

# Draft

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## 1 Hardcore model in random graph

**Definition 1 (hardcore model)**

**Definition 2 (partial configuration)**  $\sigma_\Lambda \in \{0, 1\}^{|\Lambda|}$  is a partial configuration on  $\Lambda \subseteq [n]$ . The conditional distribution  $\mu_{\sigma_\Lambda}(\cdot) := \mathbb{P}_{\sigma \sim \mu}(\sigma \in \cdot | \sigma = \sigma_\Lambda \text{ restricted on } \Lambda)$

**Definition 3 ((Completely) bounded distributions)** Let  $\mu$  be a probability distribution over  $2^{[n]}$  and let  $C \geq 1$ . Define the class of  $C$ -bounded distributions with respect to  $\mu$  by

$$\mathcal{V}(C, \mu) := \{\nu \in AC_\mu \mid \frac{\nu(i)(1 - \mu(i))}{\mu(i)(1 - \nu(i))} \leq C, \forall i \in [n]\}$$

**Theorem 1 (hardcore model on random  $\Delta$ -regular graph)** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph, and let  $\mu$  be the Gibbs distribution for the hardcore model on  $G$  with fugacity  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda \leq \frac{1-\delta}{2\sqrt{\Delta}-1}$ . Then with probability  $1 - o(1)$  the following holds: for any  $\Lambda \subseteq [n]$  and the partial configuration  $\sigma_\Lambda \in \{0, 1\}^{|\Lambda|}$

$$M_{\sigma_\Lambda} \preceq I + (1 - \delta) \text{diag}(r_{\sigma_\Lambda})^{-1}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$M_{\sigma_\Lambda}(i, j) := \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}(\{i, j\}) \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}(\emptyset)}{\mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}(\{i\}) \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}(\{j\})} - 1, & i \neq j, \\ 0, & i = j. \end{cases}$$

$$r_{\sigma_\Lambda}(i) := \frac{\mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}(\{i\})}{\mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}(\emptyset)} = \frac{\mu(\sigma_\Lambda \cup \{i\})}{\mu(\sigma = \sigma_\Lambda)}, \quad \forall i \notin \sigma_\Lambda.$$

Furthermore, for any  $\Lambda \subseteq [n]$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]^{n-|\Lambda|}$

$$\text{Cov}(\lambda * \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}) \preceq \text{diag}(1 - (1 - \delta)\lambda)^{-1} \text{diag}(\mathbf{m}(\lambda * \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda})) \quad (2)$$

Consequently  $\mu$  is completely  $(\frac{2}{\delta}, \frac{\delta}{2})$ -spectrally dominated, equivalently, for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1 + \frac{\delta}{2}]^{n-|\Lambda|}$  and  $\Lambda \subseteq [n]$

$$\text{Cov}(\lambda * \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}) \preceq \frac{2}{\delta} \text{diag}(\mathbf{m}(\lambda * \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda})). \quad (3)$$

**proof** The proof of inequality (1) and (2) is similar to [2]. We remark that in [2] they use  $\mu_S$  instead of  $\mu_{\sigma_\Lambda}$ , but the whole analysis remains valid when transferred to configuration pinning  $\mu_{\sigma_\Lambda}$ , as detailed in section 11.1 in [3].

Since  $\delta$  is arbitrary, the range of  $\lambda$  can be expanded to  $[0, 1 + \frac{\delta}{2}]^n$ , and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(\lambda * \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda}) &\preceq \text{diag}(1 - (1 - \delta)(1 + \frac{\delta}{2}))^{-1} \text{diag}(\mathbf{m}(\lambda * \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda})) \\ &\preceq \frac{2}{\delta} \text{diag}(\mathbf{m}(\lambda * \mu^{\sigma_\Lambda})) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the correlation matrix in [1] is defined as

$$\Psi_\mu^{\text{cor}}(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 - \mu(i), & \text{if } j = i, \\ \mu(j|i) - \mu(j), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and  $\Psi_\mu^{\text{cor}}(i, j) = \text{diag}(\mathbf{m}(\mu))^{-1} \text{Cov}(\mu)$ . Since

$$\lambda_{\max}(\Psi_\mu^{\text{cor}}) = \lambda_{\max}(\text{diag}(\mathbf{m}(\mu))^{-1/2} \text{Cov}(\mu) \text{diag}(\mathbf{m}(\mu))^{-1/2})$$

by definition we have  $\mu$  is completely  $(\frac{2}{\delta}, \frac{\delta}{2})$ -spectrally dominated.

**Theorem 2 (Restricted MLSI)** *Let  $\eta \geq 1, \epsilon > 0$ , and  $C \geq 1$ . Suppose that  $\mu$  is a probability distribution on  $2^{[n]}$  completely  $(\eta, \epsilon)$ -spectrally independent. Then, for any  $v \in \mathcal{V}(C, \mu)$ ,  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $P \in \{P_{k, \lceil nk\theta \rceil}^{\text{proj}}, P_\theta^{FD}\}$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{D}_{KL}(\nu P \| \mu P) \leq (1 - \kappa) \mathcal{D}_{KL}(\nu \| \mu),$$

where  $\kappa = (\theta/3)^{\eta'}$  with  $\eta' = \max\{2\eta, \sqrt{\log(C)/\log(1 + \epsilon)}\}$ .

**Lemma 1** *Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices with maximum degree at most  $\Delta \geq 3$ . Let  $\mu$  denote the distribution on  $2^{|V|}$  corresponding to the hardcore model on  $G$  with fugacities  $(\lambda_v)_{v \in V}$ . Then, for any  $\Lambda \subset V$ ,  $v \in V$  and partial configuration  $\sigma_\Lambda \in 2^{|\Lambda|}$  which leaves all neighbors of  $v$  unoccupied, we have*

$$\frac{\lambda_v}{1 + \lambda_v} \Pi_{w \in N(v)} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \lambda_w} \right) \leq \mathbb{P}_\mu[v \in \sigma | \sigma_\Lambda] \leq \frac{\lambda_v}{1 + \lambda_v}$$

Moreover, if  $\lambda_v \leq \frac{c}{\sqrt{\Delta}}$ ,  $\forall v \in V$  for some constant  $c$ , we have

$$\Pi_{w \in N(v)} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \lambda_w} \right) \geq e^{-c\sqrt{\Delta}}$$

**Remark 1** *Let  $P^{SS}$  denote the Markov operator corresponding to a single pass of the systematic scan chain for  $\mu$ , and let  $v := v_0 P^{SS}$ . Then  $v$  is  $C$ -completely bounded with respect to  $\mu$  with  $C = e^{O(\sqrt{\Delta})}$ .*

**proof of Remark 1** The proof is similar to proposition 52 in [1]: For any  $v \in V$ , define

$$\gamma_v := \max_{\sigma^-} \frac{\nu(\sigma^+)}{\nu(\sigma^-)},$$

where the maximum ranges over independent sets  $\sigma^-$  in  $V$  which do not include  $v$  and where  $\sigma^+$  denotes the set  $\sigma^- \cup \{v\}$ . For any configuration  $x$ , we have

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(x \rightarrow \sigma^+)}{\mathbb{P}(x \rightarrow \sigma^-)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}_\mu(v \in \sigma | \sigma^+(v))}{\mathbb{P}_\mu(v \in \sigma | \sigma^-(v))} \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{\mathbb{P}_\mu(u_i \notin \sigma | \sigma^+(u_i))}{\mathbb{P}_\mu(u_i \notin \sigma | \sigma^-(u_i))}$$

where  $u_1, \dots, u_k$  denote the neighbors of site  $v$  which are updated after site  $v$  in systematic scan, and we let the notation  $\sigma^-(u_i)$  denote the configuration right before the systematic scan updates site  $u_i$ , given that for all previous sites it updated according to configuration  $\sigma^-$ , and similarly for the notation  $\sigma^+(u_i)$ . Since  $\frac{\mathbb{P}_\mu(v \in \sigma | \sigma^+(v))}{\mathbb{P}_\mu(v \in \sigma | \sigma^-(v))} \leq \lambda_v$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^k \frac{\mathbb{P}_\mu(u_i \notin \sigma | \sigma^+(u_i))}{\mathbb{P}_\mu(u_i \notin \sigma | \sigma^-(u_i))} \leq \prod_{i=1}^k (1 + \lambda_i) \leq e^{c\sqrt{\Delta}}$ , we have  $\frac{\mathbb{P}(x \rightarrow \sigma^+)}{\mathbb{P}(x \rightarrow \sigma^-)} \leq \lambda_v e^{c\sqrt{\Delta}}$ . Now consider any external field  $(\theta_v)_{v \in V} \in [0, 1]^{|V|}$ , we have

$$\frac{(\theta * \nu)(v \in \sigma | \sigma_\Lambda) \cdot (\theta * \mu)(v \notin \sigma | \sigma_\Lambda)}{(\theta * \nu)(v \notin \sigma | \sigma_\Lambda) \cdot (\theta * \mu)(v \in \sigma | \sigma_\Lambda)} \leq \theta_v \lambda_v e^{c\sqrt{\Delta}} \cdot (\theta_v \lambda_v e^{-c\sqrt{\Delta}})^{-1} = e^{O(\sqrt{\Delta})}$$

## 1.1 balanced Glauber dynamics

**Definition 4 (K-Balanced Glauber Dynamics)** For a distribution  $\mu$ , at each time step, we keep track of a configuration  $\sigma_t$  and a tuple  $(N_t(v))_{v \in V}$ , described below. We initial  $N_0(v) = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ . For each  $t \geq 1$ , sample a vertex  $I_t$  uniformly at random and update  $\sigma_{t-1}$  at  $I_t$  according to the distribution  $\mu$  conditioned on  $\sigma_{t-1, -I_t}$ . Let  $\sigma_{t,0}$  be the resulting configuration. We define  $N_{t,0}(v) = N_{t-1}(v) + 1$  for each  $v$  adjacent to  $I_t$  and define  $N_{t,0}(I_t) = 0$ . For all other vertices  $u$ , we define  $N_{t,0}(u) = N_{t-1}(u)$ . Then for  $j \geq 1$ , as long as there is a vertex  $v$  with  $N_{t,j-1}(v) > K\Delta$ , we choose such a vertex with the smallest index (according to a fixed, but otherwise arbitrary ordering of the vertices) and resample  $\sigma_{t,j-1}$  at  $v$  according to the distribution  $\mu$  conditioned on  $\sigma_{t,j-1, -v}$  to form  $\sigma_{t,j}$ . We then define  $N_{t,j}$  by increasing  $N_{t,j-1}$  at the neighbors of  $v$  by 1, setting  $N_{t,j}(v) = 0$ , and for all other vertices  $u$ , setting  $N_{t,j}(u) = N_{t-1,j}(u)$ . At  $j_t$ , when there are no vertices  $v$  with  $N_{t,j_t}(v) > K\Delta$ , we let  $\sigma_t = \sigma_{t,j_t-1}$  and  $N_t = N_{t,j_t-1}$ .

**Theorem 3 (ATE by restcited MLSI for field dynamics.)** Let  $\mu$  be a probability distribution on  $2^{[n]}$  which is completely  $(\eta, \epsilon)$ -spectrally independent. Let  $v \in \mathcal{V}^c(C, \mu)$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , and let  $f := dv/d\mu$ . Suppose there exists  $\kappa > 0$  such that for  $\pi = \theta * \mu := (\theta, \dots, \theta) * \mu$  and for all  $R \subseteq [n]$  with  $\pi(R) > 0$ ,

$$\kappa \text{Ent}_{\pi^{1_R}}(f) \leq \mathcal{E}_{P_\theta}(f, \log f) \quad (4)$$

where  $P_\theta$  is the transition matrix for the Glauber dynamics with respect to  $\pi^{1,\pi}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{P_\theta}$  is its corresponding Dirichlet form. Then we have

$$\text{Ent}_\mu[f] \leq C' \sum_{v \in [n]} \mathbb{E}_\mu[\text{Ent}_v[f]]$$

where  $C' = \frac{C}{\kappa n} \times \frac{1}{\Omega(\theta)^{O(\eta')}}$ , with  $\eta' = \max\{2\eta, \sqrt{\log(C)/\log(1+\epsilon)}\}$

**Proposition 1 (MLSI in easy regime)** *Let  $\mu$  denote the hardcore model on a graph of maximum degree at most  $\Delta \geq 3$ , with fugacity  $\lambda_v \leq 1/2\Delta$  for all sites  $v$ , and let  $P$  denote the transition matrix of the Glauber dynamics. Then, the modified log-Sobolev constant  $\rho_0(P)$  satisfies  $\rho_0(P) \geq 1/4n$ .*

**Lemma 2** *For  $K$ -balanced Glauber dynamics  $P^{BG}$  and arbitrary distribution  $\nu$  that is absolutely continuous to  $\mu$ , we have  $\nu P^{BG}$  is  $C$ -completely bounded with respect to  $\mu$  for  $C = e^{O(K\sqrt{\Delta})}$ .*

**proof.** The proof follows a similar step as proof of Remark 1. Let  $\nu_x$  denote the resulting measure on independent sets of  $G$ , starting from the initial distribution  $\nu_0 = \mathbf{1}_x$ , then it suffice to prove that

$$\frac{\nu_x(\sigma^+)}{\nu_x(\sigma^-)} \leq \tilde{C} \lambda_v$$

for  $\tilde{C} = e^{O(K\sqrt{\Delta})}$ . Similar to the proof of Remark 1, we have

$$\frac{\nu_x(\sigma^+)}{\nu_x(\sigma^-)} \leq \lambda_v \prod_{i=1}^k (1 + \lambda_{u_i}) \leq \lambda_v (1 + \frac{c}{\sqrt{\Delta}})^{K\Delta} \leq e^{cK\sqrt{\Delta}}.$$

**Lemma 3 (Lemma 55 in [1])** *let  $\nu$  be the distribution of  $\sigma_{t-1}$  and let  $f = d\nu/d\mu$  denotes the corresponding density. Define another Markov chain  $(\xi_t, N_t)$  where  $\xi_0 \sim \mu$ , and the coupled process  $(\sigma_{t,i}, \xi_{t,i}, N_{t,i})$ . Then, provided that the approximate tensorization of entropy estimate*

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}(\nu \parallel \mu) \leq \frac{1}{C} \sum_{v \in V} \mathbb{E}_\mu[\text{Ent}_v(f)]$$

*holds for some  $C > 0$ , we have*

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}((\sigma_{t,0}, N_{t,0}) \parallel (\xi_{t,0}, N_{t,0})) \leq \left(1 - \frac{C}{n}\right) \mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}((\sigma_{t-1}, N_{t-1}) \parallel (\xi_{t-1}, N_{t-1})).$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}((\sigma_t, N_t) \parallel (\xi_t, N_t)) \leq \left(1 - \frac{C}{n}\right) \mathcal{D}_{\text{KL}}((\sigma_{t-1}, N_{t-1}) \parallel (\xi_{t-1}, N_{t-1})).$$

**Theorem 4 (Main theorem 1)** *Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph, and let  $\mu$  be the Gibbs distribution for the hardcore model on  $G$  with fugacity  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda \leq \frac{1-\delta}{2\sqrt{\Delta}-1}$ . Let  $v_{-1}$  be an arbitrary initial distribution and  $v_0 = v_{-1}P^{SS}$  to be the distribution obtained by running a single round of the systematic scan. let  $(\sigma_t, N_t)$  be defined by the  $K$ -balanced Glauber dynamics, as above, starting from the initial distribution  $v_0 \times (0)_{v \in V}$ . Then with probability  $1 - o(1)$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,*

$$d_{TV}(v_T, \mu) \leq \epsilon$$

for all  $T = e^{O(K\sqrt{\Delta})} \cdot \Omega_\delta(n \log[n\mathcal{D}_{KL}(v_{-1}||\mu)/\epsilon])$

**proof of Main theorem 1.** By Lemma 2, the distribution  $\nu_t$  is  $C$ -completely bounded with respect to  $\mu$  for all  $t \geq 0$  with  $C = e^{O(K\sqrt{\Delta})}$ . Let  $f_t = d\nu_t/d\mu$ , by Theorem 3 combined with the fact that  $\mu$  is  $(\frac{2}{\eta}, \frac{\eta}{2})$ -completely spectrally independent of and the MLSI for Glauber dynamics in the easy regime from Proposition 1 (by choosing external field  $\theta = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\Delta}}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{D}_{KL}(\nu_t||\mu) \leq \mathcal{D}_{KL}((\sigma_t, N_t)||(\xi_t, N_t)) \leq \left(1 - \frac{C}{n}\right)^t \mathcal{D}_{KL}(\nu_{-1}||\mu),$$

where  $C = e^{O(K\sqrt{\Delta})} \cdot (\sqrt{\Delta})^{\sqrt{K\sqrt{\Delta}}} = e^{O(K\sqrt{\Delta})}$ .

**Corollary 1**

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