

**Lemma 0.1.** *Let  $q$  be a prime power, and  $d \leq q - 1$ . Then there exists a collection of sets  $S_1, \dots, S_m \subseteq [q^{l+1}]$  such that  $|S_i| = q$  for all  $i$  and  $|S_i \cap S_j| < d$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $m = q^{dl}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^l$  such that  $f(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_l(x))$  where each  $f_i$  is a degree  $d - 1$  polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Then each  $f$  corresponds to a set of  $l + 1$ -tuples,  $S_f = \{(x, f_1(x), \dots, f_l(x)) \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_q\}$ .

If  $g \neq f$ , then the sets  $S_f$  and  $S_g$  intersect at most  $d - 1$  points since the equation  $f_1(x) = g_1(x)$  already has at most  $d - 1$  solutions in  $x \in \mathbb{F}_q$ . We can relabel  $S_f$  by associating  $i \in [q^{l+1}]$  to each  $f : \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^l$ . There are  $q^d$  distinct polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of degree  $d - 1$ , so there are  $(q^d)^l$  distinct sets of  $(l + 1)$ -tuples that satisfy the above property. Hence, we can construct a collection of sets  $S_1, \dots, S_{q^{dl}}$  such that  $|S_i| = q$  for all  $i$  and  $|S_i \cap S_j| < d$  for  $i \neq j$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 0.2.** *The upper bounds on  $\theta$ -sensitivity of our graph properties are tight.*

*Proof.* For  $s^0(f)$  of our first graph property (Theorem 3.2), let  $q$  be the prime power between  $k + 1$  and  $2(k + 1)$ ,  $l = \lfloor \log_q(v) - 1 \rfloor \geq \log_q(v) - 2$  and  $d = i$ . Then we have  $m = q^{dl} \geq \Omega(v^i q^{-2i}) = \Omega(v^i)$  many sets  $S_1, \dots, S_m$  such that  $|S_i \cap S_j| < d$ .

For second graph property (Theorem 4.2), let  $q$  be the prime power between  $0.5v^t$  and  $v^t$ ,  $l = 1/t - 1$ . Then we have  $m = q^{dl} \geq \Omega(v^i q^{-2i}) = \Omega(v^{i(1-t)})$  many sets  $S_1, \dots, S_m$  such that  $|S_i \cap S_j| < d$ .  $\square$