# On the Extremal Functions of Multi-dimensional Matrices

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#### 0-1 matrix A contains 0-1 matrix B









Extremal Function of 0-1 Matrices

 By deleting rows and columns and changing some 1s to 0s, *A* contains *B*.

• Otherwise we say **A** avoids **B** 

 Let ex(n, P) be the maximum number of one entries in a n × n matrix avoiding P

# Some background

- What are all matrices *P* such that ex(*n*, *P*) = 0(*n*)? [FH]
- ex(n, P) = O(n) for permutation matrices
   P [MT]
- ex(n, P) = O(n) for double permutation matrices P [G]



# d-dimensional

- *d*-dimensional 0-1 matrix  $M = (M; n_1, n_2, ..., n_d)$  where  $M \subset [n_1] \times [n_2] \times [n_3] \times \cdots \times [n_d]$
- extremal function f (n, P, d) is the maximum number of ones in an n × ··· × n d-dimensional 0-1 matrix that avoids the d-dimensional matrix P
- $f(n, \boldsymbol{P}, 2) = \exp(n, \boldsymbol{P})$

# More Questions

- What are all matrices *P* such that *f*(*n*, *P*, *d*) = 0(n<sup>d-1</sup>)?
- $f(n, P, d) = O(n^{d-1})$  for all d-dimensional permutation matrices **P** [KM]



Permutation matrix with d = 3, k = 4

# Theorem 1

Tuple Permutation matrix



Tuple permutation matrix with

$$d = 3, i = 3, k = 4$$

 f(n, j, k, d) = max f(n, P, d), where P ranges over jtuple permutation matrices of size k

Theorem 1: 
$$f(n, j, k, d) = O(n^{d-1}).$$

- Let A be an sn × ··· × sn matrix that avoids
   2k × k × ··· × k double permutation matrix P
- An *i*-row is a maximum set of entries
   (x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, ..., x<sub>d</sub>) with only x<sub>i</sub> varying



• Divide **A** into  $n^d$  blocks of size  $s \times \cdots \times s$ 



n = 4, s = 2, and d = 2

- Wide Chunks have at least 2k one entries in the same 1-row
- A wide chunk has one non-empty block

*j*-tall chunks have at least k one entries with distinct coordinates in the *j*th dimension

The maximum number of 1s in A is:

$$f(sn, 2, k, d) \leq s^{d} \left[ n \binom{s}{2k} f(n, 1, k, d - 1) \right]$$

(max number of 1s from wide chunks in A)

+  $(2k-1)s^{d-1}[(d-1)n\binom{s}{k}f(n, 1+s^{d-2}, k, d-1)]$ (max number of 1s from j-tall but non wide chunks in A)

+  $(2k - 1)(k - 1)^{d}[f(n, 2, k, d)]$ (max number of 1s from non-wide, non-tall chunks in **A**)

- By induction on n and d,  $f(n, 2, k, d) = O(n^{d-1})$
- By induction on  $j, f(n, j, k, d) = O(n^{d-1})$

#### **Block Permutation Matrices**

• Block matrices  $\mathbf{R}^{k_1,k_2,\ldots,k_d}$ 

• Block permutation matrices  $P^{k_1,k_2,...,k_d}$ 



#### Theorem 2

**Theorem 2:**  $f(n, \mathbf{R}^{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d}, d) = O(n^{d - \frac{\max(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d)}{k_1 k_2 \dots k_d}})$ 

 Base Case: Kovari, Sos, and Turan proved this for *d* = 2

#### Lower bound on blocks

**Theorem 3:** 
$$f(n, \mathbf{R}^{k_1, \dots, k_d}, d) = \Omega(n^{d - \frac{k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_d - d}{k_1 k_2 \dots k_d - 1}}).$$

A function is unboundedly super n<sup>d-1</sup> if for all k there exists c such that for all n, f(cn) > kc<sup>d-1</sup>f(n)

•  $n^{d-1+\epsilon}$  for  $\epsilon > 0$  is unboundedly super  $n^{d-1}$ 

#### Tensor product

•  $P \otimes Q$  is the matrix obtained by replacing each 1 of P with a copy of Q

**Lemma:** If **P** is a d-dimensional permutation matrix and **Q** is a matrix such that f(n, Q, d) is unboundedly super  $n^{d-1}$  then  $f(n, P \otimes Q, d) = \Theta(f(n, Q, d))$ 

 $P\otimes Q$ 





#### **Block permutation matrix**

•  $P^{k_1,k_2,...,k_d} = P \otimes R^{k_1,k_2,...,k_d}$ 

# **Corollary:** If **P** is a permutation matrix, then $f(n, P^{k_1,k_2,...,k_d}, d) = \Theta(f(n, R^{k_1,k_2,...,k_d}, d))$



# **Open Problems**

- What are all d-dimensional matrices P such that  $f(n, P, d) = O(n^{d-1})$ ?
- What are all *d*-dimensional matrices *P* such that *f*(*n*, *P*, *d*) is unboundedly super n<sup>d-1</sup>?
- What are tight bounds on  $f(n, \mathbf{R}^{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d}, d)$ and  $f(n, \mathbf{P}^{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_d}, d)$ ?

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