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# Complexity Theory of Polynomial-Time Problems

Lecture 12: More on  $OM_v$

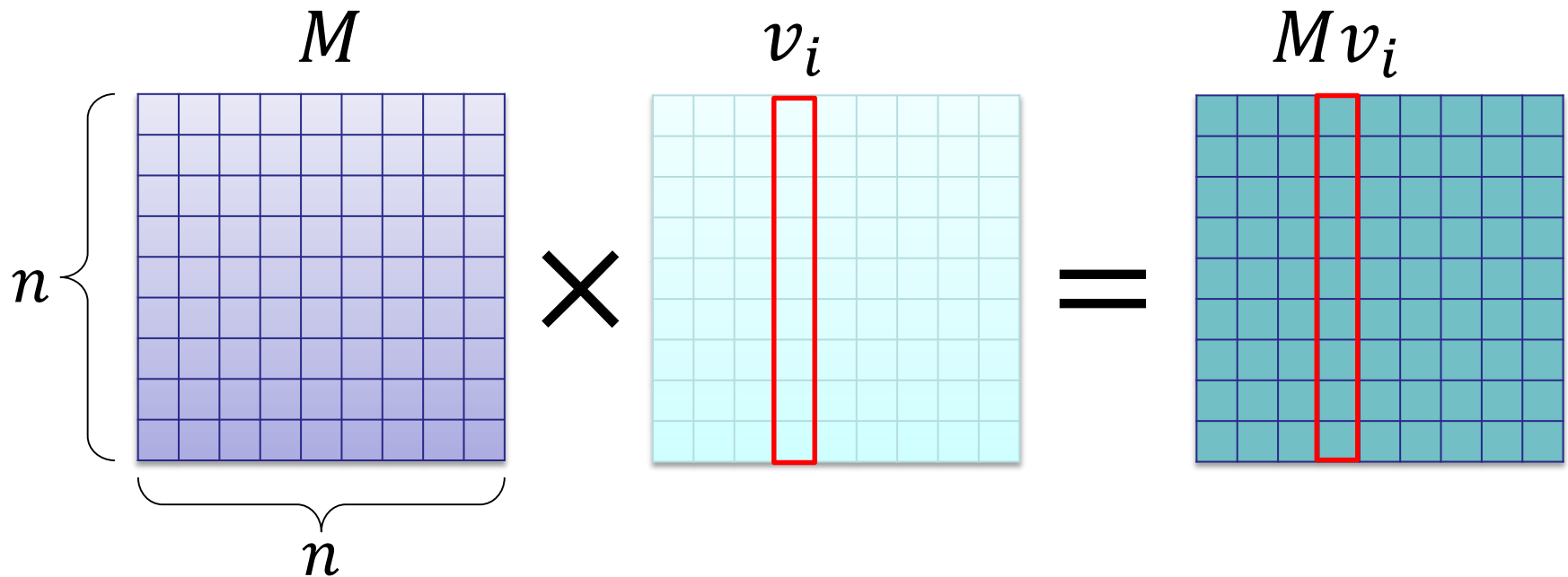
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**(Based on reading group talk of Pavel Kolev)**

# Online Boolean Matrix Multiplication

**Input:** Boolean  $n \times n$  matrix  $M$   
Online sequence of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \{0,1\}^n$

**Output:**  $Mv_i$  **before**  $v_{i+1}$  arrives (“query”)



**OMv Conjecture:** No algorithm with total time  $O(n^{3-\epsilon})$  (for some  $\epsilon > 0$ ).  
(not even with polynomial-time preprocessing)

[Henzinger et al.'15]



# A New Upper Bound

**Theorem:** OMv can be solved in total time  $n^3 / 2^{\Omega(\sqrt{\log n})}$ .

[Larsen, Williams'16]

Amortized time per query:  $n^2 / 2^{\Omega(\sqrt{\log n})}$   
for sequence of  $\geq 2^{\Omega(\sqrt{\log n})}$  queries  
(and no preprocessing time)

**Lemma:** If OuMv can be solved in total time  $O(n^3 / f(n))$ , then  
OMv can be solved in total time  $O(n^3 / \sqrt{f(n)})$ .

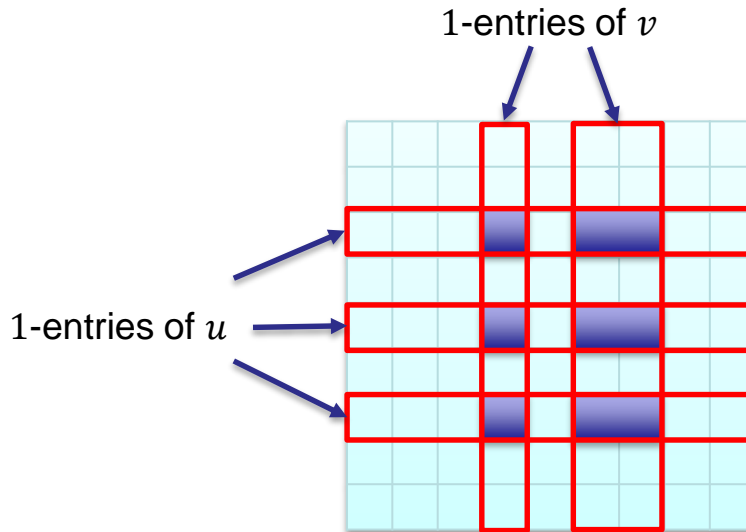
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This application:  $f(n) = n^2 / 2^{\Omega(\sqrt{\log n})}$



# OuMv: Vector-Matrix-Vector Multiplication

**Observation:**  $uMv$  iff submatrix of  $M$  induced by  $u$  and  $v$  contains a 1



## Notation:

- $U \subseteq [n]$ : set of indices with 1-entries in  $u$
- $V \subseteq [n]$ : set of indices with 1-entries in  $v$
- $M[U \times V]$ : submatrix of  $M$  induced by  $U$  and  $V$

# Data Structures

- $C \subseteq [n] \times [n]$
- List  $L$  of triples  $(U_k, V_k, S_k)$  s.t.
  - $U_k \subseteq [n]$
  - $V_k \subseteq [n]$
  - $S_k \subseteq [n] \times [n]$

## Invariants:

- $S_k$  contains all pairs  $(i, j)$  with  $i \in U_k, j \in V_k$  s.t.  $M[i, j] = 1$   
*Intuition:  $(U_k, V_k)$  represents expensive query from the past*
- $C$  contains all pairs  $(i, j)$  that appear in no  $U_k \times V_k$  of  $L$   
Indicator matrix  $D$  s.t.  $D[i, j] = 1$  iff  $(i, j) \in C$   
*Intuition:  $C$  contains unseen pairs*

# The Core Problem

At some point in algorithm: want to list all unseen pairs

**Unseen Pairs:** Given  $U$  and  $V$ , such that  $|(U \times V) \cap C| \leq K$ .  
Determine  $W := (U \times V) \cap C$

**Idea:** Reduce to listing orthogonal vectors:

$C$  contains all pairs  $(i, j)$  that appear in no  $U_k \times V_k$  of  $L$

Define vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$  of dimension  $d := |L|$

For every  $i \in [n]$ :  $u_i \in \{0,1\}^d$  s.t.  $u_i[k] = 1$  iff  $i \in U_k$

For every  $j \in [n]$ :  $v_j \in \{0,1\}^d$  s.t.  $v_j[k] = 1$  iff  $j \in V_k$

$(i, j) \in (U \times V) \cap C$  iff  $(i, j) \in (U \times V)$  and  $\neg \exists k: (i, j) \in U_k \times V_k$   
iff  $(i, j) \in (U \times V)$  and  $\langle u_i, v_j \rangle = 0$

**Observation:** To compute  $(U \times V) \cap C$  we can list all  $\leq K$  pairs  $(i, j) \in (U \times V)$  such that  $u_i$  and  $v_j$  are orthogonal.

# Reminder: OV Algorithm

Set  $A := \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ ,  $B := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$

1. Divide  $A$  and  $B$  into  $q = \left\lceil \frac{n}{s} \right\rceil$  subsets of size  $\leq s$ :

$A_1, \dots, A_q$  and  $B_1, \dots, B_q$

2. Construct polynomial

$P(a_1[1], \dots, a_1[d], \dots, a_s[1], \dots, a_s[d], b_1[1], \dots, b_1[d], \dots, b_s[1], \dots, b_s[d])$

$P(A_i, B_j) = 1$  if and only if  $A_i, B_j$  contains orthogonal pair

*...with high probability*

3. For every pair of subsets  $A_i, B_j$ : evaluate  $P$  on  $A_i, B_j$

*...simultaneously!  $\rightarrow O\left(\frac{n^2}{s^2} \text{polylog}(n)\right)$*

4. Return “yes” if some  $A_i, B_j$  contains orthogonal pair, “no” otherwise

To bound #monomials, set  $s = 2^{\epsilon \log n}$  for sufficiently small  $\epsilon$  (\*)

**New:**

For every pair  $A_i, B_j$  containing orthogonal pair:

Report all orthogonal pairs by checking for every corresponding pair  $(i, j)$  if  $(i, j) \in C$  (constant time lookup in matrix  $D$ !)

$O(Ks^2)$

(\*) Requires tighter analysis than provided in lecture 3 (where we had  $s = 2^{\epsilon \log n / \log d}$ )



# Variant of Orthogonal Vectors

**OV Listing** Given two sets of vectors  $U \subseteq \{0,1\}^d, V \subseteq \{0,1\}^d$  containing at most  $K$  orthogonal pairs and an oracle supporting  $O(1)$  time access to  $\langle u, v \rangle$  for any pair  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$ , report all orthogonal pairs in  $U \times V$ .

Time:  $O\left(\frac{n^2}{s^2} \text{polylog}(n) + Ks^2\right)$

*Note: Without oracle we just get  $O\left(\frac{n^2}{s^2} \text{polylog}(n) + Ks^2d\right)$ . This is not good enough in our application where we set  $K = n^2/d$ .*





# Algorithm Overview

1. Check for small submatrix
2. Check for dense submatrix
3. Check among previously seen pairs
4. Estimate number of unseen pairs
5. (a) If estimate is high, enumerate pairs and mark as seen
6. (b) If estimate is low, list unseen pairs

Parameters:

- $y := n^{3/2}$
- $z := 2^{\delta\sqrt{\log n}}$



# Small Submatrix

1. Check for small submatrix

If  $|U| \times |V| < \frac{n^2}{z}$ :

Try all  $i \in U, j \in V$

If  $M[i, j] = 1$  for some pair, then return 1



# Dense Submatrix

## 2. Check for dense submatrix

Sample  $y$  uniform random pairs  $(i, j) \in U \times V$

If  $M[i, j] = 1$  for some pair, then return 1

**Claim:** If  $M[U \times V]$  has  $\geq \frac{cn^2 \log n}{y}$  1-entries, then  $M[i, j] = 1$  for some sample pair with probability at least  $1 - \frac{1}{n^c}$ .

### Proof:

Probability that a sampled pair  $(i, j)$  is a 1-entry of  $M[U \times V]$ :

$$\frac{\#1 \text{ entries in } M[U \times V]}{|U \times V|} \geq \frac{cn^2 \log n}{y |U \times V|} \geq \frac{cn^2 \log n}{y n^2} = \frac{c \log n}{y}$$

Probability that no sampled pair  $(i, j)$  is a 1-entry of  $M[U \times V]$ :

$$\left(1 - \frac{c \log n}{y}\right)^y = \left(\left(1 - \frac{c \log n}{y}\right)^{\frac{y}{c \log n}}\right)^{c \log n} \leq \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{c \log n} = \frac{1}{n^c}$$

Fact:  $\lim \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = e$

# Previously Seen Pairs

3. Check among pairs seen before  
For all triples  $(U_k, V_k, S_k)$  in  $L$  and all pairs  $(i, j) \in S_k$ :  
If  $(i, j) \in U \times V$ , then return 1



# Size Estimation

## 4. Estimate number of unseen pairs

*Goal: estimate size of  $W = (U \times V) \cap C$*

$R :=$  sample of  $\frac{n^2}{z}$  uniform random pairs from  $C$

$$b := \frac{|R \cap (U \times V)|}{|R|} \cdot |C|$$

*Efficient sampling from  $C$ : keep  $C$  in tree data structure (or similar)*

**Claim:**  $E[b] = |W|$

**Proof:** Random variables:  $X_i = 1$  if  $i$ -th sample of  $R$  in  $U \times V$   
 $X_i = 0$  otherwise

$$\Pr[X_i = 1] = \frac{|W|}{|C|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[b] &= \frac{|C|}{|R|} \cdot E[|R \cap (U \times V)|] = \frac{|C|}{|R|} \cdot E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{|R|} X_i\right] = \frac{|C|}{|R|} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{|R|} E[X_i] \\ &= \frac{|C|}{|R|} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{|R|} \frac{|W|}{|C|} = |W| \end{aligned}$$



# Chernoff Bound

**Theorem:** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_t$  be a sequence of  $t$  independent Bernoulli trials s.t.  $\Pr[X_i = 1] = p$  and  $\Pr[X_i = 0] = 1 - p$  and  $\mu := E[\sum_{i=1}^t X_i]$ .

1. For every  $\delta > 0$ :

$$\Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \geq (1 + \delta)\mu \right] \leq \exp \left( -\frac{\delta^2}{2 + \delta} \mu \right)$$

2. For every  $\delta \in [0,1]$ :

$$\Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \leq (1 - \delta)\mu \right] \leq \exp \left( -\frac{\delta^2}{2} \mu \right)$$

# Applying Chernoff Bound

**Theorem:** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_t$  be a sequence of  $t$  independent Bernoulli trials s.t.  $\Pr[X_i = 1] = p$  and  $\Pr[X_i = 0] = 1 - p$  and  $\mu := E[\sum_{i=1}^t X_i]$ .  
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**Claim:** Let  $W = (U \times V) \cap C$ . If  $|W| > \frac{4n^2}{z}$ , then  $b > \frac{2n^2}{z}$  whp.

$$\mu = E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \right] = \frac{|R| \cdot |W|}{|C|} = \frac{n^2}{z} \cdot \frac{|W|}{|C|} \geq \frac{4n^4}{z^2 |C|} \geq \frac{4n^2}{z^2} \geq 4 \log^2 n \quad (z \leq \frac{n}{\log n})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left[ b < \frac{2n^2}{z} \right] &= \Pr \left[ |R \cap (U \times V)| < \frac{2n^2 |R|}{z |C|} \right] = \Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i < \frac{2n^2 |R|}{z |C|} \right] \\ &\leq \Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i < \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{|R| \cdot |W|}{|C|} \right] = \Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i < \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \mu \right] \\ &\leq \exp \left( -\frac{1}{8} \mu \right) \leq \exp \left( -\frac{\log^2 n}{2} \right) \leq \exp(-\log n) = \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned}$$



# Applying Chernoff Bound

**Theorem:** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_t$  be a sequence of  $t$  independent Bernoulli trials with  $\Pr[X_i = 1] = p$  and  $\Pr[X_i = 0] = 1 - p$ .

1. For every  $\delta > 0$  and  $\mu' \geq \mu$ :

$$\Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \geq (1 + \delta)\mu' \right] \leq \exp \left( -\frac{\delta^2}{2 + \delta} \mu' \right)$$

**Claim:** Let  $W = (U \times V) \cap C$ . If  $|W| \leq \frac{n^2}{z}$ , then  $b < \frac{2n^2}{z}$  whp

$$\mu' := \frac{n^2}{z} \cdot \frac{|R|}{|C|} \geq \frac{|R|}{z} = \frac{n^2}{z^2} \geq \log^2 n \quad \left( z \leq \frac{n}{\log n} \right)$$
$$\mu = E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \right] = \frac{|R| \cdot |W|}{|C|} \leq \frac{n^2}{z} \cdot \frac{|R|}{|C|} = \mu'$$

$$\Pr \left[ b \geq \frac{2n^2}{z} \right] = \Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \geq \frac{2n^2 |R|}{z |C|} \right] = \Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^t X_i \geq 2\mu' \right]$$
$$\leq \exp \left( -\frac{1}{3} \mu' \right) \leq \frac{1}{n}$$





# Exhaustive Search

5. (a) If estimate is high, enumerate pairs and mark as seen

If  $b > \frac{2n^2}{z}$ :

- Compute answer to query  $(U, V)$
- Determine  $S = \{(i, j) \in U \times V \mid M[i, j] = 1\}$   
 $|S| \leq \frac{cn^2 \log n}{y}$  (with high probability)
- Determine  $W = (U \times V) \cap C$   
If  $|W| < \frac{n^2}{z}$  or  $|S| > \frac{cn^2 \log n}{Y}$ : immediately return answer to query  
(happens with low probability)
- Add triple  $(U, V, S)$  to  $L$
- Remove all  $(i, j) \in U \times V$  from  $C$   
(Zero out entries of  $D$ )
- Return answer to query  $(U, V)$



# List Unseen Pairs

6. (b) If estimate is low, list unseen pairs

If  $b \leq \frac{2n^2}{z}$ :

- Determine  $W = (U \times V) \cap \mathcal{C}$   
 $|W| \leq \frac{4n^2}{z}$  (with high probability)
- Use OV Listing algorithm
- Check if there is  $(i, j) \in W$  s.t.  $M[i, j] = 1$



# Running Time Analysis

## Crucial observations:

1. Every time a triple  $(U, V, S)$  is added to the list,  $C$  is reduced by

at least  $\frac{n^2}{z}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{length of list: } |L| \leq \frac{n^2}{n^2/z} = z$$

2. Every time a triple  $(U, V, S)$  is added to the list, we have

$$|S| \leq O\left(\frac{n^2 \log n}{y}\right)$$

# First Part of Algorithm

1. Check for small submatrix

If  $|U| \times |V| < \frac{n^2}{z}$ :

Try all  $i \in U, j \in V$

If  $M[i, j] = 1$  for some pair, then return 1

$$O\left(\frac{n^2}{z}\right)$$

2. Check for dense submatrix

Sample  $y$  uniform random pairs  $(i, j) \in U \times V$

If  $M[i, j] = 1$  for some pair, then return 1

*Otherwise: Submatrix  $M[U \times V]$  has  $\leq \frac{cn^2 \log n}{y}$  1-entries*

$$O(y)$$

3. Check among pairs seen before

For all triples  $(U_k, V_k, S_k)$  in  $L$  and all pairs  $(i, j) \in S_k$ :

If  $(i, j) \in U \times V$ , then return 1

$$O\left(\sum_{k=1}^{|L|} |S_k|\right) \leq O\left(\sum_{k=1}^{|L|} \frac{n^2 \log n}{y}\right) \leq O\left(\frac{z n^2 \log n}{y}\right)$$

4. Estimate number of unseen pairs

$R :=$  sample of  $\frac{n^2}{z}$  uniform random pairs from  $C$

$b := \frac{|R \cap (U \times V)|}{|R|} \cdot |C|$

$$O\left(\frac{n^2}{z}\right)$$



# Exhaustive Search

5. (a) If estimate is high, enumerate pairs and mark as seen

If  $b > \frac{2n^2}{z}$ :

- Compute answer to query  $(U, V)$
- Determine  $S = \{(i, j) \in U \times V \mid M[i, j] = 1\}$   
 $|S| \leq \frac{cn^2 \log n}{y}$  (with high probability)
- Determine  $W = (U \times V) \cap C$   
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$O(n^2)$

Expensive, but can be amortized!

Executed at most  $z$  times



# List Unseen Pairs

6. (b) If estimate is low, list unseen pairs

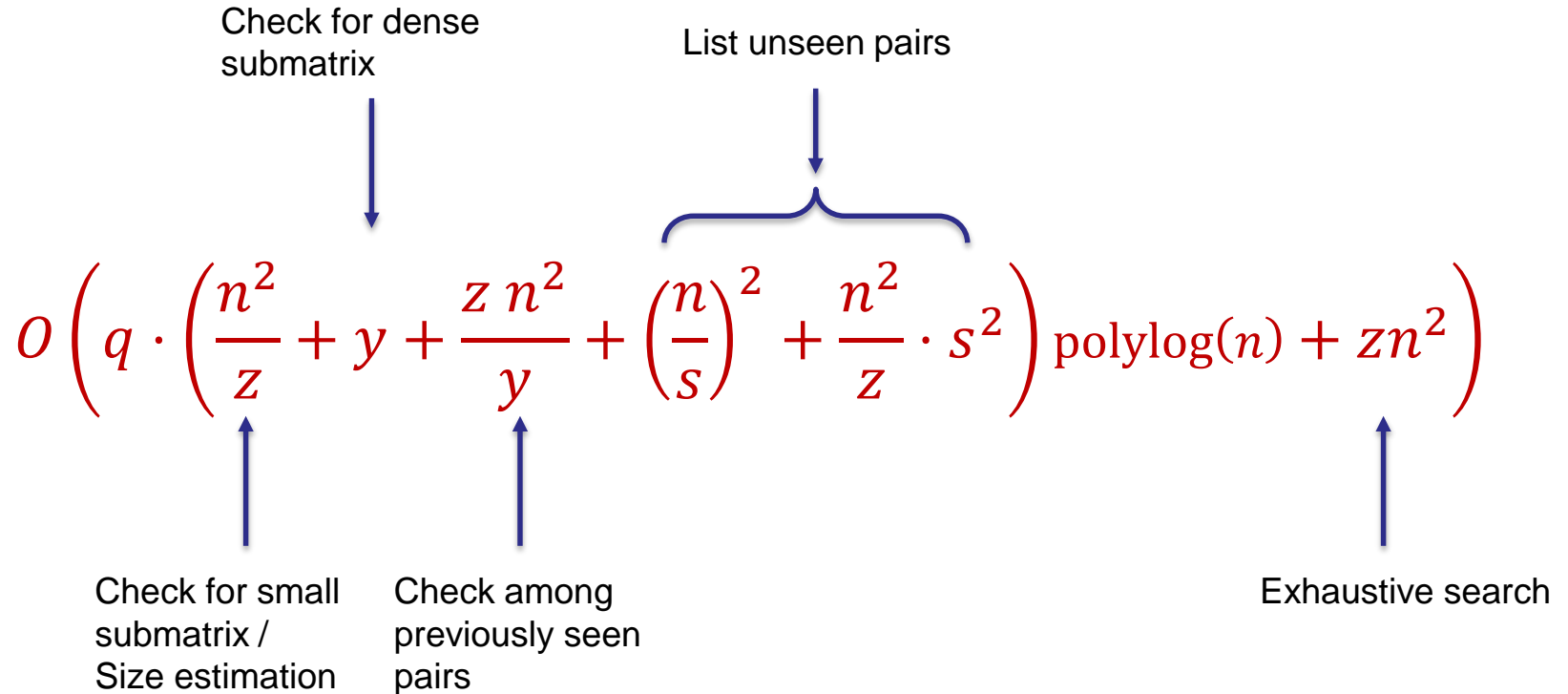
If  $b \leq \frac{2n^2}{z}$ :

- Determine  $W = (U \times V) \cap C$   
 $|W| \leq \frac{4n^2}{z}$  (with high probability)
- Use OV Listing algorithm with table-lookup oracle
- Check if there is  $(i, j) \in W$  s.t.  $M[i, j] = 1$

$$O\left(\left(\frac{n}{s}\right)^2 + \frac{n^2}{z} \cdot s^2\right)$$

# Total Running Time

$q$ : number of queries



Parameter choice:  $\Rightarrow$  amortized  $O\left(n^2 / 2^{\delta \sqrt{\log n}}\right)$  per query

- $y = n^{3/2}$
- $z = 2^{\delta \sqrt{\log n}}$  (for some  $\delta > 0$ )
- $s = 2^{\epsilon \delta \sqrt{\log n}}$  (for sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ )

# Summary

1. Algorithmic use of OMv to OuMv reduction
2. Essentially: OuMv to OV reduction
3. 3 sources of randomization:
  - Hitting set
  - Size estimation
  - Probabilistic polynomial

