

# Asymptotic smoothness and concentration properties

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# Hamming graphs

Let  $\mathbb{M}$  be an infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We denote

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbb{M}]^\omega &= \{S \subset \mathbb{M}; S \text{ is infinite}\}; \\ [\mathbb{M}]^k &= \{\bar{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_k) \in \mathbb{M}^k; n_1 < \dots < n_k\}; \\ [\mathbb{M}]^{\leq k} &= \bigcup_{i=1}^k [\mathbb{M}]^i. \end{aligned}$$

# Hamming graphs

We equip  $[\mathbb{N}]^k$  with the Hamming distance:

$$d_{\mathbb{H}}(\bar{n}, \bar{m}) = |\{j; n_j \neq m_j\}|$$

for all  $\bar{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_k)$ ,  $\bar{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_k) \in [\mathbb{N}]^k$ .

Note. It is a graph distance.

## Consequence

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space and  $f : ([\mathbb{N}]^k, d_{\mathbb{H}}) \rightarrow X$  a Lipschitz map.

$$\text{Lip}(f) = \sup_{d_{\mathbb{H}}(\bar{n}, \bar{m})=1} \|f(\bar{n}) - f(\bar{m})\| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} \underbrace{\sup_{\substack{d_{\mathbb{H}}(\bar{n}, \bar{m})=1 \\ n_j \neq m_j}} \|f(\bar{n}) - f(\bar{m})\|}_{\text{Lip}_j(f)}$$

## Asymptotic uniform smoothness

### Definitions

- A tree  $(x_{\bar{n}})_{\bar{n} \in [\mathbb{N}]^{\leq k}} \subset X$  is said to be weakly null if the sequence  $(x_{\bar{n}, n})_{n > \max(\bar{n})}$  is weakly null for every  $\bar{n} \in [\mathbb{N}]^{\leq k-1} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  (with  $\max(\emptyset) = 0$ ).
- $X$  is said to have  $A_p$ ,  $1 < p \leq \infty$  if there exists  $\lambda > 0$  st for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and any weakly null tree  $(x_{\bar{n}})_{\bar{n} \in [\mathbb{N}]^{\leq k}} \subset B_X$ , we can find  $M \in [\mathbb{N}]^\omega$  st

$$\forall \bar{n} \in [M]^k, \forall a = (a_i)_{i=1}^k \in \mathbb{R}^k, \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k a_j x_{n_1, \dots, n_j} \right\| \leq \lambda \|a\|_{\ell_p^k}.$$

- $X$  is asymptotically uniformly smooth up to renorming (AUSable) if  $X$  has  $A_p$  for some  $1 < p \leq \infty$ .

### Example

- If  $(F_n)$  is a sequence of finite dimensional spaces,  $\left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n\right)_{\ell_p}$  has  $A_p$ ;
- $c_0$  has  $A_\infty$ .

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$$\forall \bar{n}, \bar{m} \in [M]^k, \|f(\bar{n}) - f(\bar{m})\| \leq \lambda \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Lip}_j(f)^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

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where  $([\mathbb{N}]^k, d_{\mathbb{H}}) \underset{eL}{\hookrightarrow} X$ : there exist  $A, B > 0$  and  $(f_k : [\mathbb{N}]^k \rightarrow X)_k$  such that, for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\forall \bar{n}, \bar{m} \in [\mathbb{N}]^k, Ad_{\mathbb{H}}(\bar{n}, \bar{m}) \leq \|f(\bar{n}) - f(\bar{m})\| \leq Bd_{\mathbb{H}}(\bar{n}, \bar{m}).$$

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where  $X \overset{cl}{\hookrightarrow} Y$ : there exist  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $A, B, \theta > 0$  such that

$$\forall x, x' \in X, \|x - x'\| \geq \theta \implies A\|x - x'\| \leq \|f(x) - f(x')\| \leq B\|x - x'\|.$$



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Example. For every  $1 \leq q < p$ ,  $\ell_q \not\overset{cl}{\hookrightarrow} \ell_p$

$$\left( f : \begin{cases} [\mathbb{N}]^k & \rightarrow \ell_q \\ \bar{n} & \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^k e_{n_j} \end{cases} \right)$$

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# Main question

## Open question (Godefroy)

$X \xrightarrow[cL]{} Y$  reflexive AUSable  $\implies X$  AUSable?

## Question

$HFC_{p,d} \implies$  AUSable (i.e.  $A_p$  for some  $p > 1$ )?

## Theorem (Baudier, Lancien, Motakis, Schlumprecht '21)

$HFC_\infty \implies A_\infty$ .

# $HFC_{p,d}$ does not imply AUSable

## Proposition

The space  $X_\omega$  is not AUSable.

If we prove

## Lemma

Let  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$  and  $X$  be a Banach space with a finite codimensional subspace  $Y$  that has property  $\lambda$ - $HFC_{p,d}$ . Then  $X$  has  $(\lambda + \varepsilon)$ - $HFC_{p,d}$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

## Theorem

Let  $p \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a sequence of Banach spaces with property  $\lambda$ - $HFC_{p,d}$ .

Then  $X = \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n \right)_{\ell_p}$  has property  $(\lambda + \varepsilon)$ - $HFC_{p,d}$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &= \mathbb{R} \oplus_1 \ell_2, \\ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, X_{n+1} &= \mathbb{R} \oplus_1 \ell_2(X_n), \\ X_\omega &= \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n \right)_{\ell_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

### Corollary

The space  $X_\omega$  has property  $\text{HFC}_{2,d}$  without being AUSable.

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## Note.

$$\left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n \right)_{\ell_p} = \left\{ x = (x_n); \forall n, x_n \in X_n, \|x\| = \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n\|_{X_n}^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty \right\}.$$

$$X_n = X \rightsquigarrow \ell_p(X).$$



## A few words about the proof

### Proposition

Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two Banach spaces with  $\lambda$ -HFC $_{p,d}$ .  
Then  $X = X_1 \oplus_p X_2$  has  $(\lambda + \varepsilon)$ -HFC $_{p,d}$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

It follows directly from the following lemma:

### Lemma

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For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and every Lipschitz map  $h = (f, g) : [\mathbb{N}]^k \rightarrow X$ , there exists  $\mathbb{M} \in [\mathbb{N}]^\omega$  such that

$$\text{Lip}_j(f|_{[\mathbb{M}]^k})^p + \text{Lip}_j(g|_{[\mathbb{M}]^k})^p \leq \text{Lip}_j(h)^p + \varepsilon$$

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## Ramsey's Theorem

Let  $F$  be a finite set and  $\phi : [\mathbb{N}]^k \rightarrow F$ .

Then there exist  $f \in F$  and  $\mathbb{M} \in [\mathbb{N}]^\omega$  such that  $\phi(\bar{n}) = f$  for all  $\bar{n} \in [\mathbb{M}]^k$ .

$$\text{Lip}_j(f) = \sup_{(\bar{n}, \bar{m}) \in H_j(\mathbb{N})} \|f(\bar{n}) - f(\bar{m})\|$$

$$H_j(\mathbb{M}) = \{(\bar{n}, \bar{m}) \subset [\mathbb{M}]^k; d_{\mathbb{H}}(\bar{n}, \bar{m}) = 1, n_j < m_j\} \longleftrightarrow [\mathbb{M}]^{k+1}$$

## Theorem

Let  $p \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $\lambda \geq 2$ ,  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  a sequence of Banach spaces with property  $\lambda$ -HFC $_{p,d}$ .

Then  $X = \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n \right)_{\ell_p}$  has property  $(\lambda + \varepsilon)$ -HFC $_{p,d}$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

### Sketch of proof

Let  $f = (f_n)_n : ([\mathbb{N}]^k, d_{\mathbb{H}}) \rightarrow X$  Lipschitz. The map

$$\phi : \begin{cases} X & \rightarrow \ell_p \\ (x_n) & \mapsto (\|x_n\|) \end{cases}$$

is 1-Lipschitz,  $\text{Lip}_j(\phi \circ f) \leq \text{Lip}_j(f)$ .

$\phi \circ f : [\mathbb{N}]^k \rightarrow \ell_p$ . Proof of KR  $\rightsquigarrow$  there exist  $u \in \ell_p$ ,  $\mathbb{M} \in [\mathbb{N}]^\omega$  such that

$$\forall \bar{n} \in [\mathbb{M}]^k, \|\phi \circ f(\bar{n}) - u\| \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Lip}_j(f)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \varepsilon.$$

Take  $N$  such that  $\left( \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |u_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \varepsilon$ . Note  $\Pi_N : X \rightarrow \left( \sum_{n=1}^N X_n \right)_{\ell_p}$ .

# Proof of the theorem

Proposition  $\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{M}' \in [\mathbb{M}]^\omega$  such that:

$$\|\Pi_N \circ f(\bar{n}) - \Pi_N \circ f(\bar{m})\| \leq (\lambda + \varepsilon) \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Lip}_j(\Pi_N \circ f)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for all  $\bar{n}, \bar{m} \in [\mathbb{M}']^k$ .

Proof of KR  $\rightsquigarrow$  there exists  $\mathbb{M}'' \in [\mathbb{M}']^\omega$  such that

$$\forall \bar{n} \in [\mathbb{M}'']^k, \|\phi \circ (I - \Pi_N) \circ f(\bar{n}) - v\| \leq \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Lip}_j((I - \Pi_N) \circ f)^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \varepsilon$$

where  $v = \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} u_j e_j \in \ell_p$ .

Conclude by applying the lemma one more time, using that  $\|v\| \leq \varepsilon$ .

## A remark

Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space.  $Sz(X)$ : ordinal quantification of its Asplundness (a separable Banach space is Asplund iff it has separable dual), or of how close to be non separable  $X^*$  is.

### Theorem

- (i)  $Sz(X) < \omega_1 \iff X^*$  is separable;
- (ii)  $Sz(X) \leq \omega \iff X$  is AUSable.

### Theorem

For every ordinal  $\alpha < \omega_1$  and every  $1 < p < \infty$ , there exists a Banach space  $X$  with property  $HFC_{p,d}$  and  $Sz(X) > \alpha$ .

Note: The set of spaces with separable dual satisfying  $HFC_{p,d}$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , is not Borel.

## Open questions

1)  $X \xrightarrow[cl]{\hookrightarrow} Y$  reflexive AUS  $\stackrel{?}{\implies} X$  AUSable

2) Characterization of the spaces that equi-Lipschitz contain the Hamming graphs?

**Thanks for listening!**