

Recall in $G(n, 1/2)$

$$\mathbb{E}(\# \text{ } k\text{-cliques}) = f(k) = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\binom{k}{2}}$$

$$k_0 = \min\{k \geq 2 : f(k) \leq 1\}$$

$$k_0 \sim 2 \log_2 n, \quad f(k_0+1) = o(1), \quad f(k_0-1) = \omega(n^3)$$

$$\text{Let } k_0 = k_0 - 1$$

γ : Size of a maximum family of edge disjoint k -cliques

Key Lemma: $\mathbb{E} \gamma \geq (1 + o(1)) \frac{n^2}{2k^4}$

$$\Pr(\alpha(G(n, 1/2)) \leq k) = \exp(-\Omega(n^2 / \log^3 n))$$

$$\text{Let } m = \lfloor n / \log^2 n \rfloor$$

$$\Pr(\alpha(G(m)) \leq k) = \exp(-\Omega(m^2 / \log^3 m)) = \exp(-\Omega(n^2 / \log^3 n))$$

There are $\binom{n}{m} < 2^n$ sets of size m .

$$\Pr(\exists \text{ an } m\text{-set } S \text{ s.t. } \alpha(G[S]) \leq k)$$

$$\leq 2^n \cdot \exp(-\Omega(n^2 / \log^3 n))$$

$$= o(1)$$

Now we colour $G(n, 1/2)$ as follows: Repeatedly pull out independent sets of order k and give a colour to that independent set, until the # of the remaining edges is less than m . Then, give distinct colours to them.

$$\text{In total, we use } \leq \frac{n}{k} + m \sim \frac{n}{2 \log_2 n}.$$

$$\text{So, } \chi(G(n, 1/2)) \leq (1 + o(1)) \frac{n}{2 \log_2 n}$$

□

Proof of key lemma:

The expected # of k -cliques is $f(k)$

Let \mathcal{C} be a family of k -cliques obtained by including each of the k -cliques of $G(n, p)$ independently w prob p .

Let \mathcal{W} of pairs of k -cliques (α, β) in \mathcal{C} such that $E(\alpha) \cap E(\beta) \neq \emptyset$

Let \mathcal{C}' be obtained by deleting one of α, β if $\{\alpha, \beta\} \in \mathcal{W}$.

Then, \mathcal{C}' is a family of edge-disjoint k -cliques.

So:

$$|\mathcal{C}'| \geq |\mathcal{C}| - |\mathcal{W}|.$$

$$E(Y) \geq E(|\mathcal{C}'|) \geq E(|\mathcal{C}|) - E(|\mathcal{W}|)$$

\leftarrow Expected # of k -cliques

$$E(Y) = p \cdot f(k)$$

\leftarrow Probability of being included.

~~Exercise~~

Exercise: The expected # of pairs of k -cliques in $G(n, p)$ that intersect edges is asymptotically $f(k)^2 \cdot \frac{k^4}{2n^2}$.

$$\text{Then, } |\mathcal{W}| \sim p^2 f(k)^2 \frac{k^4}{2n^2}$$

$$E(Y) \geq p f(k) - (1+o(1)) p^2 f(k)^2 \frac{k^4}{2n^2}$$

$$\text{Choosing } p = \frac{n^2}{k^4 f(k)} \text{ gives } E(Y) \geq (1+o(1)) \frac{n^2}{2k^4 \dots}$$

□.

Theorem:

Let $p = n^{-\alpha}$ where $\alpha > 5/6$ fixed. Then, there exists an integer $u = u(n, p)$ s.t. a.a.s $u \leq \chi(G(n, p)) \leq u+3$.

Proof:

We have shown ^{by} (Assignment question) that for any fixed $c > 0$ a.a.s every subgraph induced by $\leq cn$ vertices can be 3-colored.

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $u = u(n, p, \varepsilon)$ be the smallest integer s.t. $\Pr(\chi(G(n, p)) \leq u) > \varepsilon$.

Let Y be the size of the smallest subset S s.t. $G-S$ is u -colorable. Consider the vertex exposure martingale w.r.t Y , then Y satisfies the 1-Lipschitz condition (Revealing one more vertex changes Y by at most 1).

By Azuma's inequality:

$$\Pr(Y - \mathbb{E}Y > t) \leq e^{-t^2/2n}, \quad \Pr(Y - \mathbb{E}Y < -t) \leq e^{-t^2/2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(Y > \mathbb{E}Y + \lambda\sqrt{n}) \leq e^{-\lambda^2/2}, \quad \Pr(Y < \mathbb{E}Y - \lambda\sqrt{n}) \leq e^{-\lambda^2/2}$$

Choose λ s.t. $e^{-\lambda^2/2} = \varepsilon$, then

$$\Pr(Y < \mathbb{E}Y - \lambda\sqrt{n}) \leq \varepsilon. \quad (1)$$

The event $Y=0$ is equivalent to $G(n, p)$ being u -colorable.

$$\text{i.e. } \{Y=0\} = \{\chi(G(n, p)) \leq u\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(Y=0) = \Pr(\chi(G(n, p)) \leq u) \quad (\text{By (1)})$$

But $\Pr(\chi(G(n, p)) \leq u) > \varepsilon$ and $\Pr(Y < \mathbb{E}Y - \lambda\sqrt{n}) \leq \varepsilon$, so

$$\mathbb{E}Y - \lambda\sqrt{n} < 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}Y < \lambda\sqrt{n}$$

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Proof Contd

Now,

$$\Pr(Y > 2\lambda\sqrt{n}) < \Pr(Y > \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i < \lambda\sqrt{n}) < \varepsilon.$$

So, with probability $1-\varepsilon$, $Y \leq 2\lambda\sqrt{n}$.

i.e. There exists a set S with $|S| \leq 2\lambda\sqrt{n}$ s.t.

$G(n, p) - S$ is 2 -colorable.

And, we also know that a.c.s S is 3 -colorable.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X(G(n, p)) \leq u-1 \text{ OR } X(G(n, p)) \geq u+4) \\ \leq \varepsilon + \underbrace{\Pr(Y > 2\lambda\sqrt{n})}_{\leq \varepsilon} + \underbrace{\Pr(\exists S: |S| \leq 2\lambda\sqrt{n} \text{ and } S \text{ not } 3\text{-colorable})}_{\leq \varepsilon} \\ \leq 3\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

And the assertion holds by letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

What happens when $p \sim c/n$ where c is fixed?

Theorem (Achlioptas and Freidgut, 1999)

For any $k \geq 3$ fixed there is a sharp threshold sequence $c_k = c_k(c_n)$ s.t. that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(G(n, c/n) \text{ is } k\text{-colorable}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } c < c_k(c_n) \\ 1 & \text{if } c > c_k(c_n) \end{cases}$$

(Determining c_k remains open)

Differential Equation Method:

Toy Example let $c \propto$ fixed. Suppose ~~an~~ balls are thrown into n bins sequentially uniformly at random. Let X_i be the # of empty bins after i balls are thrown. (Markov)

- $X_0 = n$

- $X_{i+1} = X_i - \underbrace{I\{C_{i+1}\text{-th ball thrown into empty bin}\}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{\# of empty} \\ \text{bins s.t. the event}}}$ $\equiv E_{i+1}$

- $P_0(E_{i+1}) = \frac{X_i}{n}$ Formally $E(I\{E_{i+1}\} | X_0, \dots, X_i) = \frac{X_i}{n}$

(Heuristically)

- $E(X_{i+1} - X_i | H_i) = - \frac{X_i}{n}$
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history of first i balls

We want to find the trajectory of $(X_i)_{i=0}^{\infty}$

What does this mean? What is the trajectory of an m.v.?

We will formalize this later. For now...

... let's assume that all X_i are concentrated around $E(X_i)$. So, we find the trajectory of $(E(X_i))_{i=0}^{\infty}$.

Then,

$$E(X_{i+1}) - E(X_i) = - \frac{E(X_i)}{n}$$

We write

$$X(t) = \frac{E(X_{tn})}{n}$$

\hookrightarrow

And the above becomes:

$$\mathbb{E}X_{i+1} - \mathbb{E}X_i = -\frac{\mathbb{E}X_i}{n} \rightarrow n(\underbrace{\chi(t+\frac{1}{n}) - \chi(t)}_{\xrightarrow{\text{now.}} \chi'(t)}) = -\chi(t)$$

That tells us that the solution of $\chi'(t) = -\chi$ gives (by scaling) the trajectory of $(\mathbb{E}X_i)_{i=0}^{\infty}$:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x, \quad \int \frac{1}{x} dx = -\int dt \Rightarrow \chi(t) = ce^{-t}$$

$$X_0 = n \Rightarrow \chi_0(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c=1, \text{ so } \chi(t) = e^{-t} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}X_i = ne^{-i/n}$$

Suppose we want to show the concentration of X_T .

For $j \geq 0$, define $Z_j = \mathbb{E}(X_T | \mathcal{H}_j)$

\hookrightarrow The σ -field generated by the random allocation of the first j balls

We also have $|Z_j - Z_{j-1}| \leq 1$, so by Azuma's Inequality,

$$\mathbb{P}(|X_T - \mathbb{E}X_T| \geq \sqrt{\alpha T}) \leq 2e^{-\alpha/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_T \text{ with probability } \geq 1 - e^{-n/2}, \quad X_T = ne^{-T/n} + o(n)$$