

1 We would like to thank the reviewers for their insightful and helpful comments. We address some specific points raised
2 below, and would like to thank the reviewers in advance for considering our responses.

3 **Reviewer #3**

4 Thank you for your comments.

5 **Reviewer #4**

6 *To my opinion, the optimality and the tightness of the results should be discussed* - We fully agree, a discussion was
7 initially omitted due to space constraints. First note, in terms of the prior literature for graph labeling without switching
8 lower bounds were proved in references [6,7]. Lower bounds for switching in the experts model are given in [1,21].
9 These are for the “log” and “mix” loss respectively, these are both unbounded loss functions compared to “mistake”
10 counting. For these unbounded loss functions there is a $\Omega(\Phi \log(T/\Phi))$ term in their lower bound but as we speculate
11 in line 328 in our model the dependence on T may be an artifact. A sketch of a lower bound on a line graph is provided
12 below if desired this can be summarised into a theorem and included in the appendix if suggested by the reviewers.

13 Observe that if we have a single graph-labeling problem on an n -vertex line graph with a cut size of 1 it is not difficult to
14 force $O(\log n)$ mistakes; likewise if we have a uniformly labeled line graph hence no cuts and a single cut is introduced
15 we can force $O(\log n)$ mistakes. On the other hand if we have a line graph with a cut size Φ we can force $\Phi/4$ mistakes
16 by “removing” $\Phi/2$ cuts. Now for a switching sequence of graph labeling problems, μ_1, \dots, μ_T , let $\Phi(\mu_t) \ll n$ for
17 all t . For a labeling μ observe that we can divide the line graph into $\Phi(\mu) + 1$ segments, of length $\frac{n-1}{\Phi(\mu)+1}$, where each
18 segment can be made independent of one another by fixing the boundary vertices between segments. We therefore have
19 $\Phi(\mu) + 1$ independent learning problems and can force $\Theta(\log \frac{n}{\Phi(\mu)})$ mistakes for every cut introduced and 1 mistake
20 whenever we remove 2 cuts. Note beside the $\log \log T$ dependence there still remains some gap between this sketched
21 lower bound and Corollary 7.

22 *Might seem as incremental combinations of graph prediction and online learning* - We believe that a logarithmic-time
23 adaptive online algorithm for graph prediction is a significant improvement over the state of the art. Furthermore the
24 bound in Theorem 2 is a new result for switching in the specialists setting with the asymmetric $J()$ appearing in the
25 bound.

26 *How was α tuned in the experiments?* - Lines 286/622: α was tuned using exhaustive search over the ranges given in
27 the appendices over 24 hours of training data, rather than optimally from the bound.

28 *Adaptive vs. oblivious adversary* - All formally numbered theorems, corollaries and lemmas as stated are correct with
29 an **adaptive** adversary. However, if as discussed in lines 152-157, one would like to convert the *deterministic* mistake
30 bounds with respect to the *cut to expected* mistake bounds with respect to the *resistance weighted cut* then it is sufficient
31 for that conversion to assume an **oblivious** adversary. We can add this additional comment to lines 152-157.

32 *Would it be possible to get high-probability bounds?* We suspect the technique in lines 152-157 could be adapted to a
33 high probability mistake bound.

34 *268: the sum should start at 1* - Thank you for pointing that out.

35 *Could be interesting to plot the upper bound on the experiments* - We are happy to plot the computed upper bounds for
36 the given data on the experiments, thank you for the suggestion.

37 *Measure of robustness (error bars/standard deviations)* - Error bars were initially omitted for ‘neatness’ in the plot. The
38 standard deviations given in Table 2 in the appendix do imply an increasing robustness with larger ensemble sizes. We
39 are happy to include a discussion on this and include error bars in the plot.

40 *More explanations on Alg. 1 with brief sentences defining A_t, Y_t .* The notations A_t, Y_t are defined within the Algorithm,
41 at their first appearance. Resistance distance (effective resistance) is defined lines 53-54, we can also supply the
42 equation,

$$r(i, j) = \frac{1}{\min_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{(p,q) \in E} (u_p - u_q)^2 : u_i - u_j = 1}.$$

43 **Reviewer #5**

44 Thank you for your comments. In particular thank you for the additional reference we will add to line 239.