

Lecture 5

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1 Lecture Outline

So far, we covered algorithms on sparse graphs, where the bound on the degree d assisted us in achieving sub linear time. The input to these algorithms were graphs represented by adjacency lists.

Today we will explore property testing in dense graphs:

- Testing Bipartiteness
- A canonical tester

2 Property Testing of dense Graphs

Definition 2.1 (Adjacency Matrix Model) Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, an algorithm in the Adjacency Matrix Model receives G as input in the form of a matrix A such that

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & (i, j) \in E \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

For a given (i, j) , querying A_{ij} is one time step.

We often refer to an entry in the adjacency matrix as an edge slot.

Definition 2.2 (Graph Property) A graph property P is a property of graphs that depends only on the abstract structure, not on graph representations such as particular labellings or drawings of the graph. Given a property P and a domain D , let $\mathcal{P} = \{G \in D \mid G \text{ has property } P\}$.

Definition 2.3 (ϵ -far from \mathcal{P}) Given a property P and a graph G , let $G' \in \mathcal{P}$ be a graph with the minimal number of changes to edge slots in G 's adjacency matrix. G is ϵ -far from \mathcal{P} if the number of change slots between G and G' is at least ϵn^2 .

Definition 2.4 (Property Tester) A property tester \mathcal{T} for the property P is defined by

if $x \in \mathcal{P}$, then with high probability $\mathcal{A}(x) = \text{pass}$

if x is ϵ -far from \mathcal{P} , then with high probability $\mathcal{A}(x) = \text{fail}$

3 Testing Bipartiteness

Definition 3.1 (Bipartite Graph) Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, G is **bipartite** if there exists a partition of V into (V_1, V_2) such that $\forall (u, v) \in E$, $u \in V_i$ and $v \in V_j$ for $i \neq j$.

Definition 3.2 (Violating Edge) Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, a partition (V_1, V_2) of V and an edge $(u, v) \in E$, we say that (u, v) **violates** (V_1, V_2) if $u, v \in V_1$ or $u, v \in V_2$. So G is bipartite if and only if there exists a partition of V with no violating edges.

Remark The property of bipartiteness is anti-monotone, i.e. to make a non-bipartite graph g be bipartite, we must remove edges. This leads to an equivalent definition for being ϵ -far from bipartiteness.

Definition 3.3 (ϵ -far from bipartite) For two graphs G, G' , $\text{dist}(G, G')$ is the fraction of locations in A that are different (i.e. all i, j such that $A_{ij}^G \neq A_{ij}^{G'}$). G is ϵ -far from property P if for all G' that have property P , $\text{dist}(G, G') > \epsilon$.

Remark

1. For sparse graphs with less than ϵn^2 edges, the definition above is not interesting as we can remove all edges to make the graph bipartite, and therefore a tester can always output pass.
2. For sparse graphs, the sample complexity for testing bipartiteness is known to have a lower bound of $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$.
3. The best lower bound known in this model, the adjacency matrix model, is $\tilde{\Omega}(\frac{1}{\epsilon^{1.5}})$, due to: A. Bogdanov and L. Trevisan. Lower bounds for testing bipartiteness in dense graphs.
4. With methods similar to the ones we'll use today, we can test for 3-coloring in constant time!

We will now make a first attempt at testing for bipartiteness.

How about sampling $m = \theta(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log \frac{1}{\delta})$ edges?

Assume G is ϵ -far from being bipartite, therefore it has $\geq \epsilon n^2$ violating edges. Therefore,

$$\Pr_{e \in_R E} [e \text{ is not a violating edge}] < 1 - \epsilon$$

Then for all m samples:

$$\Pr[\text{We didn't hit a violating edge in all } m \text{ samples}] < (1 - \epsilon)^m$$

Therefore,

$$\Pr[\text{Hitting a violating edge in at least one of } m \text{ samples}] \geq 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^m = 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \ln \frac{1}{\delta}} \approx 1 - e^{-\ln \frac{1}{\delta}} = 1 - \delta$$

The problem is that an edge is violating **with respect to a given partition**. In order to reject graphs that are ϵ -far from bipartite, we need to test whether for every partition there are at least ϵn^2 violating edges.

Lets try checking all possible partitions.

Algorithm 3.1 *TestBipartite 0* (G)

1. Pick $m = \theta(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log \frac{1}{\delta})$ random edge slots (i, j) and query A_{ij} .
2. For every partition (V_1, V_2) :
 - (a) $\text{violating}_{(V_1, V_2)} =$ the number of violating edges in the sample with respect to (V_1, V_2)
 - (b) If $\text{violating}_{(V_1, V_2)} = 0$ output PASS
3. Output FAIL

Figure 1: TestBipartite 0.

Claim 3.4 *TestBipartite 0 is a tester for bipartiteness.*

Proof If G is bipartite, then there exists a partition of V into (V_1, V_2) with no violating edges. When *TestBipartite 0* iterates all possible partitions, it will also check partition (V_1, V_2) and output PASS. Assume G is ϵ -far from bipartite.

For any partition of V into (V_1, V_2) there are at least ϵn^2 violating edges. The algorithm samples m independent samples and so for every partition (V_1, V_2) we have that

$$\Pr[\text{violating}_{V_1, V_2} > 0] \geq 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^m \geq 1 - (1 - \epsilon)^{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \ln \frac{1}{\delta}} \approx 1 - e^{-\ln \frac{1}{\delta}} = 1 - \delta$$

With union bound on all partitions we get

$$\Pr[\forall V_1, V_2 \text{ violating}_{V_1, V_2} > 0] \geq (1 - \delta)^{2^n}$$

So if we take $\delta < \frac{1}{2^n}$ we get that *TestBipartite 0* is indeed a tester for bipartiteness. ■

Observation 3.5 *By the proof above, the running time of TestBipartite 0 is $\Omega(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2^n}}) = \Omega(\frac{n}{\epsilon})$, i.e. sub-linear in the size of the input (which is $O(n^2)$).*

Algorithm 3.2 *TestBipartite 1*

1. (a) Choose U nodes uniformly, s.t $|U| = \Theta(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$
 (b) Choose U' nodes uniformly, s.t $|U'| = \Theta(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$. Think of U' as a group of pairs:
 $U' = P = \{(v_1, u_1), (v_2, u_2) \dots\}$
2. $\forall (U_1, U_2)$ partition of U :
 (a) Check $\forall (u_i, v_i) \in P: X_i = \text{DoesViolatePartition}(U_1, U_2, u_i, v_i)$.
 (b) If $\frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P|} X_i \leq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon$ ACCEPT and halt.
 Else continue.
3. FAIL

Figure 2: TestBipartite 1

DoesViolatePartition checks if the pair (u_i, v_i) violates the partition $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$, which we induce from (U_1, U_2) to the rest of the graph as follows:

Algorithm 3.3 *InduceToRestOfGraph(U_1, U_2, V, E)*

1. $\forall u \in U_1$: put $u \in V_a^{U_1, U_2}$.
2. $\forall u \in U_2$: put $u \in V_b^{U_1, U_2}$.
3. $\forall u \in V \setminus (U_1 \cup U_2)$:
 (a) If u has a neighbor in U_1 : put $u \in V_b^{U_1, U_2}$.
 (b) else: put $u \in V_a^{U_1, U_2}$.

Figure 3: InduceToRestOfGraph.

Note: We don't need to run *InduceToRestOfGraph* in advance. We will run it only for the vertices in P to figure out in which part of the partition $\{V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2}\}$ they fall. For each vertex v it will take $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon})$ (to check if $v \in U_1$, $v \in U_2$, or checking neighbors).

Theorem 3.6 *TestBipartite 1 is a property tester for bipartiteness. More precisely,*

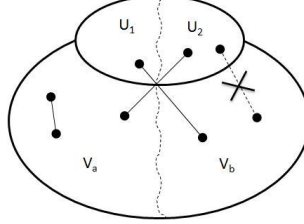


Figure 4: InduceToRestOfGraph

Algorithm 3.4 *DoesViolatePartition*(U_1, U_2, u_i, v_i)

1. Find $x \in \{a, b\}$ for u_i , where $u_i \in V_x^{U_1, U_2}$ according to *InduceToRestOfGraph*.
2. Find $y \in \{a, b\}$ for v_i , where $v_i \in V_y^{U_1, U_2}$ according to *InduceToRestOfGraph*.
3. If $x = y$ return 1.
4. Else return 0.

Figure 5: DoesViolatePartition.

- (1) if G is bipartite, *TestBipartite 1* PASSES with probability $\geq \frac{3}{4}$.
- (2) if G is ϵ -far from bipartiteness, $\Pr[\textit{TestBipartite 1} \textit{ outputs FAIL}] \geq \frac{7}{8}$.

Proof of Theorem 1(1):

Assume G is bipartite.

Therefore, there exists a partition (Y_1, Y_2) of V with no violating edges.

For a sample U , let $U_1 = U \cap Y_1$ and $U_2 = U \cap Y_2$.

From *InduceToRestOfGraph* we get $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$.

How close is $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$ to (Y_1, Y_2) ?

Observation 3.7 *If (Y_1, Y_2) is a bipartition, no vertex v has a neighbor in both U_1 and U_2 (because $U_1 \subseteq Y_1$ and $U_2 \subseteq Y_2$). Therefore, a difference between $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$ and (Y_1, Y_2) (if exists) is due to nodes that don't have neighbors in U .*

We have two kind of vertices:

1. v with small degree ($d(v) < \frac{\epsilon}{4}n$).
2. v with high degree ($d(v) \geq \frac{\epsilon}{4}n$).

Definition 3.1 *Let HighDeg be the event where at most $\frac{\epsilon}{4}n$ "high degree" nodes in V don't have neighbors in U .*

Lemma 3.8 $Pr_U [\neg HighDeg] \leq \frac{1}{8}$ where $|U| \geq \frac{4}{\epsilon} \log \frac{32}{\epsilon}$

Proof $\forall v \in V$ define $\sigma_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is a "high degree" node and } v \text{ has no neighbors in } U \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$E[\sigma_v] = Pr[\sigma_v = 1] \leq (1 - \frac{\epsilon n}{4})^{|U|}$$

Since the number of 1s in v 's row $\geq \frac{\epsilon}{4}n$, and n is the number of entries in v 's row. Therefore,

$$E[\sigma_v] \leq (1 - \frac{\epsilon n}{4})^{|U|} \leq (1 - \frac{\epsilon}{4})^{\frac{4}{\epsilon} \log \frac{32}{\epsilon}} \leq \frac{1}{e}^{\log \frac{32}{\epsilon}} = \frac{\epsilon}{32}$$

Thus, by Markov's inequality:

$$Pr[\sum_{v \in V} \sigma_v \geq 8 \cdot \frac{\epsilon n}{32}] = \frac{\epsilon n}{4} \leq \frac{1}{8}$$

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How many violating edges are in $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$?

Let N be the number of violating edges in $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$ under the assumption of *HighDeg*. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} N \leq & \underbrace{0}_{\text{\#violating edges in } (Y_1, Y_2)} \\ & + \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon}{4}n}_{\text{Bound on the degree of small degree nodes}} \cdot \underbrace{n}_{\text{Bound on \# small degree nodes}} \\ & + \underbrace{n}_{\text{Bound on degree of high degree nodes}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\epsilon}{4}n}_{\text{Bound on \#high degree nodes}} \\ & \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}n^2 \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.9 $N \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}n^2$ with probability $\frac{7}{8}$.

Assuming $N \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}n^2$ we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall (u_i, v_i) \in P : \\ & Pr[(u_i, v_i) \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})] \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ & \implies E_{(u_i, v_i) \in P} [\mathbf{1}_{(u_i, v_i) \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})}] \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we expect the fraction of violating pairs in P to be $\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

Claim 3.10 $\Pr[\text{Fraction of violating edges in the sample} \geq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon \mid \text{HighDeg}] < \frac{1}{8}$

Proof Sample $|P| = c \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ for some $c > 1$.

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{|P|}$ be i.i.d s.t $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e_i \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

$E[X_i \mid \text{HighDeg}] \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

By Chernoff:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr\left[\frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P|} X_i \geq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon\right] \geq \\ & \Pr\left[\frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P|} X_i \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)E[X_i \mid \text{HighDeg}]\right] \leq \\ & e^{-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{|P|}{3}} = e^{-\frac{\epsilon}{24} c \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon}} = \epsilon^{\frac{c}{24\epsilon}} < \underbrace{\frac{1}{8}}_{\text{choose } c \text{ s.t.}} \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 3.11 $\Pr[\text{TestBipartite 1 outputs FAIL on a bipartite graph}] \leq \frac{1}{4}$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[\text{TestBipartite 1 outputs FAIL on a bipartite graph}] \\ & \leq \Pr[\text{Fraction of violating edges in the sample} \geq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon \mid \text{HighDeg}] \cdot \Pr[\text{HighDeg}] \\ & \quad + \Pr[\text{Fraction of violating edges in the sample} \geq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon \mid \neg \text{HighDeg}] \cdot \Pr[\neg \text{HighDeg}] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{8} \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

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That proves the first item in 3.6.

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Proof of Theorem 1(2):

Suppose G is ϵ -far from bipartite.

Therefore, all partitions (Y_1, Y_2) have $\geq \epsilon n^2$ violating edges.

In particular, $\forall (U_1, U_2)$ partition of U , $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$ has $\geq \epsilon n^2$ violating edges.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_{(u_i, v_i) \in P} [(u_i, v_i) \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})] \geq \frac{\epsilon n^2}{n^2} = \epsilon \\ & \implies E_{(u_i, v_i) \in P} [\mathbf{1}_{(u_i, v_i) \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})}] \geq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

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Proof of Theorem 3.6(2):

Suppose G is ϵ -far from bipartite.

Therefore, all partitions (Y_1, Y_2) have $\geq \epsilon n^2$ violating edges.

In particular, $\forall (U_1, U_2)$ partition of U , $(V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})$ has $\geq \epsilon n^2$ violating edges.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{(u_i, v_i) \in P} [(u_i, v_i) \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})] &\geq \frac{\epsilon n^2}{n^2} = \epsilon \\ \implies E_{(u_i, v_i) \in P} [\mathbf{1}_{(u_i, v_i) \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2})}] &\geq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{|P|}$ be i.i.d s.t $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e_i \text{ violates } (V_a^{U_1, U_2}, V_b^{U_1, U_2}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

By Chernoff:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\left[\frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P|} X_i \leq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon\right] &= \Pr\left[\frac{1}{|P|} \sum_{i=1}^{|P|} X_i \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right)\epsilon\right] \\ &< e^{-\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \frac{|P|}{2} \epsilon} = e^{-\frac{1}{32} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} \epsilon c} \\ &= \epsilon^{\frac{c}{32\epsilon}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by union bound:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr[\text{Algorithm outputs PASS}] \\ &= \Pr[\text{There is a partition with fraction of violating pairs }] \leq \frac{3}{4}\epsilon] \\ &< 2^{|P|} \epsilon^{\frac{c}{32\epsilon}} \underbrace{=}_{\text{for some } d>0} 2^d \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} \epsilon^{\frac{c}{32\epsilon}} \\ &= \epsilon^{-d \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{c}{32\epsilon}} = \epsilon^{\frac{c-d-32}{32\epsilon}} < \underbrace{\frac{1}{8}}_{\text{Choose } c, d \text{ s.t}} \end{aligned}$$

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4 A Canonical Tester

Theorem 4.1 *Let P be any graph property in the adjacency matrix model.*

Suppose T is a tester for P with query complexity $q(n, \epsilon)$.

Then, there is a tester T' with query complexity of $O(q^2)$ in the following form:

1. *Select $2q(n, \epsilon)$ nodes randomly.*
2. *Query all pairs in the sampling.*
3. *Make a decision.*

Moreover, if T has one-sided error, so does T' .