

Lecture 11

Testing dense graph properties via SRL:

Δ -freeness

the lower bound ...

An intriguing characterization of bipartite graphs:

For graphs in adjacency matrix model:

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Complexity of testing H -freeness property,

- if H bipartite, $\text{poly}(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$ is enough
- if H not bipartite, no $\text{poly}(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$ suffices



we will prove for $H = \Delta$

is a terrible dependence
on ϵ required?
is there a better algorithm?
even just for testing Δ -freeness?



Lower bounds for testing

Δ -freeness:

No! superpoly dependence on ϵ required!

i.e. $\geq \left(\frac{C}{\epsilon}\right)^{c \log\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)}$ for some const C

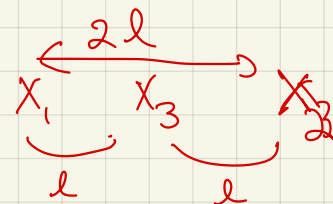
Main tool #1: Additive number theory lemma

Lemma $\forall m, \exists X < M = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ of size $\geq \frac{m}{e^{10\sqrt{\lg m}}}$

with no nontrivial soln to

no three
evenly spaced
points

$$\rightarrow X_1 + X_2 = 2X_3$$



$$X_3 = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2}$$



will use to construct graphs

which are (1) far from Δ -free

(2) any algorithm needs lots (in terms of ϵ)
queries to find Δ

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Examples:

Bad X :

$$\{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{5, 9, 13\}$$

Good X ?

$$\{1, 2, 4, 5, \cancel{6}, \cancel{7}, \cancel{8}, \cancel{9}, 10, \dots\} \leftarrow \text{how big?}$$

$$\{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots\} \leftarrow \text{only size } \log m$$

Proof Let d be integer (will set to $e^{10\sqrt{\log m}}$)

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$k \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{\log m}{\log d} \rfloor - 1$ (so $k \approx \frac{\log m}{10\sqrt{\log m}} \approx \frac{\sqrt{\log m}}{10}$)

define $X_B = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^k x_i \cdot d^i \mid x_i < \frac{d}{2} \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq k \right\}$
 $\forall B > 0$
 view $x \in M$ in base d representation $x = (x_0 \dots x_k)$

Can be any convex fn of x_i 's

$\sum_{i=0}^k x_i^2 = B$

② partitions $M \cap \{x \mid x \text{ satisfies } \textcircled{1}\}$

Claim $X_B \subseteq M$ why? largest number in $X_B \leq d^{k+1} \leq d^{\lfloor \frac{\log m}{\log d} \rfloor - 1 + 1} = d^{\frac{\log m}{\log d}} = m^{\frac{\log d}{\log d}} = m$

Pick B st. $|X_B|$ maximized:

how big can B be? $B \leq (k+1) \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 < k \cdot d^2$

how small can $\sum |X_B|$ be? $|\cup_B X_B| = \sum_B |X_B| \approx \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{k+1} > \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^k$

so $\exists B$ st. $|X_B| \geq \frac{\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^k}{k d^2}$, so $\exists B$ st. $|X_B| \geq \frac{m}{e^{10\sqrt{\log m}}}$

Then if B is sum-free, we have the lemma!

Why the constraints?

- $x_i \leq \frac{d}{2} \Rightarrow$ sum pairs of elts in X_B doesn't generate carries
- will use both to show X_B is sum-free

Proof that X_B is sum-free:

$$\text{for } x, y, z \in X_B: x+y=2z \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^k x_i \cdot d^i + \sum_{i=0}^k y_i \cdot d^i = 2 \cdot \sum_{i=0}^k z_i \cdot d^i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_0 + y_0 = 2 \cdot z_0 \\ x_1 + y_1 = 2 \cdot z_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k + y_k = 2 \cdot z_k \end{cases} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} x_0 + y_0 = 2 \cdot z_0 \\ x_1 + y_1 = 2 \cdot z_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_k + y_k = 2 \cdot z_k \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{since no carries}$$

but $\forall i \ x_i + y_i = 2 \cdot z_i \Rightarrow \forall i \ x_i^2 + y_i^2 \geq 2z_i^2$ with equality only if $x_i = y_i = z_i$

why? $f(a) = a^2$ is convex

using Jensen's \sharp : $\frac{1}{2}(f(a_1) + f(a_2)) \geq f\left(\frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}\right)$ with equality only if $a_1 = a_2 = \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(x_i^2 + y_i^2) \geq \left(\frac{x_i + y_i}{2}\right)^2 = (z_i)^2 \quad \text{" " " " } \quad x_i = y_i = z_i$$

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so if $\exists x, y, z \in X_B$ s.t. $x+y=2z$ + $\text{not}(x=y=z)$ then

$\exists i$ s.t. $\text{not}(x_i = y_i = z_i)$

so $\underbrace{\sum x_i^2}_{=B} + \underbrace{\sum y_i^2}_{=B} > \underbrace{\sum 2z_i^2}_{2B}$

CONTRADICTION!

for this $i \ x_i^2 + y_i^2 > 2z_i^2$
for all other $j \ x_j^2 + y_j^2 \geq 2z_j^2$

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So we have this lemma:

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How do we use it?

- Characterize form of "nearly best" property testers
- Use lemma to build class of graphs which make property testers do the wrong thing

Main tool #2: Characterization of "best" algorithms for property testing

Homework 2

G in adjacency matrix model

Property P

Tester T using $q(n, \epsilon)$ queries

$\Rightarrow \exists$ tester T' : "Natural tester"

pick $q(n, \epsilon)$ nodes randomly
query submatrix
decide

$\Theta(q^2)$ queries

Consequences:

l.b. for natural tester of $\Omega(q)$

\Rightarrow l.b. for any tester of $\Omega(\sqrt{q})$

reduction preserves 1-sidedness

so l.b. implication preserved too

In our case:

Prob pass $\approx \frac{\# \Delta\text{'s in } G}{\# \text{ node triples}}$

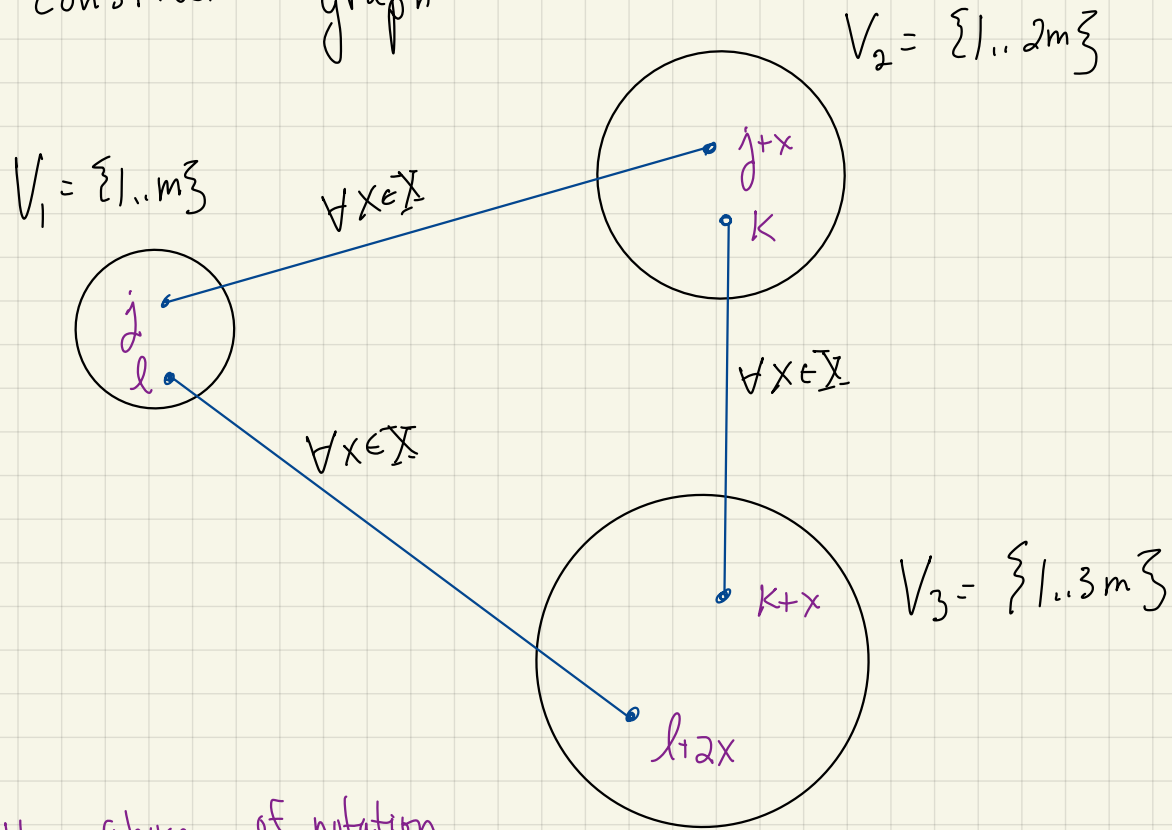
We will calculate $\# \Delta\text{'s}$
for our lower bound
family of graphs

*in q
queries
where
 $q \approx \frac{1}{\epsilon} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

Only need to find class of graphs on which natural tester
can't find a Δ & distance is big ($\geq \epsilon$)

Graphs on which natural tester needs lots of queries:

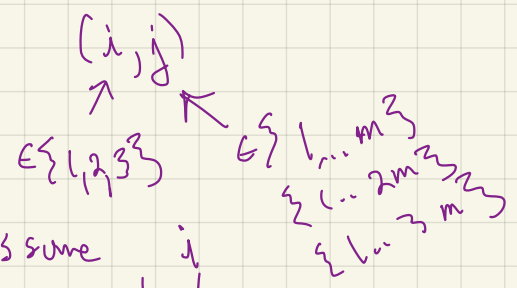
given sum-free $X \subseteq \{1..m\}$
 construct graph



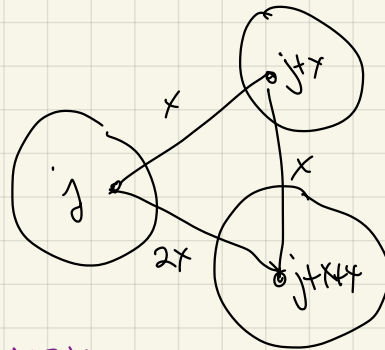
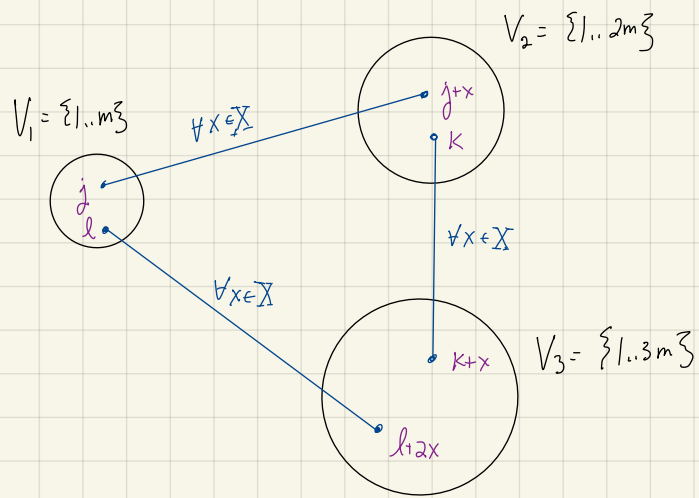
"Natural tester"
 pick $f(n, \epsilon)$ nodes ran
 query submatrix
 decide

$\# \text{ nodes} = 6m$ so $m = \Theta(n)$
 $\# \text{ edges} = \Theta(m \cdot |X|)$
 $= \Theta(n^2 / e^{10\sqrt{\log n}})$
 not dense enough
 need dist to be $\epsilon \cdot n^2$

Slight abuse of notation
 should be



but well assume i from context

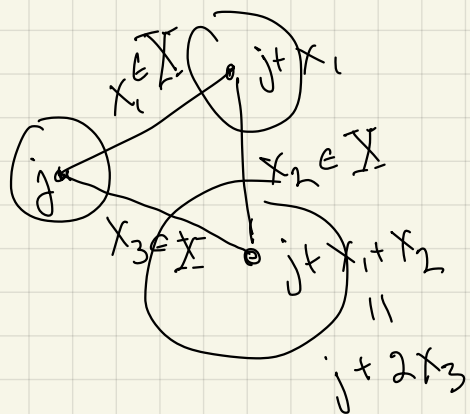


cycles: intended Δ 's of form $j, j+x, j+2x$

$$\# m \cdot |X| = \Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{e^{6\sqrt{\log n}}}\right)$$

unintended Δ 's

V_1, V_2, V_3 have no internal edges \Rightarrow any Δ has $v_1 \in V_1, v_2 \in V_2, v_3 \in V_3$



$$x_1 + x_2 = 2x_3 \text{ but } x_1, x_2, x_3 \in X$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = x_3$$

since X has no nontrivial solutions to $x_1 + x_2 = x_3$

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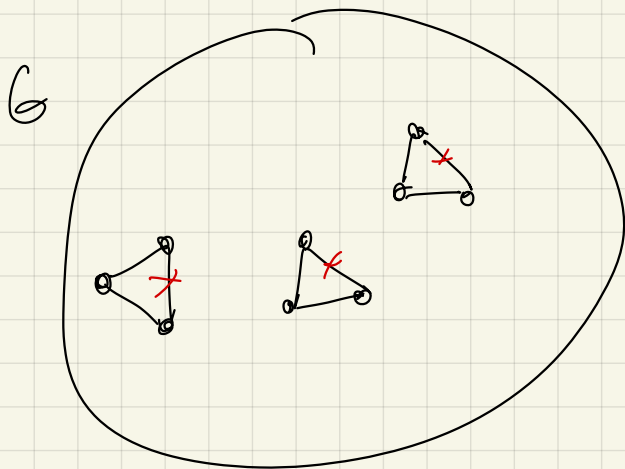
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} no unintended Δ 's

distance to Δ -free \neq # Δ 's

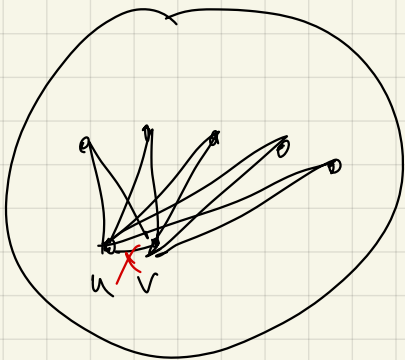


all Δ 's disjoint

distance to Δ -free:
need to delete edge
in each Δ

\Rightarrow dist \geq # disjoint Δ 's

G'



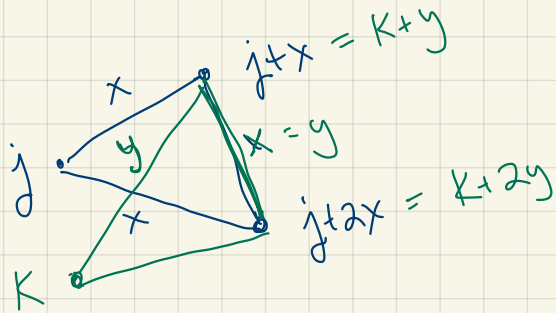
all Δ 's share edge (u,v)

dist to Δ -free:
1 edge

disjoint cycles:

all intended Δ 's are disjoint (share no edges)

suppose not:



since $x=y$

\Downarrow

$j=K$

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$$(j, j+x, j+2x) = (K, K+y, K+2y)$$

this shows
can't share 2nd edge
repeat argument
for 1st & 3rd
edges

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distance to Δ -free:

Δ 's edge disjoint \Rightarrow must remove ≥ 1 edge from each disjoint Δ

\Downarrow

$$\text{must remove } \Theta(\# \Delta\text{'s}) = \Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{e^{10\sqrt{\log n}}}\right)$$

$$= \Theta(m \cdot |X|)$$

Problem need ϵ distance

we have $\Theta\left(\frac{1}{e^{10\sqrt{\log n}}}\right)$ distance

Idea for fix

"S-blow up"

$\sim m \cdot |S|$

$\sim m \cdot |X| \cdot |S|^2$

$\sim m \cdot |X| \cdot |S|^3$

use $\delta \approx \frac{n}{6m} \sim n \binom{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}{2}^{\log \frac{\epsilon}{2}}$

pick m largest int

$\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{e} \sqrt{\log m}$

so $m \geq \left(\frac{c}{\epsilon}\right)^{\log c/\epsilon}$ lemma

$G \Rightarrow G^{(S)}$

node in $G \Rightarrow$ size S independent set in $G^{(S)}$

edge in $G \Rightarrow$ complete bipartite graph in $G^{(S)}$

Δ in $G \Rightarrow S^3 \Delta$'s in $G^{(S)}$

↑
prove a lemma

dist of $G^{(S)}$

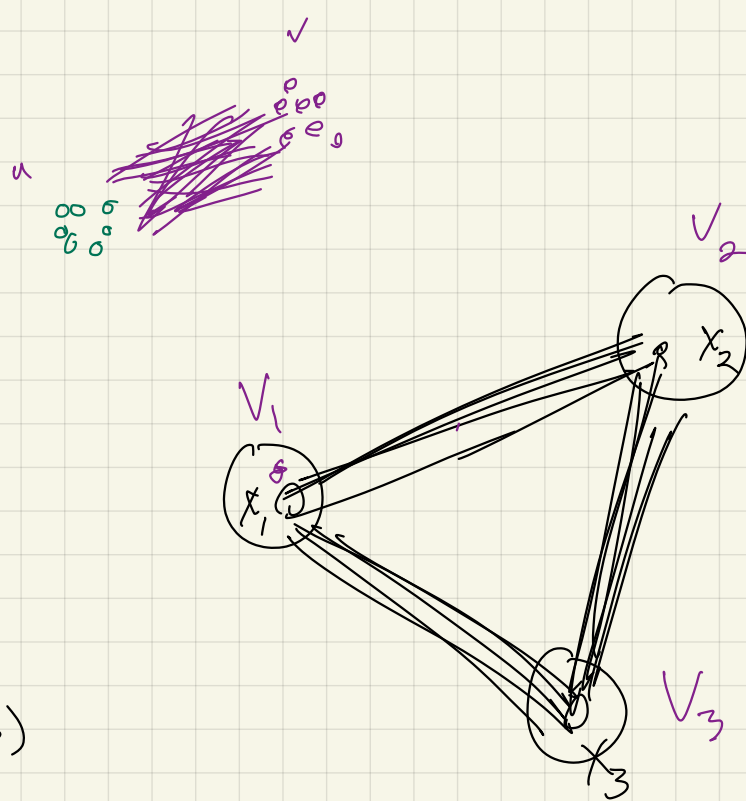
from Δ free

\geq # edge disjoint Δ 's

$\geq m |X| \cdot \delta^2$

pf

show Δ in $G \Rightarrow S^2$ disjoint Δ 's in $G^{(S)}$



so distance $\approx \frac{m |X| \cdot s^2}{m^2 \cdot s^2} \leftarrow \text{size adj matrix}$

$= \frac{|X|}{m} \geq \frac{1}{e^{10 \sqrt{\log m}}} \geq \epsilon$ by choice of m

$\# \Delta$'s $\approx m \cdot |X| \cdot |s|^3$
 $\approx \left(\frac{\epsilon}{c'}\right)^{c' \log \frac{c'}{\epsilon}} \cdot n^3$

If take sample of size q (+ run natural algorithm)

$E[\# \Delta$'s in sample] $< \binom{q}{3} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{c'}\right)^{c' \log \frac{c'}{\epsilon}}$

$\ll 1$ unless $q > \left(\frac{c''}{\epsilon}\right)^{c'' \log \frac{c''}{\epsilon}}$

g is cube root of

then by Markov's $\neq \Rightarrow \Pr[\text{any } \Delta \text{ in sample}] \ll 1$

since 1-sided error, must see Δ to output false