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is proper 3-colouring of Giff \mathcal{O}^{\sim}

 $x \in u, w \in E \quad \sigma(w) \neq \sigma(w)$



Can we count efficiently the # proper u-colouring of GZ Equivalent Question: efficiently Can we generate Uniformly at Random a 4-colouring of G? FOCU SAMPLING Problem Solve the problem efficiently



Gibb distribution -> Generating samples from M. computationally hand. -> Grenerate approximate sample $\frac{11}{11} \frac{11}{11} \frac{11$ Find regions af the parameters of MG where we can have efficient approximate sampling.

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Sampling symmetric Gibbs distributions on the sparse random graph and hypergraph

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Example with the Colouring Model



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Be careful...

We can not change the colours of the vertices arbitrarily.





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Failure When both v_i and u_i change colour Update fails

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- having a perfect sample at the input
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- two graphs G and G' such that $G' = G \cup \{e\}$
 - ... assume that both are of high girth
- Gibbs distributions μ and μ' on G and G', resp.
- configuration ${m \sigma}$ distributed as in μ

Objective

Generate efficiently ${m au}$ distributed (approximately) as in μ'



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vertex w is a **disagreement** with spins {blue, yellow}

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iteratively visit each vertex in G' and decide its configuration at τ

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Priority to z's with $\sigma(z) \in \{\text{blue}, \text{yellow}\}$, next to disagreement.

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pick x_2 and decide $\tau(x_2)$ such that $\tau(x_2) \in \{\text{blue}, \text{yellow}\}$

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the probability of disagreement is minimised by using **coupling maximally**

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maximal coupling

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the disagreement set now is $\{w, x_2\}$

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look for vertices z next to the disagreements such that $\sigma(z) \in \{ blue, yellow \}$



choose x_3 and repeat as before ...

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repeat in the same way for the rest of the vertices
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disagreement cannot propagate any more

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the approach generates a **perfect** sample from μ'

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The catch ...

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The catch ...

we need to compute $\mu_{x_3}(\sigma(x_3) \mid \sigma(\{u, w, x_2\}))$ efficiently



The idea ...

replace the Gibbs marginals with "good" approximations that can be computed efficiently

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Observation ...

influences from vertices with fixed configuration make the Gibbs marginals at x_3 too complicated an object

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However ...

in most cases all but one vertex are far away (girth)

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Choosing the appropriate parameters ...

essentially only one vertex influences the marginal

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Compute marginal but ...

ignore the influence on x_3 from u and w



Effectively

use the marginal at x_3 on the graph within the dashed curve

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Remark

we can compute the "simplified" marginal at x_3 in O(1) steps





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when the disagreements cannot propagate any more the remaining vertices keep the same assignment







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... another catch

disagreements should not

- reach neighbours of the vertex *u*
- cover all the vertices of a cycle in G'





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Otherwise . . .

we have a failure!





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If $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \sim \mu(\cdot)$, then

 $||\mu_{\text{update}}(\cdot) - \mu'(\cdot)|| \leq \Pr[\text{Update}(\sigma) \text{ Fails}]$

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The ℓ_1 error for the algorithm

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The time complexity

the time complexity is $O(|E| \times |V|)$

- for each iteration we compute O(|V|) marginals
- we have |E| iterations

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- we won't discuss the challenges from the short cycles here ...

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- good approximation \Rightarrow error $n^{-\Omega(1)}$
- need to have local changes in the Update

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$||\mu(\cdot)-\mu(\cdot | \sigma(L_h))||_{\{r\}}$

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$$\int_{h}^{r} \lim_{h \to \infty} ||\mu(\cdot) - \mu(\cdot | \sigma(L_h))||_{\{r\}} = \begin{cases} 0\\ \delta > 0 \end{cases}$$

Uniqueness $\iff \forall \sigma(L_h) \lim_{h \to \infty} ||\mu(\cdot) - \mu(\cdot \mid \sigma(L_h))||_{\{r\}} = 0$

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- for hypergraphs uniqueness is too restrictive a condition
 - go beyond uniqueness

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$$\max_{\eta, heta} ||\mathfrak{m}_{x_3}(\cdot \mid \eta) - \mathfrak{m}_{x_3}(\cdot \mid heta)|| < 1/d$$

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Reconsider the order of randomness

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Contiguity implies ...

the two distributions have the same typical properties.

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Contiguity between the Gibbs distribution and the corresponding Teacher Student model

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 - This gets us to "non-reconstruction" region

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Thank you!