

Graph Spectrum and Small Set Expansion

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Based on joint works:

Many sparse cuts via higher eigenvalues.

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Making the long code shorter

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The Small Set Expansion Problem

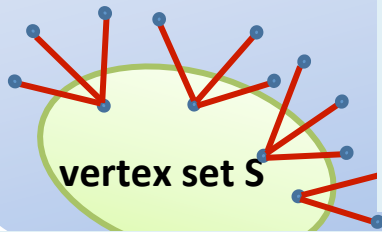
$$vol(S) = \frac{|S| \cdot d}{|V|}$$

d-regular graph G

$$expansion(S) = \frac{\# \text{ edges leaving } S}{|S|}$$

Expansion Profile: $\Phi \downarrow G : (0, 1/2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$\Phi \downarrow G(\delta) = \min_{S \subset V, vol(S) \leq \delta} expansion(S)$$



vertex in S
 $expansion(S)$

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$SSE(\delta, \epsilon)$

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- OR*
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Approximation Algorithms for $\Phi \downarrow G(1/2)$:

• Cheeger's Inequality [Alon][Alon-Milman]

Given a graph G , if the normalized adjacency matrix has second eigen value λ_2 then,

$(1 - \lambda_2)$

(STILL OPEN)

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[R-Steurer-Tulsiani 2012]

Connection to Unique Games Conjecture

BASIC SDP is optimal for ...

Constraint Satisfaction Problems [R'08]

MAX CUT [KKMO'06], MAX 2SAT [Au'07]

Metric Labeling Problems [MNRS'08]

MULTIWAY CUT, 0-EXTENSION

Ordering CSPs [GMR'08]

MAX ACYCLIC SUBGRAPH, BETWEENNESS

Strict Monotone CSPs [KMTV'10]

VERTEX COVER, HYPERGRAPH VERTEX COVER

Kernel Clustering Problems [KN'08,10]

Grothendieck Problems [KNS'08, RS'09]

...

UGC

SSE

Unifor
Minimum L

SSE problem is a bottleneck for existing
algorithmic techniques for all these problems

Notation

Let A be the normalized adjacency matrix of the d -regular graph G ,
(all entries are 0 or $1/d$)

$L(G) = I - A$ is the Laplacian.

$L(G)$ has n eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 0 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N \leq 2$

and corresponding eigenvectors e_1, \dots, e_n

“top eigen-vectors” ~ eigenvectors with small eigenvalues.

Def (Small Set Expander):

A regular graph G is a δ -small set expander
if for every set $S \subset V$,

$$|S| \leq \delta N \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{expansion}(S) \geq 1/2$$

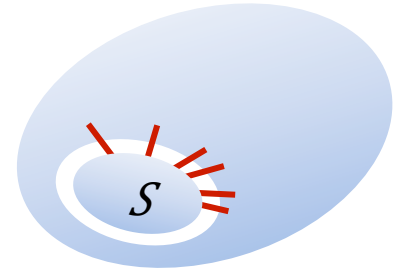
Non-expanding sets and spectrum

Given: regular graph G with vertex set V , parameter $\delta > 0$

Suppose $f = \mathbb{1}_S$ indicator function of a small non-expanding set.

S has δ -fraction of vertices $\rightarrow \|f\|_2^2 = E[f^2] = \delta$

Fraction of edges leaving $S = E[\text{random edge } (x,y) (f(x)-f(y))^2] = \langle f, L_G f \rangle$



If $\text{expansion}(S) \leq 0.001$ then

So,

$$\langle f, L_G f \rangle \leq 0.001 \|f\|_2^2$$

(f is close to the span of eigenvectors of G with eigenvalue ≤ 0.01)

Conclusion:

Indicator function of a small non-expanding set $f = \mathbb{1}_S$ is a

- sparse vector
- close to the span of the top eigenvectors of G

Subspace Search Algorithm

- Let

$$V_{\downarrow top} = \text{Span}\{e_{\downarrow i} \mid \lambda_{\downarrow i} \leq 10^{\uparrow -6}\}$$

- Pick an ϵ -net for unit ball in $V_{\downarrow top}$
- For each $v \in \epsilon$ -net

test if $S_{\downarrow v} = \{i \mid \sqrt{\delta n} v_{\downarrow i} \geq 1/2\}$ is non-expanding.

$$\text{Running Time} = O(n^{\uparrow O(\dim(V_{\downarrow top}))})$$

Small Set Expansion is *easy* on graphs with $\dim(V_{\downarrow top})$ is small.

Overview

- Higher Order Cheeger Inequalities
- Small Set Expanders with many large eigenvalues.

Higher Order Cheeger Inequalities

Fix a graph $G=(V,E)$

let

$$\lambda_1 = 0 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_k \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n$$

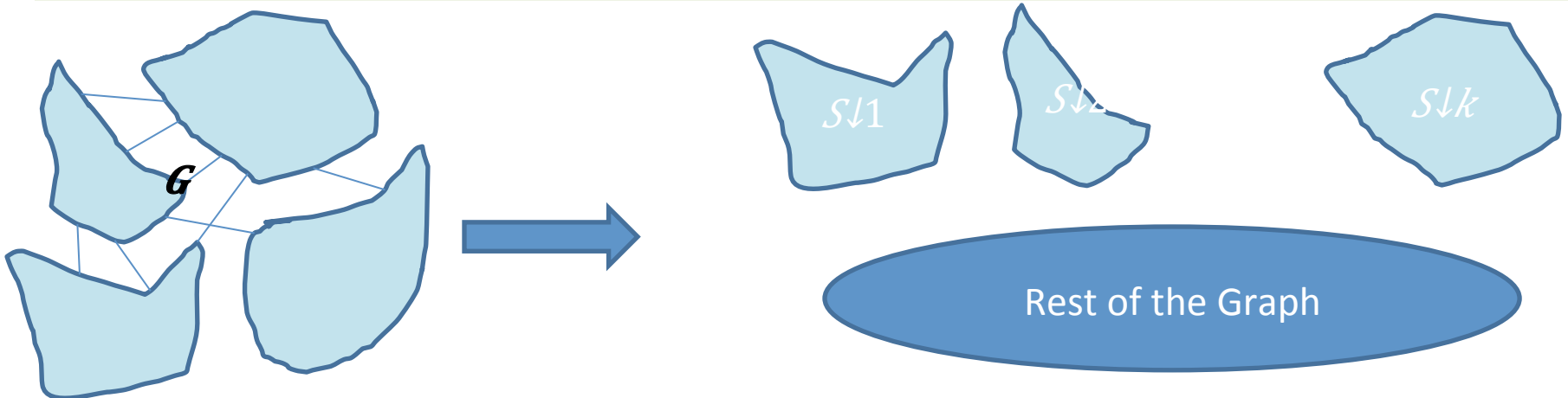
are eigenvalues of the normalized Laplacian of G .

Cheeger's Inequality (Easy Direction)

for every subset $S \subset V, |S| \leq |V|/2$,
 $\text{expansion}(S) \geq \lambda_2 / 2$

Higher Order Cheeger (Easy Direction)

For every k disjoint subsets S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k , $|S_i| \leq |V|/2$
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Cheeger's Inequality (Difficult Direction)

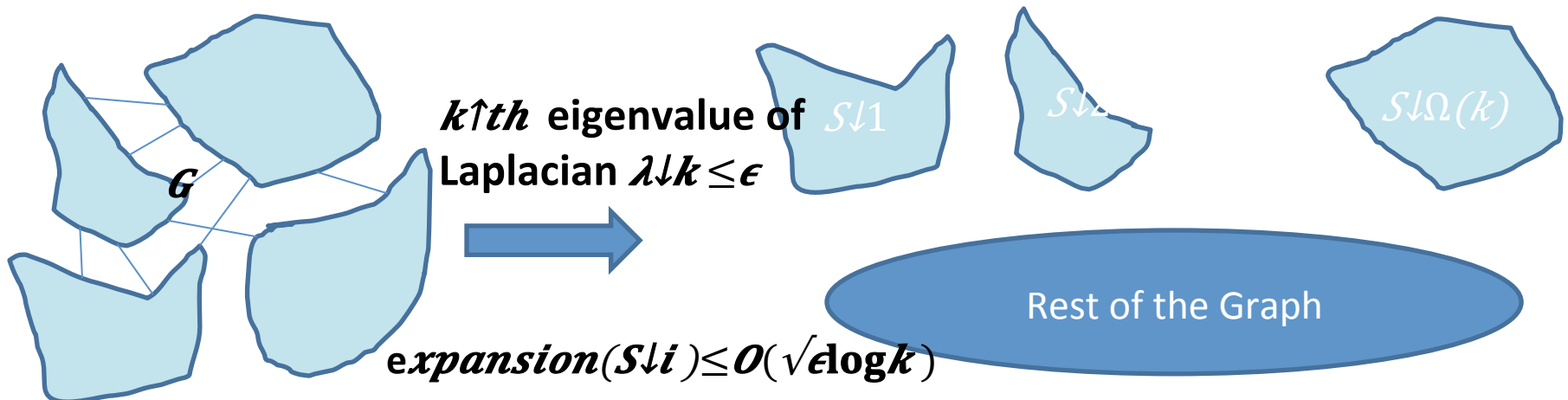
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[Lee-Oveis Gharan-Trevisan] [Louis-R-Tetali-Vempala]

Exactly k sets with $\max_i \text{expansion}(S_i) \leq k^{-2} \sqrt{\lambda_k}$
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Can Efficiently
find the sets

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OPEN: Exactly sets?

loss necessary.
Ex: noisy hypercube.

Connection to Small-Set Expansion

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If there are k eigenvalues $\leq \epsilon$, then one can efficiently find a set S such that

$$\text{vol}(S) \leq 1/k \quad \text{and} \quad \text{expansion}(S) \leq O(\sqrt{\epsilon \log k})$$

- $\text{SSE}(\epsilon, \delta)$ is easy for $\delta \geq 2\sqrt{1/\epsilon}$
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[R-Steurer-Tulsiani 2012]

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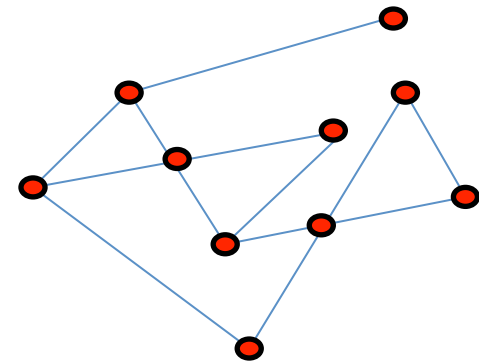
Second eigenvector of the *Laplacian*(G)

$$X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2 / \sum_i x_i^2 \leq \lambda_2$$

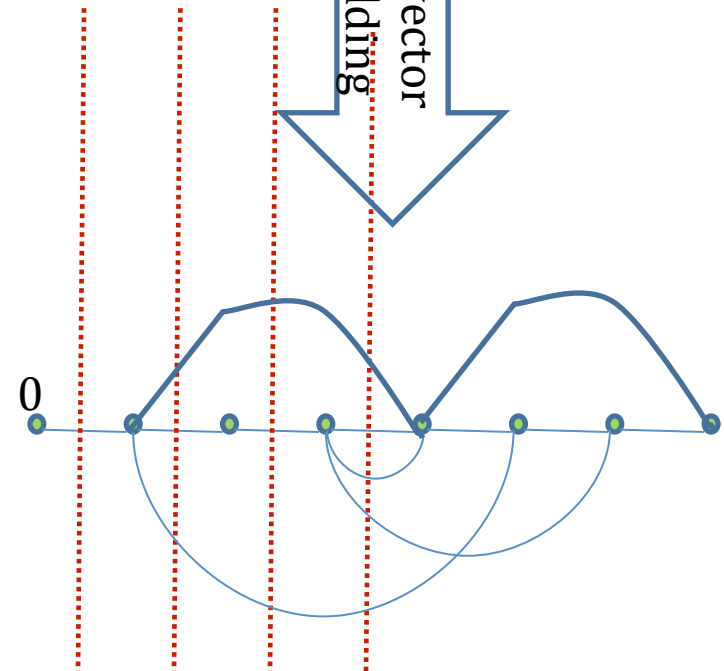
Algorithm

- Scan the embedding from left to right
- Output the level set S_i that minimizes expansion.



Eigen vector embedding

$X: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



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k- eigenvectors of the *Laplacian*(G)

$$X_1 = x_{11} \ x_{12} \ x_{13} \ x_{14} \ \dots \ x_{1n}$$

$$X_2 = x_{21} \ x_{22} \ x_{23} \ x_{24} \ \dots \ x_{2n}$$

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$$X_k = x_{k1} \ x_{k2} \ x_{k3} \ x_{k4} \ \dots \ x_{kn}$$

$$X_i \perp 1$$

$$X_i \perp X_j \text{ for } i \neq j$$

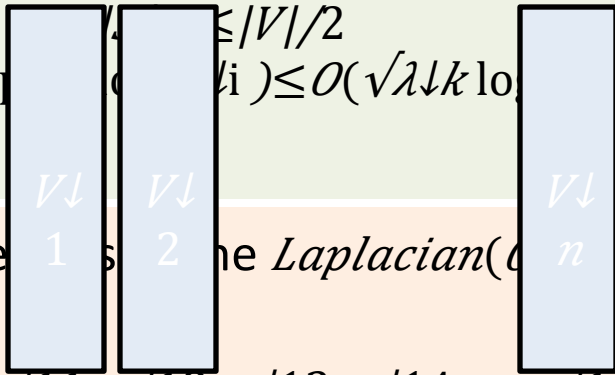
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Our Result

(Difficult Direction)

There exists $\Omega(k)$ disjoint subsets $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{\Omega(k)}$, $|S_i| \leq |V|/2$, $\max_i \exp(-\lambda_k |S_i|) \leq O(\sqrt{\lambda_k \log n})$

k -eigenvectors of the Laplacian



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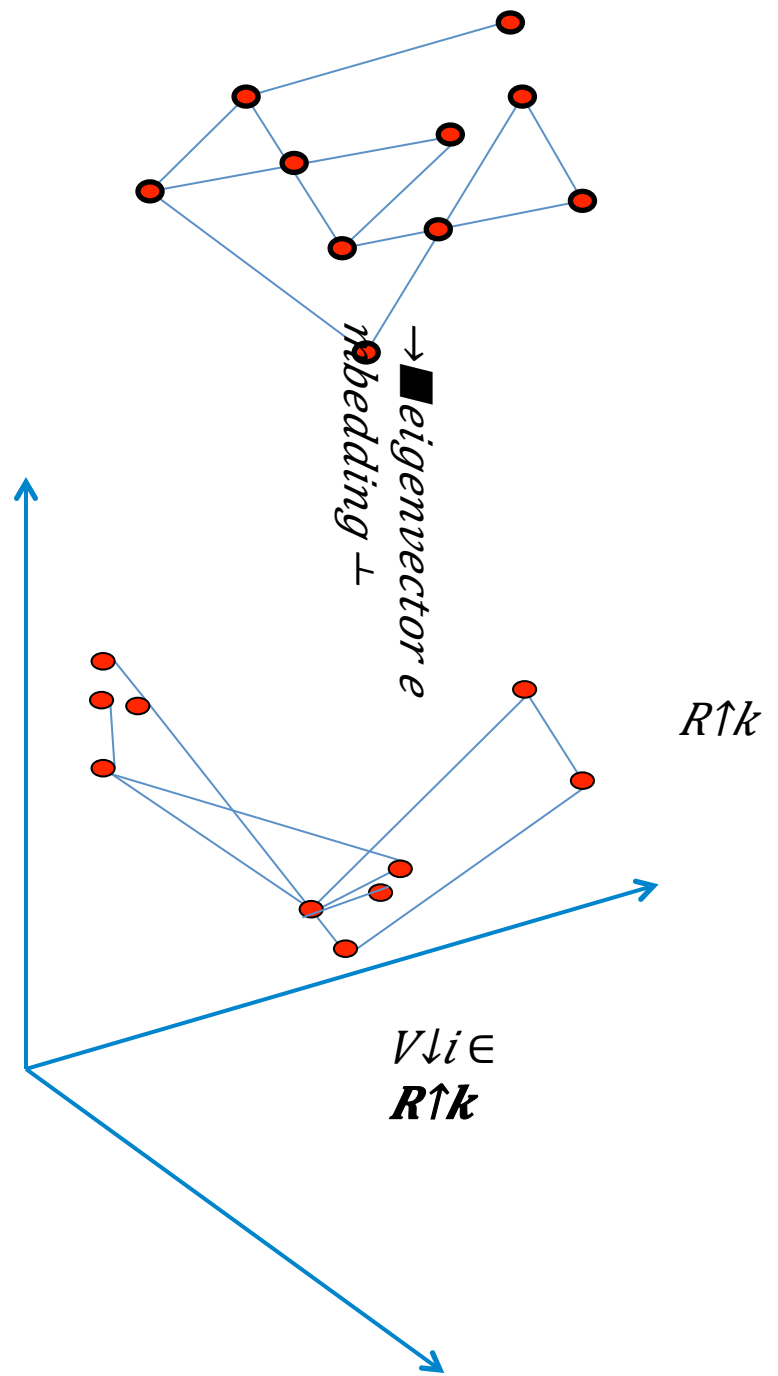
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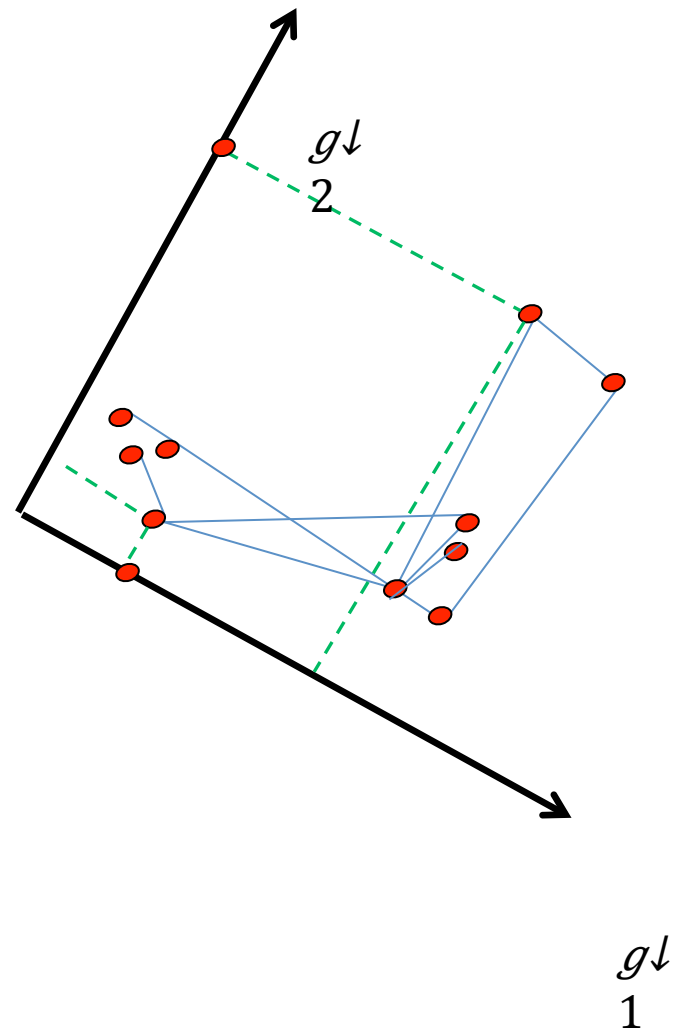
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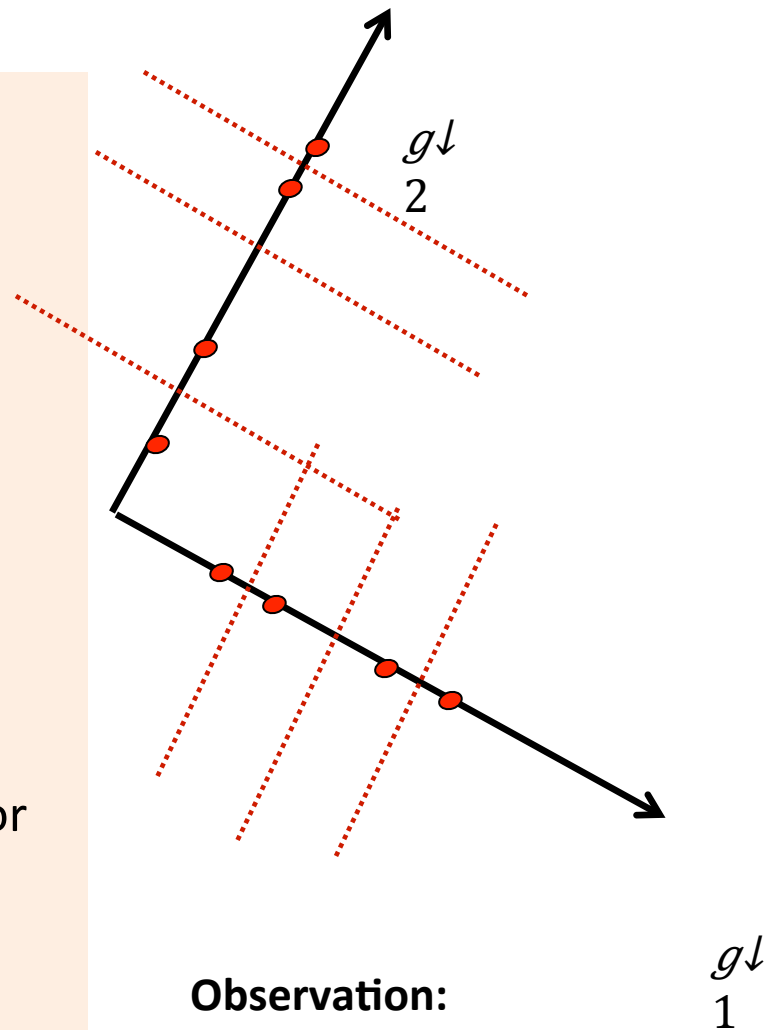
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- Pick k random Gaussian vectors $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k \in \mathbb{R}^k$
- For each vertex i ,
 1. Project V_i along Gaussian directions g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k
 2. Let $j = \arg \max_p \langle V_i, g_p \rangle$
 3. Move (Project Down) the vector V_i to direction g_j .
- Run Cheeger rounding along each direction g_i , output the cuts of expansion $\leq O(\sqrt{\lambda k \log k})$



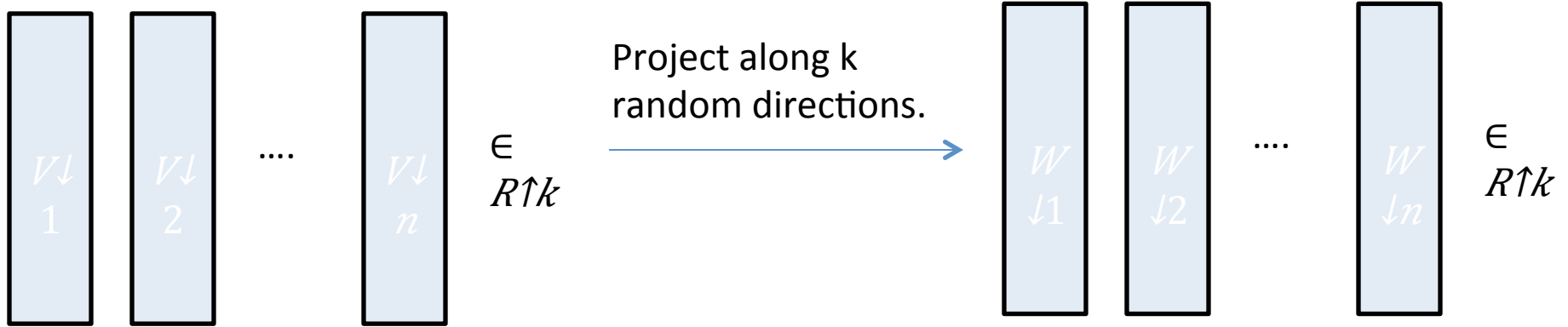
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Sets produced are disjoint

Algorithm Again



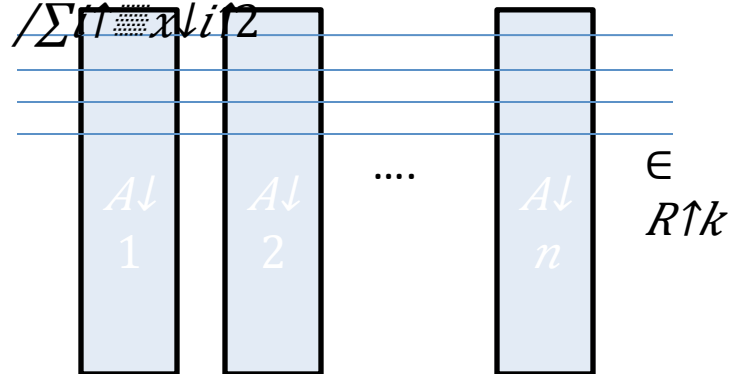
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For at least a constant fraction of rows of A
 The Rayleigh coefficient $\leq O(\lambda/k \log k)$

For each w_i
 Zero out all but the
 largest coordinate.

$$\frac{X^T L X}{X^T X} = \frac{\sum_{(i,j) \in E} (x_i - x_j)^2}{\sum_i x_i^2}$$

Run Cheeger style
 rounding on each row.

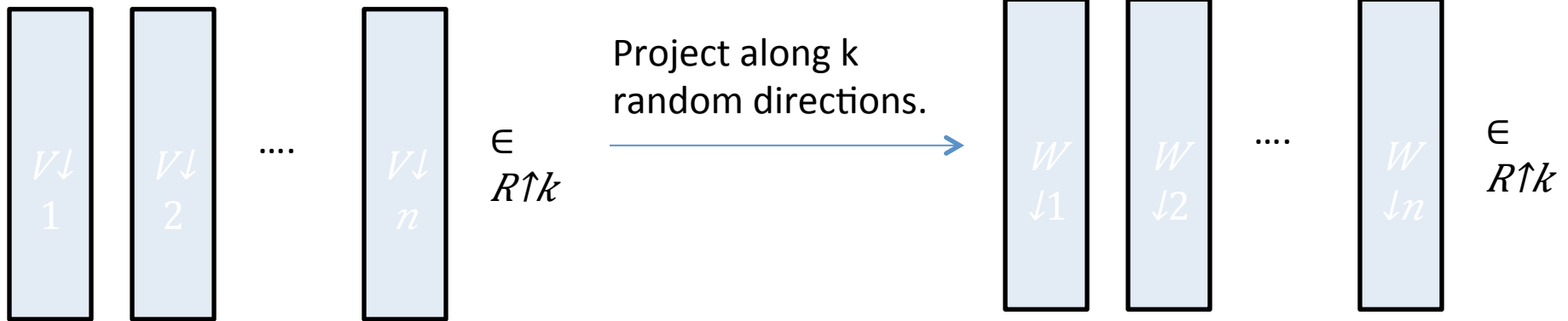


Algorithm Analysis

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Fact:

Gaussian projection preserves squared distances in expectation.



Rayleigh coefficient of rows of W is roughly the Rayleigh coefficient of rows of V
 $\leq \lambda \downarrow k$

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Denominator in Expectation:

$$E \sum_{i=1}^k A_{\downarrow i}^2 = O(\log k) / k E \sum_{i=1}^k W_{\downarrow i}^2$$

$1/k$ -fraction of the mass survives, but the topmost survives.

Numerator in Expectation:

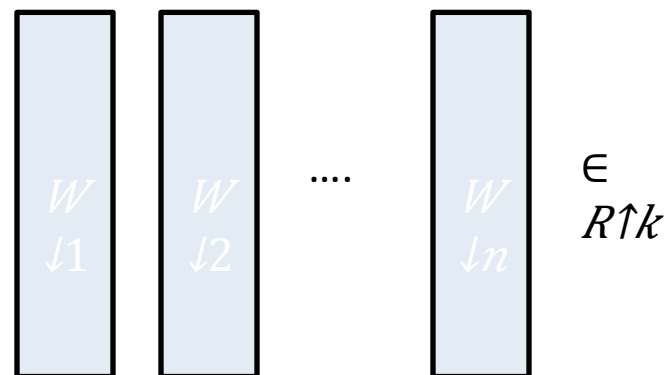
[Charikar-Makarychev-Makarychev]

Let $X_{\downarrow 1}, X_{\downarrow 2}, \dots, X_{\downarrow k}$ and $Y_{\downarrow 1}, Y_{\downarrow 2}, \dots, Y_{\downarrow k}$ be Gaussian random variables such that

$X_{\downarrow i}, Y_{\downarrow i}$ is $1 - \epsilon$ correlated
 $X_{\downarrow i}, X_{\downarrow j}$ are uncorrelated,

$$\Pr[\arg\max_{\downarrow i} X_{\downarrow i} \neq \arg\max_{\downarrow i} Y_{\downarrow i}] \leq O(\sqrt{\epsilon \log k})$$

Algorithm Analysis



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Bounding Variance of Denominator

Use the fact that the rows (eigenvectors)
are orthogonal!!

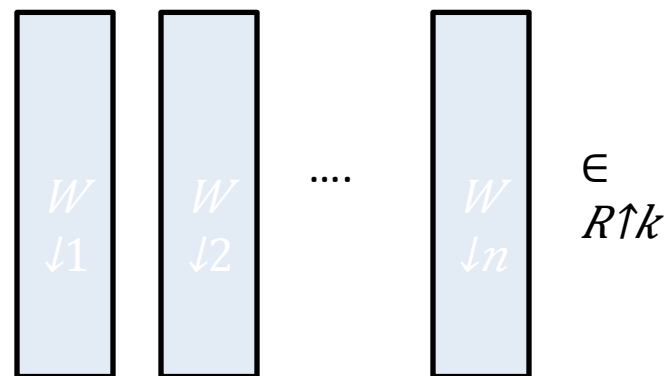
→ Average inner product between the
columns is low

Lemma: Average squared length of $W \downarrow i = 1$,
The average correlation between random pairs $\leq 1/k$

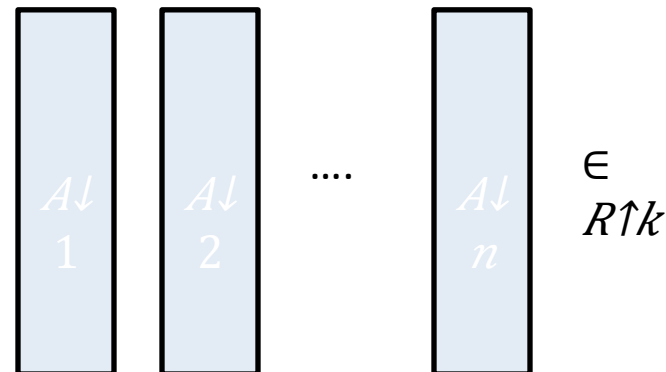
+ basic Hermite polynomials.

= Bound on the variance.

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Small Set Expanders with Many Large Eigenvalues

$SSE(\delta, \epsilon)$

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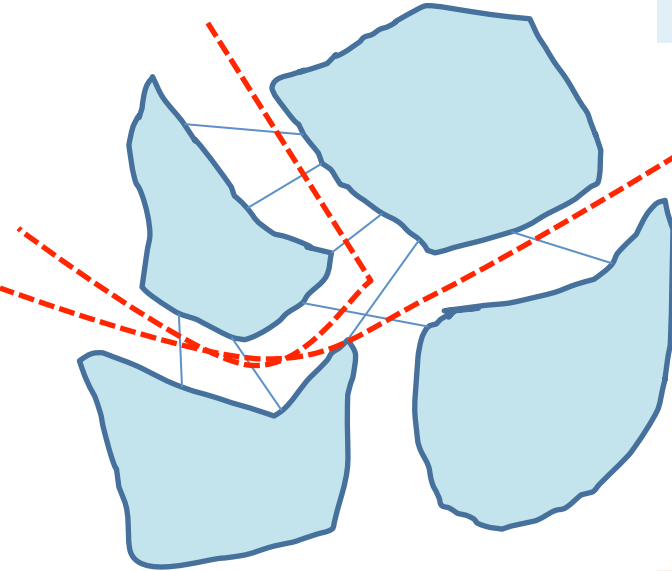
G has a non-expanding small set

OR

- $\Phi \downarrow G(\delta) > 1/10$

G is a " δ -small set expander"

d-regular graph G



$threshold\ rank \downarrow \epsilon(G) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \#$ of eigenvalues of graph G that are $\leq \epsilon$

Subspace search runs in time $n^{10}(\text{threshold}\ rank \downarrow \epsilon(G))$

Question:

If G is a δ -small set expander,

How many eigenvalues $\leq \epsilon$ can it have?

[Arora-Barak-Steurer 2010]

For a δ -small set expander G $threshold\ rank \downarrow \epsilon \leq N^{1/\delta} \sqrt{\epsilon}$

A subexponential-time algorithm for $SSE(\delta, \epsilon)$

Short Code Graph

[Barak-Gopalan-Hastad-Meka-Raghavendra-Steurer]

For all small constant δ ,

There exists a graph (the Short Code Graph) that is a δ -small set expander with $\exp(\log^{\beta} n)$ eigenvalues $\geq 1 - \epsilon$, i.e.,

$\text{threshold rank}_{1-\epsilon}(G) \geq \exp(\log^{\beta} N)$

for some β depending on ϵ .

[BGHMRS 11] $\exp(\log^{\beta} N) \leq \text{threshold rank}_{\epsilon}(G) \leq N^{\epsilon}$

[ABS]

- Led to improved gadget constructions and integrality gaps for semidefinite programming relaxations.
- An n -point $L_2 \rightarrow L_2$ -metric that requires distortion $2^{\Omega(\sqrt{\log \log n})}$ to embed in to L_1

[Kane-Meka]

Overview

Long Code/Noisy Hypercube Graph

- Eigenvectors
- Small Set Expansion

Short Code Graph

The Long Code Graph aka Noisy Hypercube

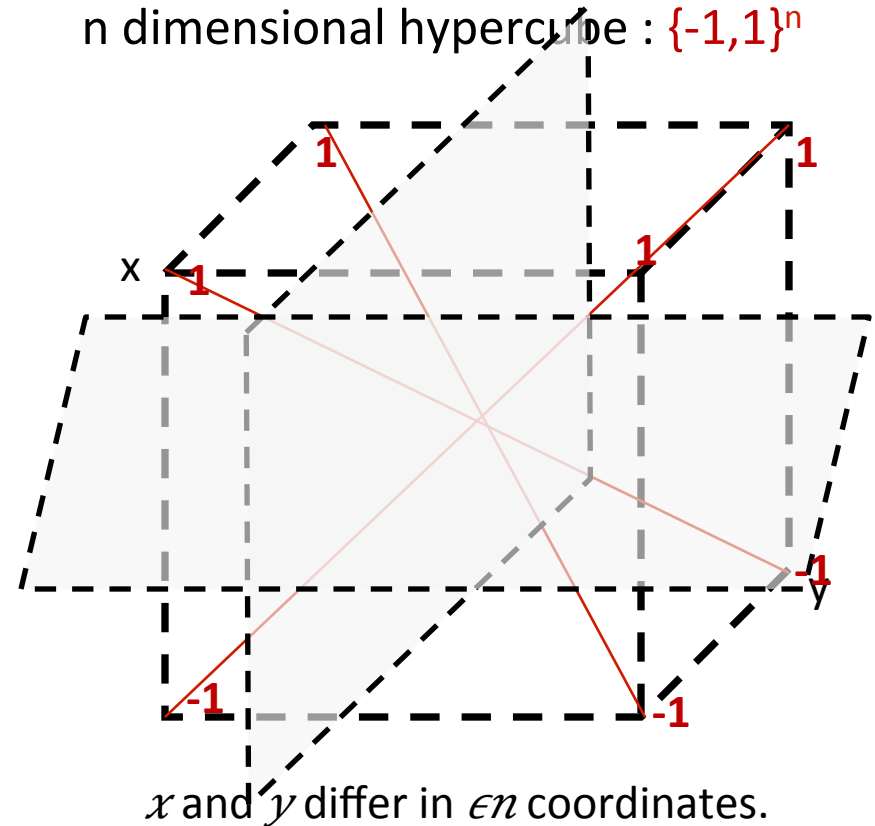
Noise Graph/Frankl-Rodl graphs: $H_{\downarrow \epsilon}$

Vertices: $\{-1,1\}^{\uparrow n}$

Edges: Connect every pair of points in hypercube separated by a Hamming distance of ϵn

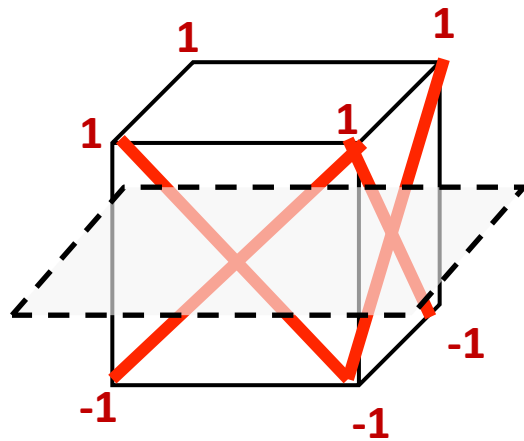
Eigenvectors are functions on $\{-1,1\}^{\uparrow n}$

n dimensional hypercube : $\{-1,1\}^n$



Dictator cuts: Cuts parallel to the Axis
(given by $F(x) = x_{\downarrow i}$)

The dictator cuts yield n sparse cuts in graph $H_{\downarrow \epsilon}$



n dimensional hypercube

Sparsity of Dictator Cuts

Connect every pair of vertices in hypercube separated by Hamming distance of ϵn

Fraction of edges cut by first dictator
 $= \Pr_{\tau \text{ random edge } (x,y)} [(x,y) \text{ is cut}]$
 $= \Pr_{\tau \text{ random edge } (x,y)} [x \downarrow 1 \neq y \downarrow 1]$
 $= \epsilon$

Dictator cuts: n -eigenvectors with eigenvalues ϵ for graph $H \downarrow \epsilon$
 (Number of vertices $N = 2^n$, so #of eigenvalues = $\log N$)

Eigenfunctions for Noisy Hypercube Graph

Eigenfunctions for the Noisy hypercube graph are multilinear polynomials of fixed degree.

(Noisy hypercube is a Cayley graph on Z_2^n , therefore its eigen functions are characters of the group)

Eigenfunction

Eigenvalue

$$F_1(x) = x_1, F_2(x) = x_2, \dots, F_n(x) = x_n \quad \epsilon$$

$$F_{12}(x) = x_1 x_2, F_{23}(x) = x_2 x_3, \dots, F_{n-1n}(x) = x_{n-1} x_n \\ \approx 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^2$$

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$$\text{Degree } d \text{ multilinear polynomials} \quad \approx 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^d$$

Top Eigenspace = Low degree polynomials over the hypercube.

Hypercontractivity

Definition: (Hypercontractivity)

A subspace $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ is *hypercontractive* if for all $w \in S$

$$\|w\|_4 \leq C \|w\|_2$$

Projector P_S into the subspace S , also called hypercontractive.

(No-Sparse-Vectors)

Roughly, No sparse vectors in a hypercontractive subspace S because,

$$w \text{ is } \delta\text{-sparse} \iff \|w\|_4 / \|w\|_2 > 1/\delta^{1/4}$$

Hypercontractivity implies Small-Set Expansion

$P_{1-\epsilon}$ = projector into span of eigenvectors of G with **eigenvalue** $\geq 1-\epsilon$

$P_{1-\epsilon}$ is hypercontractive

→

No sparse vector in span of top eigenvectors of G

→

No small non-expanding set in G . (G is a small set expander)

Hypercontractivity for Noisy Hypercube

Top eigenfunctions of noisy hypercube are low degree polynomials.

(Hypercontractivity of Low Degree Polynomials)

For a degree d multilinear polynomial f on $\{-1,1\}^n$,

$$\|f\|_4 \leq 9^d \|f\|_2$$



(Noisy Hypercube is a Small-Set Expander)

For constant ϵ , the noisy hypercube is a small-set expander.

Moreover, the noisy hypercube has $N=2^n$ vertices and n eigenvalues larger than $1-\epsilon$.

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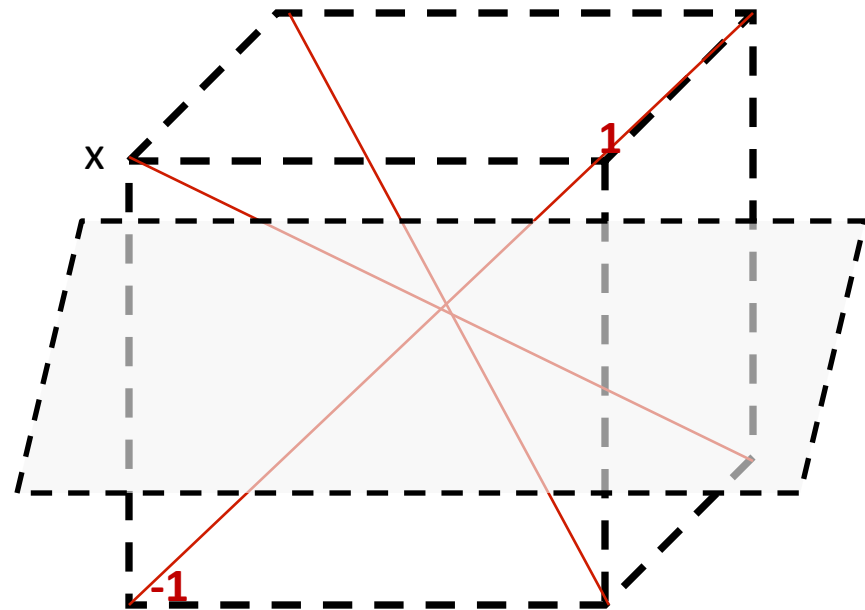
for some β depending on ϵ .

Short Code Graph

Noise Graph: $H \downarrow \epsilon$

Vertices: $\{-1, 1\}^{\uparrow n}$

Edges: Connect every pair of points in hypercube separated by a Hamming distance of ϵn



Has n sparse cuts, but $N=2^{\uparrow n}$ vertices -- too many vertices!

Idea:

Pick a subset of vertices of the long code graph, and their induced subgraph.

1. The dictator cuts still yield n -sparse cuts
2. The subgraph is a small-set expander!

If \ **Choice:** Reed Muller Codewords of large constant degree.

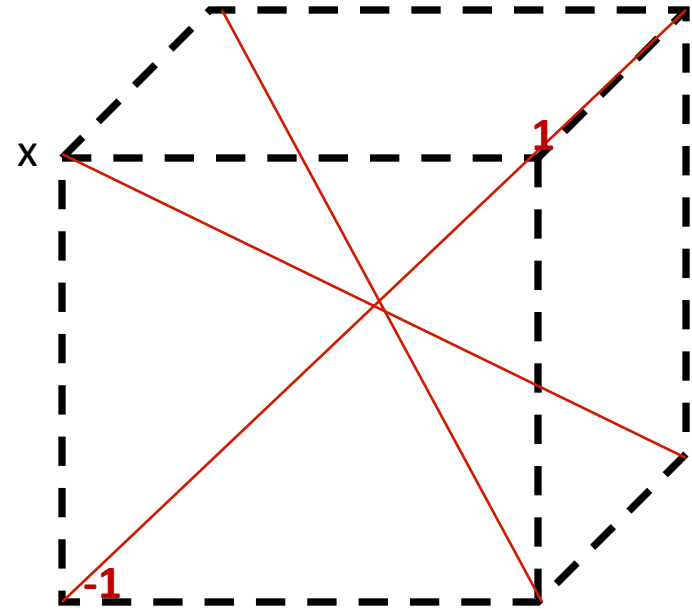
Short Code Graph

Noise Graph: $H \downarrow \epsilon$

Vertices: All boolean functions on k bits

Edges: Connect every pair of points in hypercube separated by a Hamming distance of ϵn

Fix $n = 2 \uparrow k$ and $\epsilon = 2 \uparrow -d$



Short Code Graph

Vertices: All degree d polynomials over $F \downarrow 2 = \{0,1\}$ in k bits.

Edges: Connect every pair of points separated by a Hamming distance of ϵn

Equivalently,
Connect every pair of polynomials (p,q)

With $p(x) = q(x) + L \downarrow 1(x) L \downarrow 2(x) \dots L \downarrow d(x)$

where $L \downarrow i(x)$ are linear functions.

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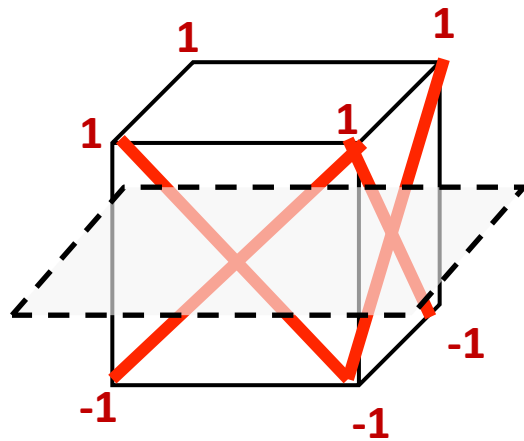
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Assuming,

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Threshold_rank} \leq \epsilon &= n \text{ while number of vertices } N = 2^{O(n/d)} \\ &= 2^{O(n \log 1/d)} \end{aligned}$$



n dimensional hypercube

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Sparsity of dictator cuts holds for every induced subgraph.

Because,

Each edge is cut by exactly ϵn dictators, so at least $n/2$ dictators cut less than 2ϵ fraction of edges.

Preserving Small Set Expansion

Top eigenfunctions of noisy hypercube are low degree polynomials.

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(Hypercontractivity of Low Degree Polynomials)

For a degree d multilinear polynomial f on $\{-1,1\}^n$,

$$\|f\|_4 \leq 9^d \|f\|_2$$



(Noisy Hypercube is a Small-Set Expander)

For constant ϵ , the noisy hypercube is a small-set expander.

Preserving hypercontractivity

(Hypercontractivity of Low Degree Polynomials)

For a degree d multilinear polynomial f on $\{-1,1\}^n$,

$$\|f\|_4 \leq 9^{1/d} \|f\|_2$$

For a degree d polynomial f ,

By hypercontractivity over hypercube,

$$E_{x \in \{-1,1\}^n} [f(x)^4] \leq 9^{4d} (E_{x \in \{-1,1\}^n} [f(x)])^2$$

We picked a subset $S \subset \{-1,1\}^n$ and so we want,

$$E_{x \in S} [f(x)^4] \leq 9^{4d} (E_{x \in S} [f(x)])^2$$

f is degree d , so f^4 and f^2 are degree $\leq 4d$.

If S is a $4d$ -wise independent set then,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{x \in S} [f(x)^4] &= E_{x \in \{-1,1\}^n} [f(x)^4] \leq 9^{4d} (E_{x \in \{-1,1\}^n} [f(x)])^2 \\ &= 9^{4d} (E_{x \in S} [f(x)])^2 \end{aligned}$$

Preserving Eigenspaces

Top eigenfunctions of noisy hypercube are low degree polynomials.

We Want:

Only top eigenfunctions on the short code graph are also low degree polynomials.

Bounding the Eigenvalues

Fix $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k \in \{0,1\}^k$,

Over choice of random affine forms $L_1(x), L_2(x), \dots, L_d(x)$ over F_2

Show that $\sum_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=1}^d L_j(y_i)$ has bias less than $O(k/2^d)$

Connected to **local-testability** of the dual of the underlying code!

We appeal to local testability result of Reed-Muller codes

[Bhattacharya-Kopparty-Schoenebeck-Sudan-Zuckermann]

Mimicking the hypercube

[Barak-Gopalan-Hastad-Meka-Raghavendra-Steurer 2009]

`Majority is Stablest' theorem also holds for the short code.

Open Questions

Question:

If G is a δ -small set expander,
How many eigenvalues $\leq \epsilon$ can it have?

[BGHMRS 11] $\exp(\log \uparrow \beta N) \leq \text{threshold rank} \downarrow \epsilon (G) \leq N \uparrow \epsilon$

[ABS]

Efficient Certificate for Vertex Expansion:

Given a graph G , find an algorithm to distinguish between,

- a) G has a set with vertex expansion $\leq \epsilon$
- b) G is a vertex expander (expansion > 0.1)

(No restriction on set size)

Harder than small set expansion
[Louis-R-Vempala 13]

Thank You