



#### **Conclusions**

- Want to measure # of distinct elements
- Approach #1: (Flajolet-Martin)
  - Map elements to random bits
  - Keep bitmask of bits
  - Estimate is  $O(2^b)$  for least zero-bit b
- Approach #2: (Cohen)
  - Create random permutation of elements
  - Keep least element seen
  - Estimate is: O(1/le) for least rank le

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## **Approximate counting**

- Flajolet-Martin (and Cohen) vocabulary size
- Application: Approximate Neighborhood function (ANF)
- other, powerful approximate counting tools

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Fast Approximation of the "neighborhood" Function for Massive Graphs

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#### **Motivation**

- What is the diameter of the Web?
- What is the effective diameter of the Web?
- Are the telephone caller-callee graphs for the U.S. similar to the ones in Europe?
- Is the citation graph for physics different from the one for computer science?
- Are users in India further away from the core of the Internet than those in the U.S.?

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## **Proposed Tool: neighborhood**

Given graph G=(V,E)

N(h) = # pairs within h hops or less

= neighborhood function

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### **Proposed Tool: neighborhood**

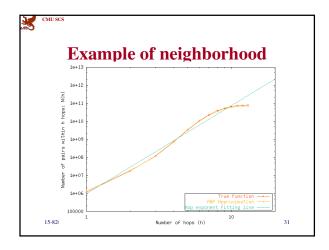
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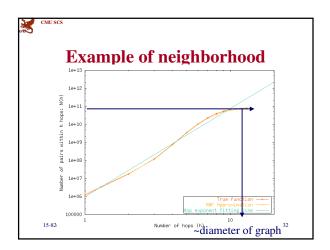
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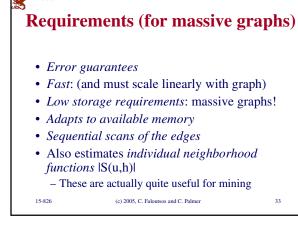
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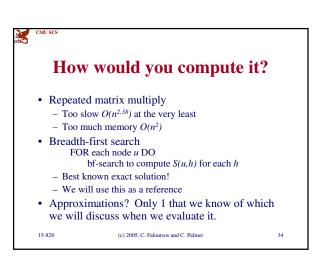
N(u,h) =# neighbors of node u, within h hops or less

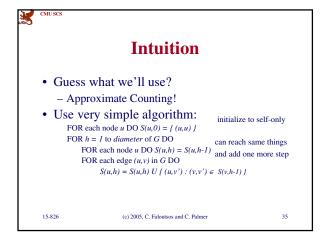
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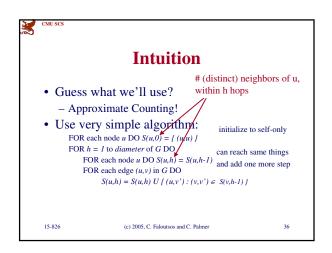


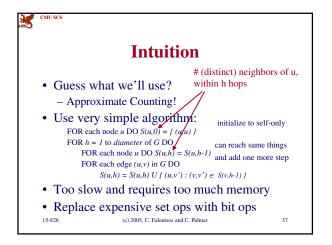












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ANF Algorithm #1

FOR each node, u, DO

M(u,0) = \text{concatenation of } k \text{ bitmasks of length } log n + r
each bitmask has 1 bit set (exp. distribution)

DONE

FOR h = 1 to diameter of G DO

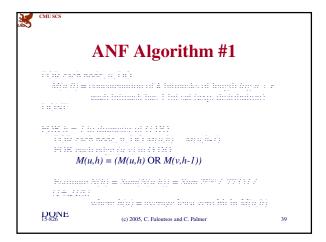
FOR each node, u, DO M(u,h) = M(u,h-1)
FOR each edge (u,v) in G DO

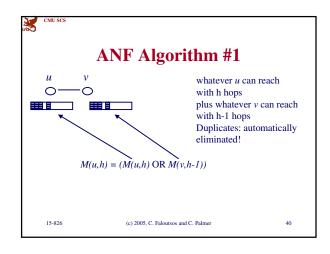
M(u,h) = (M(u,h) \text{ OR } M(v,h-1))

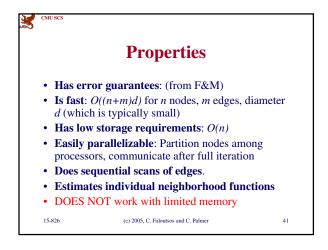
Estimate N(h) = Sum(N(u,h)) = Sum \ 2^{b(u)} / .77351 / (1+.31/k)
where b(u) = \text{average least zero bit in } M(u,it)

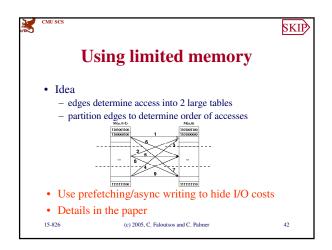
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# Experiments – What are the Qs?

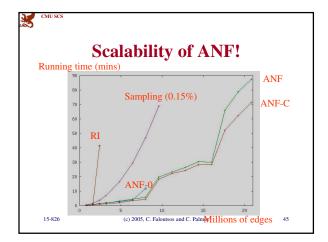
- What scheme gives the best results?
  - Us? A Cohen based scheme? Sampling?
- How big a value of **k** do we need?
  - Will try 32, 64 and 128
- Are the results sensitive to *r*?
- How fast is our approximation?
- How well does this performance scale?

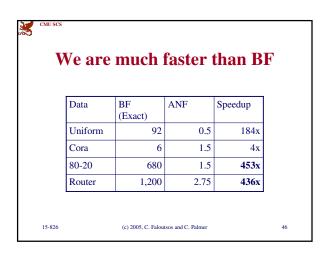
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		Wha	it is t	ine d	ata?	•	
Name	#nodes	#edges	Max. degree	Avg. degree	Eff. Diam.	Orient.	Real?
cornell	844	1,647	131	1.95	8	Dir.	Y
cycle	1,000	1,000	2	2.00	450	Undir.	N
grid	10,000	19,800	4	3.96	89	Undir.	N
uniform	65,378	199,996	20	6.12	7	Undir.	N
cora	127,083	330,198	457	2.60	28	Dir.	Y
80-20	166,946	449,832	723	5.39	8	Undir.	N
router	284,805	430,342	1,978	3.15	10	Undir.	Y







#### **Conclusions**

- Very accurate
- less than 10% error for k=64
- Orders of magnitude faster
- up to 450x (on our experiments)
- Low storage requirements
- Only O(n) additional memory needed
   Adapts to available memory
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  - see paper
- May be parallelized
  - very few synchronization points are needed
- Employs sequential scans
  - May run on graphs larger than memory
- · Estimates Individual neighborhood functions

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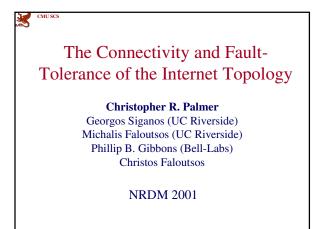
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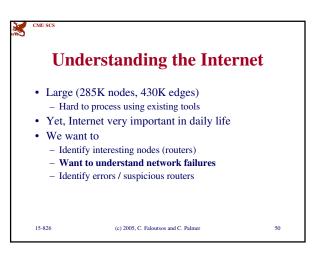
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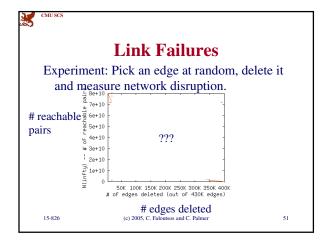
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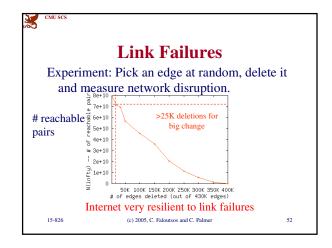
- Flajolet-Martin (and Cohen) vocabulary size
- Application: Approximate Neighborhood function (ANF)
  - putting ANF to work
- other, powerful approximate counting tools

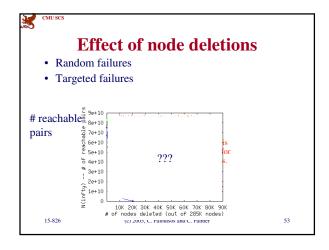
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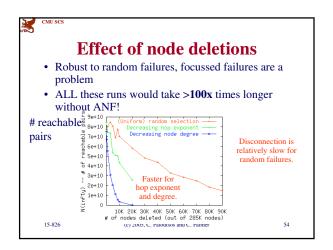














#### **Conclusions**

- Approximate counting (ANF / Martin-Flajolet) take minutes, instead of hours
- and discover internet facts quickly

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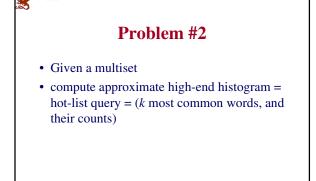
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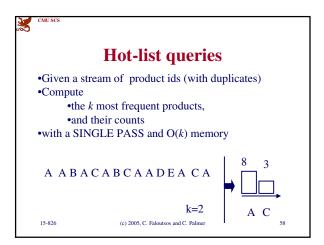


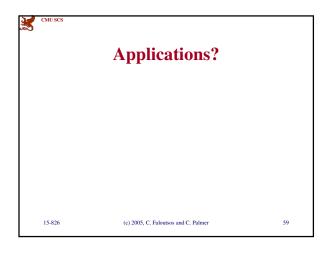
#### **Outline**

- Flajolet-Martin (and Cohen) vocabulary size (Problem #1)
- Application: Approximate Neighborhood function (ANF)
- other, powerful approximate counting tools (**Problem #2**, #3)

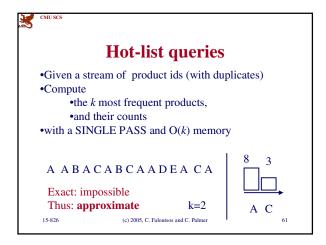
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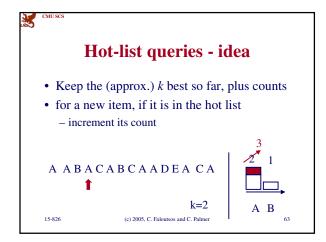




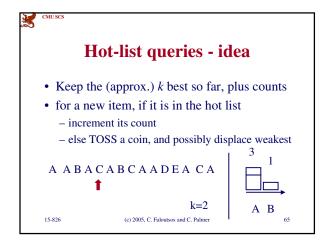


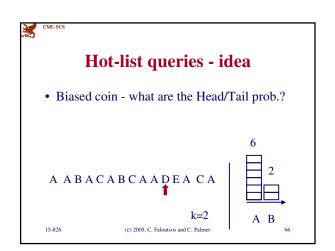


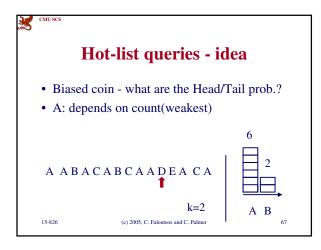


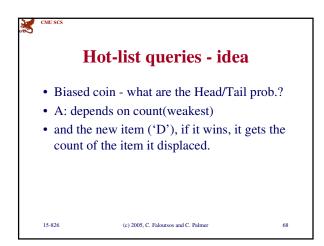


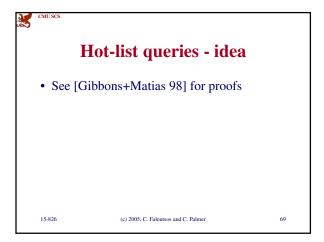


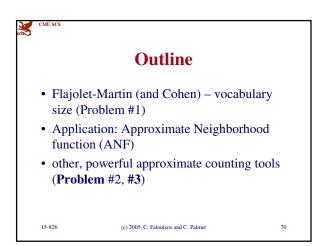


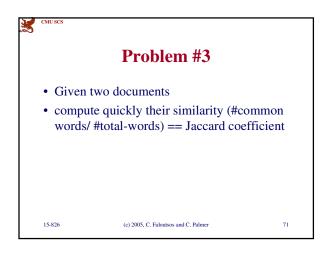


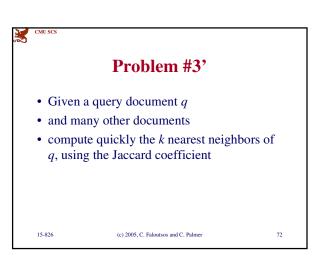




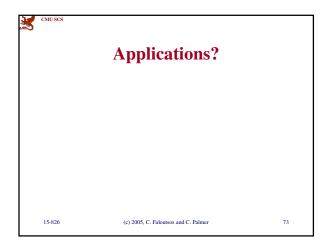


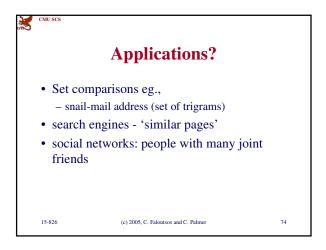


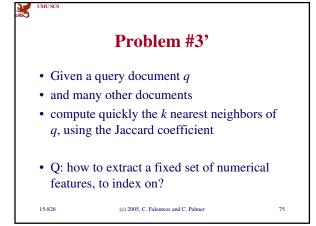


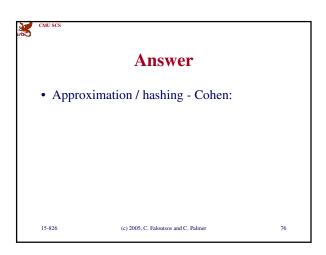


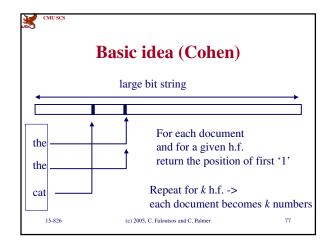
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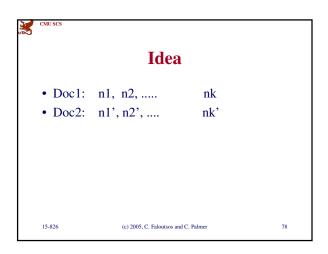


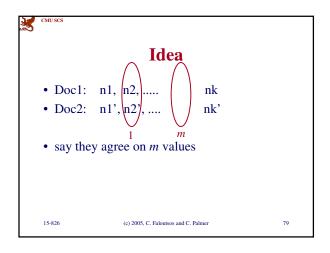


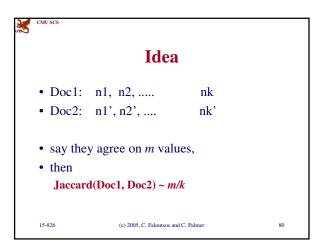


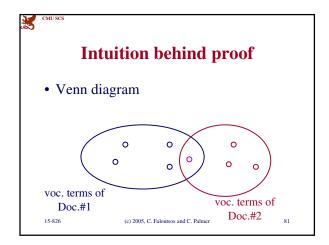


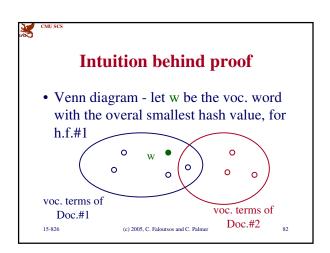


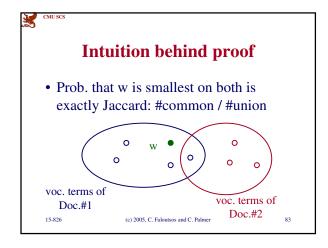


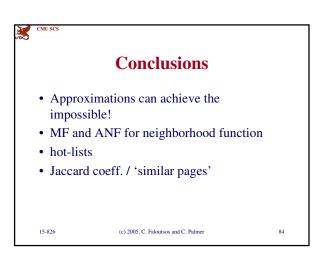














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