#### Lovász Local Lemma

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### Outline

- The Local Lemma. Examples. Lopsided version.
- Counting with the Local Lemma: the device of Lu and Székely. Examples
- Algorithmic version of LLL by Moser and Tardos

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- If the events  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$  are independent then the statement is obvious. The LLL is useful when dependencies are rare.
- The directed graph G = ([n], E) with (i, j) ∈ E iff j ∈ [n] \ C<sub>i</sub> is a dependency graph for the events A<sub>1</sub>,..., A<sub>n</sub>.
- The LLL has been used in many applications of the probabilistic method, including graph coloring, Ramsey theory, combinatorial number theory.

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- By setting  $x = x_1 = \cdots = x_m$ , m = |E(H)|, if  $2^{-(k-1)} \le x(1-x)^{k(k-1)}$  then (LLL) the probability that no edge is monochromatic is at least  $(1-x)^{k(k-1)}$ .

# LLL: Symmetric version

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(1)

then

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If  $Pr(A_i) \le p$ , i = 1, ..., n, and every event is independent with all but at most d events, then (1) can be replaced by

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and the conclusion by  $\Pr(\bigcap_i \overline{A_i}) \ge e^{-nx(1+o(1))}$  by setting  $x_i = 1/(d+1)$ . The constant *e* is best possible [Shearer, 1981]

A proper edge-coloring of a graph G is acyclic if every two colors induce a forest.



 $G \Delta$ -regular,  $a(G) \geq \Delta(G) + 1$ ,  $a(K_{2n}) \geq \Delta(K_{2n}) + 2$ .

Conjecture (Alon, Sudakov, Zaks)  $a(G) \le \Delta(G) + 2$  for all graphs G

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The best current result is

Theorem (Cai, Perarnau, Reed, Watts (2015))

For every  $\epsilon > 0$  there are  $\Delta_0 = \Delta_0(\epsilon)$  and  $g = g(\epsilon)$  such that a graph G with girth g and maximum degree  $\delta \ge \delta_0$  has acyclic chromatic number at most

 $a(G) \leq (1+\epsilon)\Delta.$ 

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# Proof of LLL

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# Lopsided LLL

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• A graph G with vertex set  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  is a negative dependence graph if

$$\Pr(A_i | \cap_{j \in J} \overline{A_j}) \leq \Pr(A_i), \ i = 1, \dots, n, \ J \subset N[A_i]$$

• Independency can be replaced by negative correlation.

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- Define a graph G on these events where  $A_{e,e'}$  is adjacent to  $A_{u,u'}$  whenever  $\{e, e'\} \cap \{u, u'\} = \emptyset$ : its maximum degree is at most 4nk.
- $\Pr(A_{e,e'}| \cap_{\{u,u'\} \in J} \overline{A_{u,u'}}) \leq 1/n(n-1)$  for all set J of pairs nonincident with e, e'.



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- A Latin transversal in a Latin square is equivalent to a rainbow matching of a proper edge-coloring of  $K_{n,n}$  (k = n) (Ryser, Brualdi-Stein conjectures for Latin squares)
- Every proper edge-coloring of  $K_{n,n}$  contains a rainbow matching of size  $n c \log^2 n$  (Hatami-Shor, 2008).
- Every graph which is the union of n edge-disjoint matchings with size n + o(n) has a rainbow matching (Prokovsky 2015; Haggkvist-Johansson 2008) (Aharoni-Berger conjecture is that size n + 1 is enough)

### Part 2: A counting device with LLLL

LLL provides a lower bound

$$\Pr(\cap_i \overline{A_i}) \geq \prod_i (1-x_i).$$

A graph G on  $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -near positive dependency graph if

- $Pr(A_i \cap A_j) = 0$  for  $ij \in E(G)$  and
- $\Pr(A_i | \cap_{j \in S} \overline{A_j}) \ge (1 \epsilon) \Pr(A_i), \ \forall S \subset V \setminus N[A_i].$

#### Theorem (Lu, Székely)

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$$\Pr(\cap_i \overline{A_i}) \leq \prod_i (1 - (1 - \epsilon) \Pr(A_i)).$$

Combination of the two bounds give tight asymptotic enumeration of derangements, latin rectangles,...

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### Example: Enumeration of rainbow matchings

 $K_{n,n}$  edge-colored, each color appears at most n/k times.

*G* graph with vertex set  $\mathcal{M} = \{A_{e,e'} : \{e,e'\} \text{ monochromatic pair}\}$  and eges  $A_{e,e'}, A_{u,u'}$  whenever  $\{e,e'\} \cap \{u,u'\} \neq \emptyset$ .

- G is a negative dependency graph.
  - ►  $\Pr(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n}\overline{A_i}) \ge e^{-(1+16/k)\mu}, \ \mu = \sum_{(e,e')\in\mathcal{M}} \Pr(A_{e,e'}).$
  - Actually, for  $I \cap J = \emptyset$ ,  $\Pr(\bigcap_{i \in I} \overline{A_i} | \bigcap_{j \in J} \overline{A_j}) \ge \prod_{i \in I} (1 x_i)$ .

• G is an  $\epsilon$ -near positive dependence graph with  $\epsilon = 1 - e^{-(2/k+32/k^2 + o(1))}$ .

- $Pr(A_{e,e'} \cap A_{u,u'}) = 0$  for adjacent events.
- With  $B = \bigcap_{j \in J} \overline{A_j}$ ,

$$\Pr(A_i|B) \ge (1-\epsilon)\Pr(A_i) \Leftrightarrow \Pr(B|A_i) \ge (1-\epsilon)\Pr(B)$$

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#### Theorem (Perarnau, Serra, 2013)

The number  $z_{n,k}$  of rainbow perfect matchings in a proper edge coloring of  $K_{n,n}$  which uses each color at most n/k times,  $k \ge 12$ ,  $n \ge 200$ , satisfies

 $c_1^n n! \leq z_{n,k} \leq c_2^n n!.$ 

for some  $0 < c_1 < c_2 < 1$  which depend only on k.

• Vardi Conjecture: The number *z<sub>n</sub>* of latin transversals of the cyclic group of order *n* satisfies

$$c_1^n n! < z_n < c_2^n n!$$

for some constants  $0 < c_1 < c_2 < 1$ .

• (McKay, McLeod, Wanless, 2006; Cavenagh, Greenhill, Wanless, 2008 )

$$a^n < z_n < b^n \sqrt{n} n!$$

where a = 3.246 and b = 0.614.

# Counting with LLL: A general framework for matchings

- $\mathcal{M}$  a collection of (partial) matchings of  $K_{2n}$  or  $K_{n,n}$
- $A_M$  denotes the family of matchings extending  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ .
- $G_{\mathcal{M}}$  graph with vertex set  $\{A_M : M \in \mathcal{M}\}$  and  $A_M$  adjacent to  $A_{M'}$  whenever  $M \cup M'$  is not a matching (conflicting).

#### Theorem (Lu and Székely, 2009)

 $G_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a negative dependence graph.

- $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\delta$ -sparse,  $\delta < 1/16r$ ,  $r = \max_{M \in \mathcal{M}} |M|$  if
  - $\mathcal{M}$  is an antichain (by inclusion)
  - ►  $\sum_{i} \Delta_{i} p(n, i) \leq 1/8r \delta$ ,  $\Delta_{i}$  max degree of the hypergraph of matchings with *i* edges.
  - ▶ For each *F*,  $\sum_{M \in N(F) \cap C} q(n, M) \leq \delta$ , *C* set of nonconflicting with *F*.

#### Theorem (Lu and Székely, 2009)

 $G_{\mathcal{M}}$  is an  $\epsilon$ -near-positive dependence graph for some (specific)  $\epsilon = \epsilon(\delta, r, d_i)$ .

Counting with LLL: A general framework for matchings

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Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a regular familiy of matchings of  $K_{2n}$  or  $K_{n,n}$  and  $\mu = \sum_{M} \Pr(A_M)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\delta$ -sparse,  $\delta = o(\mu^{-1})$  and  $\mu = o(\sqrt{nr^{-3/2}})$  then

$$\Pr(\cap \overline{A_M}) = (1 + o(1))e^{-\mu}.$$

- Derangements:  $\mathcal{M}$  the edges (i, i) of  $K_{n,n}$ .  $r = \mu = 1$ .
- k-cicle free permutations: M k-matchings sending K to K' which are minimal with this property. r = k, μ = 1/k, one can choose δ = 1/n.



• Latin rectangles, enumeration of *d*-regular graphs, ...

### (A pause) Rainbow matchings with random colorings

Random edge-coloring of  $K_{n,n}$  with s = kn colors,  $k \ge 1$ .

Uniform model: Choose randomly and independently one of s colors for each edge of K<sub>n,n</sub>
 All edge-colorings of K<sub>n,n</sub> with at most s colors appear with the same probability.

• Regular model: Choose a perfect matching in  $K_{n^2,n^2}$ . Identify one stable set with  $E(K_{n,n})$  and partition the other one in *s* parts (colors) with n/k elements each.

All equitable edge–colorings of  $K_{n,n}$  using each of s colors n/k times appear with the same probability.



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Uniform model

•  $X_M$  indicator function that M is rainbow.  $X = \sum_M X_M$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = n! \mathbb{E}(X_M) = n! \Pr(X_M = 1) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{i}{s}\right) = n! e^{-(c(k) + o(1))n},$$

•  $\Pr(X=0) \leq \mathbb{E}(|X-\mu_X| \geq \mu_X) \leq \sigma_X^2/\mu_X^2 = O(n^{-1})$  (second moment method)

$$\mathbb{E}(X_M X_N) = \Pr(X_M = 1) \Pr(X_N = 1 | X_M = 1) = e^{\frac{\alpha(z)z^2}{2s}} \Pr(X_M = 1).$$

 $z = |M \cap N|$ , and upper bound the number of pairs M, N with  $z = |M \cap N|$ .

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- One gets  $Pr((K_{n,n}, c)$  has a rainbow matching) =  $e^{-(c(k)+o(1))n/k}$ .
- Unfortunately Pr(random edge coloring is proper)  $\sim e^{-n^2}$ : too small for an a.a.s. to Ryser conjecture.
- There are more than  $(n/2)^{n^2}$  edge-colorings of  $K_{n,n}$  with *n* colors which do not contain rainbow matchings:

 $Pr((K_{n,n}, c) \text{ has no rainbow matching}) \geq 1/2^{n^2}$ .

• There is no good model for random Latin squares.

# Part 3: Algorithmic version of LLL

Lóvasz proof is nonconstructive:

can we find an element in  $\cap_i \overline{A_i}$  (which has small probability)

- Beck (1991) proposes an algorithm with certain constrains.
- Particular examples (e.g. acyclic coloring) have been worked out.
- Moser (2008) finds an elegant simple solution to the algorithmic issue.

#### Theorem (Moser, Tardos (2010))

Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_m$  be independent random variables. Let  $A_1, \ldots, A_n$  be events such that  $A_i$  is determined by  $\{X_i : i \in C_i\}$  (but is independent of the remaining variables). Set the dependency graph with edge  $A_iA_j$  whenever  $C_i \cap C_j \neq \emptyset$ . If there are numbers  $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\Pr(A_i) \leq x_i \prod_{j \in N[A_i]} (1 - x_j)$  then  $\Pr(\cap_i \overline{A_i}) > 0$ . Moreover a point in  $\cap_i \overline{A_i}$  can be found by a randomized algorithm in expected time at most  $\sum_i x_i/(1 - x_i)$ .

The proof of the theorem consists of an algorithm which finds a point in  $\cap_i \overline{A_i}$ .

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MT Algorithm

for all j = 1, ..., m

v_j \leftarrow a random evaluation of X_j

while some A_i occurs

choose A_i occurring

for all X_j \in C_i

v_j \leftarrow a new random evaluation of X_j

return (v_1, ..., v_m)
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Analysis of the algorithm

•  $C = (E_1, E_2, \dots, E_t, \dots)$  the log of the algorithm,  $E_t \in \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  the event resampled at step t.

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- $C = (E_1, E_2, \dots, E_t, \dots)$  the log of the algorithm,  $E_t \in \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  the event resampled at step t.
- Construct a witness rooted tree  $\tau(C, t)$  recursively (backwards) as follows:  $E_t$ Place  $E_t$  at the root.

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Analysis of the algorithm

 $E_t$ 

- $C = (E_1, E_2, \dots, E_{t-1}, E_t, \dots)$  the log of the algorithm,  $E_t \in \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  the event resampled at step t.
- Construct a witness rooted tree  $\tau(C, t)$  recursively (backwards) as follows:

 $E_{t-1}$ 

Look for the neighbour of  $E_{t-1}$  in the dependency graph deepest in the tree and add  $E_{t-1}$  as a child to it.

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for all X_j \in C_i

v_j \leftarrow a new random evaluation of X_j

return (v_1, ..., v_m)
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Analysis of the algorithm

- $C = (E_1, E_2, \dots, E_{t-2}, E_{t-1}, E_t, \dots)$  the log of the algorithm,  $E_t \in \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  the event resampled at step t.
- Construct a witness rooted tree  $\tau(C, t)$  recursively (backwards) as follows:



Look for the neighbour of  $E_{t-1}$  in the dependency graph deepest in the tree and add  $E_{t-1}$  as a child to it.

If no neighbour of  $E_{t-2}$  is in the tree then leave the tree untouched,

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while some A_i occurs

choose A_i occurring

for all X_j \in C_i

v_j \leftarrow a new random evaluation of X_j

return (v_1, ..., v_m)
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Analysis of the algorithm

- Such a labeled rooted tree τ appears in the (random) C if τ = τ(C, t) for some t. T<sub>A</sub> is the family of trees rooted at A.
- If the event A is resampled  $N_A$  times, then there are  $N_A$  distinct trees occurring in C rooted at A.
- the probability that τ appears in C is at most Π<sub>E∈V(τ)</sub> Pr(E).
   (We assume we pick evaluations of variables from a sequence)

$$\mathbb{E}(N_A) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_A} \Pr(\tau \text{ appears in } C) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_A} \prod_{E \in V(\tau)} \Pr(E).$$

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Analysis of the algorithm

- For a given tree  $\tau \in T_A$  we consider the Galton-Watson tree rooted at A where at each step we add a child  $A_j \in N[B]$  to each vertex B independently with probability  $x_j$ .
- $\bullet\,$  The probability that the resulting tree is  $\tau$  is

$$p_{ au} = rac{x_i}{1-x_i} \prod_{A_j \in V( au)} \left( x_j \prod_{A_r \in N[A_j]} (1-x_r) 
ight).$$

for all j = 1, ..., m  $v_j \leftarrow a$  random evaluation of  $X_j$ while some  $A_i$  occurs choose  $A_i$  occurring for all  $X_j \in C_i$   $v_j \leftarrow a$  new random evaluation of  $X_j$ return  $(v_1, ..., v_m)$ 

Analysis of the algorithm

• From the assumptions on  $Pr(A_j) \le x_j \prod_{A_r \in N[A_j]} (1 - x_r)$ , if  $A = A_i$ 

$$\mathbb{E}(N_A) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_A} \prod_{E \in V(\tau)} \Pr(E) \leq \frac{x_i}{1 - x_i} \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}_A} p_\tau \leq \frac{x_i}{1 - x_i}.$$

• The algorithm terminates in expected time at most  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i}{1-x_i}$ 

# Acyclic coloring again

# Theorem (Esperet, Parreau (2013), Giotis. Kirousis, Psaromiligkos, Thillikos (2015))

The acyclic chromatic number of a graph G with maximum degree  $\Delta$  is at most

 $a(G) \leq 4\Delta - 4.$ 

- G can be edge-colored with  $2\Delta 1$  colors to obtain a proper coloring with no bichromatic 4-cycles.
- Order the edges of G,  $e_1, \ldots, e_n$ , and the even cycles. Use  $K = \lceil (2 + \gamma)(\Delta 1) \rceil + 1$  colors.
- At step *i* color  $e_i$  randomly subject to preserve 4-acyclicity.
- If a bichromatic 2*k*-cycle appears, choose *C* the smallest such one and Recolor(*C*)

Recolor(C)

- Recolor the edges of *C* preserving 4-acyclicity
- While some edge of C belongs to a bichromatic cycle, choose C' the smallest one and Recolor(C').

- The MT algorithm can be derandomized. For the symmetric case it provides a linear time algorithm.
- Several versions have been proposed. In particular for eliminating the condition on independent random variables.
- In applications explicit procedures for sampling the variables must be made explicit.
- By implementing the algorithm in particular problems some improvements may be obtained from known results.