# Permutation packing and Flag Algebras

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- ▶ *H*, *F*, *G* graphs/permutations
- ▶ *G* is *F*-free
- ▶ |H| = k, |G| = n

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{G}) = \frac{\text{\# induced copies of } H \text{ in } G}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

Maximize the density of H in an F-free G.

 ${\cal F}$  a family of forbidden permutations/graphs

$$p(H, n) = \max_{\substack{G \text{ is } \mathcal{F}\text{-free} \\ |G|=n}} p(H, G)$$

### Packing density

$$p(H) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(H, n)$$

#### Turán density

$$p(H,\mathcal{F}) = \lim_{n \to \infty} p(H,\mathcal{F},n)$$

### Example I

#### **Permutations**

Maximize density of 12 in a 123-free P.

Answer:  $\sim 1/2$ .



### Graphs

Maximize the density of  $\Box$  in a  $\triangle$ -free G.

Answer:  $\sim 1/2$ .



## Example II

#### Permutations

Minimize the density of monotone subsequences of length 4.

Answer:  $\binom{\lfloor n/3 \rfloor}{4} \binom{\lfloor n/3+1 \rfloor}{4} \binom{\lfloor n/3+2 \rfloor}{4}$  via Flag algebras [BHL+15].

### Graphs

Minimize the density of  $: + \Sigma$ .

Notoriously hard. Minimizer is NOT  $\mathbb{G}(n, 1/2)$  — can do better.

Still open!

### Example III

#### **Permutations**

Maximize the density of 132 permutation.

Answer:  $2\sqrt{3} - 3$  (Galvin-Kleitmann, Stromquist).

### Digraphs

Maximize the density of  $\clubsuit$ .

Answer:  $2\sqrt{3} - 3$  ([FRV13]).



# Timeline

1992	Wilf @ SIAM	please look at packing densities	
1992	Galvin	packing densities exist	
1993	Galvin-Kleitmann,	132 packing density	
	Stromquist		
1998	Price	PhD thesis, layered patterns	
2002	Albert et al.	packing densities of layered patterns	
		(+ LBs for 1342, 2413)	
2002	Hästö	packing density of other layered per-	
		mutations	
2006	Barton	packing densities of patterns	
2008	Presutti	lower bounds for packing non-layered	
		patterns (weighs AAHHS templates)	
2010	Presutti-Stromquist	packing rates of measures, LB for	
		2413	
2015	Balogh et al.	Minimum number of monotone 4-	
		point sequences	

### In particular...

### Structural result (Stromquist, [AAH+02])

Layered (on top) permutations pack best into layered (on top) permutations.

#### Must mention:

- ▶ Price's algorithm
- Generalization to patterns
- ▶ Number of layers bdd or not
- Presutti-Stromquist permutation limits
- lacktriangle Packing densities of linear combinations with coeffs in  $\mathbb N$

### Non-layered (before FA):

- ▶  $0.1047... \le p(\blacksquare) \le 2/9$
- $0.1965... \le p(\mathbf{n}) \le 2/9$

# Small permutations (overview)

3-point packing densities Done.

### 4-point packing densities

S	lower bound	ref LB	upper bound	ref UB
1234	1	trivial	1	trivial
1432	0.42357	[Pri97]	0.42357	[Pri97]
2143	3/8	trivial	3/8	[Pri97]
1243	3/8	trivial	3/8	[AAH <sup>+</sup> 02]
1324	≈ 0.244	[Pri97]	≈ 0.244	[Pri97]
1342	0.1965	[Bat]	2/9	[AAH <sup>+</sup> 02]
2413	0.104724	[PS10]	2/9	[AAH <sup>+</sup> 02]

# Strategy

#### First bound

Maximize density of ↓ in a ♣-free graph.

$$p(\mathbf{l}, G) = p(\mathbf{l}, \bullet^{\bullet})p(\bullet^{\bullet}, G) + p(\mathbf{l}, \bullet^{\bullet})p(\bullet^{\bullet}, G) + p(\mathbf{l}, \wedge^{\bullet})p(\wedge^{\bullet}, G)$$

$$\leq \max\{p(\mathbf{l}, \bullet^{\bullet}), p(\mathbf{l}, \bullet^{\bullet}), p(\mathbf{l}, \wedge^{\bullet})\} = 2/3$$

### Redistribute weight

$$\begin{split} p(\mathring{\boldsymbol{\zeta}},G) &= \sum_{H \in \mathcal{G}_k} p(\mathring{\boldsymbol{\zeta}},H) p(H,G) + \underbrace{\sum_{H \in \mathcal{G}_k} c_H p(H,G)}_{\geq 0} \\ &\leq \max_{H \in \mathcal{G}_k} p(\mathring{\boldsymbol{\zeta}},H) + c_H \quad // \text{ winning if the right } c_H \text{ negative} \end{split}$$

# Magic (flag algebras)

- ▶  $\mathcal{G} = \bigcup_{n>0} \mathcal{G}_n$  set of all graphs.
- ▶  $A = \mathbb{R}G/K$ , where K contains  $H \sum_{H' \in G_k} p(H, H')H'$ .
- $\vdash H_1 \cdot H_2 := \sum_H p(H_1, H_2; H)H$  (now  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra).
- ▶  $(G_n)_n$  convergent if  $(p(H, G_n))_n$  converges for every H.
- ▶ Every  $(G_n)_n$  has convergent subsequence (Tychonoff).
- ▶ Associate convergent  $(G_n)_n$  with  $\phi \in Hom^+(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{R})$ .
- Averaging:  $H^{\sigma} \in \mathcal{A}^{\sigma}$ ,  $\llbracket H^{\sigma} \rrbracket_{\sigma} = p_{H}^{\sigma} H$ .
- ▶ For every  $\phi \in \mathit{Hom}^+(\mathcal{A}, \mathbb{R})$  and every  $h^{\sigma} \in \mathcal{A}^{\sigma}$ ,

$$\phi(\llbracket h^{\sigma} \rrbracket_{\sigma}) \geq 0.$$

Semi-definite programming, additional info comes from:

$$\phi\left(\left[\left[\mathbf{x}^{T}Q\mathbf{x}\right]\right]\right) \geq 0, \quad Q \succeq 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{A}^{\sigma}$ .

## Permpack package

Sage package automating flag algebras for permutations.

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https://github.com/jsliacan/permpack.git
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### Ingredients

- Razborov's Flag Algebras [Raz07]
- Sage-7.2 (SageMath.org)
- CSDP (COIN|OR project)

### What to expect

- ▶ Maximize packing density for  $\pi = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i P_i$ , some k.
- lacktriangle Compute Turán density for finite  ${\cal F}$  and  $\pi$
- lacksquare Handle inequality constraints, i.e.  $rac{1}{2} \geq 1/3$

## Permpack example I

#### Listing 1: Packing 132

```
p = PermProblem(3, density_pattern="132")
p.solve_sdp(solver="csdp")
```

### Listing 2: Output

```
Success: SDP solved
Primal objective value: -4.6410162e-01
Dual objective value: -4.6410162e-01
Relative primal infeasibility: 5.90e-14
Relative dual infeasibility: 1.67e-10
Real Relative Gap: 3.68e-10
XZ Relative Gap: 6.14e-10
```

## Permpack example II

#### Listing 3: Packing 123 subject to $132 \ge 1/3$ .

```
p = PermProblem(3, density_pattern="123")
p.add_assumption([("132",1)], 1/3)
p.solve_sdp(solver="csdp")
```

#### Listing 4: Output

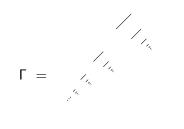
```
Success: SDP solved
Primal objective value: -5.9221808e-01
Dual objective value: -5.9221809e-01
Relative primal infeasibility: 3.14e-15
Relative dual infeasibility: 2.48e-09
Real Relative Gap: -9.65e-10
XZ Relative Gap: 4.52e-09
```

# After Flag Algebras

S	lower bound	ref LB	upper bound	ref UB
1234	1	trivial	1	trivial
1432	$\alpha$	[Pri97]	$\alpha$	[Pri97]
2143	3/8	trivial	3/8	[Pri97]
1243	3/8	trivial	3/8	[AAH <sup>+</sup> 02]
1324	0.244054321	construction Γ	0.244054549	Flagmatic 2.0
1342	β	[Bat]	0.1988373	[BHL <sup>+</sup> 15]
2413	$\approx 0.104724$	[PS10]	0.1047805	[BHL <sup>+</sup> 15]

All known upper bounds can be re-proved via FA.

### The curious case of 1342



Batkeyev, [BHL+15]

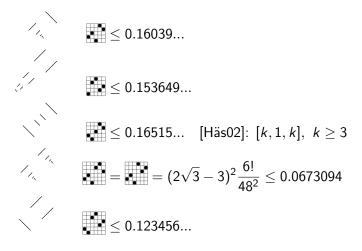
$$0.1965... = p(\mathbf{M}, \Gamma) \le \mathbf{M} \le 0.1988....$$

**Theorem** 

If 
$$\blacksquare =$$
 0, then  $\blacksquare \le 0.19658...$ 

## Various non-layered densities

All bounds are matched from below by constructions on the left.



# Things to think about

Do theorems about layered permutations extend to sums of sum-indecomposable blocks?

Is there a maximizer that does not contain with positive density?

Which sub-permutation densities force G to be pseudo-random?

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