

Cheeger constant and Eigenvalues on Networks

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 - Γ a simple connected graph
 - $c \in \mathcal{C}(V \times V)$ symmetric and $c(x, y) > 0$ iff $x \sim y$
 - $\nu \in \mathcal{C}(V)$ $\nu(x) > 0, x \in V$

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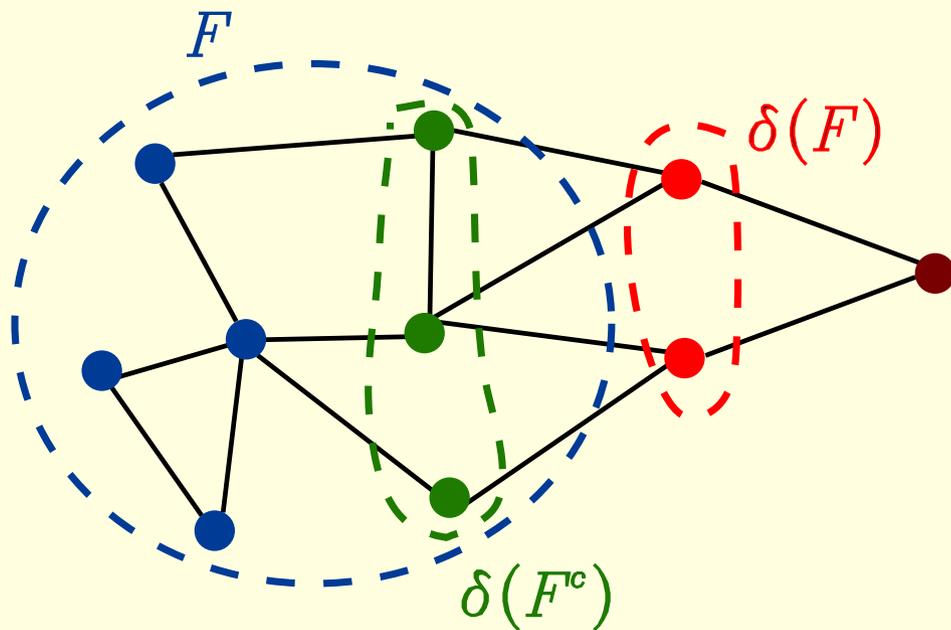
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$$\int_F v \mathcal{L}u \nu dx - \int_F u \mathcal{L}v \nu dx = \int_{\delta(F)} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial \mathbf{n}_F} \nu dx - \int_{\delta(F)} v \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}_F} \nu dx,$$

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- Equilibrium measure of F

$$\mathcal{L}\gamma^F(x) = 1, \quad x \in F$$

$$\gamma^F(x) = 0, \quad x \in F^c$$

Bounds on Cheeger constant

$$\begin{aligned}\text{vol}_\nu(F) &= \int_F \mathcal{L}\gamma^F \nu \, dx = - \int_{\delta(F)} \frac{\partial \gamma^F}{\partial \mathbf{n}_F} \nu \, dx \\ &= \int_{\delta(F) \times \delta(F^c)} c(x, y) \gamma^F(y) \, dx dy \\ &\leq \text{vol}_c(\partial F) \gamma_M^F\end{aligned}$$

- $\gamma_M^F = \max \{ \gamma^F(x); x \in \delta(F^c) \}$
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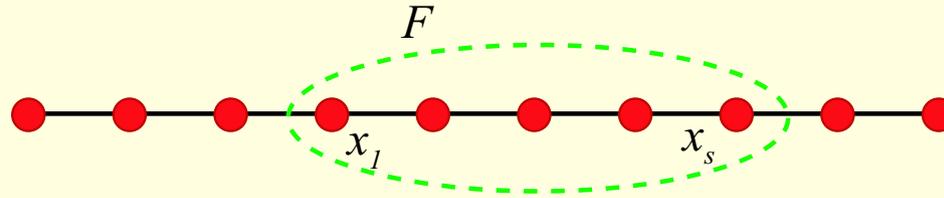
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Some examples

✓ The path on n vertices P_n : $F = \{x_1, \dots, x_s\}$



$$\circ \gamma^F(x_j) = \begin{cases} js - \frac{j(j-1)}{2} & \text{if } k(x_s) = 1 \\ \frac{js - j(j-1)}{2} & \text{if } k(x_j) = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\circ \gamma_M^F = \gamma_m^F = s \quad \text{or} \quad \gamma_M^F = \gamma_m^F = s/2$$

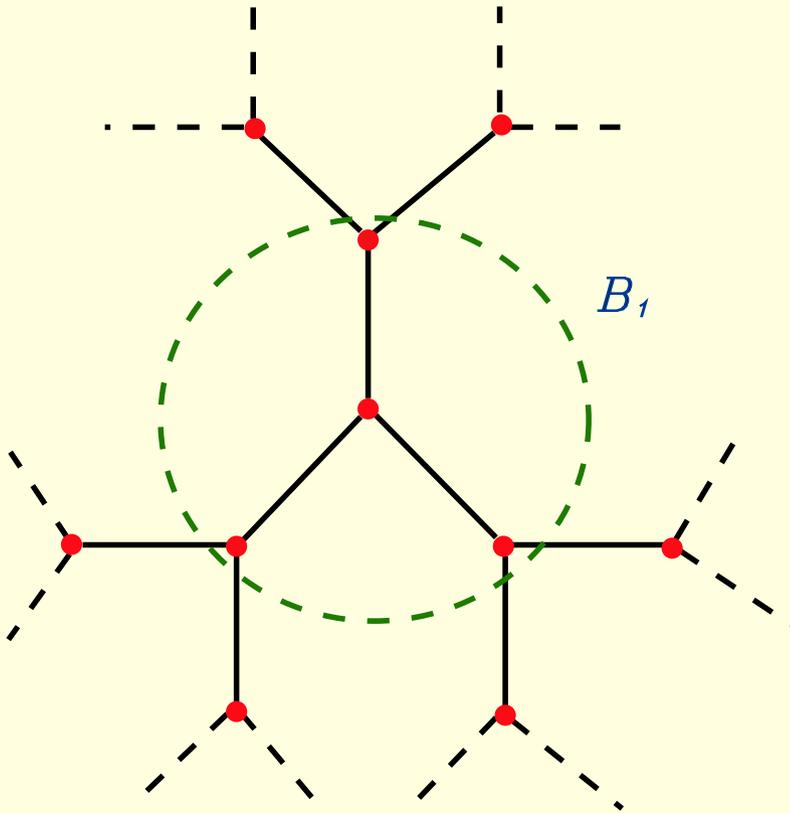
$$\implies h(P_n) = \min\{1/s, s = 1, \dots, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor\} = 1/\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$$

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✓ The infinite k -regular tree T_k :

$$\circ \gamma^{B_r}(x) = \frac{|B_r|}{2(k-2) + |B_r|}, \quad |x| = r$$

$$\circ h(T_k) = k - 2$$

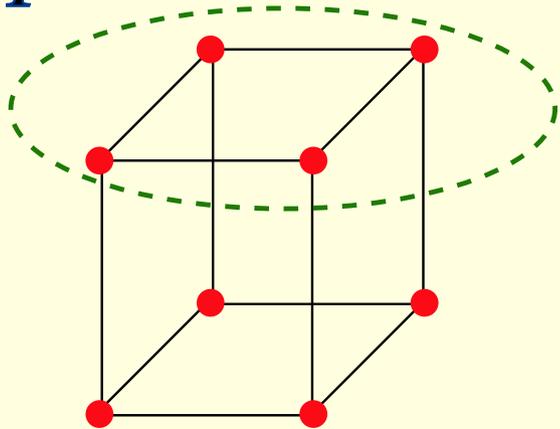


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✓ The n -cube Q_n : $|\partial F| \geq \log_2 \left(\frac{2^n}{|F|} \right) |F|$

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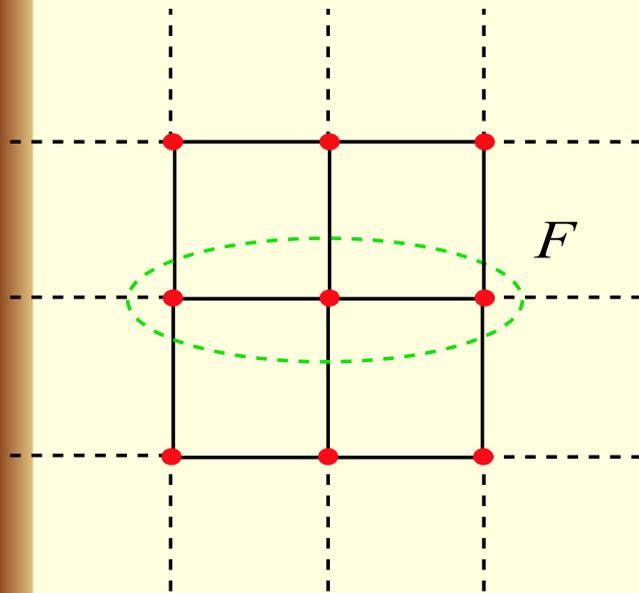
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$\circ F = Q_{n-1}, \gamma^F = \chi_F$ and $h(Q_n) = 1$

Some example

✓ The lattice Z^n , $n \geq 2$: $|\partial F| \geq |F| \frac{2n}{\sqrt[n]{|F|}}$



$$\circ \gamma^{B_1}(x) = \frac{2n + 1}{2n(2n - 1)}, \quad |x| = 1$$

$$\circ \gamma^{B_2(y)}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{4n^2 + 2n + 3}{2n(4n^2 - 6n + 3)}, & \text{if } |x - y| = \sqrt{2} \\ \frac{4n^2 - 2n + 3}{2n(4n^2 - 6n + 3)}, & \text{if } |x - y| = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\circ \frac{2n(4n^2 - 6n + 3)}{4n^2 + 2n + 3} \leq \frac{|\partial B_2(y)|}{|B_2(y)|}$$

$$\circ \frac{2n}{\sqrt[n]{2n(n + 1) + 1}} \leq \frac{|\partial B_2(y)|}{|B_2(y)|}$$

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$$\lambda(F, H_1, H_2) = \min_{\substack{u \in \mathcal{C}(F \cup H_1) \\ u \neq 0}} \left\{ \frac{\int_F u \mathcal{L}u \nu \, dx}{\int_F u^2 \nu \, dx} : \frac{\partial u}{\partial \mathbf{n}_F} = 0 \text{ on } H_1 \text{ a } \int_F u \nu \, dx = 0 \right\}$$

$a = 1$ if $H_2 = \emptyset$ Neumann and Poisson problems

$a = 0$ otherwise

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- Neumann problem can be reduced to a Poisson problem on a new network

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\implies If γ_x is the equilibrium measure for the set $V \setminus \{x\}$, then

$$\min_{x \in V} \left\{ \frac{\text{vol}_\nu(V)}{\|\gamma_x\|_{1,\nu}} \right\} \leq \lambda(\Gamma) \leq \min_{x \in V} \left\{ \frac{\text{vol}_\nu(V) \|\gamma_x\|_{1,\nu}}{\text{vol}_\nu(V) \|\gamma_x\|_{2,\nu}^2 - \|\gamma_x\|_{1,\nu}^2} \right\}$$

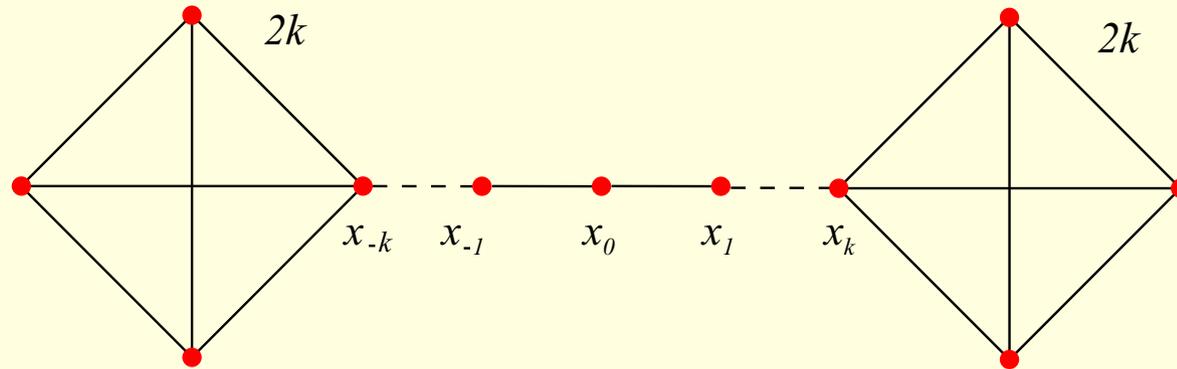
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- The path P_n : $\lambda(\Gamma) = 2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right) \sim \frac{\pi^2}{n^2}$

$$\frac{6}{(n-1)(2n-1)} \leq \lambda(\Gamma) \leq \frac{30}{(n+1)(2n+1)}, \quad n \geq 2$$

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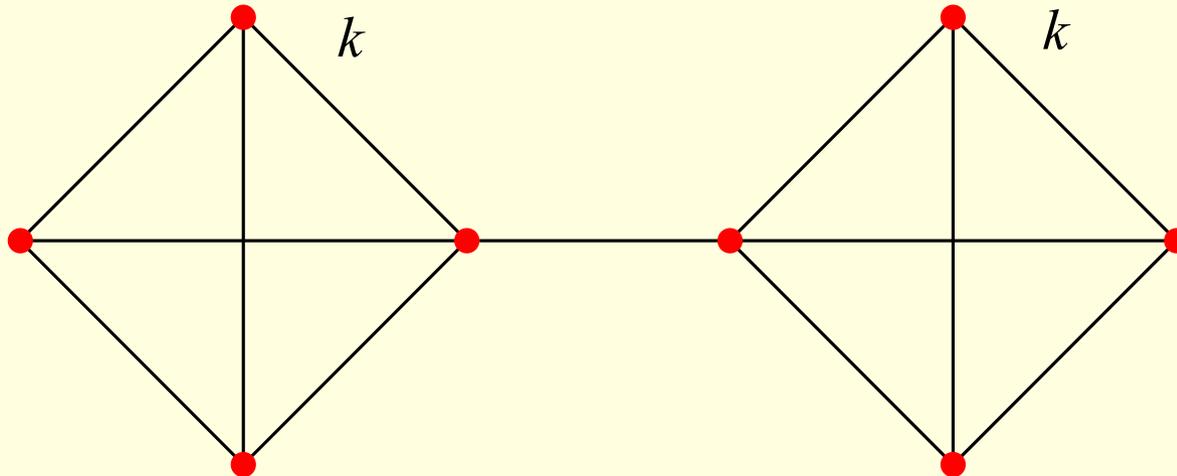
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$$\frac{81}{7n^2} \sim \lambda(\Gamma) \sim \frac{2835}{178n^2}, \quad n \geq 23$$

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- The dum-bell $D_n, n = 2k$: $\lambda(\Gamma) \in \mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$



$$\frac{4n}{5n^2 - 4n - 8} \leq \lambda(\Gamma) \leq \frac{4n(n^2 + 32n - 64)}{n^4 + 32n - 64}$$

Some examples

- Distance regular graph

$$\frac{|V|}{\sum_{j=0}^{D-1} \frac{(|V|-|B_j|)^2}{|\partial B_j|}} \leq \lambda(\Gamma) \leq \frac{|V| \sum_{j=0}^{D-1} \frac{(|V|-|B_j|)^2}{|\partial B_j|}}{\sum_{j=0}^{D-1} \frac{|B_j|(|V|-|B_j|)^3}{|\partial B_j|^2} + 2 \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq D-1} \frac{|B_i|(|V|-|B_i|)(|V|-|B_j|)^2}{|\partial B_i||\partial B_j|}}$$

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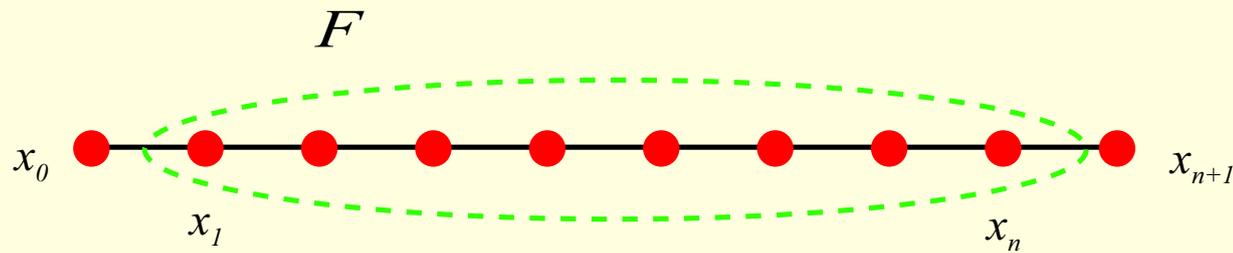
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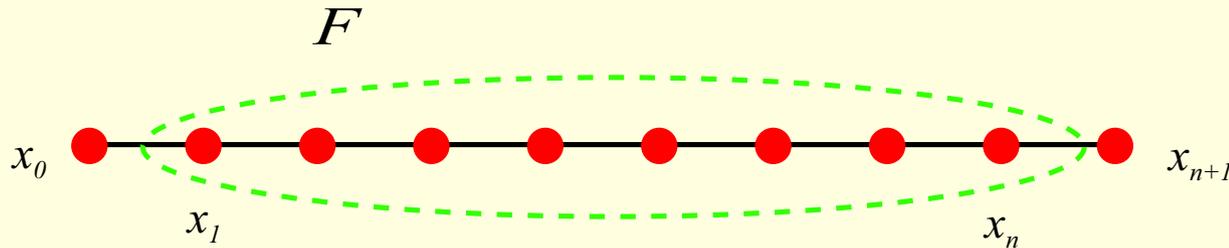
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$$\left\lceil \frac{2}{(n+1)^2} \right\rceil \leq \lambda_d(F) \leq \frac{10}{(n+1)^2 + 1}$$

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