CS 263: Counting and Sampling

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Exercise: prove this via induction similar to univariate case.



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- We will show certain forms of stability imply HDX and thus mixing of random walks.

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[Chen-Liu-Vigoda]

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1 Let us bound the ℓ_1 norm of i-th row of correlation matrix Ψ . Fact:

 $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\Psi) \leqslant \text{max}\{\ell_1(\text{row } i) \mid i\}.$

2 Let $\mathbb{1}_S$ be the indicator of S sampled from μ . Then, there is a vector $w \in \{\pm 1\}^n$ for which

$$\ell_1(\text{row i}) = \mathbb{E}[\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle \mid i \in S] - \mathbb{E}[\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle].$$

3 We show that conditioning on $i \in S$ changes $\mathbb{E}[\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle]$ by at most 2C.

4 The following "polynomial" is still sector-stable

$$\mathbb{E}[z^{\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle}] \propto g(z, z^{-1}, \dots).$$

5 By scaling z_i with positive reals, any positive combination ($\alpha, \beta > 0$) below remains sector-stable:

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbb{E}[z^{\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle} \mid \mathfrak{i} \in S] + \beta \cdot \mathbb{E}[z^{\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle} \mid \mathfrak{i} \notin S]$$

6 The ratio avoids negative reals when $z \in$ sector:

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There is a complex-analytic branch of log defined.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{f}(z) &:= \log \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}[z^{\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle} \mid \mathbf{i} \in S]}{\mathbb{E}[z^{\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle} \mid \mathbf{i} \notin S]} \right) \\ \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{y}) &= \mathbf{f}(e^{\mathbf{y}/2\mathbf{C}}) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{1}). \end{split}$$



B Derivative of h at y = 0 is bounded by 1 (by Shwarz's lemma):

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}y}h\Big|_{y=0} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle \mid i \in S] - \mathbb{E}[\langle w, \mathbb{1}_S \rangle \mid i \notin S]}{2C}.$$

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Application: planar graphs

Sample from monomer-dimer systems on planar graphs in poly(n) time.

