

Tilings in graphons

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f_2 Erdős–Gallai 1959: “consider a maximum matching, ...”

f_3 Allen-Böttcher-H-Piguet 2014: modern tools but finite

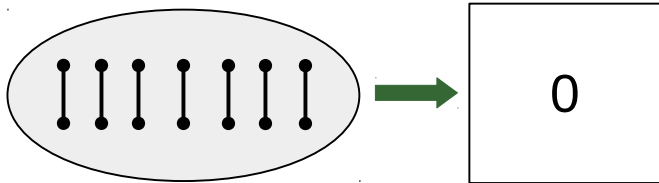
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Could graph limits help us in obtaining such **tiling** results?

In this talk, we focus on K_2 -tilings=matchings. This is for notational convenience only. All the features of the basic theory hold for H -tilings as well. (Some advanced, like the half-integrality of the vertex cover polytope do not.)

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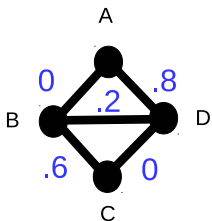
Bad news: normalized size of the maximum matching not continuous ...



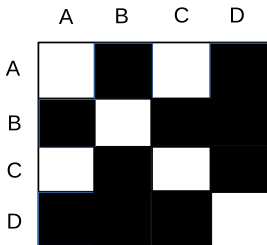
Good news: ... but lower semicontinuous, which is the more useful half of continuity

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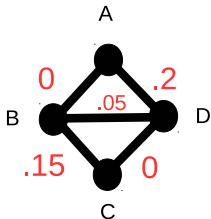
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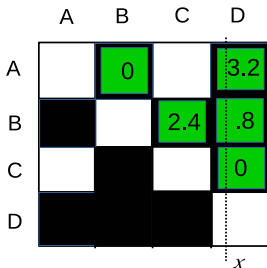
	A	B	C	D
A		0		.2
B			.15	.05
C				.0
D				

finite fractional matching	"brick measure" μ	
weight incident with D	$\mu(D \times \Omega)$	
$.8 + .2 = 1$	$.2 + .05 = .25$	

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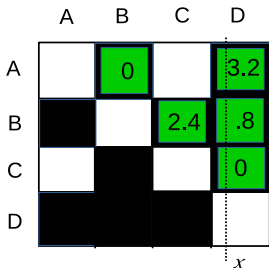
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General properties		
supported on edges total weight at vertex ≤ 1 weights $\in [0, 1]$		$\text{supp } f \subset \text{supp } W$ $\int_y f(y, x) d\lambda \leq 1$ $f \geq 0$

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A function $c : \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a **fractional vertex cover** of W if $W(x, y) = 0$ for almost every $(x, y) : c(x) + c(y) < 1$.

The **size** of c is $\int_x c(x)$ The **cover number** of W is $CN(W) = \inf_c \text{size}(f)$

Results

Thm1 (finite versus limit)

If $G_n \rightarrow W$ then $\liminf_n \frac{MN(G_n)}{n} \geq MN(W)$.

Thm2 (semicontinuity of Matching Number for graphons)

If $W_n \rightarrow W$ then $\liminf_n MN(W_n) \geq MN(W)$.

Thm3 (semicontinuity of Cover Number for graphons)

If $W_n \rightarrow W$ (optimally overlaid) and c_n a vertex cover of W_n .
Then any weak* limit of c_n 's is a vertex cover of W .

Thm4 (LP-duality)

$$CN(W) = MN(W)$$

attained

not necessarily attained

Applications

F is an arbitrary “smallish” graph. The theory introduced above for matchings generalizes to F -tilings.

$TIL(F, G)$, $TIL(F, W)$: size of the maximum tiling in G or in W

F -tilings in random graphs $\mathbb{G}(n, W)$

Thm For an fixed graph F , a.a.s.,

$$\lim \frac{TIL(F, \mathbb{G}(n, W))}{n} = TIL(F, W) .$$

Komlós's Theorem

Thm Suppose G is on n vertices and that $\delta(G) \geq \alpha n$. Then

$$TIL(F, G) \geq h_F(\alpha)n \pm o(n) ,$$

where the function $h_F : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is best possible.