

# Constructions over Finite Fields with Applications to Local Ramanujan Graph and Algebraic Dependence

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# Introduction

# Expanders

- Expanders are sparse graphs with strong connectivity properties.
- Connectivity quantified by Vertex, Edge or Spectral expansion.
- $(n, d, \lambda)$ -expander  $d$  regular graph on  $n$ -vertices with second-largest eigenvalue  $\leq \lambda$ .

# Expanders

- Decreasing random bits
- Designing error correcting codes, extractors, pseudo-random generators
- Proving complexity results
- optimal and cost-efficient computer networks

## Ramanujan Graphs

- In [Nil91], gave a lower bound on the second-largest eigenvalue of the adjacency matrix of a  $d$ -regular graph of  $2\sqrt{d-1}$
- $(n, d, \lambda)$ -expander is a Ramanujan graph if  $\lambda \leq 2\sqrt{d-1} + o(1)$

## Locality

- $d$ -regular  $G$ ,  $|V| = n$ , with functions  $f_1, \dots, f_d, f_i : V \rightarrow V$  with  $f_i(v)$ -being the  $i$ -th neighbor of  $v$  in  $G$
- If each output a bit of  $f$  depends on at most  $t$  input bits,  $f$  is a  $t$ -local function.
- Constant locality  $\implies$   $\text{NC}^0$  circuit for  $f_i$ .

# Algebraic Dependence

- For polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in \mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , exists a polynomial  $A \in \mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_m]$

$$A(f_1, \dots, f_m) = 0$$

- Open for small characteristic finite fields and  $\mathbf{f}$  having large inseparable degree.

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# Preliminaries



# Cayley and Schreier Graphs

## Definition

**(Cayley graph, [VW18])** Let  $H$  be a group. Given a multiset  $S$  of elements from  $H$ , we form the Cayley graph  $\text{Cay}(H, S)$  whose vertices are  $H$  and where a vertex  $h \in H$  has neighbors  $sh$ , for every element  $s \in S$ .

# Cayley and Schreier Graphs

## Definition

**(Schreier graph, [VW18])** Suppose that  $H$  is a group acting on a set  $V$ , namely there is a homomorphism from  $H$  to the group of permutations of  $V$ . Then we define the Schreier graph  $\text{Sch}(H, S, V)$ , whose vertices are  $V$  and where the vertex  $v \in V$  has neighbors  $sv$ , for every element  $s \in S$ .

# Linear Groups

## Definition

**(Special linear group)** The special linear group of degree  $n$  over  $R$ , denoted by  $SL(n, R)$ , is defined as the set of  $n \times n$  invertible matrices with determinant 1 having entries from  $R$ , with the operation being the matrix multiplication over  $R$ .

# Linear Groups

## Definition

**(Center of a group)** The center of a group  $G$  is defined as the set of elements that commute with every element of  $G$ . It is denoted as  $Z(G) := \{z \in G \mid \forall g \in G, zg = gz\}$ .

## Definition

**(Projective special linear group)** The projective special linear group,  $PSL(V)$  is the quotient group defined as  $PSL(V) := SL(V)/Z(V)$ , where  $SL(V)$  is the special linear group of  $V$  and  $Z(V)$  is the center of  $SL(V)$ .

# Jacobian

## Definition (Jacobian)

The Jacobian matrix of polynomials  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}[\mathbf{x}]$  is defined as the matrix  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{f}) = (\partial_{x_j}(f_i))_{m \times n}$ .

# Inseparability

- If a polynomial  $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$  has no multiple roots in its splitting field, then it is separable.
- Irreducible polynomial will be separable if the derivative is zero.
- For  $\text{char}=0$ , irreducible are always separable.
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## Inseparable degree

- We will mainly work with the extension  $\mathbb{F}(\mathbf{x})/\mathbb{F}(\mathbf{f})$ .
- The inseparable degree of the extension  $\mathbb{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n)/\mathbb{F}(f_1, \dots, f_m)$  is defined as  $p^m$  for the minimum  $m$  such that for all  $i \in [n]$ , the minimal polynomial of  $x_i^{p^m}$  is separable over  $\mathbb{F}(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ .



# Related Work

# Existence and Construction of Ramanujan Graphs

- In [LPS88], Construction of Ramanujan Graphs for degree  $p + 1$  for all prime  $p$
- In [Mor94], Extended the construction to degree  $q + 1$ ,  $q$  is any prime power
- In [MSS18], showed the Existence for any degree and size bipartite Ramanujan Graphs

# One-Local Expanders

- Existence and Construction of Local expanders was answered in [VW18].
- For every  $n$  and large enough  $d$ , Gave explicit construction of One-local Expanders over vertices  $\{0, 1\}^n$  with second eigenvalue  $\leq d^{-\Omega(1)}$

## Local Ramanujan Graphs of $\text{deg}=3$

- In [VW18], they also gave construction of constant locality 3-regular bipartite Ramanujan Graphs on vertex set  $\{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}$  for  $n = 4 \cdot 3^t$
- Localized Construction from [Mor94] for degree 3.

# Local Ramanujan Graphs

- Construction for  $\text{deg} > 3$  was left open in [VW18].
- Construction in [AC02] of unique-neighbor expanders require Ramanujan graphs of degree 4, 8, 44.
- Giving local construction of these Ramanujan graphs allows construction of local unique-neighbor expanders

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- Consider  $\epsilon$  non-square in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $g \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$  even degree  $d$  irreducible.
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## Original Construction

$$\Gamma_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & (\gamma_i + \delta_i L)(x-1) & & \\ & & \gamma_i - \delta_i L & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$$

If  $x$  is a square mod  $g(x)$ , then  $\text{Cay}(\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{F}_{q^d}), \Gamma)$  is a  $q+1$  regular Ramanujan graph.

## Required Properties

For the extension  $\mathbb{F}_{q^d}$  to work, we want  $g(x)$  such that

- $g$  is a family of irreducible polynomials, even degree
- $\sqrt{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]/\langle g \rangle$  PSL
- $L \notin \mathbb{F}_q$  but  $L^2 \in \mathbb{F}_q$  (as we want  $L^2 = \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon$  is a non-square in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ).
- $L$  has constant sparsity (multiplication with  $\Gamma_i$ )

## The Polynomial Family

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## Example

Consider Example of  $q = 5$

- $\alpha = 2, b_1 = b_2 = 1, g_t = (x^{3^t} - 1)^2 - 2$ . Check irreducibility of  $(x^3 - 1)^2 - 2$  in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]$  and the existence of  $\sqrt{x} = x + 2$  in  $\mathbb{F}_5[x]/\langle (x - 1)^2 - 2 \rangle$ .
- For  $\alpha = 3, b_1 = b_2 = 3, g_t = (x^{3^t} - 1)^2 - 2$ .
- Can be done in randomized  $\text{poly}(\log q)$  time.



# Simplification

- Need Simpler vertex set
- Center of  $SL(2, \mathbb{F}_{q^d})$  is  $\pm 1$
- Action of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{F}_{q^d})$  on  $\mathcal{V} := \{\{v, -v\} \mid v \in (\mathbb{F}_{q^d}^2 \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\})\}$  defined for  $A \in PSL(2, \mathbb{F}_{q^d})$  as  $\{v, -v\} \mapsto \{Av, -Av\}$
- Still need to handle multiplication by  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

## Bipartite Operations

### Definition

**(Bipartite double cover of a graph, [VW18])** Let  $G$  be a graph on vertex set  $V$  where vertex  $v$  has neighbors  $f_i(v)$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ . The double-cover of  $G$  is the bipartite graph  $V \times \{0, 1\}$  where a vertex  $(v, b)$  has neighbors  $(f_i(v), 1 - b)$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ .

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## Final Structure

- Take Double Cover of  $\text{Sch}(\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{F}_{q^d}), \Gamma, V)$
- Apply  $\pi$ -twist, equivalent of multiplication with  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$
- $(\{v, -v\}, 0)$  connected to  $(\{\Gamma_i v, -\Gamma_i v\}, 1)$
- Constant sparsity  $\implies$  Constant additions  $\implies O(\log(q))$   
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# Deg $3^k + 1$

## The difference

- $q^2 - 1$  no longer divisible by 3! Therefore, all elements in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  are cubes.
- For  $k > 1$ , there must be a prime  $r > 3$ , that divides  $q^2 - 1$
- For  $q = 3$ , we will need to go to  $\mathbb{F}_{q^4}$  instead of  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$

$$k > 1$$

Let  $r$  be the smallest prime  $> 3$  dividing  $q^2 - 1$ . Fix  $\alpha$  to be a non-square in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , and for some  $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{F}_q$

$$g_t(x) := (x^{r^t} - b_1)^2 - \alpha \cdot b_2^2, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}.$$

- $L = x^{r^t} - b_1$  for  $\epsilon = \alpha \cdot b_2^2$
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- So  $\exists b_1, b_2$  s.t.  $b_1 + \sqrt{\alpha} \cdot b_2$  is a square but not a  $r$ -th root.
- There are at least  $\frac{(r-2)(q^2-1)}{2r}$  such pairs of  $(b_1, b_2)$

# Deg = 4

- $\epsilon = 2$  in this case
- We use the family

$$g_t(x) = (x^{5^t} + 1)^4 + x^{5^t}$$

- Factors as product of  $(x^{5^t} - (1 \pm \sqrt{1 \pm \sqrt{2}})^2)$
- $(1 \pm \sqrt{1 \pm \sqrt{2}})^2$  isn't a 5-th power and is a square in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^4}$
- $L = x^{3 \cdot 5^t} + x^{2 \cdot 5^t} + x^{5^t} + 1$  satisfies  $L^2 = 2$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^d}$



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# Deg $2^k + 1$

## Original Construction

- Consider  $\epsilon$  st  $x^2 + x + \epsilon$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $g \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$  even degree  $d$  irreducible.
- $\mathbb{F}_{q^d} = \mathbb{F}_q[x]/\langle g(x) \rangle$ ,  $L \in \mathbb{F}_{q^d}$   $L^2 + L + \epsilon = 0$ .
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$$\Gamma_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma_i + \delta_i L \\ (\gamma_i + \delta_i L + \delta_i)x & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$$

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## Polynomial family

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$$g_t(x) := (b_2 \cdot x^{3^t} - b_1)^2 + (b_2 \cdot x^{3^t} - b_1) + \epsilon$$

- $L = b_2 \cdot x^{3^t} - b_1$  is constant sparsity.
- Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{q^2} \setminus \mathbb{F}_q$  be a root of  $x^2 + x + \epsilon$ , then  $g_t$  is irreducible iff  $\frac{\alpha + b_1}{b_2}$  and  $\frac{\alpha + b_1 + 1}{b_2}$  are not cubes in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$
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## Final Structure

- $PSL(2, \mathbb{F}_{2^d})$  isomorphic to  $SL(2, \mathbb{F}_{2^d})$ , so we can use vertex set  $\mathbb{F}_q^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$
- We go to Schreier, then take double cover and twist to remove multiplication with  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}}$

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# Algebraic Dependence



## General Results

- If  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in \mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  are dependent in  $\mathbb{E}/\mathbb{F}$ , then they are also dependent in  $\mathbb{F}$ .
- $f_1, \dots, f_m$  alg. dependent polynomials,  $\exists A \in \mathbb{F}[y_1, \dots, y_m]$  with  $\deg(A) \leq \prod_{i=1}^m \deg(f_i)$  such that  $A(f_1, \dots, f_m) = 0$ .
- In [GSS19], Testing Algebraic Dependence of input polynomials  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  is in  $AM \cap coAM$ .

## Large Fields

- Let  $\mathbf{f} \subset \mathbb{F}[\mathbf{x}]$  polynomials of  $\deg \leq d$ , and  $\text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{F}}(\mathbf{f})$  is bounded  $r$ . If  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}) > d^r$  or  $\text{char}(\mathbb{F}) = 0$ , then  $\text{trdeg}_{\mathbb{F}}(\mathbf{f})$  is equal to the rank of the Jacobian matrix, i.e.  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{F}[\mathbf{x}]} \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{f})$ .
- In [PSS16], it was shown that Jacobian being 0 shows either the polynomials are dependent or independent but inseparable.

## Low Inseparable Degree

- $\mathcal{H}(f(\mathbf{x})) = f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a}) - f(\mathbf{a})$ , where  $a$  is formal variable representing random shift in  $\mathbb{F}^n$
- Relating Functional Dependence and Algebraic Dependence, they showed Algebraic dependence being equal to  $\mathcal{H}_t(f_n) \equiv 0$  modulo  $\langle 1, \mathcal{H}_t(f_1), \dots, \mathcal{H}_t(f_{n-1}) \rangle^t$  ( $t$  is inseparable degree)
- Doing the computation in monomial space of  $n$ -variate degree  $\leq t$ , gives  $\text{poly}(s, \binom{n+t}{n})$  time algorithm

## Example

- $f_i := x_i^p - x_{i+1}$  for  $i \in [n-1]$  and  $f_n := x_n$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$
- Jacobian vanishes, minimal polynomial

$$y^{p^{n-i}} = f_n + \sum_{j=1}^{n-i} f_{n-j}^{p^j}$$

- Inseparable degree  $p^n$ , exponential even in  $\mathbb{F}_2$  with Quadratics

## Our Approach

- Output a certificate for input algebraically independent polynomials in poly-time.
- Preprocessing
  1. Applying the random shift  $H(f_i) = f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}) - f(\mathbf{z})$
  2. Substitution  $x_i \rightarrow \sqrt{x_i}$  if there is only  $x_i^2$  in all  $f_j$ 's
  3. Substitution  $f_i \rightarrow \sqrt{f_i}$  if  $f_i$  is a square
  4. Minimal condition No subset  $\{f_1, \dots, f_r\}$  such that the polynomials in it has only  $\leq r < n$  variables.

## Small cases

- **Case:  $m = 2$** 
  1. Linear parts independent
  2. linear terms  $h_1$  and  $\alpha h_1, f_2 := f_1 - \alpha f_2$  and  $f_2 := \sqrt{f_2}$  removing inseparability

## Small Cases

- **Case:  $m = 3$**

$$f_1 : x_1 x_2$$

$$f_2 : x_2 x_3$$

$$f_3 : x_3 x_1$$

Becomes  $f_1 = x_1 + Q_1$  and  $f_2 = x_2 + Q_2$ , and  $f_3 = x_3^2 + x_1 x_2$

## Least Monomial Independence

- For a monomial ordering, Independence of Least monomials of  $\mathbf{f} \implies$  Independence of  $\mathbf{f}$ .
- Using  $LM(f_1 \cdot f_2) = LM(f_1) \cdot LM(f_2)$  and  $LM(f_1 + f_2) = \min(LM(f_1), LM(f_2))$ .



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- Consider in grevlex ordering,  
 $LM(f_1) = x_1, LM(f_2) = x_2, LM(f_3) = x_3^2$ , hence certificate of independence

## Small cases

- **Case:  $m = 4, 5$**   $f_1 = x_1 + Q_1, f_2 = x_2 + Q_2, f_3 = x_3^2 + Q_3,$   
 $f_4 = l_4 + x_4^2 + Q_4, l_4$  has  $x_1, x_2, x_3$
- We can use Frobenius powering to remove  $x_3$ , by  $f_4 := f_4^2 + f_3$
- Number of monomials remain same

## Worst Case

$$f_1 : x_1 + x_2^2 + x_4^2$$

$$f_2 : x_2 + x_1^2$$

$$f_3 : x_3 + x_2^2$$

$$f_4 : x_4 + x_3x_6$$

$$f_5 : x_5^2 + x_2x_3$$

$$f_6 : x_5 + x_6^2$$

Occurs when  $m \geq 6$ .

## Possible approach

Use a weighted monomial ordering, and get system of inequalities

$$w_1 < 2w_2, w_1 < 2w_4, w_1 < 2w_3, w_1 < 2w_6$$

$$w_2 < 2w_1$$

$$w_3 < 2w_2$$

$$w_4 < w_3 + w_6$$

$$2w_5 < w_2 + w_3, w_5 < w_1, w_5 < w_2$$

$$4w_6 < w_2 + w_3$$

If there is solution  $\implies$  Independence. Working on proving that  
Independence  $\implies$  Solution.

## Questions?

- We gave an explicit construction of bipartite Ramanujan Graphs of degree  $q + 1$ , for all prime power  $q$ , with locality  $O(\log q)$ .
- We also explored an approach for testing algebraic Dependence of Quadratic polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_2$

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