

26.1 Lovász local lemma and its algorithmic (constructive) version

26.1.1 Symmetric LLL

Let $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$ be events with a dependency graph of degree at most d .

Suppose $\forall i, P[\varepsilon_i] \leq \rho$, and $e\rho(d+1) \leq 1$, where $e = 2.71$

Then,

$$P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i\right] \leq 1 - \left(\frac{d}{d+1}\right)^n < 1$$

26.1.2 General LLL

Let $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$ be events and let Γ_i denote the neighbors of ε_i in their dependency graph.

Suppose there exists numbers $x_i \in (0, 1)$ such that $\forall i, P[\varepsilon_i] \leq x_i \prod_{j \in \Gamma_i} (1 - x_j)$

Then,

$$p\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^n \tilde{\varepsilon}_i\right] \geq \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i) > 0$$

Dependency graph between events:

- n vertices

- Place an edge between i and j , if i depends on j

For $\Gamma_i = \text{neighbors of } i$,

$\forall i, \forall S \subseteq [n] \setminus \Gamma_i^+$,

$\Gamma_i^+ = \Gamma_i \cup \{i\}$,

$$P[\varepsilon_i | \bigcup_{j \in S} \varepsilon_j] = P[\varepsilon_i]$$

26.1.3 $GLL \Rightarrow SLL$

Set $x_i = \frac{1}{d+1}, \forall i$

For any i ,

$$x_i \prod_{j \in \Gamma_i} (1 - x_j) \geq \frac{1}{d+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d+1}\right)^d \geq \frac{1}{d+1} \cdot \frac{1}{e} \geq p \geq P[\varepsilon_i]$$

Thus, SLLL is proved using GLLL.

Special case:

Suppose that $\forall i, \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i} P[\varepsilon_j] \leq \frac{1}{4}$.

Then,

$$P\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^n \tilde{\varepsilon}_i\right] \geq \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - p[\varepsilon_i]) > 0$$

Proof GLLL:

Set $x_i = 2P[\varepsilon_i]$

$$x_i \prod_{j \in \Gamma_i} (1 - x_j) \geq 2P[\varepsilon_i] \left(1 - \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i} x_j\right) \geq 2P[\varepsilon_i] \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = P[\varepsilon_i]$$

26.1.4 Proof of GLLL (Induction on size $|S|$)

Inductive hypothesis:

$$\begin{aligned} P\left[\bigcap_{i \in S} \tilde{\varepsilon}_i\right] &\geq \prod_{i \in S} (1 - x_i) \quad \text{and} \quad P[\varepsilon_i | \bigcap_{j \in S} \tilde{\varepsilon}_j] \leq x_j \\ &\iff P[\varepsilon_i | \bigcap_{j \in S} \tilde{\varepsilon}_j] \geq 1 - x_i \end{aligned}$$

Consider the set $S = \{1, 2, \dots, k, k+1\}$

$$P\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^{k+1} \tilde{\varepsilon}_i\right] = P\left[\bigcap_{i=1}^k \tilde{\varepsilon}_i\right] \cdot P[\bar{\varepsilon}_{k+1} | \bigcap_{i=1}^k \tilde{\varepsilon}_i] \geq \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - x_i) (1 - x_{k+1})$$

$$P[\varepsilon_i | \bigcap_{j \in S} \tilde{\varepsilon}_j] = \frac{P[\varepsilon_i \text{ and } \bigcap_{j \in \Gamma_i \cap S} \tilde{\varepsilon}_j | \bigcap_{j \in S \setminus \Gamma_i} \bar{\varepsilon}_j]}{P[\bigcap_{j \in \Gamma_i \cap S} \tilde{\varepsilon}_j | \bigcap_{j \in S \setminus \Gamma_i} \bar{\varepsilon}_j]}$$

$$\leq \frac{P[\varepsilon_i | \bigcap_{j \in S \setminus \Gamma_i} \bar{\varepsilon}_j]}{P[\bar{\varepsilon}_1 | -] P[\bar{\varepsilon}_2 | \bar{\varepsilon}_1 \bigcap -] P[\bar{\varepsilon}_3 | \bar{\varepsilon}_1 \bigcap \bar{\varepsilon}_2 \bigcap -]}$$

$$\leq \frac{P[\varepsilon_i]}{(1 - x_1)(1 - x_2)(1 - x_3) \dots}$$

$$\leq \frac{x_i \prod_{j \in \Gamma_i} (1 - x_j)}{\prod_{j \in \Gamma_i \cap S} (1 - x_j)} \leq x_i$$

26.1.5 k-SAT

Given any k-CNF formula where every variable belongs to at most $\frac{2^k}{ek}$ clauses, the formula is satisfiable. (every clause has exactly k distinct literals)

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Algorithm:

- Pick a uniform random assignment while \exists unsat clause C, FIX(C).

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- Pick a uniform random assignment for variable in C.

- While \exists unsatisfied clause D that shares a variable with C, run FIX(D).

If degree of $C \leq \frac{2^k}{e}$, algorithm is going to terminate quickly. Every clause that is touched in the recursive FIX calls, becomes satisfied. Everything else remains untouched. If algorithm encounters loops, it may not terminate.