

Flagmatic and stability

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Flagmatic

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A tool for researchers in extremal graph theory.

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Flagmatic is an application that uses flag algebras and semi-definite programming to find bounds on Turán density and related problems, using the method of Razborov.

Flagmatic is designed in a way that means it can be adapted to handle different kinds of problems. Currently, it can solve graph, oriented graph and 3-graph problems. In fact, it was originally created to solve 3-graph problems.

Flagmatic 2.0 is a reinvention of Flagmatic as a Sage package.

To download, please use the link above. Also, you can read the [User's Guide](#).

You may need to download the [Mac binary](#) of CSDP. (More information about CSDP [here](#).)

For Flagmatic 1.5, see the [old website](#).

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`https://github.com/jsliacan/flagmatic-dev.git`
(tested with Sage 6.4)

Problem type

Maximize induced density of a small H in a big F -free G .

$$\rho(H; G) = \frac{\# \text{ induced copies of } H \text{ in } G}{\binom{|G|}{|H|}}$$

Example

Maximize the density of \mathfrak{K}_2 in a \mathfrak{K}_3 -free G .

Definitions

density

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(H, n) = \max_{G \in \mathcal{G}_n} p(H; G)$$

asymptotic density

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(H) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{\mathcal{F}}(H, n)$$

Stability on an example

Theorem (Mantel, 1907)

$$\lambda_{\triangle}(\mathbb{I}) = 1/2$$

with the extremal graph being complete balanced bipartite.

Every sufficiently large almost extremal graph is close in edit distance to a complete balanced bipartite graph.

The problem is stable if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ and an $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that every \triangle -free graph G on $n > n_0$ vertices that satisfies $p(\mathbb{I}; G) \geq 1/2 - \delta$ also satisfies $d_{\text{edit}}(G, K_2(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})) < \epsilon$.

Inducibility of K_4^-

Theorem (Hirst, 2013)

$$\lambda(\text{diagram}) = \frac{72}{125}$$

with the extremal graph being a balanced blow-up of K_5 .

Theorem

The inducibility of K_4^- is a stable problem.

For every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all graphs G on $n \geq n_0$ vertices with

$$p(K_4^-; G) \geq \frac{72}{125} - \delta,$$

there exists a partition of the vertex set of G , $V(G) = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_5$ such that

$$d_{\text{edit}}(G(V_1, \dots, V_5), K_5(n)) < \epsilon.$$

Proof of stability

Listing 1: Flagmatic-dev script

```
K5 = "5:12131415232425343545"  
p = GraphProblem(7, density="4:1213142334")  
p.set_extremal_construction(GraphBlowupConstruction(K5))  
p.solve_sdp()  
p.make_exact(denominator=1500)  
p.verify_stability(K5, K5)
```

certificates given by the script

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stability theorem from the previous talk

Stability for inducibility of $K_{1,1,2}$

Theorem (Hirst, 2013)

$$\lambda(\text{Z}) = \frac{3}{8}$$

with the extremal graph being a balanced blow-up of $F = \text{!} \cup \text{!}$.

Theorem

The inducibility of Z is a stable problem.

Stability of Turán problem for K_5

Theorem (Hirst, 2013)

$$\lambda_{K_5}(\mathbb{I}) = \frac{3}{4}$$

with the extremal graph being a balanced blow-up of K_4 .

Theorem

The Turán problem for K_5 is stable.

Listing 2: Flagmatic-dev script

```
p = GraphProblem(5, forbid="5:12131415232425343545")
c = GraphBlowupConstruction("4:121314232434")
p.set_extremal_construction(c)
p.solve_sdp()
p.make_exact()
p.verify_stability("3:121323", "4:121314232434")
```

Density of C_5 in a K_3 -free graph

Theorem (Grzesik, 2012)

$$\lambda_{\triangleleft}(C_5) = \frac{5!}{5^5}$$

with the extremal graph being a balanced blow-up of C_5 .

Theorem

The above problem is stable.

Listing 3: Flagmatic-dev script

```
C5 = "5:1223344551"  
p = GraphProblem(5, forbid="3:121323", density=C5)  
p.set_extremal_construction(GraphBlowupConstruction(C5))  
p.solve_sdp()  
p.make_exact()  
p.verify_stability("3:12", C5)
```

Flag Algebras method

Gentle introduction on Mantel's Theorem:

Theorem (Mantel, 1907)

The maximum edge density of a K_3 -free graph is $1/2$.

Simple bound

Do **not** know $p(\mathbf{i}; G)$, so

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{i}; G) &= \sum_{|F|=k} p(\mathbf{i}; F) p(F; G) \\ &\leq \max_{|F|=k} p(\mathbf{i}; F) \\ &= \lambda(\mathbf{i}, k). \end{aligned}$$

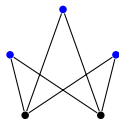
Need a better bound

A simple max bound is rarely sharp.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} p(\bullet; G) &\leq \max_{|F|=3} p(\bullet; F) \\ &= p(\bullet; \bullet\bullet) = 2/3 \end{aligned}$$

Only sharp if every subgraph of G on 3 vertices is a $\bullet\bullet$.
Impossible for G with ≥ 5 vertices:



Account for subgraph overlaps (via example)

G_\bullet is G with one vertex red (fixed).

$$p(\bullet; G_\bullet) = \frac{\deg(\bullet)}{|G| - 1}$$

1. $p(\bullet; G_\bullet)p(\bullet; G_\bullet)$ choosing two neighbours of \bullet (with repetition)
2. $p(\bullet, \bullet; G_\bullet) = p(\bullet \bullet; G_\bullet) + p(\bullet \bullet; G_\bullet)$ choosing two neighbours of \bullet (without repetition)

Negligible difference when G big. \implies start with 1., switch to 2., uncolor (average over all choices of \bullet in G). Left with $\alpha p(\bullet \bullet; G)$.

$$\llbracket p(\bullet; G_\bullet)p(\bullet; G_\bullet) \rrbracket_\bullet \sim \frac{1}{3} p(\bullet \bullet; G)$$

Manipulation (via example)

Vector $v = [p(\bullet; G_\bullet), p(\bullet; G_\bullet)]$.

$$\left[\left[vv^T \right]_\bullet \right] \succeq 0$$

Similarly, for every $A \succeq 0$,

$$\left[\left[vAv^T \right]_\bullet \right] \succeq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\bullet; G) &= \sum_{|F|=3} p(\bullet; F) p(F; G) \\ &\leq \sum_{|F|=3} p(\bullet; F) p(F; G) + \left[\left[vAv^T \right]_\bullet \right] \quad \text{with } A \succeq 0 \\ &= \sum_{|F|=3} (p(\bullet; F) + c_F) p(F; G) \\ &\leq \max_{|F|=3} p(\bullet; F) + c_F \end{aligned}$$

Delegating tasks to the PC

Clearly, the process was rather systematic. Need to know: **density graphs**, **forbidden graphs**. The rest can be done by the PC.

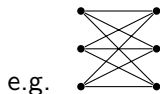
Optimization:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \gamma : \\ p(\bullet; F) + c_F \leq \gamma \quad , \text{for all } F \\ A \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Mantel in Flagmatic

Maximise $\lambda(\mathcal{F}_2)$ in a graph without copies of \mathcal{F}_2 .

Recall $\lambda(\mathcal{F}_2) \leq 1/2$. Extremal graph is complete balanced bipartite:



In Flagmatic 2.0 [Emil's]

Listing 4: Mantel's theorem.

```
p = GraphProblem(3, forbid="3:121323")
p.set_extremal_construction(GraphBlowupConstruction("2:12"))
p.solve_sdp(solver="csdp")
p.make_exact()
```

Listing 5: Output

```
Forbidding 3:121323 as a subgraph.
Generating graphs...
Generated 3 graphs.
Generating types and flags...
Generated 1 types of order 1, with [2] flags of order 2.
Computing products.
Writing SDP input file...
Running SDP solver...
Returncode is 0. Objective value is 0.50000001.
Checking numerical bound...
Bound of 1/2 attained by:
1/2 : graph 0 (3:)
1/2 : graph 2 (3:1213)
```