

Extremal And Probabilistic Graph Theory  
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**Theorem 1.** Let  $G$  be a graph with average degree  $d(G)$  and  $g(G) \geq 2q + 1$ , then  $G$  has cycles of  $\Omega(d^g)$  consecutive even length.

(We use three lemmas. )

**Lemma 1.** Let  $G$  be s.t.  $\delta(G) \geq 6(d + 1)$ , and girth  $\geq 2q + 1$ , then for  $\forall X \subseteq V(G)$  with  $|X| \leq \frac{1}{3}d^g$ , we have  $|N(X)| > 2|X|$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $|N(X)| \leq 2|X|$ , for some  $X \subseteq V(G)$ , let  $H = G[X \cup N(X)]$ , so  $V(H) \leq 3|X|$  and

$$e(H) \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in X} d_G(v) \geq 3(d + 1)|X| \geq (d + 1)|V(H)|.$$

So  $H$  has a subgraph  $H'$  with  $\delta(H') \geq d + 1$ . Apply Moore bound to  $H'$ ,

$$3|X| \geq |V(H')| \geq 1 + (d + 1) \sum_{i < g} d^i > d^g \implies |X| > \frac{1}{3}d^g,$$

a contradiction.

**Posa Lemma.** If  $G$  is a graph s.t.  $|N(X)| > 2|X|$  for  $\forall X \subseteq V(G)$  with  $|X| \leq t$ , then  $G$  contains a cycle of length at least  $\min\{3t, n\}$  with a chord.

**Lemma 4.** If  $G(L_i, L_{i+1})$  has a cycle  $C$  of length  $2l$  with a chord, then for some  $1 \leq m \leq i$ ,  $G$  has cycles

$$C_{2m+2}, C_{2m+4}, \dots, C_{2m+2l-2}.$$

**Proof of Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $d(G) \geq 48(d + 1)$  and girth  $\geq 2g + 1$ , then  $G$  has a bipartite graph  $H$  with  $d(H) \geq 24(d + 1)$ ,

$$e(H) = \sum_{i \geq 0} e(L_i, L_{i+1}) \geq \frac{d(H)n}{2} = 12n(d + 1),$$

then  $\exists i$ , s.t.

$$e(L_i, L_{i+1}) \geq 6(d + 1)(|L_i| + |L_{i+1}|).$$

Assume not,

$$e(H) < 6(d + 1)[(|L_0| + |L_1|) + (|L_1| + |L_2|) + \dots + (|L_{t-1}| + |L_t|)]$$

for some  $t$ , it

$$= 6(d + 1)(2n - |L_0| - |L_t|),$$

then  $H(L_i, L_{i+1})$  has a subgraph  $H'$  with  $\delta(H') \geq 6(d+1)$  and girth  $\geq 2g+1$ .

By above lemma,  $\forall X \subseteq V(G)$  with  $|X| \leq \frac{1}{3}d^g$ ,  $|N(X)| > 2|X|$ .

By Posa lemma, pick  $t = \frac{1}{3}d^g$ , so  $H'$  has a cycle of length  $\geq d^g$  with a chord.

By lemma 4,  $G$  has  $\Omega(d^g)$  cycles of consecutive even lengths.

### Dependent Random Choice:

**lemma 2.** Let  $a, d, m, n, r$  be positive integers. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $|V| = n$ , and average  $d = \frac{2|E(G)|}{n}$ . If  $\exists$  a positive integer  $t, s.t.$

$$\frac{d^t}{n^{t-1}} - \binom{n}{r} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^t \geq a,$$

then  $G$  contains a subset  $U$  of at least  $a$  vertices *s.t.* every  $r$  vertices in  $U$  have at least  $m$  common neighbors.

**Proof:** Pick a set  $T$  of  $t$  vertices of  $V$  uniformly at random with repetition. Set  $A = N(T)$ , and let  $X$  denote the size of  $A$ , then the probability that  $v \in V(G)$  is an element of  $A$  equals  $\left(\frac{|N(v)|}{n}\right)^t$ . So by *Jensen's Inequality*, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{v \in V(G)} \left(\frac{|N(v)|}{n}\right)^t = n^{-t} \sum_{v \in V(G)} |N(v)|^2 \\ &\geq n^{1-t} \left(\frac{\sum_{v \in V(G)} |N(v)|}{n}\right)^t = n^{1-t} \left(\frac{dn}{n}\right)^t = \frac{d^t}{n^{t-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

let  $Y$  be the random variable counting the number of subsets  $S \subseteq A$  of size  $r$  with fewer than  $m$  common neighbors.

For a given  $S$ , the probability that it is a subset of  $A$  is  $\left(\frac{|N(S)|}{n}\right)^t$ . So

$$E[Y] = \sum_S \left(\frac{|N(S)|}{n}\right)^t \leq \binom{n}{r} \left(\frac{|N(S)|}{n}\right)^t < \binom{n}{r} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^t,$$

then

$$E[X - Y] \geq \frac{d^t}{n^{t-1}} - \binom{n}{r} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^t \geq a.$$

Hence there  $\exists$  a choice of  $T$  for with the corresponding set  $A = N(T)$  satisfies  $X - Y \geq a$ . Delete one vertex from each subset  $S$  of  $A$  of size  $r$  with fewer than  $m$  common neighbors. Let  $U$  be the remaining subset, then  $|U| \geq a$  and all subsets of size  $r$  have at least  $m$  common neighbors.

**Theorem 2.** If  $H = (A \cup B, F)$  is a bipartite graph in which all vertices in  $B$  have degree  $\leq r$ , then

$$ex(n, H) \leq cn^{-\frac{1}{r}},$$

where  $c = c(H)$  is only depends on  $H$ .

**Proof:** Using lemma 2:

Let  $a = |A|, b = |B|, m = a + b, t = r$ , and  $c = \max\{a^{\frac{1}{r}}, \frac{em}{r}\}$ .

Suppose  $G$  with  $v(G) = n$  and  $e(G) > cn^{2-\frac{1}{r}}$ , then the average degree  $d \geq 2cn^{1-\frac{1}{r}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^t}{n^{t-1}} - \binom{n}{r} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^t &\geq \frac{(2cn^{1-\frac{1}{r}})^r}{n^{r-1}} - \frac{n^r}{r!} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^r \\ &= (2c)^r - \frac{m^r}{r!} \geq (2c)^r - \left(\frac{em}{r}\right)^r. \end{aligned}$$

(because  $r! \geq \left(\frac{r}{e}\right)^r \geq (2c)^r - c^r = (2^r - 1)c^r \geq a$ )

Then we can find a vertex subset  $U$  of  $G$  with  $|U| = a$ , s.t. all subsets of  $U$  of size  $r$  have  $\geq m$  common neighbors.

Now we prove  $H \subseteq G$ :

We will find an embedding of  $H$  in  $G$  given by an injection

$$f : A \cup B \longrightarrow V(G).$$

Start by defining an injection

$$f : A \longrightarrow U$$

arbitrarily. Label the vertices of  $B$  as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_b$ , we embed the vertices of  $B$  in this order one vertex at a time.

Suppose we need to embed  $v_i \in B$ , let  $N_i \in A$  be those vertices of  $H$  adjacent to  $v_i$ , so  $|N_i| \leq r$ .

Since  $f(N_i) \subseteq U$ , and  $|f(N_i)| \leq r$ , there are  $\geq a + b$  vertices adjacent to all vertices in  $f(N_i)$ . As the number of vertices already embedded  $\leq a + b$ . Then  $\exists w \in V(G)$  which not be used and is adjacent to all vertices in  $f(N_i)$  set  $f(v_i) = w$ . A contradiction!