

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

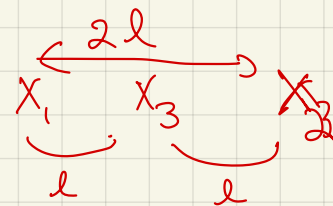
Main tool #1: Additive number theory lemma

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 how big?

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

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$$X = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

Claim $X_B \subseteq M$

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view $x \in M$ in base d representation $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k)$

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: ↙ bound on x_i 's

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? $|\cup_B X_B| \geq \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^{k+1} > \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^k$ but X_B 's are disjoint so this lower bound sum

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

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

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

so use Jensen's \neq : $\frac{1}{2} (f(a_1) + f(a_2)) \geq f(\frac{a_1 + a_2}{2})$ with equality only if all a_i 's are =

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

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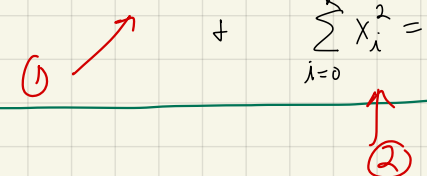
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so if $\exists x, y, z \in X_B$ st. $\begin{cases} x+y=2z \\ \text{not } (x=y=z) \end{cases}$ then $\exists i$ st. $\underbrace{\text{not } (x_i = y_i = z_i)}_{\text{for this } i}$

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

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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 adj 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

$O(q^2)$
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 does too

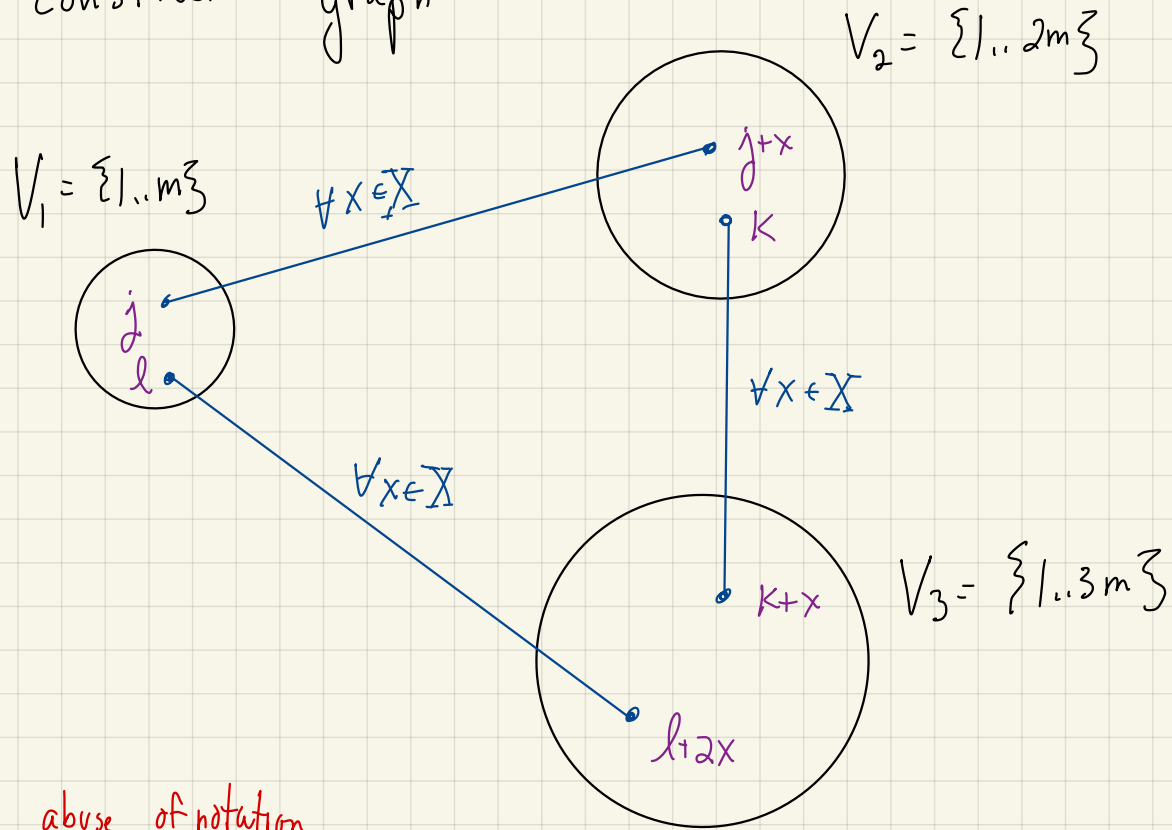
WE CAN CALCULATE THIS

Prob pass = $\frac{\# \text{triangles}}{\# \text{node triples}}$

\Rightarrow Only need to find class of graphs on which natural tester does badly \wedge distance $\geq \epsilon$

Graphs on which natural tester needs lots of queries:

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

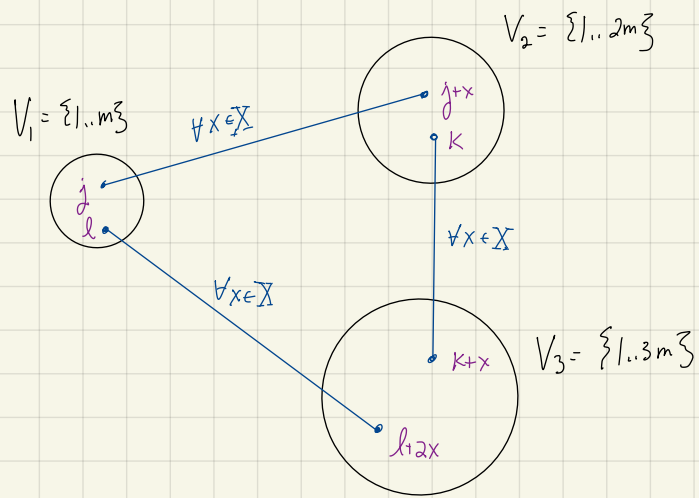


"Natural tester"
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slight abuse of notation
 should be (i, j)
 $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ $j \in \{1..3m\}$
 drop i

nodes = $6m$ so $m = \Theta(n)$

edges = $\Theta(m \cdot |X|)$
 $= \Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{e^{10\sqrt{\log n}}}\right)$
 not exactly dense enough
 need to fix this to be $\Theta(n^2)$

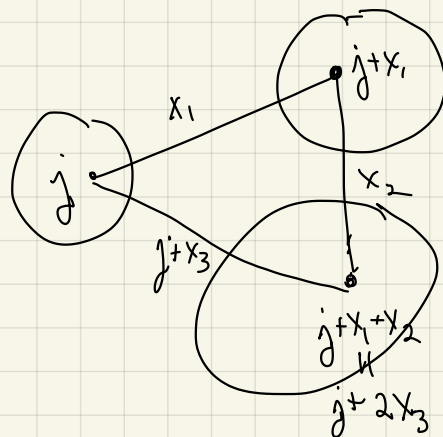


cycles: intended Δ 's of form $j, j+x, j+2x$

$m \cdot |X| = \Theta\left(\frac{n^2}{e^{10\sqrt{\lg n}}}\right)$

unintended Δ 's

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



$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 2x_3$$

$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = x_3$ since X is sum-free but these are intended Δ 's

$\sum \Rightarrow$ no non-intended Δ 's

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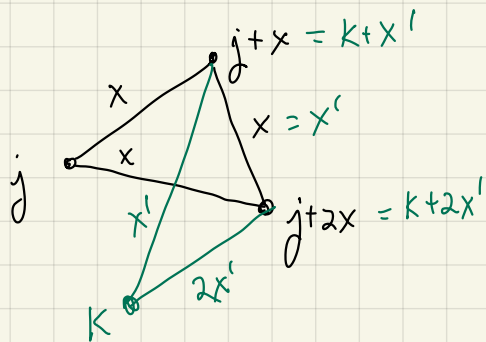
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disjoint cycles:

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

Suppose not:



since $x=x'$, $k=j$

$\rightarrow \leftarrow$

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distance to Δ -free:

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

must remove \Downarrow

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

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

Problem need $\Theta(n^2)$ distance

Idea for fix

"S-blow up"

number
 $\sim m S$

$\sim m/x |S|^2$

$\sim m/x |S|^3$

Use $S = \lfloor \frac{n}{6m} \rfloor \approx h \cdot \left(\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right)^{c \log 1/\epsilon}$

$m = \text{largest int st.}$
 $\epsilon \leq \frac{1}{e} 10 \sqrt{\log m}$

so $m \geq \left(\frac{c}{\epsilon}\right)^{c \log 1/\epsilon}$

lemma

dist of $G^{(S)}$
 from Δ free

$\geq \# \text{ edge disjoint } \Delta$'s
 $\geq m/x |S|^2$

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

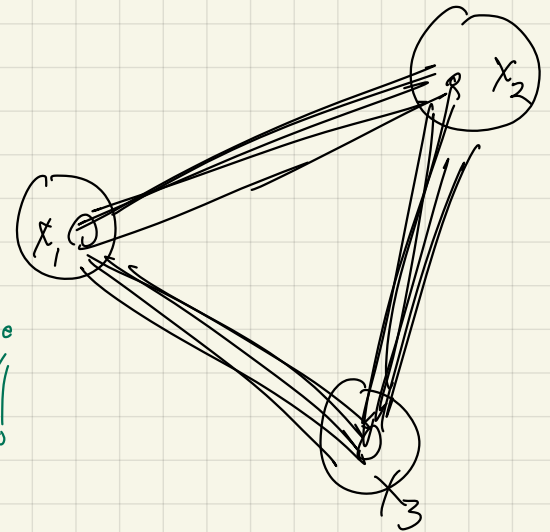
$G \Rightarrow G^{(S)} \quad \circ \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ \end{matrix}$

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 $G^{(S)}$

\uparrow
 prove a lemma



so likely to find one?
but not necessarily edge disjoint now

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

$$= \frac{|X|}{m} \geq \frac{1}{e^{10\sqrt{\log m}}} \geq \varepsilon$$

by choice of m
 \downarrow lemma on $|X|$

$$\# \Delta\text{'s} \approx m |X| s^3$$

$$= \frac{m^2}{e^{10\sqrt{\log m}}} \cdot \binom{n}{6m}^3 \approx \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{c'}\right)^{c' \log \frac{c'}{\varepsilon}} n^3$$

If take sample of size q

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

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

so by Markov's $\# \Rightarrow \Pr[\text{see } \Delta] \ll 1$

Since 1-sided error, must find Δ to output fail \square