

We had:  $\{I_i\}$  design with  $(l, n, d)$ ,  $n=2^{d/10}$ , +  $2^d$  avg-hard  
then  $G(U_e)$  ( $2^d/10, 1/10$ ) - pseudorandom.

Let us give values.  $l, S = h_{avg}(t)$  given.

$$\text{pick } n \text{ largest st } l > \frac{\log n^2}{\log S(n)}. \Rightarrow n \geq \sqrt{l \log S(n)/200}$$

$$d = \log S(n)/10.$$

output first  $S(n)^{1/40}$  bits of NW generator.

$$\text{this map } l \text{ bits into } S(n)^{1/40}, \text{ so } S(l) = S(n)^{1/40} = S(\sqrt{n}).$$

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## Pseudorandom Objects.

Expander graphs: graphs with excellent connectivity.

Almost as good as  $K_{n,n}$ , but small degree.

Two ways of measuring: algebraic / combinatorial.

We'll work with  $d$ -regular graphs, undirected.

### Combinatorial Expansion.

$G$  well-connected if every set of vertices hard to disconnect,  
i.e. many edges go from  $S$  to  $\bar{S} = V \setminus S$ .

If  $\deg G = d$ , best can hope for is  $|E(S, \bar{S})| = d \cdot |S|$ .

Edge expansion measures how far we are:

$$h_S = \frac{|E(S, \bar{S})|}{d \cdot |S|} \quad h_G = \min_{\substack{S \subseteq V \\ |S| \leq n/2}} h_S.$$

Can also measure vertex expansion:  $\frac{|N(S)|}{d \cdot |S|}$ .

### Algebraic Expansion.

$G$  well-connected if a random walk converges quickly to uniform. Represent with linear algebra:

If start at  $v$ , then in one step we are in each neighbour of  $v$  w. pr.  $1/d$ .

Obs equiv to  $(\frac{1}{d} \cdot A) \cdot \mathbf{1}_V$   
 ↪ in row of  $v$ , 0 elsewhere  
 ↪ adj. matrix.

A distribution over vertices is simply a vector of probabilities.

One step of random walk is then mult. by  $(A/d)$ .

From now on redefine  $A = A/d$ .

Play w. eigenvalues of  $A$ .

$A \cdot \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{1}$  eigenval. of eigenvalue 1.

Cond this is largest:  $\lambda_1 = \max_x \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$ .

What about 2nd? (in absolute value)

If  $G$  disconnected, then  $\mathbf{1}_S$  is also eigenv. w. val 1

If  $G$  bipartite, then  $A \mathbf{1}_S = c \mathbf{1}_{\bar{S}} \Rightarrow c_1 \mathbf{1}_S + c_2 \mathbf{1}_{\bar{S}}$

eigenv. w. val -1.

Other dir. also true: if  $\lambda = |\lambda_2| = 1$  then  $G$  bipartite or disconnected.

In fact spectral expansion =  $1 - \lambda$  measures how connected graph is.

Can also compute  $\lambda$  as  $\max_{x \perp \mathbf{1}} \frac{x^T A x}{x^T x}$ . (Rayleigh).

prop  $\|\mathbf{1}\|_1 = 1 \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{1}/n\| \leq \lambda^k$

proof: write  $v = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{1} + w$ ,  $w \perp \mathbf{1}$ .

$$\text{obs } \|\mathbf{1}\|_1 = \langle v, \mathbf{1} \rangle = \alpha \langle \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1} \rangle + \langle w, \mathbf{1} \rangle = \alpha \cdot n$$

$$\text{obs } \mathbf{A}v = \alpha \mathbf{1} + Aw \Rightarrow \mathbf{A}^k v = \alpha \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{A}^k w$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{A}^k v - \mathbf{1}/n\| = \|\mathbf{A}^k w\| \leq \lambda^k \|w\|$$

↑ Rayleigh.

if  $A = J$ , where  $J_{ij} = 1/n$ , matrix of  $K_{n,n}$ . then  $Jv = \mathbf{1}/n$ . t.c.

lemma  $A = (1-\lambda)J + \lambda C$ ,  $\|C\|_1 \leq 1$

$$\text{proof: } C = \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot (A - (1-\lambda) \cdot J).$$

th. Spectral & combinatorial expansion equivalent.

th (formal) 1.  $h(G) \geq \frac{1-\lambda}{2}$

$$2. \quad \lambda(G) \leq 1 - \min\left(\frac{2}{d}, \frac{h^2}{2}\right)$$

& 2 is assuming  $G$  has  $(2k)$  self-loops,

i.e.  $A$  is  $A + I$ .

prop If  $G$  random graph  $\Rightarrow h(G) = \mathbb{E} d$ .

th Explicit graphs with  $\lambda \leq 1 - \epsilon$  exist.

↑ ∃ algo st given  $v$ , outputs  $N(v)$  in poly time.

## Error Reduction with little randomness.

Recall can reduce BPP error by repeating algo  $k$  times  
(and using  $m \cdot k$  coins).

th:  $m + O(k)$  coins enough.

proof Let  $G$  graph on  $2^m$  vertices, deg.  $d$ ,  $\lambda < \alpha/10$ .

Let  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  seq. obtained by picking  $v_i$  at random,

and  $v_i \approx$  neighbour of  $v_{i-1}$  at random.

Run algo  $k$  times with random string  $v_i$ .

Output majority answer.

We'll show RP case ( $x \in L \Rightarrow M = 1$  w. pr.  $\geq 2/3$   
 $x \notin L \Rightarrow M = 0$ ).

claim.  $G(n, d, \lambda)$ -expander.  $U \subseteq V$ ,  $B = |U|/|V|$ .

$$\text{then } \Pr[v_1, \dots, v_k \in U] \leq ((1-\lambda) \cdot \sqrt{B} + \lambda)^{k-1}.$$

obs th follows: we have  $\lambda < \alpha/10$ ,  $B = 1/3$ .

( $U$  is set of bad coins).

proof of claim.

let  $B_i = \{v_i \in U\}$ . let  $p_i = \Pr[\bigcap B_j]$ .

let  $D_i$  = distr. of  $v_i$  conditioned on  $B_1, \dots, B_{i-1}$ .

let  $B = \text{diag}(\mathbf{1}_U)$ .

can write  $D_1 = \frac{1}{p_1} \cdot B \mathbf{1}/n$ ,  $D_2 = \frac{1}{p_2} \cdot B \cdot A \cdot B \mathbf{1}/n$ , etc.

$$\|D_k \mathbf{1}\|_1 = 1 \Rightarrow p_k = \|(BA)^{k-1} B \mathbf{1}/n\|_1 \leq \sqrt{n} \cdot \|w\|_2.$$

$$\text{claim. } \|w\|_2 \leq ((1-\lambda) \cdot \sqrt{B} + \lambda)^{k-1} / \sqrt{n}.$$

proof: write  $A = (1-\lambda)J + \lambda C$ .

$$\|BA\| \leq (1-\lambda) \|B\|_1 + \lambda \|C\|_1$$

$$\|BC\|_1 = \max_{\|x\|=1} \|Bx\|_1. \quad Jv = \mathbf{1}/n \Rightarrow \|B\|_1 = \|B\|/n = \sqrt{B}$$

$$\|BC\|_1 \leq \|B\|_1 \|C\|_1 \leq 1.$$

$$\|(BA)^{k-1} B\|_1 \leq ((1-\lambda) \sqrt{B} + \lambda)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n}.$$