

On the tensor rank of networks of entangled pairs

tensor surgery and the laser method

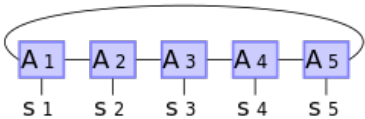
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Prelude

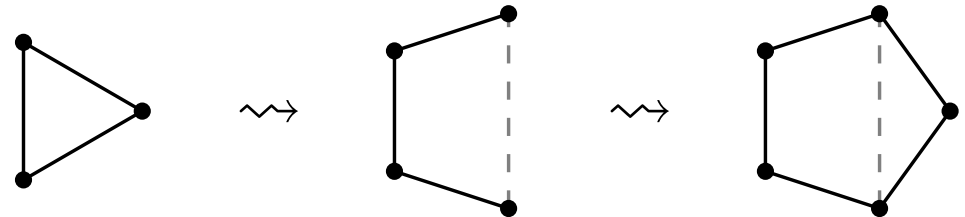
- Quantum Information $|000\rangle + |111\rangle$
Tensors = multiparticle quantum states
Tensor rank = multiparticle entanglement
- Computer Science matrix multiplication
communication complexity
Tensors = description of algebraic problems
Tensor rank = complexity
- Physics  Wiki
Tensor networks = description of ground states
Tensor structure = physical properties
- Relativity Theory, Engineering, ...



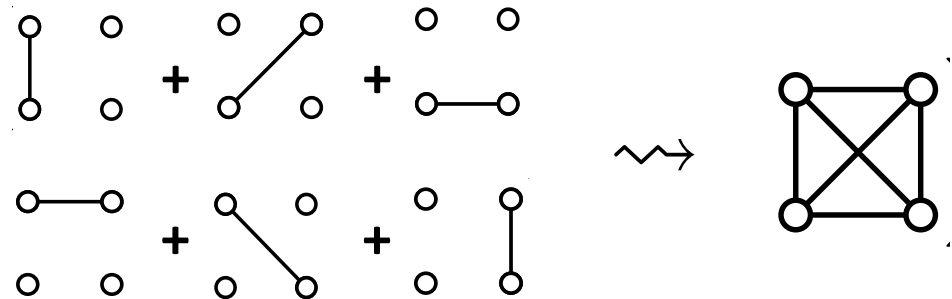
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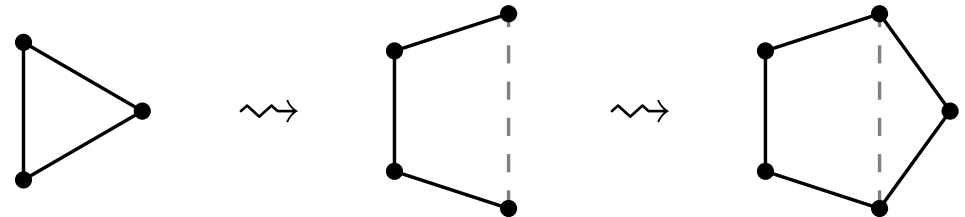




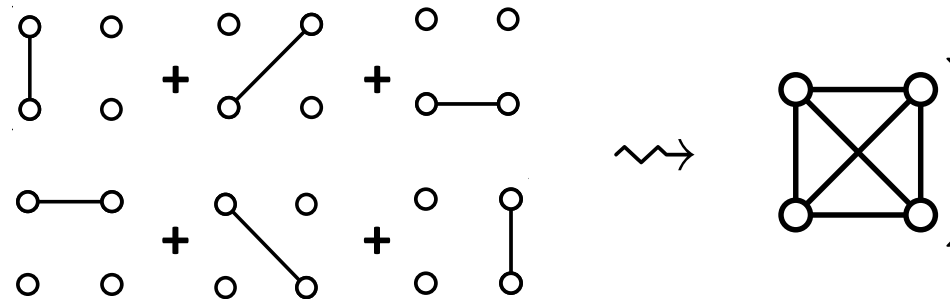
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Tensors

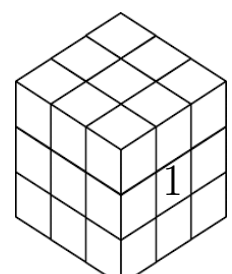
tensor=quantum state
overall normalisation
does not matter

- k-tensor t** is an element in $\mathbb{C}^{n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^{n_k}$

basis $b_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes b_{i_n}$ ←
- k=1: vector** $|+\rangle = |0\rangle + |1\rangle = b_0 + b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$b_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- k=2: matrix** $|00\rangle + |11\rangle = b_0 \otimes b_0 + b_1 \otimes b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$b_{i_1} \otimes b_{i_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- k=3: cube** $|001\rangle + |010\rangle + |100\rangle = b_0 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_1 + b_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_0 + b_1 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_0$

$b_{i_1} \otimes b_{i_2} \otimes b_{i_3} =$ 

$\begin{matrix} 0_1 & 1_0 \\ 1_0 & 0_0 \end{matrix}$



Resource theory of tensors

(Strassen 1991, Dür, Vidal & Cirac 2000)

- Given k -tensors s and t .
- Can s be transformed into t by local operations? Do matrices A_1, \dots, A_k exist, so that

SLOCC



$$A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_k s = t \quad ?$$

- If yes, we write $s \geq t$.
- unit tensor (GHZ entangled state)

$$T_d(k) = \sum_{i=1}^d b_i \otimes \dots \otimes b_i$$



Resource theory of tensors

- “entanglement cost” of a k -tensor t is the smallest d , s.th.

$$T_d(k) \geq t$$

- equals tensor rank $R(t)$

$$R(t) = \min\left\{d : t = \sum_i v_1^{(i)} \otimes \cdots \otimes v_k^{(i)}\right\}$$

- “distillable entanglement” of a k -tensor t is the largest d , s.th.

$$t \geq T_d(k)$$

equals subrank



Tensor rank

- $k=2$: tensor rank=matrix rank
→ easy to compute

Example:

Identity matrix (EPR state) $T(\text{---}) = \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}} b_i \otimes b_i \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

- $k>2$: NP hard (Håstad)

Examples:

Rank 2: GHZ state $T(\text{---}) = \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}} b_i \otimes b_i \otimes b_i \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

Rank 3: W-state $b_0 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_1 + b_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_0 + b_1 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_0$



Tensor rank versus tensor product

- Given s and t both k -tensors

$$R(s \otimes t) \leq R(s)R(t)$$

- Equality for 2-tensors, strict in general

$$T\left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \cdot \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \cdot \\ \bullet \end{array}\right) = \sum_{i \in \{1,2\}} b_i \otimes b_i \otimes 1 \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C},$$

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2x2 matrix multiplication tensor, rank = 7 (Strassen)

$$T\left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \cdot \\ \bullet \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \cdot \\ \bullet \end{array}\right) = \sum_{i,j,k \in \{1,2\}} (b_i \otimes b_j) \otimes (b_j \otimes b_k) \otimes (b_k \otimes b_i)$$



Strassen's 7er

- Define $b_+ := b_0 + b_1$ and $b_- := b_0 - b_1$ in \mathbb{C}^2
 $b_{xy} := b_x \otimes b_y \in \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$

$$T\left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \bullet \end{array}\right) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - b_{-0} \otimes b_{0+} \otimes b_{11} \quad - b_{11} \otimes b_{-0} \otimes b_{0+} \quad - b_{0+} \otimes b_{11} \otimes b_{-0} \\ & + b_{-1} \otimes b_{1+} \otimes b_{00} \quad + b_{00} \otimes b_{-1} \otimes b_{1+} \quad + b_{1+} \otimes b_{00} \otimes b_{-1} \\ & + (b_{00} + b_{11}) \otimes (b_{00} + b_{11}) \otimes (b_{00} + b_{11}). \end{aligned}$$

takes half an hour to verify



Border rank

- Sometimes, tensor of rank r can be approximated arbitrarily by tensors of rank $b < r$

$$\begin{aligned} (b_0 + \epsilon b_1)^{\otimes 3} - b_0^{\otimes 3} \\ = \epsilon(b_0 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_1 + b_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_0 + b_1 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_0) + O(\epsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

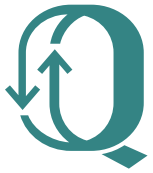
- Smallest b is called border rank $\underline{R}(t)$
- More generally, approximate transformation from s to t .



Resource theory of tensors

- Given k -tensors s and t .
When is $s^{\otimes m} \geq t^{\otimes n}$?
- Best ratio m/n denoted by $\omega(s, t)$
- Asymptotic log rank $\omega(t) := \omega(T_2(k), t)$
- Asymptotic log subrank $q(t) := \omega(t, T_2(k))^{-1}$
- Theorem (Strassen & co):

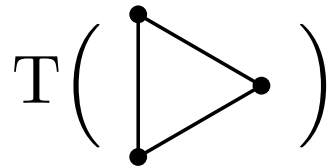
$$q(t) \leq \omega(t) \leq \log \underline{R}(t) \leq \log R(t)$$



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matrix multiplication exponent

- Mamu



$$q(t) = 2$$

Strassen

$$\omega(t) \leq 2.38$$

Coppersmith-Winograd, ... Le Gall

$$\underline{R}(t) = 7$$

Landsberg

$$R(t) = 7$$

- W state

$$b_0 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_1 + b_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_0 + b_1 \otimes b_0 \otimes b_0$$

$$q(W) = h\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 0.92 \quad \omega(t) = 1$$

Coppersmith-Winograd

$$\underline{R}(t) = 2$$

$$R(t) = 3$$



Motivation for our work

- Log rank is a lower bound on the quantum communication complexity of a function $f(x,y)$
- Exact for non-deterministic case
Equality game = unit tensor
Pairwise equality (among 3) = Mamu
Savings over the classical case: $\log_2 7 < 3$
- What about more players?
Pairwise equality in a circle or graph.



Benchmark: lower bound

- Rank, Border rank and asymptotic rank are decreasing under grouping of particles
- Group k particles into set S and complement

$$R(t) \geq R_S(t)$$

- this is matrix rank \rightarrow easy to compute
- For a graph of entangled pairs

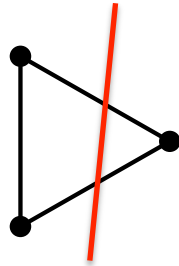
$$R_S(t) = 2^{\#\text{edges leaving } S} \quad \omega(T(G)) \geq \text{maxcut } G$$

- Upper bound = # edges in graph

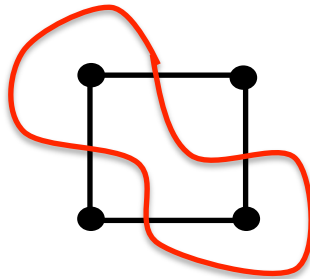


$$\#edges \geq \omega(T(G)) \geq \text{maxcut}G$$

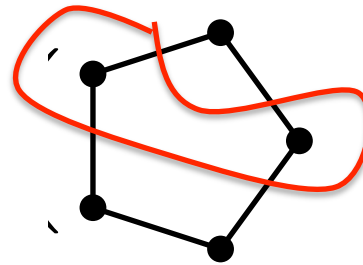
Cycle graph



3
2



4
4



5
4

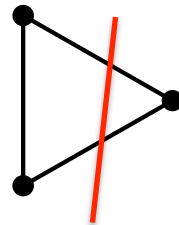
k even

k odd

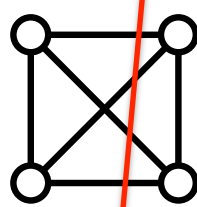
k
k

k
k-1

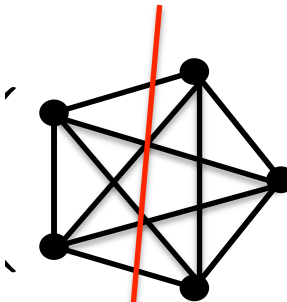
Complete graph



3
2



6
4



10
6

$$\frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$\frac{k^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$\frac{k^2 - 1}{4}$$

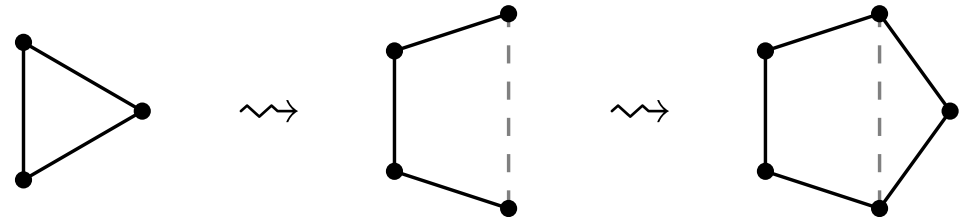
Can we match the lower bounds?



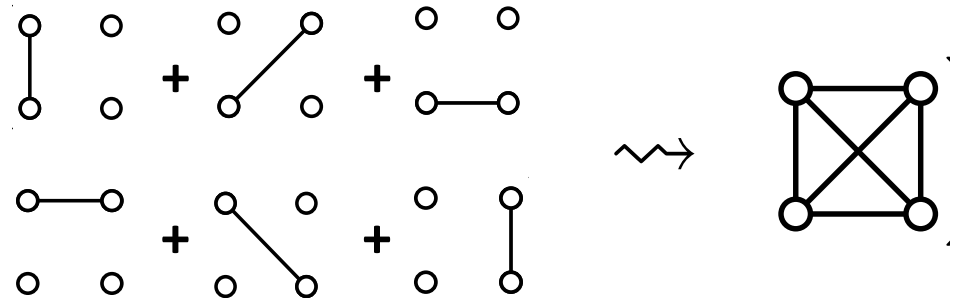
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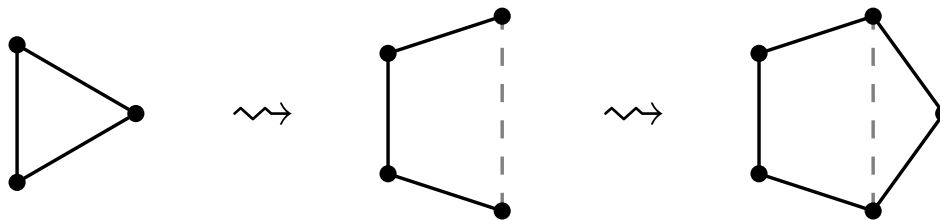
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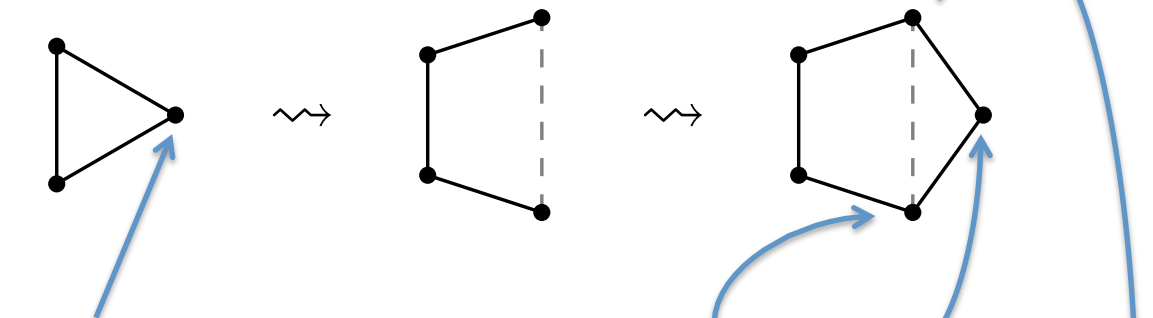




Tensor surgery

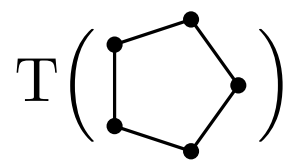
- Transform non-trivial decomposition of initial tensor into non-trivial decomposition of target tensor
- Example:
rank 7 decomposition of 3 cycle
→ rank 31 decomposition of 5 cycle
- Procedure:
 - 1) cut open, generates virtual pair
 - 2) insert 2 pairs and absorb virtual pair





$$\phi : \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2)^{\otimes 3}$$

$$u \otimes v \mapsto \sum_{j \in \{0,1\}^2} (u \otimes b_{j_1}) \otimes (b_{j_1} \otimes b_{j_2}) \otimes (b_{j_2} \otimes v).$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= -\phi(b_{-0}) \otimes b_{0+} \otimes b_{11} - \phi(b_{11}) \otimes b_{-0} \otimes b_{0+} - \phi(b_{0+}) \otimes b_{11} \otimes b_{-0} \\ &+ \phi(b_{-1}) \otimes b_{1+} \otimes b_{00} + \phi(b_{00}) \otimes b_{-1} \otimes b_{1+} + \phi(b_{1+}) \otimes b_{00} \otimes b_{-1} \\ &+ \phi(b_{00} + b_{11}) \otimes (b_{00} + b_{11}) \otimes (b_{00} + b_{11}). \end{aligned}$$

Rank=4

$$\phi(b_{xy}) = \sum_{j \in \{0,1\}^2} (b_x \otimes b_{j_1}) \otimes (b_{j_1} \otimes b_{j_2}) \otimes (b_{j_2} \otimes b_y) = T(\text{---})$$

$$\phi(b_{00} + b_{11}) = \sum_{i \in \{0,1\}^3} (b_{i_1} \otimes b_{i_2}) \otimes (b_{i_2} \otimes b_{i_3}) \otimes (b_{i_3} \otimes b_{i_1}) = T(\text{triangle})$$

$$R(T(\text{pentagon})) \leq 6 \times 4 + 1 \times 7 = 31 < 2^5$$

Wow! Rank=7



31 < 32 ...

- works for all k-cycles $R(T(C_k)) \leq 2^k - 1$
- works for border rank as well
- and asymptotic rank
without knowledge of the decomposition,
always using the “7” mamu upper bound

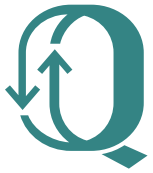
$$\omega_k \leq \omega_{k-2} + \omega_3$$

If $\omega = 2$, then $\omega_k = k - 1$ for all odd k

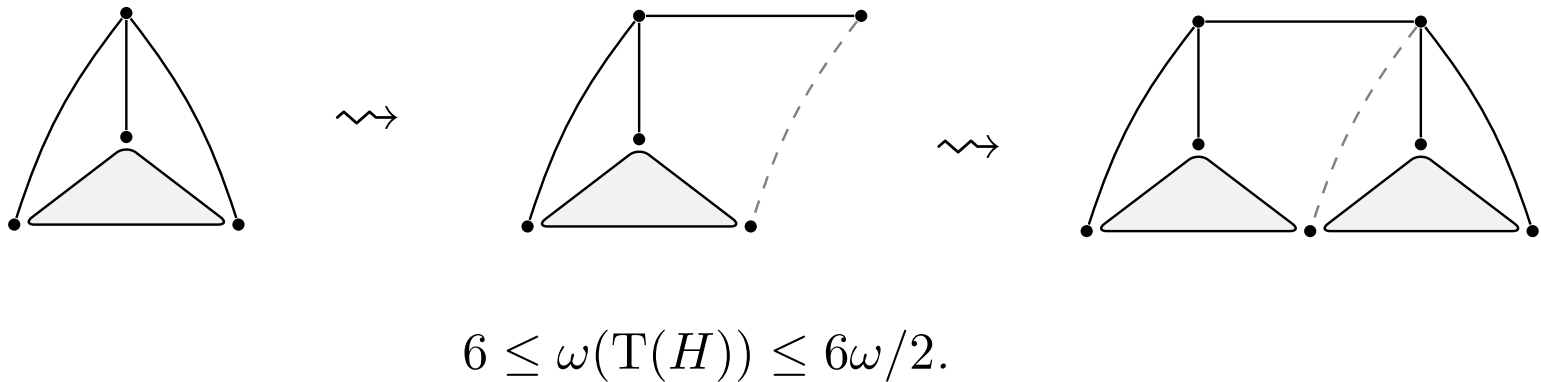
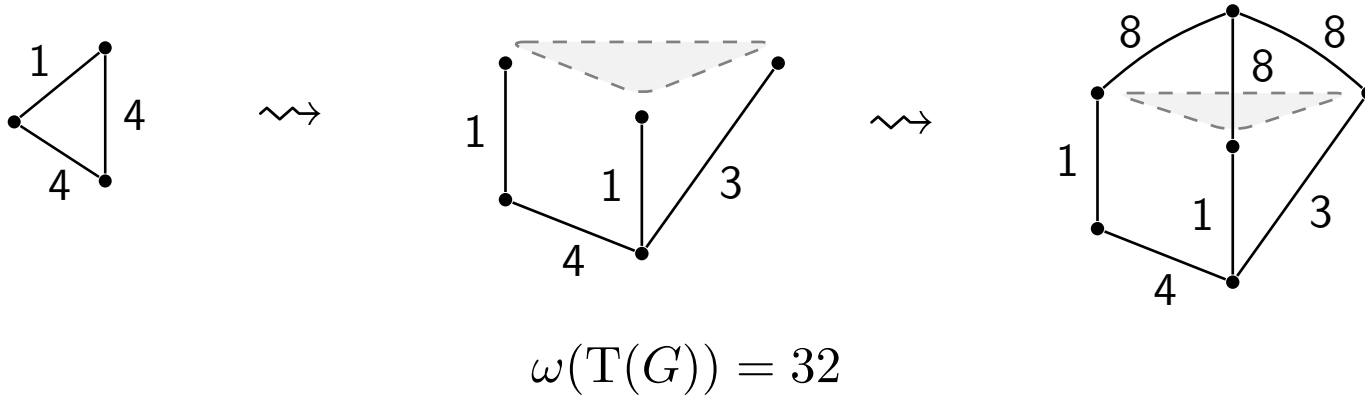
- uniformly bounded away from k

$$\omega_k \leq k - \alpha \left(1 + \frac{1-\alpha}{k-1+\alpha} \right) \leq k - \alpha$$

bigger than 0.3
(Le Gall)
=1 iff w=2



Other graphs and hypergraphs



Works well for sparse graphs and hypergraphs!

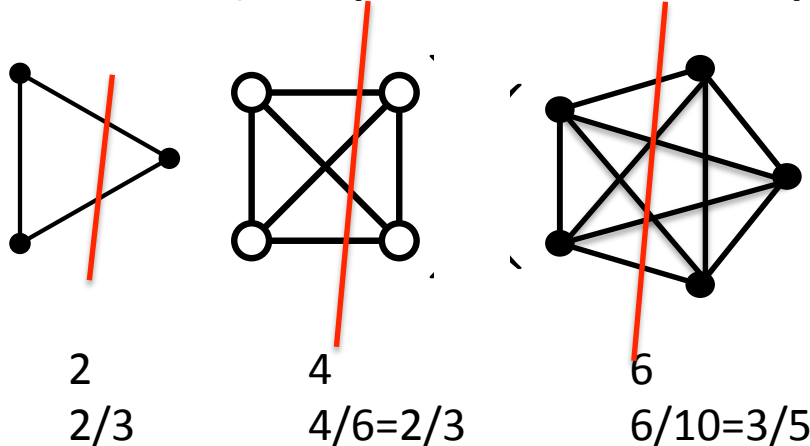
Your tensor?

What about dense graphs?



Dense graphs

- Tensor surgery needs a good starting tensor
The best we have is mamu!
- in tensor surgery asymptotic log rank per edge increases (no problem for sparse graphs)



$$\frac{k^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{k^2}{4} / \binom{k}{2} \approx \frac{1}{2}$$

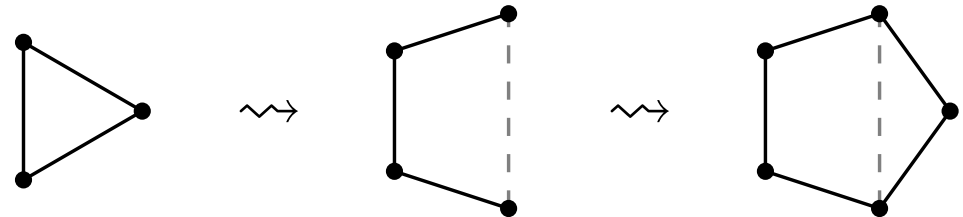
- best upper bounds from mamu covering $2.38/3 \approx 0.79$
- Can we beat this for some graph?



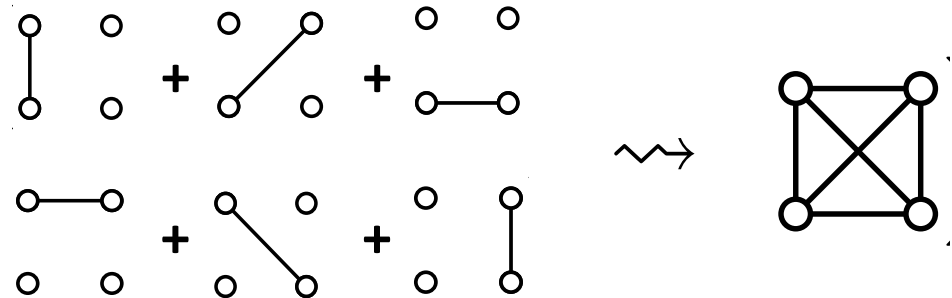
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Laser method

- by Strassen for upper bound on mamu exponent
 - with Coppersmith and Winograd starting tensor
- 1) choose starting tensor with low border rank with suitable coarse outer structure (W type) and fine inner structure (Mamu-type)
 - 2) take many copies and extract unit tensors from W, each inner tensor is Mamu-type
 - 3) The Mamu-type tensors can be a little different. Schönhage's asymptotic sum inequality makes them equal (coherent – thus the name “laser”)



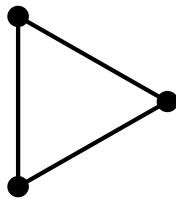
starting tensor

$$\underline{R} \leq q + 2$$

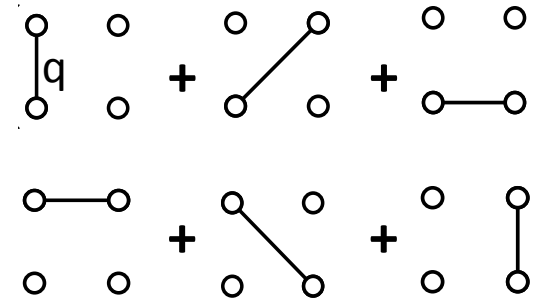
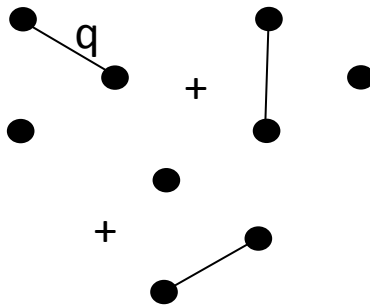
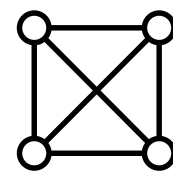
outer structure

inner structure
(1 copy)

(many copies)

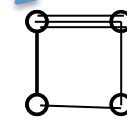
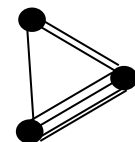
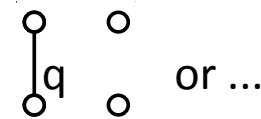
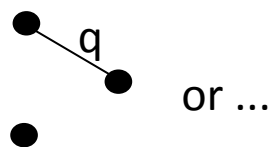


versus



$$W = b_1 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2 + \text{permutations}$$

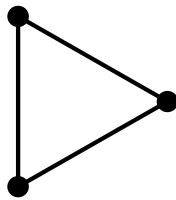
$$D_{2,2} = b_1 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes b_2 + \text{permutations}$$



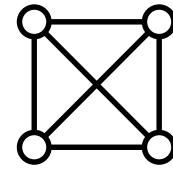
unbalanced

or ...

or ...



versus



extract
diagonal

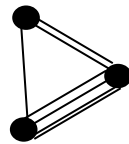
$$W^{\otimes n} \geq (b_1 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_1$$

$$+ b_2 \otimes b_2 \otimes b_2)^{\otimes nq(W)}$$

$$D_{2,2}^{\otimes n} \geq (b_1 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_1$$

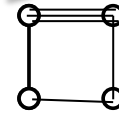
$$+ b_2 \otimes b_2 \otimes b_2 \otimes b_2)^{\otimes nq(D_{2,2})}$$

inner tensor



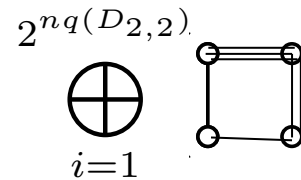
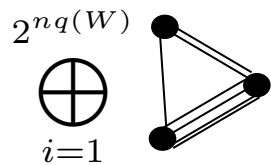
or ...

unbalanced
(n pairs)

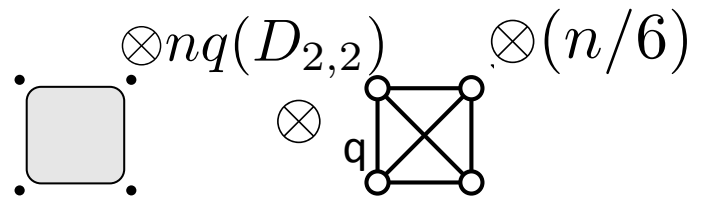
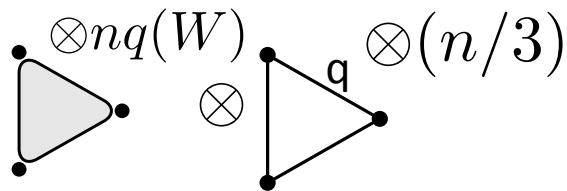


or ...

total tensor

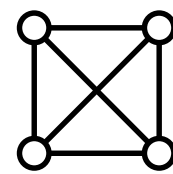
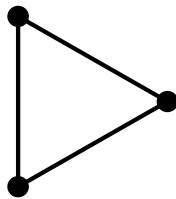


lasering



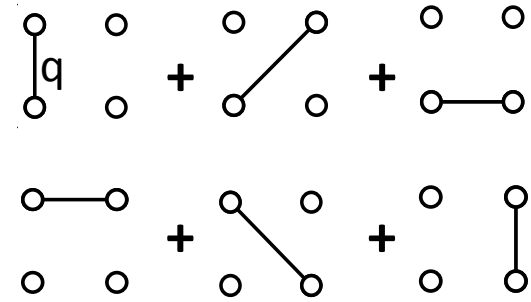
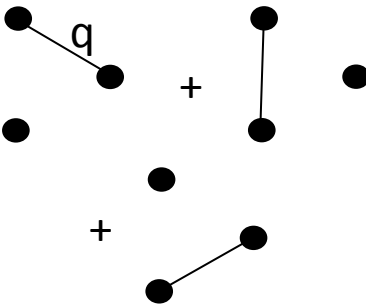


versus

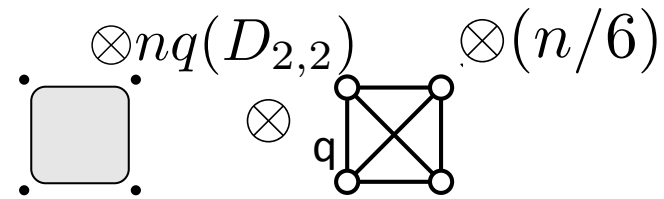
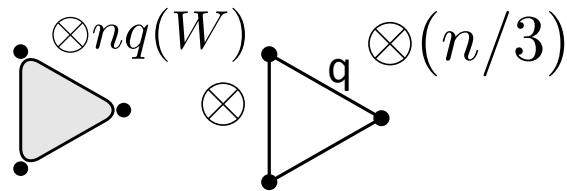


starting tensor

$$\underline{R} \leq q + 2$$



final tensor



$$R \leq (q + 2)^n$$

Coppersmith-Winograd = $h\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 0.92$

goal tensor

$$\tau \leq \log_q(q + 2) - \log_q(2)q(W)$$

$$\tau \leq \log_q(q + 2) - \log_q(2)q(D_{2,2})$$

we show=1

best known

$$\tau \leq 0.79$$

$$\tau \leq 0.77$$

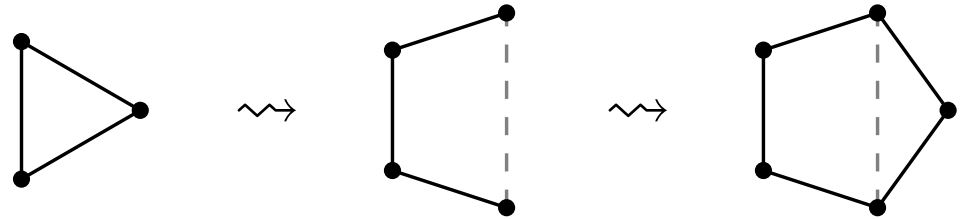
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optimise over q



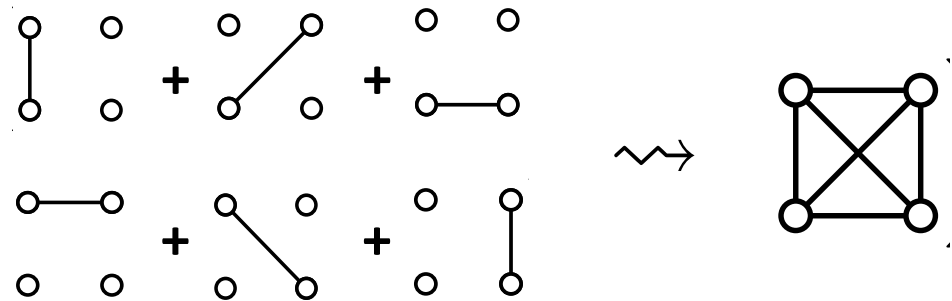
Summary

- Tensor Surgery

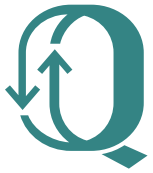


nontrivial rank results for k-cycle
optimal asymptotic rank results
good for sparse graphs

- Laser Method



beating matrix multiplication for best
asymptotic rank per edge



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- Tensor rank is not multiplicative under the tensor product
- with Asger Kjærulf-Jensen & Jeroen Zuiddam
- arxiv:1705.09379
- Main Results:

$$R(\underbrace{W \otimes W}_{6\text{-tensor}}) \leq 8 < 9 = R(W)^2$$

3-tensor

$$R(t^{\otimes n}) \leq \text{poly}(n) \underline{R}(t)^n$$