Strong Randomness Properties of (Hyper-)Graphs Generated by Simple Hash Functions

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Improving Cuckoo Hashing: Stash

- Original Analysis: (h₁, h₂) unsuitable with probability O(1/n). In fact: Θ(1/n) (Schellbach '09, Drmota/Kutzelnigg '12)
- (Kirsch/Mitzenmacher/Wieder '08): $\Theta(1/n)$ is too large.
- Proposal: Can put up to s = O(1) keys into additional storage

Theorem (K/M/W '08)

Let $S \subseteq U$ with |S| = n. If (h_1, h_2) are **fully random**, then

 $Pr((h_1, h_2) \text{ unsuitable for } S \text{ with stash size } s) = O(1/n^{s+1}).$

Again: $\Theta(1/n^{s+1})$. (Kutzelnigg '10)

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Let (V', E') consists of all connected components of $G(S, h_1, h_2)$ having more than one cycle. Then

Stash size =
$$|E'| - |V'|$$
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Generic approach?

Key Ingredient: Linear Functions

$$h(x) = ((a \cdot x + b) \mod p) \mod m,$$

where

• $p \ge |U|$ is a prime, and

• a and b are chosen uniformly at random from $\{0, \ldots, p-1\}$.

 \rightarrow very simple structure!

(Remark: This function is 2-wise independent, i.e., for any pair $x, y \in U, x \neq y, h(x)$ and h(y) are fully random.)

The Hash Class (Version for this Talk)

For given $c, n \ge 1$, we combine linear functions with lookups in tables of size \sqrt{n} filled with random values.



$$h_i(x) = f_i(x) \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^c z_j^{(i)}[g_j(x)], \qquad i = 1, 2$$

Class of all these pairs (h_1, h_2) of hash functions: \mathcal{Z} . (Extension of hash functions from (Dietzfelbinger/Woelfel '03))

Example: Cuckoo Hashing with a Stash

Main Task For given S and stash size s, calculate

 $Pr((h_1, h_2) \text{ unsuitable for } S \text{ with stash size } s).$



Minimal bad subgraph: MOS_s . (Example: s = 2.)

Thus, we have

$$\Pr_{(h_1,h_2)\in\mathcal{Z}}((h_1,h_2) \text{ unsuitable for } S \text{ with stash size } s)$$
$$= \Pr_{(h_1,h_2)\in\mathcal{Z}}(\exists T \subseteq S : G(T,h_1,h_2) \text{ forms a MOS}_s)$$
$$\leq \sum_{T\subseteq S} \Pr_{(h_1,h_2)\in\mathcal{Z}}(G(T,h_1,h_2) \text{ forms a MOS}_s)$$

• if (h_1, h_2) are fully random, we provide a direct counting argument that this is $O(1/n^{s+1})$

giving an alternative proof to the original analysis by Kirsch, Mitzenmacher and Wieder (who used machinery like Markov chain coupling)

Behavior of the Hash Class on Fixed $T \subseteq S$

Recall:

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Central Observation

Let $T \subseteq S$. If there is a g_j such that at most one pair of keys in T collides under g_j (i. e., $g_j(x) = g_j(y)$), then h_1, h_2 are fully random on T.

- if this is the case: (h_1, h_2) *T***-good**.
- otherwise (each g_j has more than one colliding pair of keys): (h_1, h_2) is *T*-bad.

Collecting "Harmful" Hash Functions

We split our set of hash functions into "harmful" and "harmless" ones.



 (h_1, h_2) are harmful, if there exists $T \subseteq S$ s.t.

• $G(T, h_1, h_2)$ forms a MOS_s , and

• (h_1, h_2) is *T*-bad. $B^{MOS_s} :=$ the set of all the harmful pairs (h_1, h_2) . (An event in our probability space!)

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• The hard part: Calculating/bounding

 $\Pr(B^{MOS_s}) = \Pr(\exists T \subseteq S : G(T, h_1, h_2) \text{ forms a } MOS_s \cap (h_1, h_2) \text{ are } T\text{-bad })$

- Wish: Use full randomness nonetheless
- Idea: Find a suitable event that contains B^{MOS_s}







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Result of Peeling

 $\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Pr}(\exists T \subseteq S : G(T, h_1, h_2) \text{ forms a MOS}_s &\cap (h_1, h_2) \text{ } T\text{-bad }) \\ \leq \mathsf{Pr}(\exists T' \subseteq S : G(T', h_1, h_2) \text{ is peeling result } \cap (h_1, h_2) \text{ } T'\text{-good}) \end{aligned}$

- can again use first-moment approach
- ullet resulting graphs are sparser ightarrow they are more likely to occur
- use: when process stops each $g_j, 1 \leq j \leq c$, has a colliding pair of keys
- probability boost of $pprox (1/\sqrt{n})^c$
- probability of B^{MOS_s} is $O(n/\sqrt{n}^c)$, which is $O(1/n^{s+1})$ for $c = \Theta(s)$

Some applications need an additional "reduction step". (Preserve collisions, make graphs smaller.)

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Using $c \ge 2(\alpha + \beta)$ g-functions and tables gives $\Pr_{(h_1,h_2)\in\mathcal{Z}}(\text{Graph contains subgraph with property }\mathcal{A}) = O(n^{-\alpha}).$



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Hypergraphs:

- Parallel/Sequential Load Balancing: basically match bounds from fully random case (Schickinger/Steger '00).
- Generalized cuckoo hashing (\geq 3 hash functions, $\ell \geq$ 2 keys per cell): Admits first-moment approach, but could not find suitable peelable graph property in the hypergraph setting to prove table loads \rightarrow 1.

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