

Ch8 Cauchy's interlacing theorem

§8.1 Cauchy's interlacing theorem

Def/ A sequence $s_1 \geq \dots \geq s_{n-1}$ of length $n-1$ interlaces a seq. $r_1 \geq \dots \geq r_n$ if

$r_1 \geq s_1 \geq r_2 \geq \dots \geq s_{n-1} \geq r_n$. For polynomial f w/ $\deg(f) = n$ and all roots real, and polynomial g w/ $\deg(g) = n-1$ and all roots real, we say g interlaces f if the roots of g interlace the roots of f .

[Obs] If f is a polynomial w/ all roots real, then f' interlaces f .

[Lem] f, g : polynomials w/ all roots real, $\deg(f) = n$, $\deg(g) = n-1$ \Rightarrow (the roots

of \mathcal{G} interlaces the roots of $f \Leftrightarrow$

all roots of $f + \alpha \mathcal{G}$ are real, $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

Pf) \Rightarrow Let $r_1 \geq \dots \geq r_n$ be the roots of f and $s_1 \geq \dots \geq s_{n-1}$ be the roots of \mathcal{G} .

Claim we may assume that $\nexists r_i = s_j$.

Otherwise, $f = C_f (x - r_1)(x - r_2) \dots (x - r_n)$

$\mathcal{G} = C_{\mathcal{G}} (x - s_1) \dots (x - s_{n-1})$. Let

$f_{\varepsilon} := C_f (x - r_1)(x - r_2 + 2\varepsilon) \dots (x - r_n + (\sum_{i=2}^{n-1} i)\varepsilon)$

w/ roots $r_1, r_2 - 2\varepsilon, r_3 - 4\varepsilon, \dots, r_n - (2n-2)\varepsilon$

$\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon} := C_{\mathcal{G}} (x - s_1 + \varepsilon)(x - s_2 + 3\varepsilon) \dots (x - s_{n-1} + (2n-3)\varepsilon)$

w/ roots $s_1 - \varepsilon, s_2 - 3\varepsilon, \dots, s_{n-1} - (2n-3)\varepsilon$

For small ε , the roots of f_{ε} and $\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon}$ are

all distinct. Besides, $f_{\varepsilon} \rightarrow f$ and $\mathcal{G}_{\varepsilon} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$.

Then if α_ε is a root of $f_\varepsilon + \alpha g_\varepsilon = 0$,
 then $\alpha_\varepsilon \rightarrow \alpha_0$, where α_0 is a root of $f + \alpha g = 0$.
 So α_ε 's are all real $\Rightarrow \alpha_0$'s are all real.

Now, we may assume $r_n < s_{n-1} < r_{n-1} < \dots < r_2 < s_1 < r_1$,
 and $\alpha \neq 0$. If $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$ and $\alpha g(x) \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$,

then $1^\circ f + \alpha g$ has no root in $(r_1, \infty), (r_2, s_1),$
 $(r_3, s_2), \dots, (r_n, s_{n-1})$; $2^\circ f + \alpha g$ has ≥ 1
 root in each of $(s_1, r_1), (s_2, r_2), \dots, (s_{n-1}, r_{n-1}),$
 $(-\infty, r_n) \Rightarrow n$ real roots. Similarly,

we can find n real roots of $f + \alpha g$ for
 $f \rightarrow \pm \infty, \alpha g \rightarrow \pm \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

\Leftarrow) WMA f and g have no common root,
 otherwise write $f = q \cdot f_1, g = q \cdot g_1$, where

f_1 and f_2 are relatively prime, then (the roots of \mathcal{J} , interlaces the roots of f_i)

$\Rightarrow (\sim \mathcal{J} \text{ interlaces } \sim f_i)$. Now,

if $[r_{k+1}, r_k]$ contains no root of \mathcal{J} , then

$|\mathcal{J}(x)| > \varepsilon, \forall x \in [r_{k+1}, r_k]$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$.

Consider $\frac{\mathcal{J}(x)}{f(x)}$, we pick $\beta \neq 0$ s.t. $\frac{\mathcal{J}(x)}{f(x) + \beta} = \beta$

has a root w/ multiplicity > 1 , then set $\alpha = -1/\beta$,
and $f(x) + \alpha \mathcal{J}(x) = 0$ has a multiple root

in $[r_{k+1}, r_k]$. Then we may change α by a

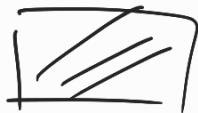
suff. small value s.t. $f(x) + \tilde{\alpha} \mathcal{J}(x) = 0$ "loses"

this multiple root and thus has complex

roots, contradiction! Therefore, $\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} [r_{k+1}, r_k]$

contains ≥ 1 root s_k of $\mathcal{J} \Rightarrow$ exactly one, and

$$r_n < s_{n-1} < r_{n-1} < \dots < r_2 < s_1 < r_1.$$



Thm A: real Sym $n \times n$, B: Principal subm.
of A, obtained by deleting the k-th row and
the k-th Col. \Rightarrow the eigenvalues of B
interlace those of A.

Pf/WMA $k=n$ (by permutation if necessary)

Mw, $A = \begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ C^T & d \end{pmatrix}$ - and

$$\det(xI - A) = \det \begin{pmatrix} xI - B & -C \\ -C^T & x-d \end{pmatrix}$$

obs $\det \begin{pmatrix} xI - B & -C \\ -C^T & x-d+\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \det(xI - A) + \alpha \det(xI - B)$

has real roots, $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

Len. \Rightarrow the roots of $\det(xI - B)$ interlace those of $\det(xI - A)$.



Cor A: real, Sym, $n \times n$; B: principal subm, $K \times K$.

r_i : eigenvalues of A, \cup ; s_i : eigenvalues of B, \cup

$$\Rightarrow r_{i+(n-k)} \leq s_i \leq r_i$$

§ 8.2 The Sensitivity Conjecture

Def/ A boolean function is a func. $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

For $\forall S \subseteq [n]$, $\forall x \in \{0,1\}^n$ - let x^S be the 0-1 vector obtained by flipping i -th coordinate of x

for all $i \in S$. For a boolean function $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

the local sensitivity $s(f, x)$ is $\left| \{i \in [n] : f(x) \neq f(x^{i:1})\} \right|$.

And the sensitivity of f , $s(f) := \max_x s(f, x)$.

The local block sensitivity $bs(f, x)$ is the

max. # disjoint blocks B_1, \dots, B_k of $[n]$ s.t.

$f(x) \neq f(x^{B_i})$, $\forall i \in [k]$. ($bs(f, x) \geq s(f, x)$)

The block sensitivity $bs(f) := \max_x bs(f, x)$

Conj (Nisan, Szegedy 94') [Sensitivity Conj.]

$bs(f) \leq (s(f))^c$ for some const. c - \forall boolean f

Best Known (Kenyon, Kurtin '04')

$bs(f) \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{\frac{s(f)}{\sqrt{S(f)}}}$, while LB is

$bs(f) = \sqrt{2(S(f))^2}$. Huge gap!

Consider the hypercube Q^n whose vertex set is $\{0,1\}^n$ and 2 vrtxs x, y are adj. if they differ in 1 coordinate, i.e., $y = x^{S_i}$ for some i .

Def/ The degree of a boolean function is the degree of the unique multilinear real polynomial representing f . (as $0^2=0, 1^2=1$)

$\Delta(H) := \max_{f \in H} \text{degree of } f$

Film (Nisan Szegedy '94')

$bs(f) \leq 2 \deg^2(f)$

Thm (Gotsman, Linial '92)

The following are equivalent for \forall increasing function h :

(1) \forall induced $H \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^n$ w/ $|V(H)| = 2^{n-1}$,

$$\max(\Delta(H), \Delta(\mathbb{Q}^n - H)) \geq h(n)$$

(2) \forall boolean f , $s(f) \geq h(\deg(f))$

RMK Find a function h satisfying (1),

then we have $bs(f) \leq 2\deg^2(f) \leq 2(h^{-1}(s(f)))^2$

Thm (Huang 2019)

H : induced subg. of \mathbb{Q}^n w/ $|V(H)| = 2^{n-1} + 1$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(H) \geq \sqrt{n}$$

Lem $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_n = \begin{pmatrix} A_{n-1} & I \\ I & -A_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2^n \times 2^n}$ sym,

whose eigenvalues are $\pm \sqrt{n}$, both of multiplicity 2^{n-1}

Pf/ (of Lem)

[Claim] $A_n^2 = nI$

$A_1^2 = I$ (\checkmark) by induction,

$$A_n^2 = \begin{pmatrix} A_{n-1} & I \\ I & A_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} A_{n-1}^2 + I & 0 \\ 0 & A_{n-1}^2 + I \end{pmatrix} = nI$$

Then, if λ is an eigenvalue of A_n ,

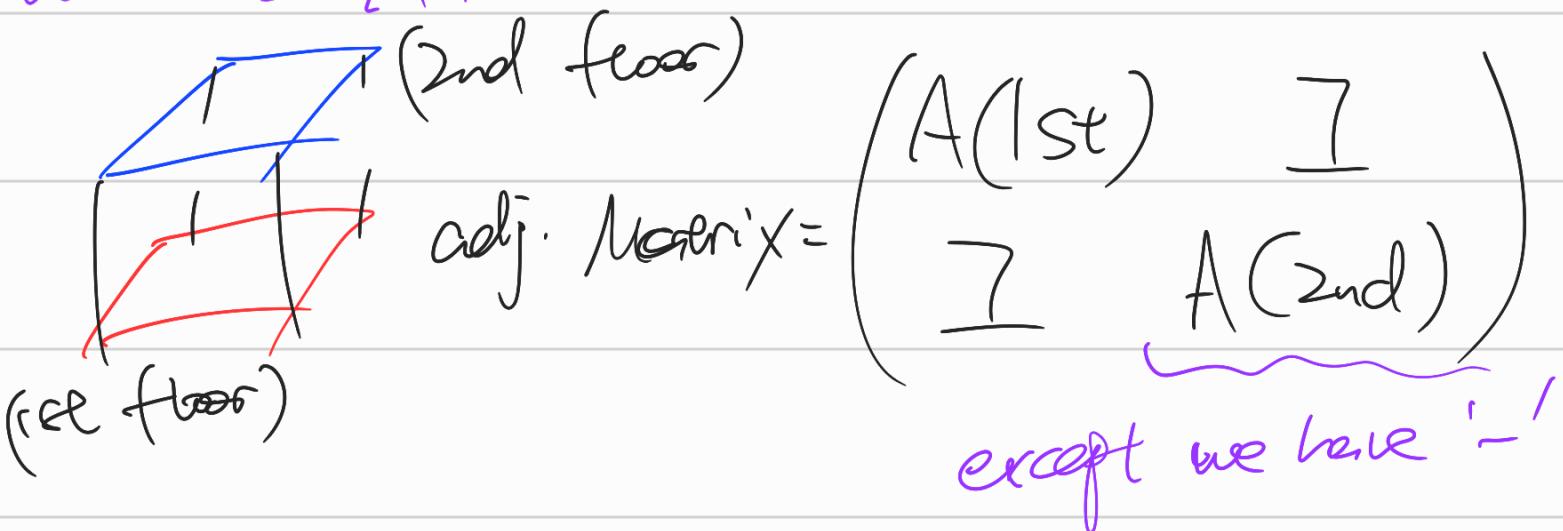
$$\exists v \neq 0 \text{ s.t. } A_n v = \lambda v \Rightarrow$$

$$v^T v = A_n^2 v = \lambda^2 v \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = n \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \sqrt{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(A_n) = 2\text{tr}(A_{n-1}) = 2^{n-1}\text{tr}(A_1) = 0$$

\Rightarrow half of them are \sqrt{n} , half are $-\sqrt{n}$

What is A_n ?



Lem' H : m-vtx graph; $A = (a_{ij})$: sym, $n \times n$,

where $a_{ij} \in \{-1, 0\}$ and $a_{ij} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall i \sim j$

λ_1 : the largest eigenvalue of A

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \leq \Delta(H)$

Pf/ Let $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{pmatrix}$ be an eigenvector of λ_1 ,

$Av = \lambda_1 v$. WLoG, Assume $|v_1| \geq |v_i|, \forall i$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda_1| |v_1| = |\lambda_1 v_1| = |(\lambda_1 v)_1| = |(Av)_1| = \left| \sum_j a_{1j} v_j \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{j \in N(v_1)} |a_{1j}| |v_j| \leq \deg(v_1) |v_1|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda_1| \leq \deg(v_1) \leq \Delta(H)$$



Pf (of the Sensitivity Conj.)

Let H be an induced subgraph of \mathbb{Q}^n w/

$$|V(H)| = 2^{n-1} + 1. \Rightarrow \text{By Cor. on page 6}$$

$$\lambda_{1+2^n-(2^{n-1}+1)}(A_n) = \lambda_{2^{n-1}}(A_n) \leq \lambda_1(A_n[V(H)]) \leq \lambda_1(A_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1(\bar{A_n[V(H)]}) = \sqrt{n} \Rightarrow \Delta(H) \geq \sqrt{n}$$

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$$\Rightarrow bs(f) \leq 2(s(f))^4$$

Ch9 Ramsey Theory

§ 9.1 Ramsey's Thm for graphs

$R(k, l) := \min N$ S.t. \nexists 2-edge-coloring

of K_n w/ $n \geq N$ has a Red K_k or Blue K_l .

Generalization

$\Rightarrow R(n_1, \dots, n_k) := \min N$ s.t. \forall k-edge-coloring

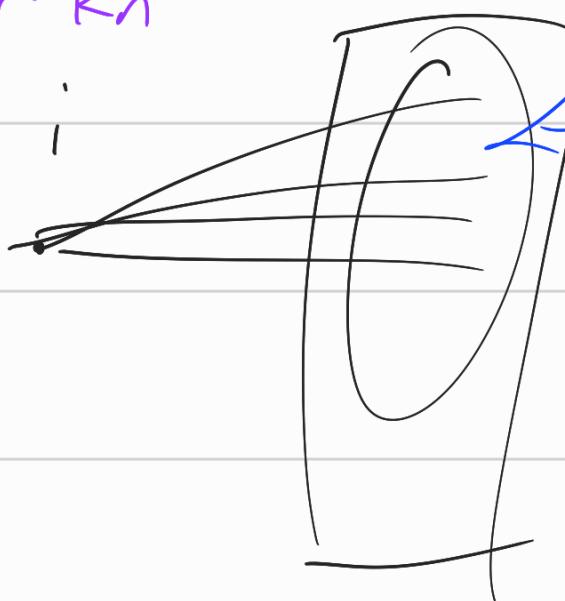
has a monochromatic K_n in color i -

[Thm] (Existence)

$$R(n_1, n_2, \dots; n_k) \leq$$

Consider K_n

Color i



n-1 vxs

if this has size

then we must have

k_{nj} in color j for
some j

\Rightarrow We need n to be bounded. 
(in the sense of induction)

 (Ihm) (Ramsey 30')

$$R(k, l) \leq \binom{k+l-2}{k-1}$$

Pf/ $R(1, 1) = 1$

$$R(k, l) \leq R(k-1, l) + R(k, l-1)$$

$$\leq \binom{k+l-3}{k-2} + \binom{k+l-3}{k-1}$$

$$= \binom{k+l-2}{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(k, l) \leq 2^{k+l-2}$$

§ 9.2 Ramsey Thm for sets

Instead of coloring edges of K_n , i.e., 2-subsets of $[n]$, we consider m-subsets of $[n]$.

Def/ $R(n_1, \dots, n_k; m) := \min N$ s.t. \forall

k -coloring on all m-subsets of $[n]$ w/ $n \geq N$ has $[X \subseteq [n] \text{ w/ } |X| = n_i \text{ s.t.}$

all m-subsets of X are in color i] for

some $i \in [k]$.

Thm (Existence)

Pf/ We may assume $k=2$, because

$$R(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k; m) \leq R(R(n_1, \dots, n_{k-1}; m), n_k; m)$$

NIS $R(n_1, n_2; m)$ exists. Using the similar idea.

$$\Rightarrow R(n_1, n_2; m) \leq R(R(n_1 - 1, n_2; m), R(n_1, n_2; m); m - 1) + 1$$