

# High Dimensional Expanders

form Kac-Moody-Steinberg Groups

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# Combinatorics



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Further notation:

- ▶  $\tau \in X : \dim(\tau) = |\tau| - 1$
- ▶  $X(k) = \{\tau \in X \mid \dim(\tau) = k\}$
- ▶  $X$  is pure,  $d$ -dimensional if  $\forall \tau \in X \exists \sigma \in X(d) : \tau \subseteq \sigma$

**Definition (Link).**

Let  $\sigma \in X$ , then

$$\text{lk}_X(\sigma) = \{\tau \in X \mid \tau \cap \sigma = \emptyset, \tau \cup \sigma \in X\}$$

If  $\sigma \in X(d-2)$  then  $\text{lk}_X(\sigma)$  is a graph.

**Definition.**

For a (finite, simple) graph  $G = (V, E)$ , its random walk matrix  $M \in \text{Mat}_{|V|}(\mathbb{R})$  is given by, for  $v, w \in V$

$$M_{v,w} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\deg(v)} & \text{if } \{v, w\} \in E \\ 0 & \text{if } \{v, w\} \notin E \end{cases}$$

$M$  has eigenvalues

$$1 = \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{|V|}$$

**Definition (Oppenheim 2018).**

Let  $X$  be a pure,  $d$ -dimensional simplicial complex satisfying:

- ▶  $X$  is connected;
- ▶  $\text{lk}_X(\sigma)$  is connected for all  $\sigma \in X(i)$  for  $i \leq d - 2$ ;
- ▶  $\lambda_2(\text{lk}_X(\sigma)) \leq \gamma \leq \frac{1}{d}$  for all  $\sigma \in X(d - 2)$ .

Then  $X$  is a  $\left(\frac{\gamma}{1-(d-1)\gamma}\right)$ - (local spectral) HDX.

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Known constructions so far

- ▶ Lubotzky, Samuels, and Vishne 2005: Ramanujan complexes using quotients of Bruhat-Tits buildings
- ▶ Kaufman, Oppenheim 2018: spectral HDX using coset complexes of elementary matrices
- ▶ O'Donnell, Pratt 2022: spectral HDX using coset complexes for many Chevalley groups

# Groups



**Definition (Coset complex).**

Let  $G$  group,  $H_0, \dots, H_d \leq G$  subgroups, then  $\mathcal{CC}(G; H_0, \dots, H_d)$  is a pure,  $d$ -dimensional SC with

- ▶ vertices  $\bigsqcup_{i=0}^d G/H_i$
- ▶  $\{g_1 H_{i_1}, \dots, g_k H_{i_k}\}$  forms a  $(k-1)$ -simplex iff  $\bigcap_{j=1}^k g_j H_{i_j} \neq \emptyset$

Maximal dimensional simplices:  $\{gH_0, \dots, gH_d\}$  for  $g \in G$ .

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Fix a finite field  $k$ ,  $|k| \geq 4$ , then for each  $i \in I$  we have a **root subgroup**  $U_i \cong (k, +)$

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**Definition (Kac-Moody-Steinberg Group).**

$$\mathcal{U}_A(k) := \ast_{J \subsetneq I} U_J / (U_J \hookrightarrow U_K, J \subseteq K \subsetneq I)$$



## Our Results: New High Dimensional Expanders





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$\phi : \mathcal{U}_A(k) \rightarrow G$  homomorphism satisfying

- ▶  $\phi$  is injective on  $U_J$  for each  $J \subsetneq I$
- ▶ for each  $J, K \subsetneq I$ , we have

$$\phi(U_J) \cap \phi(U_K) = \phi(U_J \cap U_K)$$

- ▶  $\phi$  is surjective



## The Main Theorem - Result

### Theorem.

Set  $H_i = \phi(U_{I \setminus \{i\}})$ , then

$$\mathcal{CC}(G, (H_i)_{i \in I})$$

is a  $\left( \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{p}}}{1 - (d-1)\frac{2}{\sqrt{p}}} \right)$ -HDX.

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We found two ways to construct such infinite families using our main theorem:

- ▶ by using that  $\mathcal{U}_A(k)$  is residually finite in many cases
- ▶ by looking at quotients of affine  $\mathcal{U}_A(k)$  inside Chevalley groups

$$\phi : \mathcal{U}_A(k) = \langle U_i \mid i = 0, 1, 2 \rangle \rightarrow S_3(k[t])$$

$$U_1(\lambda) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_2(\lambda) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_0(\lambda) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \lambda t & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi(U_{02}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ kt & 1 & k \\ kt & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi(U_{01}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ kt & kt & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi(U_{12}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k & k \\ 0 & 1 & k \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Fix a family of irreducible polynomials  $(f_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  s.t. for all  $m$ :

$$\deg(f_m) \geq 2, \quad (t) + (f_m) = k[t], \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \deg(f_m) = \infty$$

Define  $\psi_m = \pi_m \circ \phi : \mathcal{U}_A(k) \rightarrow Sl_3(k[t]/(f_m))$  and set

$$G_m = Sl_3(k[t]/(f_m))$$

$$H_0^m = \pi_m(\phi(U_{12})), \quad H_1^m = \pi_m(\phi(U_{02})), \quad H_2^m = \pi_m(\phi(U_{01}))$$

**Corollary.**

$X_m = \mathcal{CC}(G_m; H_0^m, H_1^m, H_2^m)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  is an infinite family of bounded degree HDX.