

Q How good is belief propagation for  $|X| < \infty$ ?

- If  $G$  is tree  $\Rightarrow$  it converges and exact
- If  $\exists$  only 1 loop  $\Rightarrow$  converges but could be wrong [Weiss 2000]
- Maximum Weight Matching Problem  $\Rightarrow$  Exact [Bozai, Shah, Shamma  
Converges & 2005]

In the limit of large graph, Density Evolution provides an asymptotic performance estimate.

• Analysis of compressed sensing

$$\min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^d} \|Ax - b\|^2 + \lambda \cdot \|x\|_{L_1}$$

$\downarrow$   $A$  = underdetermined system  $\downarrow$   $\sum_{i=1}^d |x_i|$

• Analysis of LDPC decoders

$\Rightarrow$  Design of the first provably Capacity achieving codes [Luby 1998]

• Analysis of near-optimal crowdsourcing algorithm

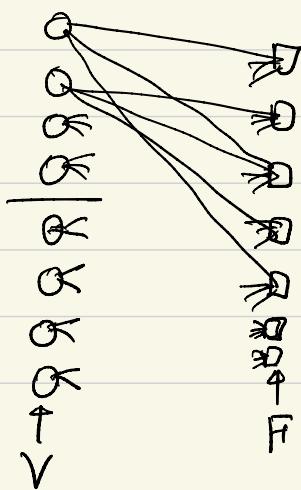
[Karger OhShah 2011]

• Community detection for stochastic block models-

for density evolution.

\* Assumption: Factor Graph model on Random Graphs.

Def. Random Graph ( $n, m, l = [l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_d], r = [r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_d]$ )



$$\text{s.t. } n \cdot \bar{l} = m \cdot \bar{r} = |E|.$$

$$\sum l_i \cdot i = \sum r_j \cdot j$$

$G$  is drawn from Random Graph ( $n, m, l, r$ )  
if it is chosen uniformly over all  
graphs satisfying the  $(l, r)$  degree distribution.

- given  $(l, r)$ , how do you generate such graphs?

Def. Configuration Model:  $RG(n, m, l, r)$



$$\begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\quad} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ r_1 \quad r_2 \quad r_3 \quad r_4 \end{array}$$

$\bar{l}=3.5 \quad \bar{r}=4$   
 $n=6 \quad m=7 \quad |E|=21$

① draw a Random Permutation  $\pi$  from  $\{1, 2, \dots, 21\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 21\}$

② and match left half edges to the right w.r.t  $\pi$ .

③ locally fix double-edges.

\* When do we see random graphs? when we have the control to

Density Evolution for Random Graphs.

close a system,

ex) LDPC codes.

Factor Graph Model:  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\ell_i \in \{0, 1, *\}$

$$P(\ell_i = * | x_i) = \varepsilon$$

$$P(\ell_i = x_i | x_i) = 1 - \varepsilon.$$

$$P_{\ell}(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n P(\ell_i | x_i) \cdot \prod_{a \in F} \underbrace{\prod_{i \in a} \ell_i}_{\substack{\text{channel} \\ \text{XOR of all binary variables.}}} \cdot \underbrace{\prod_{i \in a} x_i}_{\substack{\text{LDPC Parity.}}}$$

Q. What is the error achieved by BP to get  $\hat{P}_{\ell}(x_i)$ 's.

## \* Belief Propagation on LDPC codes.

$$M_{i \rightarrow a}(x_i) = P(Y_i, X_i) \cdot \prod_{b \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}} \tilde{M}_{b \rightarrow i}(x_i)$$

$$\tilde{M}_{a \rightarrow i}(x_i) = \sum_{X_{j \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}}} \left\{ \prod_{j \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}} M_{j \rightarrow a}(x_j) \right\} \mathbb{I}(x_{j \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}} = 0)$$

$$P(Y_i, X_i) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon & X_i = * \\ 1 - \varepsilon & X_i = X_i \\ 0 & X_i = \text{not } X_i \end{cases}$$

↑  
Binary operation

Claim:  $M_{i \rightarrow a}(x_i) \in \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  ← The messages are discrete

Def.  $X_{i \rightarrow a} = 0 \quad X_{i \rightarrow a} = 1 \quad X_{i \rightarrow a} = *$

proof: by induction

Init:  $\tilde{M}_{b \rightarrow i}^{(0)}(x_i)$  is initialized as  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$M_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)}(x_i) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon \end{bmatrix} \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } X_i = * \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \varepsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & X_i = 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & X_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

$M_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)}$  tell you what you received from channel.  $\{0, 1, *\}$

Induction: ①  $\tilde{M}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)}$ :

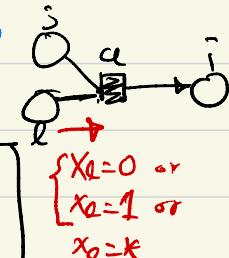
Case 1: all incoming messages are

$$\begin{aligned} M_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)} \\ = \mathbb{I}(X_i \oplus \underbrace{X_{j \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}}}_{\text{either 0 or 1.}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{then } \tilde{M}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)}(x_i) = \begin{bmatrix} m(X_j=0) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=0) \\ + m(X_j=1) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=1) \\ m(X_j=0) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=1) \\ + m(X_j=1) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{b \rightarrow a}(x_b) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & X_b = 0 \\ M_{j \rightarrow a}(x_j) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & X_b = 1 \end{aligned}$$



\* If incoming messages are  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{then } X_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)} = \bigoplus_{j \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}} X_{j \rightarrow a}$$

Case 2: at least one incoming message is  $M_{j \rightarrow a}(x_j) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X_{j \rightarrow a} = *$

$$\text{then } \tilde{M}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)}(x_i) = \begin{bmatrix} m(X_j=0) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=0) + m(X_j=1) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=1) \\ m(X_j=0) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=1) + m(X_j=1) \tilde{M}_{j \rightarrow i}(X_j=0) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{M}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)} \\ = \sum_{X_j \in \{0, 1\}} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}(X_i \oplus X_j \oplus \underbrace{\bigoplus_{j \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}} X_{j \rightarrow a}}_{\text{either 0 or 1}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

\* If incoming message has at least one  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\tilde{M}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

$$*\tilde{m}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)}(x_i) \in [0], [1], [\frac{1}{2}]$$

$$\tilde{x}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)} = 0, 1, *$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad m_{i \rightarrow a}^{(t)}(x_i) = \prod_{b \in \partial i \setminus \{a\}} \tilde{m}_{b \rightarrow i}^{(t)}(x_i)$$

Case 1: if all incoming is  $\tilde{m}_{b \rightarrow i} = [\frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{b \rightarrow i} = *$   
 then  $m_{a \rightarrow i} = [\frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $x_{a \rightarrow i} = *$

Case 2: if at least one incoming is  $\tilde{m}_{b \rightarrow i} = [0]$  or  $[1]$   
 $\tilde{x}_{b \rightarrow i} = 1 \quad 0$

$$\text{then } m_{a \rightarrow i} = \tilde{m}_{b \rightarrow i} \in [0] \cup [1]$$

With this claim, we can simplify the BP update.

$$x_{i \rightarrow a}^{(t)} \in \{0, 1, *\}, \tilde{x}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)} \in \{0, 1, *\}$$

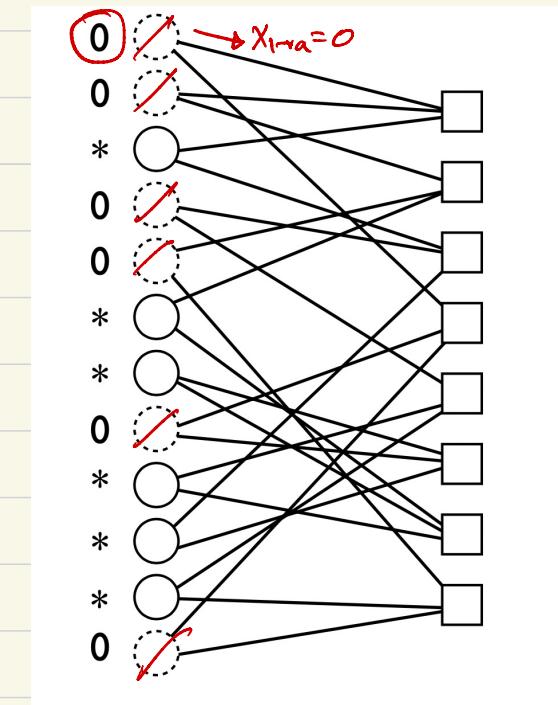
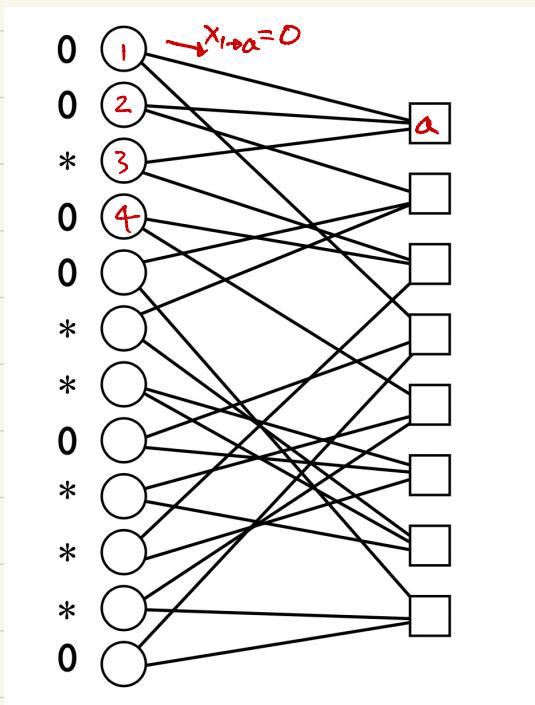
$$\text{initialize } x_{i \rightarrow a} = y_i$$

$$\text{update } \tilde{x}_{a \rightarrow i} = \begin{cases} * & , \text{at least one incoming is } * \\ \oplus x_{j \rightarrow i} & , \end{cases}$$

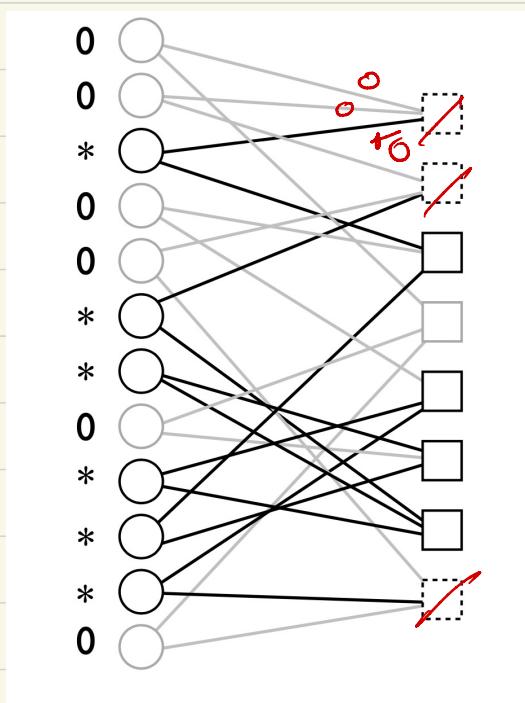
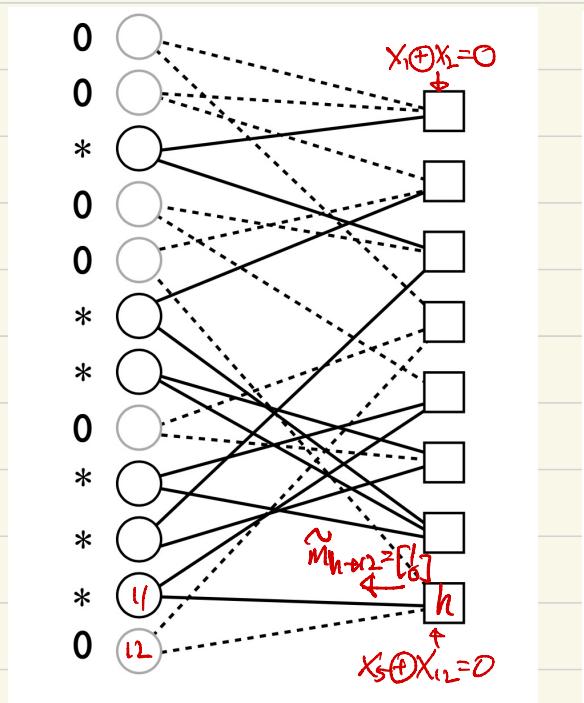
$$x_{i \rightarrow a} = \begin{cases} * & , \text{all incoming is } * \\ \tilde{x}_{b \rightarrow i} & , \end{cases}$$

Claim: this is equivalent to the following peeling algorithm.

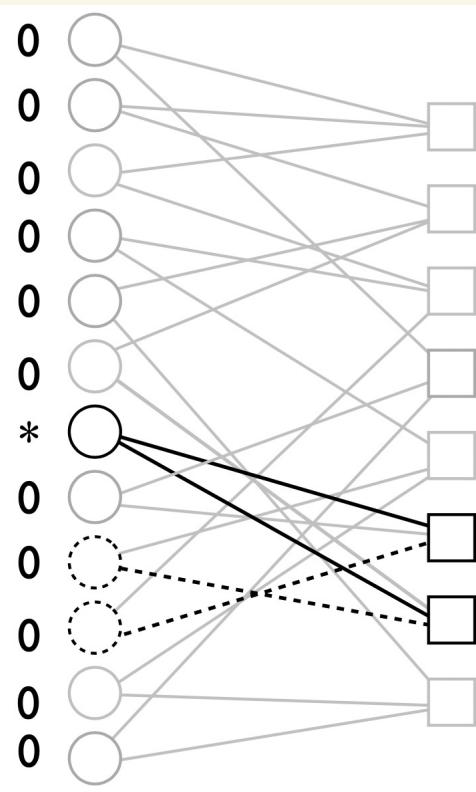
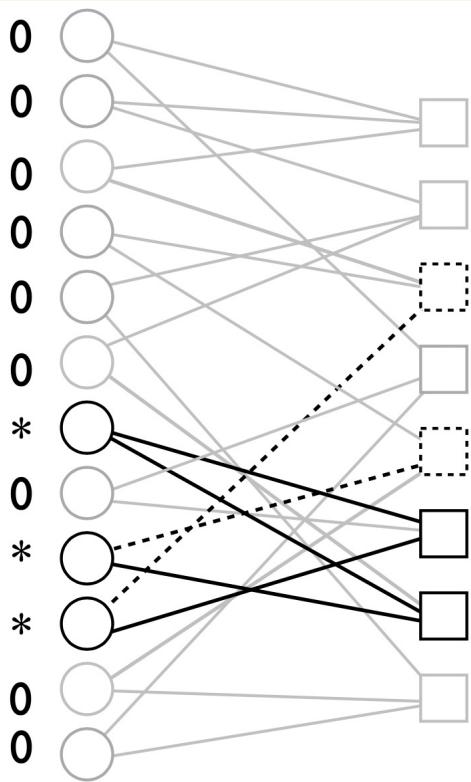
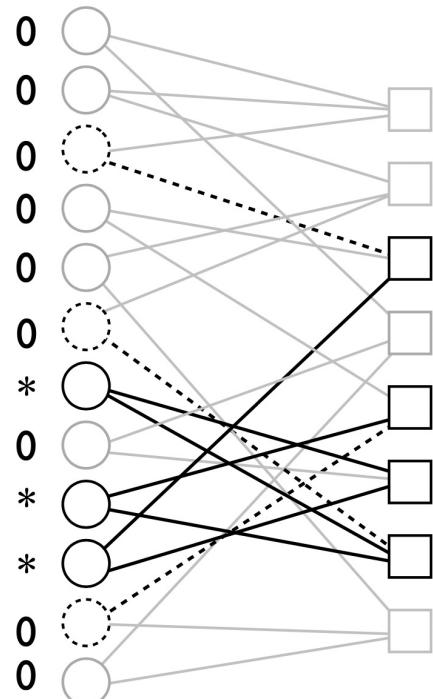
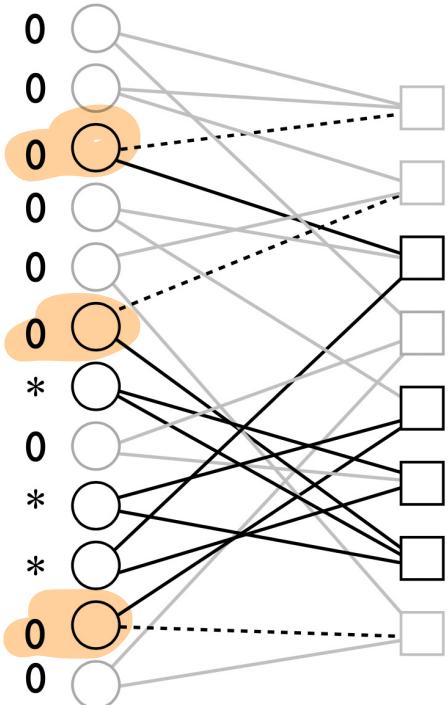
Without loss of generality, suppose all 0's were sent. Peel nodes/edges whose messages are  $[1]$  or  $[0]$ .

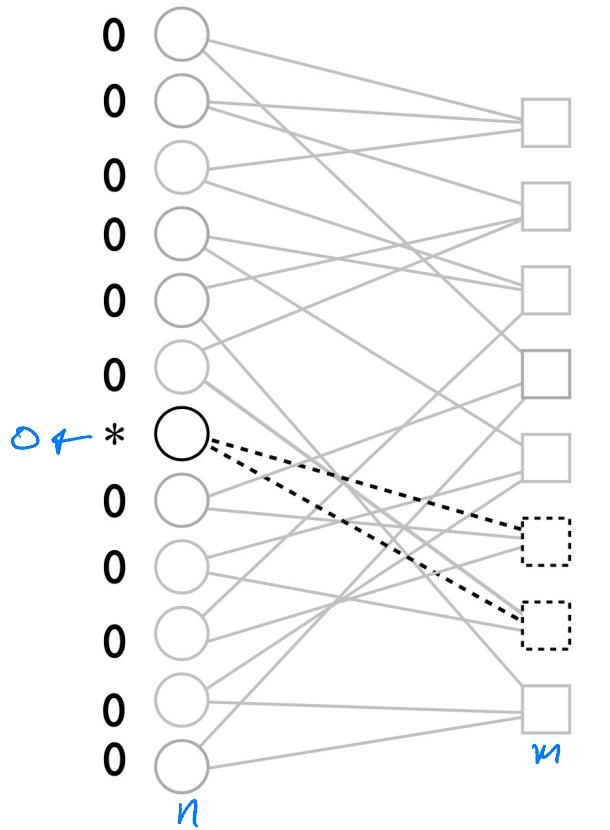


$$x_i = 0$$



\* factor nodes with 1 remaining edge can be decoded.





\* If all nodes are peeled, then  
Decoding success.

\* If a subset of nodes are left whose uncertainty is not resolved by received

then those bits cannot be decoded.

\* Design Goal: for a given  $n \geq m$ ,  
find a graph that minimizes  
the error probability.

 Density evolution is critical  
in achieving this breakthrough

Strategy under Random Factor Graph. with  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .

① Suppose we update BP as follows.

repeat.

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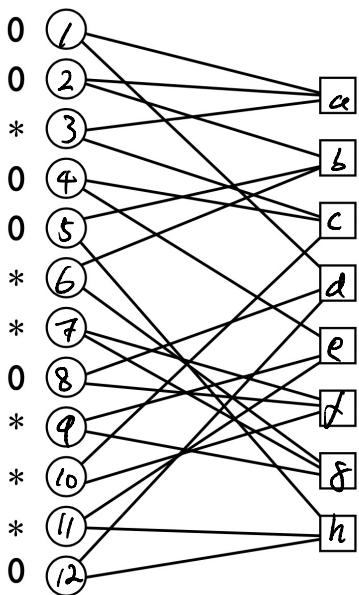
graph TD
    A[Update {m_i^{(t)}}] --> B[Draw fresh random graph]
    B --> C[Update {m_{a \rightarrow i}^{(t)}}]
    C --> D[Draw fresh random graph]
    D --> A

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$t = t_f$

and analyze this process

② Justify it is accurate if  $F(G)$  is random &  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , for fixed  $t \leq \log n$



\* Computation tree for  $m_{i \rightarrow a}^{(t)}(x_i)$

message from  $i \rightarrow a$ , after  $t$ -iterations of BP.

for  $t=1$

$$m_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)}(x_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_{3 \rightarrow c}^{(1)}(x_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)} = 0$$

$$x_{3 \rightarrow c}^{(1)} = *$$

Set.

Set.  $\{x_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)}\}$   
Histogram of this  $\{x_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)}\}$

Density:  $P_{G_{m,n}, BEC(\varepsilon)}^{(1)}(x=x) = \frac{1}{n}$

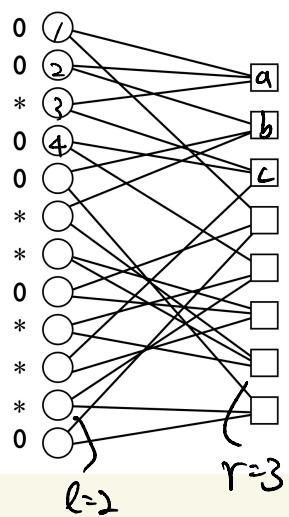
for a randomly chosen edge

$$Q. \mathbb{E}[P_{G_{m,n}, BEC(\varepsilon)}^{(1)}] =$$

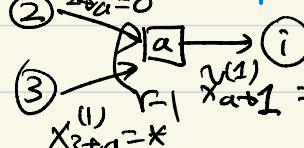
$$Q. \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} P_{G_{m,n}, BEC(\varepsilon)}^{(1)} =$$

for  $t=1$ ,  $\tilde{m}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(1)}(x_i)$

$\tilde{x}_{a \rightarrow i} \in \{0, 1, *\}$



local computation tree. at depth  $t=1$



$$\text{Histogram } \{\tilde{x}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(1)}\} = \tilde{P}_{G_{m,n}, BEC(\varepsilon)}^{(1)}(x=x) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P(\tilde{X}_{a \rightarrow 1}^{(1)} = x) = P(X_{2 \rightarrow a}^{(1)} = x \text{ or } X_{3 \rightarrow a}^{(1)} = x)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\tilde{\pi}^{(1)}$

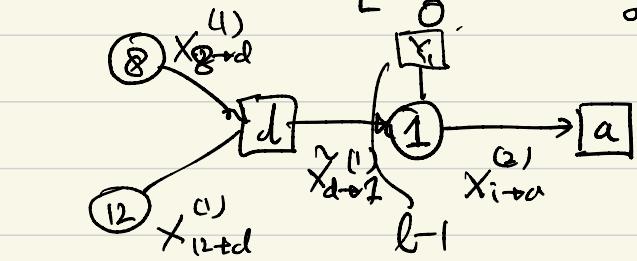
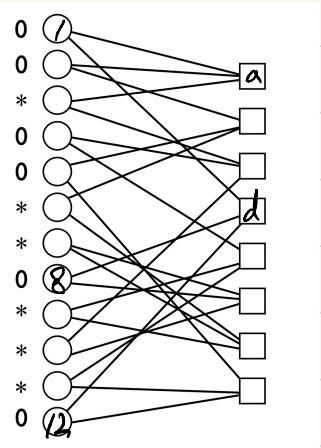
$$\tilde{g}^{(0)} = 1 - (1-g^{(1)})^{m_1} = 2$$

Completely justified if

$\{m_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)}\}$  was computed  
 and then we draw random edges again,  
 and compute  $\{\tilde{m}_{a \rightarrow i}^{(1)}\}$  and repeat.

$$g^{(2)} = \mathbb{P}(X_{i \rightarrow a}^{(2)} = *) = (\tilde{g}^{(1)})^{l-1} \cdot \varepsilon$$

$\left[ \begin{array}{ll} * & \text{if } \text{incong} \Rightarrow * \& X_i = * \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right]$



## Evolution of messages

$$\{m_{i \rightarrow a}^{(1)}\}$$

$$\left\{ \tilde{m}_{a\rightarrow i}^{(1)} \right\}$$

$$\{ M_{i+\alpha}^{(2)} \}$$

$$\{\tilde{M}_{a+i}^{(2)}\}$$

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## Evaluation of density (Histogram)

$$g^{(4)} \in [0,1] \quad g^{(1)} = \varepsilon$$

$\tilde{g}^{(1)}$

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$$\hat{z}^{(k)} = l - (1 - \hat{z}^{(k)})^{r-1}$$

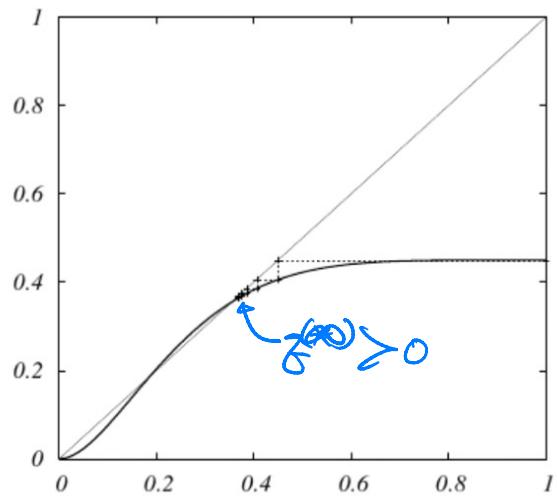
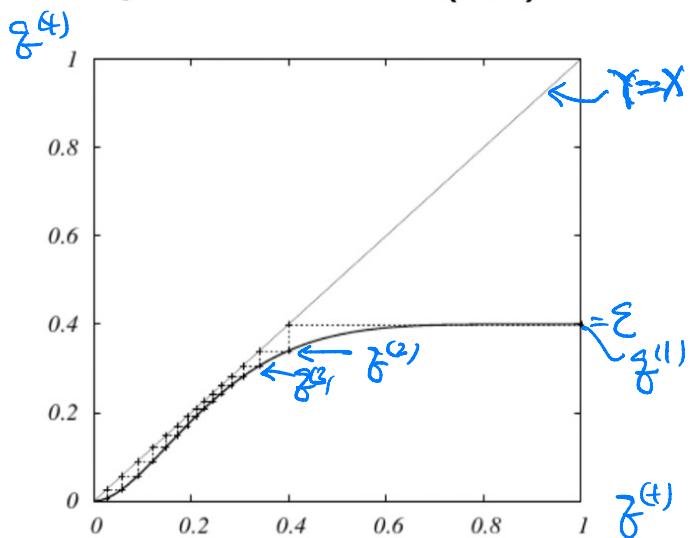
$$g^{(t)} = \varepsilon \cdot \left(\tilde{g}^{(t-1)}\right)^{\ell-1}$$

## Density Evolution Update

$$g^{(1)} = \varepsilon, \quad g^{(t+1)} = \varepsilon \cdot \left(1 - \left(1 - g^{(t+1)}\right)^{m-1}\right)^{t-1}$$

$$\tilde{g}^{(t+1)} = \varepsilon \cdot (1 - (1 - \tilde{g}^{(t)})^{r-1})^{l-1}$$

density evolution for (3,6) code with  $\varepsilon = 0.4$ (left) and  $0.45$ (right)



rate of this code = 0.5, threshold  $\varepsilon^* \simeq 0.4$ xxx,

Eventually  $\tilde{g}^\infty \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\Pr(X_{\text{iter}} = *) \rightarrow 0$$

Perfect decoding.

if  $\varepsilon = 0.4$

$$\tilde{g}^\infty > 0, 0.38\text{xxx}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(X_{\text{iter}} = *) = 0.38$$

if  $\varepsilon = 0.45$

bit-error-rate.

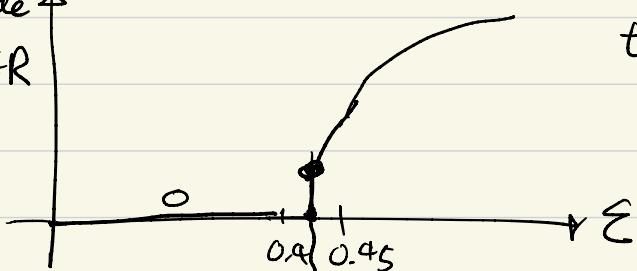
$$\Pr(X_i = *) = \varepsilon \cdot (1 - (1 - \tilde{g})^{r-1})^l$$

$$\prod_{i \in \text{err}_j} X_{i, *}$$

\* Important Consequence ①.

LDPC Codes have phase transition  
(l,r) code ↗

BER



the asymptotic BER curve  
has a discontinuity

$\varepsilon^* \leftarrow$  can compute with density evolution

\* Important Consequence (2)

we had  $\gamma = \varepsilon(1 - (1-\gamma)^{r-1})^{l-1}$  ← the solution

let's change it to  $(\frac{\gamma}{\varepsilon})^{\frac{1}{l-1}} = 1 - (1-\gamma)^{r-1}$

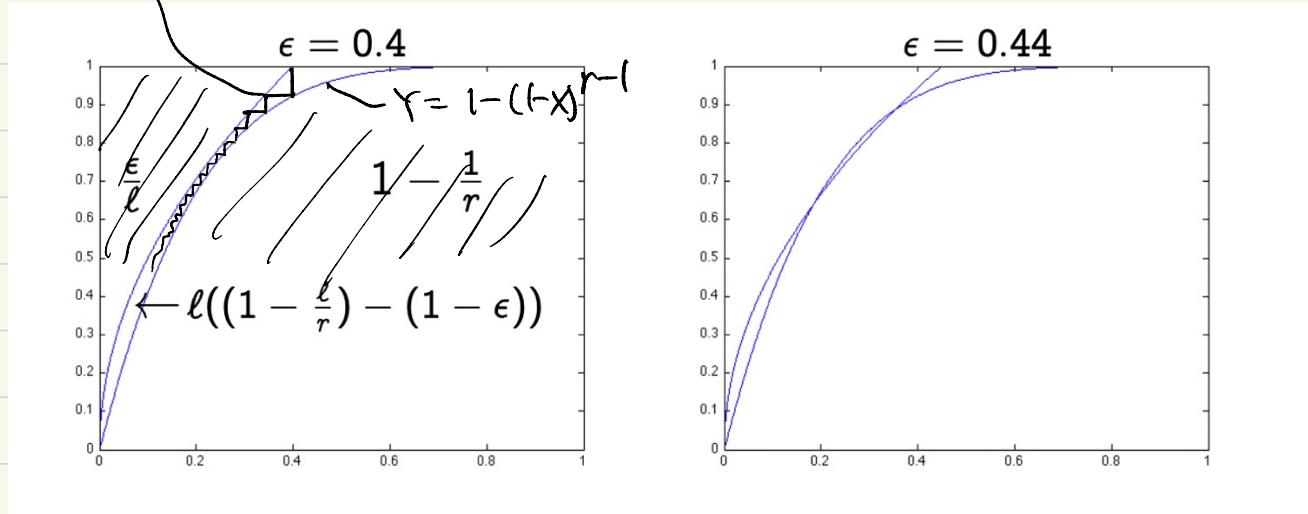
is the final error rate.

$$\gamma = (\frac{x}{\varepsilon})^{\frac{1}{l-1}}$$

plot

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$\gamma$



If we can design degree distribution  $\ell = [l_1 l_2 l_3 \dots l_{max}]$   
 $\Gamma = [$  ]

such that the gap closes → then we have a capacity achieving code.

$l_r$

Claim: for fixed  $t$ , the random graph is locally tree-like with probability one, as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(\text{local tree of depth } t \text{ is a tree}) \rightarrow 0$

⇒  $t$ -iterations of BP is performed on a random tree, so the 2 processes are statistically equivalent.