

CS 574: Randomized Algorithms

Lecture 20. Random Walks and Electrical Networks, contd.
Introduction to Markov Chains.

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Compare the bounds from this to the complete graph and the lollipop.

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