Atoms in the limiting spectrum of sparse graphs JUSTIN SALEZ (LPMA)



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Question: How does μ_G typically look when G is large ?

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Actually, this phenomenon is just one of the many consequences of the fact that the **underlying local geometry** converges.

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 $\triangleright \mathcal{L}$ describes the local geometry of G_n around a random node.

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Fact:







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