Phase Transition of Hypergraph Matchings

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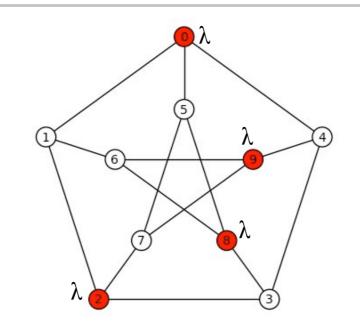
hardcore model

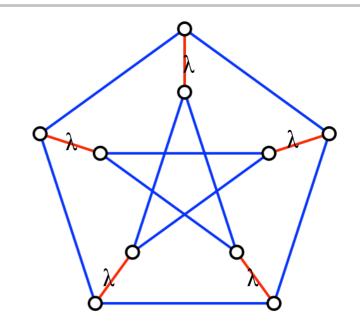
monomer-dimer model

undirected graph

$$G = (V, E)$$

activity λ





configurations:

independent sets I

matchings M

weight:

$$w(I) = \lambda^{|I|}$$

$$w(M) = \lambda^{|M|}$$

partition function:

$$Z = \sum_{I: \text{independent sets in } G} w(I)$$

 $Z = \sum_{M: \text{matchings in } G} w(M)$

Gibbs distribution:

$$\mu(I) = w(I) / Z$$

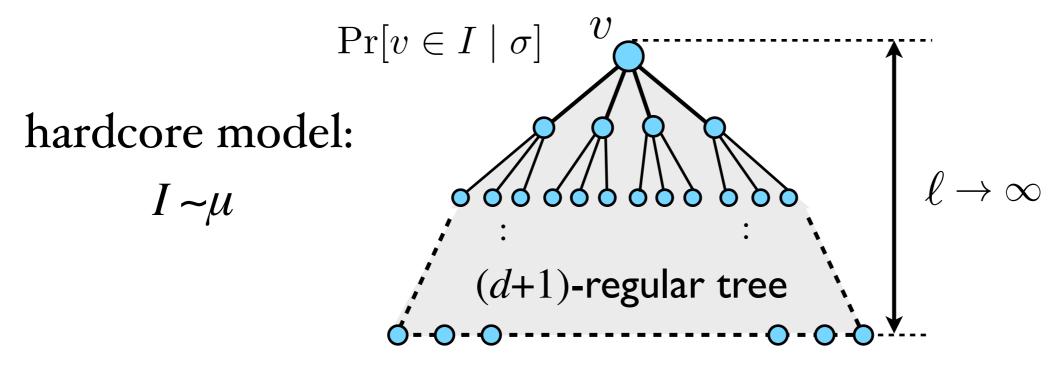
 $\mu(M) = w(M) / Z$

approximate counting: FPTAS/FPRAS for Z

sampling: sampling from μ within TV-distance ϵ in time $\operatorname{poly}(n, \log 1/\epsilon)$

Decay of Correlation

(Weak Spatial Mixing, WSM)



boundary condition σ : fixing leaves at level l to be occupied/unoccupied by I

WSM: $\Pr[v \in I \mid \sigma]$ does not depend on σ when $l \rightarrow \infty$ uniqueness threshold: $\lambda_c = \frac{d^d}{(d-1)^{(d+1)}}$

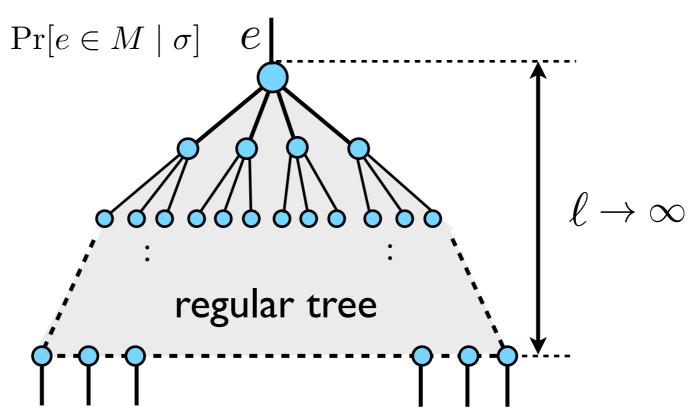
- $\lambda \le \lambda_c \Leftrightarrow WSM$ holds on (d+1)-regular tree \Leftrightarrow Gibbs measure is unique
- [Weitz '06]: $\lambda < \lambda_c \Rightarrow$ FPTAS for graphs with max-degree $\leq d+1$
- [Galanis, Štefankovič, Vigoda '12; Sly, Sun '12]: $\lambda > \lambda_c \Rightarrow$ inapproximable unless NP=RP

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monomer-dimer model:

 $M \sim \mu$

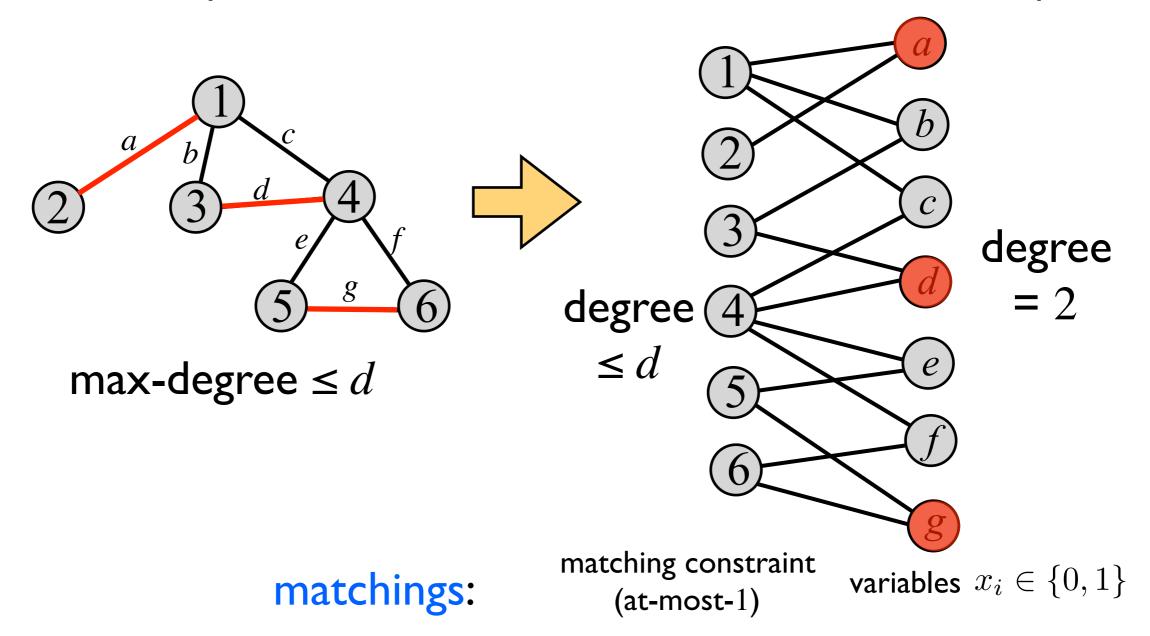


boundary condition σ : fixing leaf-edges at level l to be occupied/unoccupied by M

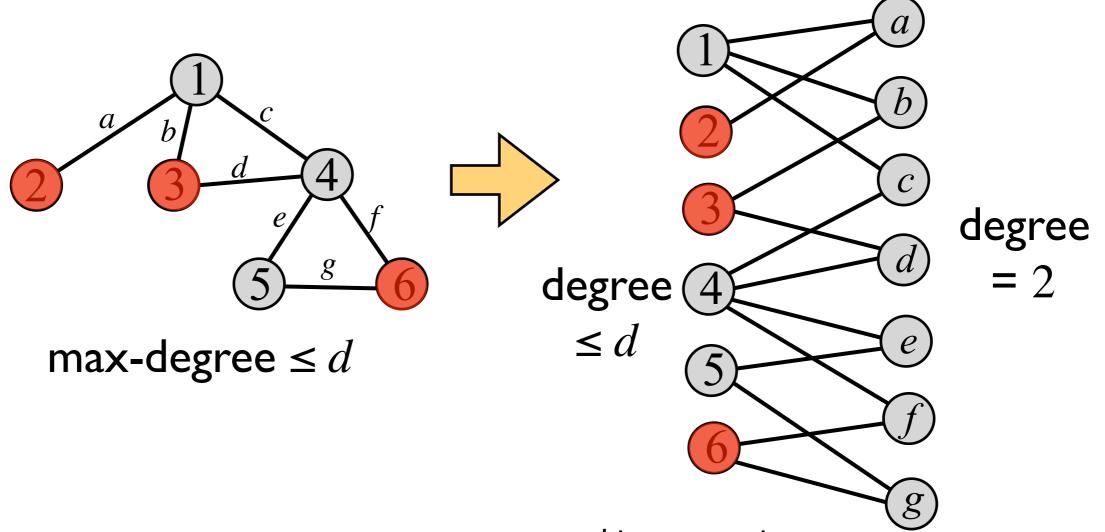
WSM: $\Pr[e \in M \mid \sigma]$ does not depend on σ when $l \rightarrow \infty$

- WSM always holds ⇔ Gibbs measure is always unique
- [Jerrum, Sinclair '89]: FPRAS for all graphs
- [Bayati, Gamarnik, Katz, Nair, Tetali '08]: FPTAS for graphs with bounded max-degree

CSP (Constraint Satisfaction Problem)



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matchings:

independent sets:

partition function:

matching constraint

variables $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$

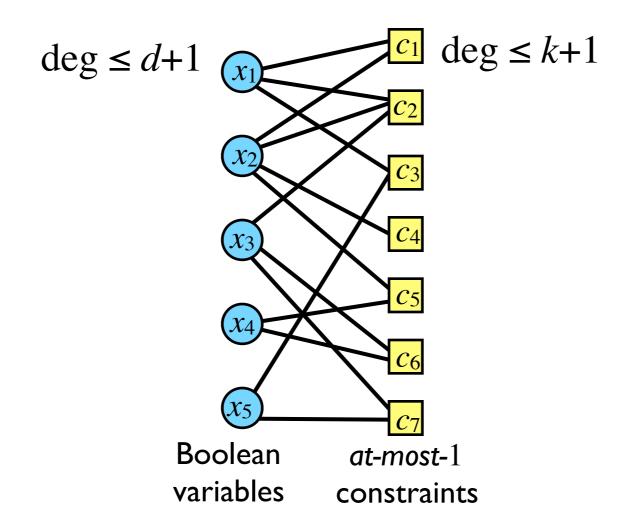
(at-most-1)

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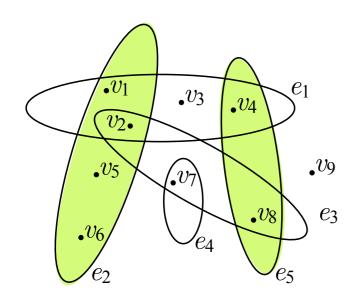


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Hypergraph matching

hypergraph
$$\mathcal{H}=(V,E)$$
 vertex set V hyperedge $e\in E, \quad e\subset V$

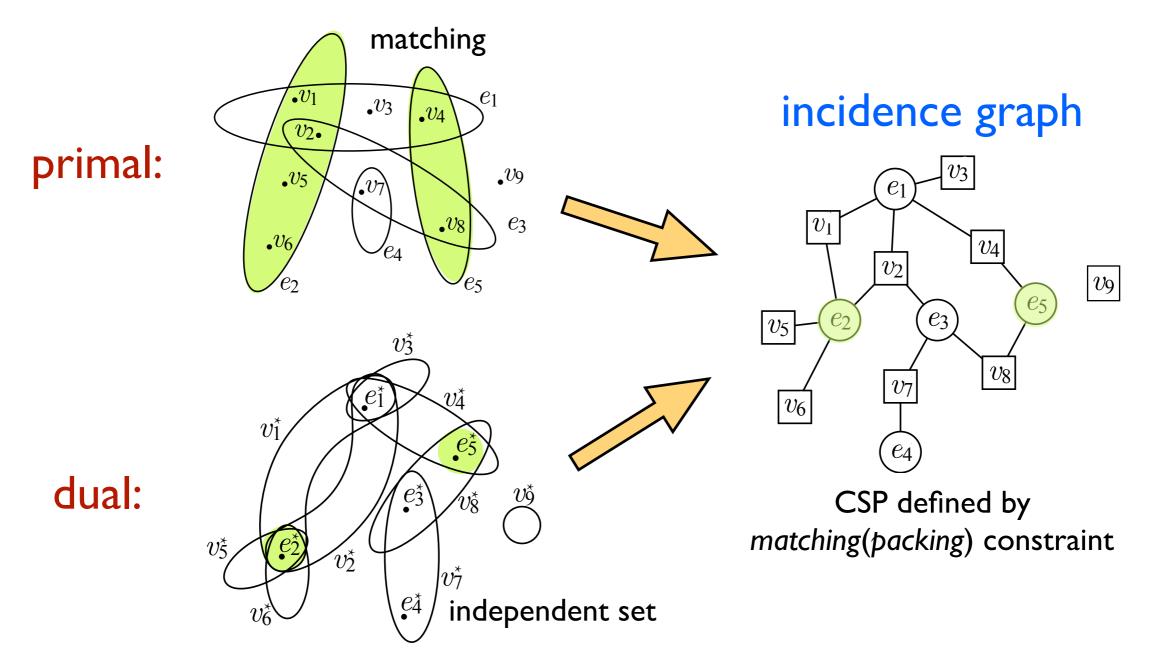
a matching is an subset $M \subseteq E$ of disjoint hyperedges



partition functions:
$$Z_{\lambda}(\mathcal{H}) = \sum_{M: \text{ matching of } \mathcal{H}} \lambda^{|M|}$$

Gibbs
$$\mu(M) = \frac{\lambda^{|M|}}{Z_{\lambda}(\mathcal{H})}$$

matchings in hypergraphs of max-degree $\leq k+1$ and max-edge-size $\leq d+1$



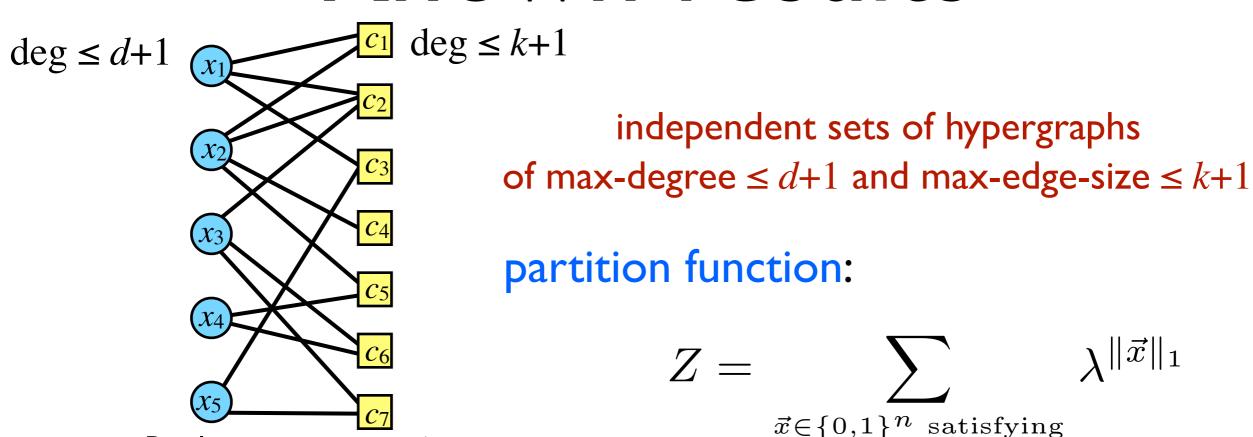
independent sets in hypergraphs of max-degree $\leq d+1$ and max-edge-size $\leq k+1$

independent sets: a subset of non-adjacent vertices

(to be distinguished with vertex subsets centaining no by perodections)

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Known results



Classification of approximability in terms of λ , d, k?

• k=1: hardcore model

Boolean

variables

- d=1: monomer-dimer model
- for $\lambda=1$:
 - [Dudek, Karpinski, Rucinski, Szymanska 2014]: FPTAS when $d=2, k\leq 2$

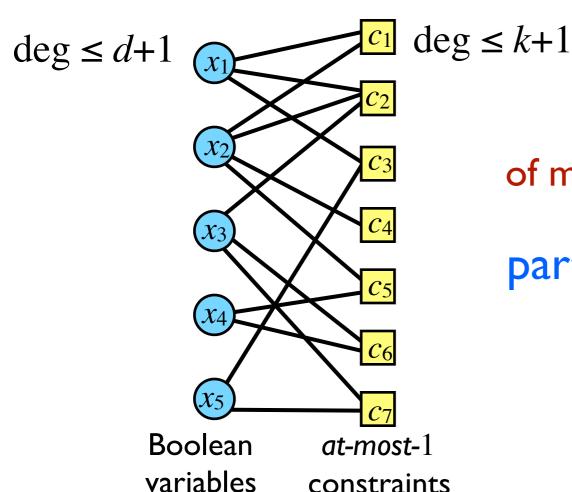
all constraints

• [Liu and Lu 2015] FPTAS when $d=2, k \le 3$

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constraints

Our Results



independent sets of hypergraphs of max-degree $\leq d+1$ and max-edge-size $\leq k+1$

partition function:

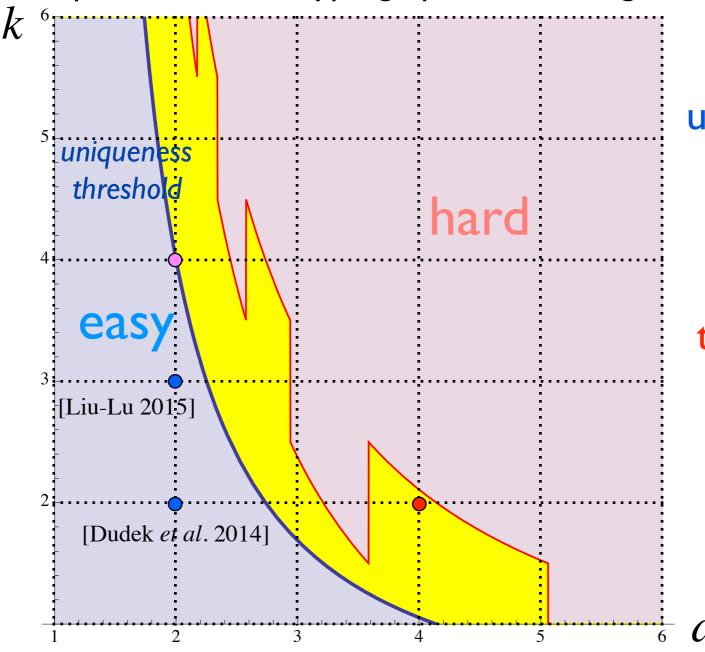
$$Z = \sum_{\substack{\vec{x} \in \{0,1\}^n \text{ satisfying} \\ \text{all constraints}}} \lambda^{\|\vec{x}\|_1}$$

• uniqueness threshold for (k+1)-uniform (d+1)-regular infinite hypertree:

$$\lambda_c(k,d) = \frac{d^a}{k(d-1)^{d+1}}$$

- $\lambda < \lambda_c$: FPTAS
- $\lambda > \frac{2k+1+(-1)^k}{k+1}\lambda_c \approx 2\lambda_c$: inapproximable unless NP=RP

 $\lambda = 1$: matchings of hypergraphs of max-degree (k+1) and max-edge-size (d+1) independent sets of hypergraphs of max-degree (d+1) and max-edge-size (k+1)



uniqueness threshold:

$$\lambda_c = \frac{d^d}{k(d-1)^{(d+1)}}$$

threshold for hardness:

$$\frac{2k+1+(-1)^k}{k+1}\lambda_c \approx 2\lambda_c$$

- (4,2): independent sets of 3-uniform hypergraphs of max-degree 5, the only open case for counting Boolean CSP with max-degree 5.
- (2,4): matchings of 3-uniform hypergraphs of max-degree 5, exact at the critical threshold: $\frac{d^d}{k(d-1)^{(d+1)}} = \frac{2^2}{4 \cdot 1^5} = 1$

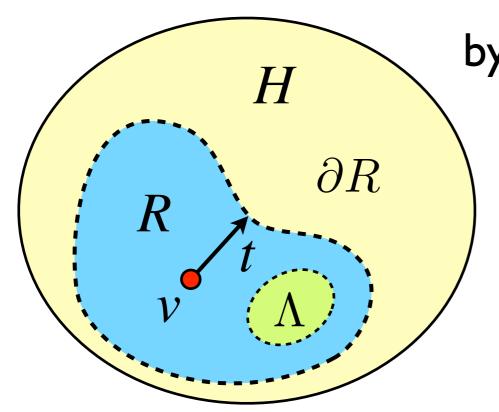
Spatial Mixing (Decay of Correlation)

weak spatial mixing (WSM):

 $\Pr[v \text{ is occupied } | \sigma_{\partial R}] \approx \Pr[v \text{ is occupied } | \tau_{\partial R}]$ $\operatorname{error} < \exp(-t)$

strong spatial mixing (SSM):

 $\Pr[v \text{ is occupied } | \sigma_{\partial R}, \sigma_{\Lambda}] \approx \Pr[v \text{ is occupied } | \tau_{\partial R}, \sigma_{\Lambda}]$



by self-reduction:

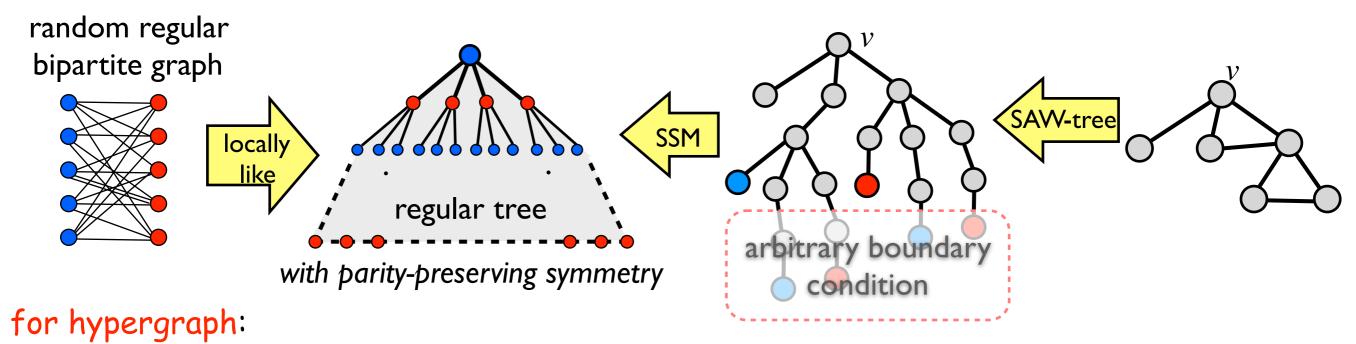
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is approximable with additive error ε in time $poly(n, 1/\varepsilon)$



FPTAS for partition function Z

Hardcore model:

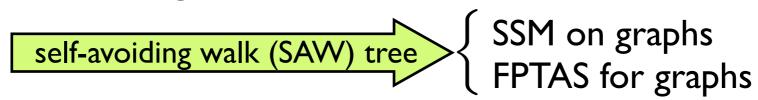


Similar...

on infinite regular tree: Gibbs measure is unique semi-translation invariant (invariant under parity-preserving automorphisms) Gibbs measure is unique

Yes.

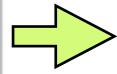
• algorithm: Gibbs measure is unique on regular tree SSM on trees



No.

- hardness: a sequence of finite graphs G_n (random regular bipartite graph) is *locally like* the infinite regular tree
 - a sequence of labeled G_n locally converges to the infinite regular tree with parity labeling

Theorem:
$$\lambda \leq \lambda_c(k,d) = \frac{d^d}{k(d-1)^{d+1}}$$



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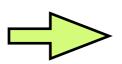
Theorem:

on infinite (k,d)-hypertree for $(\leq k, \leq d)$ -hypergraphs

SSM

SSM with the same rate

SSM with exponential rate



FPTAS

all statements are for hypergraph independent sets

Tree Recursion

let
$$R_T = \frac{\Pr[v \text{ is occupied } | \sigma]}{\Pr[v \text{ is unoccupied } | \sigma]}$$

tree recursion:

$$R_T = \lambda \prod_{i=1}^{d} \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} R_{T_{ij}}}$$

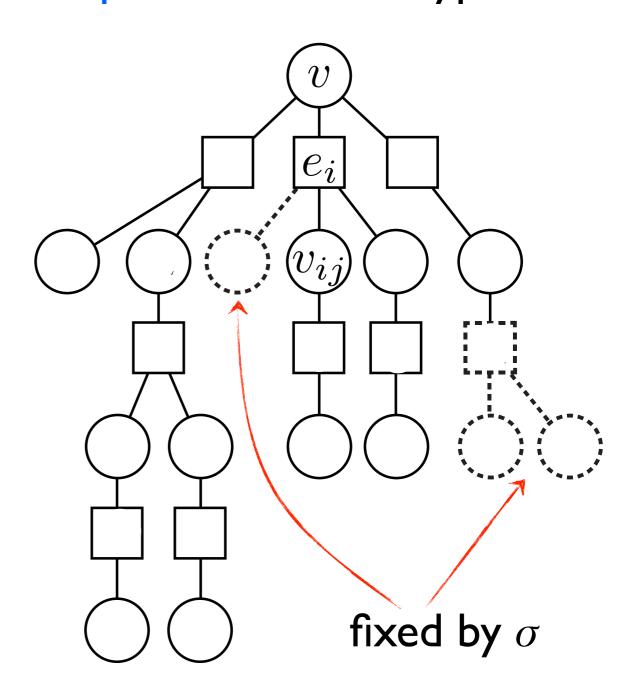
monomer-dimer model:

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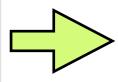
independent sets of hypertree T:



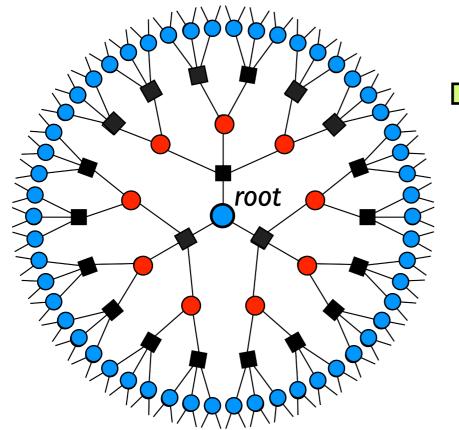
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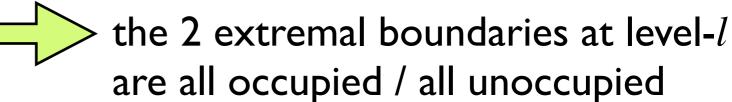
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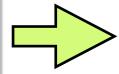
monotonicity of the recursion



the recursion becomes
$$R_{\ell} = \lambda \prod_{i=1}^{d} \frac{1}{1 + kR_{\ell-1}}$$

whose convergence is the same as hardcore model: $R'_{\ell} = \lambda' \prod_{i=1}^{d} \frac{1}{1 + R'_{\ell-1}}$ with activity $\lambda' = k\lambda$

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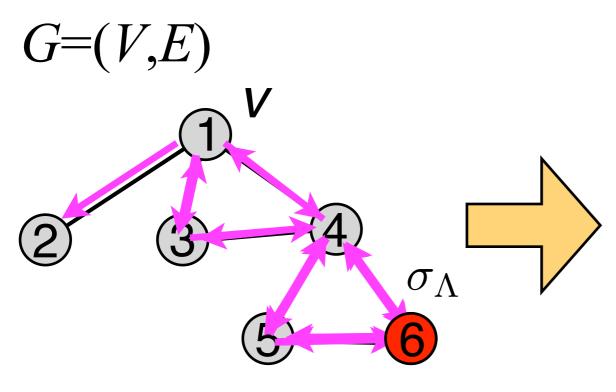
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FPTAS

Self-Avoiding Walk Tree

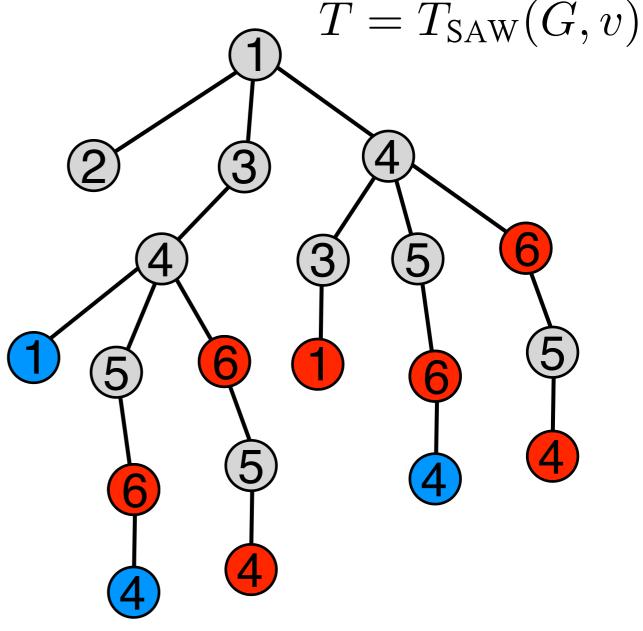
(Weitz 2006)



for hardcore:

 $\mathbb{P}_G[v \text{ is occupied } \mid \sigma_{\Lambda}]$

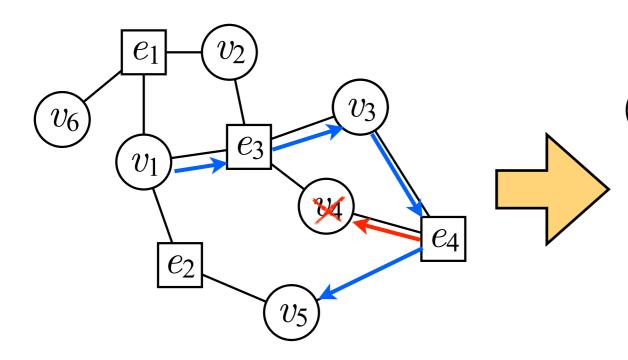
 $=\mathbb{P}_T[v \text{ is occupied } \mid \sigma_{\Lambda}]$

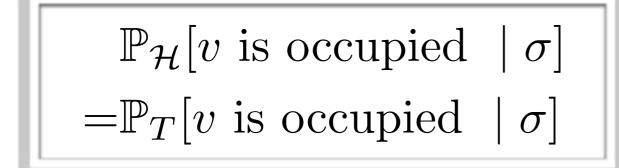


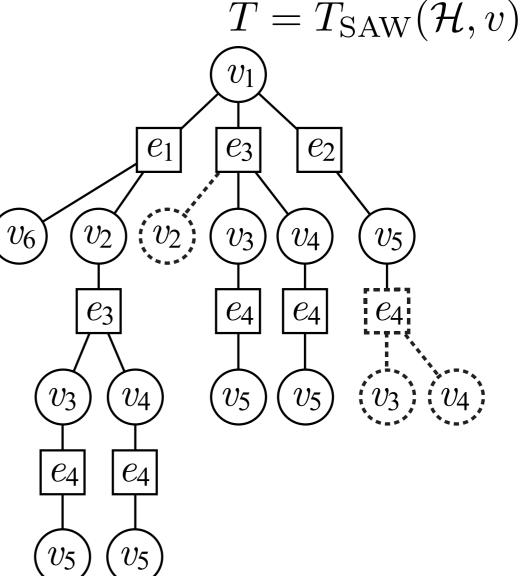
if cycle closing > cycle starting if cycle closing < cycle starting

Hypergraph SAW Tree

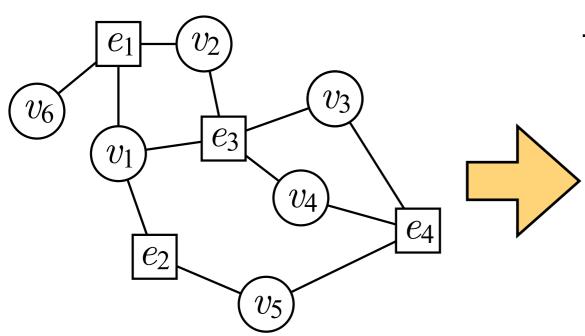
self-avoiding walk(SAW): $(v_0, e_1, v_1, \dots, e_\ell, v_\ell)$ is a simple path in incidence graph and $v_i \notin \bigcup_{i < i} e_i$







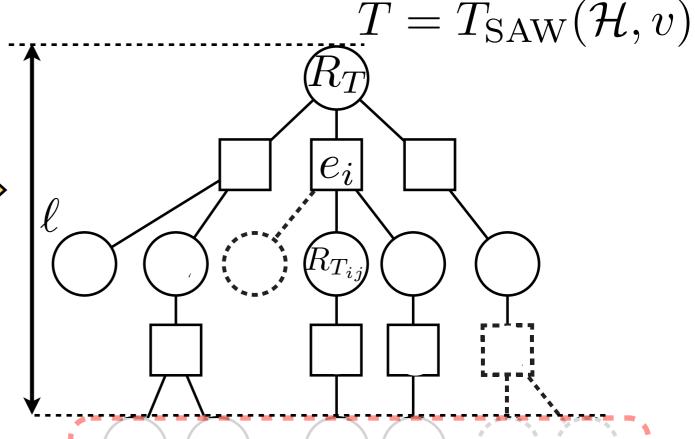
mark any cycle-closing vertex *unoccupied* if: cycle-closing edge locally < cycle-starting edge and *occupied* if otherwise



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arbitrary initial values

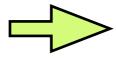
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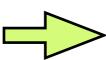
for $(\leq k+1, \leq d+1)$ -hypergraphs

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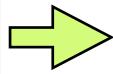
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FPTAS

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T: the infinite uniform regular hypertree

 R_{ℓ}^{+} : the max value of R_{T} conditioning on a boundary at level-l

 R_{ℓ}^- : the min value of R_T conditioning on a boundary at level-l

$$R_{\ell}^{\pm} = \frac{\lambda}{(1 + kR_{\ell-1}^{\mp})^d}$$

 $\hat{\lambda}$: the vector assigning each vertex a non-uniform activity $\leq \lambda$ $R_{\ell}^{+}(\vec{\lambda}), R_{\ell}^{-}(\vec{\lambda})$ are similarly defined

$$\frac{R_{\ell}^{+}(\vec{\lambda})}{R_{\ell}^{-}(\vec{\lambda})} \le \frac{R_{\ell}^{+}}{R_{\ell}^{-}}$$

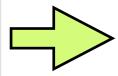
proved by induction on *l* with hypotheses:

$$\frac{R_{\ell}^{+}(\vec{\lambda})}{R_{\ell}^{-}(\vec{\lambda})} \leq \frac{R_{\ell}^{+}}{R_{\ell}^{-}}$$
 proved by induction on ℓ with hypotheses:
$$\frac{R_{\ell}^{+}(\vec{\lambda})}{R_{\ell}^{-}(\vec{\lambda})} \leq \frac{R_{\ell}^{+}}{R_{\ell}^{-}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1 + kR_{\ell}^{+}(\vec{\lambda})}{1 + kR_{\ell}^{-}(\vec{\lambda})} \leq \frac{1 + kR_{\ell}^{+}}{1 + kR_{\ell}^{-}}$$

sandwiching property: $R_{\ell}^- \leq R_{\ell-1}^- \leq R_{\ell-1}^+ \leq R_{\ell}^+$

with some extra efforts to deal with hyperedges

Theorem:
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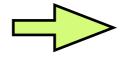
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 FPTAS

• $\lambda = \lambda_c$ SSM with sub-poly rate

Inapproximability

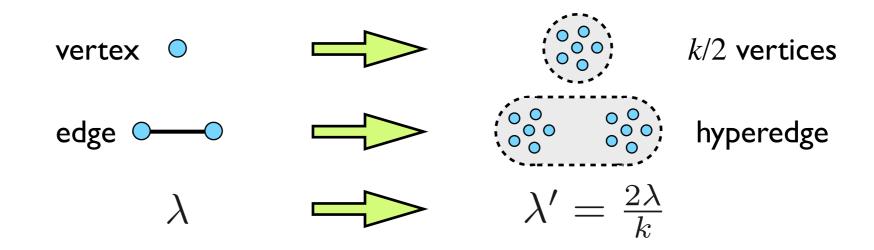
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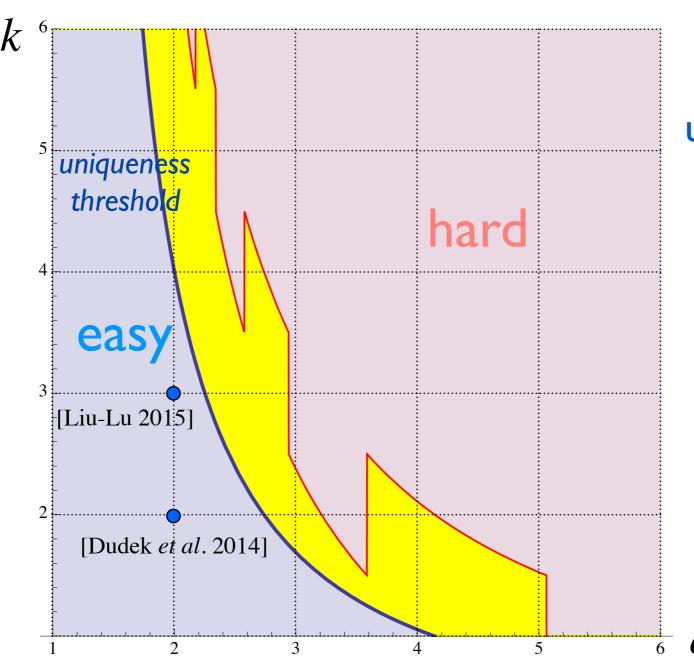
reduction from hardcore model:

[folklore; Bordewich, Dyer, Karpinski 2008]

hardcore instance: hypergraph instance:



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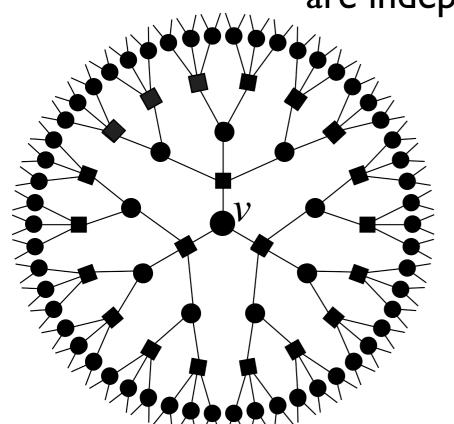
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Gibbs Measures

T: the infinite (k+1)-uniform (d+1)-regular hypertree μ is a measure over independent sets of T

μ is Gibbs: conditioning on any unoccupied finite boundary, the distribution over the truncated tree is the finite Gibbs distribution (DLR compatibility conditions)

 μ is simple: conditioning on the root being unoccupied, the subtrees are independent of each other



$$\mu[v \text{ is occupied}] \qquad (\mu \text{ is Gibbs})$$

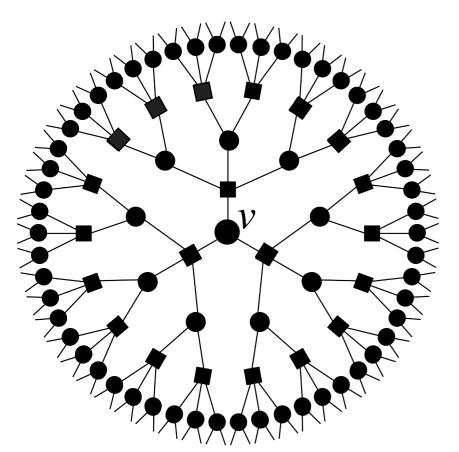
$$= \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda} \cdot \mu[\text{ all the neighbors of } v \text{ are unoccupied}]$$

$$\mu[\text{all the neighbors of } v \text{ are unoccupied}] \qquad \qquad (\mu \text{ is Simple})$$

$$= \mu[v \text{ is occupied}] + \mu[v \text{ is unoccupied}] \prod_{i=1}^{d+1} \left(1 - \sum_{j=1}^k \mu[v_{ij} \text{ is occupied} \mid v \text{ is unoccupied}]\right)$$

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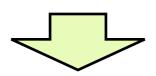


 $\mu[v \text{ is occupied}]$ (μ is Gibbs)

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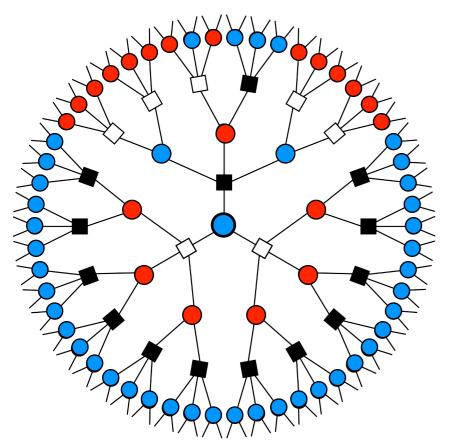
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$$p_v = \lambda (1 - p_v)^{-d} \prod_{i=1}^{d+1} \left(1 - p_v - \sum_{j=1}^k p_{v_{ij}} \right)$$
 where $p_v = \mu[v \text{ is occupied}]$

Uniqueness



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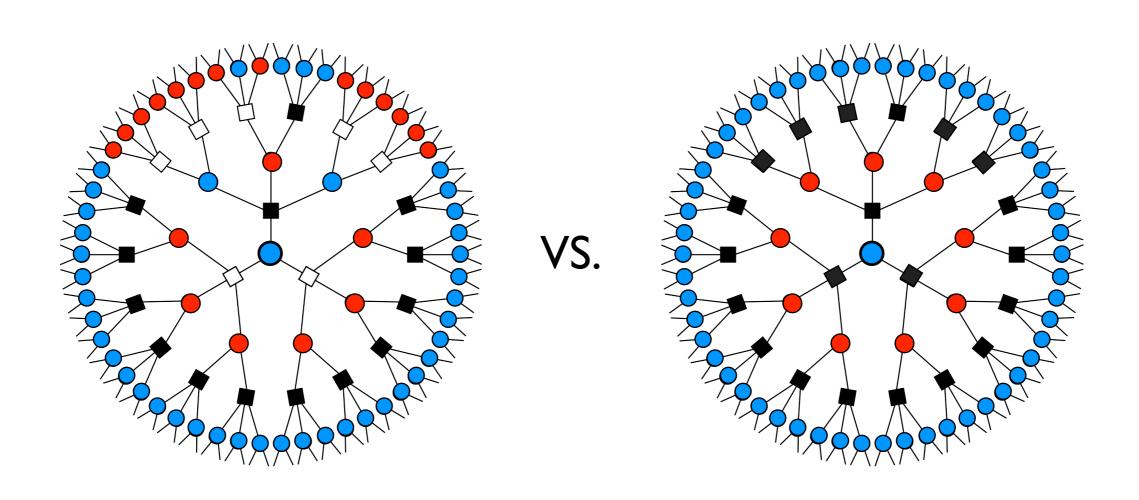
assuming a symmetry:

- every blue vertex is incidents to 1 black edge and d white edges;
- every red vertex is incidents to 1 white edge and d black edges;
- every black edge contains k blue vertices and 1 red vertex;
- every white edge contains k red vertices and 1 blue vertex;

the system becomes:
$$\begin{cases} p_{\rm b} = \lambda (1-p_{\rm b})^{-d} (1-k\,p_{\rm b}-p_{\rm r}) (1-p_{\rm b}-k\,p_{\rm r})^d \\ p_{\rm r} = \lambda (1-p_{\rm r})^{-d} (1-k\,p_{\rm r}-p_{\rm b}) (1-p_{\rm r}-k\,p_{\rm b})^d \end{cases}$$

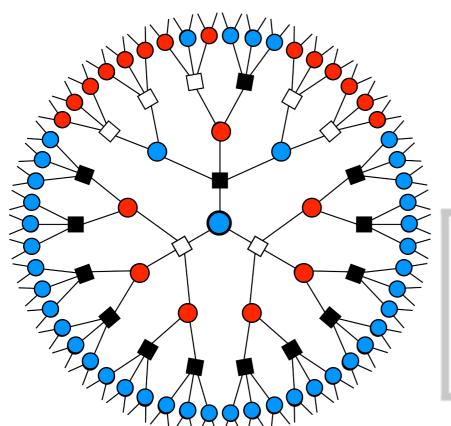
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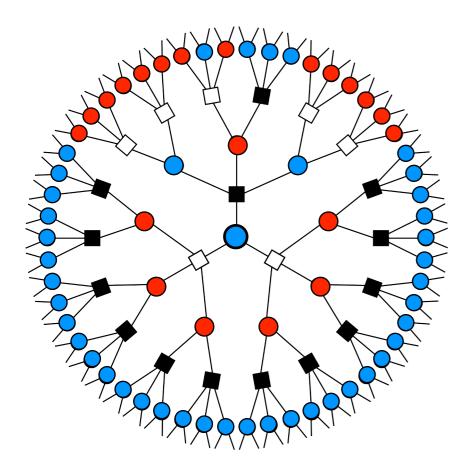
 au_e : # of types(oribits) for hyperedges

hypergraph branching matrices:

$$\mathbf{D} = (d_{ij})^{\tau_v \times \tau_e} \quad \mathbf{K} = (k_{ji})^{\tau_e \times \tau_v}$$

- ullet each type-i vertex is incident to d_{ij} hyperedges of type-j
- each type-j hyperedge contains k_{ji} vertices of type-i

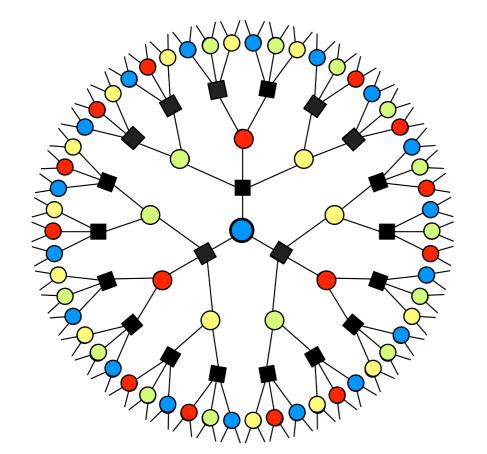
branching matrices completely characterize orbits of hypergraph automorphism groups



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- there are k+1 types of vertices;
- there is only 1 type of hyperedges;
- each hyperedge has 1 vertex for each type;

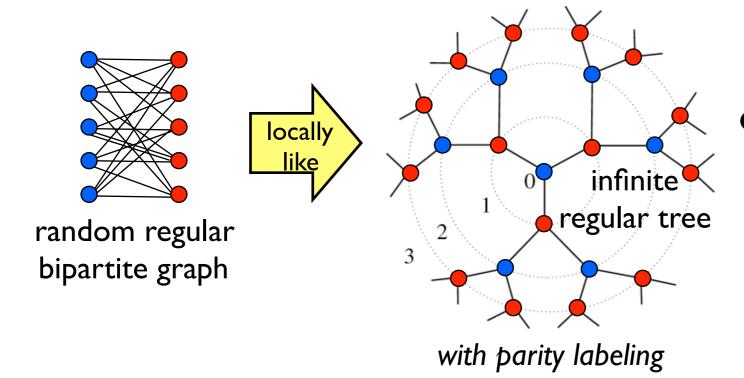
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fix a locally finite infinite hypergraph $\mathbb T$ and a labeling(orbits) $\mathcal C$ for vertices and hyperedges:

Definition (Local Convergence)

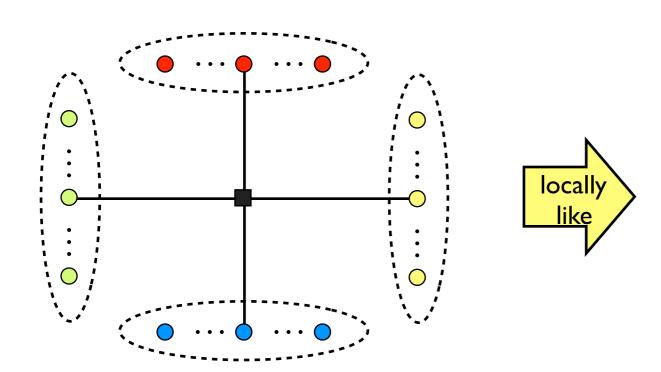
a sequence of (random) finite hypergraph \mathcal{H}_n locally converges to (\mathbb{T},\mathscr{C}) if there exists a labeling of vertices and hyperedges of \mathcal{H}_n such that for any t>0, for random vertex v in \mathcal{H}_n and random vertex-type x in (\mathbb{T},\mathscr{C}) the t-neighborhoods $N_t(v,\mathcal{H}_n)$ converges to $N_t(v,\mathbb{T})$ in distribution.

defined in [Montanari, Mossel, Sly 2012] [Sly, Sun 2012]

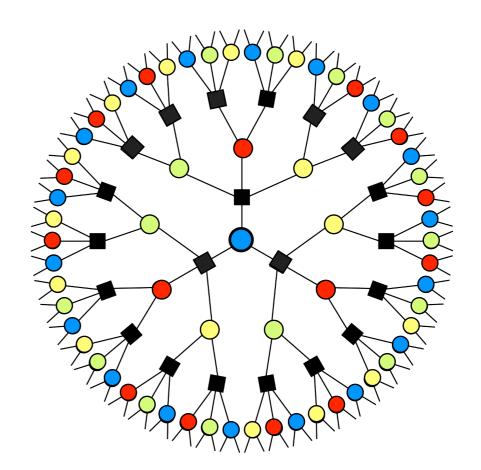


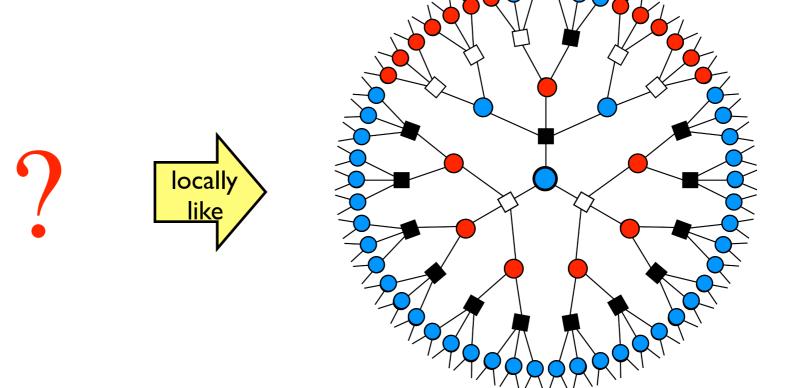
plays a crucial role in establishing sharp transition of computational complexity:

[Dyer, Frieze, Jerrum '02] [Mossel, Weitz, Wormald '09] [Sly '10] [Sly, Sun '12] [Galanis, Ge, Štefankovič, Vigoda, Yang '11] [Galanis, Štefankovič, Vigoda '12 '14]



random (k+1)-uniform (d+1)-regular (k+1)-partite hypergraph





Theorem:

There exists a sequence of finite hypergraphs \mathcal{H}_n locally convergent to (k+1)-uniform (d+1)-regular infinite hypertree with branching matrices \mathbf{D} , \mathbf{K}

if and only if Markov chain
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \frac{1}{d+1}D \\ \frac{1}{k+1}K & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$
 is time-reversible.

 \exists distributions p over vertex orbits and q over hyperedge orbits satisfying the detailed balanced equation:

$$p_i d_{ij} = q_j k_{ji}$$

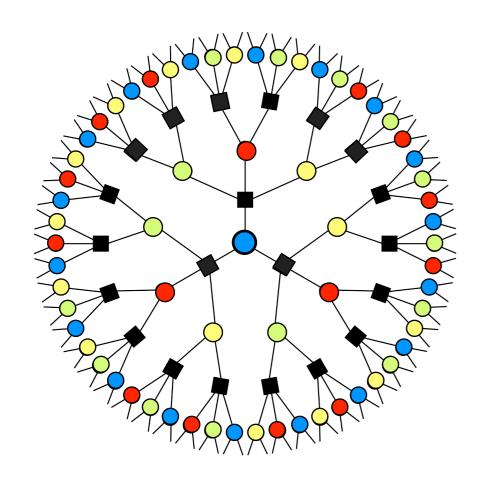
p must be a left Perron Eigenvector of \mathbf{DK} q must be a left Perron Eigenvector of \mathbf{KD}

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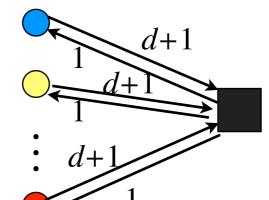
if and only if Markov chain $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{d+1}D \\ \frac{1}{L+1}K & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is time-reversible.

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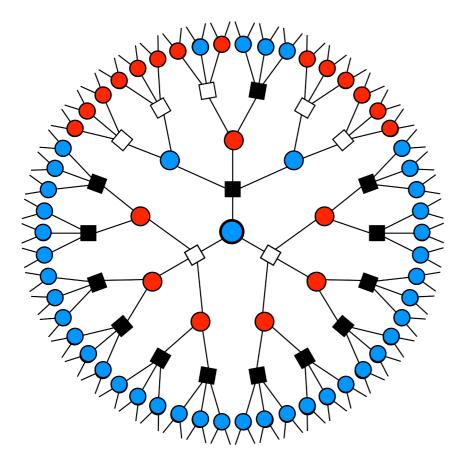
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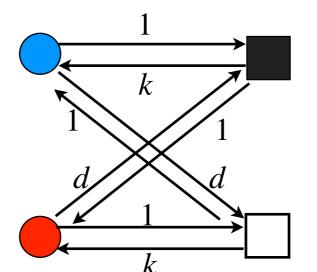
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not time-reversible

Summary

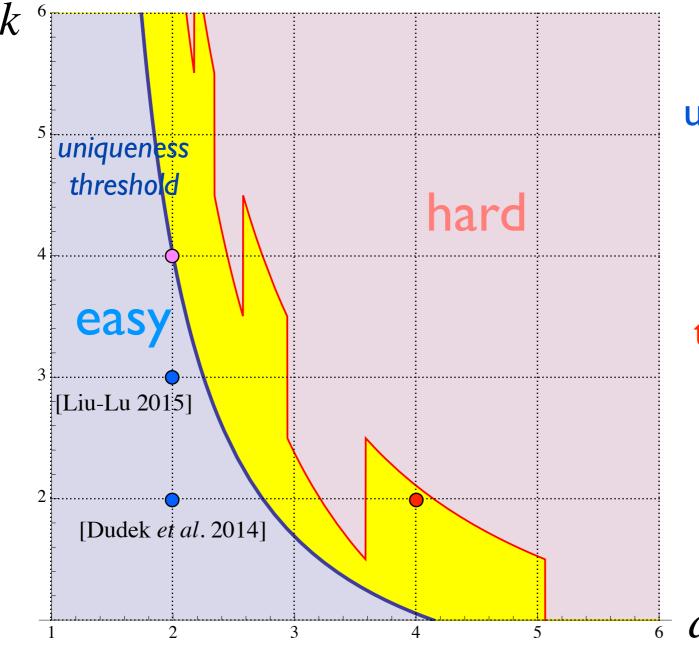
independent sets of hypergraphs of max-degree (d+1) and max-edge-size (k+1)

• uniqueness threshold for (k+1)-uniform (d+1)-regular infinite hypertree:

 $\lambda_c(k,d) = \frac{d^a}{k(d-1)^{d+1}}$

- SAW-tree holds for the model
 - hypertree are the worst-case for SSM
 - $\lambda < \lambda_c$: FPTAS for the partition function
- $\lambda > 2\lambda_c$: inapproximable (by simulating hardcore)
- local convergence exists if and only if time-reversibility is satisfied
 - the extremal Gibbs measures achieving the uniqueness threshold are not realizable by finite hypergraphs

 $\lambda = 1$: matchings of hypergraphs of max-degree (k+1) and max-edge-size (d+1) independent sets of hypergraphs of max-degree (d+1) and max-edge-size (k+1)



uniqueness threshold:

$$\lambda_c = \frac{d^d}{k(d-1)^{(d+1)}}$$

threshold for hardness:

$$\frac{2k+1+(-1)^k}{k+1}\lambda_c \approx 2\lambda_c$$

- algorithmic technique which does not rely on decay of correlation?
- inapproximability which does not need local convergence?
- other extremal Gibbs measures with the same threshold?

Thank you!

Any questions?