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Often the strength of the regularity lemma lies in the fact that it can be combined with an appropriate counting lemma.

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$$(1-2\epsilon)|X|(\gamma-\epsilon)|Y|(\beta-\epsilon)|Z|(\alpha-\epsilon) \approx \alpha\beta\gamma|X||Y||Z|.$$

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$$h^k \left(\prod_{ij\in E(H)} d_{ij} \pm \delta\right)$$

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The upper-uniformity condition was recently removed by Scott.

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But now we can say nothing about the density of edges between $N_Y(x)$ and $N_Z(x)$!

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The resulting graph G' will still be such that the graph between each pair of vertex sets is (ϵ, p) -regular but it contains no triangles.

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So few that the random graph $G_{N,p}$ with N = O(n) is unlikely to contain any such bad example as a subgraph.

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$$m_2(H) = \max\left\{\frac{e(H')-1}{v(H')-2}: H' \subseteq H, v(H') \ge 3\right\}$$

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and $p = n^{-1/m_2(H)}$ is roughly where every edge of the random graph $G_{n,p}$ is contained in a copy of H.

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What if instead one wishes to know that every such subgraph contains many copies of H?

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it may be used to show that in any subgraph of $G_{n,p}$ consisting of three large vertex sets X, Y and Z with an (ϵ, p) -regular graph between each pair of vertex sets, there are approximately $\alpha\beta\gamma p^3|X||Y||Z|$ triangles.

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Proofs use two different methods, developed independently by C.-Gowers and by Schacht for proving combinatorial theorems relative to random sets.

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