

Math 690 F2017: Topics in Data Analysis and Computation

Homework 6

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1. Using concentration argument, finish the proof of the upper bound of the Johnson-Lindenstrauss lemma. The proof is given in [DG03].
2. Study the concentration of λ_2 , the second smallest eigenvalue, of the normalized graph laplacian of an Erdos-Renyi random graph $G(n, p)$, i.e. the graph has n nodes and the probability of $A_{ij} = 1$ equals $p \in (0, 1)$. We know that when the graph is connected (which happens almost surely if $p > (1 + \varepsilon) \frac{\log n}{n}$, as proved in the classical work of Erdos and Renyi in 1960), $0 < \lambda_2 < 2$.
 - (1) Let p be fixed constant, and n increases. What is the limiting statistics of λ_2 like? (Hint: $\lambda_2 \rightarrow a$ for some constant a , and after properly centering and rescaling $(\lambda_2 - a)$ converges to a limiting distribution.)
 - (2) What happens if p decreases with n , e.g. $p = \alpha \frac{\log n}{n}$ for $\alpha > 1$? Numerically observe the distribution of λ_2 in this case.