

Lecture 3

Recall Sampling indep. sets in G

Hard-core model $\Pr(I) \propto \lambda^{|I|}$, λ fugacity

$$\Pr(I) = \frac{\lambda^{|I|}}{\sum_{J \in \mathcal{I}(G)} \lambda^{|J|}} \leftarrow \text{partition function}$$

Rank: Among all distributions over $\mathcal{I}(G)$ with given mean size, the Hard-core dist. has the highest entropy.

Thm Δ -free, n -vx, max-deg $\leq d \Rightarrow \bar{\alpha}(G) \geq (1+o(1)) \frac{\log d}{d} \cdot n$

Conj (Dawes-Jensen-Perkins-Roberts) Def: occupancy fraction

$\exists c > 0$, s.t. $\forall \Delta$ -free G ,

$$\frac{\alpha(G)}{\bar{\alpha}(G)} \geq 1+c.$$

$$\frac{\bar{\alpha}_G(\lambda)}{n}$$

Thm $\forall \lambda > 0$, $\forall n$ -vx Δ -free G w./ $\Delta(G) \leq d$.

$$\frac{\bar{\alpha}_G(\lambda)}{n} \geq \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \cdot \frac{W(d \log(1+\lambda))}{d \log(1+\lambda)},$$

where $W(z) e^{W(z)} = z$.

Pf. • $\mathbb{E}|I| \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{v \in V(G)} \Pr(v \in I)$

$\stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{1}{d} \sum_{v \in V(G)} \sum_{u \in N(v)} \Pr(u \in I)$



• Def. v is suitable if $N(v) \cap I = \emptyset$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(v \in I) &= \Pr(\{v \in I\} \wedge \{v \text{ suitable}\}) \\ &= \Pr(v \in I \mid v \text{ suitable}) \cdot \Pr(v \text{ suitable}) \end{aligned}$$

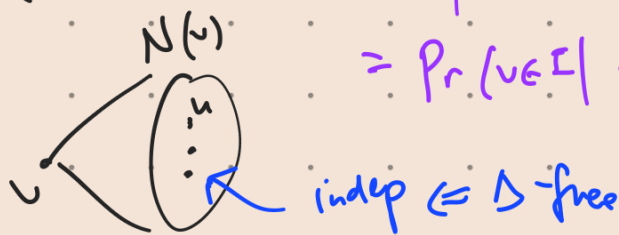
• $\Pr(v \in I \mid v \text{ suitable}) = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}$ (Spatial Markov prop)

\Downarrow
 $\Pr(v \in I \mid V(G) - v)$
 $= \Pr(v \in I \mid N(v))$

• Def. X_v r.v. = # Suitable

neighbors of v

$X_v \in [0, d]$



$\Rightarrow \Pr(v \text{ suitable}) = \sum_{x=0}^d \Pr(X_v = x) \left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda}\right)^x$

$= \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda}\right)^{X_v}$

• Now, $\mathbb{E}|I| = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \cdot \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda}\right)^{X_v}$

occup. frac

$\frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}|I| = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{v \in V(G)} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda}\right)^{X_v} \right)$

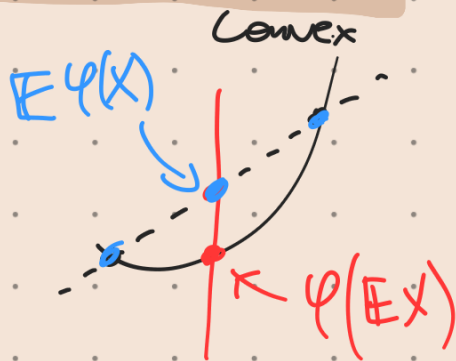
- Two layer of randomness $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} I \sim \text{Hard-core dist.} \\ v \sim_{\text{unif}} V(G) \end{array} \right.$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}|I| = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \mathbb{E}_{I, v} \left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda} \right)^X, \text{ where}$$

$X \stackrel{\text{r.v.}}{=} \# \text{ suitable neighbors of a unif random } v$

Recall Jensen's ineq.

$$\mathbb{E}\varphi(X) \geq \varphi(\mathbb{E}X)$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}|I| \geq \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda} \right)^{\mathbb{E}X}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \mathbb{E}|I| \geq \frac{1}{d} \sum_{v \in V(G)} \sum_{u \in N(v)} \underbrace{\Pr(u \in I \mid \text{suitable})}_{\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}} \cdot \Pr(u \text{ suitable})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}|I| \geq \frac{1}{d} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{v \in V(G)} \sum_{u \in N(v)} \Pr(u \text{ suitable})$$

$$= \frac{1}{d} \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \mathbb{E}X$$

• So we have from the two bounds that

$$\frac{1}{n} \bar{\alpha}_G(\lambda) \geq \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \cdot \max \left(\underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda} \right)^{\mathbb{E}X}}_{\textcircled{1} \downarrow}, \underbrace{\frac{\mathbb{E}X}{d}}_{\textcircled{2} \uparrow} \right)$$

Optimized when $\left(\frac{1}{1+\lambda}\right)^x = \frac{x}{d}$

$\dots \Rightarrow x = \frac{W(d \log(1+\lambda))}{\log(1+\lambda)}$

plug in \square

Conseq. (i) $\bar{\alpha}_G(\lambda)$ monotone increasing in λ

$$\bar{\alpha}(G) = \bar{\alpha}_G(1) \geq \bar{\alpha}_G\left(\frac{1}{\log d}\right) = \dots = (1+o(1)) \frac{\log^2 d}{d} \cdot n$$

(ii) counting result.

Recall: $\bar{\alpha}_G(x) = \lambda \left[\log P_G(\lambda) \right]'$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \log P_G(1) = \int_0^1 \frac{\bar{\alpha}_G(t)}{t} dt$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Thm}}{\geq} \frac{1}{d} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+t} \frac{W(d \log(1+t))}{\log(1+t)} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{d} \int_0^1 \frac{W(d \log^2)}{(1+u)} du = \dots = \left(\frac{1}{2} + o_d(1)\right) \frac{\log^2 d}{d}$$

Cor. $\forall n$ -vc Δ free w/ max deg $\leq d$

$$i(G) \geq e^{\left(\frac{1}{2} + o_d(1)\right) \frac{\log^2 d}{d} \cdot n}$$

indep sets

- Stat. phy = study of matter via prob. & stat. methods

Motivation: Whether (global) macroscopic properties of matter can be derived solely from their local microscopic interactions.

Instead of
keeping track of
all particles

treat them as
randomly distributed
w/ certain local constraints.

Indep set Global
• $\alpha(G)$

Local constraint
edges $u \sim v$

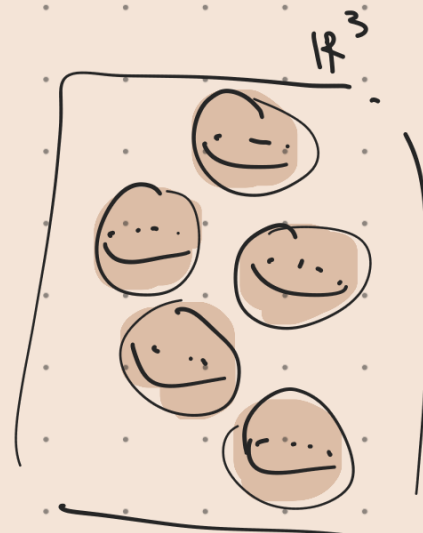
sphere packing
• packing
density

centers of balls not
so close (distance $\geq 2r_d$)

§ Sphere packing in \mathbb{R}^d

Def: • $B_R(0)$ = radius- R ball in \mathbb{R}^d
centered at the origin.

- r_d = radius s.t. $B_{r_d}(0)$ has volume 1.



• Write \mathcal{P} for a sphere packing of non-overlapping identical spheres in \mathbb{R}^d .

• Sphere packing density in \mathbb{R}^d

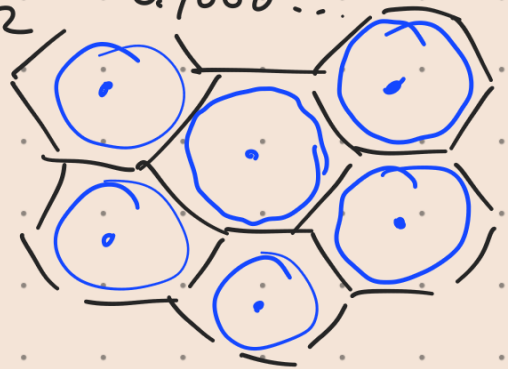
$$\Theta(d) := \sup_{\mathcal{P}} \limsup_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{vol}(\mathcal{P} \cap B_R(0))}{\text{vol}(B_R(0))}$$

Known: • $\Theta(1) = 1$

• 1892 Thue $\Theta(2) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{12}} = 0.9068\dots$

• 2005 Hales $\Theta(3) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{18}} = 0.7404\dots$

(orange packing is optimal)



• δ , 24-dim known.

We want to understand $\Theta(d)$, $d \rightarrow \infty$.

• A set S , $\binom{S}{k}$ = set of all k -sets in S
 $k \in \mathbb{N}$

S^k = all ordered k -tuples in S
 $\{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$

• Let $S \in \mathbb{R}^d$ measurable set.

Def $P_k(S) \subseteq \binom{S}{k}$

$$P_k(S) := \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_k) : d(x_i, x_j) > 2r_d \forall i, j \right\}$$

i.e. $P_k(S)$ = the set of all size- k sphere packing in S .



• Canonical Hard sphere model

Partition function $\hat{Z}_S(k) = \frac{1}{k!} \int_{S^k} \mathbb{1}_{D(x_1, \dots, x_k)} dx_1 \dots dx_k$

where $D(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ = event that $d(x_i, x_j) > 2r_d$

• Note that $\hat{Z}_S(k)$ = volume of $P_k(S)$

a unif random
k-tuple X_k

$$P(X_k \in P_k(S)) = \frac{\hat{Z}_S(k)}{\text{total vol.}}$$

$$\left(\text{total vol.} = \frac{\text{vol}(S)^k}{k!} \right) = \frac{k!}{\text{vol}(S)^k} \hat{Z}_S(k)$$

• Def Grand canonical Hard sphere model at S , w/ fugacity λ

Partition funct.

$$\hat{Z}_S(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^k \cdot \underline{\hat{Z}_S(k)}$$

(continuous version of Hard-core distribution)

$$Z_G(\lambda) = P_G(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \underline{i_k(G)} \cdot \lambda^k,$$

$i_k(G) = \#$ indep. sets in G of size k .