# CS 263: Counting and Sampling 

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## Dobrushin's Influence Matrix

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$$

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$$
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$$

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$$
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$$

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$\bigcirc$ Influence matrix $\mathcal{J}$ is $\geqslant 0$. "Optimal" choice of $c$ by [Perron-Frobenius] theory is the Perron eigenvector:

$$
\mathrm{cJ}=\lambda_{\max }(\mathcal{J}) \mathrm{c}
$$

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$$
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$$
\phi(x):=x^{2}
$$

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$\bigcirc \mathcal{D}_{\phi}(v \| \mu)=\chi^{2}(v \| \mu)$
$\bigcirc$ It is a proxy by Cauchy-Schwarz:

$$
\mathrm{d}_{\operatorname{TV}}(v, \mu) \leqslant \mathrm{O}\left(\sqrt{\chi^{2}(v \| \mu)}\right)
$$

$D$ Contraction related to eigs of $P$.
called modified log-Sobolev inequality

