

# Chapter 6: Low-degree Hypergraph

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# Purpose of this chapter

- Prove Theorem 4.6 from Chapter 4
- Independent from the rest of the book
- The theorem is first stated in lattice form
- But it is more natural to present in terms of hyper-graph
- In this talk, we
  - Introduce and use hyper-graphs
  - Prove two related theorems
  - Prove the main theorem

# The theorem in lattice form

- The main theorem: if we have
  - A set  $Z$  of binary vectors in  $\{0,1\}^k$
  - Each vector has exactly  $h$  ones,  $k-h$  zeros
  - An integer  $n < k$  and a small  $\varepsilon$
  - Fulfilling the condition

$$|Z| \geq h! k^{4\sqrt{hn}/\varepsilon}$$

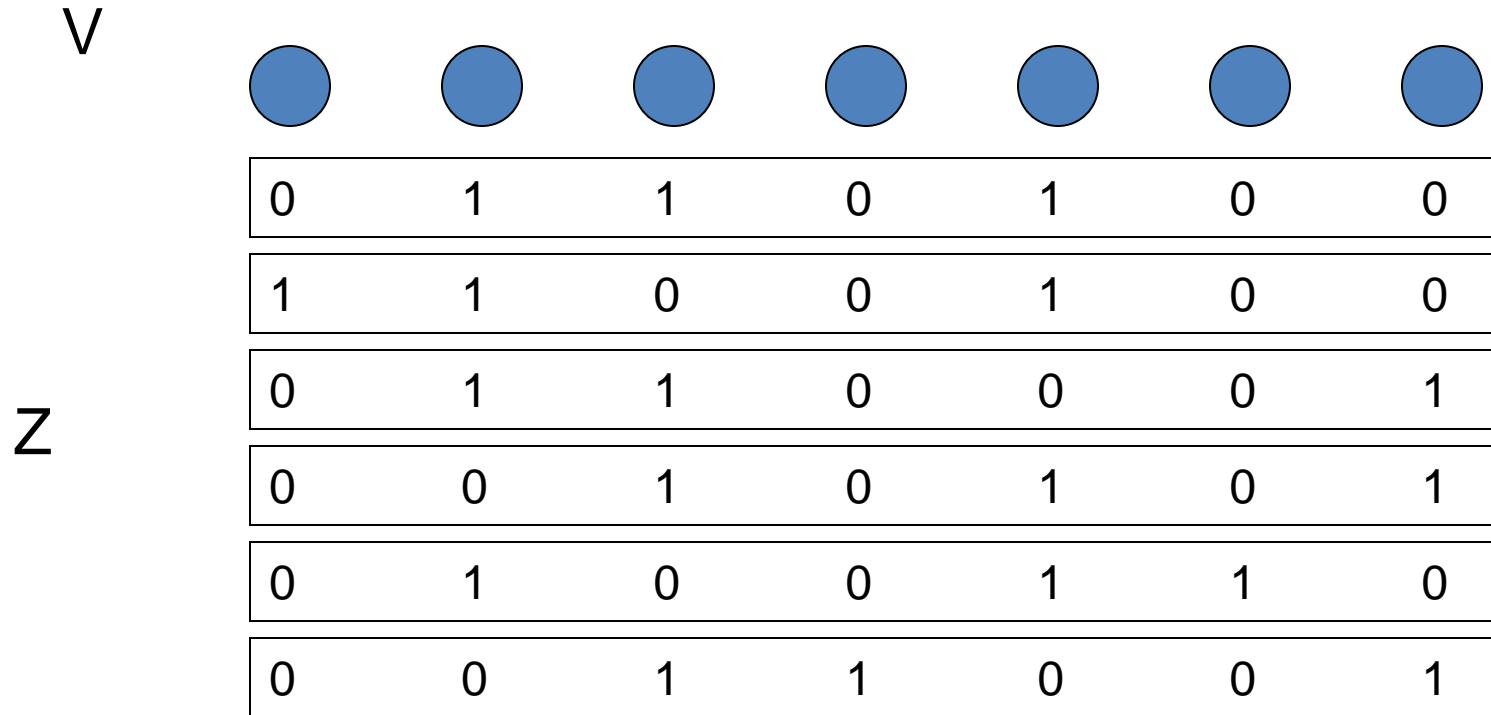
# The theorem in lattice form

- Then:
  - There exists a binary matrix  $T$  in  $\{0,1\}^{n \times k}$
  - Such that  $\{0,1\}^n \subseteq T(Z) = \{Tz : z \in Z\}$
  - Moreover, if  $T$  is randomly chosen such that each element is 1 with probability  $\varepsilon/(4hn)$
  - Then the event happens with probability at least  $1-6\varepsilon$

# Hyper-graph

- Graph:  $\{V, E\}$ 
  - $V$ : a set of vertices
  - $E$ : a set of edges  $e$ , where each  $e$  must be a set of two vertices
- Hyper-graph:  $\{V, Z\}$ 
  - $V$ : set of vertices
  - $Z$ : the set of hyper-edge  $z$ , where  $z$  can be any subset of  $V$
- Regular hyper-graph
  - For each  $z$  in  $Z$ , the size  $|z|$  is the same
  - All hyper-edges contains the same number of vertices
  - $h = |z|$  is called the degree of regular hyper-graph

# Hyper-graph representation



# The theorem in hyper-graph

- Let  $(V, Z)$  be a regular hyper-graph, degree  $h$ , and  $|V|=k$
- Let  $T=(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  be a sequence of random subsets of  $V$ 
  - Where in each  $T_i$  elements of  $V$  are picked independently with probability  $\varepsilon/(4hn)$
- Let  $U$  be any subset of  $V$ , define

$$T(U) = (|T_1 \cap U|, |T_2 \cap U|, \dots, |T_n \cap U|)$$

# The theorem in hyper-graph

- Define

$$T(Z) = \{T(U) : U \in Z\}$$

- The theorem:

- If  $|Z| \geq h!k^{4\sqrt{hn}/\varepsilon}$

- Then  $\{0,1\}^n \subseteq T(Z)$

- with probability at least  $1-6\varepsilon$



# Warm up before proving the main theorem

- Sauer's Lemma
  - (Lemma 6.1, 6.2)
- Weak version of the main theorem
  - (Lemma 6.3-6.7, Theorem 6.8)

# Sauer's Lemma

- It is a warm up for the main theorem, by assuming that each  $T_i$  only contains one element of  $V$

- Let  $G$  be a subset of  $V$ , define

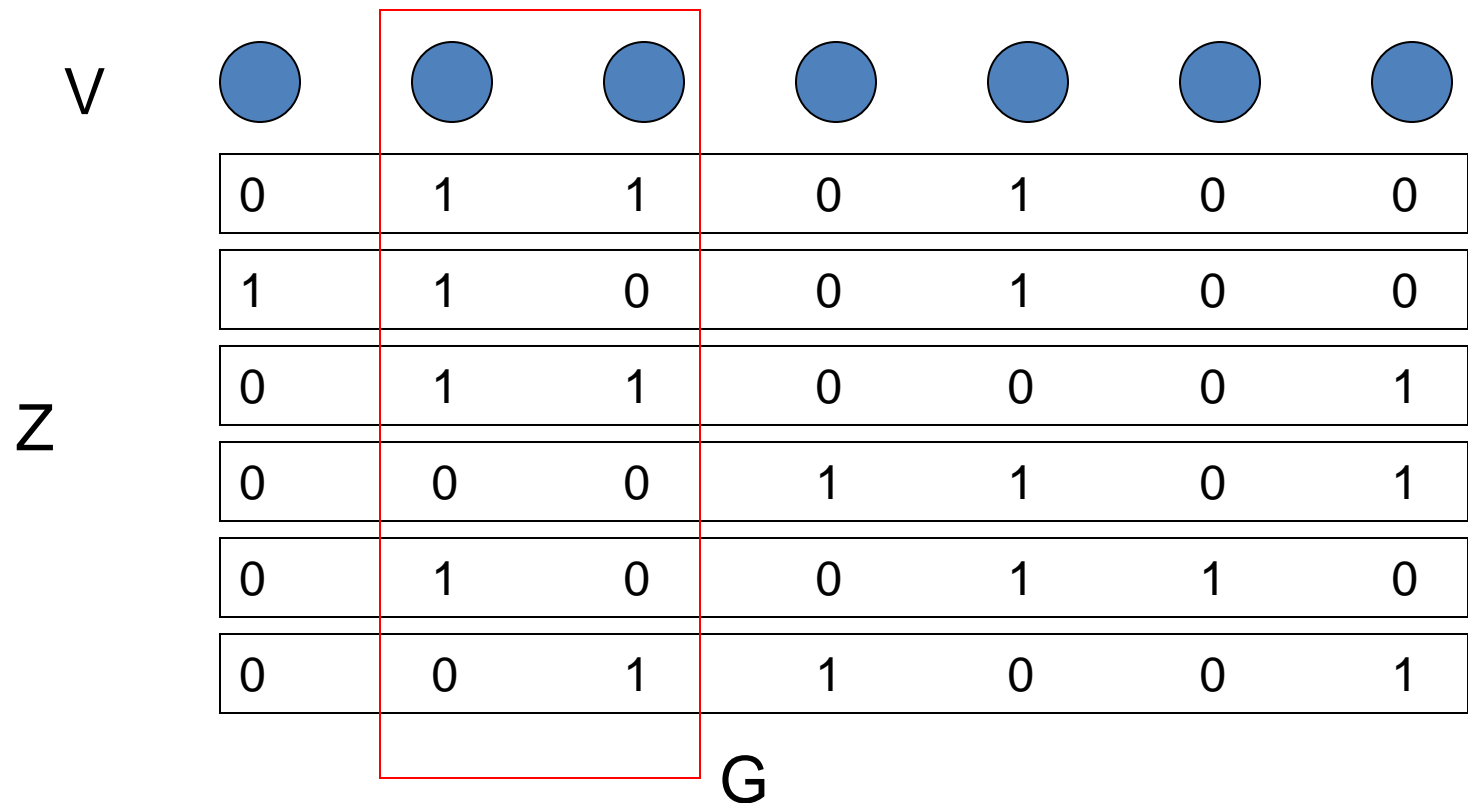
$$Z|_G = \{A \cap G : A \in Z\}$$

- Define the number of choices for choosing at most  $n$  from  $k$  elements as

$$[k, n] = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{k}{i}$$

# Sauer's Lemma (6.1)

- If  $|Z| \geq [k, n]$  then there exists a  $G$  of size  $n$  such that  $Z|_G$  is the power set of  $G$



# Sauer's Lemma

- The proof is done by induction
  - Case for  $[k,k]=2^k$  is trivial
  - Case for  $[k,0]=1$  is trivial
- Assume the Lemma holds for  $[k-1,n]$ ,  $[k-1,n-1]$ , we show for the case  $[k,n]$

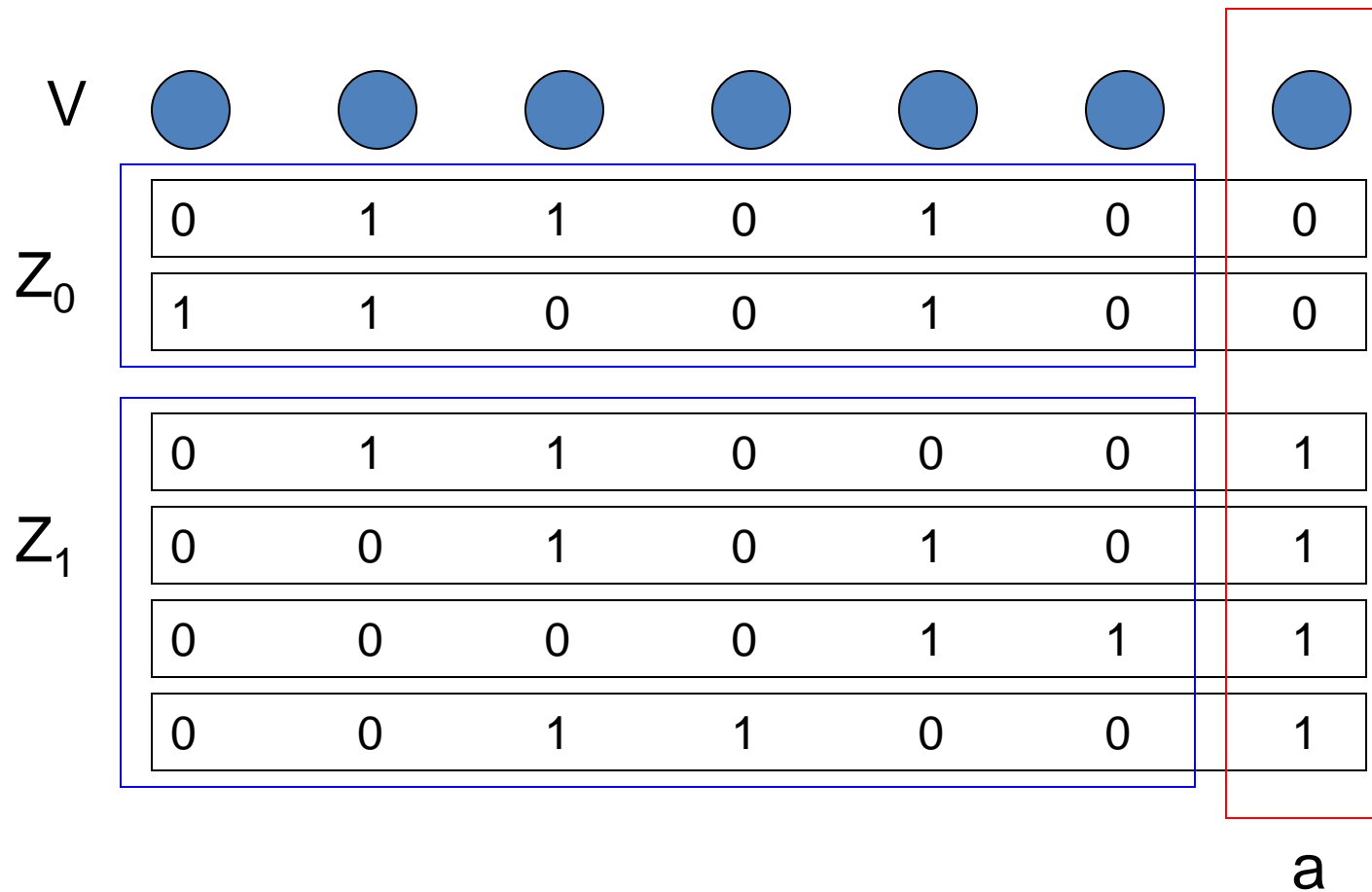
# Sauer's Lemma

- Pick an element  $a$  from  $V$  and define  $U = V \setminus \{a\}$
- Define

$$Z_0 = \{A \subseteq U : A \in Z\}$$

$$Z_1 = \{A \subseteq U : A \cup \{a\} \in Z\}$$

# Hyper-graph representation



# Sauer's Lemma

- Note that  $[k,n]=[k-1,n]+[k-1,n-1]$

- So

$$|Z_0 \cup Z_1| + |Z_0 \cap Z_1| = |Z|$$

$$\geq [k, n]$$

$$= [k-1, n] + [k-1, n-1]$$

- Therefore either  $|Z_0 \cup Z_1| \geq [k-1, n]$
- or  $|Z_0 \cap Z_1| \geq [k-1, n-1]$

# Sauer's Lemma

- If  $|Z_0 \cup Z_1| \geq [k-1, n]$
- Then there exists  $G$ , a subset of  $U$ , with  $|G|=n$ , such that  $(Z_0 \cup Z_1)|_G$  is the power set of  $G$  (by induction assumption on  $[k-1, n]$  with  $|U|=k-1$ ,  $|G|=n$ )
- Moreover  $(Z_0 \cup Z_1)|_G = Z|_G$ 
  - Since  $a \notin G$



# Sauer's Lemma

- If  $|Z_0 \cap Z_1| \geq [k-1, n-1]$
- Then there exists  $G'$  such that  $(Z_0 \cap Z_1)|_{G'}$  is the power set of  $G'$
- This is from inductive hypothesis, so we can only say that  $|G'| = n-1$
- We set  $G = G' \cup \{a\}$ 
  - Let  $A$  be any subset of  $G$
  - $A \setminus \{a\}$  is in both  $Z_0|_{G'}$  and  $Z_1|_{G'}$
  - $A$  is in  $Z|_G$

# Sauer's Lemma (6.2)

- Since  $\binom{n}{k} < k^n$
- We get this corollary
  - Let  $Z$  be a subset of  $\{0,1\}^n$ , if  $|Z| \geq k^n$  then there exists a matrix  $T$  in  $\{0,1\}^{n \times k}$
  - such that  $\{0,1\}^n \subseteq T(Z)$
  - Elements of  $Z$  need not be binary vectors of the same Hamming weight

# The weak theorem

- It is the foundation of the strong theorem
- Purpose of the weak theorem:
  - For the given hyper-graph  $(V,Z)$
  - A given  $x$  in  $\{0,1\}^n$
  - And a random  $T$
  - The probability that  $x$  is not in  $T(Z)$  is bounded
- There are three steps in the proof
  - Step 1: Exponential bound
  - Step 2: Investigate well spread properties
  - Step 3: Proof of the weak theorem

# Step 1: Exponential bound

- Lemma 6.3
  - Let  $x$  be a given binary vector in  $\{0,1\}^n$
  - Let  $U, U'$  be two subsets of  $V$  of size  $d$ 
    - While size of intersection of  $U, U'$  is  $r$
  - Let  $T=(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  be sequence of subsets of  $V$ 
    - For each  $T_i$ , each element of  $V$  is picked independently with probability  $p$
  - Then probability that  $x=T(U)=T(U')$  is

$$\Phi(r) = (1-p)^{(2d-r)n} \left( \frac{pr}{1-p} + \left( \frac{p(d-r)}{1-p} \right)^2 \right)^{\|x\|_1}$$

Where  $\|x\|_1$  denotes Hamming weight

# Exponential bound

- Proof of Lemma 6.3

- Since  $T_i$  are chosen independently

$$\Pr[T(U) = T(U') = x] = \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr[|T_i \cap U| = |T_i \cap U'| = x_i]$$

- We try to show that

$$\Pr[|T_i \cap U| = |T_i \cap U'| = x_i] = (1-p)^{2d-r} \left( \frac{pr}{1-p} + \left( \frac{p(d-r)}{1-p} \right)^2 \right)^{x_i}$$

# Proof of Lemma 6.3

- For  $x_i=0$  it is

$$\Pr[|T_i \cap U| = |T_i \cap U'| = 0] = (1-p)^{|U \cup U'|} = (1-p)^{2d-r}$$

– For  $T_i$  picking no elements from  $U$  or  $U'$

- For  $x_i=1$ , that is  $|T_i \cap U| = |T_i \cap U'| = 1$

–  $T_i$  has 1 element from intersection of  $U$  and  $U'$

– or  $T_i$  has 1 element from  $U \setminus U'$  and 1 element from  $U' \setminus U$

# Proof of Lemma 6.3

- Probability of the first case

$$|U \cap U'| \cdot p(1-p)^{|U \cup U'|-1} = (1-p)^{2d-r} \left( \frac{pr}{1-p} \right)$$

- Probability of the second case

$$|U \setminus U'| \cdot |U' \setminus U| \cdot p^2(1-p)^{|U \cup U'|-2} = (1-p)^{2d-r} \left( \frac{p(d-r)}{1-p} \right)^2$$

- These two cases are mutually exclusive

# Proof of Lemma 6.3

- Therefore we get the sum

$$\Pr[|T_i \cap U| = |T_i \cap U'| = 1] = (1-p)^{2d-r} \left( \frac{pr}{1-p} + \left( \frac{p(d-r)}{1-p} \right)^2 \right)$$

- Thus

$$\Pr[|T_i \cap U| = |T_i \cap U'| = x_i] = (1-p)^{2d-r} \left( \frac{pr}{1-p} + \left( \frac{p(d-r)}{1-p} \right)^2 \right)^{x_i}$$



# Corollary 6.4

- Set  $U=U'$  we have

$$\Pr_T[T(U) = x]$$

$$= \Phi(d)$$

$$= (1-p)^{dn} \left( \frac{pd}{1-p} \right)^{\|x\|_1}$$

# Exponential bound

- Proposition 6.5
  - Let  $(V, Z)$  be a regular hyper-graph, degree  $d$
  - Let  $T=(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  as defined before, using probability  $p$
  - $U, U'$  chosen randomly from  $Z$

• Then  $\Pr[x \notin T(Z)] \leq E_R[e^{\theta R}] - 1$

where

$$\theta = \frac{np}{1-p} + \frac{n}{pd^2}$$

$$R = |U \cap U'|$$

# Proof of Proposition 6.5

- Define indicator  $X_U=1$  if  $T(U)=x$  and  $X_U=0$  otherwise
- Define  $X=\sum X_U$  for all  $U$  in  $Z$
- $X=0$  if and only if  $x$  is not in  $T(Z)$
- $\Pr[X=0] \leq \Pr[|X-E[X]| \geq E[X]]$   
 $\leq \text{Var}[X]/(E[X])^2$  (Chebyshev inequality)

# Proof of Proposition 6.5

- To continue we compute  $E[X]$

$$E_T[X] = \sum_{U \in Z} E_T[X_U] = \sum_{U \in Z} \Pr_T[T(U) = x] = |Z| \cdot \Phi(d)$$

- And  $E[X^2]$

$$\begin{aligned} E_T[X^2] &= E_T\left[\left(\sum_{U \in Z} X_U\right)^2\right] \\ &= E_T\left[\sum_{U, U' \in Z} X_U \cdot X_{U'}\right] = \sum_{U, U' \in Z} \Pr_T[T(U) = T(U') = x] \\ &= |Z|^2 E[\Phi(R)] \end{aligned}$$

# Proof of Proposition 6.5

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr_T[x \notin T(Z)] &\leq \frac{E[\Phi(R)]}{\Phi(d)^2} - 1 \\
 &= E_R[(1-p)^{-nR} \left( \frac{(1-p)R}{pd^2} + \left(1 - \frac{R}{d}\right)^2 \right)^{\|x\|_1}] - 1 \\
 &< E_R \left[ \left(1 + \frac{p}{1-p}\right)^{nR} \left(\frac{R}{pd^2} + 1\right)^n \right] - 1 && \text{Increase value of some terms} \\
 &< E_R \left[ e^{\frac{pnR}{1-p}} e^{\frac{nR}{pd^2}} \right] - 1 && (1+1/x)^x < e \\
 &= E_R[e^{R\theta} - 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

# Step 2: Well spread hyper-graph

- The previous result depends on R
- We investigate R in this part through well spread hyper-graph
- Definition:  $(V, Z)$  is well spread if for all subset of  $V$  (denoted by  $W$ ) of size at most  $d$ , the fraction of hyper-edges containing  $W$  is limited by

$$\frac{|\{U \in Z : W \subseteq U\}|}{|Z|} \leq \frac{1}{d(d-1)\dots(d-|W|+1)} = \frac{(d-|W|)!}{d!}$$

# Well spread hyper-graph

- Lemma 6.6
  - Let  $(V, Z)$  be a regular and well spread hyper-graph, degree  $d$
  - Choose  $U$  and  $U'$  uniformly from  $Z$  independently
  - Let  $R = |U \cap U'|$
  - Then for all  $r > 0$ , we have

$$\Pr[R \geq r] < \frac{1}{r!}$$

# Proof of Lemma 6.6

- Proof: in the following we can assume  $U$  is fixed while  $U'$  is random

- If  $|U \cap U'| \geq r$

- Then  $U'$  contains a subset of  $U$  of size  $r$

- So

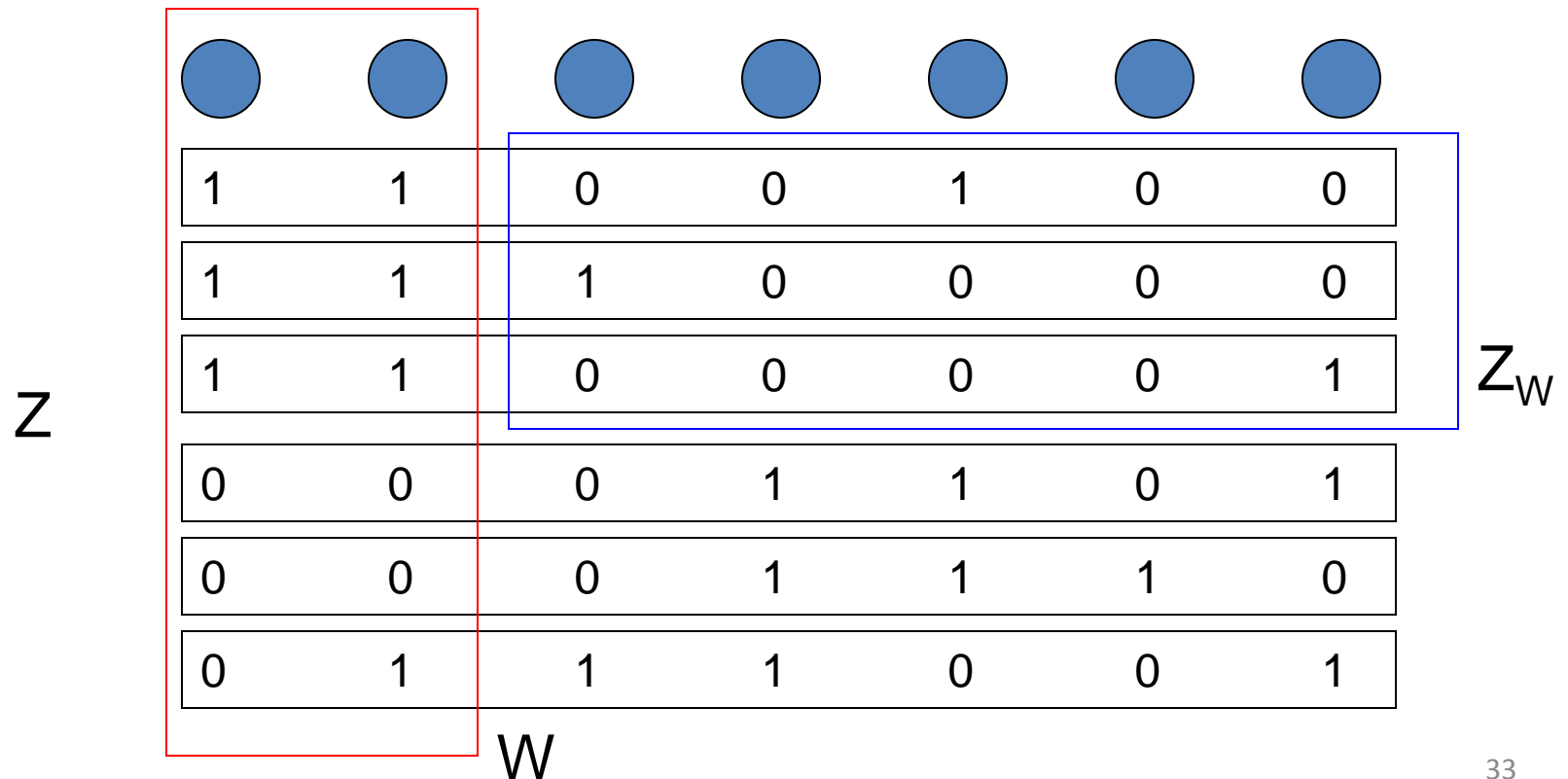
$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{U'}[|U \cap U'| \geq r] &\leq \sum_{W \in \binom{U}{r}} \Pr_{U'}[W \subseteq U'] \\ &= \sum_{W \in \binom{U}{r}} \frac{|\{U' \in Z : W \subseteq U'\}|}{|Z|} \leq \binom{d}{r} \frac{(d-r)!}{d!} = \frac{1}{r!} \end{aligned}$$



# Well spread hyper-graph

- Definition: For any  $W$  which is subset of  $V$ , the induced hyper-graph is defined by

$$Z_W = \{U \subseteq V \setminus W : U \cup W \in Z\}$$



# Well spread hyper-graph

- Properties of induced hyper-graphs
  - $|Z|$  is well spread if for every  $W$  of size at most  $d$ ,
$$|Z_W| \leq \frac{(d - |W|)!}{d!} |Z|$$
  - $Z_W$  is regular with degree  $d' = d - |W|$ , where  $d$  is degree of  $Z$
  - If  $|W| = 0$  then  $Z = Z_W$
  - If  $W \cap W' = \emptyset$ 
    - Then  $(Z_W)_{W'} = Z_{W \cup W'}$
    - Otherwise  $(Z_W)_{W'}$  is empty

# Lemma 6.7

- For any regular hyper-graph  $(V,Z)$  of degree  $h$ , there exists  $W$  such that  $(V,Z_W)$  is well spread, and
$$|Z_W| > |Z| / h!$$
- Proof:
  - If  $(V,Z)$  is well spread, then set  $W$  to be empty (trivial case)
  - Otherwise  $(V,Z)$  is not well spread, by definition there is at least one  $W$  size at most  $h$  such that

$$|Z_W| > \frac{(h - |W|)!}{h!} |Z|$$

- Observe that this cannot be true for all  $W$

# Lemma 6.7

- Let  $W$  be maximal (of size) in all sets fulfilling the condition (choose any if there are more than one)
- $|Z_W| > |Z|/h!$  is obviously true
- $Z_W$  is of degree  $d = h - |W|$
- Next, for any  $U$  that is subset of  $V$ 
  - If  $U$  is empty  $|(Z_W)_U| = |Z_W|$
  - If  $U$  and  $W$  intersect then  $|(Z_W)_U| = 0$

# Lemma 6.7

- Assume  $U$  is not empty and does not intersect with  $W$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(Z_W)_U| &= |Z_{W \cup U}| \\
 &\leq \frac{(h - |W \cup U|)!}{h!} |Z| && \text{Maximality of } W \\
 &= \frac{(h - |W| - |U|)!}{(h - |W|)!} \frac{(h - |W|)!}{h!} |Z| \\
 &< \frac{(d - |U|)!}{d!} |Z_W|
 \end{aligned}$$

- This is true for any  $U$ , so  $Z_W$  is well spread

# Step 3: The weak theorem

- Theorem 6.8: for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$ , positive integer  $n$  and degree  $h$  hyper-graph  $(V,Z)$  such that  $|Z| \geq h!|V|^{\sqrt{hn}/\varepsilon}$
- Choose  $T=(T_1, \dots, T_n)$  where  $T_i$  are subsets of  $V$  picking elements of  $V$  independently with probability  $p=\varepsilon/(hn)$
- Then for every  $x$  in  $\{0,1\}^n$   
 $\Pr[x \in T(Z)] > 1 - 5\varepsilon$

# Proof of theorem 6.8

- Lemma 6.7 says there is a  $W$  such that  $(V, Z_W)$  is well spread and also

$$|Z_W| \geq |Z| / h! > |V|^{\sqrt{hn}/\varepsilon}$$

- Let  $F$  be the event of having none of elements in  $W$  are in any of  $T_i$

– We have  $\Pr[\sim F] \leq |W|np \leq hnp = \varepsilon$

- Also note that

$$\Pr_T[x \notin T(Z) \mid F] \leq \Pr_T[x \notin T(Z_W)]$$

# Proof of theorem 6.8

- Let  $d$  be the degree of  $Z_W$
- Since  $|V|^{\sqrt{hn}/\varepsilon} < |Z_W| \leq \binom{|V|}{d} < |V|^d$
- We have  $d > \sqrt{hn}/\varepsilon$
- Next, with Proposition 6.5

$$\Pr_T[x \notin T(Z_W)] \leq E[e^{R\theta}] - 1$$

- Where  $R$  is the size of intersection of two random elements in  $Z_W$



# Proof of theorem 6.8

$$\theta = \frac{np}{1-p} + \frac{n}{pd^2}$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon}{h - \varepsilon/n} + \frac{hn^2}{\varepsilon d^2}$$

$$hnp = \varepsilon$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon} + \frac{hn^2}{\varepsilon d^2}$$

$$< \frac{\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon} + \varepsilon$$

$$d > \sqrt{hn}/\varepsilon$$

# Proof of theorem 6.8

- $Z_W$  is well spread, so  $\Pr[R \geq r] < 1/r!$

- So 
$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{R\theta}] &= \sum_{r \geq 0} e^{r\theta} \Pr[R = r] \\ &= \sum_{r \geq 0} e^{r\theta} (\Pr[R \geq r] - \Pr[R \geq r + 1]) \\ &= \sum_{r \geq 0} e^{r\theta} \Pr[R \geq r] + \sum_{r \geq 1} e^{(r-1)\theta} \Pr[R \geq r] \\ &= 1 + (1 - e^{-\theta}) \sum_{r \geq 1} e^{r\theta} \Pr[R \geq r] \\ &< 1 + \theta \sum_{r \geq 1} \frac{e^{r\theta}}{r!} && \text{Because } 1 - e^{-x} < x \\ &= 1 + \theta(e^{e^\theta} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

# Proof of theorem 6.8

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[x \notin T(Z)] \\ &= \Pr[x \notin T(Z) \mid F] \Pr[F] + \Pr[x \notin T(Z) \mid \bar{F}] \Pr[\bar{F}] \\ &\leq \Pr[x \notin T(Z) \mid F] + \Pr[\bar{F}] \\ &\leq \varepsilon + \theta(e^{e^\theta} - 1) \\ &< \varepsilon + \varepsilon \left(1 + \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon}\right) \left(e^{e^{\varepsilon \left(1 + \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon}\right)}} - 1\right) \\ &< 5\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

$\left(1 - \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon}\right) \rightarrow 2$   
 $e^{e^\theta} \rightarrow e \approx 2.7$

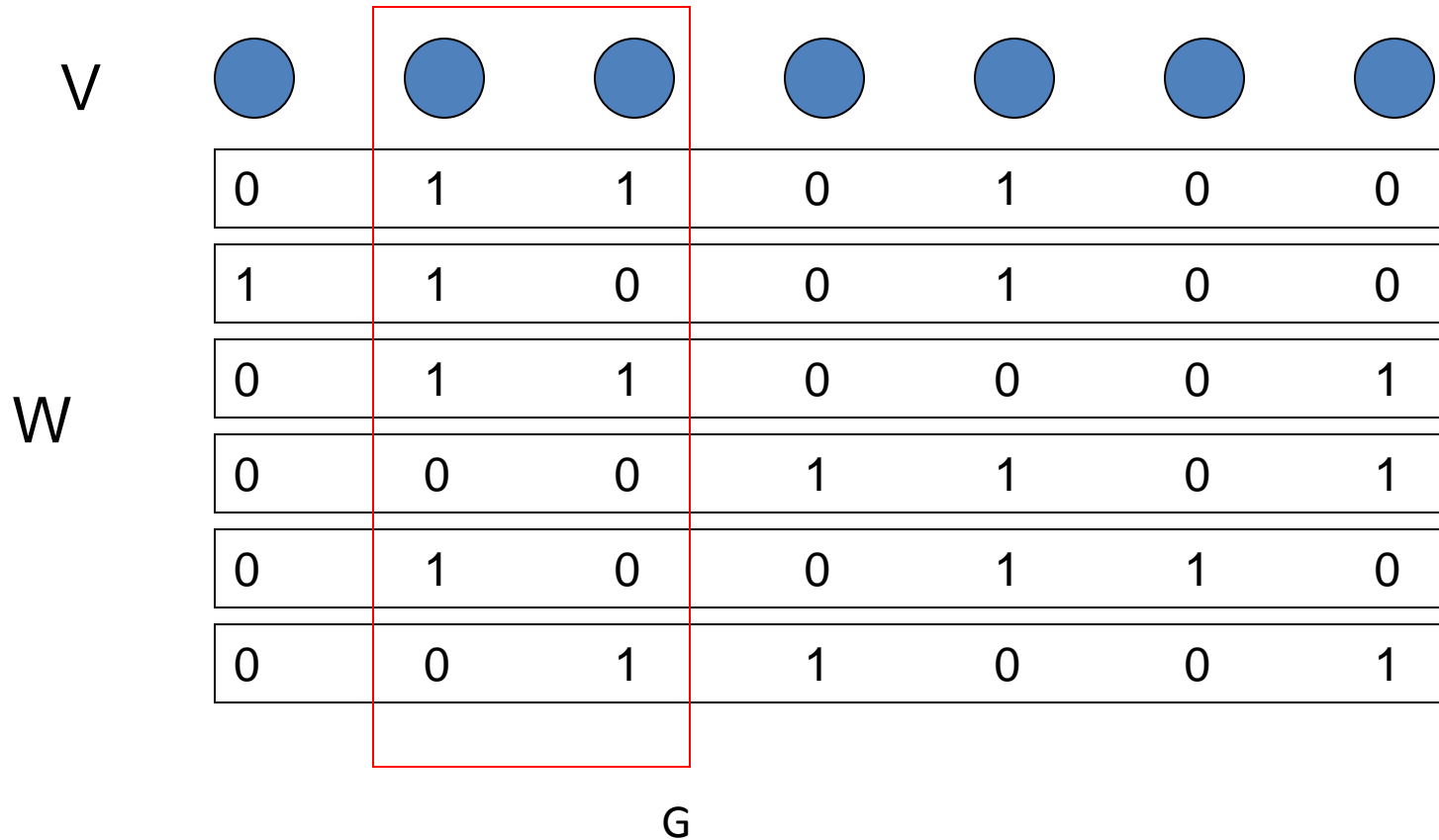
For sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$

# The final theorem

- The weak theorem is only about bounding the probability of failure for one  $x$
- Before the proving the final theorem, we need the following probabilistic version of Sauer's Lemma
- Lemma 6.9: Let  $|V|=n$ . Let  $W$  be a set of hyper-edges and  $G$  is uniformly selected from all subsets of  $V$ , and  $\rho(G)$  is the power set of  $G$ , then

$$\Pr_G[W|_G = \rho(G)] \geq \frac{|W|}{2^n}$$

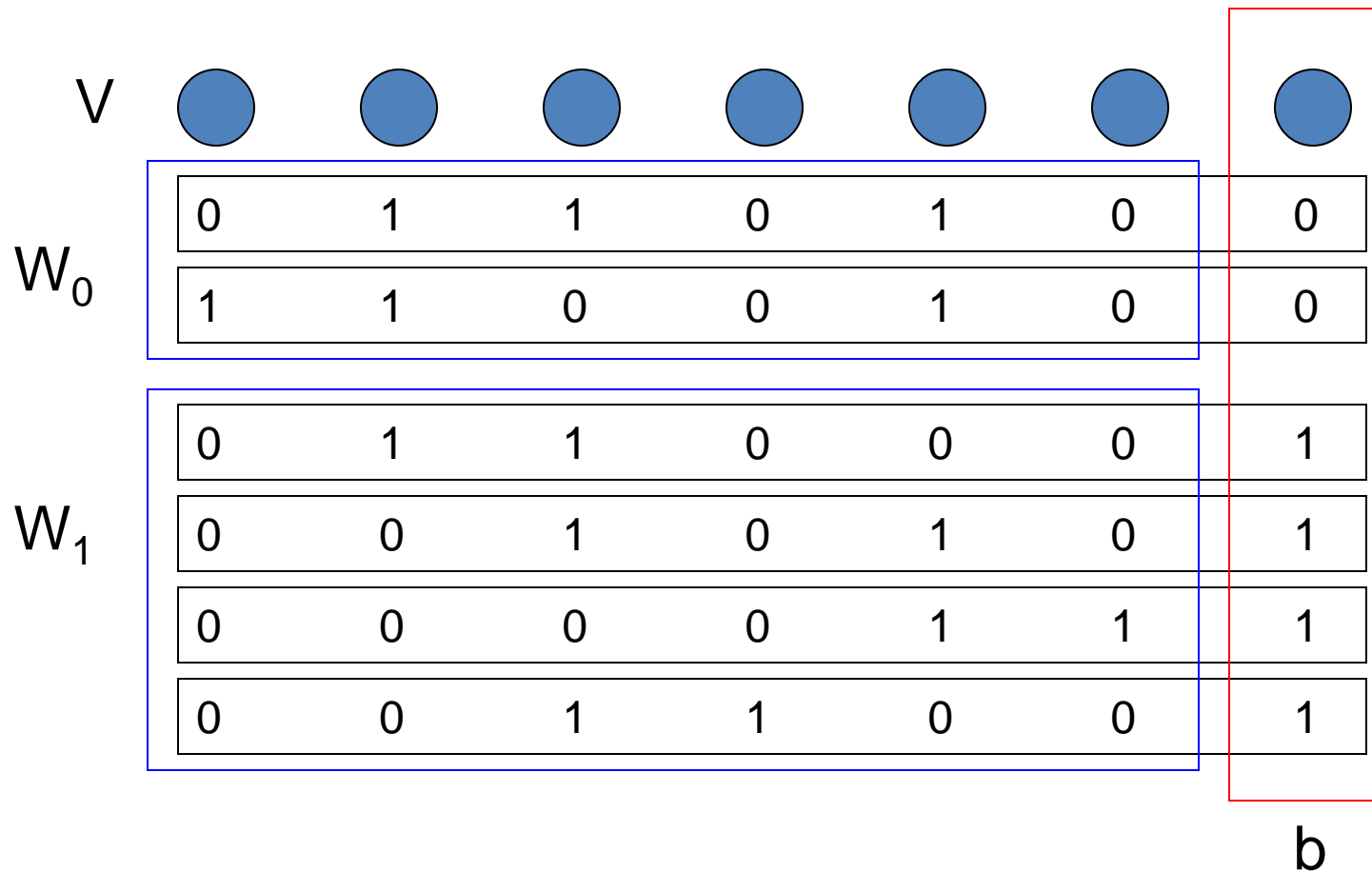
# Hyper-graph illustration



# Proof of Lemma 6.9

- Proof is by induction on  $n$ , which is trivial for  $n=0$ . If the statement is true for  $n$ , add a new element  $b$  to  $V$
- For any hyper-graph  $(V,W)$
- Define  $W_0$  and  $W_1$  same as Lemma 6.1 based on  $b$
- Select  $G$ , define  $G' = G \setminus \{b\}$

# Hyper-graph representation



# Proof of Lemma 6.9

- If  $b$  is not in  $G$  and  $(W_0 \cup W_1)|_{G'} = \rho(G')$ 
  - Then  $W|_G = \rho(G)$
- If  $b$  is in  $G$  and  $(W_0 \cap W_1)|_{G'} = \rho(G')$ 
  - Then  $W|_G = \rho(G)$  too
- These two events are mutually exclusive
- And  $b$  is in  $G$  with  $\frac{1}{2}$  chance
- Also, induction hypothesis can be applied on  $W_0$  and  $W_1$



# Proof of Lemma 6.9

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[W|_G = \rho(G)] \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \Pr[(W_0 \cap W_1)|_{G'} = \rho(G')] + \frac{1}{2} \Pr[(W_0 \cup W_1)|_{G'} = \rho(G')] \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{|W_0 \cap W_1|}{2^n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{|W_0 \cup W_1|}{2^n} \right) \\ & = \frac{|W|}{2^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

# Finally... (Theorem 4.6)

- The trick is to use a larger  $T'$  in  $\{0,1\}^{4n \times k}$  and then shrink it
- Each entry is 1 with probability  $p=e/(4hn)$
- Next, choose a random  $G$  as subset of  $\{1,\dots,4n\}$
- If  $|G| \geq n$ , set  $T$  as the  $n$  by  $k$  matrix using rows of  $T'$  selected by first  $n$  elements of  $G$
- If  $|G| < n$ , then select  $T$  randomly
- The change is only mental
  - Distribution of  $T$  is unchanged

# Proof of theorem 4.6

- Define  $W = T'(Z) \cap \{0,1\}^{4n}$
- If  $|G| \geq n$  and  $\{0,1\}^{|G|} \subseteq W|_G$ 
  - Then  $\{0,1\}^n \subseteq T(Z)$

W

0	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1

G

# Proof of theorem 4.6

- We investigate separately the probability of  $|G| < n$  and  $\{0,1\}^{|G|} \subseteq W|_G$
- Note that  $E[|G|] = 2n$  and  $\text{Var}[|G|] = n$  from binomial distribution
- For sufficiently large  $n$ , using Chebyshev inequality

$$\Pr[|G| < n] < \Pr[||G| - E[|G|]| < n] < \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon$$

# Proof of theorem 4.6

$$\Pr_{G,T'}[\{0,1\}^{|G|} \subseteq W|_G]$$

$$= E_{T'}[E_G[\Pr[\{0,1\}^{|G|} \subseteq W|_G]]]$$

$$\geq E_{T'}\left[\frac{|W|}{2^{4n}}\right]$$

Lemma 6.9

$$= E_{T'}\left[\Pr_{x \in \{0,1\}^{4n}}[x \in W]\right]$$

$$= E_{x \in \{0,1\}^{4n}}\left[\Pr_{T'}[x \in T'(Z)]\right]$$

$$\geq \min_{x \in \{0,1\}^{4n}} \Pr_{T'}[x \in T'(Z)]$$

$$\geq 1 - 5\varepsilon$$

Theorem 6.8

# Proof of theorem 4.6

- So  $\Pr[|G| < n] < \varepsilon$
- And  $\Pr_{G,T'}[\{0,1\}^{|G|} \not\subseteq W|_G] < 5\varepsilon$
- Therefore the probability that T satisfies theorem 4.6 is at least  $1-6\varepsilon$

Thank you very much for  
listening

Q&A session