Weak* topology and its application

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Graphons and cut distance convergence



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Observation: For every sequence U_1, U_2, \ldots there exist $\pi_{n_1}, \pi_{n_2}, \ldots$ and V such that $U_{n_1}^{\pi_{n_1}}, U_{n_2}^{\pi_{n_2}}, \ldots \xrightarrow{w^*} V$.

Weak* convergence: averaging

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Weak* convergence: structuredness order



- The relation \succeq is a preorder.
- $U \succeq V$ and $V \succeq U \iff \delta_{\Box}(U, V) = 0$
- Maximal elements are zero-one graphons, minimal are constant graphons.

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 It suffices to show that the value of Θ does not increase after averaging any graphon on any partition, i.e., Θ(U^{MP}) ≤ Θ(U).
Approximate U^{MP} by versions of U, i.e., U^{MP} ^L₁ 1/₂ (U^{π1} + ··· + U^{πn}) and use convexity.

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A graph H is called Sidorenko, if $t(H, \cdot)$ is minimised by constant graphons.

Each weakly norming graph is compatible with structuredness order and thus Sidorenko.

Theorem (Král', Martins, Pach, Wrochna'18+)

There are edge-transitive graphs that are not compatible, thus not weakly norming

Question (Král', Martins, Pach, Wrochna'18+)

Is it true that every connected graph H is weakly norming if and only if it is compatible with structuredness order?

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