On the concentration of the chromatic number of random hypergraphs

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The talk deals with estimating the probability threshold for r-colorability property in a random hypergraph. Let H(n, k, p) denote the classical binomial model of a random k-uniform hypergraph: every edge of a complete k-uniform hypergraph on n vertices is included into H(n, k, p) as an edge independently with probability $p \in (0, 1)$.

We study the question of estimating the probability threshold for the r-colorability property of H(n, k, p). Recall that a hypergraph is r-colorable if there exists a vertex coloring with r colors without monochromatic edges. It is well known that for fixed $r \ge 2$ and $k \ge 2$, this threshold appears in a sparse case when the expected number of edges is a linear function of n: $p\binom{n}{k} = cn$ for some fixed c > 0.

The following result gives a new lower bound for the r-colorability threshold.

Theorem. Let $k \ge 4$, $r \ge 2$ be integers and c > 0. Then there exist absolute constants C > 0 and $d_0 > 0$ such that if $\max(r, k) > d_0$ and

$$c < r^{k-1} \ln r - \frac{\ln r}{2} - \frac{r-1}{r} - C \cdot \frac{k^2 \ln r}{r^{k/3-1}},\tag{1}$$

then

$$\mathsf{P}\left(H(n,k,cn/\binom{n}{k}) \ is \ r\text{-}colorable\right) \to 1 \ as \ n \to +\infty.$$

Theorem improves the previous result from [1] and provides a bounded gap with the known upper bound. The estimate (1) is only $\frac{r-1}{r} + O\left(\frac{k^3 \ln r}{r^{k/3-1}}\right)$ less than the upper bound from [1]. If the value of the parameter r is much greater than k, then a slightly better result is known [2]. The proof is based on a new approach to the second moment method.

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