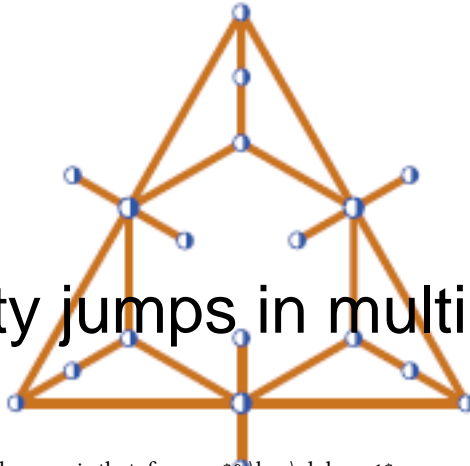


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## Density jumps in multigraphs



### Content :

A corollary of the Erdős-Stone theorem is that, for any  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , graphs with density greater than  $\alpha$  contain an (arbitrarily) large subgraph of density at least  $\alpha + c$  for some fixed  $c = c(\alpha)$ , so long as the graph itself is sufficiently large. This phenomenon is known as a jump at  $\alpha$ . Erdős conjectured that similar statements should hold for hypergraphs, and multigraphs where each edge can appear with multiplicity at most  $q$ , for  $q \geq 2$  fixed. Brown, Erdős, and Simonovits answered this conjecture in the affirmative for  $q=2$ , that is for multigraphs where each edge can appear at most twice. Rödl answered the question in the negative for hypergraphs, and later Rödl and Sidorenko answered the question in the negative for multigraphs where  $q \geq 4$ . No jumps or non-jumps were known for  $q=3$ . In this talk we investigate some related questions. In particular, we exhibit the first known jumps for multigraphs where  $q=3$ . We also exhibit a new proof of the theorem of Rödl and Sidorenko that there are non-jumps for multigraphs with  $q \geq 4$ . This proof uses tools from spectral graph theory, and allows us to exhibit new non-jumps. This is based on joint work with V. Rödl and S. LaFleur.

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