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I. Expander Graphs

We'll work with graphs that are undirected, d -regular, and may contain self-loops (and multiple edges).

When we work w/ families of graphs $\{G_i\}$, d is constant.

Def'n: Let S, T be (disjoint) subsets of the vertices of $G = (V, E)$.

$$E(S, T) = \{(u, v) \in E : u \in S, v \in T\}$$

= set of edges from vertices in S to vertices in T .

$$\partial S = E(S, \bar{S}), \text{ the edge boundary of } S \text{ in } G.$$

Def'n An n -vertex, d -regular $G = (V, E)$ is an (n, d, p) -edge expander iff $\forall S \subseteq V, |S| \leq n/2,$

$$|\partial S| = |E(S, \bar{S})| \geq pd|S|$$

A family of graphs $\{G_i\}$ are (n, d, p) -edge expanders if each member G_i is an (n, d, p) -edge expander.

The value pd is called the Cheeger constant.

A probabilistic construction (of randomly chosen d -regular graphs) gives:

Thm For any $p = \frac{1}{2} - \epsilon, \epsilon > 0, \exists d = d(\epsilon), \forall n > n_0$ there is a (n, d, p) -edge expander.

Pf omitted.

Explicit example of expanders

[Margulis '73]

(a) For $m \geq 1$. $G_m = \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_m$, 8-regular with edges connecting vertex (i, j) to vertices $(i+j, j), (i-j, j), (i, j+1), (i, j-1), (i, j+i), (i, j-i), (i, j+i+1), (i, j-i+1)$ mod m

(b) For p prime, $G_p = \mathbb{Z}_p$ with edges connecting $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ to $x+1, x-1, x^{-1}$ mod p ($0^{-1} = 0$).

II. Adjacency Matrix / Random Walk Matrix

Let $G = (V, E)$ be d -regular & have n vertices (as above)

Def'n The adjacency matrix $Adj(G)$ is the $n \times n$ matrix whose entries $adj_{ij} = \#$ of edges between i & j .

The random walk matrix $A(G) = \frac{1}{d} Adj(G)$.

(This is the same as the transition matrix defined for the AKLLR lecture)

Lemma: $A(G)$ is symmetric & doubly stochastic (its row sums and column sums all equal one).

PF: Immediate from the definitions.

Lemma: The all 1's vector $\vec{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T$ is an eigenvector for $A = A(G)$. That $A\vec{1} = \vec{1}$.

PF: Since the row sums of A equal one.

Some linear algebra facts + notation

(1) As a symmetric real matrix, A has a system of n orthonormal eigenvectors $\vec{v}^1, \dots, \vec{v}^n$, with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$.

So $A\vec{v}^i = \lambda_i \vec{v}^i$; $(\vec{v}^i)^T A = \lambda_i \vec{v}^i{}^T$ (by symmetry)

(2) Define $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \vec{u}^T \vec{v} = \vec{v}^T \vec{u} = \sum u_i v_i$

$\|\vec{u}\|^2 = \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \sum u_i^2$ - the 2-norm of \vec{u} .

$\|\vec{u}\|_1 = \sum |u_i|$

$\|\vec{u}\| = \|\vec{u}\|_2 = \sqrt{\|\vec{u}\|^2}$.

(3) $\frac{\|\vec{v}\|_1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \|\vec{v}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\|_1$

Lemma $|\lambda_i| \leq 1$ for every eigenvalue λ_i of A .

Pf. Let j be the max component of \vec{v}^i 's absolute value.

I.e. $|\vec{v}^i_j| \geq |\vec{v}^i_{j'}|$ for all j' .

Consider $(A\vec{v}^i)_j$ = j th component of $A\vec{v}^i$

This value is a linear (~~affine~~) combination of values with absolute value $\leq |\vec{v}^i_j|$, namely a weighted average.

Thus $|A\vec{v}^i_j| \leq |\vec{v}^i_j|$, proving $|\lambda_i| \leq 1$.

qed.

Examples Disconnect graph can have multiple eigenvalues equal to 1.

Bipartite graph can have -1 as an eigenvalue.

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Order the eigenvectors/eigenvalues so that $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{1}$, $\lambda_1 = 1$,
and

$$|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|.$$

Defn $\lambda(G) = |\lambda_2|$ is the second largest eigenvalue of the matrix $A = A(G)$. We often write $\lambda = \lambda(G)$.
The spectral gap of G is $1 - \lambda(G)$.

Remark Many authors use $Adj(G)$ instead of $A(G)$, and then λ and the spectral gap are multiplied by a factor of d .

Defn G is a (n, d, λ) expander graph if G has n vertices, is d -regular and $\lambda(G) \leq \lambda$.

Remark λ as small as $(1-o(1)) \frac{2\sqrt{d-1}}{d}$ is possible (the Alon-Boppana bound) and can be achieved by Ramanujan graphs.

Theme Good (n, d, ρ) ^{edge-}expander graphs, with ρ large correspond to
Good (n, d, λ) expander graphs, with λ small and hence the spectral gap big.

Theorem Let G be an (n, d, λ) -expander. Then G is an $(n, d, (1-\lambda)/2)$ edge expander.

Lemma: Let $S, T \subseteq V$, $G = (V, E)$ as above. ~~Then~~ Suppose $S \cap T = \emptyset$ and $S \cup T = V$. I.e. $\bar{S} = T$.

$$|E(S, T)| \geq (1-\lambda) d \frac{|S| \cdot |T|}{|S| + |T|}$$

PF Let \vec{u} be the vector:

$$u_i = \begin{cases} |T| & \text{if } i \in S \\ -|S| & \text{if } i \in T. \end{cases}$$

So $\vec{u} \perp \vec{1}$ and

$$\|\vec{u}\|^2 = |T|^2 |S| + |S|^2 |T| = |S| \cdot |T| \cdot (|S| + |T|).$$

Define

$$Z = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} (u_i - u_j)^2$$

$$\text{So } Z = \sum_{ij: (ij) \in G} \frac{1}{d} (u_i - u_j)^2$$

$$= \sum_{ij: (ij) \in G} \frac{1}{d} (|S| + |T|)^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{d} |E(S, T)| \cdot (|S| + |T|)^2.$$

Sublemma

Also, $Z = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} u_i^2 - 2 \sum_{ij} A_{ij} u_i u_j + \sum_{ij} A_{ij} u_j^2$

$$= 2 \sum_i (\sum_j A_{ij}) u_i^2 - 2 \langle \vec{u}, A \vec{u} \rangle$$

$$= 2 \sum_i u_i^2 - 2 \langle \vec{u}, A \vec{u} \rangle$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2 \langle \vec{u}, A \vec{u} \rangle \geq \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2\lambda \|\vec{u}\|^2$$

$$\geq (2-2\lambda) |S| \cdot |T| (|S| + |T|) = 2(1-\lambda) |S| \cdot |T| (|S| + |T|)$$

since $\langle \vec{u}, A \vec{u} \rangle \leq \lambda \|\vec{u}\|^2$

Since
Sublemma
 $Z = \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2 \langle \vec{u}, A \vec{u} \rangle$
And, if $Z = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} (u_i - u_j)^2$
Then $Z = \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2 \langle \vec{u}, A \vec{u} \rangle$.

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The lemma follows immediately.
ged Lemma.

Proof of Theorem: By the lemma + since $|S| \leq |\bar{S}| = |T|$,

$$\frac{|E(S, T)|}{|S|} \geq (1-\lambda)d \frac{|T|}{|S|+|T|} \geq \frac{1-\lambda}{2} \cdot d$$

giving $\rho \geq \frac{1-\lambda}{2}$ as desired.

Q.E.D.

Theorem: Suppose G is a (n, d, ρ) edge expander.

(a) Then $\lambda_2 \leq 1 - \frac{\rho^2}{2}$.

(b) If G has all $(n$ many) self loops, then

G is a $(n, d, 1-\epsilon)$ -expander for $\epsilon = \min\left\{\frac{\rho^2}{2}, \frac{\rho^2}{2}\right\}$.

Proof of (b); assuming (a) holds.

Let G' be G minus all its self loops, let A' be G' 's random walk matrix.

$$\text{Then } A = \frac{d-1}{d} A' + \frac{1}{d} (\text{Id})$$

A' 's smallest eigenvalue is ≤ -1 .

Thus A 's smallest eigenvalue is $\geq -\frac{d-1}{d} + \frac{1}{d} = -1 + \frac{2}{d}$.

Then by part (a),

$$-1 + \frac{2}{d} \leq \lambda_2 \leq 1 - \frac{\rho^2}{2}$$

so the G 's spectral gap is $\geq \min\left\{\frac{\rho^2}{2}, \frac{2}{d}\right\}$.

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Proof of (a)

Let $\lambda = \bar{\lambda}_2$ (redefinition)

$$u = v_2$$

Let

$$v = u^+ \quad \text{i.e.} \quad v_i = \max\{0, u_i\}$$

$$w = u^- \quad \text{i.e.} \quad w_i = \min\{0, u_i\}$$

so $u = v + w$.

Wlog. $v_i \neq 0$ for $\leq n/2$ many coordinates (o/w replace u by $-v_2$).

Define $Z = \sum_{i < j} A_{ij} |v_i^2 - v_j^2| = 2 \sum_{i < j} A_{ij} |v_i^2 - v_j^2|.$

Lemma 1: $Z \geq 2\rho \|v\|^2$

Lemma 2: $Z \leq \sqrt{8(1-\lambda)} \|w\|^2.$

Proof of (a) from the lemmas:

We have

$$2\rho \leq \sqrt{8(1-\lambda)}$$

$$4\rho^2 \leq 8(1-\lambda)$$

$$1-\lambda \geq \rho^2/2$$

$$\lambda \leq 1 - \rho^2/2.$$

Proof of Lemma 1: Wlog $v_1 \geq v_2 \geq \dots$ $v_{n/2} \geq v_{n/2+1} = 0 \dots$

$$Z = 2 \sum_{i < j} A_{ij} (v_i^2 - v_j^2)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i < j} A_{ij} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} (v_k^2 - v_{k+1}^2) \quad (\text{telescoping sum})$$

$$= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(n/2)} (v_k^2 - v_{k+1}^2) \sum_{i \leq k} \sum_{j > k} A_{ij} \quad (\text{reordering summations})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (v_k^2 - v_{k+1}^2) \cdot \frac{1}{d} |E([k], [n] \setminus [k])| \\
&\quad \text{where } [k] = \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \\
&\quad \text{using definition of } A_{ij} \\
&\geq 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (v_k^2 - v_{k+1}^2) \frac{1}{d} \rho dk \quad \text{by the edge expansion of } G \\
&= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \rho v_k^2 (k - (k-1)) \quad \text{by regrouping terms} \\
&= 2\rho \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} v_k^2 = 2\rho \|v\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

qed Lemma 1.

Proof of Lemma 2:

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle Av, v \rangle + \langle Aw, v \rangle &= \langle A(v+w), v \rangle && \text{by linearity} \\
&= \langle Au, v \rangle && \text{by defn of } v, w \\
&= \langle \lambda u, v \rangle && \text{by eigenvector} \\
&= \langle \lambda(v+w), w \rangle \\
&= \lambda \|w\|^2 && \text{by } \langle v, w \rangle = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $w \leq 0$, $Aw \leq 0$, so $\langle Aw, v \rangle \leq 0$

Therefore $\langle Av, v \rangle \geq \lambda \|v\|^2$

(★) Thus $2 \|v\|^2 (1-\lambda) \geq 2(\|v\|^2 - \langle Av, v \rangle) = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} (v_i - v_j)^2$

by the "Sublemma" of page 5.

We multiply both sides of (*) by

$$2\|v\|^2 + 2\langle Av, v \rangle = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} (v_i + v_j)^2$$

The LHS of (*) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& 2(2\|v\|^2 + 2\langle Av, v \rangle) \|v\|^2 (1-\lambda) \\
& \leq 2 \cdot (4\|v\|^2) \|v\|^2 (1-\lambda) \quad (\text{by definiteness of } A) \\
& = 8\|v\|^4 (1-\lambda).
\end{aligned}$$

The RHS of (*) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\sum_{ij} A_{ij} (v_i - v_j)^2 \right) \left(\sum_{ij} A_{ij} (v_i + v_j)^2 \right) \\
& \geq \left(\sum_{ij} A_{ij} (v_i - v_j) (v_i + v_j) \right)^2 \quad \text{by Cauchy-Schwarz,} \\
& \quad \text{applied to} \\
& \quad \sqrt{A_{ij} (v_i - v_j)} \text{ and } \sqrt{A_{ij} (v_i + v_j)} \\
& \quad \langle x, y \rangle \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|. \\
& = Z^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $Z^2 \leq 8\|v\|^4 (1-\lambda)$

so $Z \leq \sqrt{8(1-\lambda)} \cdot \|v\|^2$

qed Lemma 2
QED Theorem

Theorem If G is a d -regular, connected graph with all n -many self-loops then

$$\lambda(G) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{12n^2}$$

Thus, G is a $(n, d, \frac{1}{12n^2})$ -expander graph.

Pf: Let $\vec{u} \perp \vec{1}$, i.e. $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{1} \rangle = 0$, and that $\|\vec{u}\| = 1$.

Let $\vec{v} = A\vec{u}$. WWTs $\|\vec{v}\|^2 \leq 1 - \frac{1}{12n^2}$.

It suffices to show $\|\vec{v}\|^2 \leq 1 - \frac{1}{6n^2}$ i.e. $\frac{1}{6n^2} \leq 1 - \|\vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 - \|\vec{v}\|^2$

Claim $\|\vec{u}\|^2 - \|\vec{v}\|^2 = \sum_{ij} A_{ij} (u_i - v_j)^2$

Pf
$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{ij} A_{ij} (u_i - v_j)^2 &= \sum_i A_{ij} u_i^2 - 2 \sum_{ij} A_{ij} u_i v_j + \sum_j A_{ij} v_j^2 \\ &= \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2 \langle A\vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle + \|\vec{v}\|^2 = \|\vec{u}\|^2 - 2\|\vec{v}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 \\ &= \|\vec{u}\|^2 - \|\vec{v}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d. Claim:

So, WWTs: $\sum_{ij} A_{ij} (u_i - v_j)^2 \geq \frac{1}{6n^2}$.

Choose i s.t. $u_i > 0$ and j s.t. $u_j < 0$.

Also, since $\|\vec{u}\|=1$, since $|u_i| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ for at least one i , so

wlog $u_i - u_j > \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$.

Let $D =$ diameter of graph. Note $D \leq n-1$, in fact $D \leq \frac{3n}{d+1}$.

So \exists path of length D from i to j in G . $\odot \dots \odot \dots$

So let it be $u = u_1 - u_2 - \dots - u_{D+1} = u_j$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq u_1 - u_{D+1} = (u_1 - v_1) + (v_1 - u_2) + (u_2 - v_2) + \dots + (v_D - u_{D+1})$$

$$\leq \sqrt{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + \dots + (v_D - u_{D+1})^2} \leq \sqrt{2D+1} \quad \text{by } \|\vec{x}\|_1 \leq \frac{\|\vec{x}\|_2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Now $\sum_{ij} A_{ij} (u_i - v_j)^2 \geq \frac{1}{d} \frac{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + \dots + (v_D - u_{D+1})^2}{2D+1} \geq \frac{1}{d} \frac{1}{n(2D+1)}$

$$\geq \frac{1}{d} \frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{2 \frac{3n}{d+1}} \geq \frac{1}{6n^2} \quad \boxed{\text{qed}}$$

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Def'n Matrix Norm: $\|A\| = \max \{ \|Av\| : \|v\|=1 \}$

Fact $\|A \cdot B\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|B\|$. ~~$\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$~~ $\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$

PF Trivial.

Fact If G is a d -regular graph and $A = A(G)$ then $\|A\| = d$.

PF: Immediate from earlier results.

Lemma: Let G be an (n, d, λ) -expander and $A = A(G)$.

Let J be the ~~very~~ random walk matrix for the "very complete" graph G which is a n -clique plus all self-loops. $(J_{ij})_{ij} = \frac{1}{n} \delta_{ij}$

Then

$$A = (1-\lambda)J + \lambda C$$

where $\|C\| \leq 1$.

Intuition: J - gives the completely random next vertex in a random walk.

Note: C will have negative entries so is not a random walk (transition) matrix.

Proof Let $C = \frac{1}{\lambda} (A - (1-\lambda)J)$.

Wwts, $\forall v, \|Cv\| \leq \|v\|$.

Write $v = \alpha \vec{1} + \vec{u}$, where $\vec{u} \perp \vec{1}$ i.e. $\sum_i u_i = 0$

$$C\vec{1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} (\vec{1} - (1-\lambda)\vec{1}) = \vec{1}$$

and $C\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\lambda} (A\vec{u} - (1-\lambda)J\vec{u}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} A\vec{u} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \vec{u}$ where $\|u\| \leq \lambda \|v\|$.

Thus

$$\|Cv\| = \frac{1}{\lambda} \|\vec{u}\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \lambda \|v\| = \|v\|.$$

qed.

Note $J\vec{u} = \vec{0}$
since $\vec{u} \perp \vec{1}$

Intuition for using expander graph to reduce randomness:

Suppose we have one-sided error RP problems

Input x of length n , gives search space of size 2^m , $m = m(n)$.

$$x \in L \Leftrightarrow \exists y \in \Omega \subseteq 2^m, \text{ where } \Omega(x) \equiv \Omega(x, y)$$

$$x \in L \Rightarrow |\Omega \cap 2^m| \geq \alpha 2^m$$

"W" =
Witness

Algorithm Using randomness, sample k members of 2^m uniformly at random. For each member, check if $y \in \Omega(x)$

If find $y \in \Omega(x)$, accept. Else reject.

Prob of answering correctly is $1 - (1 - \alpha)^k = 1 - \beta^k$

Number of random bits used: $m \cdot k$.

$$\text{Prob of answering incorrectly is } \leq \beta^k = \beta^{(m \cdot k)/m} = (\beta^{1/m})^{m \cdot k} \text{ # of bits}$$

Expander graph alternative:

Let G be an expander graph on 2^m , so

G is a $(2^m, d, \lambda)$ -expander.

Algorithm: Select $y_1 \in 2^m$ at random

For $i = 2, \dots, k$ choose y_i a random neighbor of y_{i-1} in G .

Accept if some $y_i \in \Omega(x)$.

Reject otherwise

Prob of answering incorrectly = ? $\leq (\beta')^k$ ~~not~~

Number of random bits used = $m + k \cdot (\log_2 d)$

Prob. of answering incorrectly $\leq \beta^k = \beta^{(R-m)/\log_2 d}$

$$\text{if } R = c \cdot m, \quad \leq \left[\beta^{c-1} \cdot d \right]^R = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\Theta(R)}$$

Let $B = 2^m \setminus W$, "B" = "Bad".

Lemma: Given G, W, B as above

$$\Pr [\forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\} y_i \in B] \leq (\beta')^k \text{ when } \beta' = ((1-\lambda)\sqrt{\beta} + \lambda)^{k-1}$$

y_1, \dots, y_k
chosen at random

Remark $\beta' < 1$ is a constant $\beta' \nearrow$ and β are.

Proof: Let B_i be the event that $y_i \in B$.
 We wish to bound $\Pr[B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_k] \leq (\beta')^{k-1}$.

Now,

$$\Pr[B_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B_k] = \Pr[B_1] \cdot \Pr[B_2 | B_1] \cdot \Pr[B_3 | B_1, B_2] \cdot \dots \cdot \Pr[B_k | B_1, \dots, B_{k-1}].$$

Let X_B be the linear transformation s.t.

$$(X_B \vec{u})_i = \begin{cases} u_i & \text{if } i \in B \\ 0 & \text{if } i \notin B \end{cases}$$

So
$$X_B = \begin{matrix} B & \left(\begin{array}{c|c} Id & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) & (n \times n) \\ \bar{B} & \bar{B} & \bar{B} \end{matrix}$$

Add on extra vertex H (" H " = Halt + Accept w/ prob 1)

Let

$$A^H = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (n+1) \times (n+1)$$

$$X_B = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} Id & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

} Both stochastic matrices with row sum 1.

The algorithm then is equivalent to compute

n -reduces $\rightarrow \vec{p} = \underbrace{X_B A^H X_B A^H \dots X_B A^H}_{k-1 \text{ random steps}} \left(\begin{matrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right) = \underbrace{\left(\begin{matrix} A \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right)^{k-1}}_{A\text{-transition step in unspaced graph}} X_B \vec{1}$
 \swarrow initially choose random vertex
 \swarrow halt and accept if $\notin B$.

$(k+1)$ -reduces $\left(\begin{matrix} \vec{p} \\ p' \end{matrix} \right) = \left(\begin{matrix} X_B^H & A^H \\ X_B & 1 \end{matrix} \right)^{k-1} X_B \vec{1}$

and

$$\|\hat{\beta}\|_1 = \Pr[B_1, \dots, B_k]$$

Since $\|\hat{p}\|_2 \geq \frac{\|\hat{p}\|_1}{\sqrt{n}}$, suffices to prove, $\|I\|_1 = n$
 $\|I\|_2 = \sqrt{n}$

$$\|\hat{p}\|_2 \leq \frac{(\beta')^{k-1}}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ do show } \|\hat{p}\|_1 \leq (\beta')^{k-1}$$

F.e. $\|(\chi_B A)^{k-1} B \hat{I}\|_2 \leq \frac{(\beta')^{k-1}}{\sqrt{n}}$

Now $\chi_B A = \chi_B ((1-\lambda)J + \lambda C)$ when $\|C\| \leq 1$.

$$\text{and } \|\chi_B A\| \leq (1-\lambda)\|\chi_B J\| + \lambda\|\chi_B C\|$$

Since $\|\chi_B \hat{I}\|_2 = \|\underbrace{(1 \dots 1 0 \dots 0)}_{\beta n}\|_2 = \sqrt{\beta n} = \sqrt{\beta} \|I\|_2$ and $J\hat{u} = \alpha \hat{I}$, $\chi_B \hat{u}$,

~~$$\|\chi_B J \hat{u}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\beta n} \|J\| \sqrt{\beta n} \|\hat{u}\|$$~~

$$\|\chi_B J \hat{u}\|_2 \leq \sqrt{\beta'} \|J \hat{u}\| \leq \sqrt{\beta'} \|\hat{u}\| \text{ since } \|J\|=1$$

$$\text{so } \|\chi_B J\| \leq \sqrt{\beta'}$$

And

$$\|\chi_B C\| \leq \|\chi_B\| \|C\| \leq \|C\| \leq 1$$

Then

$$\|\chi_B A\| \leq (1-\lambda)\sqrt{\beta'} + \lambda$$

$$\text{so } \|(\chi_B A)^{k-1} B \hat{I}\|_2 \leq [(1-\lambda)\sqrt{\beta'} + \lambda]^{k-1}$$

~~$$\leq [(1-\lambda)\beta + \lambda]^{k-1} \leq [(1-\lambda)\sqrt{\beta} + \lambda]^{k-1}$$~~

Application AKLLR can be proved from the fact that any regular connected graph w/ self loop has $\lambda(G) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{12n^2}$, and $\beta = (1 - \frac{1}{n})$
 take $k = n^4$ (say)

Pf $(1 - \lambda)\sqrt{\beta} + \lambda \leq (1 - \frac{1}{12n^2})\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n}} + 1 - \frac{1}{12n^2}$
 $\approx (1 - \frac{1}{12n^2})(1 - \frac{1}{2n}) + 1 - \frac{1}{12n^2}$
 $= 1 - \frac{1}{6n^3}$

and $(1 - \frac{1}{6n^3})^{n^4} \approx e^{-1/6}$

so $(1 - \frac{1}{6n^3})^{n^4} \leq c^{-n}$ for constant $c < 1$.

Graph Products

Matrix Squaring:

Let G be an (n, d, λ) -expander graph.
 Define G^2 to be the (n, d^2, λ^2) -expander graph

by

$$\text{Edges}(G^2) = \{ (x, z) : \exists y \in [n] (x, y) \in \text{Edge}(G) + (y, z) \in \text{Edge}(G) \}$$

Note G^2 has all self-loops. Can also have multiedges.
 And, G^2 has n vertices and is d^2 -regular.

If the edges incident to x in G are labelled $1, \dots, d$ ("edge ends")
 then the edges incident to x in G^2 can be labelled
 $(1,1), (1,2), \dots, (d, d-1), (d, d)$ and
 the (i, j) -edge adjacent to x is (x, z) s.t.
 $\exists y$ s.t. y is the i -th edge of x and
 z s.t. z is the j -th edge of y .

Claim G^2 is an (n, d^2, λ^2) -expander

PF Let $A = A(G)$. If $u \perp \mathbb{1}$, then $A(u) \perp \mathbb{1}$
 Thus, for $u \perp \mathbb{1}$,
 $\|A^2 u\| \leq |\lambda| \cdot |\lambda| \|u\| = \lambda^2 \|u\|$,
 qed.

Tensor product

Let G be an (n, d, λ) -expander graph, and G' be an (n', d', λ') -expander graph.

The tensor product $G \otimes G'$ is the $(n \cdot n', d \cdot d', \max\{\lambda, \lambda'\})$ expander graph defined by:

~~Edg~~ Vertices of $G \otimes G' = \{ \langle x, y \rangle : x \in [n], y \in [n'] \}$

Edges of $G \otimes G'$ incident to $\langle x, y \rangle$

are $\{ \langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle : (x, x') \in G, (y, y') \in G' \}$

If (x, x') is the i th edge incident to x

and (y, y') is the j th edge incident to y ,

then $(\langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle)$ is the $\langle i, j \rangle$ edge incident to $\langle x, y \rangle$.

Let $A = A(G)$, ~~A~~ $A' = A(G')$.

Then

$$A(G \otimes G) = A \otimes A' = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}A' & a_{12}A' & \dots & a_{1n}A' \\ a_{21}A' & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{n1}A' & \dots & \dots & a_{nn}A' \end{pmatrix}$$

Pf: By inspection. ~~&~~ If at ~~at~~ $\langle x, y \rangle = \langle v_i, v'_j \rangle \in G \otimes G$,
the ~~go~~ transit to $\langle x', y' \rangle$ with probability $a_{ii'} a'_{jj'}$
 $\langle v_i', v'_j' \rangle \in G \otimes G$.

Eigenvectors of $A \otimes A'$ are $u \otimes u'$ for u, u' eigenvectors of A, A' , resp.
with corresponding eigenvalues $\lambda \lambda'$

$$(u \otimes u') = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 u'_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n u'_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Pf: By inspection,

Rotation map of G 's

the "edge ends" of G are $\langle x, i \rangle$ denote the i -th edge incident on x . Edge ends = $[n] \times [d]$

Defn The rotation map on $[n] \times [d]$ of G is the bijection

$$\hat{G}: \langle x, i \rangle \mapsto \langle y, j \rangle$$

provided $\langle x, i \rangle$ is the i -th edge incident on x and the j -th edge incident on y .

Rotation Map for Matrix Product

If

$$\hat{G}: \langle x, i \rangle \mapsto \langle y, i' \rangle$$

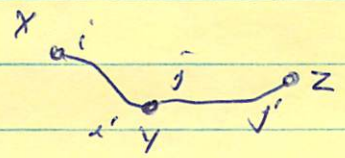
and

$$\hat{G}: \langle y, j \rangle \mapsto \langle z, j' \rangle$$

Then

~~$$\hat{G}: \langle x, i, j \rangle \mapsto \langle y, i', j' \rangle$$~~

$$\hat{G}^2: \langle x, \langle i, j \rangle \rangle \mapsto \langle z, \langle j', i' \rangle \rangle$$



Rotation Map for Tensor Product

If

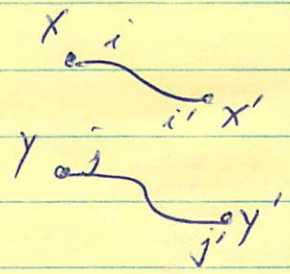
$$\hat{G}: \langle x, i \rangle \mapsto \langle x', i' \rangle$$

and

$$\hat{G}': \langle y, j \rangle \mapsto \langle y', j' \rangle$$

Then

$$\widehat{G \times G'}: \langle \langle x, y \rangle, \langle i, j \rangle \rangle \rightarrow \langle \langle x', y' \rangle, \langle i', j' \rangle \rangle$$



Definition Replacement Product (aka "Bounded Replacement Product")

Let G be an $(n, D, 1-\epsilon)$ -expander

Let G' be an $(D, d, 1-\delta)$ -expander

$G \circledast G'$ is an $(nD, 2d, 1-\epsilon\delta^2/24)$ -expander, defined by:

Vertices of $G \circledast G'$ are $\langle u, i \rangle$, $u \in G, i \in G'$.

Edges of $G \circledast G'$ are:

- (a) $\{ \langle u, i \rangle, \langle v, j \rangle \}$ where $\hat{G} : \langle u, i \rangle \rightarrow \langle v, j \rangle$.
i.e. i -th edge from u is j -th edge of v .
→ Make d copies of this edge (!)
- (b) $\{ \langle u, i \rangle, \langle u, j \rangle \}$ s.t. $(i, j) \in E(G')$.

Intuition Each vertex of degree D in G is replaced by a copy of G' .

The edges of G attach to different vertices of G' copy of G' . So i -th edge of G adjacent u now attaches to the i -th vertex of G' 's copy of G' .

Plus these edges are "parallelized" d times.

Clearly $G \circledast G'$ has nD vertices and is $2d$ -regular (+ undirected)

Rotation Map for $G \circledast G'$:

Label edges adjacent to $\langle u, i \rangle \in (G \circledast G')$ with an ordered pair $\langle l, b \rangle \in [d] \times \{0, 1\}$.

Then

$$\widehat{G \circledast G'} : \langle \langle u, i \rangle, \langle l, b \rangle \rangle \rightarrow \begin{cases} \langle \langle u, i' \rangle, \langle l', b' \rangle \rangle & \text{if } b=0 \\ & \text{when } \hat{G}(\langle u, i \rangle) = \langle u', i' \rangle \\ \langle \langle u', i' \rangle, \langle l, b \rangle \rangle & \text{if } b=1 \\ & \text{when } \hat{G}(\langle u, i \rangle) = \langle u', i' \rangle. \end{cases}$$

Point Use w/ large D to reduce degree to $2d \ll D$.

Transition Matrix (Random Walk Matrix) for $G \otimes G'$ is

$$A(G \otimes G') = A \otimes A' = \frac{1}{2} \hat{A} + \frac{1}{2} I_n \otimes A'$$

where $A = A(G)$, $A' = A(G')$, A is $n \times n$; A' is $D \times D$.

\hat{A} = the permutation matrix corresponding the rotation matrix of G .

I_n = $n \times n$ identity matrix.

Theorem $\lambda(G \otimes H) \leq 1 - \frac{\epsilon \delta^2}{24}$.

Pf: It suffices to prove that $(\lambda(G \otimes H))^3 \leq 1 - \frac{\epsilon \delta^2}{8}$.

(since $\lambda(G^k) = (\lambda(G))^k$ for general graph G , (2, $G \otimes G'$.)

Let $C = A((G \otimes G')^3) = (A(G \otimes G'))^3$

So

$$C = \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{A} + \frac{1}{2} I_n \otimes A' \right)^3$$

By Lemma on p 11.

$$\|B\| \leq 1$$

$$A' = (1-\delta)B + \delta J_D \quad \text{where } (J_D)_{ij} = \frac{1}{D} \quad \forall i, j.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } C &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{A} + \frac{1}{2} I_n \otimes [(1-\delta)B + \delta J_D] \right)^3 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \hat{A} + \frac{1-\delta}{2} I_n \otimes B + \frac{\delta}{2} I_n \otimes J_D \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

= 27 terms

Note $\|\hat{A}\| = 1$

$\|I_n \otimes B\| \leq 1$ since $\|B\| \leq 1$

and $\|I_n \otimes J_n\| = 1$.

Thus $C = \frac{\delta^2}{8} (I_n \otimes J_D) \hat{A} (I_n \otimes J_D)$
 $+ \left[26 \text{ terms each is a coefficient } a_i \cdot a_{26} \in \mathbb{R} \right.$
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{times a product of 3 matrices of} \\ \text{norm } \leq 1, \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{26} a_i = 1 - \frac{\delta^2}{8} \end{array} \right]$

i.e. $C = \left(1 - \frac{\delta^2}{8}\right) C' + \frac{\delta^2}{8} (I_n \otimes J_D) \hat{A} (I_n \otimes J_D)$

Claim $(I_n \otimes J_D) \hat{A} (I_n \otimes J_D) = A \otimes J_D$

Thus, by tensor product (p 17) and since $\lambda(J_D) = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(C) &\leq 1 - \frac{\delta^2}{8} (1 - \lambda(A \otimes J_D)) \\ &\leq 1 - \frac{\delta^2}{8} (1 - \max\{\lambda(A), \lambda(J_D)\}) \\ &\leq 1 - \frac{\delta^2}{8} (1 - (1 - \epsilon)) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\epsilon \delta^2}{8} \end{aligned}$$

PF of Claim. Note these are $nD \times nD$ matrices
RHS This is the transition matrix for a random walk step
 in $\mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{K}_D$ from $(u, i) \rightarrow (v, j)$
 v a neighbor of u
 $j \in D$ chosen at random

LHS: $I_n \otimes J_D$ - a random ^{walk} step from $\{u, i\}$ to $\{u, j\}$
when $j \in D$ is chosen at random.

\hat{A} - a random step $\langle u, i \rangle$ to $\langle v, j \rangle$ as
given by the rotation maps of G .

By inspection,

$(I_n \otimes J_D) \hat{A} (I_n \otimes J_D)$ has the same effect
as $A \otimes J_D$.

This proves the Claim and the Theorem. QED ✓