# Random Graphs III 

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## Outline of Lecture III

1. Subgraph containment with adversary:
$\triangleright$ Existence of monox subgraphs in coloured random graphs; properties of the form $G(n, p) \rightarrow(H)_{r}^{e}$ (omit "e"; we are done with vertex colourings)
$\triangleright$ Existence of monochromatic subgraphs in 'dense' subgraphs of random graphs; statements of the form $G(n, p) \rightarrow_{\eta} H$
2. Regularity method for sparse graphs: some of the (partial) successes
3. Literature: shall discuss some of the literature

## One last thing about the vertex case

Exercise $1^{++}$: determine $p_{0}=p_{0}(n)$ such that if $p \gg p_{0}$, then a.e. $G(n, p)$ is such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(n, p) \rightarrow\left(K^{3}, K^{4}\right)^{v} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Have you obtained the threshold?

## The results for $\mathrm{K}^{3}$

Theorem 1. There is a large enough constant $C$ such that if $p \geq C / \sqrt{n}$, then a.e. $\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p})$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p}) \rightarrow\left(\mathrm{K}^{3}\right)_{2} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Theorem 2. For any $\eta>0$, there $C$ such that ifp $\geq C / \sqrt{n}$ then a.e. $G(n, p)$ satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(n, p) \rightarrow_{1 / 2+\eta} K^{3} . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

## The case $p=1$

Theorem 3 (Goodman). The number of monochromatic triangles in any 2-colouring of $K^{n}$ is $\geq\binom{ n}{3}-\frac{1}{8} n(n-1)^{2}=\left(\frac{1}{4}+o(1)\right)\binom{n}{3}$.

Proof. Count the number $N$ of 2-coloured cherries. Say have $b(x)$ blue edges and $r(x)$ red edges at vertex $x$. Have $N=\sum_{x} b(x) r(x) \leq n(n-$ $1)^{2} / 4$ (use $b(x)+r(x)=n-1$ ). The number of non-monochromatic triangles is $\mathrm{N} / 2$.

Clearly, there are 2-colourings with $\leq \frac{1}{4}\binom{n}{3}$ monochromatic triangles!

## The case $p=1$

Theorem 4. Goodman implies Mantel: $\operatorname{ex}\left(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{K}^{3}\right) \leq \mathrm{n}^{2} / 4$.
Proof. Suppose $K^{3} \not \subset G^{n}$ and $e\left(G^{n}\right)>n^{2} / 4$, so that $e\left(G^{n}\right) \geq n^{2} / 4+3 / 4$. Count the number $N$ of pairs $(e, T)$ where $e \in E\left(G^{n}\right), T \in\binom{V\left(G^{n}\right)}{3}$ and $e \subset$ $T$. Say there are $t_{i}$ triples containing $i$ edges of $G$. Then, by Theorem 3 ,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(n^{2} / 4+3 / 4\right)(n-2) \leq e\left(G^{n}\right)(n-2) \\
& \quad=N \leq t_{1}+2 t_{2} \leq 2\left(t_{1}+t_{2}\right) \leq n(n-1)^{2} / 4,
\end{aligned}
$$

which is a contradiction for $n \geq 4$.

## Theorems 1 and 2 from Goodman's counting

Theorem 5. For every $\varepsilon>0$ there is $C$ such that if $p \geq C / \sqrt{n}$, then a.e. $\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p})$ is such that any 2-colouring of its edges contains at least $(1 / 4-\varepsilon) p^{3}\binom{n}{3}$ monochromatic $K^{3}$.

Proof. Exercise $2^{+}$.

Exercise $3^{+}$: derive Theorem 2 from Theorem 5.

Exercise $4^{++}$: show that the threshold for Theorem 1 is indeed $1 / \sqrt{n}$.

Exercise 5: show that the threshold for Theorem 2 is indeed $1 / \sqrt{n}$.

## The Rödl-Ruciński theorem

Definition 6 (2-density and $\mathrm{m}_{2}(\mathrm{H})$ ). The 2-density $\mathrm{d}_{2}(\mathrm{H})$ of a graph H with $|\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{H})|>2$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{H})|-1}{|\mathrm{~V}(\mathrm{H})|-2} . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{K}^{1}$ and $2 \mathrm{~K}^{1}$ let $\mathrm{d}_{2}(\mathrm{H})=0$; set $\mathrm{d}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~K}^{2}\right)=1 / 2$. Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{2}(\mathrm{H})=\max \left\{\mathrm{d}_{2}(\mathrm{~J}): \mathrm{J} \subset \mathrm{H},|\mathrm{~V}(\mathrm{~J})|>0\right\} . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Exercise 6: consider, say, $H=K^{h}$. Show that if $p \ll n^{-1 / m_{2}(H)}$, then a.s. $\#\{H \hookrightarrow G(n, p)\} \ll e(G(n, p))$. On the other hand, if $p \gg n^{-1 / m_{2}(H)}$, then a.s. $\#\{\mathrm{H} \hookrightarrow \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p})\} \gg e(\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p}))$.

## The Rödl-Ruciński theorem

Theorem 7. Let H be a graph containing at least a cycle and let $\mathrm{r} \geq 2$ be an integer. Then there exist constants c and C such that

$$
\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(G(n, p) \rightarrow(H)_{r}\right)= \begin{cases}0 & \text { if } p \leq \mathrm{cn}^{-1 / m_{2}(\mathrm{H})}  \tag{6}\\ 1 & \text { if } p \geq \mathrm{Cn}^{-1 / m_{2}(\mathrm{H})} .\end{cases}
$$

$\triangleright$ In particular, $p_{0}=p_{0}(n)=n^{-1 / m_{2}(H)}$ is a threshold for the property $\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p}) \rightarrow(\mathrm{H})_{\mathrm{r}}$.

## The Rödl-Ruciński theorem

Exercise 7: show that there exists a graph G with the property that $\mathrm{G} \rightarrow$ $\left(K^{h}\right)_{r}$ but $K^{h+1} \not \subset G$.

Exercise 8: Given a graph $G$, let $\mathcal{H}_{3}(\mathrm{G})$ be the 3 -uniform hypergraph whose hypervertices are the edges of G and the hyperedges are the edge sets of the triangles in G. Show that, for any integers $\ell$ and $r$, there is a graph $G$ satisfying $G \rightarrow\left(\mathrm{~K}^{3}\right)_{\mathrm{r}}$ such that $\mathcal{H}_{3}(\mathrm{G})$ has girth $\geq \ell$.

## Turán type results for subgraphs of random graphs

Generalized Turán number:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{ex}(G, H)=\max \left\{\left|E\left(G^{\prime}\right)\right|: H \not \subset G^{\prime} \subset G\right\} . \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\triangleright \operatorname{ex}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{H})=\mathrm{ex}\left(\mathrm{K}^{\mathrm{n}}, \mathrm{H}\right)$
$\triangleright \operatorname{ex}\left(\mathrm{Q}^{\mathrm{d}}, \mathrm{C}^{4}\right)=$ ?
$\triangleright \operatorname{ex}\left(\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{K}^{\mathrm{h}}\right)=$ ? for $(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{d}, \lambda)$-graphs G

## Turán type results for subgraphs of random graphs

Exercise 9: show that, for any G and H , we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
e(G, H) \geq\left(1-\frac{1}{\chi(H)-1}\right) e(G) . \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\triangleright$ Interested in knowing when this is sharp for $G=G(n, p)$ (up to o $(e(G))$ )

## Turán type results for subgraphs of random graphs

Theorem 8. Let H be a graph with degeneracy d and suppose $\mathrm{np}^{\mathrm{d}} \gg 1$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{ex}(G(n, p), H)=\left(1-\frac{1}{\chi(H)-1}+o(1)\right) p\binom{n}{2} . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conjecture 9. For any graph H , if $\mathfrak{n p}^{\mathfrak{m}_{2}(\mathrm{H})} \rightarrow \infty$ then (9) holds almost surely.

Example: if $H=K^{k}$, have $m_{2}(H)=(k+1) / 2$, but Theorem 8 supposes $n p^{1 /(k-1)} \gg 1$.

## Cycles and small cliques

Theorem 10. Conjecture 9 holds for cycles.
Theorem 11. Conjecture 9 holds for $K^{4}, K^{5}$, and $K^{6}$.

## A sharp result for even cycles

Theorem 12. Let $k \geq 2$ be an integer and let $p=p(n)=\alpha n^{-1+1 /(2 k-1)}$ be such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
2 \leq \alpha \leq n^{1 /(2 k-1)^{2}} . \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{ex}\left(G(n, p), C^{2 k}\right) \asymp \frac{(\log \alpha)^{1 /(2 k-1)}}{\alpha} e(G(n, p)) . \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Szemerédi's regularity lemma

1. Tool for identifying the quasirandom structure of deterministic graphs
2. Works very well for large, dense graphs: $n$-vertex graphs with $\geq \mathrm{cn}^{2}$ edges, $n \rightarrow \infty$
3. Variant for sparse graphs exists (sparse $=$ with $o\left(n^{2}\right)$ edges)
4. Much harder to use

## $\varepsilon$-regularity

Definition 13 ( $\varepsilon$-regular pair). $\mathrm{G}=(\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{E})$ a graph; $\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W} \subset \mathrm{V}$ non-empty and disjoint. Say ( $\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W}$ ) is $\varepsilon$-regular (in G$)$ if
$\triangleright$ for all $\mathrm{U}^{\prime} \subset \mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W}^{\prime} \subset \mathrm{W}$ with $\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right| \geq \varepsilon|\mathrm{U}|$ and $\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right| \geq \varepsilon|\mathrm{W}|$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\frac{\left|\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{U}^{\prime}, W^{\prime}\right)\right|}{\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right|\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right|}-\frac{|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})|}{|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}|}\right| \leq \varepsilon . \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

## $\varepsilon$-regularity

The pair $(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W})$ is $\varepsilon$-regular if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\frac{\left|\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{U}^{\prime}, \mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right)\right|}{\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right|\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right|}-\frac{|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})|}{|\mathrm{U} \||\mathrm{W}|}\right| \leq \varepsilon . \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equivalently,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{U}^{\prime}, \mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right)\right|=\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right|\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right|\left(\frac{|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})|}{|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}|} \pm \varepsilon\right) \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Clearly, not meaningful if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})|}{|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}|} \rightarrow 0 \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\varepsilon$ is fixed. (We think of $G=(\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{E})$ with $n=|\mathrm{V}| \rightarrow \infty$.)

## $\varepsilon$-regularity; multiplicative error version

Replace

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{U}^{\prime}, \mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right)\right|=\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right|\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right|\left(\frac{|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})|}{|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}|} \pm \varepsilon\right) \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{U}^{\prime}, \mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right)\right|=(1 \pm \varepsilon)|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})| \frac{\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right|\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right|}{|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}|} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Altered condition becomes
$\triangleright$ for all $\mathrm{U}^{\prime} \subset \mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W}^{\prime} \subset \mathrm{W}$ with $\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right| \geq \varepsilon|\mathrm{U}|$ and $\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right| \geq \varepsilon|\mathrm{W}|$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\left|\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{U}^{\prime}, \mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right)\right|-|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})| \frac{\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right|\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right|}{|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}|}\right| \leq \varepsilon|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{~W})| \frac{\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right|\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right|}{|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}|} . \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

OK even if $|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W})| /|\mathrm{U}||\mathrm{W}| \rightarrow 0$.

## Szemerédi's regularity lemma, sparse version

Any graph with no 'dense patches' admits a Szemerédi partition with the new notion of $\varepsilon$-regularity.

Definition $14((\mathfrak{\eta}, b)$-bounded). Say $G=(V, E)$ is $(\mathfrak{\eta}, b)$-bounded if for all $\mathrm{U} \subset \mathrm{V}$ with $|\mathrm{U}| \geq \eta|\mathrm{V}|$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\#\{\text { edges within } \mathrm{U}\} \leq \mathrm{b}|\mathrm{E}|\binom{|\mathrm{U}|}{2}\binom{|\mathrm{~V}|}{2}^{-1} . \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

[ $\triangleright$ Something like one-sided ( $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{\eta}$ )-uniformity]

## Szemerédi's regularity lemma, sparse version

Theorem 15 (The regularity lemma). For any $\varepsilon>0, t_{0} \geq 1$, and $b$, there exist $\eta>0$ and $\mathrm{T}_{0}$ such that any $(\eta, b)$-bounded graph G admits a partition $\mathrm{V}=\mathrm{V}_{1} \cup \cdots \cup \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{t}}$ such that

1. $\left|\mathrm{V}_{1}\right| \leq \cdots \leq\left|\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{t}}\right| \leq\left|\mathrm{V}_{1}\right|+1$
2. $\mathrm{t}_{0} \leq \mathrm{t} \leq \mathrm{T}_{0}$
3. at least $(1-\varepsilon)\binom{\mathrm{t}}{2}$ pairs $\left(\mathrm{V}_{\mathfrak{i}}, \mathrm{V}_{\mathfrak{j}}\right)(\mathfrak{i}<\mathfrak{j})$ are $\varepsilon$-regular.

Proof. Just follow Szemerédi's original proof.

## A counting lemma (simplest version)

Setup. $G=\left(V_{1}, V_{2}, V_{3} ; E\right)$ tripartite with

1. $\left|\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{i}}\right|=\mathrm{m}$ for all i
2. $\left(V_{i}, V_{j}\right) \varepsilon$-regular for all $i<j$
3. $\left|E\left(V_{i}, V_{j}\right)\right|=\rho m^{2}$ for all $i<j$

Notation: $G=G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho)[G$ is an $\varepsilon$-regular triple with density $\rho$ ]
$\triangleright$ Wish to embed $K^{3}$ with $V\left(K^{3}\right)=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right\}$ such that $x_{i}$ is placed in $V_{i}$.

## A counting lemma (simplest version)

## Just like random:

Lemma 16 (Counting Lemma; Embedding lemma). $\forall \rho>0, \delta>0 \exists \varepsilon>0$, $\mathrm{m}_{0}$ : if $\mathrm{m} \geq \mathrm{m}_{0}$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\#\left\{\mathrm{~K}^{3} \hookrightarrow \mathrm{G}_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathrm{m}, \rho)\right\}-\rho^{3} \mathrm{~m}^{3}\right| \leq \delta \mathrm{m}^{3} . \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Tough: counting Lemma is false if $\rho \rightarrow 0$

Fact 17. $\forall \varepsilon>0 \exists \rho>0, m_{0} \forall m \geq m_{0} \exists G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho)$ with

$$
\begin{equation*}
K^{3} \not \subset G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho) \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

[cf. Lemma 16]

Change of focus: from counting $\mathrm{K}^{3} \subset \mathrm{G}_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathrm{m}, \rho)$ to existence of $\mathrm{K}^{3} \subset$ $G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho)$

## Key observation

Counterexamples to the embedding lemma in the sparse setting do exist (Fact 17), but

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are extremely rare.
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## An asymptotic enumeration lemma

Lemma 18. $\forall \beta>0 \exists \varepsilon>0, C>0, m_{0}:$ if $T=\rho m^{2} \geq \mathrm{Cm}^{3 / 2}$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\#\left\{G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathfrak{m}, \rho) \not \supset K^{3}\right\} \leq \beta^{\mathrm{T}}\binom{\mathrm{~m}^{2}}{\mathrm{~T}}^{3} . \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

Observe that $\rho \geq \mathrm{C} / \sqrt{\mathrm{m}} \rightarrow 0$.

## Consequence for random graphs

Easy expectation calculations imply
$\triangleright$ if $p \gg 1 / \sqrt{n}$, then almost every $G(n, p)$ is such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(K^{3} \text {-free } G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho)\right) \not \subset G(n, p) \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

if (*) $m p \gg \log n$ and $\rho \geq \alpha p$ for some fixed $\alpha$.
Conclusion. Recovered an 'embedding lemma' in the sparse setting, for subgraphs of random graphs.

Corollary 19 (EL for subgraphs of r.gs). If $p>1 / \sqrt{n}$ and (*) holds, then almost every $\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p})$ is such that if $\mathrm{G}_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathrm{m}, \rho) \subset \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{p})$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\exists l: K^{3} \hookrightarrow G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho) \subset G(n, p) . \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

## The easy calculation

Recall $\mathrm{T}=\rho \mathrm{m}^{2}, \rho \geq \alpha p$, and $m p>\log n$. Therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(\# & \left.\left\{K^{3} \text {-free } G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho) \hookrightarrow G(n, p)\right\}\right) \leq n^{3 m} o(1)^{T}\binom{m^{2}}{T}^{3} p^{3 T} \\
& \leq n^{3 m}\left(o(1) \frac{e m^{2}}{T}\right)^{3 T} p^{3 T} \leq n^{3 m}\left(o(1) \frac{e m^{2} p}{T}\right)^{3 T} \\
& =n^{3 m}\left(o(1) \frac{e m^{2} p}{\rho m^{2}}\right)^{3 T} \leq n^{3 m}\left(o(1) \frac{e}{\alpha}\right)^{3 T} \\
& \leq e^{3 m \log n}\left(o(1) \frac{e}{\alpha}\right)^{3 \alpha m \log n}=o(1)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Superexponential bounds

Suppose we wish to prove a statement about all subgraphs of $G(n, p)$.

- Too many such subgraphs: about $2^{p\binom{n}{2}}$
- $G(n, p)$ has no edges with probability $(1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}} \geq \exp \left\{-2 p n^{2}\right\}$, if, say, $p \leq 1 / 2$.
- Concentration inequalities won't do $\left(2^{p}\binom{n}{2}\right.$ vs $\left.\mathrm{e}^{-2 \mathrm{pn}^{2}}\right)$.
- Bounds of the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{o}(1)^{\mathrm{T}}\binom{\binom{m}{2}}{\mathrm{~T}} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

for the cardinality of a family of 'undesirable subgraphs' $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{T})$ do the job. Use of such bounds goes back to Füredi (1994).

## An embedding lemma for $K^{3}$ (sparse setting)

Scheme:

1. Proved an asymptotic enumeration lemma:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\#\left\{G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathrm{m}, \rho) \not \supset \mathrm{K}^{3}\right\}=\mathrm{o}(1)^{\mathrm{T}}\binom{\mathrm{~m}^{2}}{\mathrm{~T}}^{3} \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\left[T=\rho m^{2}\right]$
2. Observed that this implies a.e. $G(n, w / \sqrt{n})$ contains no $K^{3}$-free $G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho)$ [any $\omega=\omega(n) \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ].
3. Obtained a $K^{3}$-embedding lemma for subgraphs of $G(n, p)$, even when $p=\omega / \sqrt{n}$ : for all $G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho) \subset G(n, p)$, have $K^{3} \subset G_{3}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho)$.

## General graphs H?

Let us consider the case $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{K}^{\mathrm{k}}$.

Conjecture 20. $\forall \mathrm{k} \geq 4, \beta>0 \exists \varepsilon>0, \mathrm{C}>0, \mathrm{~m}_{0}$ : if $\mathrm{T}=\rho \mathrm{m}^{2} \geq$ $\mathrm{Cm}^{2-2 /(k+1)}$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\#\left\{G_{k}^{(\varepsilon)}(m, \rho) \not \supset K^{k}\right\} \leq \beta^{T}\binom{m^{2}}{T}^{\binom{k}{2}} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\triangleright$ Known for $k=3, k=4$, and $k=5$
$\triangleright$ For general H , the conjecture involves $\mathrm{m}_{2}(\mathrm{H})$

## General graphs H?

Suppose $|\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{H})|>2$. Then let

$$
\begin{equation*}
d_{2}(\mathrm{H})=\frac{|\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{H})|-1}{|\mathrm{~V}(\mathrm{H})|-2} . \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $H=K^{1}$ and $2 K^{1}$ let $d_{2}(H)=0$; set $d_{2}\left(K^{2}\right)=1 / 2$. Finally, let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{m}_{2}(\mathrm{H})=\max \left\{\mathrm{d}_{2}(\mathrm{~J}): \mathrm{J} \subset \mathrm{H}\right\} . \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

Conjecture 21. $\forall \mathrm{H}, \beta>0 \exists \varepsilon>0, \mathrm{C}>0, \mathrm{~m}_{0}$ : if $\mathrm{T}=\rho^{2} \geq \mathrm{Cm}^{2-1 / m_{2}(\mathrm{H})}$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\#\left\{\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{H}}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathrm{m}, \rho) \not \supset \mathrm{H}\right\} \leq \beta^{\mathrm{T}}\binom{\mathrm{~m}^{2}}{\mathrm{~T}}^{e(\mathrm{H})} \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\triangleright$ Known for cycles

## The bipartite case

Conjecture 22. Suppose H is a bipartite graph. For any $\beta>0$, there is C such that for any $M=M(n)$ such that $M \geq \mathrm{Cn}^{2-1 / m_{2}(H)}$, we have

$$
\#\{G(n, M) \not \supset H\} \leq \beta^{M}\left(\begin{array}{c}
n  \tag{31}\\
2 \\
M
\end{array}\right)
$$

for all large enough n .
In short: $\#\{G(n, M) \not \supset H\}=o(1)^{M}\left(\begin{array}{c}\left(\begin{array}{c}n \\ (2) \\ M\end{array}\right)\end{array}\right.$

- Known for even cycles [Exercise $10^{++}$: still ${ }^{++}$, even after regularity. What is simpler to show is that $\operatorname{ex}\left(G(n, p), C^{2 k}\right)=o\left(p\binom{n}{2}\right)$ if $p \gg$ $n^{-1+1 /(2 k-1)}$.]


## Consequences of the conjecture

1. The Rödl-Ruciński theorem on threshold for Ramsey properties of random graphs (1-statement) and the Turán counterpart, with the best possible threshold
2. Łuczak (2000): structural and enumerative consequences for H-free graphs on $n$ vertices and $M$ edges

## Consequences of the conjecture

Under the hypothesis that Conjecture 21 holds for a graph H:

Theorem 23. Conjecture 22 holds: if H is bipartite, then for every $\beta>$ 0 there exists $C=C(\beta, H)$ and $n_{0}$ such that for $n \geq n_{0}$ and $M \geq$ $\mathrm{Cn}^{2-1 / m_{2}(\mathrm{H})}$ we have

$$
\#\{G(n, M) \not \supset H\} \leq \beta^{M}\left(\begin{array}{c}
n  \tag{32}\\
2 \\
2
\end{array}\right) .
$$

## Consequences of the conjecture

## Under the hypothesis that Conjecture 21 holds for a graph H:

Theorem 24. Suppose $\chi(H)=h \geq 3$. Then for every $\delta>0$ there exists $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}(\delta, \mathrm{H})$ such that, almost surely, a graph chosen uniformly at random from the family of all H -free labelled graphs on n vertices and $M \geq \mathrm{Cn}^{2-1 / m_{2}}(\mathrm{H})$ edges can be made ( $h-1$ )-partite by removing $\leq \delta M$ edges.

## Consequences of the conjecture

Under the hypothesis that Conjecture 21 holds for a graph H:

Theorem 25. Suppose $\chi(H)=h \geq 3$. Then for every $\varepsilon>0$ there exist $C=C(\varepsilon, H)$ and $n_{0}=n_{0}(\varepsilon, H)$ such that, for $n \geq n_{0}$ and $C n^{2-1 / d_{2}(H)} \leq$ $M \leq n^{2} / C$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\frac{h-2}{h-1}-\varepsilon\right)^{M} \leq \mathbb{P}(G(n, M) \not \supset H) \leq\left(\frac{h-2}{h-1}+\varepsilon\right)^{M} . \tag{33}
\end{equation*}
$$

## The hereditary nature of regularity

Setup. $\quad \mathrm{B}=(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W} ; \mathrm{E})$ an $\varepsilon$-regular bipartite graph with $|\mathrm{U}|=|\mathrm{W}|=\mathrm{m}$ and $|E|=\rho m^{2}, \rho>0$ constant, and an integer d. Sample $N \subset U$ and $N^{\prime} \subset W$ with $|N|=\left|N^{\prime}\right|=d$ uniformly at random.

Theorem 26. For any $\beta>0, \rho>0$, and $\varepsilon^{\prime}>0$, if $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_{0}\left(\beta, \rho, \varepsilon^{\prime}\right)$, $d \geq d_{0}\left(\beta, \rho, \varepsilon^{\prime}\right)$, and $m \geq m_{0}\left(\beta, \rho, \varepsilon^{\prime}\right)$, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{P}\left(\left(N, N^{\prime}\right) \text { bad }\right) \leq \beta^{\mathrm{d}} \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left(\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}\right)$ is bad if $\left|\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}\right)\right| \mathrm{d}^{-2}-\rho \mid>\varepsilon^{\prime}$ or else $\left(\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}\right)$ is not $\varepsilon^{\prime}$-regular.

## The hereditary nature of regularity

Exercise $11^{++}$: for any k and $\delta>0$, there is C such that the following holds. If $\chi(G-F) \geq k$ for any $F \subset E(G)$ with $|F| \leq \delta n^{2}$, then there is $\mathrm{H} \subset \mathrm{G}$ with $\chi(\mathrm{H}) \geq \mathrm{k}$ and $|\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{H})| \leq \mathrm{C}$. Can you guarantee many such 'witnesses' H?

## Local characterization for regularity

Setup. $B=(U, W ; E)$, a bipartite graph with $|\mathrm{U}|=|\mathrm{W}|=\mathrm{m}$. Consider the properties
(PC) for some constant $p$, have $\mathfrak{m}^{-1} \sum_{\mathfrak{u} \in \mathrm{u}}|\operatorname{deg}(\mathfrak{u})-\mathrm{pm}|=\mathrm{o}(\mathrm{m})$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\mathfrak{m}^{2}} \sum_{u, u^{\prime} \in u}\left|\operatorname{deg}\left(u, u^{\prime}\right)-p^{2} \mathfrak{m}\right|=o(m) . \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

( R$)(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W})$ is o(1)-regular (classical sense).

Theorem 27. ( PC ) and ( R ) are equivalent.

## A proof of Theorem 26

Let a graph $F=(U, E)$ with $|U|=m$ and $|E| \leq \eta\binom{m}{2}$ be given. Suppose we select a d-set N uniformly at random from U . We are then interested in giving an upper bound for $e(F[N])$, the number of edges that the set $N$ will induce in $F$.

Lemma 28. For every $\alpha$ and $\beta>0$, there exist $\eta_{0}=\eta_{0}(\alpha, \beta)>0$ such that, whenever $0<\eta \leq \eta_{0}$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{P}\left(e(F[\mathrm{~N}]) \geq \alpha\binom{\mathrm{d}}{2}\right) \leq \beta^{\mathrm{d}} \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. Exercise $12^{+}$.

Exercise $13^{++}$: use Lemma 28 and Theorem 27 to prove Theorem 26.

The hereditary nature of sparse regularity

Definition 29 (( $\varepsilon, p)$-lower-regularity). Suppose $0<\varepsilon<1$ and $0<p \leq 1$. A bipartite graph $\mathrm{B}=(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W} ; \mathrm{E})$ is $(\varepsilon, \mathrm{p})$-lower-regular if for all $\mathrm{U}^{\prime} \subset \mathrm{U}$ and $W \subset W$ with $\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right| \geq \varepsilon|\mathrm{U}|$ and $\left|\mathrm{W}^{\prime}\right| \geq \varepsilon|W|$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{e\left(\mathrm{U}^{\prime}, W^{\prime}\right)}{\left|\mathrm{U}^{\prime}\right||W|} \geq(1-\varepsilon) p \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

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Setup. $\quad \mathrm{B}=(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W} ; \mathrm{E})$ an $(\varepsilon, p)$-lower-regular bipartite graph with $|\mathrm{U}|=$ $|W|=m$ and $|E|=\mathrm{pm}^{2}$ and integer $d$. Sample $N \subset U$ and $N^{\prime} \subset W$ with $|\mathrm{N}|=\left|\mathrm{N}^{\prime}\right|=\mathrm{d}$ uniformly at random.

Theorem 30. For all $0<\beta, \varepsilon^{\prime}<1$, there exist $\varepsilon_{0}=\varepsilon_{0}\left(\beta, \varepsilon^{\prime}\right)>0$ and $C=C\left(\varepsilon^{\prime}\right)$ such that, for any $0<\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_{0}$ and $0<p<1$, the following holds. Let $\mathrm{G}=(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W} ; \mathrm{E})$ be an $(\varepsilon, \mathrm{p})$-lower-regular bipartite graph and suppose $\mathrm{d} \geq \mathrm{Cp}^{-1}$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbb{P}\left(\left(N, N^{\prime}\right) \text { bad }\right) \leq \beta^{\mathrm{d}} \tag{38}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left(\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}\right)$ is bad if $\left(\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}\right)$ is not $\left(\varepsilon^{\prime}, \mathrm{p}\right)$-lower-regular.

## The hereditary nature of sparse regularity

Setup. $\quad \mathrm{B}=(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{W} ; \mathrm{E})$ an $(\varepsilon, p)$-lower-regular bipartite graph with $|\mathrm{U}|=$ $|W|=m,|E|=m^{2}$, and $p \geq \alpha q$. Also, suppose we have two other bipartite graphs $A=\left(U^{\prime}, U ; E_{A}\right)$ and $C=\left(W, W^{\prime} ; E_{C}\right)$, also $(\varepsilon, p)$-lowerregular.

Corollary 31 (Quite imprecise...). Suppose $A \cup B \cup C \subset G(n, q)$ and $u^{\prime} \in$ $\mathrm{U}^{\prime}$ and $w^{\prime} \in \mathrm{W}^{\prime}$ are 'typical' vertices. If $\mathrm{pm} \gg 1 / \mathrm{p}$ then $\mathrm{B}\left[\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}\left(\mathrm{u}^{\prime}\right), \Gamma_{\mathrm{C}}\left(w^{\prime}\right)\right]$ is $(\mathrm{f}(\varepsilon), \mathrm{p})$-lower-regular $(\mathrm{f}(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0)$.
$\triangleright$ Corollary above may be used in inductive embedding schemes.

## Local characterization for sparse regularity

Very imprecisely: a similar statement to Theorem 27 may be proved for subgraphs of random graphs.

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