

Comp Sci 212

1. Sensitivity Theorem

Announcements

- Last lecture is today
- Office hours until June 9
- Final June 10

Def. Induced subgraph - $G = (V, E)$, $G' = (V', E')$

is an induced subgraph if $V' \subseteq V$, $\{v_1, v_2\} \in E$, and $v_1, v_2 \in V'$, then $\{v_1, v_2\} \in E'$.



Hyperspace - $G = (\{0,1\}^n, E)$

$E = \{\{v_1, v_2\} \mid v_1, v_2 \text{ differ in exactly 1 coordinate}\}$.

Sensitivity Theorem - If $G = (\{0,1\}^n, E)$,

and $G' = (V', E')$ is an induced subgraph s.t.

$|V'| > 2^{n-1}$, there is a vertex in G' w/ degree at least $\sqrt{n}$.

Hyperspace is bi-partite $\rightarrow$ there exist V_1, V_2 disjoint s.t. $V_1 \cup V_2 = \{0,1\}^n$, all edges go from V_1 to V_2



induced graph on vertices from $V_1 \rightarrow$ has no edges

Conjectured by Nisan and Szegedy in 1992

Proved by Hao Huang in 2019

Lot of applications

$\rightarrow$ Statement about how powerful quantum computers

Proof. Adjacency matrix - $(M_n \text{ adjacency matrix } \{0,1\}^n)$

$$M_n = \begin{matrix} \text{start} & \text{start} & \text{start} & \text{start} \\ \text{end} & \text{end} & \text{end} & \text{end} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_{nn} & I_{2^{n-1}} \\ I_{2^{n-1}} & M_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $A_0 = 0$

$$A_n = \begin{bmatrix} A_{n-1} & I_{2^{n-1}} \\ I_{2^{n-1}} & -A_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

signed adjacency matrix

(all entries are 1, 0, -1)

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lemma. $A_n^2 = n \cdot I_{2^n}$ (all eigenvalues are $\pm\sqrt{n}$)

Proof. Use Induction.

Base case - $A_0 = 0 \cdot I_1$

Inductive step - Assume $A_n^2 = n \cdot I_{2^n}$

Then A_{n+1}^2

$$\begin{aligned} & A_{n+1}^2 \begin{bmatrix} A_n & I_{2^n} \\ I_{2^n} & -A_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{left-top = middle} \\ & A_{n+1}^2 \begin{bmatrix} A_n & I_{2^n} \\ I_{2^n} & -A_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_n^2 + I_{2^n} & A_n - A_n \\ A_n - A_n & I_{2^n} + A_n^2 \end{bmatrix} = A_{n+1}^2 \\ & = \begin{bmatrix} nI_{2^n} + I_{2^n} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{2^n} + nI_{2^n} \end{bmatrix} \\ & = (n+1) \begin{bmatrix} I_{2^n} & 0 \\ 0 & I_{2^n} \end{bmatrix} = (n+1) I_{2^{n+1}} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

$$B_n = \begin{bmatrix} A_{n-1} + \sqrt{n} I_{2^{n-1}} & \\ & I_{2^{n-1}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2^n \times 2^n \text{ matrix})$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_n \cdot B_n &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{n-1} + \sqrt{n} I_{2^{n-1}} & \\ & I_{2^{n-1}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{n-1} & \\ I_{2^{n-1}} - A_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{n-1} + \sqrt{n} I_{2^{n-1}} & \\ & I_{2^{n-1}} - A_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{n-1} & \\ I_{2^{n-1}} - A_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (n-1)I_{2^{n-1}} + I_{2^{n-1}} + \sqrt{n} \cdot A_{n-1} & \\ & \sqrt{n} I_{2^{n-1}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{n} \cdot A_{n-1} + n \cdot I_{2^{n-1}} & \\ & \sqrt{n} I_{2^{n-1}} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sqrt{n} \cdot B_n \end{aligned}$$

columns of B_n are eigenvectors of A_n

Let x - column vector w/ 2^{n-1} entries
want $(B_n \cdot x)_v = 0$ if $v \notin V'$

2^{n-1} unknowns (each coordinate)
of x

$< 2^{n-1}$ equations (handwavy)

more unknowns than equations, there exist non-zero x

s.t. $(B_n \cdot x)_v = 0$ if $v \notin V'$.

Let $y = B_n \cdot x$. Then,

$$A_n \cdot y = A_n \cdot B_n \cdot x = \sqrt{n} \cdot B_n \cdot x = \sqrt{n} \cdot y$$

Let m be coordinate of y w/ max absolute value.

$$|\sqrt{n} \cdot y_m| = |(A_n y)_m| = \left| \sum_{v \in V} (A_n)_{mv} y_v \right| \quad y_v = 0 \text{ if } v \notin V'$$

$$= \left| \sum_{v \in V'} (A_n)_{mv} y_v \right| \leq \sum_{v \in V'} |(A_n)_{mv}| \cdot |y_v|$$

$$\leq |y_m| \cdot \sum_{v \in V', \text{ neighbor of } m} 1 = |y_m| \cdot \deg(m) \rightarrow \sqrt{n} \leq \deg(m)$$

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