

## 4.1 Recalls and objectives

**Définition 4.1.**  $S = \{G_1, G_2, \dots\}$  is a family of  $(d, \lambda)$ -expanders if  $\forall G \in S$  :

- $G$  is  $d$ -regular
- $\lambda_2(G) \leq \lambda$  where  $\lambda_2(G) = \max\{|\lambda|, \lambda \neq 1 \text{ eigenvalue of } G\}$

We saw in last class how to construct algorithms with  $\delta$  polynomially small, we will now study how to have  $\delta$  exponentially small. We will as well study how to construct expander graphs.

## 4.2 Exponentially small error reduction

**Théorème 4.2.**  $\exists c > 0$  such that  $\forall$  algorithm  $A$  deciding a language  $L$  in time  $T$  with error  $1/3$  and randomness  $m$ ,  $\forall k, \exists$  algorithm  $A'$  deciding  $L$  in time  $kT^c$  with error  $2^{-k}$  and randomness  $m + O(k)$ .

For the proof, we will need next lemma :

**Lemme 4.3. Expander Walk Lemma :** If  $G$  is a  $(d, \lambda)$ -expander and  $B \subseteq V$ ,  $\frac{|B|}{|V|} = \beta$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_l$  denote a random walk of size  $l$  in  $G$ . Let  $X_i = 1$  if  $v_i \in B$ , 0 else. Then 
$$\Pr\left(\frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l X_i > \frac{1}{2}\right) \leq (4\sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2})^{l/2}$$

**Preuve: of theorem :** Assume efficiently computable family of  $(d, \lambda)$ -expanders.

**Claim :** Without lost of generality, we can assume  $\lambda \leq 1/10$ , since  $G^l$  has degree  $d^l$  and  $\lambda_2(G^l) = \lambda^l$ .

**Claim :** We can assume as well that the error of  $A$  is less then  $3/100$ , since we can use algorithm from last class.

Let's say  $|G_m| = 2^m$ , and  $x$  is the input.

Let's define Algorithm  $A'$  :

1. Take a random walk  $v_1, v_2, \dots$  of length  $l = O(k)$  in  $G_m$
2. Run  $A(x, v_i) \forall i \in [l] = 1, 2, \dots, l$  and return the output majority.

Randomness :  $m$  to choose  $v_1$ ,  $\log(d)$  to compute a neighbour, a total of  $m + \log(d) * (l - 1) = m + O(k)$ .

Time : the time to compute a neighbour being  $\text{poly}(\log(|G_m|)) = \text{poly}(m) \leq T^c$  for a certain  $c$ , the total time is in  $O(lT^c) = O(kT^c)$ .

Error : let's have  $B = \{v \in G_m, A(x, v) \neq L(x)\}$ . Using the Expander Walk Lemma, we get :

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(A'(x) \neq L(x)) &= \Pr\left(\frac{1}{l} \sum_{i=1}^l X_i > \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \left(4\sqrt{\frac{3}{100} + \frac{1}{10}}\right)^{l/2} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{8}{10}\right)^{l/2} \\ &\leq 2^{-k} \text{ for } l \geq 8k \end{aligned}$$

□

### Preuve: of EW-Lemma :

Fix  $G$ , let  $n = |V|$

Let  $M_{u,v} = \frac{\# \text{ edges } (u,v)}{d}$

View  $\vec{p} \in \mathbb{R}^n, p_i \geq 0, \sum p_i = 1$  as a probability distribution over  $V$ .

$M\vec{p}$  is the probability distribution of a random walk starting with  $\vec{p}$  and taking one step in the graph.

Let  $B \subseteq V$  be seen as a matrix  $B_{u,v} = 1$  if  $u = v \in B$ ,  $B_{u,v} = 0$  else.

Then,  $\forall$  distribution  $p$  over  $V$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{v \leftarrow p}(v \in B) &= \sum_{u \in B} p_u \\ &= \sum_{u \in [n]} (B\vec{p})_u \\ &= (\vec{1} | B\vec{p}) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_l \subseteq V$ , we have :

$$\Pr_{v_1 \dots v_l \text{ random walk } (\forall i, v_i \in B_i)} = (\vec{1} | B_l M B_{l-1} M \dots B_2 M B_1 \vec{u})$$

We then have :

$$\begin{aligned}
 Pr\left(\frac{1}{l}\sum X_i \geq \frac{1}{2}\right) &= Pr(\exists S \subseteq [l], |S| \geq l/2, \forall i \in S, v_i \in B) \\
 &\leq \sum_{S \subseteq [l], |S| \geq l/2} Pr(\forall i \in S, v_i \in B) \\
 &= \sum_{S \subseteq [l], |S| \geq l/2} \left(\vec{1} \prod_{i=1}^l (B_i^S M) u\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{S \subseteq [l], |S| \geq l/2} \|\vec{1}\| \cdot \left\| \prod_{i=1}^l (B_i^S M) u \right\|
 \end{aligned}$$

We will prove later that :

$$\left\| \prod_{i=1}^l (B_i^S M) u \right\| \leq (\sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2})^{l/2} * 1/\sqrt{n}$$

Which gives us :

$$\begin{aligned}
 Pr\left(\frac{1}{l}\sum X_i \geq \frac{1}{2}\right) &\leq \sum_{S \subseteq [l], |S| \geq l/2} \|\vec{1}\| \cdot \left\| \prod_{i=1}^l (B_i^S M) u \right\| \\
 &\leq \sum_{S \subseteq [l], |S| \geq l/2} \sqrt{n} * (\sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2})^{l/2} * 1/\sqrt{n} \\
 &\leq 2^l (\sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2})^{l/2} \\
 &\leq (4\sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2})^{l/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Recall :**

- $\|M\| = \max_{\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|\vec{v}\|=1} \|M\vec{v}\|$
- $\|MM'\| \leq \|M\| \cdot \|M'\|$
- for real symmetric  $M$ ,  $\|M\| = \max\{|\lambda|, \lambda \in Spect(M)\}$
- $\lambda_2(M) = \max_{v \in \mathbb{R}^n, (\vec{v}|\vec{1})=0} \frac{\|M\vec{v}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|}$

**Preuve: of the formula used before :** We know already that  $|S| \geq l/2$  and that  $\|M\| = 1$ , we thus have :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \prod_{i=1}^l (B_i^S M) u \right\| &\leq \prod_{i=1}^l \|B_i^S M\| \|\vec{u}\| \\
 &\leq \|BM\|^{l/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The only thing left to do know if to prove that  $\|BM\| \leq \sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2}$

Let's fix  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\|\vec{v}\| = 1$

Since  $M$  is real symmetric,  $M$  has orthonormal basis of eigenvectors :  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\vec{1} = \vec{X}_1, \vec{X}_2, \dots, \vec{X}_n$  associated with  $1 = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ .

Let's write  $\vec{v} = v^{\parallel} + v^{\perp}$  with  $v^{\parallel} = (\vec{v} | \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\vec{1}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\vec{1}$ , we have  $\|Mv^{\perp}\| \leq \lambda \|v^{\perp}\|$  since  $(v^{\perp} | \vec{1}) = 0$  and thanks to last recall.

Let's compute :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|BM\vec{v}\| &= \|BM(v^{\parallel} + v^{\perp})\| \\
 &\leq \|BMv^{\parallel}\| + \|BMv^{\perp}\| \\
 &\leq \sqrt{\sum_{u \in B} \left( \frac{(\vec{v} | \vec{1})}{n} \right)^2} + \|B\| \cdot \|Mv^{\perp}\| \\
 &\leq \sqrt{\frac{\beta n}{n} (\vec{v} | \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\vec{1})^2} + \lambda \|v^{\perp}\| \\
 &\leq \sqrt{\beta} \left| (\vec{v} | \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\vec{1}) \right| + \lambda \|v^{\perp}\| \\
 &\leq \sqrt{\beta} \|v^{\parallel}\| + \lambda \|v^{\perp}\| \\
 &\leq \sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2} \sqrt{\|v^{\parallel}\|^2 + \|v^{\perp}\|^2} \text{ by Cauchy-Schwartz} \\
 &\leq \sqrt{\beta + \lambda^2} \|\vec{v}\|
 \end{aligned}$$

□

### 4.3 Constructing expander graphs

Combinatorial approach : compose small expanders to get bigger ones.

operation	size	degree	expansion	efficiency
squaring	=	$-(d^2)$	$+(\lambda^2)$	$(d+1)t$
tensor	$++ ( V_1  V_2 )$	$-(d_1.d_2)$	=	$t_1 + t_2 + d_1d_2$
zig-zag	$+( V_1 d_1)$	$+(d_1^2)$	$\approx$	$t_G + (d+1)t_H$

#### 4.3.1 Graph tensor product :

Given  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$ ,  $G_1 \otimes G_2 = (V_1 \times V_2, E')$  where  $E' = \{((u, a), (v, b)) | (u, v) \in E_1, (a, b) \in E_2\}$ .

$$M(G_1 \otimes G_2) = M(G_1) \otimes M(G_2)$$

where

$$A \otimes B = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c} A_{1,1}B & A_{1,2}B & \dots & A_{1,n}B \\ \hline A_{2,1}B & A_{2,2}B & \dots & A_{2,n}B \\ \hline \dots & \dots & & \dots \\ \hline A_{n,1}B & A_{n,2}B & \dots & A_{n,n}B \end{array} \right) \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \vec{v} \otimes \vec{w} = \left( \begin{array}{c} v_1 \vec{w} \\ \hline v_2 \vec{w} \\ \hline \dots \\ \hline v_n \vec{w} \end{array} \right) \quad (4.2)$$

**Facts :**

- $(A \otimes B)(\vec{v} \otimes \vec{w}) = A\vec{v} \otimes B\vec{w}$
- $\text{Spec}(A \otimes B) = \{\lambda\mu, \lambda \in \text{Spec}(A), \mu \in \text{Spec}(B)\}$
- $(\vec{v} \otimes \vec{w} | \vec{x} \otimes \vec{y}) = (\vec{v} | \vec{x})(\vec{w} | \vec{y})$

**Fact :** if  $G_1$  is a  $(d_1, \lambda)$ -expander and  $G_2$  is a  $(d_2, \mu)$ -expander,  $G_1 \otimes G_2$  is a  $(d_1 d_2, \max(\lambda, \mu))$ -expander of size  $|V_1||V_2|$

### 4.3.2 Zig-zag product

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a  $(D, \lambda)$ -expander with  $n$  vertices,  $H$  be a  $(d, \mu)$ -expander with  $D$  vertices.

$$G \textcircled{Z} H = (V \times [D], E')$$

We need to imagine an arbitrary labeling with  $[D]$  on the edges at each vertex of  $G$ , and we can define the rotation map of  $G$ , the bijective function :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rot}_G : V \times [D] &\longrightarrow V \times [D] \\ (u, i) &\longrightarrow (v, j) \end{aligned}$$

where  $v$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  neighbour of  $u$  and  $u$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  neighbour of  $v$ .

$$E' = \{((u, i), (v, j)) \mid \exists k, l \in [D], (i, k) \in H, \text{Rot}_G(u, k) = (v, l), (v, l) \in H\}$$

That zig-zag product is of size  $D \times n$  and degree  $d^2$ .

**Théorème 4.4.**  $G \textcircled{Z} H$  is a  $(d^2, \lambda + \mu + \mu^2)$ -expander

**Preuve:** Let's denote  $X = M(H)$  and  $M = M(G)$ , then  $M(G \otimes H)$  can be written  $\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}$  with  $\tilde{X} = Id_n \otimes X$  and  $\tilde{M}_{(u,i),(v,j)} = 1$  if  $Rot_G(u, i) = (v, j)$ , 0 else.

We know that  $\lambda_2(M(G \otimes H)) = \max_{(\vec{v}|\vec{1})=1, \|\vec{v}\|=1} (\vec{v}|\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}\vec{v})$

Let's write  $J_D = (1)_{1 \leq i, j \leq D} \in M_D(\mathbb{R})$  and  $v^\parallel = (Id_n \otimes \frac{J_D}{D}) \vec{v}$

**Facts :**

- $v^\parallel = \vec{y} \otimes \frac{\vec{1}_D}{D}$  where  $y_u = \sum_{i=1} v_{u,i}$
- $\forall u \in [n], \sum_{i=1} v_{u,i}^\perp = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{v}|\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}\vec{v}) &= (v^\parallel + v^\perp|\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}(v^\parallel + v^\perp)) \\ &= (v^\parallel|\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}v^\parallel) + 2(v^\parallel|\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}v^\perp) + (v^\perp|\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}v^\perp) \end{aligned}$$

Let's denote (1), (2) and (3) the three terms of this sum.

About (1), since  $\tilde{X}v^\parallel = v^\parallel$  :

$$\begin{aligned} (v^\parallel|\tilde{M}v^\parallel) &= \left( (Id \otimes \frac{J_D}{D})v^\parallel | \tilde{M} (Id \otimes \frac{J_D}{D})v^\parallel \right) \\ &= (v^\parallel | (Id \otimes \frac{J_D}{D})\tilde{M}(Id \otimes \frac{J_D}{D})v^\parallel) \end{aligned}$$

We can see that  $(Id \otimes \frac{J_D}{D})\tilde{M}(Id \otimes \frac{J_D}{D}) = M \otimes \frac{J_D}{D}$  because during the multiplication on the left, each block in  $\tilde{M}$  is multiplied by  $\frac{J_D}{D}$  on the right and on the left, hence the blocks of the result are uniforms.

We can now compute :

$$\begin{aligned} (v^\parallel|\tilde{X}\tilde{M}\tilde{X}v^\parallel) &= (v^\parallel|(M \otimes \frac{J_D}{D})v^\parallel) \\ &= (\vec{y} \otimes \frac{\vec{1}}{D} | (M \otimes \frac{J_D}{D})(\vec{y} \otimes \frac{\vec{1}}{D})) \\ &= (\vec{y} \otimes \frac{\vec{1}}{D} | M\vec{y} \otimes \frac{\vec{1}}{D}) \\ &= (\vec{y} | M\vec{y}) \left( \frac{\vec{1}}{D} | \frac{\vec{1}}{D} \right) \\ &\leq \lambda \|\vec{y}\|^2 \frac{1}{D} \\ &\leq \lambda \|v^\parallel\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let's now calculate a bound on (2) :

$$\begin{aligned}
(v^\parallel | \tilde{X} \tilde{M} \tilde{X} v^\perp) &\leq \|v^\parallel\| \|\tilde{X} \tilde{M} \tilde{X} v^\perp\| \\
&\leq \|v^\parallel\| \|\tilde{X} v^\perp\| \\
&\leq \|v^\parallel\| \|(I \otimes X) v^\perp\| \\
&\leq \|v^\parallel\| \|(I \otimes X) \sum_{u \in [n]} e_u \otimes v_u^\perp\| \text{ where } (e_u)_i = \delta_{iu} \\
&\leq \|v^\parallel\| \left\| \sum_{u \in [n]} e_u \otimes X v_u^\perp \right\| \\
&\leq \|v^\parallel\| \sqrt{\sum_{u \in [n]} \|e_u \otimes X v_u^\perp\|^2} \text{ by orthogonality} \\
&\leq \|v^\parallel\| \sqrt{\sum_{u \in [n]} \|X v_u^\perp\|^2} \\
&\leq \|v^\parallel\| \sqrt{\sum_{u \in [n]} \mu^2 \|v_u^\perp\|^2} \\
&\leq \mu \|v^\parallel\| \sqrt{\sum_{u \in [n]} \|v_u^\perp\|^2} \\
&\leq \mu \|v^\parallel\| \|v^\perp\|
\end{aligned}$$

And finally, on (3) :

$$\begin{aligned}
(v^\perp | \tilde{X} \tilde{M} \tilde{X} v^\perp) &= (\tilde{X} v^\perp | \tilde{M} \tilde{X} v^\perp) \\
&\leq \|\tilde{X} v^\perp\| \|\tilde{M} \tilde{X} v^\perp\| \\
&\leq \|\tilde{X} v^\perp\|^2 \\
&\leq \mu^2 \|v^\perp\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

If we notice that  $2\|v^\parallel\| \|v^\perp\| \leq \|v^\parallel\|^2 + \|v^\perp\|^2 \leq 1$ , we finally have, combining those three bounds :

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_2(G \otimes H) &\leq \max(\vec{v} | \vec{1}) = 0, \|\vec{v}\| = 1 \lambda \|v^\parallel\|^2 + 2\mu \|v^\parallel\| \|v^\perp\| + \mu^2 \|v^\perp\|^2 \\
&\leq \lambda + \mu + \mu^2
\end{aligned}$$

□

## 4.4 Construction of family of $(d, 1/5)$ -expanders

Take any  $H = (d, 1/10)$ -expander on  $d^8$  vertices, we define :

$$\begin{aligned}G_1 &= H^2 \\G_2 &= H \otimes H \\G_i &= (G_{\lceil i-1/2 \rceil} \otimes G_{\lfloor i-1/2 \rfloor})^2 \otimes H\end{aligned}$$

For all  $i$ ,  $G_i$  is of size  $d^{8i}$ , degree  $d^2$  and  $\lambda_2(G_i) \leq \frac{1}{5}$   
Running time to compute neighbours in  $G_i : t_i \leq i^c$