

# Chapter 7: Expectation Thresholds

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The Probabilistic Method

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# Chapter Overview

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- Introduce (fractional) expectation thresholds
- Demonstrate applications of Talagrand's Conjecture

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# §1 Talagrand's Conjecture

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# Thresholds Revisited

## Definition 3.2.2 (Thresholds)

Given a nontrivial monotone graph property  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $p_0(n)$  is a threshold for  $\mathcal{P}$  if

$$\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \ll p_0(n), \\ 1 & \text{if } p \gg p_0(n). \end{cases}$$

## Theorem 3.2.4 (Bollobás-Thomason, 1987)

Every nontrivial monotone graph property has a threshold.

- Proof  $\Rightarrow$  can take  $p_0$  so that  $\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}) = \frac{1}{2}$
- Issue: hard to calculate  $\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P})$  precisely

# First Moment Estimates

## Computing the probabilities

- $\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}) = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{P}} \mathbb{P}(G(n, p) = F) = \sum_{F \in \mathcal{P}} p^{e(F)} (1 - p)^{\binom{n}{2} - e(F)}$
- Requires knowledge of sizes of graphs  $F$  with property  $\mathcal{P}$ 
  - Even then, hard to determine when  $\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}) = \frac{1}{2}$

## Estimation

- $G \in \mathcal{P}$  if and only if  $G$  contains a *minimal* graph in  $\mathcal{P}$
- Let  $\mathcal{P}_0 = \{F \in \mathcal{P} : \forall H \subsetneq F, H \notin \mathcal{P}\}$ 
  - $G \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \exists F \in \mathcal{P}_0 : F \subseteq G$
- Union bound
  - $\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}) = \mathbb{P}(\exists F \in \mathcal{P}_0 : F \subseteq G(n, p)) \leq \sum_{F \in \mathcal{P}_0} \mathbb{P}(F \subseteq G(n, p))$
  - $\mathbb{P}(F \subseteq G(n, p)) = p^{e(F)}$
  - $\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}) \leq \sum_{F \in \mathcal{P}_0} p^{e(F)}$
- Right-hand side is the expected number of minimal  $\mathcal{P}$ -graphs in  $G(n, p)$

# Threshold Lower Bound

## First moment bound

- $\mathbb{P}(G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}) \leq \sum_{F \in \mathcal{P}_0} p^{e(F)} \Rightarrow p_0 \geq p_1(\mathcal{P}) := \max \left\{ p : \sum_{F \in \mathcal{P}_0} p^{e(F)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\}$
- Bound is easier to compute
  - Only involves minimal graphs from  $\mathcal{P}$ , doesn't have pesky  $(1 - p)^{\binom{n}{2} - e(F)}$  terms

## Tightness?

- Subgraph containment
  - $\mathcal{P} = \{G : H \subseteq G\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_0 = \{\text{copies of } H \text{ on vertices } [n]\}$
  - $\Rightarrow p_1(\mathcal{P}) = \Omega(n^{-v(H)/e(H)})$
  - Bound is tight for balanced graphs, e.g. cliques, but not in general
- Hamiltonicity
  - $\mathcal{P}_0 = \{\text{Hamiltonian cycles on } [n]\} \Rightarrow p_1(\mathcal{P}) = \Omega(n^{-1})$
  - True threshold is  $\Theta(n^{-1} \log n)$  because of isolated vertices

# The Failure of the First Moment

## Subgraph containment

- When is the first moment bound not tight?
  - When the subgraph  $H$  contains a denser subgraph  $J \subset H$
  - Appearance of  $J$  is a bottleneck for appearance of  $H$
  - Once  $J$  appears, it will have many extensions to copies of  $H$ 
    - $\Rightarrow$  events are far from disjoint
    - $\Rightarrow$  union bound on copies of  $H$  is far from tight

## Necessary properties

- Goal: determine threshold  $p_0$  of a property  $\mathcal{P}$
- Call a monotone property  $\mathcal{Q}$  **necessary for  $\mathcal{P}$**  if  $G \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow G \in \mathcal{Q}$ 
  - That is, for  $\mathcal{P}$  to occur,  $\mathcal{Q}$  has to occur first
- $\Rightarrow$  threshold  $q_0$  for  $\mathcal{Q}$  satisfies  $q_0 \leq p_0$
- Example: containment of densest part  $J$  of a subgraph  $H$

# The Expectation Threshold

## Definition 7.1.1 (Expectation threshold)

Given a monotone graph property  $\mathcal{P}$ , we define the *expectation threshold* of  $\mathcal{P}$  as

$$q(\mathcal{P}) := \max\{p_1(Q) : Q \text{ is necessary for } \mathcal{P}\}.$$

## Lower bound

- For every necessary property  $Q$  with threshold  $q_0$ , we have  $p_1(Q) \leq q_0 \leq p_0$
- $\Rightarrow q(\mathcal{P}) \leq p_0$

## Subgraph containment

- For each subgraph  $J \subseteq H$ , the property  $Q_J$  of containing  $J$  is necessary
- $\Rightarrow p_0 \geq \max\{n^{-v(J)/e(J)} : J \subseteq H\}$
- Second moment gives matching upper bound



# The Kahn-Kalai Conjecture

## Recall

- $q(\mathcal{P}) := \max\{p_1(Q) : Q \text{ is necessary for } \mathcal{P}\} \leq p_0$

## Hamiltonicity

- Can show  $q(\mathcal{P}) = O(n^{-1}) \ll p_0 = \Theta(n^{-1} \log n)$

## Conjecture 7.1.2 (Kahn-Kalai, 2007)

There is some universal constant  $C$  such that, for any non-trivial monotone property  $\mathcal{P}$  and any  $n$ ,  $p_0 \leq Cq(\mathcal{P}) \log n$ .

## Remarks

- Implies the first-moment is all we need (up to logarithmic factors)
  - Just requires clever application
- Very optimistic conjecture

# Computing Expectation Thresholds

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## Computing $q(\mathcal{P})$

- Find the optimal necessary property  $\mathcal{Q}$  and identify minimal elements  $\mathcal{Q}_0$
- Compute the expected number of members of  $\mathcal{Q}_0$  contained in  $G(n, p)$

## Problem

- How do we find  $\mathcal{Q} \in \{0,1\}^{2^{2^{\binom{[n]}{2}}}}$  ?

## Solution

- Look inside  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{2^{2^{\binom{[n]}{2}}}}$  instead!

# Weighted Necessity

## Necessary weightings

- Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the set of all graphs on  $[n]$
- Let  $g: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  be a non-negative weighting of all such graphs
- The total weight  $w(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the sum of the weights of its subgraphs
  - $w(G) = \sum_{F \subseteq G} g(F)$
- Say  $g$  is a **necessary weighting for  $\mathcal{P}$**  if  $G \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow w(G) \geq 1$

## Threshold lower bound

- If  $g$  is a necessary weighting, then  $\{G(n, p) \in \mathcal{P}\} \subseteq \{w(G(n, p)) \geq 1\}$
- Markov's Inequality  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(w(G(n, p)) \geq 1) \leq \mathbb{E}[w(G(n, p))]$ 
  - $\mathbb{E}[w(G(n, p))] = \sum_F g(F) p^{e(F)}$
- $\Rightarrow p_0 \geq \max \left\{ p: \sum_F g(F) p^{e(F)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\} =: q_1(g)$

# Fractional Expectation Thresholds

## Definition 7.1.3 (Fractional expectation threshold)

Given a non-trivial monotone property  $\mathcal{P}$ , we define the *fractional expectation threshold* to be

$$q_f(\mathcal{P}) := \max \{q_1(g) : g \text{ is a necessary weighting for } \mathcal{P}\}.$$

## Bounds

- $q(\mathcal{P}) \leq q_f(\mathcal{P}) \leq p_0$
- $Q$  is necessary for  $\mathcal{P} \Rightarrow 1_{Q_0}$  necessary for  $\mathcal{P}$ , and  $q_1(Q) = q_1(1_{Q_0})$

## Conjecture 7.1.4 (Talagrand, 2010)

There is some universal constant  $C$  such that, for any non-trivial monotone property  $\mathcal{P}$  and any  $n$ ,  $p_0 \leq C q_f(\mathcal{P}) \log n$ .

# Comparing Conjectures

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- Since  $q(\mathcal{P}) \leq q_f(\mathcal{P})$ , Kahn-Kalai  $\Rightarrow$  Talagrand

## Conjecture 7.1.5 (Talagrand, 2010)

There is some universal constant  $c > 0$  such that, for any non-trivial monotone property  $\mathcal{P}$  and any  $n, q(\mathcal{P}) \geq cq_f(\mathcal{P})$ .

# The Big Breakthrough

## Theorem 7.1.6 (Frankston-Kahn-Narayanan-Park, 2019+)

There is a universal constant  $C$  such that, for any non-trivial monotone property  $\mathcal{P}$  and any  $n, p_0 \leq Cq_f(\mathcal{P}) \log n$ .

Moreover, the  $\log n$  can be replaced by  $\log l(\mathcal{P})$ , where  $l(\mathcal{P})$  is the maximum size of a minimal graph in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

## Remarks

- $\Rightarrow q_f(\mathcal{P}) \leq p_0 \leq Cq_f(\mathcal{P}) \log l(\mathcal{P})$ 
  - First moment is almost sharp
- Trivial bound:  $l(\mathcal{P}) \leq \binom{n}{2}$ 
  - $\Rightarrow \log l(\mathcal{P}) = O(\log n)$
- Extends to more general settings
  - Hypergraphs, integers, etc.

Any questions?



# §2 Applications

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# Applying the Theorem

## Theorem 7.1.6 (Frankston-Kahn-Narayanan-Park, 2019+)

There is a universal constant  $C$  such that, for any non-trivial monotone property  $\mathcal{P}$  and any  $n, p_0 \leq Cq_f(\mathcal{P}) \log l(\mathcal{P})$ , where  $l(\mathcal{P})$  is the maximum size of a minimal graph in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

## Applications

- Need to estimate  $q_f(\mathcal{P})$ 
  - Gives us the threshold, up to a logarithmic factor
- $q_f(\mathcal{P})$ : maximum over all necessary weightings
  - Much larger search space than testing necessary properties!
  - Continuous setting allows for linear programming
  - Easier to obtain some bounds

# Bounding the Fractional Expectation Threshold

## Proposition 7.2.1

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a non-trivial monotone property, and let  $\mathcal{P}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{P}$  be arbitrary. Then

$$q_f(\mathcal{P}) \leq \max_{\emptyset \neq F \subseteq K_n} \left( \frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|} \right)^{\frac{1}{e(F)}},$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_0(F) = \{G \in \mathcal{P}_0 : F \subseteq G\}$ .

## Remarks

- Typically take  $\mathcal{P}_0$  to be minimal graphs in  $\mathcal{P}$ 
  - Have the freedom to restrict to a well-behaved subclass of graphs
- For fractional expectation threshold to be low, want  $\mathcal{P}_0$  to be spread out

# Proving the Bound

## Proof

- Let  $g$  be any necessary weighting for  $\mathcal{P}$

- $\Rightarrow \sum_{F \subseteq G} g(F) \geq 1$  for all  $G \in \mathcal{P}$

- $\Rightarrow |\mathcal{P}_0| = \sum_{G \in \mathcal{P}_0} 1 \leq \sum_{G \in \mathcal{P}_0} \sum_{F \subseteq G} g(F)$   
 $= \sum_F \sum_{G \supseteq F, G \in \mathcal{P}_0} g(F)$   
 $= \sum_F g(F) |\mathcal{P}_0(F)|$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 \leq \sum_F g(F) \left( \frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|} \right)$

- If  $p \geq \max_{F \subseteq K_n} \left( \frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|} \right)^{\frac{1}{e(F)}}$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[w(G(n, p))] = \sum_F g(F) p^{e(F)} \geq \sum_F g(F) \left( \frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|} \right) \geq 1$$

- $\Rightarrow p \geq q_1(g)$
- $g$  an arbitrary necessary weighting  $\Rightarrow p \geq q_f(\mathcal{P})$



# Subgraph Containment

## Corollary 7.2.2

Let  $H$  be a fixed graph, and let  $\mathcal{P}_H$  be the property of containing  $H$  as a subgraph. The threshold for  $\mathcal{P}_H$  satisfies  $p_0 = \Theta(n^{-1/m(H)})$ , where  $m(H) = \max \left\{ \frac{e(J)}{v(J)} : J \subseteq H, v(J) \geq 1 \right\}$ .

## Proof

- Lower bound: first moment
- Let  $\mathcal{P}_0$  be the minimal graphs in  $\mathcal{P}_H$ , i.e. copies of  $H$  in  $K_n$ 
  - $\Rightarrow |\mathcal{P}_0| \geq \binom{n}{v(H)} = \Theta(n^{v(H)})$  and  $l(\mathcal{P}) = O(1)$
- For any  $F$ , if  $F \not\subseteq H$ , then  $\mathcal{P}_0(F) = \emptyset$
- If  $F \subseteq H$ , then  $|\mathcal{P}_0(F)| \leq v(H)^{v(F)} n^{v(H)-v(F)} = \Theta(n^{v(H)-v(F)})$
- $\Rightarrow q_f(\mathcal{P}) \leq \max_F \left( \frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|} \right)^{1/e(F)} \sim \max_F n^{\frac{-v(F)}{e(F)}} = n^{\frac{-1}{m(H)}}$



# That Was Easy

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## Remarks

- Agrees with earlier result from Chapter 3
  - No need to mess about with the second moment!
- Proof generalises directly to  $r$ -uniform hypergraphs
  - Appearance threshold is again  $n^{-1/m(H)}$

# Spanning Hypergraphs

## Interesting applications

- Typically concern spanning hypergraphs  $H \subseteq K_n^{(r)}$

## Parameters

- $d^*(v) = |\{w \neq v : d_H(v, w) \geq 1\}|$ : size of neighbourhood of a vertex
- $\Delta^*(H) = \max_{v \in V} d^*(v)$
- $m_1(H) = \max \left\{ \frac{e(J)}{v(J)-1} : J \subseteq H, v(J) \geq 2 \right\}$

## Lemma 7.2.3

Let  $H$  be a spanning  $r$ -uniform hypergraph, and let  $\mathcal{P}_H$  be the property of containing a copy of  $H$ . Then

$$q_f(\mathcal{P}_H) \leq e \cdot \left( \frac{e \cdot \Delta^*(H)}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{m_1(H)}}.$$

# Hamiltonicity

## Corollary 7.2.4

The threshold  $p_0$  for  $G(n, p)$  to be Hamiltonian satisfies  $p_0 = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)$ .

## Proof

- Theorem 7.1.6  $\Rightarrow p_0 \leq C q_f(\mathcal{P}_H) \log n$ , where  $\mathcal{P}_H$  is the property for containing a Hamiltonian cycle  $H = C_n$
- $\Delta^*(H) = 2$
- $m_1(H) = \frac{n}{n-1}$ 
  - If  $J = H$ , then  $\frac{e(J)}{v(J)-1} = \frac{n}{n-1}$
  - Otherwise  $J$  is a path-forest, and  $\frac{e(J)}{v(J)-1} \leq 1$
- Lemma 7.2.3  $\Rightarrow q_f(\mathcal{P}_H) = O\left(\left(\frac{2e}{n}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}\right) = O(n^{-1})$  ■

# Hamiltonicity: A Review

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## Lower bound

- We know  $p_0 = \Omega\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)$ , as we have isolated vertices below this threshold

## Upper bound

- Previously proved threshold using Pósa rotations
- This proof is *much* simpler

## Sharp thresholds

- This approach only gives the order of magnitude of the threshold
- Sharper techniques with rotations show a sharp threshold around  $p \sim \frac{\log n}{n}$

## Sharpness of Theorem 7.1.6

- Hamiltonicity shows that the logarithmic factor can be necessary



# Perfect Matchings

## Corollary 7.2.5

When  $r|n$ , the threshold for the random  $r$ -uniform hypergraph  $H^{(r)}(n, p)$  to contain a perfect matching is  $p_0 = \Theta(n^{1-r} \log n)$ .

## Proof

- Lower bound: if  $p = o(n^{1-r} \log n)$ , then we have isolated vertices
- Upper bound: let  $H$  be a perfect matching
  - $\Delta^*(H) = r - 1$
  - $m_1(H) = \frac{1}{r-1}$
- Lemma 7.2.3  $\Rightarrow q_f(H) = O\left(\left(\frac{(r-1)e}{n}\right)^{r-1}\right) = O(n^{1-r})$
- Theorem 7.1.6  $\Rightarrow p_0 = O(n^{1-r} \log n)$  ■

# Shamir's Problem – A Retrospective

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## History

- Threshold for perfect matching first asked by Shamir in 1979
- Appeared in Erdős's paper: "*On the combinatorial problems which I would most like to see solved*"
  - Said that it was not at all obvious what the threshold should be
- Eventually resolved by Johansson, Kahn and Vu in 2008
  - Proof is notoriously difficult!

## Necessity of other techniques

- Lower bound used existence of isolated vertices
  - Requires a second-moment calculation
- First-moment alone leaves the logarithmic gap
  - Necessary for graph factors!

# Spanning Trees

## Corollary 7.2.6

Let  $H$  be a given spanning tree with maximum degree  $\Delta$  and let  $\mathcal{P}_H$  be the property of containing a copy of  $H$ . The threshold for  $G(n, p)$  to have this property satisfies  $p_0(\mathcal{P}_H) = \Theta\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)$ .

## Proof

- Lower bound: if  $p = o\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)$ , then  $G(n, p)$  has isolated vertices w.h.p.
- Upper bound: for  $H$  we have
  - $\Delta^* = \Delta$
  - $m_1(H) = 1$  (every  $J \subseteq H$  is a forest  $\Rightarrow e(J) \leq v(J) - 1$ )
- Lemma 7.2.3  $\Rightarrow q_f(\mathcal{P}_H) \leq e\left(\frac{e\Delta}{n}\right) = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$
- Theorem 7.1.6  $\Rightarrow p_0(\mathcal{P}_H) = O\left(\frac{\log n}{n}\right)$



# A History of Trees

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## Conjecture

- Kahn (1990's) conjectured threshold for spanning tree appearance
- Proven for trees with certain properties, e.g.:
  - Trees with  $\Omega(n)$  leaves
  - Trees with bare paths of length  $\Omega(n)$
  - Combs (a path of  $\frac{n}{k}$  paths of length  $k$ ) with
    - $k = O(\log n)$
    - $k = \Omega(\log n)$
  - Typical trees

## Resolution

- Proven by Montgomery (2019)
  - Development of powerful absorption technique
  - Shows more: if  $p \geq \frac{C_\Delta \log n}{n}$ ,  $G(n, p)$  contains *every* spanning tree  $H$  with  $\Delta(H) \leq \Delta$

# Proving the Lemma

## Lemma 7.2.3

Let  $H$  be a spanning  $r$ -uniform hypergraph, and let  $\mathcal{P}_H$  be the property of containing a copy of  $H$ . Then

$$q_f(\mathcal{P}_H) \leq e \cdot \left( \frac{e \cdot \Delta^*(H)}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{m_1(H)}}.$$

## Proof

- Proposition 7.2.1  $\Rightarrow$  for any  $\mathcal{P}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{P}_H$ , we have
  - $q_f(\mathcal{P}_H) \leq \max \left\{ \left( \frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|} \right)^{\frac{1}{e(F)}} : \emptyset \neq F \subseteq K_n \right\}$
  - where  $\mathcal{P}_0(F) = \{G \in \mathcal{P}_0 : F \subseteq G\}$
- We take  $\mathcal{P}_0$  to be the minimal members of  $\mathcal{P}_H \leftrightarrow$  copies of  $H$  in  $K_n$ 
  - $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_0(F) = \emptyset$  unless  $F \subseteq H$

# Continuing to Prove the Lemma

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## Goal

- Bound maximum of  $\left(\frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|}\right)^{\frac{1}{e(F)}}$  by  $e \left(\frac{e \cdot \Delta^*(H)}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{m_1(H)}}$

## Count *labelled* copies of $H$

- $\mathcal{P}_0 = n!$  bijections from  $V(G(n, p))$  to  $V(H)$
- $\mathcal{P}_0(F) =$  bijections sending edges of  $F$  to edges of  $H$

## Structure of $F$

- Let  $F$  have  $t$  connected components with at least one edge
  - Label components  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_t$
  - Let  $v_i = v(F_i)$  and  $e_i = e(F_i)$
  - Let  $v = \sum_i v_i$  be the number of non-isolated vertices in  $F$

# Continuing to Continue to Prove the Lemma

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## Recall

- $\mathcal{P}_0(F)$ : bijections from  $V(G(n, p))$  to  $V(H)$  sending edges of  $F$  to edges of  $H$

## Mapping a component

- Send the first vertex of  $F_i$  to  $H$ 
  - At most  $n$  options
- Since component is connected, can order vertices so that each later vertex has an earlier neighbour
  - Image should also be a neighbour in  $H$  of earlier image
  - At most  $\Delta^*$  options
- $\Rightarrow$  at most  $n(\Delta^*)^{v_i-1}$  choices of image of  $F_i$

## Total count

- $\Rightarrow |\mathcal{P}_0(F)| \leq n^t (\Delta^*)^{v-t} (n - v)!$

# Finishing the Proof of the Lemma

## Bounding the ratio

- $\frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|} = \frac{n^t (\Delta^*)^{v-t} (n-v)!}{n!} \leq e^t \cdot \left(\frac{e \cdot \Delta^*}{n}\right)^{v-t}$ 
  - since  $\frac{(n-v)!}{n!} \leq \left(\frac{e}{n}\right)^v$
- $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|}\right)^{\frac{1}{e(F)}} \leq e^{t/e(F)} \cdot \left(\frac{e \cdot \Delta^*}{n}\right)^{(v-t)/e(F)}$

## Bounding the exponents

- Since each component  $F_i$  contains an edge,  $t \leq e(F)$
- $\frac{v-t}{e(F)} = \frac{\sum_i (v_i - 1)}{\sum_i e_i} \geq \min \left\{ \frac{v_i - 1}{e_i} : i \in [t] \right\} = \left( \max \left\{ \frac{e_i}{v_i - 1} : i \in [t] \right\} \right)^{-1} \geq m_1(H)^{-1}$

## Finishing the calculation

- $\Rightarrow q_f(\mathcal{P}_H) \leq \max \left\{ \left(\frac{|\mathcal{P}_0(F)|}{|\mathcal{P}_0|}\right)^{\frac{1}{e(F)}} : \emptyset \neq F \subseteq K_n \right\} \leq e \cdot \left(\frac{e \cdot \Delta^*}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{m_1(H)}}$  ■



Any questions?

