

# Graph limits meet Markov chains

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# Notions of graph convergence and limits

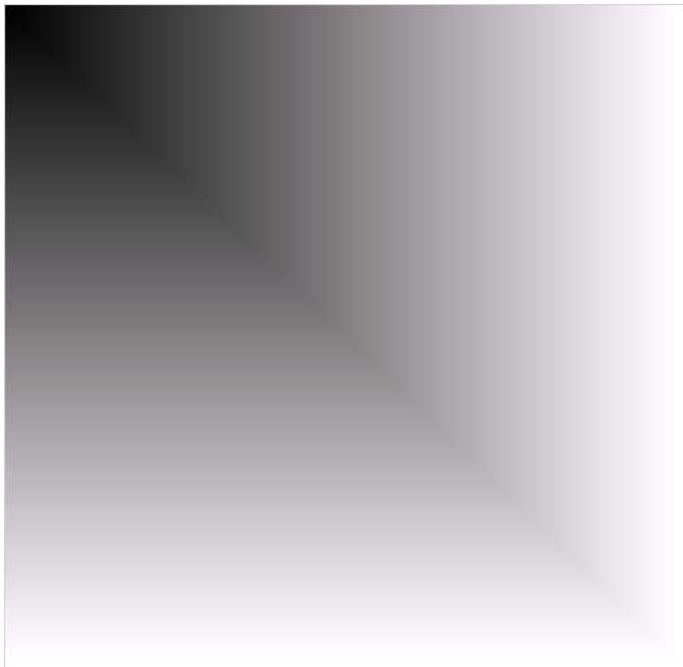
Dense graphs: local (left-) convergence

Borgs-Chayes-L-Sós-Vesztergombi; Razborov

Limit objects: graphons

$W: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$ ,  
symmetric, measurable

L - Szegedy



Extending graph theory to graphons  
Connectivity, matchings, automorphisms,  
extremal graphs,...

# Notions of graph convergence and limits

Bounded degree: local convergence

Limit objects: involution-invariant distributions on rooted graphs

Benjamini - Schramm

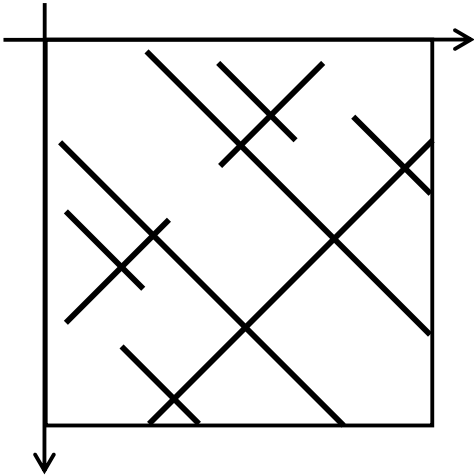
*All?*

# Notions of graph convergence and limits

Bounded degree: local-global convergence

Bollobás - Riordan

Limit objects: graphings (bounded degree Borel-measurable graphs with a measure-preserving property)



Hatami-L-Szegedy

Extending graph theory to graphings  
Matchings, flows, expansion, edge-coloring,...

# What about inbetween?

Limit of: *hypercubes?*

*incidence graphs of finite projective planes?*

*stars?*

*1-subdivisions of complete graphs?*

$L^p$ -convergence →  $L^p$ -graphon Borgs, Chayes, Cohn, Zhao

Scaled convergence → graphoning Frenkl

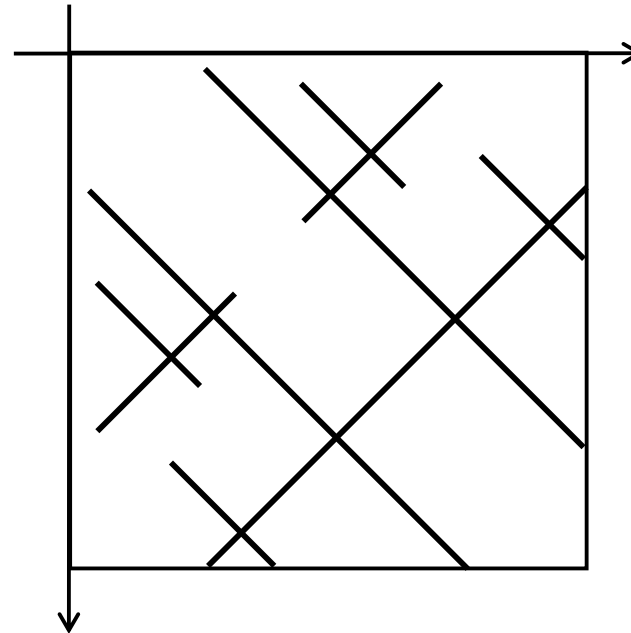
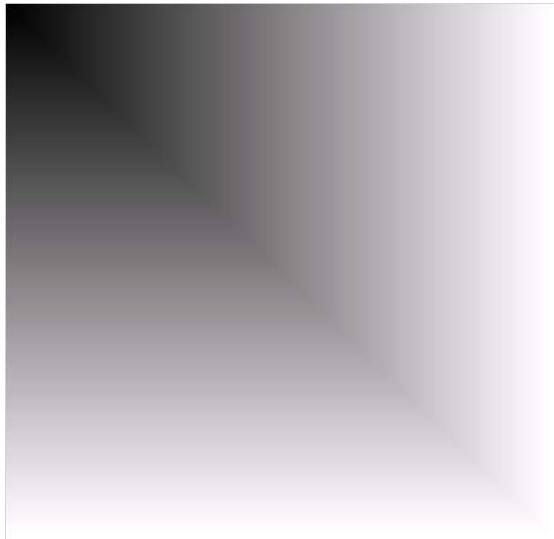
Shape convergence →  $s$ -graphon Kunszenti-Kovács, L, Szegedy

Action convergence → graphop Backhausz, Szegedy

# Common in limit structures

(Borel) sigma-algebra + random node + random edge

Random walk / Markov chain



# Basic setup

$\mathcal{A}$ : standard Borel sigma-algebra (e.g. Borel sets of  $[0,1]$ )

$J$ : its underlying set ( $J = \cup \mathcal{A}$ )

$M(\mathcal{A})$ : set of finite signed measures on  $\mathcal{A}$  (Banach space)

$\mu^*$ : flip coordinates in  $\mu \in M(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A})$

Symmetric measure:  $\mu = \mu^*$

$\mu^1(A) = \mu(J \times A)$ ,  $\mu^2(A) = \mu(A \times J)$ : marginals of  $\mu$

# Markov chains, schemes and spaces

**Markov chain:** random variables  $(w^0, w^1, w^2, \dots)$  such that  $w^{i+1}$  depends only on  $w^i$

**Markov kernel:**  $(J, \mathcal{A}, (P_u))$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a (Borel) sigma-algebra on  $J$ ,  
 $\forall u \in J: P_u$  probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  
 $P_u(A)$  measurable function of  $u$ .

**Markov space:**  $(J, \mathcal{A}, \eta)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a (Borel) sigma-algebra on  $J$ ,  
 $\eta$  is a probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}^2$ ,  $\eta^1 = \eta^2$ .  
( $\eta$  is symmetric  $\Leftrightarrow$  time reversible chain)



# Markov chains, schemes and spaces

Markov kernel + starting distribution  $\Leftrightarrow$  Markov chain

Markov kernel + stationary distribution  $\Leftrightarrow$  Markov space

**Stationary distribution:**  $\pi(X) = \int_J P_u(X) d\pi(u) = \eta^1 = \eta^2$

**Ergodic circulation:**  $\eta(A \times B) = \int_A P_u(B) d\pi(u)$

Markov space + node distribution  $\Leftrightarrow$  s-graphon, graphop

# Markov spaces: examples

Graphons (bounded or unbounded) and graphings

Orthogonality spaces

*Are Markov spaces rich enough to allow nontrivial generalization of graph theory?*

Sampling and subgraph density

Flow theory

Random walks

Expanders and spectra

Cut distance, counting lemma

Regularity partitions

# Subgraph densities in (dense) graphs

$\text{Hom}(F, G) = \{\text{adjacency preserving maps } V(F) \rightarrow V(G)\}$

$$t(F, G) = \frac{|\text{Hom}(F, G)|}{|V(G)|^{|V(F)|}} = P(\text{random } V(F) \rightarrow V(G) \text{ preserves edges})$$

$$t^*(F, G) = \frac{t(F, G)}{t(K_2, G)^{|E(F)|}}$$

Sidorenko–Simonovits Conjecture:

$$F \text{ bipartite} \Rightarrow t^*(F, G) \geq 1 \quad (\forall G)$$

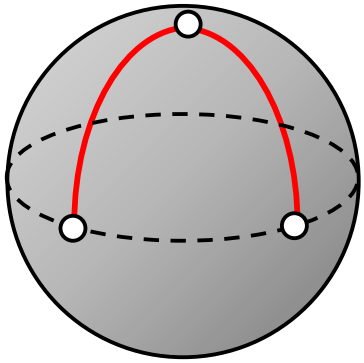
# Subgraph densities in graphons

Normalize:  $t(K_2, W) = \int_{[0,1]^2} W(x, y) dx dy = 1 \quad \forall x$

$$t^*(F, W) = t(F, W) = \int_{[0,1]^{V(F)}} \prod_{ij \in E(F)} W(x_i, x_j) dx$$

$W^F(x) = \prod_{ij \in E(F)} W(x_i, x_j)$ : density function of a measure  
on homomorphisms  $F \rightarrow W$ .

# Important example: orthogonality graph

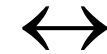


orthogonality graph  $H_d$

$\eta$ : uniform distribution

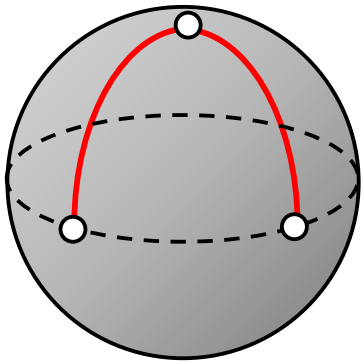
on orthogonal pairs

homomorphism of  $G$  into  $H_d$

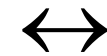


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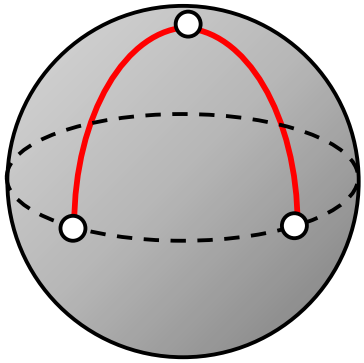
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*density? „random copy“?*

$C_3$ : prob. measure: trivial  
density: nontrivial

$C_4$ : trouble!      $C_5$ : nontrivial

# Important example: orthogonality graph



$$t^*(T, G) = 1 \quad (T \text{ tree})$$

$$t^*(K_3, H_3) = \frac{2}{\pi}, \quad t^*(K_3, H_4) = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad t^*(K_3, H_5) = \frac{8}{3\pi}, \dots$$

$$t^*(C_4, H_3) = \infty, \quad t^*(C_4, H_4) = \frac{2}{3\pi^2}, \dots$$



# Important example: orthogonality graph

$G$  has an orthonormal rep in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  in general position

$\Leftrightarrow G$  is  $(n-d)$ -connected

$\Leftrightarrow \bar{G}$  contains no complete bipartite subgraph on  $d+1$  nodes

any  $d$  vectors are  
linearly independent

L-Saks-Schrijver

# Important example: orthogonality graph

$G$  has a homomorphism into  $H_d$  in general position

$\Leftrightarrow G$  contains no complete bipartite subgraph on  $d+1$  nodes

- map  $G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  sequentially, each node uniform on the sphere orthogonal to previous neighbors;
- show that distribution of this map ~~is independent~~ depends absolutely continuously on the order;
- **figure out Radon-Nikodym derivatives.**

# Subgraph measures in Markov spaces

**Markov space:**  $M=(J, \mathcal{A}, \eta)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  is a (Borel) sigma-algebra on  $J$ ,  
 $\eta$  is a symmetric probability measure on  $\mathcal{A}^2$ .

**$G=(V,E)$ :** simple graph

No general notion of homomorphisms  $G \rightarrow M$

edge set  $\lll$  edge measure  $\eta$

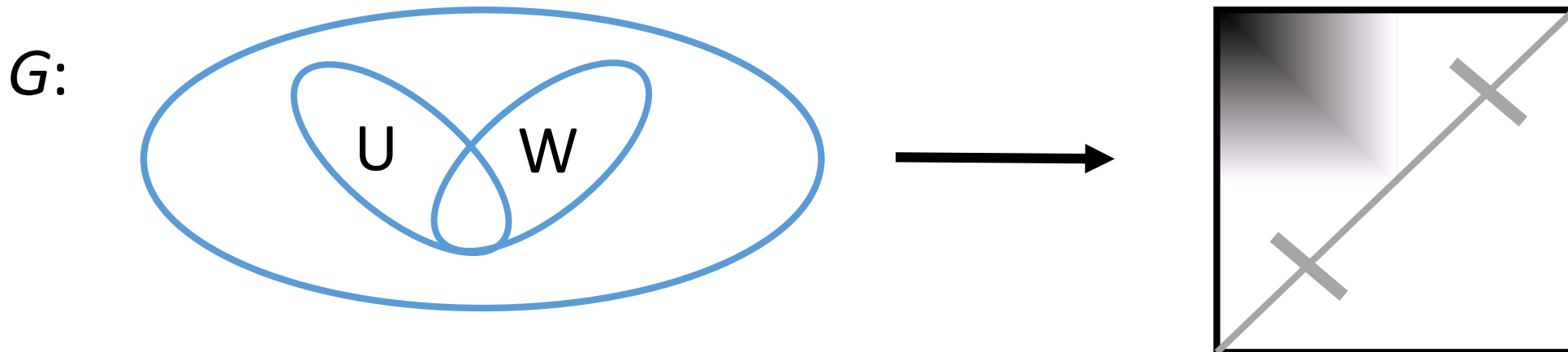
Hom set  $\lll$  homomorphism measure  $\eta^G$  on  $J^V$

# Axioms for subgraph measures

(i) Normalization:  $\eta^{K_1} = \pi, \eta^{K_2} = \eta$

(ii) Decreasing: marginal of  $\eta^G$  on  $S \subseteq V$  is abs. continuous w.r.t.  $\eta^{G[S]}$

(iii) Markovian:  $U, W \subseteq V$ , no edge between  $U \setminus W$  and  $W \setminus U \Rightarrow$   
for almost all  $z \in \mathcal{J}^{U \cap W}$ ,  $(\eta^{G[U \cup W]} | z) = (\eta^{G[U]} | z) \times (\eta^{G[W]} | z)$



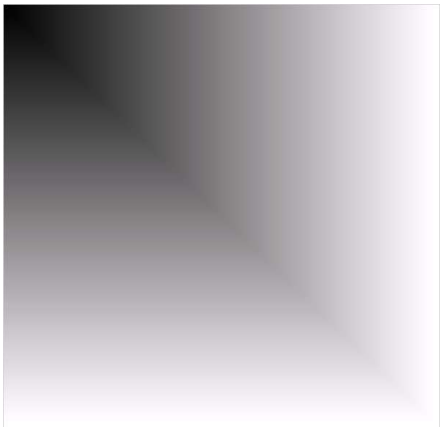
# k-loose Markov spaces

$y$ : random point from  $\pi$

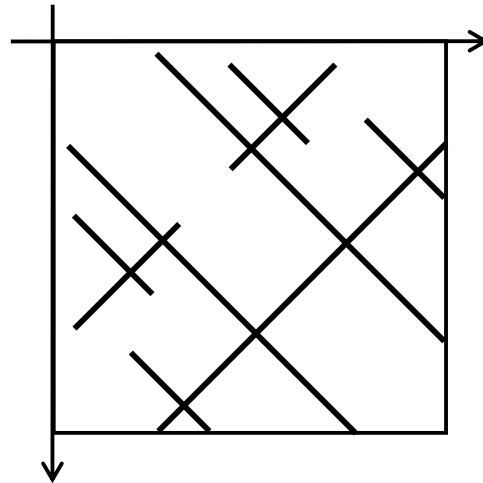
$x_1, \dots, x_k$ : independent Markov chain steps from  $y$

$\sigma_k$ : joint distribution of  $(x_1, \dots, x_k)$

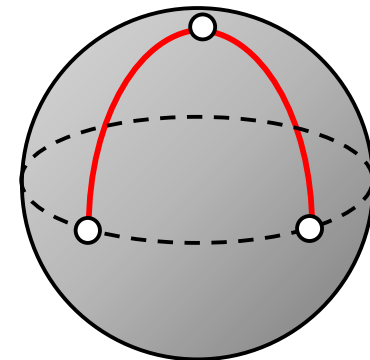
$k$ -loose:  $\sigma_k$  absolutely continuous w.r.t.  $\pi^k$



$k$ -loose  
for all  $k$



1-loose  
but not  
2-loose



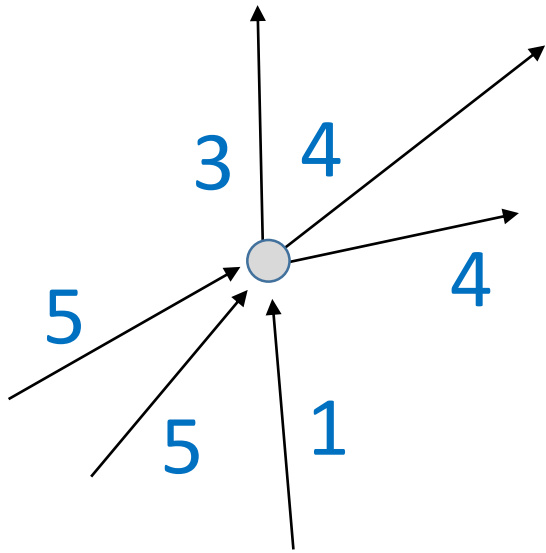
2-loose  
but not  
3-loose

# Subgraph measures in Markov spaces

$(J, \mathcal{B}, \eta)$ :  $k$ -loose Markov space. Then  $\eta^G$  is well defined for graphs of girth  $\geq 5$  and degrees  $\leq k$ , and normalized, decreasing and Markovian.

Two approaches: **generalizing sequential mapping**  
approximation by graphons

# Circulations



$$\sum_{j \in N_+(i)} f(ij) = \sum_{j \in N_-(i)} f(ji)$$

flow condition

circulation:  $\alpha \in M(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}), \alpha^1 = \alpha^2$

$s$ - $t$  flow:  $\alpha \in M(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}), \alpha^1 - \alpha^2 = v \cdot (\delta_s - \delta_t)$

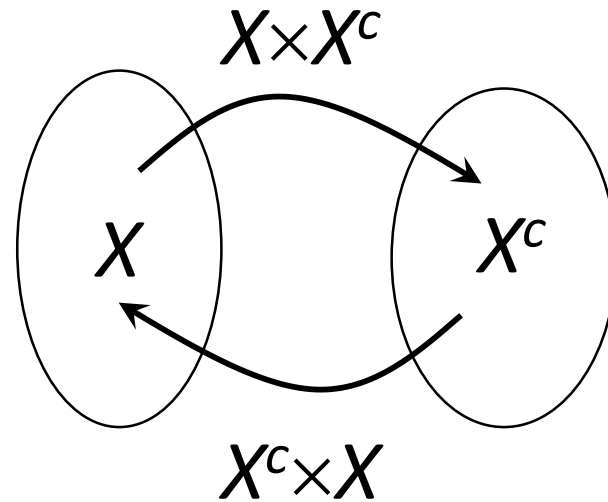
Markov space: circulation  $\eta \geq 0$

with  $\eta(J \times J) = 1$

Measure on sets  
of edges

# Hoffman Circulation Theorem

For two measures  $\varphi, \psi \in M(A \times A)$   
there exists a circulation  $\alpha$  such that  $\varphi \leq \alpha \leq \psi$   
iff  $\varphi \leq \psi$  and  $\varphi(X \times X^c) \leq \psi(X^c \times X)$  for every  $X \in A$ .

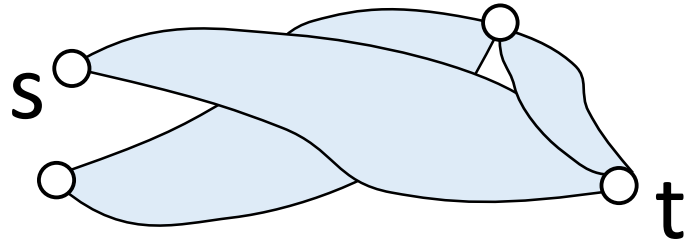




Natural generalizations of:

- Max-Flow-Min-Cut;
- decomposition of flows into paths;
- minimum cost flow/circulation theorem;
- integrality of potentials;
- **multicommodity flows.**

# Multicommodity flows (finite case)



$\sigma_{st}$ : demand  $\forall s, t \in V$

$\psi_{ij}$ : capacity  $\forall ij \in E$

Want:  $\{f_{st} : s, t \in V\}$

$f_{st}$ :  $s$ - $t$  flow of value  $\sigma_{st}$ .

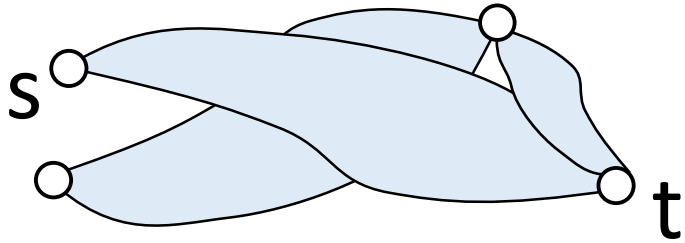
$$\sum_{s,t} \sigma_{st} f_{st}(ij) \leq \psi_{ij} \quad \forall ij \in E$$

feasible multicommodity flow

undirected case:  $\sigma_{st} = \sigma_{ts}$

$$\psi_{ij} = \psi_{ji}$$

# Multicommodity flows (finite case)



Let  $G = (V, E)$  and  $\sigma, \psi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ . There exists a feasible multicommodity flow  $(f_{st} : s, t \in V)$  iff for every metric  $d$  on  $V$

$$\sum_{s,t} \sigma_{st} d(s,t) \leq \sum_{s,t} \psi_{st} d(s,t).$$

Iri, Shahroki-Matula

# Multicommodity flows (measure case)

## Multicommodity flow:

- symmetric measure („demand”)  $\sigma \in M(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A})$ ;
- symmetric measure („capacity”)  $\psi \in M(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A})$ ;
- family  $\{f_{st} : s, t \in J\}$  of  $s$ - $t$  flows of value 1

**Want:** **feasible** multicommodity flow  $F = (f_{st} : s, t \in J)$  s.t.  $\forall S \in \mathcal{A}^2$

$$\int_{J \times J} f_{xy}(S) d\sigma(x, y) \leq \psi(S).$$

# Multicommodity flows (measure case)

"Conjecture". Let  $\sigma, \psi \in M(A \times A)$ , symmetric,  $\sigma, \psi \geq 0$ .

There exists a feasible multicommodity flow

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\int_{J \times J} g d\sigma \leq \int_{J \times J} g d\psi$$

for every bounded measurable metric  $g$  on  $J$ .

# Metrical linear functionals

$D$  bounded linear functional on  $M(A \times A)$  is **metrical**:

(a)  $D(\mu) = 0 \quad \forall \mu$  concentrated on the diagonal  $\Delta = \{(x, x)\}$ ;

(b)  $D(\mu) = D(\mu^*) \quad \forall \mu$ ;

(c)  $D(\kappa^{12}) + D(\kappa^{23}) \geq D(\kappa^{13}) \quad \forall \kappa \in M(A^3), \kappa \geq 0$ .

$$\kappa^{12}(A \times B) = \kappa(A \times B \times J),$$

$$\kappa^{23}(A \times B) = \kappa(J \times A \times B),$$

$$\kappa^{13}(A \times B) = \kappa(A \times J \times B).$$

# Metrical linear functionals

Example:  $D(\varphi) = \varphi(A \times A^c) + \varphi(A^c \times A)$

Example: For a bounded semimetric  $g : J \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ,

$$\text{let } D(\varphi) = \int_{J \times J} g d\varphi$$

Conjecture:

For every metrical  $D : M(A \times A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\psi \in M(A \times A)$ ,  $\psi \geq 0$ ,

there is  $g : J \times J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$D(\varphi) = \int_{J \times J} g d\varphi \quad \forall 0 \leq \varphi \leq \psi.$$

True for graphons, graphings, ...

# Multicommodity flows (measure case)

Let  $\sigma, \psi \in M(A \times A)$ , symmetric.

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$  there is a multicommodity flow  $F$   
for demands  $\sigma$  with  $\|(\varphi_F - \psi)_+\|_{tv} < \varepsilon$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$D(\sigma) \leq D(\psi)$  for every metrical  $D$ .

overload



Thank you, this is all for today!

# Important example: orthogonality graph

orthonormal representation:

$$i \in V \mapsto v_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

- $u_i^T u_j = 0 \quad (\forall ij \notin E)$

- $|u_i| = 1$

