

# Random cluster model on regular graphs

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# Partition function of the random cluster model

For a graph  $G = (V, E)$  the partition function of the random cluster model is defined by

$$Z_G(q, w) = \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} q^{k(A)} w^{|A|},$$

where  $k(A)$  denotes the number of connected components of the graph  $(V, A)$ .

# Tutte polynomial

$$T_G(x, y) = \sum_{A \subseteq E} (x - 1)^{k(A) - k(E)} (y - 1)^{k(A) + |A| - v(G)},$$

where  $k(A)$  denotes the number of connected components of the graph  $(V, A)$ , and  $v(G)$  denotes the number of vertices of the graph  $G$ .

$$T_G(x, y) = (x - 1)^{-k(E)} (y - 1)^{-v(G)} Z_G((x - 1)(y - 1), y - 1).$$

# Tutte polynomial and random cluster model

$$T_G(x, y)$$

$$Z_G(q, w)$$

## Combinatorics

- $T_G(1, 1)$  spanning trees
- $T_G(2, 1)$  spanning forests
- $T_G(1, 2)$  connected subgraphs
- $T_G(2, 2) = 2^{e(G)}$
- $T_G(2, 0)$  acyclic orientations
- $T_G(0, 2)$  strong orientations
- chromatic polynomial
- flow polynomial

## Statistical physics

- $q = 2$  Ising model
- $q \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  Potts model
- $q > 0$  and  $w \geq -1$  random cluster model

# Main problem

Let  $(G_n)_n$  be an essentially large girth sequence of  $d$ -regular graphs. Let  $v(G)$  denote the number of vertices of  $G$ . Does the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{v(G_n)} \ln Z_{G_n}(q, w)$$

exist?

Essentially large girth: for every fixed  $g$ ,

$$\frac{\text{number of cycles of length } g \text{ in } G_n}{\text{number of vertices of } G_n} \rightarrow 0$$

# Earlier results

Dembo and Montanari: Ising model ( $q = 2$ )

Dembo, Montanari, Sun: Potts model (positive integer  $q$ ),  
except an interval  $(w_0, w_1)$

Dembo, Montanari, Sly and Sun: even  $d$  and positive integer  $q$

Helmuth, Jenssen and Perkins: proof of convergence for large  
 $q$  assuming some expansion property of  $(G_n)_n$

Bandyopadhyay and Gamarnik: graph coloring, integer  
 $q \geq d + 1$  and  $w = -1$ .

Bencs and Csikvári: Tutte-polynomial with  $x \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .

# Main theorem

## Theorem (Bencs, Borbényi and Cs.)

For a graph  $G = (V, E)$  let  $Z_G(q, w) = \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} q^{k(A)} w^{|A|}$ . If  $(G_n)_n$  is an essentially large girth sequence of  $d$ -regular graphs, then the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{v(G_n)} \ln Z_{G_n}(q, w) = \ln \Phi_{d,q,w}$$

exists for  $q \geq 2$  and  $w \geq 0$ . The quantity  $\Phi_{d,q,w}$  can be computed as follows. Let

$$\left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{w}{q}} \cos(t) + \sqrt{\frac{(q-1)w}{q}} \sin(t) \right)^d + (q-1) \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{w}{q}} \cos(t) - \sqrt{\frac{w}{q(q-1)}} \sin(t) \right)^d,$$

then

$$\Phi_{d,q,w} := \max_{t \in [-\pi, \pi]} \Phi_{d,q,w}(t).$$

The same conclusion holds true with probability 1 for a sequence of random  $d$ -regular graphs.

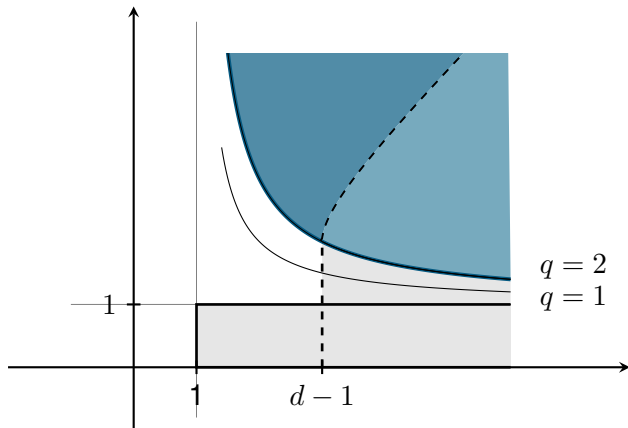
## Theorem (BBC)

Let  $q \geq 2$  and

$$w_c := \frac{q-2}{(q-1)^{1-2/d} - 1} - 1.$$

If  $0 \leq w \leq w_c$ , then  $\Phi_{d,q,w} = q \left(1 + \frac{w}{q}\right)^{d/2}$ . If  $w > w_c$ , then  $\Phi_{d,q,w} > q \left(1 + \frac{w}{q}\right)^{d/2}$ .





**Figure:** The investigated parameters are in blue. The dashed lines are  $x = d - 1$  and the phase transition parametrized in  $x, y$ . We have  $q = (x - 1)(y - 1)$  and  $w = y - 1$ .

The proof consists of two parts:

- Approximations of the partition function  $Z_G(q, w)$
- Study of ferromagnetic 2-spin models

# Approximations of the partition function $Z_G(q, w)$

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a symmetric matrix  $N \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  and  $\underline{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^r$  let

$$Z_G(N, \underline{\mu}) := \sum_{\sigma: V \rightarrow [r]} \prod_{v \in V} \mu_{\sigma(v)} \prod_{(u, v) \in E(G)} N_{\sigma(u), \sigma(v)}.$$

**Potts model with  $q$  spins:** When  $q$  is a positive integer and  $M$  is the  $q \times q$  matrix with diagonal elements  $1 + w$  and off-diagonal elements 1, and  $\underline{\mu} \equiv 1$ , then

$$Z_G(M, \underline{1}) = Z_G(q, w).$$

# Rank 1 approximation

**Motivation:** assume that  $q$  is a positive integer.

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1+w & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1+w & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1+w \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{w}{q} & 1 + \frac{w}{q} & \dots & 1 + \frac{w}{q} \\ 1 + \frac{w}{q} & 1 + \frac{w}{q} & \dots & 1 + \frac{w}{q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 + \frac{w}{q} & 1 + \frac{w}{q} & \dots & 1 + \frac{w}{q} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Idea: approximate  $Z_G(M)$  with  $Z_G(M_1)$ . Let

$$Z_G^{(1)}(q, w) := Z_G(M_1) = q^{v(G)} \left(1 + \frac{w}{q}\right)^{e(G)},$$

the rank 1 approximation of  $Z_G(q, w)$ . Make sense for any  $q > 0$ .

## Lemma

If  $q \geq 1$ , then

$$Z_G(q, w) \geq Z_G^{(1)}(q, w).$$

If  $0 < q \leq 1$ , then

$$Z_G(q, w) \leq Z_G^{(1)}(q, w).$$

## Proof.

Using the fact that  $k(A) \geq v(G) - |A|$  for an  $A \subseteq E(G)$  we get that for  $q \geq 1$  we have

$$Z_G(q, w) = \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} q^{k(A)} w^{|A|} \geq \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} q^{v(G) - |A|} w^{|A|} = q^{v(G)} \left(1 + \frac{w}{q}\right)^{e(G)}.$$

For  $q \leq 1$  we have the opposite inequality in the above computation. □

# Rank 2 approximation

What is better than a rank 1 approximation? Of course, a rank 2...

**Motivation:** again assume that  $q$  is a positive integer.

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1+w & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1+w & \cdots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1+w \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1+w & 1 + \frac{1}{q-1} & \cdots & 1 + \frac{1}{q-1} \\ 1 & 1 + \frac{w}{q-1} & \cdots & 1 + \frac{w}{q-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 + \frac{w}{q-1} & \cdots & 1 + \frac{w}{q-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$Z_G^{(2)}(q, w) := Z_G(M_2) = \sum_{S \subseteq V} (1+w)^{e(S)} (q-1)^{v(G)-|S|} \left(1 + \frac{w}{q-1}\right)^{e(G-S)}.$$

Makes sense if  $q > 1$ .



Note that  $Z_G^{(2)}(q, w) = Z_G(M'_2, \nu_2)$ , where

$$M'_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1+w & 1 \\ 1 & 1 + \frac{w}{q-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ q-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

even if  $q$  is not an integer. Also observe that

$$Z_G^{(2)}(q, w) = \sum_{S \subseteq V(G)} (1+w)^{e(S)} Z_{G-S}^{(1)}(q-1, w).$$

# Rank 2 approximation

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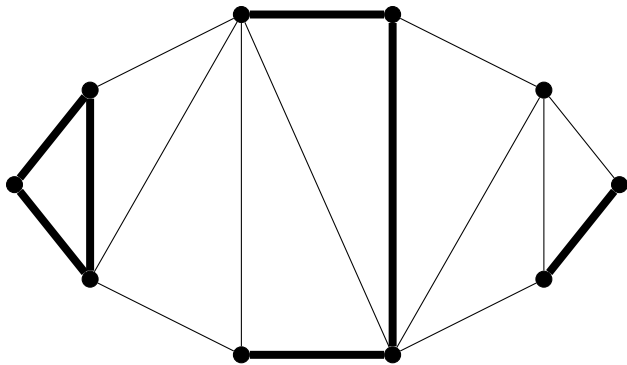
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**Figure:** Large component: a component containing cycle. Set  $\mathcal{L}_A$ .  
Small component: component not containing cycle. Set  $\mathcal{S}_A$ .  
Compatible vertex set  $R$ : union of some small components (it may be empty), notation  $R \sim A$ .

# Computation

- $k(A) = |\mathcal{L}_A| + |\mathcal{S}_A|$
- $|\mathcal{L}_A| \leq \frac{n}{g} + L(G, g)$
- $q^{|\mathcal{S}_A|} = ((q-1) + 1)^{|\mathcal{S}_A|} = \sum_{R \sim A} (q-1)^{k(R,A)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Z_G(q, w) &= \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} q^{k(A)} w^{|A|} = \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} q^{|\mathcal{L}_A| + |\mathcal{S}_A|} w^{|A|} \\ &\leq q^{n/g+L} \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} q^{|\mathcal{S}_A|} w^{|A|} \\ &= q^{n/g+L} \sum_{A \subseteq E(G)} \sum_{R: R \sim A} (q-1)^{k(R,A)} w^{|A|} \\ &= q^{n/g+L} \sum_{R \subseteq V(G)} \sum_{A: A \sim R} (q-1)^{k(R,A)} w^{|A[R]| + |A[V \setminus R]|} \\ &= q^{n/g+L} \sum_{R \subseteq V(G)} (1+w)^{e(V \setminus R)} \sum_D (q-1)^{k(D)} w^{|D|}, \end{aligned}$$

# Proof continued...

In the last sum,  $D$  is a subset of the edges induced by  $R$  such that none of the induced connected components contains a cycle. Then

$$\sum_D (q-1)^{k(D)} w^{|D|} = \sum_D (q-1)^{|R|-|D|} w^{|D|} \leq (q-1)^{|R|} \left(1 + \frac{w}{q-1}\right)^{e(R)}.$$

Hence

$$Z_G(q, w) \leq q^{n/g+L} \sum_{R \subseteq V(G)} (1+w)^{e(V \setminus R)} Z_{G[R]}^{(1)}(q-1, w),$$

that is

$$Z_G(q, w) \leq q^{n/g+L} Z_G^{(2)}(q, w).$$



# **Analysis of ferromagnetic 2-spin models**

# Ferromagnetic 2-spin models

Recall that  $Z_G^{(2)}(q, w) = Z_G(M'_2, \underline{\nu}_2)$ , where

$$M'_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1+w & 1 \\ 1 & 1 + \frac{w}{q-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{\nu}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ q-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So we need to show that the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{v(G_n)} \ln Z_{G_n}^{(2)}(q, w)$  exists for an essentially large girth sequence of  $d$ -regular graphs  $(G_n)_n$ . **This is already done!**

## The work of Dembo, Montanari, Sly and Sun

- Amir Dembo and Andrea Montanari. Ising models on locally tree-like graphs.
- Allan Sly and Nike Sun. Counting in two-spin models on  $d$ -regular graphs.
- Amir Dembo, Andrea Montanari, and Nike Sun. Factor models on locally tree-like graphs.
- Amir Dembo, Andrea Montanari, Allan Sly, and Nike Sun. The replica symmetric solution for Potts models on  $d$ -regular graphs.

## Theorem (Sly and Sun building on Dembo and Montanari)

*Let  $N$  be a  $2 \times 2$  positive definite matrix with positive entries and let  $\underline{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^2$ . Then there exists a  $\Phi_d(N, \underline{\mu})$  such that if  $(G_n)_n$  is an essentially large girth sequence of  $d$ -regular graphs, then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{v(G_n)} \ln Z_{G_n}(N, \underline{\mu}) = \ln \Phi_d(N, \underline{\mu}).$$

*The same statement holds true for a sequence of random  $d$ -regular graphs with probability 1.*

# Some improvements

## Theorem (BBC)

Let  $N$  be a  $2 \times 2$  positive definite matrix with positive entries and let  $\underline{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^2$ . Let  $(G_n)_n$  be a **Benjamini–Schramm convergent** sequence of  $d$ -regular graphs. Then

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# Subgraph counting polynomial

Subgraph counting polynomial of a  $d$ -regular graph:

$$F_G(x_0, \dots, x_d) = \sum_{A \subseteq E} \left( \prod_{v \in V} x_{d_A(v)} \right),$$

and a bit more generally,

$$F_G(x_0, \dots, x_d | z) = \sum_{A \subseteq E} \left( \prod_{v \in V} x_{d_A(v)} \right) z^{2|A|} = F_G(x_0, x_1 z, x_2 z, \dots, x_d z^d)$$

Example:  $F_{K_5}(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$

$$\begin{aligned} & x_0^5 + 10x_0^3x_1^2 + 15x_0x_1^4 + 30x_0^2x_1^2x_2 + 30x_1^4x_2 + 60x_0x_1^2x_2^2 + 10x_0^2x_2^3 + 70x_1^2x_2^3 + 15x_0x_2^4 \\ & + 12x_2^5 + 20x_0x_1^3x_3 + 60x_1^3x_2x_3 + 60x_0x_1x_2^2x_3 + 120x_1x_2^3x_3 + 60x_1^2x_2x_3^2 + 30x_0x_2^2x_3^2 + 70x_2^3x_3^2 \\ & + 60x_1x_2x_3^3 + 5x_0x_3^4 + 30x_2x_3^4 + 5x_1^4x_4 + 30x_1^2x_2^2x_4 + 15x_2^4x_4 + 60x_1x_2^2x_3x_4 + 60x_2^2x_3^2x_4 \\ & + 20x_1x_3^3x_4 + 15x_3^4x_4 + 10x_2^3x_4^2 + 30x_2x_3^2x_4^2 + 10x_3^2x_4^3 + x_4^5. \end{aligned}$$

# Ferromagnetic 2-spin models and subgraph counting polynomial

Suppose that we can write an  $r \times r$  matrix  $N$  into the form  $N = \underline{a}\underline{a}^T + \underline{b}\underline{b}^T$  and let  $\underline{\mu} \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} Z_G(N, \underline{\mu}) &= \sum_{\varphi: V \rightarrow [r]} \prod_{v \in V} \mu_{\varphi(v)} \prod_{(u,v) \in E} N_{\varphi(u)\varphi(v)} \\ &= \sum_{\varphi: V \rightarrow [r]} \prod_{v \in V} \mu_{\varphi(v)} \prod_{(u,v) \in E} (\underline{a}\underline{a}^T + \underline{b}\underline{b}^T)_{\varphi(u)\varphi(v)} \\ &= \sum_{S \subseteq E} \sum_{\varphi: V \rightarrow [r]} \prod_{v \in V} \mu_{\varphi(v)} \prod_{(u,v) \in E \setminus S} (\underline{a}\underline{a}^T)_{\varphi(u)\varphi(v)} \prod_{(u,v) \in S} (\underline{b}\underline{b}^T)_{\varphi(u)\varphi(v)} \\ &= \sum_{S \subseteq E} \sum_{\varphi: V \rightarrow [r]} \prod_{v \in V} \mu_{\varphi(v)} \prod_{(u,v) \in E \setminus S} (\underline{a}_{\varphi(u)} \underline{a}_{\varphi(v)}) \prod_{(u,v) \in S} (\underline{b}_{\varphi(u)} \underline{b}_{\varphi(v)}) \\ &= \sum_{S \subseteq E} \prod_{v \in V} \left( \sum_{k=1}^r \mu_k a_k^{d_S(v)} b_k^{d_S(v)} \right) \\ &= F_G(r_0, \dots, r_d), \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_j = \sum_{k=1}^r \mu_k a_k^{d-j} b_k^j$ .



# More than one way

$\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  are not the only vectors satisfying  $N = \underline{a}\underline{a}^T + \underline{b}\underline{b}^T$ .  
Indeed, let us define the vectors  $\underline{a}(t)$  and  $\underline{b}(t)$  as follows:

$$\underline{a}(t)_j = a_j \cos(t) + b_j \sin(t),$$

and

$$\underline{b}(t)_j = -a_j \sin(t) + b_j \cos(t).$$

Then  $N = \underline{a}(t)\underline{a}(t)^T + \underline{b}(t)\underline{b}(t)^T$ . So each pairs  $\underline{a}(t), \underline{b}(t)$  gives rise to a vector  $\underline{v}(t) = (r_0(t), \dots, r_d(t))$  such that

$$F_G(\underline{v}(t)) = Z_G(N, \underline{\mu}).$$

We can apply our argument to  $N = M'_2$ ,  $\underline{\mu} = \underline{\nu}_2$  with the following vectors.

$$\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1 + \frac{w}{q}} \\ \sqrt{1 + \frac{w}{q}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{(q-1)w}{q}} \\ -\sqrt{\frac{w}{q(q-1)}} \end{pmatrix}.$$

One can check that  $M'_2 = \underline{a}\underline{a}^T + \underline{b}\underline{b}^T$  indeed holds true. We can again introduce the vectors  $\underline{a}(t), \underline{b}(t)$  giving rise to a vector  $\underline{v}(t) = (r_0(t), \dots, r_d(t))$  such that

$$F_G(\underline{v}(t)) = Z_G(M'_2, \underline{\nu}_2) = Z_G^{(2)}(q, w).$$

# Example

Let  $d = 8$ ,  $q = 5$  and  $w = 1$ . Then the vector

$$\underline{v}(0) = (10.368, 0, 1.728, 1.058, 0.936, 0.749, 0.615, 0.501, 0.409),$$

where we kept only the first three digits everywhere. Note that  $10.368 = 5 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{5}\right)^{8/2}$ . So for every 8-regular graph  $G$  we have

$$Z_G^{(2)}(5, 1) = F_G(10.368, 0, 1.728, 1.058, 0.936, 0.749, 0.615, 0.501, 0.409).$$

Using  $t_0 = 0.6619549492373429$  we get the vector

$$\underline{v}(t_0) = (16.277, 0, 0.433, -0.496, 0.581, -0.679, 0.794, -0.929, 1.086)$$

and

$$Z_G^{(2)}(5, 1) = F_G(\underline{v}(t_0)) \geq 16.277^{v(G)}$$

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$$r_0(t) = \mu_1(a_1 \cos(t) + b_1 \sin(t))^d + \mu_2(a_2 \cos(t) + b_2 \sin(t))^d.$$

Let

$$r_j(t) = \mu_1(a_1 \cos(t) + b_1 \sin(t))^{d-j} (-a_1 \sin(t) + b_1 \cos(t))^j \\ + \mu_2(a_2 \cos(t) + b_2 \sin(t))^{d-j} (-a_2 \sin(t) + b_2 \cos(t))^j.$$

Then  $r_1(t_0) = 0$  and either

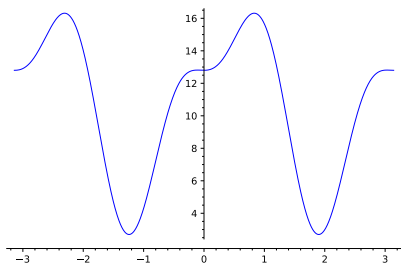
- (i)  $r_j(t_0) \geq 0$  for  $j = 0, \dots, d$  or
- (ii)  $r_j(t_0) \geq 0$  for even  $j$ , and  $r_j(t_0) \leq 0$  for odd  $j$ .

$$\Phi_d(N, \underline{\mu}) = \max_{t \in [-\pi, \pi]} r_0(t).$$

## Theorem (BBC)

*Let  $N$  be a  $2 \times 2$  positive definite matrix with positive entries and let  $\mu_1, \mu_2 > 0$ . Then, there exists a  $t_1 \in [0, 2\pi)$  such that for any  $d$ -regular graph  $G$  all the complex zeros of  $F_G(\underline{v}(t_1)|z)$  are on a circle around 0 of radius  $R_c(N, \underline{\mu})$ .*

# Example



**Figure:** For  $d = 4$ ,  $q = 5$  and  $w = 3$ . The graph of the trigonometric polynomial  $\Phi_{4,5,3}(t)$  is depicted in the figure.

Let  $d = 4$ ,  $q = 5$  and  $w = 3$ . Then

$$\underline{v}(0) = (12.8, 0, 4.8, 4.409, 5.85).$$

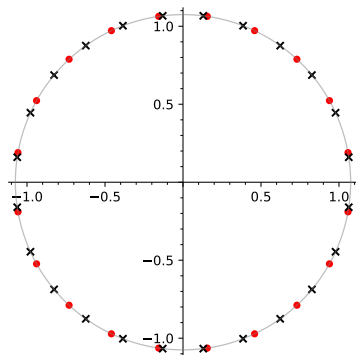
Let  $t_0 = 0.8316331320342567$  and  $\Phi_{4,5,3} = 16.315621073058985$  while

$$\underline{v}(t_0) = (16.315, 0, 1.878, -3.867, 8.176).$$

## Example continued

Let  $t_1 = 1.06627054934707$  and the corresponding vector

$$\underline{v}(t_1) = (15.010, -2.835, 0.994, -2.454, 11.249).$$



**Figure:** The zeros of  $F_G(15.010, -2.835, 0.994, -2.454, 11.249 | z)$ , where  $G$  is  $K_5$  (red) and  $G$  is the octahedron (black x). The radius is approximately 1.0747696.

# Convergence

Given a vector  $\underline{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  and a graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices let  $\lambda_1(G), \dots, \lambda_{nd}(G)$  be the zeros of the polynomial  $F_G(\underline{a}|z)$ . Let us define the probability measure  $\rho_{G,\underline{a}}$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  as follows:

$$\rho_{G,\underline{a}} := \frac{1}{nd} \sum_{k=1}^{nd} \delta_{\lambda_k(G)},$$

where  $\delta_\lambda$  is the Dirac-measure on the number  $\lambda$ .



## Lemma

(a) For any integer  $k \geq 0$ , a vector  $\underline{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  and a Benjamini–Schramm convergent sequence of  $d$ -regular graphs  $(G_n)_n$  the sequence

$$\int z^k d\rho_{G_n, \underline{a}}(z)$$

is convergent.

(b) Let  $t_1$  be such that the zeros of  $F_G(\underline{v}(t_1)|z)$  lie on a circle of radius  $R_c$  for all graph  $G$ . If  $(G_n)_n$  is a Benjamini–Schramm convergent sequence of  $d$ -regular graphs, then the sequence of measures  $\rho_{G_n, \underline{v}(t_1)}$  **converges weakly**.

If  $R_c(N, \underline{\mu}) \neq 1$ , then  $\ln|z - 1|$  is a continuous function on an appropriate region.

## Definition

We say that  $(N, \underline{\mu})$  exhibits a mixed state for a fixed positive integer  $d$  if  $R_c(N, \underline{\mu}) = 1$ .

Note that  $R_c(N, \underline{\mu}) = 1$  does not depend on which representation  $N = \underline{a}a^T + \underline{b}b^T$  we choose. We also know that  $R = R_c(N, \underline{\mu})$  is a solution of

$$(N_{11}N_{22} - N_{12}^2)R^4 + (-N_{22}^2T + 2N_{12}^2 - N_{11}^2T^{-1})R^2 + (N_{11}N_{22} - N_{12}^2) = 0,$$

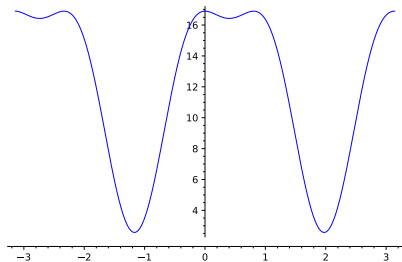
where  $T = \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1}\right)^{2/d}$ . This shows that  $(N, \underline{\mu})$  exhibits a mixed state for  $d$  if

$$2(N_{11}N_{22} - N_{12}^2) - (N_{22}^2T - 2N_{12}^2 + N_{11}^2T^{-1}) = 0.$$

# Specialization

$(M'_2, \underline{\nu}_2)$  exhibits mixed state for some  $d$  if  $q = 2$  or

$$w_c = \frac{q - 2}{(q - 1)^{1-2/d} - 1} - 1.$$



**Figure:** For  $d = 4$  and  $q = 10$  we have  $w_c = 3$ . The graph of the trigonometric polynomial  $\Phi_{4,10,3}(t)$  is depicted in the figure.

**Thank for your attention!**