

$$\|H(s)\|_{\mathcal{Q}_0} = (1-s) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & -s & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1-s & & & \\ -s & 1 & & \\ & 0 & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & -s \\ 0 & & & 1-s \end{pmatrix}$$

Bound for $s < \frac{1}{3}$

Gershgorin circle theorem Let A be any matrix with entries a_{ij} .

Consider the disk D_i (for $1 \leq i \leq n$) in the complex plane defined as $D_i = \{ z \mid |z - a_{ii}| \leq \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}| \}$. Then the eigenvalues of A are contained in $\cup_i D_i$ and any connected component of $\cup_i D_i$ contains as many eigenvalues of A as the number of disks in that component.

- $i=1$

$$\rightarrow a_{11} = \frac{1}{2}s < \frac{1}{6} \text{ for } s < \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_1 = \left\{ z \mid |z - c_{11}| \leq r_1 \right\}$$

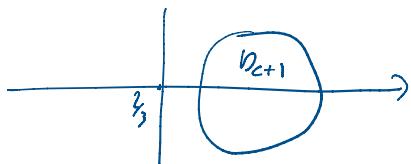
$$\rightarrow \sum_{j \neq 1} |a_{1j}| = \frac{1}{2}s < \frac{1}{6}$$



- $i = l+1$

$$\rightarrow a_{(l+1),l+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}s > \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{j \neq l+1} |a_{(l+1)j}| = \frac{s}{2} < \frac{1}{6} \quad (\text{over in RMP paper? eq. (5b)})$$



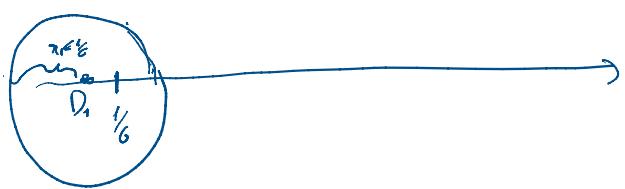
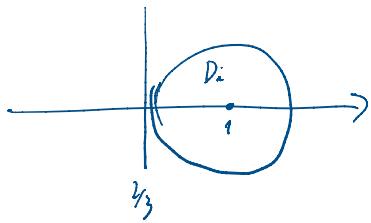
- $i \neq 1, l+1$

$$\rightarrow a_{ii} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{j \neq i} |a_{ij}| = s < \frac{1}{3}$$



$$\rightarrow \sum_{j \neq i} |\alpha_{ij}| = > < \frac{1}{3}$$



Conclusion: for $s < \frac{1}{3}$ gap $\geq \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow$ separation between D_i and other disks.

Bound for $s \geq \frac{1}{3}$

Consider $G(s) = I - H_{\infty}(s) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}s & \frac{1}{2}s & 0 & \cdots & - \\ \frac{1}{2}s & 0 & \frac{1}{2}s & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & - & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{2}s \end{pmatrix}$

→ Matrix is Hermitian and has all non-negative entries

→ $G(s)^{L+1}$ has all positive entries for $0 < s \leq 1$

Born's theorem: Let G be an Hermitian matrix with real non-negative entries. If \exists a finite K s.t. all entries of G^K are positive, then G 's largest eigenvalue is positive and unique. The eigenvector corresponding to this eigenvalue has only strictly positive entries.

→ G 's largest eigenvalue $\mu > 0$

→ eigenvector $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{L+1})$, with $\alpha_i > 0$.

Consider stochastic matrix:

$$P_{ij} = \frac{\alpha_j}{\mu \alpha_i} \quad G_{ij} \geq 0 \quad ; \quad \sum_i P_{ij} = \frac{1}{\mu \alpha_i} \sum_j G_{ij} \alpha_j = 1$$

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$$\sum_i \alpha_i v_i P_{ij} = \frac{\nu}{\mu} \alpha_j v_j \Leftrightarrow \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i v_i \alpha_j G_{ij}}{\mu} = \frac{\nu}{\mu} \alpha_j v_j$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_i v_i G_{ij} = \frac{\nu}{\mu} v_j$$

$\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_{L+1})$ is a eigenvector of G with eigenvalue $\frac{\nu}{\mu}$

and vice-versa.

\Rightarrow Taking $\vec{v} = \vec{\alpha}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$,

$$\vec{\pi} = \frac{1}{Z} (\alpha_1^2, \dots, \alpha_{L+1}^2), \quad Z = \sum_i \alpha_i^2$$

is a left eigenvector of P with the maximum eigenvalue 1.

$P \vec{\pi} = \vec{\pi} \rightarrow$ limiting distribution of P

Def. Gap of P : $\frac{\delta}{\mu} \Rightarrow$ 2nd largest EV of P is $1 - \frac{\delta}{\mu} = \frac{\mu - \delta}{\mu}$

\Rightarrow Gap of $G = \mu - \delta \Rightarrow$ Gap of $H = I - G$

To compute gap of P we use the conductance bound (Sinclair, Jerrum 1989)

To define conductance of P , $\Phi(P)$, let us define a non-empty set

$B \in \{1, 2, \dots, L+1\}$ satisfying

$$\sum_{i \in B} \pi_i \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad ; \quad \vec{\pi} = \frac{1}{Z} (\alpha_1^2, \dots, \alpha_{L+1}^2)$$

$\vec{\pi}$ principal eigenvector of G

Conductance $\Phi(P)$:

$$\Phi(P) = \min_{B \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, L+1\}} \frac{F(B)}{\pi_B} \quad \text{where} \quad F(B) = \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{j \notin B} \pi_i P_{ij}$$

$$\varphi(P) = \min_B \frac{F(B)}{\Pi(B)} \quad \text{where} \quad F(B) = \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{|v_i - v_j|}{\pi_i \pi_j}$$

$$\Pi(B) = \sum_{i \in B} \pi_i$$

Conductance bound (Jerrum, Sinclair 1989)

$$\Delta(P) \geq \frac{1}{2} \varphi(P)^2$$

To compute the conductance, we first show that $\vec{\omega}$ is a monotone f.e.

$$\omega_1 > \omega_2 > \dots > \omega_n .$$

To show this, first note that if \vec{v} is a monotone $G(s)\vec{v} = \vec{\omega}$ is also a monotone ($G(s)$ preserves monotonicity)

$$\text{Proof: } \omega_1 = (1 - \frac{1}{2}s)v_1 + \frac{1}{2}s v_2$$

$$\omega_k = \frac{1}{2}s v_{k-1} + \frac{1}{2}s v_{k+1}$$

$$\omega_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}s v_L + \frac{1}{2}s v_{L+1}$$

$$\text{Therefore: } \omega_1 - \omega_2 = (1-s)v_1 + \frac{1}{2}s(v_2 - v_3)$$

$$\omega_k - \omega_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2}s(v_1 - v_2 + v_3 - v_4), \quad 2 \leq k \leq L-1$$

$$\omega_L - \omega_{L+1} = \frac{1}{2}s(v_{L-1} - v_L)$$

which are all > 0 since \vec{v} is a monotone.

To show $\vec{\omega}$ is a monotone we will show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\mu_n} G(s) \right)^k \vec{1} = e_1 \vec{\omega}$$

$\vec{1} = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ is a monotone

and $e_1 \vec{0}$

Proof: Let μ_i and $|v_i\rangle$ be the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $G(s)$

Since $\{|v_i\rangle\}$ form a basis we can write

$$\vec{1} \cdot |v_i\rangle = (1, \dots, 1) \quad \text{. Here } \mu_1 = \mu \text{ and } |v_1\rangle = \vec{\omega}$$

Since $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is given
 $\sum_i c_i(v_i) = (1, \dots, 1)$. Here $\mu_1 = \mu$ and $|v_i| = \overline{\lambda}$

Then
 $\left(\frac{1}{\mu_1} G(s)\right)^k \sum_i c_i(v_i) = \sum_i \left(\frac{\mu_i}{\mu_1}\right)^k c_i(v_i)$, with $\mu_i < \mu_1$ from
 Perron's theorem

Hence
 $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\mu_1} G(s)\right)^k \vec{1} = e_1(v_1) = e_1 \vec{\lambda}$

$$e_1 = \vec{1} \cdot \vec{\lambda} = \sum_i \lambda_i > 0 \quad \text{since } \lambda_i > 0$$

Hence $\vec{\lambda}$ is a monotone.

Calculation of the conductance

- 1) First, let us consider the case where index $1 \in B$.
 Let K be the smallest index for which $K \in B$ but $K+1 \notin B$.

$$F(B) = \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{j \notin B} \Pi_i P_{ij} \geq \Pi_K P_{K, K+1}$$

$$= \Pi_K \frac{\sqrt{\Pi_{K+1}}}{\mu \sqrt{\Pi_K}} [G(s)]_{K, K+1} = \frac{\sqrt{\Pi_K \Pi_{K+1}}}{\mu} [G(s)]_{K, K+1}$$

$$\geq \Pi_{K+1} [G(s)]_{K, K+1} = \Pi_{K+1} \frac{s}{2} \geq \frac{1}{6} \Pi_{K+1}$$

because $\vec{\Pi}$ is a monotone so $\Pi_K \geq \Pi_{K+1}$

$$\Rightarrow F(B = \{1, K, \dots\}) \geq \frac{\Pi_{K+1}}{6}$$

Now since by definition $\Pi(B) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ then $\Pi(\overline{B}) = \sum_{i \in \overline{B}} \Pi_i \geq \frac{1}{2}$ (X.)

complement of B

By definition of K , $K+1$ is the largest index that belongs to \overline{B} .

$$\Pi(\overline{B}) = \sum \Pi_i \leq \Pi_{K+1} |\overline{B}| \leq \Pi_{K+1} L \quad (\text{X.})$$

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π is monotone

$$(x_1) + (x_2) \Rightarrow T_{k+1} > \frac{1}{2C}$$

$$\text{Finally } \frac{F(B = \{1, k, -\})}{\pi(B)} \geq \frac{\pi_{k+1}}{6\pi(B)} \geq \frac{1}{12 \downarrow \pi(B)} \geq \frac{1}{6L}$$

2) Now, we consider the case $1 \notin B$.

Let α be the smallest index s.t. $\kappa \notin B$ but $\kappa+1 \in B$.

$$F(B) = \sum_{i \in B} \sum_{j \notin B} \pi_i p_{ij} \geq \frac{\pi_{k+1} p_{k+1,k}}{6}$$

$$T_1(B) = \bigcap_{i \in B} T_i \leq L\pi_{k+1}$$

$$\Psi(B) = \frac{F(B)}{\pi(B)} > \frac{1}{6L}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(P) \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{6L} \right)^2 ; \quad \Delta(G) = \mu \Delta(P) = (1-\lambda) \Delta(H)$$

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$$\lambda \leq (\forall H)(\forall y) A(y)$$

$$J \leq \langle y(0) | f(s) | y(0) \rangle = \frac{S}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(H) \geq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{6C} \right)^2$$

Gap bound in the entire Hilbert space:

$$H(S) = (1-S)H_{\text{init}} + S H_{\text{final}} = H_{\text{init}} + H_C + (1-S)H_C - \text{init} + S H_{\text{prop}}$$

where $\frac{C-1}{C}$ is the probability of at least 1 bad clock state.

where

$$H_{\text{clock}} = \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} |0, l_{\text{even}}\rangle \langle 0, l_{\text{even}}| \rightarrow \text{gives an energy of at least } 1 \text{ to bad clock states}$$

(large gap)

$$H_{\text{c-init}} = |1\rangle\langle 1|_c$$

$$H_{\text{input}} = \sum_{i=1}^n |1\rangle\langle 1|_i \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|_c$$

It is hence enough to consider the subspace of "good" clock states.

- $\dim(H_{\text{comp.}} \otimes H_{\text{clock}}) = 2^{n(L+1)}$

Consider the invariant subspace

In this subspace, H_{input} acts as

$$H_{\text{input}}|_{\Delta_Y} = \begin{pmatrix} R(Y) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_Y = \text{span}\{|\psi_Y(l)\rangle\}, \text{ with } |\psi_Y(0)\rangle = |Y\rangle|0\rangle_c$$

$$|\psi_Y(l)\rangle = V_L \dots V_1(Y)|l\rangle \quad \text{for } l=1, \dots, L$$

where $R(Y)$ is the number of bits "1" contained in Y .

To show there is a gap in the full Hilbert space, we need to compute lower bound the GS energy of $H(S)|_{\Delta_Y}$ when $Y \neq 00\dots 0$

$$Fay \neq 0\dots 0$$

$$H(S)|_{\Delta_Y} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} R(Y) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Grand states}} + (1-S) \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & -1 & \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Grand state}} \otimes \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Grand state}}$$

$\sum_{l=1}^L \alpha_l |\psi_Y(l)\rangle$, where

gap : $\Delta\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

GS energy $g_0(S)$

Geometrical Lemma :

$$H_1$$

$$\text{GS energy : } g_1$$

$$\text{gap : } \Delta_1$$

$$H_2$$

$$g_2$$

$$\Delta_2$$

$$H = H_1 + H_2$$

$$g \geq g_1 + g_2 + \min(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)(1 - \cos\theta)$$

where $\cos\theta$ is the max overlap between a GS of H_1 with a GS of H_2 .

between a GS of m^n -
GS of H_2 .

In our case $g_1 = g(s)$

$$g_2 \sim 0 \\ \Delta_1 = O\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right)$$

$$\Delta_2 \gg 1$$

$$\cos \theta = \max_{\{c_e\}} \left(\sum_{e=1}^L c_e e^{i \alpha_e} \right) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^L |\alpha_i|^2} \max_{\{c_e\}} \left| \sum_{e=1}^L c_e e^{i \alpha_e} \right| = \sqrt{1 - |\alpha_0|^2} \geq \frac{1}{L+1} \text{ because } \alpha \text{ is monotone}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{L+1}} = \sqrt{\frac{L}{L+1}} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{2L}$$

From geometric lemma:

$$g_\gamma(s) \geq g_0(s) + \underbrace{(1 - \cos \theta)}_{\Omega\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right)} \underbrace{\min(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)}_{\Omega\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right)}$$

$$\geq g_0(s) + \Omega\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right)$$

\Rightarrow Comment: same technique used in Kitaev's QMA-completeness proof to show
that for "NO" instances GS energy is $\Omega\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right)$.