Spectrum Estimation from a Few Entries

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Abstract

Singular values of a data in a matrix form provide insights on the structure of the data, the effective dimensionality, and the choice of hyper-parameters on higher-level data analysis tools. However, in many practical applications such as collaborative filtering and network analysis, we only get a partial observation. Under such scenarios, we consider the fundamental problem of recovering spectral properties of the underlying matrix from a sampling of its entries. We are particularly interested in directly recovering the spectrum, which is the set of singular values, and also in sample-efficient approaches for recovering a spectral sum function, which is an aggregate sum of the same function applied to each of the singular values. We propose first estimating the Schatten \( k \)-norms of a matrix, and then applying Chebyshev approximation to the spectral sum function or applying moment matching in Wasserstein distance to recover the singular values. The main technical challenge is in accurately estimating the Schatten norms from a sampling of a matrix. We introduce a novel unbiased estimator based on counting small structures in a graph and provide guarantees that match its empirical performance. Our theoretical analysis shows that Schatten norms can be recovered accurately from strictly smaller number of samples compared to what is needed to recover the underlying low-rank matrix. Numerical experiments suggest that we significantly improve upon a competing approach of using matrix completion methods.

1. Introduction

Computing and analyzing the set of singular values of a data in a matrix form, which is called the spectrum, provide insights into the geometry and topology of the data. Such a spectral analysis is routinely a first step in general data analysis with the goal of checking if there exists a lower dimensional subspace explaining the important aspects of the data, which itself might be high dimensional. Concretely, it is a first step in dimensionality reduction methods such as principal component analysis or canonical correlation analysis.

However, spectral analysis becomes challenging in practical scenarios where the data is only partially observed. We commonly observe pairwise relations of randomly chosen pairs: each user only rates a few movies in recommendation systems, each player/team only plays against a few opponents in sports leagues, each word appears in the same sentence with a small number of other words in word count matrices, and each worker answers a few questions in crowdsourcing. In other applications, we have more structured samples. For example, in a network analysis we might be interested in the spectrum of a large network, but only get to see the connections within a small subset of nodes corresponding to sampling a sub-matrix of
the adjacency matrix. Whatever the sampling pattern is, typical number of paired relations we observe is significantly smaller than the dimension of the data matrix.

We study all such variations in sampling patterns for partially observed data matrices, and ask the following fundamental question: can we estimate spectral properties of a data matrix from partial observations? We propose novel approaches for recovering spectral sum functions of the form (6) and the also the spectrum itself. A crucial building block in our approach is that spectral properties can be accurately approximated from the first few moments of the spectrum known as the Schatten $k$-norms defined as

$$\|M\|_k = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{d} \sigma_i(M)^k\right)^{1/k},$$

where $\sigma_1(M) \geq \sigma_2(M) \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_d(M) \geq 0$ are the singular values of the data matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$. Once we obtain accurate estimates of Schatten $k$-norms, these estimates, as well as corresponding performance guarantees, can readily be translated into accurate estimates of any spectral sum functions and also the spectrum of the matrix.

1.1. Setup

We want to estimate the Schatten $k$-norm of a positive semidefinite matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ from a subset of its entries. The restriction to positive semidefinite matrices is primarily for notational convenience, and our analyses, the estimator, and the efficient algorithms naturally generalize to any non-square matrices. Namely, we can extend our framework to bipartite graphs and estimate Schatten $k$-norm of any matrix for any even $k$. Let $\Omega$ denote the set of indices of samples we are given and let $P_\Omega(M) = \{(i,j,M_{ij})\}_{(i,j) \in \Omega}$ denote the samples. With a slight abuse of notation, we used $P_\Omega(M)$ to also denote the $d \times d$ sampled matrix:

$$P_\Omega(M)_{ij} = \begin{cases} M_{ij} & \text{if } (i,j) \in \Omega, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

and it should be clear from the context which one we refer to. Although we propose a framework that generally applies to any probabilistic sampling, it is necessary to propose specific sampling scenarios to provide tight analyses on the performance. Hence, we focus on two types of sampling models: Erdős-Rényi sampling and graph sampling.

There is an extensive line of research in low-rank matrix completion problems (Candès and Recht, 2009; Keshavan et al., 2010a), which addresses a fundamental question of how many samples are required to complete a matrix (i.e. estimate all the missing entries) from a small subset of sampled entries. It is typically assumed that each entry of the matrix is sampled independently with a probability $p \in (0,1]$. We refer to this scenario as Erdős-Rényi sampling, as the resulting pattern of the samples encoded as a graph is distributed as an Erdős-Rényi random graph. The spectral properties of such an sampled matrix have been well studied in the literature (Friedman et al., 1989; Achlioptas and McSherry, 2001; Feige and Ofek, 2005; Keshavan et al., 2010a; Le et al., 2015). In particular, it is known that the original matrix is close in spectral norm to the sampled one where the missing entries are filled in with zeros and properly rescaled under certain incoherence assumptions. This suggests using the singular values of $(d^2/|\Omega|)P(M)$ directly for estimating the Schatten norms. However, in the sub-linear regime in which the number of samples $|\Omega| = d^2p$ is comparable to or significantly smaller than the degrees of freedom in representing a symmetric rank-$r$
matrix, which is $dr - r^2$, the spectrum of the sampled matrix is significantly different from the spectrum of the original matrix as shown in Figure 1. We need to design novel estimators that are more sample efficient in the sub-linear regime where $d^2p \ll dr$.

![Figure 1: Histogram of singular values of a positive semi-definite matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ of size $d = 1000$ with rank $r = 100$, and singular values of the sampled matrix where each entry of $M$ is sampled with probability $p = (1/d)r^{1-2/7}$ (properly rescaled by $1/p$ to best match the original spectrum).](image)

The Erdős-Rényi sampling has been criticized as being too strict for explaining how real-world datasets are sampled. When working with natural data, we typically only get one instance of a sampled matrix without the knowledge of how those entries are sampled. We propose graph sampling, a new sampling model that makes minimal assumptions about how the data was sampled. We assume that the pattern has been determined a priori, which is represented by a deterministic graph $G = (V, E)$ with $d$ nodes denoted by $V$ and undirected edges denoted by $E$. The random sampling $\Omega$ is chosen uniformly at random over all relabeling of the nodes in $G$. Formally, for a given $G = (V, E)$, a permutation $\pi : [d] \to V$ is drawn uniformly at random and samples are drawn according to

$$\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M) = \{(i, j, M_{ij}) : (\pi(i), \pi(j)) \in E\}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

As the sampling pattern $G$ is completely known to the statistician who only has one instance of a random sampling, we are only imposing that the samples are drawn uniformly at random from all instances that share the same pattern. Further, understanding this graph sampling model has a potential to reveal the subtle dependence of the estimation problem to the underlying pattern, which is known to be hard even for an established area of matrix completion.

### 1.2. Summary of the approach and preview of results

We propose first estimating one or a few Schatten norms, which can be accurately estimated from samples, and using these estimated Schatten norms to approximate the spectral properties of interest: spectral sum functions and the spectrum. We use an alternative expression of the Schatten $k$-norm for positive semidefinite matrices as the trace of the $k$-th power of $M$, i.e. $(\|M\|_k)^k = \text{Tr}(M^k)$. This sum of the entries along the diagonal of $M^k$ is the sum of total weights of all the closed walks of length $k$. Consider the entries of $M$ as weights on a complete graph $K_d$ over $d$ nodes (with self-loops). A closed walk of length $k$ is defined as a sequence of nodes $w = (w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_{k+1})$ with $w_1 = w_{k+1}$, where we allow repeated nodes and repeated
edges. The weight of a closed walk \( w = (w_1, \ldots, w_k, w_1) \) is defined as \( \omega_M(w) \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{k} M_{w_i, w_{i+1}} \), which is the product of the weights along the walk. It follows that
\[
\| M \|_k^k = \sum_{w: \text{all length } k \text{ closed walks}} \omega_M(w).
\] (3)

Following the notations from enumeration of small simple cycles in a graph by Alon et al. (1997), we partition this summation into those with the same pattern \( H \) that we call a \( k \)-cyclic pseudograph. Let \( C_k = (V_k, E_k) \) denote the undirected simple cycle graph with \( k \) nodes, e.g. \( A_3 \) in Figure 2 is \( C_3 \). We expand the standard notion of simple \( k \)-cyclic graphs to include multiedges and loops, hence the name pseudograph.

**Definition 1** We define an unlabelled and undirected pseudograph \( H = (V_H, E_H) \) to be a \( k \)-cyclic pseudograph for \( k \geq 3 \) if there exists an onto node-mapping from \( C_k = (V_k, E_k) \), i.e. \( f : V_k \to V_H \), and a one-to-one edge-mapping \( g : E_k \to E_H \) such that \( g(e) = (f(u_e), f(v_e)) \) for all \( e = (u_e, v_e) \in E_k \). We use \( \mathcal{H}_k \) to denote the set of all \( k \)-cyclic pseudographs. We use \( c(H) \) to the number of different node mappings \( f \) from \( C_k \) to a \( k \)-cyclic pseudograph \( H \).

![Figure 2: The 3-cyclic pseudographs \( \mathcal{H}_3 = \{ A_1, A_2, A_3 \} \).](image)

In the above example, each member of \( \mathcal{H}_3 \) is a distinct pattern that can be mapped from \( C_3 \). For \( A_1 \), it is clear that there is only one mapping from \( C_3 \) to \( A_1 \) (i.e. \( c(A_1) = 1 \)). For \( A_2 \), one can map any of the three nodes to the left-node of \( A_2 \), hence \( c(A_2) = 3 \). For \( A_3 \), any of the three nodes can be mapped to the bottom-left-node of \( A_3 \) and also one can map the rest of the nodes clockwise or counter-clockwise, resulting in \( c(A_3) = 6 \). For \( k \leq 7 \), all the \( k \)-cyclic pseudo graphs are given in the Appendix A (See Figures 10–15).

Each closed walk \( w \) of length \( k \) is associated with one of the graphs in \( \mathcal{H}_k \), as there is a unique \( H \) that the walk is an Eulerian cycle of (under a one-to-one mapping of the nodes). We denote this graph by \( H(w) \in \mathcal{H}_k \). Considering the weight of a walk \( \omega_M(w) \), there are multiple distinct walks with the same weight. For example, a length-3 walk \( w = (v_1, v_2, v_2, v_1) \) has \( H(w) = A_2 \) and there are 3 walks with the same weight \( \omega(w) = (M_{v_1 v_2})^2 M_{v_2 v_1} \), i.e. \((v_1, v_2, v_2, v_1)\), \((v_2, v_2, v_1, v_1)\), and \((v_2, v_1, v_2, v_2)\). This multiplicity of the weight depends only on the structure \( H(w) \) of a walk, and it is exactly \( c(H(w)) \) the number of mappings from \( C_k \) to \( H(w) \) in Definition 1. The total sum of the weights of closed walks of length \( k \) can be partitioned into their respective pattern, which will make computation of such terms more efficient (see Section 2) and also de-biasing straight forward (see Equation (5)):
\[
\| M \|_k^k = \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_k} \omega_M(H) c(H),
\] (4)

where with a slight abuse of a notation, we let \( \omega_M(H) \) for \( H \in \mathcal{H}_k \) be the sum of all distinct weights of walks \( w \) with \( H(w) = H \), and \( c(H) \) is the multiplicity of each of those distinct weights. This gives an alternative tool for computing the Schatten \( k \)-norm without explicitly computing the singular values.
Given only the access to a subset of sampled entries, one might be tempted to apply the above formula to the sampled matrix with an appropriate scaling, i.e. \(\| (d^2/|\Omega|) P_{\Omega}(M) \|_k^k = (d^2/|\Omega|) \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_k} \omega_{P_{\Omega}(M)}(H) c(H)\), to estimate \(\| M \|_k^k\). However, this is significantly biased. To eliminate the bias, we propose rescaling each term in (3) by the inverse of the probability of sampling that particular walk \(w\) (i.e. the probability that all edges in \(w\) are sampled). A crucial observation is that, for any sampling model that is invariant under a relabelling of the nodes, this probability only depends on the pattern \(H(w)\). In particular, this is true for both Erdős-Rényi and graph sampling. Based on this observation, we introduce a novel estimator that de-biases each group separately:

\[
\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M)) = \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_k} \frac{1}{p(H)} \omega_{P_{\Omega}(M)}(H) c(H) .
\]  

It immediately follows that this estimator is unbiased, i.e. \(\mathbb{E}_{\Omega} [\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M))] = \| M \|_k^k\), where the randomness is in \(\Omega\). However, computing this estimate can be challenging. Naive enumeration over all closed walks of length \(k\) takes time scaling as \(O(d \Delta^{k-1})\), where \(\Delta\) is the maximum degree of the graph. Except for extremely sparse graphs, this is impractical. Inspired by the work of Alon et al. (1997) in counting short cycles in a graph, we introduce a novel and efficient method for computing the proposed estimate for small values of \(k\).

**Proposition 2** For a positive semidefinite matrix \(M\) and any sampling pattern \(\Omega\), the proposed estimate \(\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M))\) in (5) can be computed in time \(O(d^\alpha)\) for \(k \in \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}\), where \(\alpha < 2.373\) is the exponent of matrix multiplication. For \(k = 1\) or \(2\), \(\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M))\) can be computed in time \(O(d)\) and \(O(d^2)\), respectively.

This bound holds regardless of the degree, and the complexity can be even smaller for sparse graphs as matrix multiplications are more efficient. We give a constructive proof by introducing a novel algorithm achieving this complexity in Section 2. For \(k \geq 8\), our approach can potentially be extended, but the complexity of the problem fundamentally changes as it is at least as hard as counting \(K_4\) in a graph, for which the best known run time is \(O(d^{\alpha+1})\) for general graphs (Kloks et al., 2000).

We make the following contributions in this paper:

- We give in (5) an unbiased estimator of the Schatten \(k\)-norm of a positive semidefinite matrix \(M\), from a random sampling of its entries. In general, the complexity of computing the estimate scales as \(O(d \Delta^k)\) where \(\Delta\) is the maximum degree (number of sampled entries in a column) in the sampled matrix. We propose a novel efficient algorithm for computing the estimate in (5) exactly for small \(k \leq 7\), which involves only matrix operations. This algorithm is significantly more efficient and has run-time scaling as \(O(d^\alpha)\) independent of the degree and for all \(k \leq 7\) (see Proposition 2).

- Under the typical Erdős-Rényi sampling, we show that the Schatten \(k\)-norm of an incoherent rank-\(r\) matrix can be approximated within any constant multiplicative error, with number of samples scaling as \(O(dr^{1-2/k})\) (see Theorem 1). In particular, this is strictly smaller than the number of samples necessary to complete the matrix, which scales as \(O(dr \log d)\). Below this matrix completion threshold, numerical experiments confirm that the proposed estimator significantly outperforms simple heuristics of using singular values of the sampled matrices directly or applying state-of-the-art matrix completion methods (see Figure 4).

- Given estimation of first \(K\) Schatten norms, it is straightforward to approximate spectral sum functions of the form (6) using Chebyshev’s expansion, and also estimate the spectrum itself using mo-
ment matching in Wasserstein distance. We apply our Schatten norm estimates to the application of estimating the generalized rank studied in Zhang et al. (2015) and estimating the spectrum studied in Kong and Valiant (2016). We provide performance guarantees for both applications and provide experimental results suggesting we improve upon other competing methods.

- We propose a new model of graph sampling that preserves the structural properties of the pattern of the samples. We identify a fundamental property of the structure of the pattern \( \lambda^*_G, r \) that captures the difficulty of estimating the Schatten \( k \)-norm from such graph sampling (see Theorem 3). Under this graph sampling, we show that there are sampling patterns that are significantly more efficient than Erdős-Rényi sampling. If we sample from a clique, then it is necessary to have number of samples scaling as \( O(r^{2-\frac{4}{k}}) \) to accurately estimate the Schatten \( k \)-norm for general values of \( k \) and it is also sufficient for special case of \( k = 3 \) (see Lemma 6 and Theorem 4).

Although our analysis does not give a matching lower bound on sample complexity for Erdős-Rényi sampling, we show that there exists sampling patterns that require significantly more samples than clique sampling. It is necessary to have number of samples scaling as \( O(dr^{1-\frac{4}{k}}) \), if the pattern is a clique-star (see Lemma 7).

In the remainder, we review existing work in Schatten norm approximation, and provide an efficient implementation of the estimator (5) for small \( k \) in Section 2. In Section 3, we provide a theoretical analysis of our estimator under the Erdős-Rényi sampling scenario. In Section 4, we provide a theoretical analysis under the graph sampling scenario. We conclude with a discussion on interesting observations and remaining challenges in Section 5.

1.3. Related work

We review existing methods in approximating the Schatten norms, counting small structures in graphs, and various applications of Schatten norms.

**Estimating \( k \)-Schatten norms of a data matrix.** The proposed Schatten norm estimator can be used as a black box in various applications where we want to test the property of a data matrix or a network but limited to observe only a small portion of the data. These include, for example, network forensics, matrix spectral property testing, and testing for graph isospectral properties. Relatively little is known under the matrix completion setting studied in this paper. However, Schatten norm estimation under different resource constrained scenarios have been studied. Hutchinson (1990) propose a randomized algorithm for approximating the trace of any large matrix, where the constraint is on the computational complexity. The goal is to design a random rank-one linear mapping such that the trace is preserved in expectation and the variance is small (Avron and Toledo, 2011; Roosta-Khorasani and Ascher, 2015). Li et al. (2014) propose an optimal bilinear sketching of a data matrix, where the constraint is on the memory, i.e. the size of the resulting sketch. The goal is to design a sketch of a data matrix \( M \) using minimal storage and a corresponding approximate reconstruction method for \( \| M \|_k^k \). Li and Woodruff (2016) propose an optimal streaming algorithm where only one-pass on the data is allowed in a data stream model and the constraint is on the space complexity of the algorithm. The goal is to design a streaming algorithm using minimal space to estimate \( \| M \|_k^k \). Zhang et al. (2015) propose an estimator under a distributed setting where columns of the data are store in distributed storage and the constraint is on the communication complexity. The goal is to design a distributed protocol minimizing the communication to estimate \( \| M \|_k^k \). Given a random vector \( X \), Kong and Valiant (2016) propose an optimal estimator for the Schatten \( k \)-norm of the covariance matrix,
where the constraint is on the number of samples $n$. The goal is to design an estimator using minimum number of samples to estimate $\|E[XX^T]\|_k^k$.

One of our contribution is that we propose an efficient algorithm for computing the weighted counts of small structures in Section 2, which can significantly improve upon less sample-efficient counterpart in, for example, (Kong and Valiant, 2016). Under the setting of (Kong and Valiant, 2016) (and also (Li et al., 2014)), the main idea of the estimator is that the weight of each length-$k$ cycle in the observed empirical covariance matrix $(1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i X_i^T$ provides an unbiased estimator of $\|E[XX^T]\|_k^k$. One prefers to sum over the weights of as many cycles as computationally allowed in order to reduce the variance. As counting all cycles is in general computationally hard, they propose counting only increasing cycles (which only accounts for only $1/k!$ fraction of all the cycles), which can be computed in time $O(d^\alpha)$. If one has an efficient method to count all the (weighted) cycles, then the variance of the estimator could potentially decrease by an order of $k!$. For $k \leq 7$, our proposed algorithm in Section 2 provides exactly such an estimator. We replace (Kong and Valiant, 2016, Algorithm 1) with ours, and run the same experiment to showcase the improvement in Figure 3, for dimension $d = 2048$ and various values of number of samples $n$ comparing the multiplicative error in estimating $\|E[XX^T]\|_k^k$, for $k = 7$. With the same run-time, significant gain is achieved by simply substituting our proposed algorithm for counting small structures, in the sub-routine. In general, the efficient algorithm we propose might be of independent interest to various applications, and can directly substitute (and significantly improve upon) other popular but less efficient counterparts.

Figure 3: By replacing (Kong and Valiant, 2016, Algorithm 1) that only counts increasing cycles with our proposed algorithm that counts all cycles, significant gain is achieved in estimating $\|E[XX^T]\|_k^k$, for $k = 7$.

One of the main challenges under the sampling scenario considered in this paper is that existing counting methods like that of (Kong and Valiant, 2016) cannot be applied, regardless of how much computational power we have. Under the matrix completion scenario, we need to (a) sum over all small structures $H \in \mathcal{H}_k$ and not just $C_k$ as in (Kong and Valiant, 2016); and (b) for each structure we need to sum over all subgraphs with the same structure and not just those walks whose labels form a monotonically increasing sequence as in (Kong and Valiant, 2016).

**Algorithms for counting structures.** An important problem in graph theory is to count the number of small structures, also called network motifs, in a given graph. This has many practical applications in designing good LDPC codes (Tian et al., 2004), understanding the properties social networks (Ugander et al., 2013), and explaining gene regulation networks (Shen-Orr et al., 2002). Exact and approximate algorithms have been proposed in (Alon et al., 1997; Kloks et al., 2000; Liu and Wang, 2006; Halford and
Chugg, 2006; Karimi and Banihashemi, 2013; Wang et al., 2014). The most relevant one is the work of Alon et al. (1997) on counting the number of cycles $C_k$, where counts of various small structures called $k$-cyclic graphs are used as sub-routines and efficient approaches are proposed for $k \leq 7$. These are similar to $k$-cyclic pseudographs, but with multiedges condensed to a single edge. When counting cycles in a simple (unweighted) graph, $k$-cyclic graphs are sufficient as all the edges have weight one. Hence, one does not need to track how many times an edge has been traversed; the weight of that walk is one, regardless. In our setting, the weight of a walk depends on how many times an edge has been traversed, which we track using multiedges. It is therefore crucial to introduce the class of $k$-cyclic pseudographs in our estimator.

In a distributed environment, fast algorithms for counting small structures have been proposed by Elenberg et al. (2015) and Elenberg et al. (2016) for small values of $k \in \{3, 4\}$. However, the main strength of this approach is in distributed computing, and under the typical centralized setting we study, this approach can be slower by a factor exponential in $k$ for, say $k \leq 7$.

From Schatten norms to spectral sum functions. A dominant application of Schatten norms is in approximating a family of functions of a matrix, which are called spectral sum functions (Han et al., 2016) of the form

$$F(M; f) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{d} f(\sigma_i(M)) \simeq \sum_{k=0}^{K} a_k \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{d} \sigma_i(M)^k \right\}. \quad (6)$$

A typical approach is to compute the coefficients of a Chebyshev approximation of $f$, which immediately leads to an approximation of the spectral sum function of interest as the weighted sum of Schatten $k$-norms. This approach has been widely used in fast methods for approximating the log-determinant (Pace and LeSage, 2004; Zhang and Leithead, 2007; Boutsidis et al., 2015; Aune et al., 2014; Han et al., 2015), corresponding to $f(x) = \log x$. Practically, log-determinant computations are routinely (approximately) required in applications including Gaussian graphical models (Rue and Held, 2005), minimum-volume ellipsoids (Van Aelst and Rousseeuw, 2009), and metric learning (Davis et al., 2007). Fast methods for approximating trace of matrix inverse has been studied in (Wu et al., 2016; Chen, 2016), corresponding to $f(x) = x^{-1}$, motivated by applications in lattice quantum chromodynamics (Stathopoulos et al., 2013). Fast methods for approximating the Estarada index has been studied in (Han et al., 2016), corresponding to $f(x) = \exp(x)$. Practically, it is used in characterizing 3-dimensional molecular structure (Estrada, 2000) and measuring graph centrality (Estrada and Hatano, 2007), the entropy of a graph (Carbo-Dorca, 2008), and the bipartivity of a graph (Estrada and Rodriguez-Velazquez, 2005). Approximating the generalized rank under communication constraints has been studied in (Zhang et al., 2015), corresponding to $f(x; c_1) = \mathbb{I}(x \leq c_1)$. The generalized rank approximates a necessary tuning parameter in a number of problems where low-rank solutions are sought including robust PCA (Candes et al., 2011; Netrapalli et al., 2014) and matrix completion (Keshavan et al., 2010b;a; Jain et al., 2013), and also is required in sampling based methods in numerical analysis (Mahoney et al., 2011; Halko et al., 2011). Similarly, (Saade et al., 2015) studied the number of singular values in an interval, corresponding to $f(x; c_1, c_2) = \mathbb{I}(c_1 \leq x \leq c_2)$. In practice, a number of eigensolvers (Polizzi, 2009; Sakurai and Sugiura, 2003; Schofield et al., 2012) require the number of eigenvalues in an given interval. For more comprehensive list of references and applications of this framework, we refer to the related work section in (Han et al., 2016).

In a recent work, Kong and Valiant (2016) provide a novel approach to tackle the challenging problem of estimating the singular values themselves. Considering the histogram of the singular values as a one-dimensional distribution and the Schatten $k$-norm as the $k$-th moment of this distribution, the authors pro-
vide an innovative algorithm to estimate the histogram that best matches the moments in Wasserstein distance.

**Matrix completion.** Low-rank matrix completion addresses the problem of recovering a low-rank matrix from its sampled entries. Tight lower and upper bounds on the sample complexity is well studied in both cases where you want exact recovery when samples are noiseless (Candès and Recht, 2009; Keshavan et al., 2010a; Bhojanapalli and Jain, 2014), and also when samples are noisy and where you want approximate recovery (Keshavan et al., 2010b; Negahban and Wainwright, 2012). In practical applications, one might not have enough samples to estimate all the missing entries with sufficient accuracy. However, one might still be able to infer important spectral properties of the data, such as the singular values or the rank. Such spectral properties can also assist in making decisions on how many more samples to collect in order to make accurate inference on the quantity of interest. In this paper, one of the fundamental question we ask and answer affirmatively is: Can we accurately recover the spectral properties of a low-rank matrix from sampling of its entries, below the matrix completion threshold?

### 2. Efficient Algorithm

In this section we give a constructive proof of Proposition 2, inspired by the seminal work of Alon et al. (1997) and generalize their counting algorithm for \( k \)-cyclic graphs for counting (weighted) \( k \)-cyclic pseudographs. In computing the estimate in (5), \( c(H) \) can be computed in time \( O(k!) \) and suppose \( p(H) \) has been computed (we will explain how to compute \( p(H) \) for Erős-Rényi sampling and graph sampling in Sections 3 and 4). The bottleneck then is computing the weights \( \omega_{p\gamma(M)}(H) \) for each \( H \in \mathcal{H}_k \). Let \( \gamma_M(H) \equiv \omega_M(H)c(H) \). We give matrix multiplication based equations to compute \( \gamma_M(H) \) for every \( H \in \mathcal{H}_k \) for \( k \in \{3,4,5,6,7\} \). This establishes that \( \gamma_M(H) \), and hence \( \omega_M(H) \), can be computed in time \( O(d^6) \), proving Proposition 2.

For any matrix \( A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \), let \( \text{diag}(A) \) to be a diagonal matrix such that \((\text{diag}(A))_{ii} = A_{ii}\), for all \( i \in [d]\) and \((\text{diag}(A))_{i,j} = 0\), for all \( i \neq j \in [d]\). For a given matrix \( M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \), define the following: \( O_M \) to be matrix of off-diagonal entries of \( M \) that is \( O_M \equiv M - \text{diag}(M) \) and we let \( D_M \equiv \text{diag}(M) \). Let \( \text{tr}(A) \) denote trace of \( A \), that is \( \text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i \in [d]} A_{ii} \), and let \( A*B \) denote the standard matrix multiplication of two matrices \( A \) and \( B \) to make it more explicit. Consider computing \( \gamma_M(H) \) for \( H \in \mathcal{H}_3 \) as labeled in Figure 2:

\[
\begin{align}
\gamma_M(A_1) &= \text{tr}(D_M*D_M*D_M) \quad (7) \\
\gamma_M(A_2) &= 3 \text{tr}(D_M*O_M*O_M) \quad (8) \\
\gamma_M(A_3) &= \text{tr}(O_M*O_M*O_M) \quad (9)
\end{align}
\]

The first weighted sum \( \gamma_M(A_1) \) is sum of all weights of walks of length 3 that consists of three self-loops. One can show that \( \gamma_M(A_1) = \sum_{i \in [d]} M_i^3 \), which in our matrix operation notations is (7). Similarly, \( \gamma_M(A_3) \) is the sum of weights of length 3 walks with no self-loop, which leads to (9). \( \gamma_M(A_2) \) is the sum of weights of length 3 walks with a single self-loop, which leads to (8). The factor 3 accounts for the fact that the self loop could have been placed at first, second, or third in the walk.

Similarly, for each \( k \)-cyclic pseudographs in \( \mathcal{H}_k \) for \( k \leq 7 \), computing \( \gamma_M(H) \) involves a few matrix operations with run-time \( O(d^6) \). We provide the complete set of explicit expressions in Appendix B. A
MATLAB implementation of the estimator (5), that includes as its sub-routines the computation of the weights of all $k$-cyclic pseudographs, is available for download at https://github.com/khetan2/Schatten_norm_estimation. The explicit formulae in Appendix B together with the implementation in the above url might be of interest to other problems involving counting small structures in graphs.

For $k = 1$, the estimator simplifies to $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) = (1/p) \sum_i \mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)_{ii}$, which can be computed in time $O(d)$. For $k = 2$, the estimator simplifies to $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) = (1/p) \sum_{i,j} \mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)_{ij}^2$, which can be computed in time $O(|\Omega|)$. However, for $k \geq 8$, there exists walks over $K_4$, a clique over 4 nodes, that cannot be decomposed into simple computations involving matrix operations. The best known algorithm for a simpler task of counting $K_4$ has run-time scaling as $O(d^{n+1})$, which is fundamentally different. We refer to Section 5 for further discussions on the computational complexity beyond $k = 7$.

Algorithm 1 Schatten $k$-norm estimator

Require: $\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)$, $k$, $\mathcal{H}_k$, $p(H)$ for all $H \in \mathcal{H}_k$

Ensure: $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))$

1: if $k \leq 7$ then
2: For each $H \in \mathcal{H}_k$, compute $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)}(H)$ using the formula from Eq. (7)–(9) for $k = 3$ and Eq. (30)–(173) for $k \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$
3: $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \leftarrow \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_k} \frac{1}{p(H)} \gamma_{\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)}(H)$
4: else
5: $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \leftarrow$ Algorithm 4[$\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)$, $k$, $\mathcal{H}_k$, $p(H)$ for all $H \in \mathcal{H}_k$] [Appendix C]
6: end if

3. Erdős-Rényi sampling

Under the stylized but canonical Erdős-Rényi sampling, notice that the probability $p(H)$ that we observe all edges in a walk with pattern $H$ is

$$p(H) = p^{m(H)},$$

where $p$ is the probability an edge is sampled and $m(H)$ is the number of distinct edges in a $k$-cyclic pseudograph $H$. Plugging in this value of $p(H)$, which can be computed in time linear in $k$, into the estimator (5), we get an estimate customized for Erdős-Rényi sampling.

Given a rank-$r$ matrix $M$, the difficulty of estimating properties of $M$ from sampled entries is captured by the incoherence of the original matrix $M$, which we denote by $\mu(M) \in \mathbb{R}$ (Candès and Recht, 2009). Formally, let $M \equiv USU^T$ be the singular value decomposition of a positive definite matrix where $U$ is a $d \times r$ orthonormal matrix and $\Sigma \equiv \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_r)$ with singular values $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \cdots \geq \sigma_r > 0$. Let $U_{i,r}$ denote the $i$-th row and $j$-th column entry of matrix $U$. The incoherence $\mu(M)$ is defined as the smallest positive value $\mu$ such that the following holds:

A1. For all $i \in [d]$, we have $\sum_{a=1}^r U_{ia}^2 (\sigma_a / \sigma_1) \leq \mu r / d$.

A2. For all $i \neq j \in [d]$, we have $|\sum_{a=1}^r U_{ia} U_{ja} (\sigma_a / \sigma_1)| \leq \mu \sqrt{r} / d$.

The incoherence measures how well spread out the matrix is and is a common measure of difficulty in completing a matrix from random samples (Candès and Recht, 2009; Keshavan et al., 2010a). The lower the
incoherence, the more spread out the entries are, and estimation is easier. On the other hand, if there are a few entries that are much larger than the rest, estimating a property of the matrix (such as the Schatten $k$-norm) from sampled entries can be extremely challenging.

### 3.1. Performance guarantee

For any $d \times d$ positive semidefinite matrix $M$ of rank $r$ with incoherence $\mu(M) = \mu$ and the effective condition number $\kappa = \sigma_{\max}(M)/\sigma_{\min}(M)$, we define

$$
\rho^2 \equiv (\kappa \mu)^2 g(k) \max \left\{1, \left(\frac{dp}{d}\right)^{k-1}, \frac{r^k k^{k-1}}{d^{k-1}}\right\},
$$

(11)

such that the variance of our estimator is bounded by $\text{Var}(\hat{\Theta}(P_{\Omega}(M))/\|M\|_k^k) \leq \rho^2 (r^{1-2/k}/dp)^k$ as we show in the proof of Theorem 1 in Section E.1. Here, $g(k) = O(k!)$ is a function depending only on $k$.

**Theorem 1 (Upper bound under the Erdős-Rényi sampling)** For any integer $k \in [3, \infty)$, any $\delta > 0$, any rank-$r$ positive semidefinite matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, and given i.i.d. samples of the entries of $M$ with probability $p$, the proposed estimate of (5) achieves normalized error $\delta$ with probability bounded by

$$
\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M))}{\|M\|_k^k} - \frac{\|M\|_k^k}{\|M\|_k^k}\right| \geq \delta\right) \leq \frac{\rho^2}{\delta^2} \left(\frac{r^{1-2/k}}{dp}\right)^k.
$$

(12)

Consider a typical scenario where $\mu$, $\kappa$, and $k$ are finite with respect to $d$ and $r$. Then the Chebyshev’s bound in (12) implies that the sample $d^2 p = O(dr^{1-2/k})$ is sufficient to recover $\|M\|_k^k$ up to arbitrarily small multiplicative error and arbitrarily small (but strictly positive) error probability. This is strictly less than the known minimax sample complexity for recovering the entire low-rank matrix, which scales is $\Theta(rd \log d)$. As we seek to estimate only a property of the matrix (i.e. the Schatten $k$-norm) and not the whole matrix itself, we can be more efficient on the sample complexity by a factor of $r^{2/k}$ in rank and a factor of $\log d$ in the dimension. We emphasize here that such a gain can only be established using the proposed estimator based on the structure of the $k$-cyclic pseudographs. We will show empirically that the standard matrix completion approaches fail in the critical regime of samples below the recovery threshold of $O(rd \log d)$.

Figure 4 is a scatter plot of the absolute relative error in estimated Schatten $k$-norm, $\|M\|_k^k / \|\hat{M}\|_k^k - \|M\|_k^k / \|M\|_k^k$, for $k = 5$, for three approaches: the proposed estimator, Schatten norm of the scaled sampled matrix (after rank-$r$ projection), and Schatten norm of the completed matrix, using state-of-the-art alternating minimization algorithm (Jain et al., 2013). All the three estimators are evaluated 20 times for each value of $p$. $M$ is a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix of size $d = 500$, and rank $r = 100$ (left panel) and $r = 500$ (right panel). Singular vectors $U$ of $M = USU^\top$, are generated by QR decomposition of $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbb{I}_{d \times d})$ and $\Sigma_{i,i}$ is uniformly distributed over $[1, 2]$. For a low rank matrix on the left, there is a clear critical value of $p \simeq 0.45$, above which matrix completion is exact with high probability. However, this algorithm knows the underlying rank and crucially exploits the fact that the underlying matrix is exactly low-rank. In comparison, our approach is agnostic to the low-rank assumption but finds the accurate estimate that is adaptive to the actual rank in a data-driven manner. Using the first $r$ singular values of the (rescaled) sampled matrix.
The proposed estimator outperforms both baseline approaches below the matrix completion threshold. For $k = 5$, comparison of the absolute relative error in estimated Schatten norm that is $\|M\|_k^\kappa - \|\hat{M}\|_k^\kappa /\|M\|_k^\kappa$ for the three algorithms: (1) the proposed estimator, $\|\hat{M}\|_k^\kappa = \hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))$, (2) Schatten norm of the scaled sampled matrix, $\|\hat{M}\|_k^\kappa = \|(1/p)\mathcal{P}_r(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))\|_k^\kappa$, (3) Schatten norm of the completed matrix, $\tilde{M} = \text{AltMin}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))$ from (Jain et al., 2013), $\|\hat{M}\|_k^\kappa = \|\tilde{M}\|_k^\kappa$, where $\mathcal{P}_r(\cdot)$ is the standard best rank-$r$ projection of a matrix. $\Omega$ is generated by Erdős-Rényi sampling of matrix $M$ with probability $p$.

fails miserably for all regimes (we truncate the error at one for illustration purposes). In this paper, we are interested in the regime where exact matrix completion is impossible as we do not have enough samples to exactly recover the underlying matrix: $p \leq 0.45$ in the left panel and all regimes in the right panel.

The sufficient condition of $d^2p = O(dr^{-1-2/k})$ in Theorem 1 holds for a broad range of parameters where the rank is sufficiently small $r = O(d^{k/(k-1)(k-2)})$ (to ensure that the first term in $\rho^2$ dominates). However, the following results in Figure 5 on numerical experiments suggest that our analysis holds more generally for all regimes of the rank $r$, even those close to $d$. $M$ is generated using settings similar to that of Figure 4. Empirical probabilities are computed by averaging over 100 instances.

One might hope to tighten the Chebyshev bound by exploiting the fact that the correlation among the summands in our estimator (5) is weak. This can be made precise using recent result from Schudy and Sviridenko (2011), where a Bernstein-type bound was proved for sum of polynomials of independent random variables that are weakly correlated. The first term in the bound (13) is the natural Bernstein-type bound corresponding to the Chebyshev’s bound in (12). However, under the regime where $k$ is large or $p$ is large, the correlation among the summands become stronger, and the second and third term in the bound (13) starts to dominate. In the typical regime of interest where $\mu, \kappa, r$ are finite, $d^2p = O(dr^{-1-2/k})$, and sufficiently small rank $r = O(d^{k/(k-1)(k-2)})$, the error probability is dominated by the first term in the right-hand side of (13). Neither one of the two bounds in (12) and (13) dominates the other, and depending on the values of the problem parameters, we might want to apply the one that is tighter. We provide a proof in Section E.2.
Figure 5: Each colormap in each block for \( k \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \) show empirical probability of the event \( \left\{ \| M \|_k^k - \hat{\Theta}_k(P_M(M)) \|/\| M \|_2^k \leq \delta \right\} \), for \( \delta = 0.5 \) (left panel) and \( \delta = 0.2 \) (right panel). \( \Omega \) is generated by Erdős-Rényi sampling of matrix \( M \) with probability \( p \) (vertical axis). \( M \) is a symmetric positive semi-definite matrix of size \( d = 1000 \). The solid lines correspond to our theoretical prediction \( p = (1/d)^{1-2/k} \).

**Theorem 2** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 1, the error probability is upper bounded by

\[
\mathbb{P} \left( \frac{\| \hat{\Theta}_k(P_M(M)) - \| M \|_k^k \|}{\| M \|_2^k} \geq \delta \right) \leq e^{2 \max \left\{ e^{-\frac{\delta^2}{4p}} \left( \frac{dp}{r^2 + 2} \right)^k, e^{-\frac{\delta dp}{p^2 - 1}}, e^{-\frac{\delta dp}{p^2 - 1}}, e^{-\frac{\delta dp}{p^2 - 1}} \right\}}. \tag{13}
\]

These two results show that the sample size of \( d^2p = O(dr^{1-2/k}) \) is sufficient to estimate a Schatten \( k \)-norm accurately. In general, we do not expect to get a universal upper bound that is significantly tighter for all \( r \), because for a special case of \( r = d \), the following corollary of (Li et al., 2014, Theorem 3.2) provides a lower bound; it is necessary to have sample size \( d^2p = O(d^{2-4/k}) \) when \( r = d \). Hence, the gap is at most a factor of \( r^{2/k} \) in the sample complexity.

**Corollary 1** Consider any linear observation \( X \in \mathbb{R}^n \) of a matrix \( M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \) and any estimate \( \hat{\theta}(X) \) satisfying \( (1 - \delta_k)\| M \|_k^k \leq \hat{\theta}(X) \leq (1 + \delta_k)\| M \|_k^k \) for any \( M \) with probability at least \( 3/4 \), where \( \delta_k = (1.2^k - 1)/(1.2^k + 1) \). Then, \( n = \Omega(d^{2-4/k}) \).

For \( k \in \{1, 2\} \), precise bounds can be obtained with simpler analyses. In particular, we have the following remarks, whose proof follows immediately by applying Chebyshev’s inequality and Bernstein’s inequality along with the incoherence assumptions.

**Remark 3** For \( k = 1 \), the probability of error in (12) is upper bounded by \( \min \{ \nu_1, \nu_2 \} \), where

\[
\nu_1 \equiv \frac{1}{\delta^2} \left( \frac{(\kappa \mu)^2}{dp} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_2 \equiv 2 \exp \left( -\frac{\delta^2}{2} \left( \frac{(\kappa \mu)^2}{dp} + \delta \left( \frac{(\kappa \mu)}{3dp} \right)^{-1} \right) \right).
\]

**Remark 4** For \( k = 2 \), the probability of error in (12) is upper bounded by \( \min \{ \nu_1, \nu_2 \} \), where

\[
\nu_1 \equiv \frac{1}{\delta^2} \left( \frac{(\kappa \mu)^4}{d^2p} \right) \left( 2 + \frac{r^2}{d} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_2 \equiv 2 \exp \left( -\frac{\delta^2}{2} \left( \frac{(\kappa \mu)^4}{d^2p} \left( 2 + \frac{r^2}{d} \right) + \delta \left( \frac{(\kappa \mu)^2}{3d^2p} \right)^{-1} \right) \right).
\]
When $k = 2$, for rank small $r \leq C\sqrt{d}$, only we only need $d^2p = O(1)$ samples for recovery up to any arbitrary small multiplicative error. When rank $r$ is large, our estimator requires $d^2p = O(d)$ for both $k \in \{1, 2\}$.

### 3.2. From Schatten norms to spectrum and spectral sum functions

Schatten norms by themselves are rarely of practical interest in real applications, but they provide a popular means to approximate functions of singular values, which are often of great practical interest (Di Napoli et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2015; Kong and Valiant, 2016). In this section, we consider two such applications using the first few Schatten norms explicitly: estimating the generalized rank in Section 3.2.1 and estimating the singular values in Section 3.2.2.

#### 3.2.1. Estimating the Generalized Rank

For a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and a given constant $c \geq 0$, its generalized rank of order $c$ is given by

$$
\text{rank}(M, c) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} \mathbb{1}[\sigma_i(M) > c].
$$

(14)

This recovers the standard rank as a special case when $c = 0$. Without loss of generality, we assume that $\sigma_{\text{max}}(M) \leq 1$. For any given $0 \leq c_2 < c_1 \leq 1$, and $\delta \in [0, 1)$, our goal is to get an estimate $\hat{r}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))$ from sampled entries $\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)$ such that

$$
(1 - \delta) \text{rank}(M, c_1) \leq \hat{r}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \leq (1 + \delta) \text{rank}(M, c_2).
$$

(15)

The reason we take two different constants $c_1, c_2$ is to handle the ambiguous case when the matrix $M$ has many eigenvalues smaller but very close to $c_1$. If we were to set $c_2 = c_1$, then any estimator $\hat{r}(M)$ would be strictly prohibited from counting these eigenvalues. However, since these eigenvalues are so close to the threshold, distinguishing them from other eigenvalues just above the threshold is difficult. Setting $c_2 < c_1$ allows us to avoid this difficulty and focus on the more fundamental challenges of the problem.

Consider the function $H_{c_1, c_2} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ given by

$$
H_{c_1, c_2}(x) = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } x > c_1 \\
0 & \text{if } x < c_2 \\
\frac{x - c_2}{c_1 - c_2} & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
$$

(16)

It is a piecewise linear approximation of a step function and satisfies the following:

$$
\text{rank}(M, c_1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{d} H_{c_1, c_2}(\sigma_i(M)) \leq \text{rank}(M, c_2).
$$

(17)

We exploit this sandwich relation and estimate the generalized rank. Given a polynomial function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of finite degree $m$ such that $f(x) \approx H_{c_1, c_2}(x)$ for all $x$, such that $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_m x^m$, we immediately have the following relation, which extends to a function on the cone of PSD matrices in the standard way:

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{d} f(\sigma_i(M)) = a_0 d + \sum_{k=1}^{m} a_k \|M\|_k^k.
$$

(18)
Using this equality, we propose the estimator:

\[ \hat{\tau}(P_\Omega(M); c_1, c_2) = a_0 d + \sum_{k=1}^{m} a_k \hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)), \]  

(19)

where we use the first several \( \hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)) \)'s obtained by the estimator (5). Note that function \( f \) depends upon \( c_1, c_2 \). The remaining task is to obtain the coefficients of the polynomials in \( f \) that is a suitable approximation of the function \( H_{c_1,c_2} \). In a similar context of estimating the generalized rank from approximate Schatten norms, Zhang et al. (2015) propose to use a composite function \( f = q_s \circ q \) where \( q \) is a finite-degree Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind such that \( \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |q(x) - H_{c_1,c_2}(x)| \leq 0.1 \), and \( q_s \) is a polynomial of degree \( 2s + 1 \) given by

\[ q_s(x) = \frac{1}{B(s + 1, s + 1)} \int_0^x t^s (1 - t)^s dt, \]  

where \( B(\cdot, \cdot) \) is the Beta function. (20)

Note that, since \( H_{c_1,c_2} \) is a continuous function with bounded variation, classical theory in Mason and Handscomb (2002), Theorem 5.7, guarantees existence of the Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind such that

\[ \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |C(x) - H_{c_1,c_2}(x)| \leq 0.1, \]

Concretely, for a given choice of thresholds \( 0 \leq c_1 < c_2 \leq 1 \) and degree of the beta approximation \( s \), the estimator \( \hat{\tau}(P_\Omega(M); c_1, c_2) \) in (19) can be computed as follows.

Algorithm 2 Generalized rank estimator (a variation of Zhang et al. (2015))

Require: \( P_\Omega(M), c_1, c_2, s \)
Ensure: \( \hat{\tau}(P_\Omega(M); c_1, c_2) \)

1: For given \( c_1 \) and \( c_2 \), find a Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind \( q(x) \) satisfying \[ \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |q(x) - H_{c_1,c_2}(x)| < 0.1 \] \[ \text{[Appendix D]} \]

2: Let \( C_b \) denote the degree of \( q(x) \)

3: Find the degree \( (2s + 1)C_b \) polynomial expansion of \( q_s \circ q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{(2s+1)C_b} a_k x^k \)

4: \[ \hat{\tau}(P_\Omega(M); c_1, c_2) = a_0 d + \sum_{k=1}^{(2s+1)C_b} a_k \hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)) \] \[ \text{[Algorithm 1]} \]

The approximation of \( H_{c_1,c_2} \) with \( f = q_s \circ q \) and our upper bound on estimated Schatten norms \( \hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)) \) translate into the following guarantee on generalized rank estimator \( \hat{\tau}(P_\Omega(M); c_1, c_2) \) given in (19).

Corollary 2 Suppose \( \|M\|_2 \leq 1 \). Under the hypotheses of Theorem 1, for any given \( 1 \geq c_1 > c_2 \geq 0 \), there exists a constant \( C_b \), such that for any \( s \geq 0 \) and any \( \gamma > 0 \), the estimate in (19) with the choice of \( f = q_s \circ q \) satisfies

\[ (1 - \delta)(\text{rank}(M, c_1) - 2^{-s}d) \leq \hat{\tau}(P_\Omega(M); c_1, c_2) \leq (1 + \delta)(\text{rank}(M, c_2) + 2^{-s}d), \]  

(21)

with probability at least \( 1 - \gamma C_b(2s + 1) \), where \( \delta \equiv \max_{1 \leq k \leq C_b(2s+1)} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\rho^2}{\gamma} \left( \frac{\max\{1, \rho^{1-2/k}\}}{dp} \right)^k} \right\}. \)

The proof follows immediately using Theorem 1 and the following lemma which gives a uniform bound on the approximation error between \( H_{c_1,c_2} \) and \( f = q_s \circ q \), together with Equations. (17) and (18),
provides a (deterministic) functional approximation guarantee of

\[
\text{rank}(M, c_1) - d 2^{-s} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{d} f(\sigma_i(M)) \leq \text{rank}(M, c_1) + d 2^{-s},
\]

(22)

for any \( c_1 < c_2 \) and any choice of \( s \), as long as \( C_b \) is large enough to guarantee 0.1 uniform error bound on the Chebyshev polynomial approximation. Since we can achieve \( 1 \pm \delta \) approximation on each polynomial in \( f(\sigma_i(x)) \), Theorem 1 implies the desired Corollary 2. Note that using Remarks 3 and 4, the bounds in (13) hold for \( k \in [1, \infty) \) with \( r^{1-2/k} \) replaced by \( \max\{1, r^{1-2/k}\} \).

Figure 6: The left panel shows a histogram of singular values of \( M \) chosen for the experiment. The right panel compares absolute error in estimation \( \hat{r}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M); c_1 = 0.5, c_2 = 0.6) \) for two choices of the Schatten norm estimates \( \|M\|_k^k \): first the proposed estimator \( \hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \) in (5), and second the Schatten norm of the completed matrix, \( \hat{M} = \text{AltMin}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \) from (Jain et al., 2013).

**Lemma 5 (Zhang et al. (2015), Lemma 1)** Consider the composite polynomial \( f(x) = q_s(q(x)) \). Then \( f(x) \in [0, 1] \) for all \( x \in [0, 1] \), and moreover

\[
|f(x) - H_{c_1, c_2}(x)| \leq 2^{-s}, \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, c_2] \cup [c_1, 1].
\]

(23)

In Figure 6, we evaluate the performance of estimator (19) numerically. We construct a symmetric matrix \( M \) of size \( d = 1000 \) and rank \( r = 200 \). \( \sigma_i \sim \text{Unif}(0, 0.4) \) for \( 1 \leq i \leq r/2 \), and \( \sigma_i \sim \text{Unif}(0.6, 1) \) for \( r/2 + 1 \leq i \leq r \). We estimate \( \hat{r}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M); c_1, c_2) \) for Erdős-Rényi sampling \( \Omega \), and a choice of \( c_2 = 0.5 \) and \( c_1 = 0.6 \), which is motivated by the distribution of \( \sigma_i \). We use Chebyshev polynomial of degree \( C_b = 2 \), and \( s = 1 \) for \( q_s \). That is function \( f \) is of degree 6. Accuracy of the estimator can be improved by increasing \( C_b \) and \( s \), however that would require estimating higher Schatten norms.

### 3.2.2. Estimating the Spectrum

Given accurate estimates of first \( K \) Schatten norms of a matrix \( M \), we can estimate singular values of \( M \) using a linear programming based algorithm given in (Kong and Valiant, 2016). In particular, we get
the following guarantees on the estimated singular values, whose proof follows directly using the analysis techniques in the proof of (Kong and Valiant, 2016, Theorem 2). The main idea is that given the rank, the maximum support size of the true spectrum, and an estimate of its first $K$ moments, one can find $r$ singular values whose $K$ first moments are close to the estimated Schatten norms.

**Algorithm 3** Spectrum estimator (a variation of Kong and Valiant (2016))

**Require:** $\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)$, $K$, $\epsilon$, target rank $r$, lower bound $a$ and upper bound $b$ on the positive singular values

**Ensure:** estimated singular values $\{\hat{\sigma}_1, \hat{\sigma}_2, \ldots, \hat{\sigma}_r\}$

1: $L \in \mathbb{R}^{K}$: $L_k = \Theta_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))$ for $k \in [K]$ [Algorithm 1]
2: $t = \lceil (b - a)/\epsilon \rceil + 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^t$: $x_i = a + \epsilon(i - 1)$, for $i \in [t]$,
3: $V \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times t}$: $V_{ij} = x_i^j$ for $i \in [K], j \in [t]$
4: $p^* \equiv \{\min_{p \in \mathbb{R}^t} |Vp - L|: 1^T p = 1, p \geq 0\}$
5: $\hat{\sigma}_i = \min\{x_j: \sum_{\ell \leq j} p^*_\ell \geq \frac{1}{r + 1}\}$, $i$th $(r + 1)$st-quantile of distribution corresponding to $p^*$

Further, our upper bound on the first $K$ moments can be translated into an upper bound on the Wasserstein distance between those two distributions, which in turn gives the following bound on the singular values. With small enough $\epsilon$ and large enough $K$ and $r$, we need sample size $d^2 p > C_{r,K,\epsilon,\gamma} d^{1-2/k}$ to achieve arbitrary small error.

**Corollary 3** Under the hypotheses of Theorem 1, given rank $r$, constants $0 \leq a < b$ such that $\sigma_{\text{min}} \geq a$, $\sigma_{\text{max}} \leq b$, and estimates of the first $K$ Schatten norms of $M$, $\{\Theta_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))\}_{k \in [K]}$ obtained by the estimator (5), for any $0 < \epsilon \ll (b - a)$, and $\gamma > 0$, Algorithm 3 runs in time $\text{poly}(r, K, (b - a)/\epsilon)$ and returns $\{\hat{\sigma}_i\}_{i \in [r]}$ an estimate of $\{\sigma_i(M)\}_{i \in [r]}$ such that

$$\frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r |\hat{\sigma}_i - \sigma_i| \leq \frac{C(b - a)}{K} + \frac{b - a}{r} + g(K)(b - a) \left(\epsilon K b^{K-1} + \sum_{k=1}^K \sigma_{\text{max}}^k \sqrt{\frac{\rho^2}{\gamma} \left(\max\{1, r^{1-2/k}\}\right)^k}\right),$$

with probability at least $1 - \gamma K$, where $C$ is an absolute constant and $g(K)$ only depends on $K$.

In Figure 7, we evaluate the performance of the proposed estimator (5), in recovering the true spectrum using Algorithm 3. We compare the results with the case when Schatten norms are estimated using matrix completion. We consider two distributions on singular values, one peak and two peaks. More general distributions of spectrum can be recovered accurately, however that would require estimating higher Schatten norms. For both cases, the proposed estimator outperforms matrix completion approaches, and achieves better accuracy as sample size increases with $\alpha$. In each graph, the black solid line depicts the empirical Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of the ground truths $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in [r]}$ for those $r$ strictly positive singular values. On the left, there are $r$ singular values at one peak $\sigma_i = 1$, and on the right there are $r/2$ singular values at each of the two peaks at $\sigma_1 = 1$ and $\sigma_2 = 2$. Each blue line and the orange line depicts the empirical CDF of $\{\tilde{\sigma}_i\}_{i \in [d]}$ and $\{\tilde{\sigma}_i\}_{i \in [d]}$ respectively for each trial, over three independent trials. $\tilde{\sigma}_i$’s are estimated using $\{\tilde{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))\}_{k \in [K]}$ obtained by the estimator (5), and $\overline{\tilde{M}}$’s are estimated using $\{\|\tilde{M}\|_k\}_{k \in [K]}$ where $\overline{\tilde{M}} = \text{AltMin}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))$, along with Algorithm 2 in (Kong and Valiant, 2016), for $K = 7$. $M$ is a symmetric matrix of size $d = 1000$ and rank $r \in \{50, 200, 500\}$ with singular values $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in [d]}$. $\Omega$ is generated using Erdős-Rényi sampling with probability $p = (\alpha/d)^{r-1/2}$ for $\alpha \in \{3, 5, 8, 10\}$. 

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4. Graph sampling

Our framework for estimating the Schatten $k$-norm can be applied more generally to any random sampling, as long as the distribution is permutation invariant. In practice, we typically observe one instance of a sampled matrix and do not know how the samples were generated. Under a mild assumption that the probability of sampling an entry is independent of the value of that entry, the only information about the sampling model that we have is the pattern, i.e. an unlabelled graph $G = (V, E)$ capturing the pattern of sampled indices by the edges. This naturally suggests a novel sampling scenario that we call graph sampling defined in Section 1.1. In this section, we provide an estimator under graph sampling, and characterize the fundamental limit on the achievable error. This crucially depends on the original pattern $G$ via a fundamental property $\lambda_{G,r}^k$, which is generally challenging to compute. However, we provide a bound on $\lambda_{G,r}^k$ for two extreme cases of varying difficulty: a clique sampling that requires only $O(r^{2-4/k})$ samples and a clique-star sampling that requires as many as $O(dr^{1-4/k})$ samples. This is made formal by showing a lower bound on the minimax sample complexity. Comparing the two necessary conditions on sample complexity, $O(r^{2-4/k})$ for clique sampling and $O(dr^{1-4/k})$ for clique-star sampling, it follows that depending on the pattern of the samples, the sample complexity can vary drastically, especially for low-rank matrices where $r \ll d$.

Under the graph sampling, the probability $p(H)$ that we observe all edges in a walk with pattern $H$ is

$$p(H) = \frac{\omega_{P_{\Omega(1d_1d_1^T)}}(H)}{\omega_{k_1k_1^T}(H)} ,$$

(25)
where \( \mathbb{1}_d \mathbb{1}_d^\top \) is the all ones matrix, and by permutation invariance, the probability is the ratio between total (unweighted) number of walks with \( H(w) = H \) in the original pattern \( \Omega \) and that of the complete graph \( K_d \). Note that although \( \Omega \) is a random quantity, \( \omega_{pr}(\mathbb{1}_d^\top \mathbb{1}_d)\) only depends on the structure and not the labelling of the nodes and hence is a deterministic quantity. Plugging in this value of \( p(H) \), which can be computed in time \( O(d^k) \) for \( k \leq 7 \) as shown in Proposition 2 (and in general only increases the computational complexity of the estimate by a factor of two), into the estimator (5), we get an estimate customized for graph sampling.

### 4.1. Performance Guarantees

Recall the graph sampling defined in Section 1.1, where we relabel the nodes of a pattern graph \( G(V, E) \) according to a random uniform permutation, and sample the entries of the matrix \( M \) on the edges. We prove a fundamental lower bound on the sample complexity that crucially depends on the following property of the pattern \( G \). Let \( G_\pi(V, \Omega) \) denote the graph after relabeling the nodes of \( G = (V, E) \) with permutation \( \pi: [d] \rightarrow [d] \). For independent Rademacher variables \( u_i \) for \( i \in [r] \)

\[
f_{G,r}(\lambda) \equiv \max_{\pi} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_u \left[ \exp \left( \frac{5}{d} \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{P}(G_\pi)} u_i u_j \right) \right] \right\}, \tag{26}
\]

where \( \mathcal{P}(G_\pi) \subseteq [r] \times [r] \) is a projection of the edges \( \Omega \) over \( d \) nodes to a set of edges over \( r \) nodes by mapping a node \( i \in [d] \) to a node \( 1 + (i - 1 \text{ mod } r) \in [r] \). Precisely, \((i, j) \in \mathcal{P}(G_\pi)\) if there exists an edge \((i', j') \in \Omega\) such that \( i = 1 + (i' - 1 \text{ mod } r) \) and \( j = 1 + (j' - 1 \text{ mod } r) \). Observe that \( f_{G,r}(\lambda) \) is a non-decreasing function of \( \lambda \). It follows from the fact that for any positive \( \lambda \) and random variable \( x \) and any \( \epsilon > 0 \), we have \( \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda(1+\epsilon)x}] \geq \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda x}](\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda x}])^\epsilon \geq \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda x}] e^{\epsilon \mathbb{E}[x]} \geq \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda x}] \). The first and the second inequalities use Jensen’s inequality and the third one holds when \( \mathbb{E}[x] \geq 0 \). Note that \( \mathbb{E}_u[\sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{P}(G_\pi)} u_i u_j] \geq 0 \), since \( u_i \)’s are i.i.d. Rademacher variables.

This function measures the distance between a particular low-rank matrix with Gaussian entries and its rank one perturbation, which is used in our constructive lower bound (see Eq. (204)). Intuitively, smaller \( f_{G,r}(\lambda) \) implies that two rank-\( r \) matrices with separated Schatten norms look similar after graph sampling w.r.t. \( G \). Hence, when this function is small, say less than 26/25, then it is hard to distinguish which of the two (distributions of) matrices we are observing. This is captured by the largest value of \( \lambda \) that still maintains \( f_{G,r}(\lambda) \) sufficiently small:

\[
\lambda^*_r \equiv \max_{\{\lambda > 0; f_{G,r}(\lambda) \leq 26/25\}} \lambda \ . \tag{27}
\]

One can choose any number not necessarily 26/25 as long as it is strictly larger than one and strictly smaller than two, and this will only change the probability upper bound in (28). If we sample from a graph \( G \) with large \( \lambda^*_r \), then we cannot distinguish two distributions even if they have a large Schatten norm separation.

We do not have enough samples and/or our pattern is not sample efficient. The dependence of the fundamental lower bound on the graph \( G \) is captured by this property \( \lambda^*_r \), which is made precise in the following theorem. We provide a lower bound that captures how sample complexity depends on the pattern \( G \) and also on the underlying matrix, by providing analysis customized for each family of matrices \( \mathcal{M}_{r,\mu} \) parametrized by its rank and incoherence:

\[
\mathcal{M}_{r,\mu} \equiv \{ M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} : M = M^\top, \text{rank}(M) \leq r , \mu(M) \leq \mu \}.
\]
Theorem 3 (General lower bound under graph sampling) For any finite $k \in [3, \infty)$ suppose we observe samples under the graph sampling defined in Section 1.1 with respect to a pattern graph $G = (V, E)$. Then there exist universal constants $C > 0$, $C' > 0$ and $C'' > 0$ such that for any $r \geq e^{C''k}$ and $\mu \geq C' \sqrt{\log r}$, if $\lambda_{G,r}^* \geq C d^{2/k - 1/2}$ then

$$\inf_{M \in M_{r,\mu}} \sup_{\Omega} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{1}{2} \|M\|_k \leq \tilde{\Theta}(P_{\Omega(M)}) \leq 2 \|M\|_k \right) \leq \frac{3}{4},$$

(28)

where the supremum is over any measurable function of $P_{\Omega(M)}$ and the probability is with respect to the random sampling $\Omega$.

A proof of Theorem 3 is given in Section E.3. It is in general challenging to evaluate $\lambda_{G,r}^*$ for a given graph. For a special case of clique sampling where the pattern $G(V, E)$ is a clique over a subset of $\ell$ nodes among $d$, we provide a sharp upper bound on $\lambda_{G,r}^*$.

Lemma 6 (Lower bound for clique sampling) If the pattern graph $G(V, E)$ is a clique over a subset of $\ell$ nodes, then $\lambda_{G,r}^* \leq 2^{-4d (\min\{\ell, r\})^{-1/2}}$.

Together with Theorem 3, this implies that if $\ell \leq 2^{-8C^{-2}r^{1-2/k}}$ (such that $\lambda_{G,r}^* \geq C d^{2/k - 1/2}$), then with probability at least $1/4$ any estimator makes an multiplicative error larger than two. Hence, sample size of $\ell(\ell + 1)/2 = O(r^{2-4/k})$ is necessary to achieve multiplicative error of two with high probability. We show that our estimator is optimal, by providing a matching upper bound on the sample complexity when $k = 3$. For any positive semidefinite matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ of rank $r$ with incoherence $\mu(M) = \mu$, $\kappa = \sigma_{\max}(M)/\sigma_{\min}(M)$, and some function $g(k) = O(k!)$, we define

$$\tilde{\rho}^2 \equiv (\kappa \mu)^{2k} g(k) \max \left\{ 1, \frac{\ell^{k-1}}{\kappa^{k-2}}, \frac{\ell}{r}, \frac{r^{1/2}/\rho^{k}}{d} \right\},$$

such that the variance of our estimator is bounded by $\text{Var}(\tilde{\Theta}(P_{\Omega(M)})/\|M\|_k^k) \leq \tilde{\rho}^2 (r^{1-2/k}/\ell)^k$ as we show for $k = 3$ in the proof of Theorem 4 in Section E.6. Here, $g(k) = O(k!)$ is a function of $k$ only.

Theorem 4 (Upper bound for clique sampling) For $k = 3$, any $\delta > 0$, and any rank-$r$ matrix $M \succeq 0$, the proposed estimator (5) achieves a multiplicative error $\delta$ with probability of error bounded by

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \frac{|\tilde{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega(M)}) - \|M\|_k^k|}{\|M\|_k^k} \geq \delta \right) \leq \frac{\tilde{\rho}^2}{\delta^2} \left( \frac{r^{1-2/k}}{\ell} \right)^k,$$

(29)

under the graph sampling with the pattern graph $G$ that is a clique over $\ell$ nodes.

For a typical scenario with finite $\mu$ and $\kappa$, this upper bound shows that sample size of $\ell(\ell + 1)/2 = O(r^{2-4/k})$ is sufficient to achieve any arbitrarily small multiplicative error for $k = 3$ and sufficiently small rank $r \leq d^{2k/(3k-2)}$ and $\ell \leq r^{(k-2)/(k-1)}$, to ensure that the first term dominates in $\tilde{\rho}^2$. However, the numerical experiments suggest that our analysis holds more generally for all regimes of the rank $r$. This matches the previous lower bound, proving optimality of the proposed estimator. Although the current analysis holds only for $k = 3$, we are intentionally writing the guarantee in general form as we expect the bound to hold more generally. In particular, we believe that Lemma 12 holds for all $k \geq 3$, and thereby Theorem 4 holds for any fixed integer $k \in [3, \infty)$. In the numerical experiments in Figure 8, $M$ is generated using settings similar to that of Figure 4. Empirical probabilities are computed by averaging over 100 instances.
Figure 8: Each colormap in each block for \( k \in \{3, 4, 5, 6\} \) show empirical probability of the event \( \{ \| M \|^k_k - \hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M)) \| \leq \delta \} \), for \( \delta = 0.5 \) (left panel) and \( \delta = 0.2 \) (right panel). \( \Omega \) is generated by clique sampling of matrix \( M \) with a clique of size \( \ell \) (vertical axis). \( M \) is a positive semi-definite matrix of size \( d = 1000 \). The solid lines correspond to our theoretical prediction \( \ell = \sqrt{k}r^{1-2/k} \).

Although our analysis does not give a tight lower bound for Erdős-Rényi sampling, there exists graph patterns such that sample complexity is large, i.e. scales linearly in \( d \). Consider a clique-star sampling where the pattern graph \( G(V,E) \) has a clique on a small subset of nodes \( V_1, |V_1| = \ell \), and the remaining nodes \( V \setminus V_1 \) are disconnected among themselves and are fully connected with the clique in \( V_1 \). Precisely, \( G = (V,E) \) with \( (i,j) \in E \) if \( i \in V_1 \) or \( j \in V_1 \).

**Lemma 7 (Lower bound for clique-star sampling)** Under the clique-star sampling over a clique of size \( \ell \), there exists an absolute constant \( c \) such that

\[
\lambda_{G,r}^* \leq cd(r(\min\{\ell, r\}))^{-1/4}.
\]

Together with Theorem 3, this implies that if \( \ell \leq c^4 C^{-4}r^{1-4/k} \), then with probability at least 1/4 any estimator makes an multiplicative error larger than two. This implies that the total number of edges in the pattern graph should be \( O(dr^{1-4/k}) \) for accurate estimation. Together with the upper bound on clique sampling in Theorem 4, this shows that the sample complexity can drastically change based on the pattern of your sampling model. Clique sampling requires only \( O(r^{2-4/k}) \) samples (for \( k = 3 \)) whereas clique-star sampling requires at least \( O(dr^{1-4/k}) \). A proof of Lemma 6 and Lemma 7 is given in Section E.4 and E.5 respectively.

5. Discussion

We list some observations and future research directions.

**Complexity of the estimator beyond** \( k = 7 \). For \( k \geq 8 \), our approach of using matrix operations to count (the weights of) walks for each pattern \( H \in \mathcal{H}_k \) can potentially be extended. However, the complexity of the problem fundamentally changes for \( k \geq 8 \). As our estimator is at least as hard as counting small structures in a simple (unweighted) graph, we can borrow known complexity results to get a lower bound. For instance, for \( k \geq 8 \), we need to count \( K_4 \) in a graph, which the best known run time is \( O(d^{n+1}) \) for general graphs (Kloks et al., 2000). For general \( k \), under standard hardness assumptions, Flum and Grohe (2004) show that there is no algorithm with run time \( O(f(k)d^c) \) for counting cycles of length \( k \), for any function \( f(k) \) and
a constant $c$ that does not depend on $k$. In comparison, finding one cycle of length $k$ can be done in time $2^{O(k)\ell^\alpha}$ (Alon et al., 1997). This implies that the complexity should scale as $O(d f(k))$, and we believe $f(k)$ should be larger than $(\alpha \sqrt{2k}/3)$. The reason is that for $k \geq \left(\frac{\ell}{2}\right)$ for an odd $\ell$, our estimator needs to count the number of cliques $K_\ell$ of size $\ell$. Similarly, for $k \geq (1/2)\ell^2$ for an even $\ell$, we require counting $K_\ell$. The best known algorithm for counting $K_\ell$ takes time $O(\min\{d 1+\alpha\lceil(\ell-1)/3\rceil, d^2+\alpha\lceil(\ell-2)/3\rceil\})$ for general graphs (Alon et al., 1997, Theorem 6.4). Putting these bounds together, we believe that the estimator take time at least $d^\alpha \sqrt{2k}/3$.

**Graph sampling.** Typical guarantees known for matrix completion assumes the Erdős-Rényi sampling. One exception is the deterministic sampling studied by Bhojanapalli and Jain (2014), but such generalization in sampling comes at a price of requiring more strict assumptions on the matrix $M$. We propose graph sampling, which can potentially capture how estimation guarantees depends explicitly on the pattern $G$, and still remain analytically tractable. We give such examples for special graphs in Section 4, and graph sampling model can potentially be used to bridge the gap in sampling models between theory and practice.

**Rank estimation.** As several popular matrix completion approaches require the knowledge of the rank of the original matrix, it is of great practical interest to estimate the standard rank of a matrix from sampled entries. Our framework in Section 3.2.1 provides a way to estimate the standard rank from samples. However, there are a few parameters that needs to be tuned, such as the thresholds $c_1$ and $c_2$, and the degree of the polynomial approximation and the degree of the Schatten norm. For rank estimation, Keshavan and Oh (2009) give an estimator that is provably correct in the regime where matrix completion works, justifying the requirement that popular matrix completion algorithms (Keshavan et al., 2010a; Jain et al., 2013) need to know the underlying rank. However, in the regime of our interest, which is below the standard matrix completion threshold, the algorithm fails miserably and there are no guarantees. In a more recent work, Saade et al. (2015) propose a novel rank estimator of counting the negative eigenvalues of Bethe Hessian matrix. It is an interesting future direction to build upon our framework to provide a guideline for choosing the parameters for standard rank estimation, and compare its performance to existing methods.

**The effect of the effective rank.** One property of the Schatten norm is that as $k$ gets large and as the singular values have small effective rank (meaning that they decay fast), the summation is dominated by the largest few singular values. In such scenarios, in the estimation problem, any algorithm that tracks the first few singular values correctly would achieve small error. Hence, the gap get smaller as effective rank gets smaller, between the proposed estimator and the simple Schatten $k$-norm of the rescaled sampled matrix, as depicted in Figure 9. We are using the same setting as those in Figure 4 with a full rank matrix $M$ with $r = d = 500$, but the effective rank is relatively small as the singular values are decaying as $\sigma_i = 1/i^2$. For the current choice of $k = 5$, notice that the contribution in $\|M\|_k^k$ of the 2nd singular value is a factor of $2^{10}$ smaller than the top singular value, making it effectively a rank one matrix.

**Technical challenges.** The technical challenge in proving bounds on the necessary number of samples needed to estimate Schatten $k$-norms lies in getting tight bounds on the variance of the estimator. Variance is a function of weighted counts of each pseudograph of $2k$-closed walks, in the complete matrix. As the weight of each walk can be positive or negative, significant cancellation occurs when we sum all the weights. However, this stochastic cancellation is hard to capture in the analysis and we assume the worst case when all the weights are positive, which cannot occur for incoherent and well-conditioned matrices. This weakness
of the analysis leads to the requirement of rank being sufficiently small in the case of Erdős-Rényi sampling and $k$ small in the case of clique sampling. We believe these bounds can be tightened and the same is reflected in the numerical simulations which show the same scaling holds for all small values of $k$ and rank close to the dimension of the matrix.

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Appendix

Appendix A. $k$-cyclic pseudographs
Figure 12: The 6-cyclic pseudographs $\mathcal{H}_6$. 
Figure 13: The 7-cyclic pseudographs $\mathcal{H}_7$
Figure 14: The 7-cyclic pseudographs $\mathcal{H}_7$
Appendix B. Efficient computation of $\omega_M(H)$ for $k \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$

In this section we provide the complete matrix operations for computing $\gamma_M(H)$'s. Equations (30) - (36) give expressions to compute $\gamma_M(H)$ for $H \in \mathcal{H}_4$ as labeled in Figure 10. Equations (37) - (48) give expressions to compute $\gamma_M(H)$ for $H \in \mathcal{H}_5$ as labeled in Figure 11. Equations (49) - (80) give expressions to compute $\gamma_M(H)$ for $H \in \mathcal{H}_6$ as labeled in Figure 12. Equations (81) - (173) give expressions to compute $\gamma_M(H)$ for $H \in \mathcal{H}_7$ as labeled in Figure 15.

For brevity of notations and readability, we define the following additional notations. Let $A \odot B$ denote the Hadamard product. For $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, let sum$(A)$ denote a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $v_i = \sum_{j \in [d]} A_{i,j}$. With a slight abuse of notation, for $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$, let sum$(v)$ denote sum of all elements of $v$ that is sum$(v) = \sum_{i \in [d]} v_i$.

Let sum$(\gamma_M(H_i) : \gamma_M(H_j)) \equiv \sum_{i \neq j} \gamma_M(H_i')$. Define $R \equiv \mathbb{I}_{d \times d} - \text{diag}(\mathbb{I}_{d \times d})$, that is $R$ is an all-ones matrix except on diagonals which are zeros. Further, for brevity, we omit the subscript $M$ from the notations $\gamma_M(H)$, $O_M$ and $D_M$.

\[
\begin{align*}
\gamma(B_1) &= \text{sum}(\text{sum}(D \odot D \odot D \odot D)) \\
\gamma(B_2) &= \text{sum}(\text{sum}(O \odot O \odot O \odot O)) \\
\gamma(B_3) &= 4 \text{tr}(O \ast O \ast D \ast D) \\
\gamma(B_4) &= 2 \text{sum}(\text{sum}((O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \odot R)) \\
\gamma(B_5) &= 2 \text{tr}(O \ast D \ast O \ast D) \\
\gamma(B_6) &= \text{tr}(O \ast O \ast O \ast O) - \text{sum}(\gamma(B_2) : \gamma(B_4)) \\
\gamma(B_7) &= \text{tr}(M \ast M \ast M \ast M) - \text{sum}(\gamma(B_1) : \gamma(B_6))
\end{align*}
\]
\[ \gamma(C_1) = \text{tr}(D \odot D \odot D \odot D \odot D) \] (37)
\[ \gamma(C_2) = 5 \text{ sum(} \text{sum}(D \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O)) \] (38)
\[ \gamma(C_3) = 5 \text{ sum(} \text{sum}((D \odot D \odot D) \odot (O \odot O))) \] (39)
\[ \gamma(C_4) = 5 \text{ tr}((O \odot O \odot O) \odot O \odot O) \] (40)
\[ \gamma(C_5) = 5 \text{ sum(} \text{sum}(D \odot (O \odot O) \odot (D \odot D))) \] (41)
\[ \gamma(C_6) = 5 \text{ sum(} \text{sum}((D \odot (O \odot O) \odot (D \odot D))) \] (42)
\[ \gamma(C_7) = 5 \text{ sum(} \text{sum}((D \odot (O \odot O) \odot (O \odot O))) \odot R)) \] (43)
\[ \gamma(C_8) = 5 \text{ tr}(O \odot O \odot O \odot (D \odot D)) \] (44)
\[ \gamma(C_9) = 5 \text{ sum(diag}(O \odot O \odot O) \odot \text{sum}(O \odot O)) - 10 \text{ tr}((O \odot O \odot O) \odot O \odot O) \] (45)
\[ \gamma(C_{10}) = \text{tr}(O \odot O \odot O \odot O) - \gamma(C_4) - \gamma(C_9) \] (46)
\[ \gamma(C_{11}) = 5 \text{ tr}(O \odot D \odot O \odot D \odot O) \] (47)
\[ \gamma(C_{12}) = \text{tr}(M \odot M \odot M \odot M \odot M) - \text{sum}(\gamma(C_1) : \gamma(C_{11})) \] (48)
\[ \gamma(D_1) = \text{sum}(\text{sum}(D \circ D \circ D \circ D \circ D \circ D)) \]  
(49) 
\[ \gamma(D_2) = \text{sum}(\text{sum}(O \circ O \circ O \circ O \circ O \circ O)) \]  
(50) 
\[ \gamma(D_3) = 6 \text{sum}(\text{sum}((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \circ R)) \]  
(51) 
\[ \gamma(D_4) = 6 \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O) \ast (D \circ D \circ D \circ D)) \circ R)) \]  
(52) 
\[ \gamma(D_5) = 9 \text{sum}(\text{sum}((D \circ D) \ast (O \circ O \circ O \circ O))) \circ R)) \]  
(53) 
\[ \gamma(D_6) = 3 \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((D \circ D) \ast (O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R)) \]  
(54) 
\[ \gamma(D_7) = 6 \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O) \ast (D \circ D \circ D)) \circ R)) \]  
(55) 
\[ \gamma(D_8) = 9 \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O) \ast (D \circ D) \ast (O \circ O))) \circ R)) \]  
(56) 
\[ \gamma(D_9) = 6 \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((D \circ D \circ D) \ast (O \circ O) \ast D)) \circ R)) \]  
(57) 
\[ \gamma(D_{10}) = 6 \text{sum}(\text{sum}((D \ast (O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast D) \circ R)) \]  
(58) 
\[ \gamma(D_{11}) = 3 \text{sum}\left((\text{sum}((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R) \circ (\text{sum}(O \circ O)) - \text{sum}((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R) \right) \]  
(59) 
\[ - \text{diag}((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \right) \]  
\[ \gamma(D_{12}) = 4 \text{tr}((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \]  
(60) 
\[ \gamma(D_{13}) = 2 \text{sum}\left((\text{sum}(O \circ O)) \circ (\text{sum}(O \circ O)) \circ (\text{sum}(O \circ O)) - \text{sum}((O \circ O \circ O \circ O \circ O \circ O)) \right) \]  
(61) 
\[ -3 \left((\text{sum}(O \circ O \circ O \circ O)) \circ (\text{sum}(O \circ O)) - (\text{sum}(O \circ O \circ O \circ O \circ O \circ O))\right) \]  
\[ \gamma(D_{14}) = 3 \text{sum}(\text{sum}((D \ast (O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O) \ast D) \circ R)) \]  
(62) 
\[ \gamma(D_{15}) = 12 \text{sum}(\text{sum}((D \ast (O \circ O) \ast D \ast (O \circ O))) \circ R)) \]  
(63) 
\[ \gamma(D_{16}) = 6 \text{sum}\left((\text{sum}((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \circ R) \circ (O \circ O)) - \text{sum}((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R) \right) \]  
(64) 
\[ \gamma(D_{17}) = 6 \text{tr}((D \circ D \circ D) \ast O \circ O \circ O) \]  
(65) 
\[ \gamma(D_{18}) = 24 \text{tr}((D \ast (O \circ O \circ O) \ast O \circ O) \ast O) \]  
(66) 
\[ \gamma(D_{19}) = 6 \text{tr}((D \ast (O \circ O \circ O) \ast O) \ast O) \]  
(67) 
\[ \gamma(D_{20}) = 6 \left(\text{sum}(\text{sum}((O \circ O) \circ ((O \ast (D \circ D) \ast O)) \circ R)) - \text{sum}(\text{sum}((O \circ O) \ast (D \circ D) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R))\right) \]  
(68) 
\[ \gamma(D_{21}) = 12 \text{tr}(O \ast (D \circ D) \ast O \ast D \ast O) \]  
(69) 
\[ \gamma(D_{22}) = 6 \left(\text{sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O) \ast R) \circ (O \circ O) - (O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ (O \circ O)) \text{sum}(O \circ O) \right) \]  
(70) 
\[ -2 \text{sum}\left(\text{sum}(((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \circ R) \circ (O \circ O) - ((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R)) \right) \]  
\[ -\text{sum}\left(\text{sum}(((O \circ O) \ast R) \circ (O \circ O) - ((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R) \right) \]  
\[ \gamma(D_{23}) = 9 \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O) \ast R) \circ (O \circ O) - ((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R) \circ (O \circ O))) \)  
(71) 
\[ \gamma(D_{24}) = 12 \text{sum}(\text{diag}(O \ast D \ast O \ast O) \circ \text{sum}(O \circ O)) - \text{diag}((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast D \ast O \ast O) \]  
(72) 
\[ \gamma(D_{25}) = 6 \text{sum}(\text{diag}(O \ast O \ast O) \circ \text{sum}((O \circ O) \ast D \ast O \ast O)) \]  
(73) 
\[ \gamma(D_{26}) = 12 \text{sum}(\text{diag}(O \ast O \ast O) \circ \text{diag}(D) \circ \text{sum}(O \circ O)) - \text{diag}((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast O \ast O) \circ \text{diag}(D)) \)  
(74) 
\[ \gamma(D_{27}) = 3 \text{sum}\left(\text{diag}(O \circ O \circ O) \circ \text{diag}(O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) - 2 \text{diag}((O \circ O \circ O) \ast O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O))\right) \]  
(75) 
\[ -(4/3) \gamma(D_{23}) \]
\[ \gamma(D_{28}) = \text{tr}(O*O*O*O*O) - \gamma(D_2) - \gamma(D_3) - \gamma(D_{11}) - \gamma(D_{12}) - \gamma(D_{13}) \\
- \gamma(D_{16}) - \gamma(D_{22}) - \gamma(D_{23}) - \gamma(D_{27}) \] (76)

\[ \gamma(D_{29}) = 2 \text{tr}(O*O*O*D*O) \] (77)

\[ \gamma(D_{30}) = 3 \text{sum}(sum((O*D*O)\odot R\odot (O*D*O)) - \text{sum}(((O\odot O)*(D\odot D)*(O\odot O))\odot R)) \] (78)

\[ \gamma(D_{31}) = 6 \text{sum}(sum((O*D*O*D)\odot R\odot (O*O)) - \text{sum}(((O\odot O)*D\odot (O\odot O)*D)\odot R)) \] (79)

\[ \gamma(D_{32}) = \text{tr}(M*M*M*M*M*M) - \text{tr}(O*O*O*O*O*O) - \text{sum}(\gamma(D_1) : \gamma(D_{26})) + \gamma(D_2) + \gamma(D_3) + \gamma(D_{11}) + \gamma(D_{12}) + \gamma(D_{13}) + \gamma(D_{16}) + \gamma(D_{22}) + \gamma(D_{23}) - \gamma(D_{29}) - \gamma(D_{30}) - \gamma(D_{31}) \] (80)
\[ \gamma(E_1) = \sum(\text{diag}((D \odot D \odot D \odot D \odot D \odot D))) \] (81)
\[ \gamma(E_2) = 7 \sum(\sum((O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D \odot D \odot D \odot D))) \] (82)
\[ \gamma(E_3) = 7 \sum(\sum(((D \odot D) \ast (O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D \odot D)) \odot R)) \] (83)
\[ \gamma(E_4) = 14 \sum(\text{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot D \odot D))) \] (84)
\[ \gamma(E_5) = 7 \sum(\sum((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast D)) \] (85)
\[ \gamma(E_6) = 7 \sum(\sum((D \ast (O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D \odot D)) \odot R)) \] (86)
\[ \gamma(E_7) = 21 \sum(\sum((D \ast (O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D))) \odot R)) \] (87)
\[ \gamma(E_8) = 7 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D \odot D)) \odot R)) \] (88)
\[ \gamma(E_9) = 14 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D \odot D) \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R)) \] (89)
\[ \gamma(E_{10}) = 7 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \ast D) \odot R)) \] (90)
\[ \gamma(E_{11}) = 21 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast D \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R)) \] (91)
\[ \gamma(E_{12}) = 14 \sum(\sum((D \ast (O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R)) \] (92)
\[ \gamma(E_{13}) = 7 \text{tr}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \ast O) \] (93)
\[ \gamma(E_{14}) = 14 \text{tr}((O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \ast (O \odot O \odot O)) \] (94)
\[ \gamma(E_{15}) = 7 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R) \odot \text{sum}((O \odot O) \ast D) - \sum(((O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast D \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R) - \text{diag}(((O \odot O) \ast D \ast (O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O)))) \] (95)
\[ \gamma(E_{16}) = 14 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R) \odot \text{sum}((O \odot O) - \sum(((O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O))) \odot \text{diag}(D)) \] (96)
\[ \gamma(E_{17}) = 7 \sum(((\sum((O \odot O) \odot \text{sum}(O \odot O) \odot \text{sum}(O \odot O)) - \sum((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O))) \odot \text{diag}(D)) \] (97)
\[ Z_1 \equiv 0.5 \left( (\text{sum}(O \odot O) \odot \text{sum}(O \odot O)) - \text{sum}(O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \right) \] (98)
\[ \gamma(E_{18}) = 14 \sum(\sum((O \odot O) \ast D) \odot Z_1 - \text{sum}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot D) \odot \text{sum}((O \odot O))) + \text{sum}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast D)) \] (99)
\[ \gamma(E_{19}) = 28 \sum(\text{diag}((O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O)) \odot \text{diag}(D)) \] (100)
\[ \gamma(E_{20}) = 21 \sum(\sum((D \ast (O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D)) \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R)) \] (101)
\[ \gamma(E_{21}) = 14 \sum(\sum((D \odot D) \ast (O \odot O) \ast D \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R)) \] (102)
\[ \gamma(E_{22}) = 7 \sum(\sum((D \ast (O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D)) \odot R)) \] (103)
\[ \gamma(E_{23}) = 7 \sum(\text{diag}(O \odot O \ast O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot D) \odot D)) \] (104)
\[ \gamma(E_{24}) = 28 \sum(\text{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast \text{sum}((O \odot O)) - \text{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \odot O)) - \text{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \odot O)) \] (105)
\[ \gamma(E_{25}) = 7 \sum(\text{diag}(O \ast (O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \odot O) \odot \text{sum}((O \odot O)) - 2 \text{diag}((O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \odot O)) \] (106)
\[ \gamma(E_{26}) = 7 \sum(\text{diag}(O \ast (O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \odot O) \odot \text{diag}((D \odot D))) \] (107)
\[ \gamma(E_{27}) = 42 \sum(\text{diag}((O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \odot O) \odot \text{diag}((D \odot D))) \] (108)
\[ \gamma(E_{28}) = 7 \sum(\text{diag}(O \ast O \ast O) \odot \text{sum}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O)) - 2 \text{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \odot O)) \] (109)
\[ \gamma(E_{29}) = 7 \sum(\sum((D \ast (O \odot O) \ast D \ast (O \odot O) \ast D) \odot R)) \] (110)
\[ \gamma(E_{30}) = 28 \sum(\text{diag}(O \odot D \ast (O \odot O \odot O) \ast O) \odot \text{diag}(D)) \] (111)
\[ \gamma(E_{31}) = 28 \operatorname{tr}(O \ast D \ast (O \odot O \odot O \ast O \ast O) \odot D \ast O) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{32}) = 14 \sum(\operatorname{diag}(O \ast (D \odot D) \ast O \ast O) \odot \sum((O \odot O)) - \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D) \ast O) \) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{33}) = 14 \sum(\operatorname{diag}(O \ast D \ast O \ast O) \odot \operatorname{diag}((D \odot D \odot D))) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{34}) = \text{7}\text{tr}(O \ast (D \odot D) \ast O \ast (D \odot D) \ast O) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{35}) = 7(\sum(\sum(((O \odot O) \odot R) \odot ((O \ast (D \odot D) \ast O) \odot R)))) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{36}) = 14 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O \odot O \ast O) \ast O \ast O) \odot R \odot (O \ast D \ast O)) \) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{37}) = 28 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \ast D \ast O) \odot R \odot (O \ast O)) \) \]  
\[ Z_2 \equiv ((O \odot O) \odot R) \odot O - O \odot (I_{d \times 1} \ast (\sum((O \odot O)^T)) \top - (O \odot O)) \odot R \]  
\[ Z_3 \equiv (O \odot ((O \odot O) \odot R)) \odot R \]  
\[ Z_4 \equiv (O \odot ((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \odot R)) \odot R \]  
\[ Z_6 \equiv ((O \odot O \odot O) \odot ((O \ast O) \odot R)) \odot R \]  
\[ Z_7 \equiv (O \odot ((O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O \odot O) \odot R)) \odot R \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{38}) = 7 \sum(\sum(((O \odot O \odot O) \odot O \ast R \odot Z_2 - ((O \odot O \odot O \odot O) \ast Z_3) \odot R - Z_4) \) \]  
\[ Z_7 \equiv 0.5 \sum(\sum(O \odot (((O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R) \odot ((O \ast O) \odot R) \) \]  
\[ -O \odot (((O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \odot R)) \odot R \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{39}) = 7 \left( \sum(\sum((O \odot ((O \ast O) \odot R) \odot \sum((O \odot O)) \ast I_{1 \times d}) \right) \right. \left. - (O \odot O) \odot (I_{d \times 1} \ast (\sum((O \odot O)^T)) \top - (O \odot O)))) \right) \]  
\[ -\sum(\sum(O \odot ((O \odot O \odot O) \odot R) \odot (I_{d \times 1} \ast (\sum((O \odot O)^T)) \top - (O \odot O)))) \) \]  
\[ -\sum(\sum(O \odot ((O \ast O \odot O \odot O) \odot R) \odot (\sum((O \odot O)) \odot I_{1 \times d} - (O \odot O)))) \) \]  
\[ + \sum(\sum(O \odot ((O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \odot R) \odot (\sum((O \odot O)))) \) \]  
\[ -14 Z_7 \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{40}) = 21 \operatorname{diag}((D \odot D) \ast O \ast O \ast (O \odot O) \circ \sum((O \odot O)) - 2 \operatorname{diag}((D \odot D) \ast (O \odot O \odot O \ast O \ast O)) \) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{41}) = 7 \operatorname{diag}(O \ast O \ast O) \odot \sum((O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D)) - 2 \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O) \ast (D \odot D) \ast O \ast O) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{42}) = 7 \left( \operatorname{diag}(O \ast O \ast O) \odot \sum((O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O) \odot R) - 2 \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O) \ast (O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \ast O) \right) \]  
\[ -2 \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \ast O \ast O) \odot \sum((O \odot O)) - \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \ast O \ast O)) \) \]  
\[ -\operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \ast O \ast O \odot O \ast (O \odot O \odot O))) - 28 Z_7 \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{43}) = 14 \operatorname{diag}(O \ast O \ast O) \odot Z_1 - 2 \left( \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \ast O \ast O) \odot \sum((O \odot O)) \right) \]  
\[ - \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O \odot O \ast O \ast O) - 0.5 \operatorname{diag}((O \odot O \odot O) \ast O \ast (O \odot O \odot O))) \) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{44}) = 56 Z_7 \]  
\[ Z_8 \equiv (O \odot ((O \odot O \odot O) \odot O) \odot R) \odot R \]  
\[ Z_9 \equiv (O \odot ((O \ast O) \odot R)) \odot R \]  
\[ Z_{10} \equiv (O \odot ((O \ast O \odot O) \odot R)) \odot R \]  
\[ Z_{11} \equiv ((O \ast O) \odot R \odot Z_2 - ((O \odot O) \odot Z_3) \odot R - Z_8) - ((Z_9 \ast (O \odot O)) \odot R - Z_{10}) \]  
\[ \gamma(E_{45}) = 14 (\sum(0.5 \sum(Z_{11}) \odot \sum((O \odot O))) - (1/7) \gamma(E_{38}) - \sum(\sum((O \odot O) \odot Z_{11}))) \)
\[ \gamma(E_{46}) = 21 \text{ sum}(\text{sum}((O \circ O) \circ Z_{11})) \] (136)

\[ \gamma(E_{47}) = 7 \text{ sum}(\text{sum}(Z_{11}) \circ \text{diag}((D \circ D))) \] (137)

\[ \gamma(E_{48}) = 7 \text{ tr}((D \circ D) \ast \text{O} \ast D \ast O \ast D \ast O) \] (138)

\[ \gamma(E_{49}) = 14 \text{ sum}(\text{diag}(D \ast O \ast O \ast O) \circ \text{sum}((O \circ O) \ast D) - 2 \text{ diag}(D \ast (O \circ O \circ O) \ast D \ast O \ast O)) \] (139)

\[ \gamma(E_{50}) = 14 \text{ sum}(\text{diag}(O \ast O \ast D \ast O) \circ \text{sum}((O \circ O) \ast D) - \text{diag}((O \circ O \circ O) \ast D \ast O \ast D \ast O)) \] (139)

\[ \gamma(E_{51}) = 28 \text{ sum}(\text{diag}(D \ast O \ast D \ast O) \circ \text{sum}((O \circ O)) - \text{diag}(D \ast (O \circ O \circ O) \ast D \ast O \ast O)) \] (140)

\[ \gamma(E_{52}) = 7 \text{ sum}(\text{diag}(O \ast D \ast O \ast D \ast O) \circ \text{sum}((O \circ O)) - 2 \text{ diag}((O \circ O \circ O) \ast D \ast O \ast D \ast O)) \] (141)

\[ \gamma(E_{53}) = 14 \text{ sum}((\text{sum}((O \ast O) \circ O) \circ (O \ast D \ast O) \circ O)) \] (142)

\[ \gamma(E_{54}) = 7 \text{ sum}(\text{sum}(((O \ast D \ast O) \circ O) \circ (O \ast D) \circ (O \circ O))) \] (143)

\[ Z_{12} \equiv \text{sum}(0.5 \text{ sum}(((O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) \circ D \circ (O \circ O)) \] (144)

\[ Z_{13} \equiv \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast D \ast O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) \circ (O \circ O)) \circ D \circ (O \circ O) \] (145)

\[ Z_{14} \equiv 0.5 \text{ sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \ast O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) \circ (O \circ O)) \circ (O \circ O) \] (146)

\[ Z_{15} \equiv \text{sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O \circ O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) \circ (O \circ O) \] (147)

\[ \gamma(E_{55}) = 14 \text{ sum}(0.5 \text{ sum}(((O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) - Z_{13} - Z_{12} \] (148)

\[ \gamma(E_{56}) = 28 \text{ sum}(0.5 \text{ sum}(((O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) - Z_{13} - Z_{12} \] (149)

\[ \gamma(E_{57}) = 14 \text{ sum}(\text{sum}(((O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) - Z_{13} - Z_{15} - 2 Z_{14} \] (150)

\[ \gamma(E_{58}) = 14 \text{ sum}(0.5 \text{ sum}(((O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) - Z_{15} - Z_{12} \] (151)

\[ \gamma(E_{59}) = 84 Z_{12} \] (152)

\[ \gamma(E_{60}) = 42 Z_{14} \] (153)

\[ Z_{25} = \text{tr}(M \ast M \ast M \ast M \ast M \ast M) - \text{sum}(\gamma(E_{1}) : \gamma(E_{60})) \] (154)

\[ Z_{26} = \text{tr}(O \ast O \ast O \ast O \ast O \ast O) - \gamma(E_{13}) - \gamma(E_{14}) - \gamma(E_{24}) - \gamma(E_{25}) - \gamma(E_{28}) - \gamma(E_{38}) - \gamma(E_{39}) - \text{sum}(\gamma(E_{12}) : \gamma(E_{46})) \] (155)

\[ Z_{16} \equiv 1/6 \, ((O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) \] (156)

\[ Z_{16} \equiv 1/6 \, ((O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) \] (157)
\[ \gamma(E_{61}) = 42 \sum \left( \sum (Z_{16} \circ O) \right) \] (158)

\[ Z_{17} \equiv \sum \left( \sum (0.5 \ ((O \circ O \circ R) \circ (O \circ O \circ R)) \right) - \left( (O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O) \circ R \right) \circ (0.5 \ \text{diag}(O \circ O \circ O)) \] (159)

\[ \gamma(E_{62}) = 28 \ (Z_{17} - (6/84) \ \gamma(E_{61}) - (2/42) \ \gamma(E_{46}) - (3/56) \ \gamma(E_{44}) \] (160)

\[ \gamma(E_{63}) = Z_{26} - \gamma(E_{61}) - \gamma(E_{62}) \] (161)

\[ \gamma(E_{64}) = 7 \ \sum \left( \sum ((D \ast O \ast D) \ast D \circ O \circ R) \circ (O \circ O \circ R)) \right) \] (162)

\[ -7 \ \sum \left( \sum (D \ast (O \circ O) \ast D \ast (O \circ O) \circ D \circ R) \right) \] (162)

\[ \gamma(E_{65}) = 7 \ \sum \left( \sum (D \ast Z_{21} \ast D) \right) \] (163)

\[ Z_{18} \equiv \sum \left( ((O \ast O) \circ R \circ (O \ast O) - ((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O) \circ R) \circ (O \circ O)) \right) \] (164)

\[ \gamma(E_{66}) = 7 \ \sum \left( \left( \sum (\ast diag(O \ast O \circ O) \circ diag(O \ast O \circ O)) \right) \right) - 2 \ \text{diag}((O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O)) \] (165)

\[ Z_{20} \equiv 0.5 \ \sum \left( \sum ((O \circ O \circ R) \circ (O \ast D \ast O \circ R) - ((O \circ O) \ast D \ast (O \circ O) \circ (O \circ O))) \right) \] (166)

\[ \gamma(E_{67}) = 14 \ \sum \left( \sum (\ast diag(O \ast O \circ O) \circ diag(O \ast O \ast D) - 2 \ \text{diag}(O \circ O) \ast (O \circ O) \ast D \ast (O \circ O))) \right) \] (167)

\[ -2 \ \sum \left( Z_{18} \circ \text{diag}(D) \right) - 4 \ Z_{20} \] (167)

\[ Z_{21} \equiv \left( ((O \ast D \ast O \ast D) \circ R) \circ O - O \circ (1_{d \times 1} \ast \sum (D \ast (O \circ O) \ast D, 1) \right) - D \ast (O \circ O) \circ D) \circ R \] (168)

\[ Z_{22} \equiv (O \circ ((O \ast D \ast O) \circ R)) \circ R \] (169)

\[ Z_{23} \equiv (O \circ ((D \ast (O \circ O \circ O) \ast D \ast O) \circ R)) \circ R \] (170)

\[ Z_{24} \equiv (O \circ ((D \ast (O \circ O \circ O) \ast D) \circ O) \circ R) \] (171)

\[ \gamma(E_{68}) = 7 \ \sum \left( \sum (((O \circ O) \circ R \circ Z_{21} - (((O \circ O) \ast D \ast Z_{22}) \circ R - Z_{23}) \right) - (Z_{22} \ast D \ast (O \circ O)) \circ R - Z_{24}) \) \) (172)

\[ \gamma(E_{69}) = Z_{25} - Z_{26} - \sum (\gamma(E_{64}) : \gamma(E_{68})) \] (173)
Appendix C. Algorithm for estimating Schatten $k$-norm

Algorithm 4 Schatten $k$-norm estimator

Require: $\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)$, $k$, $\mathcal{H}_k$, $p(H)$ for all $H \in \mathcal{H}_k$
Ensure: $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M))$
1: $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \leftarrow 0$
2: For all $H \in \mathcal{H}_k$, let simple($H$) be $H$ where multiple edges (self loops) are condensed into one.
3: Let $(\mathcal{H}_{k,i}^{iso})_{1 \leq i \leq r}$ be a partition of the collection $\mathcal{H}_k$ such that $H, H' \in \mathcal{H}_{k,i}^{iso}$ if simple($H$) is isomorphic to simple($H'$), for all $1 \leq i \leq r$. Let $F_{k,i} \equiv$ simple($H$), and $p(F_{k,i}) \equiv p(H)$ for any $H \in \mathcal{H}_{k,i}^{iso}$.
4: Let $W_{k,i}$ be a collection of all possible $k$-closed walks on $F_{k,i}$ that uses each edge at least once.
5: for $1 \leq \ell \leq k$ do
6: Enumerate a list, $\mathcal{L}_\ell$, of all connected $\ell$-vertex induced subgraphs (possibly with loops) of the graph $G([d], \Omega)$
7: for all $g \in \mathcal{L}_\ell$ do
8: Enumerate a list, $\mathcal{S}_{g,\ell}$ of all connected $\ell$-vertex subgraphs of the graph $g$ by removing one or more edges
9: for all $h \in \mathcal{S}_{g,\ell}$ do
10: for $1 \leq i \leq r$ do
11: if $h$ is isomorphic to $F_{k,i}$ then
12: $\hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \leftarrow \hat{\Theta}_k(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) + \frac{1}{p(F_{k,i})} \sum_{w \in W_{k,i}} \omega_{\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)}(w)$
13: end if
14: end for
15: end for
16: end for
17: end for

Appendix D. Algorithm for computing the Chebyshev polynomial

Algorithm 5 Chebyshev polynomial of the first kind approximating $H_{c_1,c_2}(x)$

Require: $H_{c_1,c_2}$, $c_1$, $c_2$, and target accuracy $\delta = 0.1$
Ensure: Chebyshev polynomial $q(x)$ of first kind
1: $g(x) \equiv \frac{x-c_2}{c_1-c_2}$
2: $T_0(x) \equiv 1$, $T_1(x) \equiv x$
3: $q(x) \leftarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{c_2}^{c_1} (1-x^2)^{-1/2} g(x) T_0(x) dx + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{c_2}^{c_1} (1-x^2)^{-1/2} T_0(x) dx$
4: $i = 1$
5: while $\sup_{x \in [0,1]} |q(x) - H_{c_1,c_2}(x)| \geq \delta$ do
6: $q(x) \leftarrow q(x) + \frac{2T_i(x)}{\pi} \int_{c_2}^{c_1} (1-x^2)^{-1/2} g(x) T_i(x) dx + \frac{2T_i(x)}{\pi} \int_{c_2}^{c_1} (1-x^2)^{-1/2} T_i(x) dx$
7: $i \leftarrow i + 1$
8: $T_i(x) \equiv 2xT_{i-1}(x) - T_{i-2}(x)$
9: end while
Appendix E. Proofs

We provide proofs for main results and technical lemmas.

E.1. Proof of Theorem 1

Consider \( \tilde{W} \) to be the collection of all length \( k \) closed walks on a complete graph of \( d \) vertices. Here we slightly overload the notion of complete graph to refer to an undirected graph with not only all the \( d(d-1)/2 \) simple edges but also with \( d \) self loops as well. Construct the largest possible collection \( W \) from \( \tilde{W} \) wherein each walk has distinct weights that is \( \omega(w) \neq \omega(w') \) for all \( w, w' \in W \). We partition \( W \) according to the pattern among \( k \)-cyclic pseudographs, which are further partitioned into four groups. The estimator (5) can be re-written as

\[
\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M)) = \sum_{w \in W} \frac{c(H(w))}{p(H(w))} \omega_{P_{\Omega}(M)}(w) = \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_k} \left\{ \frac{c(H)}{p(H)} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \omega_M(w) \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right\}, \tag{174}
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=1}^{4} \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{k,i}} \left\{ \frac{c(H)}{p(H)} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \omega_M(w) \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right\}, \tag{175}
\]

where we write \( w \subseteq \Omega \) to denote the event that all the edges in the walk \( w \) are sampled, and we define

- \( \mathcal{H}_{k,1} \equiv \{ C_k \} \) is just a (set of a) simple cycle of length \( k \) and there are total \( |\{ w \in W : H(w) \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1} \}| = \left( \begin{array}{c} d \\ k \end{array} \right) (k!/2k) \leq (d^k/2k) \) corresponding walks to this set, and \( c(C_k) = 2k \).

- \( \mathcal{H}_{k,2} \equiv \{ H(V_H, E_H) \in \mathcal{H}_k : |V_H| \leq k - 1 \) and no self loops\}, and there are total \( |\{ w \in W : H(w) \in \mathcal{H}_{k,2} \}| \leq d^{k-1} \) corresponding walks to this set.

- \( \mathcal{H}_{k,3} \equiv \bigcup_{s=1}^{k-1} \mathcal{H}_{k,3,s} \) where \( \mathcal{H}_{k,3,s} = \{ H \in \mathcal{H}_k \} \) with \( s \) self loops\}, and there are total \( |\{ w \in W : H(w) \in \mathcal{H}_{k,3} \}| \leq d^{k-s} \) corresponding walks in this set.

- \( \mathcal{H}_{k,4} \equiv \{ H(V_H, E_H) \in \mathcal{H}_k : |V_H| = 1 \} \) is a (set of a) graph with \( k \) self loops and there are total \( |\{ w \in W : H(w) \in \mathcal{H}_{k,4} \}| = d \) corresponding walks to this set.

Given this unbiased estimator, we provide an upper bound on the variance of each of the partitions to prove concentration with Chebyshev’s inequality. For any walk \( w \in W \), let \( |w| \) denote the number of unique edges (including self loops) that the walk \( w \) traverses. Let \( |w \cap w'| \) denote the number of unique overlapping edges
Var(\(\hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)) \)) = 2 \sum_{\ell=1}^{k-1} \sum_{w \neq w' \in W \atop |w \cap w'| = \ell} \text{Covar}

\left( \frac{\mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \omega_M(w) c(H(w))}{p(H(w))}, \frac{\mathbb{I}(w' \subseteq \Omega) \omega_M(w') c(H(w'))}{p(H(w'))} \right)

+ \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{k,i}} \left\{ \frac{c(H)^2}{p(H)^2} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \omega_M(w) \text{Var}\left( \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right) \right\}

< 4 \sum_{\ell=1}^{k-1} \sum_{w \neq w' \in W \atop |w \cap w'| = \ell} \mathbb{E}\left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \mathbb{I}(w' \subseteq \Omega) \right] \left( \frac{\omega_M(w) \omega_M(w') c(H(w)) c(H(w'))}{p(H(w)) p(H(w'))} \right)

+ \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{k,i}} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \frac{c(H)^2 \omega_M(w)^2}{p(H)^2} \mathbb{E}\left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right].

(176)

Recall from the definition of incoherence that \(|M_{ii}| \leq \sigma_1(M) \mu r / d\) and \(|M_{ij}| = \sigma_1(M) \mu r^{1/2} / d\), and let \(\alpha = \sigma_1(M) \mu r^{1/2} / d\) denote the maximum off-diagonal entry, such that \(|M_{ij}| \leq \alpha\) and \(|M_{ii}| \leq \alpha \sqrt{r}\) for all \(i, j \in [d]\). Let \(A_{p,k,\alpha,d} = d^k \alpha^{2k} / p^k\) denote the target scaling of the variance, then

\[ \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{k,i}} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \frac{c(H)^2 \omega_M(w)^2}{p(H)^2} \mathbb{E}\left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right] \leq \]

\[ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\frac{d^k (2k)^2 \alpha^{2k}}{2k p^k} = 2k A_{p,k,\alpha,d}, & \text{for } i = 1, \\
\frac{d^{k-1} f(k)^2 \alpha^{2k}}{p^k} = \frac{f(k)^2}{d} A_{p,k,\alpha,d}, & \text{for } i = 2, \\
\frac{r^k \alpha^{2k}}{p} = \frac{r^k p^{k-1}}{d^{k-1}} A_{p,k,\alpha,d}, & \text{for } i = 4,
\end{array} \right. \]

(178)

and for \(i = 3\) and for \(1 \leq s \leq k - 1\), we have

\[ \sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{k,3,s}} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \frac{c(H)^2 \omega_M(w)^2}{p(H)^2} \mathbb{E}\left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right] \leq d^{k-s} \frac{f(k)^2 \alpha^{2k} r^s}{p^k} = \frac{f(k)^2 \alpha^{2k} r^s}{d^s} A_{p,k,\alpha,d}, \]

(180)

where \(c(H)\) is defined as the multiplicity of walks with the same weight satisfying \(c(H) \leq f(k)\). For \(w \neq w'\) and \(|w \cap w'| = \ell\), where the range of \(\ell\) varies across equations depending upon the set to which \(w, w'\) belongs, we have the following:

\[ \sum_{w \neq w' \in W \atop |w \cap w'| = \ell, H(w) \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1,s}, H(w') \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1',s}} \mathbb{E}\left[ \mathbb{I}(w \in \Omega) \mathbb{I}(w' \in \Omega) \right] \frac{\omega_M(H(w)) \omega_M(H(w')) c(H(w)) c(H(w'))}{p(H(w)) p(H(w'))} \leq \]

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Observe that quantities in (214), (215), and (217) are upper bounded by $h(k) \equiv h(k)(dp)^{k-1}/d$. Quantity in (216) is upper bounded by $h_2(k) \equiv h(k)r^kp^k/d^{-1}$. Given $\|M\|_{k}^k \geq r (\sigma_{\min})^k$, recall a bound on off diagonals of matrix $M$ by $|M_{i,j}| \leq \alpha = \mu \sigma_{\max} \sqrt{r}/d$ and $A_{p,k,\alpha,d} = d^k \alpha^2 k/p^k$. This gives

$$A_{p,k,\alpha,d} \leq \frac{\kappa^2 k^2 \mu^2 p^{k-2}}{d^k p^k}.$$  

Using Chebyshev’s inequality and collecting all terms in the upper bound on the variance, we have for sufficiently large $d$, the following bound:

$$P \left( \frac{\hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)) - \|M\|_k^k}{\|M\|_k^k} \geq \delta \right) \leq \frac{(\kappa \mu)^2 f(k)^2 p^{k-2}}{\delta^2 (dp)^k} \max \left\{ 1, \frac{(dp)^{k-1}}{d}, \frac{r^kp^{k-1}}{d^{-1}} \right\},$$

where the second and the third term in the max expression follow by evaluating $h_1(k)$ and $h_2(k)$. If sampling probability $p$ is small enough such that $dp \leq Cd^{1/(k-1)}$ for some constant $C$, then the second and the third terms are smaller than the first term. Hence, the desired result in Theorem 1 follows.

**E.2. Proof of Theorem 2**

We can prove a Bernstein-type bound on accuracy of the estimator. The estimator (5) can be re-written as a multi-linear polynomial function of $d(d+1)/2$ i.i.d. Bernoulli($p$) random variables.

$$\hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)) = \sum_{w \in W} \left\{ \frac{c(H(w))}{p(H(w))} \omega_M(w) \prod_{(i,j) \in \text{unique}(w)} \mathbb{I}(i,j \in \Omega) \right\},$$

for $i \neq i' = 1$ (182)

$$f(k)^2 d^{\ell-1}(\ell+1) \alpha^2 k^2 \leq f(k)^2 (dp)^{k-\ell} A_{p,k,\alpha,d} \quad \text{for } i = i' = 2$$

$$f(k)^2 d^{\ell-s, s'-s} \alpha^2 k^2 (\alpha \sqrt{r})^{s+s'} \leq f(k)^2 (dp)^{k-\ell} (d/\sqrt{r})^{s+s'} A_{p,k,\alpha,d}, \quad \text{for } i = i' = 3$$

where (188) is valid only for $\ell = 1$. Note that for any $w$ with $H(w) \in \mathcal{H}_k,1 \cup \mathcal{H}_k,2$, it has no overlap with $w'$ such that $H(w') \in \mathcal{H}_k,A$.

Observe that $\text{Var}(\hat{\Theta}_k(P_\Omega(M)))$ as bounded in (177) is upper bounded by the sum of quantities in (214)-(188), summing over all possible values of $1 \leq \ell \leq k-1$, and $1 \leq s, s' \leq k-1$. Let $h(k) \equiv f(k)^2 A_{p,k,\alpha,d}$. Observe that quantities in (214), (215), and (217) are upper bounded by $h(k)$. Quantities in (182)-(188) are upper bounded by $h_1(k) \equiv h(k)(dp)^{k-1}/d$. Quantity in (216) is upper bounded by $h_2(k) \equiv h(k)r^kp^{k-1}/d^{-1}$.

Given $\|M\|_{k}^k \geq r (\sigma_{\min})^k$, recall a bound on off diagonals of matrix $M$ by $|M_{i,j}| \leq \alpha = \mu \sigma_{\max} \sqrt{r}/d$ and $A_{p,k,\alpha,d} = d^k \alpha^2 k/p^k$. This gives

$$A_{p,k,\alpha,d} \leq \frac{\kappa^2 k^2 \mu^2 p^{k-2}}{d^k p^k}.$$
where $I((i, j) \subseteq \Omega)$ is a random variable that takes value 1 if the $(i, j)_{th}$ entry of the matrix $M$ is sampled, and $\text{unique}(w)$ denotes the set of the unique edges (and self loops) that the walk $w$ traverses. Let $q$ denote the power of the polynomial function that is the maximum number of unique edges in the walk $w$, that is $q = k$.

We use the following Bernstein-type concentration results of Schudy and Sviridenko (2011) for the polynomials of independent random variables.

**Lemma 8 (Schudy and Sviridenko (2011), Theorem 1.3)**  We are given $d(d+1)/2$ independent central moment bounded random variables $\{I((i, j) \in \Omega)\}_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq d}$ with same parameter $L$. We are given a multilinear polynomial $\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M))$ of power $q$, then

$$
P\left[|\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M)) - E[\hat{\Theta}_k(P_{\Omega}(M))]| \geq \lambda\right] \leq e^{2 \max_t \left\{ e^{-\lambda^2/R(t)} , \lambda \max_{t \in [q]} e^{-\lambda \mu_t L \sigma} \right\}^{1/t}} \quad (192)$$

where $R$ is some absolute constant and $\mu_t$ is defined as follows:

$$
\mu_t = \max_{S \subseteq \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i, j \leq d\}} \left( \sum_{w \in W | w \geq S} \frac{e(H(w))}{p(H(w))} |\omega_M(w)| \prod_{(i, j) \in \text{unique}(w) \setminus S} E[I((i, j) \in \Omega)] \right), \quad (193)
$$

where $w \supseteq S$ denotes that the walk $w$ comprises edges (and self loops) contained in the set $S$. $L$ is defined as follows: A random variable $Z$ is called central moment bounded with real parameter $L > 0$, if for any integer $i \geq 1$ we have

$$
E[|Z - E[Z]|^i] \leq i L E[|Z - E[Z]|^{i-1}] \quad (194)
$$

For Bernoulli random variables $L \in [1/4, 1]$. In the following, we show that $\mu_t \leq (\mu \sigma_{\text{max}})^k g(k)r^k/(d(dp)^t)$, for $t \in [k]$. Using Lemma 8, along with $\|M\|_k^k \geq r(\sigma_{\text{min}})^k$, the bound in (13) follows immediately.

To compute $\mu_t$, define a set of walks $W_{\ell,s,\hat{s}}$ such that $w \in W_{\ell,s,\hat{s}}$ has $0 \leq \ell \leq k$ unique edges and $0 \leq s \leq k$ unique self loops, and $\hat{s}$ total self loops with $\ell + \hat{s} \leq k$. For the set $S$ as required in (193), let $S_{\ell,\hat{s}}$ be a set of
\[ \ell \text{ unique edges and } s \text{ unique self loops, with } |S_{\ell,s}| = \ell + s \text{ where } 1 \leq \ell + s \leq k. \text{ Therefore, we have} \]

\[
\begin{align*}
\mu_t &= \max_{S_{\ell,s} : \ell + s = t} \left( \sum_{0 \leq s \leq k} \sum_{w \in W_{\ell,s} : \ell \in [k] : w \in S_{\ell,s}} c(H(w)) |\nu_M(w)| \prod_{(i,j) \in \text{unique}(w) \setminus S_{\ell,s}} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{I}(i,j) \subseteq \Omega)] \right) \\
&\leq \max_{S_{\ell,s} : \ell + s = t} \left( \sum_{0 \leq s \leq k} \sum_{w \in W_{\ell,s} : \ell \in [k] : w \in S_{\ell,s}} \frac{f(k)}{p^{\ell+s}} \alpha^k r^{s/2} p^{\ell+s-(\ell+s)} \right) \\
&= \max_{S_{\ell,s} : \ell + s = t} \left( \sum_{0 \leq s \leq k} \sum_{\ell \in [k] : \ell + s \leq k, \ell \leq s} \frac{df}{dp^{\ell-s}}(\ell+s) \right) \\
&\leq \max_{S_{\ell,s} : \ell + s = t} \left( \frac{k^3 g(k)(\mu \sigma_{\text{max}})^k r^{s/2}}{dd^{\ell-s}(dp)(\ell+s)} \right) \leq \frac{(\mu \sigma_{\text{max}})^k g(k)r^k}{d(dp)^t}.
\end{align*}
\]

E.3. Proof of Theorem 3

The proof technique is a generalization to a rank \( r \) symmetric matrix of the proof given by Li et al. (2014) for deriving lower bound on the size of a random bi-linear sketch needed for approximating Schatten norm of any matrix. It also draws on the techniques used in Andoni et al. (2013) for proving a lower bound on the size of the linear sketches of moments.

We prove Theorem 3 for an arbitrary fixed relabeling permutation \( \pi \) of the graph nodes. Indeed, by Yao’s minimax principle, it suffices to give two distributions on matrix \( M \in \mathcal{M}_r \) for which the \( \|M\|_k \) values differ by a constant factor with high probability, but for any relabeling permutation \( \pi \) of the nodes of the pattern graph \( G \), the induced distributions on the sampled entries \( \mathcal{P}_\Omega(M) \) corresponding to the relabeled graph \( G_{\pi}(\hat{V}, \Omega) \), have low total variation distance.

For positive \( C > 0 \) to be specified later, define \( \lambda \equiv C d r^{1/k-1/2} \). We construct distributions \( \mathcal{D}_1 \) and \( \mathcal{D}_2 \) for \( M \in \mathcal{M}_{r,\mu} \) with \( \mu = C' \sqrt{\log r} \), for some absolute constant \( C' \), such that the following holds:

1. \( \|M\|_k \leq \lambda \) on the entire support of \( \mathcal{D}_1 \), and \( \|M\|_k \geq 4\lambda \) on the entire support of \( \mathcal{D}_2 \).
2. Let \( \mathcal{E}_1 \) and \( \mathcal{E}_2 \) denote the distribution of the sampled matrix \( \mathcal{P}_\Omega(M) \) when \( M \) is drawn from \( \mathcal{D}_1 \) and \( \mathcal{D}_2 \) respectively. Recall that \( \Omega \) is the set of edges of the relabeled graph \( G_{\pi}(\hat{V}, \Omega) \) as defined in Section 4.1. If \( \lambda_{G,\pi}^* \geq \lambda \) then, the total variation distance between \( \mathcal{E}_1 \) and \( \mathcal{E}_2 \) is bounded by \( \text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) \leq 1/2 \).
The desired result (28) follows from the above claims and the following relationship between statistical tests and estimators:

$$\begin{align*}
P_{M \sim \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{D}_1 + \mathcal{D}_2)} \left( \frac{1}{2} \| M \|_k \leq \widetilde{\Theta}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \leq 2 \| M \|_k \right) \\
\leq \frac{1}{2} P_{M \sim \mathcal{D}_2} \left( \widetilde{\Theta}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \geq 2\lambda \right) + \frac{1}{2} P_{M \sim \mathcal{D}_1} \left( \widetilde{\Theta}(\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)) \leq 2\lambda \right) \\
\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) \right) \leq \frac{3}{4}.
\end{align*}$$

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where the last inequality follows from the following characterization of the total variation distance $\text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) \equiv \sup_A |\mathcal{E}_1(A) - \mathcal{E}_2(A)|$.

To prove the two claims, we construct one of the desired rank-$r$ random matrix via tiling, i.e. covering the matrix with copies of a single $r \times r$ sub-matrix from the Gaussian Wigner Ensemble, where diagonals and off-diagonals (upper triangle) are both distributed as i.i.d. standard Gaussians. Another one is constructed by adding a rank one perturbation. Precisely, we define a random matrix drawn from

$$\mathcal{D}_1 = \{ d/r \}^T \mathbf{1}_{[d/r]} \text{ to be an all-ones matrix of size } [d/r] \times [d/r] \text{.}$$

We set $\mathcal{D}_1$ to be $\mathcal{D}_1$ conditioned on the event $S_1 = \{ M_1 : \| M_1 \|_k \leq \lambda, \mu(M_1) \leq C'\sqrt{\log r} \}$, i.e., $\mathcal{D}_1(A) = \mathcal{D}_1(A \cap S_1)/\mathcal{D}_1(S_1)$.

We define $\mathcal{D}_2$ by adding a rank one perturbation. Precisely, let $M_2 = M_1 + \frac{5}{d} \lambda U$, where $M_1 \sim \mathcal{D}_1$ and $U = uu^T \otimes B$. Here a random vector $u \in \{-1, 1\}^r$ is a vector of i.i.d. Rademacher random variables. Note that $U$ is a rank one matrix and $\| U \|_k = [d/r] \| uu^T \|_k = d$. We set $\mathcal{D}_2$ to be $\mathcal{D}_2$ conditioned on the event $S_2 = \{ M_2 : \| M_2 \|_k \leq 4\lambda, \mu(M_2) \leq C' \sqrt{\log r} \}$. Observe that $M_1 \sim \mathcal{D}_1$ and $M_2 \sim \mathcal{D}_2$ belong to $\mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, are symmetric and both are rank at most $r + 1$.

Let $\mathcal{E}_1$ and $\mathcal{E}_2$ denote the distribution of $\mathcal{P}_\Omega(M)$ when $M$ is drawn from $\mathcal{D}_1$ and $\mathcal{D}_2$ respectively. We first show that their total variation distance is not too large. Using the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{align*}
\text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) &\leq \text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) + \text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_1) + \text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_2, \mathcal{E}_2) \\
&\leq \text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) + \text{TV}(\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_1) + \text{TV}(\mathcal{D}_2, \mathcal{D}_2) \\
&= \text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) + \mathbb{P}_{M_1 \sim \mathcal{D}_1} (\{ \| M_1 \|_k \geq \lambda \} \cup (\mu(M_1) \geq C' \sqrt{\log r}) \\
&\quad + \mathbb{P}_{M_2 \sim \mathcal{D}_2} (\{ \| M_2 \|_k \leq 4\lambda \} \cup (\mu(M_2) \geq C' \sqrt{\log r})) .
\end{align*}$$

(197)

(198)

where (197) follows from the data processing inequality and (198) follows from $\text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2) \equiv \sup_A |\mathcal{E}_1(A) - \mathcal{E}_2(A)|$. We next show that the three terms in (198) are sufficiently small.

We first provide an upper bound on $\text{TV}(\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2)$. As per our construction, only the upper triangular (including diagonals) of the upper-left submatrix of size $r \times r$ of $M_1 \sim \mathcal{D}_1$ and $M_2 \sim \mathcal{D}_2$ has unique entries and the rest are copies of these. Observe that the set of unique entries of $M_1$ (or $M_2$) corresponding to any pattern
We show that if $\lambda$ perturbation and is distributed as $\mathcal{N}(0,I_{\ell_1 \times \ell_1})$, it follows that

$$E(P^{(r)}(G)) = \left\{ (i,j) : i \leq j \in [r], (i,j) \in P^{(r)}(G(V,E)) \right\}. \quad (199)$$

For the purpose of computing the total variation distance $TV(\hat{\mathcal{E}}_1, \hat{\mathcal{E}}_2)$, it is sufficient to consider only $E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))$ entries of $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_1$ distributed as i.i.d. standard Gaussians $N(0,I_{\ell_1 \times \ell_1})$, and the entries of $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_2$ distributed as $N(W, I_{\ell_1 \times \ell_1})$, where $\ell_1 = |E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))|$. The random vector $W$ represents the rank one perturbation and is distributed as

$$W_{i,j} = (5/d)\lambda u_i u_j, \quad (i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi)). \quad (200)$$

To bound total variation distance between $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_1$ and $\hat{\mathcal{E}}_2$, we use the following lemma and the fact that for any two distributions $\mu$ and $\nu$, $TV(\mu, \nu) \leq \sqrt{\lambda^2(\mu \parallel \nu)}$. Let $\mu \ast \nu$ denote the convolution of the density (or equivalently addition of the two random variables).

**Lemma 9 (Ingster and Suslina 2012, p97)** It holds that $\lambda^2(\mathcal{N}(0, 0 \ast \mu \parallel \mathcal{N}(0, 0)) \leq \mathbb{E}\exp((z, z')) - 1$, where $z, z' \sim \mu$ are independent.

It follows that

$$TV(\hat{\mathcal{E}}_1, \hat{\mathcal{E}}_2) \leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E}\exp(W \ast W') - 1} \leq 1/5,$$

for $\lambda_{\hat{\mathcal{E}}_2} \geq \lambda$ where the expectation is taken over independent $W$ and $W'$ which are identically distributed. We show that if $\lambda_{\hat{\mathcal{E}}_2} \geq \lambda$ the last inequality holds, as following:

$$\mathbb{E}_{W,W'} \exp((W, W')) \leq \mathbb{E}_{u,u'} \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j u_i' u_j' \right) = \mathbb{E}_u \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \leq \mathbb{E}_u \left[ \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \right] \leq 1 + 1/25, \quad (201)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{u,u'} \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j u_i' u_j' \right) \leq \mathbb{E}_u \left[ \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \right] \leq 1 + 1/25, \quad (202)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{u,u'} \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j u_i' u_j' \right) \leq \mathbb{E}_u \left[ \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \right] \leq 1 + 1/25, \quad (203)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{u,u'} \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j u_i' u_j' \right) \leq \mathbb{E}_u \left[ \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \exp \left( (5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E(P^{(r)}(G_\pi))} u_i u_j \right) \right] \leq 1 + 1/25, \quad (204)$$
where (201) follows from the fact that \( u, u' \) are i.i.d. Rademacher variables, (202) follows from the fact that \( f_{G,r}(\lambda) \) defined in (26) is non-decreasing in \( \lambda \), (203) follows from the definition of \( E(P(r)(G_\pi)) \) in (199), and (204) follows from the definition of \( \lambda_{C_2} \) in (27).

To bound the other two terms in (198), we use Wigner’s semicircular law and its rate of convergence for Gaussian Wigner Ensemble, \( G(r, r) \) as defined above. Consider the empirical spectral distribution of \( Z \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r} \) as

\[
F_Z(x) = \frac{1}{r} |\{i : \lambda_i(Z) \leq x\}|. \tag{205}
\]

\textbf{Lemma 10 (Wigner (1955))} Define \( Z = (1/\sqrt{r})Y \) for \( Y \sim G(r, r) \). Then as \( r \to \infty \) the empirical distribution \( F_Z(x) \) of \( Z \) converges weakly to the distribution \( G(x) \) with density \( g(t) = \frac{\sqrt{4 - t^2}}{2\pi} \) \( t \in [-2, 2] \).

\textbf{Lemma 11 (Götze and Tikhomirov)} For any positive constant \( \alpha > 0 \), let \( \ell_{r,\alpha} = \log r (\log \log r)^\alpha \). There exists an absolute positive constant \( C \) and \( c \) such that for \( r \) large enough,

\[
P\left\{ \sup_x |F_Z(x) - G(x)| \geq r^{-1} \log r \ell_{r,\alpha} \right\} \leq C \exp \{-c \ell_{r,\alpha}\}. \tag{207}
\]

To bound the schatten norm of a matrix \( Y \sim G(r, r) \), along with Lemma 10 and Lemma 11 we use the following. If \( F(x) \) and \( G(x) \) are cumulative distribution functions of densities \( \mu, \nu \) then for any continuous and bounded function \( f \), we have

\[
\left| \int f d\mu - \int f d\nu \right| \leq \|f\|_\infty \sup_x |F(x) - G(x)|. \tag{208}
\]

Choosing \( f(x) = x^k \) for \( x \in [-2, 2] \), we can see that for \( k = O(\log r) \) there exists a constant \( C > 2 \) such that with probability \( 1 - 1/80 \) it holds that

\[
\| (1/\sqrt{r})Y \|_k \leq \left( \int_{-2}^{2} x^k \frac{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}{2\pi} dx + o(1) \right) r \leq (2^k + o(1))r \leq C^k r. \tag{209}
\]

Hence \( \| Y \|_k \leq C r^{(1/k + 1/2)} \). By construction of distribution \( \mathcal{D}_1 \), for \( M_1 \sim \mathcal{D}_1 \), \( \| M_1 \|_k = (d/r) \| Y \|_k \leq Cd r^{(1/k - 1/2)} = \lambda \). Also, by construction \( M_2 \sim \mathcal{D}_2 \) is \( M_2 = M_1 + (5/d) \lambda U \) where \( \| U \|_k = d \). Using triangle inequality, we have

\[
\| M_2 \|_k \geq \| (5/d) \lambda U \|_k - \| M_1 \|_k \geq 5\lambda - Cd r^{1/k - 1/2} = 4\lambda,
\]

Recall that, incoherence parameter \( \mu(M) \) is defined as \( \mu(M) = \max_{i \neq j \in [d]} M_{i,j}/(|\sigma_{\max}(M)| \sqrt{r}/d) \). From (209), there exists a constant \( 0 < C' < 1 \) such that with probability \( 1 - 1/160 \) it holds that \( \| Y \|_2 \geq C' r \). The integral evaluates to 1 for \( k = 2 \). Therefore, the largest singular value of \( M_1 \) is lower bounded: \( |\sigma_{\max}(M_1)| \geq C'd / \sqrt{r} \). Using the fact that there exists a constant \( C'' \) such that \( \max_{i,j \in [1]} \{Y_{i,j}\} \leq C'' \sqrt{\log r} \) with probability at least \( 1 - 1/160 \), we have, \( \mu(M_1) \leq (C''/C') \sqrt{\log r} \). The same \( \mu(M_1) \) satisfies the upper bound on diagonals as well. Therefore, using union bound, the second and the third term in (198) are upper bounded by \( 1/40 \).
E.4. Proof of Lemma 6

Observe that for any given permutation \( \pi \), \( \mathcal{P}^{(r)}(G_\pi) \) as defined in Section 4.1 is a clique over a subset of nodes \( \tilde{V}_\pi \), where \( |\tilde{V}_\pi| \leq \min\{\ell, r\} \). From the definition of \( f_{G,r}(\lambda) \), (26), we have the following:

\[
f_{G,r}(\lambda) = \max_\pi \left\{ \mathbb{E}_u \exp \left( \frac{(5/d)^2}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{P}^{(r)}(G_\pi)} u_i u_j \right) \right\} = \max_\pi \left\{ \mathbb{E}_u \exp \left( \frac{(5/d)^2}{2} \lambda^2 \sum_{i \in \tilde{V}_\pi} u_i^2 \right) \right\}
\]

\[
= \max_\pi \left\{ \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(5/d)^{2t} \lambda^{2t}}{t!} \mathbb{E}_u \left( \sum_{i \in \tilde{V}_\pi} u_i^{2t} \right) \right\} \leq \max_\pi \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \frac{(5/d)^2 \lambda^2 |\tilde{V}_\pi|^{t}}{(2t)!} \right\},
\]

where the inequality follows from the bound in (210). Therefore, from the definition of \( \lambda_{G,r}^* \), we have that \( \lambda_{G,r}^* \) is upper bounded by \( 2^{-d} \min\{\ell, r\}^{-1/2} \).

To bound \( \mathbb{E}(\sum_{i \in \tilde{V}_\pi} u_i^{2t}) \), for \( t \in [1, \infty) \), using Hoeffding bound we have that

\[
\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i \in \tilde{V}_\pi} u_i^{2t} \right] = \int_0^{|\tilde{V}_\pi|^{2t}} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i \in \tilde{V}_\pi} u_i^{2t} \right) dz \leq 2 \int_0^{2|\tilde{V}_\pi|^{2t}} \exp \left( -\frac{z^{1/t}}{2|\tilde{V}_\pi|^{2t}} \right) dz \leq 2 \left( \frac{2|\tilde{V}_\pi|^{2t}}{\ell} \right)^t (210)
\]

where the integral is evaluated by variable substitution.

E.5. Proof of Lemma 7

For the given pattern graph \( G \) and any given permutation \( \pi \), let \( \tilde{A}_\pi \in \{0, 1\}^{r \times r} \) be the adjacency matrix of the graph \( \mathcal{P}^{(r)}(G_\pi) \) that is defined in Section 4.1. Observe that for a permutation \( \pi \), \( \ell_\pi \) rows of \( \tilde{A}_\pi \) are all-ones and the remaining are all-zeros, where \( \ell_\pi \leq \min\{\ell, r\} \). Let \( A_\pi \) be a copy of \( \tilde{A}_\pi \) where all the diagonal entries are replaced with zero. Note that \( \mathbb{E}_u (u^\top A_\pi u)^{2t+1} = 0 \) for all \( t \geq 0 \), where \( u_i \)'s are i.i.d. Rademacher random variables. Define \( C_\pi \equiv \exp((5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \ell_\pi) \).

From the definition of \( f_{G,r}(\lambda) \), (26), we have the following:

\[
f_{G,r}(\lambda) = \max_\pi \left\{ \mathbb{E}_u \exp \left( \frac{(5/d)^2}{2} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{P}^{(r)}(G_\pi)} u_i u_j \right) \right\} = \max_\pi \left\{ C_\pi \mathbb{E}_u \exp \left( \frac{(5/d)^2}{2} \lambda^2 (u^\top A_\pi u) \right) \right\}
\]

\[
= \max_\pi \left\{ C_\pi \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(5/d)^{4t} \lambda^{4t}}{(2t)!} \mathbb{E}_u \left[ (u^\top A_\pi u)^{2t} \right] \right\} \leq \max_\pi \left\{ C_\pi \left( 1 + 4 \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \frac{2c(5/d)^2 \lambda^2 \sqrt{\ell_\pi r}}{(2t)!} \right) \right\},
\]

where the inequality follows from the bound in (211), and \( c \) is some absolute constant. Therefore, from the definition of \( \lambda_{G,r}^* \), we have that \( \lambda_{G,r}^* \) is upper bounded by \( cd((\min\{\ell, r\})^{r})^{-1/2} \).

To bound \( \mathbb{E}_u [ (u^\top A_\pi u)^{2t} ] \), for \( t \in [1, \infty) \), we use Hanson-Wright Inequality. Observe that \( \|A_\pi\|_F^2 \leq \sqrt{\ell_\pi r} \), and \( \|A_\pi\|_2^2 = (r-1)\ell_\pi < \ell_\pi r \).

\[
\mathbb{E}_u [ (u^\top A_\pi u)^{2t} ] = \int_0^{(2\sqrt{\ell_\pi r})^{2t}} \mathbb{P} \left( (u^\top A_\pi u)^{2t} \right) dz \leq \int_0^{(2\sqrt{\ell_\pi r})^{2t}} \exp \left( -\frac{cz^{1/t}}{4\ell_\pi r} \right) dz \leq 2(4\ell_\pi r/c)^t + 2(2\sqrt{\ell_\pi r/c})^{2t}(2t)! \leq 4(2\sqrt{\ell_\pi r/c})^{2t}(2t)! ,
\]

(211)
where the integral is evaluated by variable substitution.

### E.6. Proof of Theorem 4

For a clique of size $m$ selected uniformly at random, we derive an upper bound on variance of our estimator. Following the notations defined in the proof of Theorem 1, we have the following bound on the variance.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Var}(\hat{\Theta}_k(P\Omega(M))) &= 2 \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \sum_{\substack{w \neq w' \in W \mid |w\cap w'| = \ell}} \text{Covar} \left( \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \omega_M(w) c(H(w)) , \mathbb{I}(w' \subseteq \Omega) \omega_M(w') c(H(w')) \right) / p(H(w)) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{4} \sum_{H \in H_{k,i}} \{ \frac{c(H)^2}{p(H)^2} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \omega_M(w)^2 \text{Var} \left( \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right) \} \\
&< 2 \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \sum_{\substack{w \neq w' \in W \mid |w\cap w'| = \ell}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \mathbb{I}(w' \subseteq \Omega) \right] \left( \frac{\omega_M(w) \omega_M(w') c(H(w)) c(H(w'))}{p(H(w)) p(H(w'))} \right) \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{\ell=0}^{k} \sum_{\substack{w \neq w' \in W \mid |w\cap w'| = \ell}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}(w' \subseteq \Omega) \right] \left( \frac{\omega_M(w) \omega_M(w') c(H(w)) c(H(w'))}{p(H(w)) p(H(w'))} \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{4} \sum_{H \in H_{k,i}} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \frac{c(H)^2 \omega_M(w)^2}{p(H)^2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right].
\end{align*}
\]

(212)

(213)

where we abuse the earlier defined notation $|w \cap w'|$ to denote the number of overlapping nodes in the two walks $w, w' \in W$ instead of number of overlapping edges. Note that in pattern sampling, covariance term for two walks that do not have any overlapping node is not zero. As earlier, we provide bound on each of the terms in (213).

Probability of any walk $w$ being sampled is $\mathbb{P}[w \in \Omega] = \binom{m}{\ell} / \binom{d}{\ell} \leq f(\ell)m^\ell / d^\ell$, where $\ell$ is the number of unique nodes that the walk traverses and $f(\ell)$ is an exponential function in $\ell$. Recall that off diagonals of matrix $M$ are bounded by $|M_{ij}| \leq \alpha = \mu \sigma_{\text{max}} \sqrt{r} / d$ and the diagonals are bounded by $|M_{ii}| \leq \mu \sigma_{\text{max}}^2 r / d$. We have,

\[
\sum_{H \in H_{k,i}} \sum_{w : H(w) = H} \frac{c(H)^2 \omega_M(w)^2}{p(H)^2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{I}(w \subseteq \Omega) \right] \leq
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{d^k f(k)^2 \alpha^2 k^d k^k}{2^k k^m} &\leq \frac{f(k)^2 \mu \sigma_{\text{max}}^2 2^k k^k}{m^k} , & \text{for } i = 1 , \\
\frac{d^2 f(k)^2 \alpha^2 k^{k-1}}{m} &\leq \frac{m f(k)^2 \mu \sigma_{\text{max}}^2 2^k k^k}{d^2} , & \text{for } i = 2 , \\
\frac{d^2 r^k \alpha^2 k}{m} &\leq \frac{r^k m^{k-1} f(k)^2 \mu \sigma_{\text{max}}^2 2^k k^k}{d^{2k-2}} , & \text{for } i = 4 ,
\end{align*}
\]

(214)

(215)

(216)
and for \( i = 3 \) and for \( 1 \leq s \leq k - 1 \), we have
\[
\sum_{H \in \mathcal{H}_{k,3,s}} \sum_{w:H(w)=H} \frac{c(H)^2 \omega_M(w)^2}{p(H)^2} \mathbb{E}\left[ I(w \subseteq \Omega) \right] \leq \left( \frac{d^2}{m} \right)^{k-s} f(k)^2 \alpha^{2k r^s} = \frac{m^{s-r} f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^k} \tag{217}
\]

For any two walks \( w, w' \) with \( \ell \geq 0 \), overlapping nodes, \( \mathbb{P}\left[ w, w' \in \Omega \right] / (\mathbb{P}[w \in \Omega]\mathbb{P}[w' \in \Omega]) \leq f(k)d^\ell / m^\ell \). For \( w \neq w' \) and \( |w \cap w'| = \ell \), where the range of \( \ell \) varies across equations depending upon the set to which \( w, w' \) belongs, we have the following:
\[
\sum_{w \neq w' \in W, |w \cap w'| = \ell} \left( \mathbb{E}\left[ I(w \subseteq \Omega)I(w' \subseteq \Omega) \right] - \mathbb{E}\left[ I(w \subseteq \Omega) \right] \mathbb{E}\left[ I(w' \subseteq \Omega) \right] \right) \left( \frac{\omega_M(w) \omega_M(w') c(H(w)) c(H(w'))}{p(H(w)) p(H(w'))} \right) \leq \left( \begin{array}{c}
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^2}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = i' = 1, \ell \geq 1 \\
\frac{m^{2k-1} d^2 f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^2}}{d^2 k^2} \geq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^2}}{m} & \text{for } i = i' = 1, \ell = 0 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{2k-2} \alpha^{2k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = i' = 2 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{2k-s-s'} \alpha^{2k(\sqrt{r})^{s+s'}}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = i' = 3 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{2k-1-\ell} \alpha^{2k(\sqrt{r})^{s}}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = i' = 4 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{2k-1-\ell} \alpha^{2k(\sqrt{r})^{s}}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = 1, i' = 2 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{k+1-\ell} \alpha^{2k(\sqrt{r})^{s}}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = 1, i' = 3 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{k-1-s-\ell} \alpha^{2k(\sqrt{r})^{s}}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = 2, i' = 3 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{k-1-s-\ell} \alpha^{2k(\sqrt{r})^{s}}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = 2, i' = 4 \\
\frac{f(k)^2 d^\ell d^{k+1-\ell} \alpha^{2k(\sqrt{r})^{s+k}}}{m^\ell d^\ell} \leq \frac{f(k)^2 (\mu \sigma_{\max})^{2k r^k}}{m^\ell d^\ell} & \text{for } i = 3, i' = 4 \\
\end{array} \right) \tag{218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228}
\]

Where (218) and (219) both use (230), and (219) also uses (229). Note that \( \ell \) is zero in (222). Collecting all the terms, and using Chebyshev’s inequality, along with \( ||M||_k^k \geq r(\sigma_{\min})^k \), we get the desired result.

For any two disjoint simple cycles \( w \neq w' \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1} \) with \( |w \cap w'| = 0 \), we have the following
\[
\mathbb{P}\left[ w \in \Omega \right] - \mathbb{P}\left[ w \in \Omega \mid w' \in \Omega \right] = \left( \frac{m_k^k}{d^k} \right) - \left( \frac{m_k^{k-k}}{d^k} \right) \leq \frac{m^k}{(d-k)^k} - \frac{(m-2k+1)^k}{(d-k)^k} \leq \frac{f(k)m^{k-1}}{d^k}, \tag{229}
\]

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where the last inequality assumes that $k < d/2$.

**Lemma 12** For $k = 3$, and any $0 \leq \ell \leq k$

$$
\sum_{w \neq w' \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1} : |w \cap w'| = \ell} \omega_M(w)\omega_M(w') \leq \frac{f(k)(\mu\sigma_{\max})^{2k} \max\{r^2, r^\ell\}}{d^\ell}.
$$  \hspace{1cm} (230)

Although we give a proof for $k = 3$ only, we are intentionally writing the lemma for general $k$ as we expect the lemma holds for all $k \geq 3$. The joint walk $w \neq w' \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1}$ corresponds to $H(w) = D_{27}$, for $\ell = 1$; and $H(w) = D_{23}$, for $\ell = 2$ in Figure 12. Define $\tilde{M} = M - \text{diag}(M)$, and let $\odot$ denote the Hadamard product of two matrices. We have,

$$
\sum_{w \neq w' \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1} : |w \cap w'| = 2} \omega_M(w)\omega_M(w') = (1/4) \sum_{i,j \in [d]} \left( (\tilde{M}^2 \odot \tilde{M}^2 - (\tilde{M} \odot \tilde{M})^2) \odot (\tilde{M} \odot \tilde{M}) \right)_{i,j}.
$$  \hspace{1cm} (231)

Let’s denote the quantity in (231) by $C_1$, we have,

$$
\sum_{w \neq w' \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1} : |w \cap w'| = 1} \omega_M(w)\omega_M(w') = (1/8) \sum_{i \in [d]} \left( \text{diag}(\tilde{M}^3) \odot \text{diag}(\tilde{M}^3) - 2\text{diag}((\tilde{M} \odot \tilde{M})^3) \right)_i - 2C_1.
$$  \hspace{1cm} (232)

It is easy to verify Equation (230) for $k = 3$ and $\ell \in \{1, 2\}$ using the fact that $M$ is a $\mu$ incoherent symmetric matrix with its off-diagonals bounded by $\mu\sigma_{\max}(\sqrt{r}/d)$. For $\ell = 0$, quantity in (230) is the sum of each pair of disjoint triangles. For sum of all triangles, we have,

$$
\sum_{w \in \mathcal{H}_{k,1}} \omega_M(w) = (1/6) \sum_{i \in [d]} \left( \text{diag}(\tilde{M}^3) \right)_i \leq (\mu\sigma_{\max})^3 r.
$$  \hspace{1cm} (233)

Using Equations (231), (232) and (233), bound for $\ell = 0$ follows immediately. Bound for $\ell = k$, follows by using the fact that $M_{i,j} \leq \mu\sigma_{\max}(\sqrt{r}/d)$ for $i \neq j \in [d]$. 

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