

# Percolation!

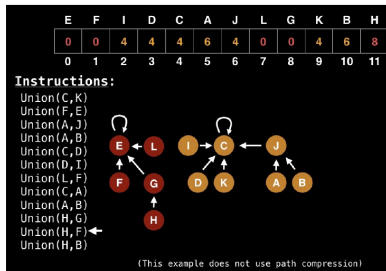
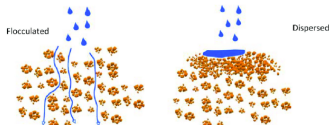
A Game for all ages

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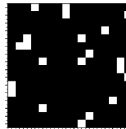
# Today's <sup>Algorithms</sup>

- Percolation – Union/Find
- Hoshen–Kopelman Algorithm
- Newman-Ziff Algorithm



# Introduction

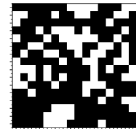
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$p=0.7$



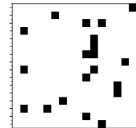
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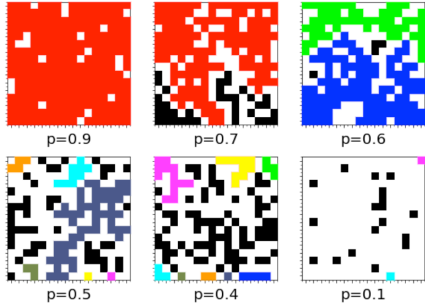
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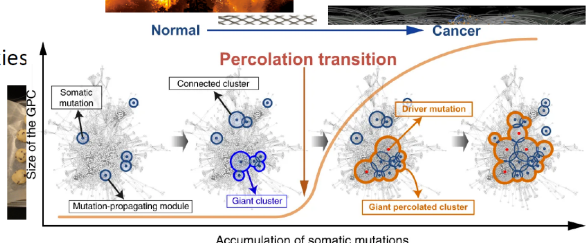
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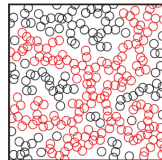
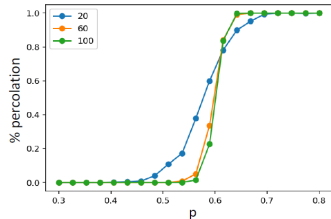
# Examples in the world (!)

- Oil fields
- Forest Fires
- Spread of Diseases
- Wire Meshes
- Baking of cookies
- Cancer



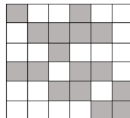
# Extra Cool Stuff™

- (2<sup>nd</sup> order) Phase transition!
  - When you're at the critical point the clusters are scale invariant
  - Critical exponents are measurable
  - Universal behavior for other models
- Numerics needed to determine critical point for many lattices
- **Things we won't talk about:**
  - There's lots of non-numeric work (e.g. dual lattices)
  - Scaling collapse / RG / critical exponents
  - Mapping problems to percolation problems
  - Other percolations
    - Continuum
    - Bond\*
    - Random Graphs



# How to check for percolation?

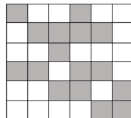
## *Cluster Labeling*



- Hoshen–Kopelman Algorithm (union/find)
  - Initialize
    - An array to hold labels for each site
    - Count for max label
    - Array/dict to convert between labels and proper labels
  - Algorithm:
    - For each site on the lattice:
      1. Check if any neighbors are labeled, if not assign new label (label=maxLabel++)
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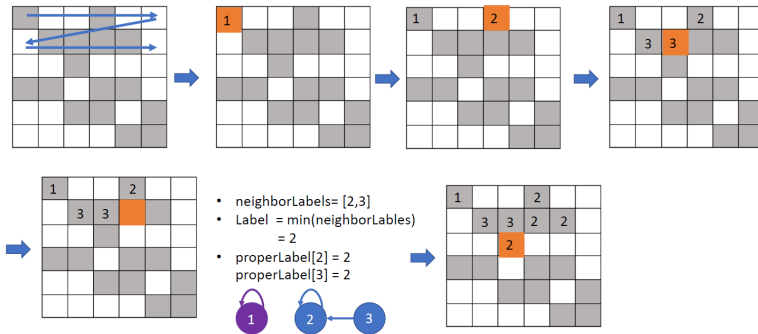


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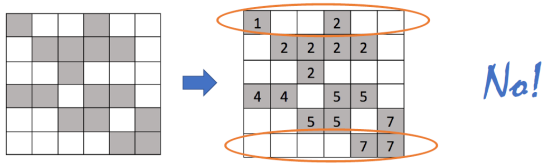
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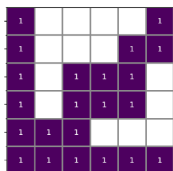
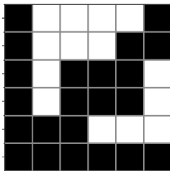
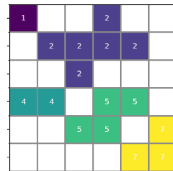
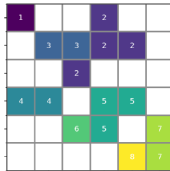
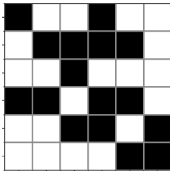


# How to check for percolation?

*Example - Checking*



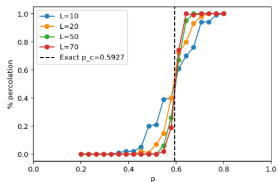
# Code break!



# Percolation Transition

## *Naïve Approach*

- For a given probability of site occupation, generate a random lattice
  - Determine if percolating
  - Repeat, record percentage of percolations
- Increase system size, use finite size scaling techniques to determine transition



*Note:  $p_c$  has many more digits...*

# Percolation Transition

## *Naïve Approach*

- Why is this not the best?
  - Imagine we have many labels pointing to another (cluster merges)
    - 10->6->4->2
    - Determining the true label takes a lot of time
    - (But this has an easy fix)
- The current implementation, one lattice gives one sample for a given  $p$ , can we do better?

The current fastest algorithm for percolation  
was published in 2000 by [Mark Newman](#) and Robert Ziff.<sup>[1]</sup>

## A fast Monte Carlo algorithm for site or bond percolation

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```

1 void percolate()
2 {
3   int i,j;
4   int s1,s2;
5   int r1,r2;
6   int big=0;
7
8   for (i=0; i<N; i++) ptr[i] = EMPTY;
9   for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
10    r1 = s1 = order[i];
11    ptr[s1] = -1;
12    for (j=0; j<4; j++) {
13      s2 = nn[s1][j];
14      if (ptr[s2] != EMPTY) {
15        r2 = findroot(s2);
16        if (r2!=r1) {
17          if (ptr[r1]>ptr[r2]) {
18            ptr[r2] += ptr[r1];
19            ptr[r1] = r2;
20            r1 = r2;
21          } else {
22            ptr[r1] += ptr[r2];
23            ptr[r2] = r1;
24          }
25          if (-ptr[r1]>big) big = -ptr[r1];
26        }
27      }
28    }
29    printf("%i %i\n",i+1,big);
30  }
31 }

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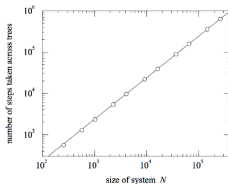


FIG. 5. Total number of steps taken through trees during a single run of the our algorithm as a function of system size. Each point is averaged over 1000 runs. Statistical errors are much smaller than the last five points. The solid line is a straight-line fit to the last five points, and gives a slope of  $1.006 \pm 0.011$ .

algorithm	time in seconds
depth-first search	4 500 000
unweighted relabeling	16 000
weighted relabeling	4.2
tree-based algorithm	2.9

0.545 s

TABLE I. Time in seconds for a single run of each of the algorithms discussed in this paper, for bond percolation on a square lattice of  $1000 \times 1000$  sites.

“(In actual fact, if one measures the performance of the algorithm in real (“wallclock”) time, it will on most computers (circa 2001) not be precisely linear in system size because of the increasing incidence of cache misses as  $N$  becomes large. This however is a hardware failing, rather than a problem with the algorithm.)”

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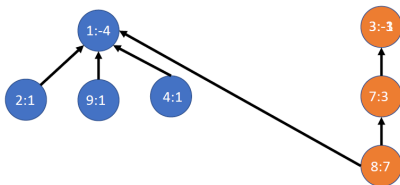
- Find
  - Store labels as a tree; find reports the ultimate root of the tree
  - As paths are traversed, reduce depth as root is found (*path compression*)
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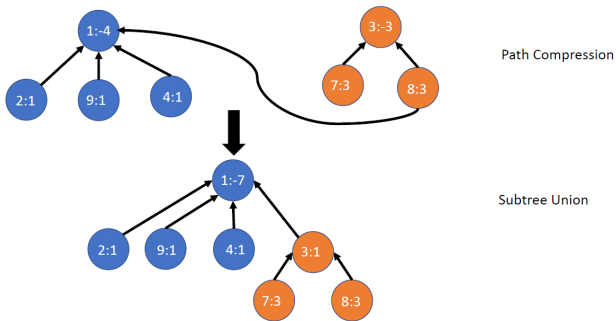


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- Algorithm:
  1. Randomly occupy sites
  2. Occupied sites are clusters of size 1
  3. Go through each occupied site and check which clusters its connected to, updating the tree

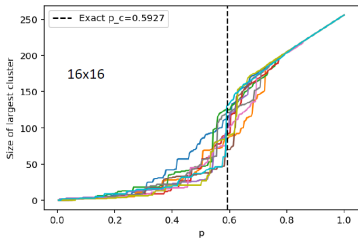
# Newman-Ziff Algorithm

*Subtle Improvement*

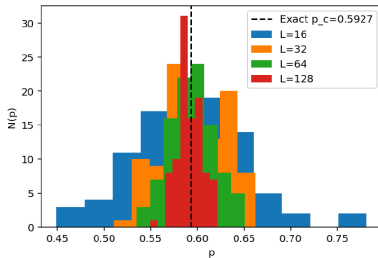
- Instead of randomly filling a lattice and determining a label, randomly order what sites will be occupied
  - As you label clusters, you also calculate percolation percentage for a smaller  $p$  on the way
  - If all you care about is percolation, stop once you find a percolating cluster (potentially saves time)
  - We keep track of the size of each cluster for free

# Newman-Ziff Algorithm – Code Break!

*Subtle Improvement*



1000x1000 time: >>2.9 seconds in python



Took 400 "samples"

# Thanks for listening!

Questions?

