sudakov '12]: if  $k = o(\sqrt{n})$  then the complete  $n$ -graph contains  $\tilde{\Theta}\left(\frac{n^2}{k^2}\right)$  edge-disjoint  $k$ -cliques, covering  $\Omega(n^2)$  edges

Prior work: similar ideas for MAX-Clique, but we must preserve the distribution

[Halldórsson, Sun, Szegedy, Wang '12]

[Braverman, Liu, Singh, Vinodchandran, Yang '18]

# Edge Probe Lower Bound

**Theorem:** if  $k = o(\sqrt{n})$ , then  $\Omega\left(\frac{n^2}{k^2}\right)$  edge-probe queries are necessary to detect planted  $k$ -clique with constant success probability

We prove a communication lower bound of  $\Omega\left(\frac{n^2}{k^2}\right)$  for solving a related “PC Game”

Alice and Bob get matrices, where actual graph will be  $G = G_1 \oplus G_2$

Decide if graph random or planted  $k$ -clique with const. prob.

Reduce to UDISJ (planted clique iff sets intersect)

either unique index such that  $x_i = y_i = 1$

or one of  $x_i = 0$  or  $y_i = 0 \quad \forall i$

# UDISJ to PC Game

Start with UDISJ instance, inputs  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$  where  $\ell = \Theta(n^2/k^2)$

Alice and Bob detect planted clique on XOR of adj. matrices  $G = G_1 \oplus G_2$

Use clique decomposition lemma  $K_k^1, K_k^2, \dots, K_k^\ell$

Alice gets edges in  $G_1^i$  and Bob gets edges in  $G_2^i$

Randomly 4-color edges in  $K_k^i$

**Claim:** using this reduction:  
not disjoint leads to  $G(n, 0.5, k)$   
disjoint leads to  $G(n, 0.5)$

- $\mathbf{x}_i = 0 \implies$  add all edges in  $K_k^i$  with colors 1 or 3 to  $G_1^i$  1010
- $\mathbf{x}_i = 1 \implies$  add all edges in  $K_k^i$  with colors 1 or 2 to  $G_1^i$  1100
- $\mathbf{y}_i = 0 \implies$  add all edges in  $K_k^i$  with colors 1 or 4 to  $G_2^i$  1001
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Also holds for  $\mathbb{F}_2$  linear sketching queries (but proof fails for uMv queries...)

# uMv and Linear Sketching Lower Bound

**Corollary:** if  $k = o(\sqrt{n})$ , then  $\tilde{\Omega}\left(\frac{n^2}{k^4}\right)$  uMv or linear sketching queries are necessary to detect planted k-clique with constant success probability

**Theorem:** if  $k = o(\sqrt{n})$ , then  $\Omega\left(\frac{n^2}{k^2}\right)$  bits necessary to solve the  $\binom{k}{2}$ -player planted k-clique communication game with constant success probability

Implies query lower bound via natural simulation

$\Theta(k^2 \log n)$  bits communication for each query

$\tilde{\Omega}\left(\frac{n^2}{k^4}\right)$  queries are necessary for uMv or Linear Sketching

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Use standard direct sum framework for information complexity [BYJKS '04]

Combine ideas from distributed data processing inequality [Braverman, Garg, Ma, Nguyen, Woodruff '16]

Still use the clique decomposition lemma

But now each player gets at most one edge from each clique

Essentially multiplayer unique disjointness with appropriate input distribution

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Multiparty game

$$\binom{k}{2}$$

Input

$$\Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{k^2}\right)$$



Random row  $\mathbf{X}_j$   
prob 1/2 all ones  
prob 1/2 random

**Output:** determine if there is a planted all ones row or not

**Information lower bound:**

$$\text{comm} \geq I(\mathbf{X}; \Pi(\mathbf{X}) \mid \text{not planted})$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} I(\mathbf{X}_j; \Pi(\mathbf{X}) \mid \text{not planted})$$

$$\geq \Omega(\ell) = \Omega(n^2/k^2)$$

# Other results

## Linear Algebra Problems

Schatten $p$ -norm	$\Omega(\sqrt{n})$ for $p \in [0, 4)$ , const. factor approx. over $\mathbb{R}$	Theorem 3.2
	$\Omega(n^{1-2/p})$ for $p \geq 4$ , const. factor approx. over $\mathbb{R}$	Theorem 3.2
Rank testing	$\Omega(k^2)$ to distinguish rank $k$ vs. $k + 1$ over $\mathbb{F}_p$	Theorem 3.3
	$\Omega(n^{2-O(\varepsilon)})$ for $(1 \pm \varepsilon)$ approx. over $\mathbb{R}$ , non-adaptive	Theorem 3.4
Trace estimation	$\Omega(n/\log n)$ and $O(n)$ for entries in $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n^3\}$	Theorem 3.5
Diagonal matrix	$O(1)$	Theorem 3.6
Symmetric matrix	$O(1)$	Theorem 3.7
Unitary matrix	$\Omega(n/\log n)$ and $O(n)$ for randomized queries over $\mathbb{C}$	Theorem 3.8
	$\Omega(n^2/\log n)$ for deterministic queries over $\mathbb{C}$	Theorem 3.9

## Statistics Problems

All ones column	$\Omega(n/\log n)$ and $O(n)$ over $\mathbb{R}$	Section 4.1
Two identical columns	$\Omega(n)$ and $O(n \log n)$ over $\mathbb{F}_2$	Section 4.2
	$O(n)$ over $\mathbb{R}$	Theorem 4.3
Column-wise majority	$\Theta(n^2)$ over $\mathbb{F}_2$	Theorem 4.4
Permutation matrix	$O(1)$ over $\mathbb{R}$	Theorem 4.5
	$\Omega(n)$ over $\mathbb{F}_2$	Theorem 4.6
Doubly stochastic matrix	$O(1)$ over $\mathbb{R}$	Theorem 4.7
Negative entry detection	$\Omega(n^2/\log n)$ over $\mathbb{R}$	Theorem 4.8

## Graph Problems

Triangle detection	$\Omega(n^2/\log n)$	Theorem 5.1
Star graph	$O(1)$ over $\mathbb{R}$	Theorem 5.2



# Open Questions

1. Planted clique with uMv queries?  $\tilde{O}\left(\frac{n^2}{k^2}\right)$  vs.  $\tilde{\Omega}\left(\frac{n^2}{k^4}\right)$
2. Improve upon graph queries, e.g., triangle/clique approx. counting  
[Eden, Levi, Ron, Seshadhri '15; Assadi, Kapralov, Khanna '19]
3. Test whether matrix is PSD under eigenvalue assumptions  
[Bakshi, Chepurko, Jayaram '20]
4. Generalize to higher rank measurement matrices, query returns  $\text{trace}(U^T M)$
5. Generalize uMv to k-tensors with k query vectors (Quantum? Hypergraphs?)
6. More average-case reductions, e.g., stochastic block model  
[Brennan, Bresler '20; Brennan, Bresler, Huleihel '18]
7. Connections to fine-grained complexity  
[Dell, Lapinkas '17; Dell, Lapinkas, Meeks '19]

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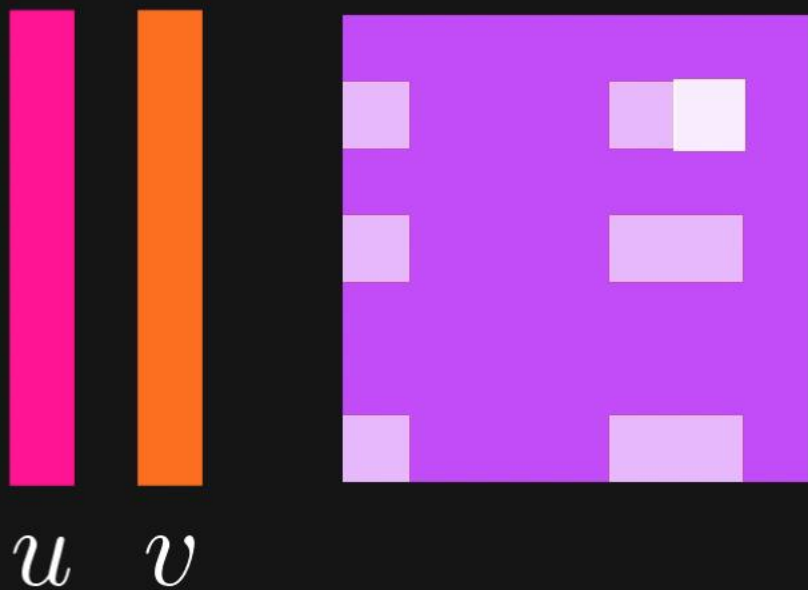


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# Diagonal Matrices

Test whether a matrix is diagonal with  $O(1)$  queries



Repeat many times

$$u^T M v \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

Choose random vectors such that diagonal always zero  $(u_i v_i = 0)$