

SPECTRAL GAP OF DENSE RANDOM REGULAR GRAPHS

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Abstract:

Let A be the adjacency matrix of a random d-regular graph on N vertices, and we denote its eigenvalues by $\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \dots \ge \lambda_N$. For $N^{2/3} \ll d \le N/2$, we prove optimal rigidity estimates of the extreme eigenvalues of A, which in particular imply that

 $\max\{|\lambda_N|, \lambda_2\} < 2\sqrt{d-1}$

with overwhelming probability. In the same regime of d, we also show that

$$N^{2/3}\left(\frac{\lambda_2 + d/N}{\sqrt{d(N-d)/N}} - 2\right) \xrightarrow{d} \mathrm{TW}_1,$$

where TW_1 is the Tracy-Widom distribution for GOE; analogue results also hold for other non-trivial extreme eigenvalues.