

We want to prove the following lemma:

**Key Lemma:** For every  $d > 0$  and integer  $l > 0$ , there are  $\frac{1}{2} > e_{d,l} > 0$ ,  $N_{d,l}$ , and  $a_{d,l} > 0$  such that if  $X_1, \dots, X_l$  are subsets of  $V(G)$ , each of size  $N \geq N_{d,l}$  and for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq l$ , the pair  $(X_i, X_j)$  is  $e_{d,l}$ -regular with density at least  $d$  then  $G$  contains at least  $a_{d,l} N^l$  cliques each containing one vertex in each of the  $X_i$ .

**Proof:** It is enough to prove the result for  $d < 1/2$  as it then holds for all larger  $d$  as well. We proceed by induction on  $l$ . The base case when  $l$  is 2 is trivial, since by the definition of density, we can set  $a_{d,2}$  to be  $d$ .

So we assume that  $l$  is at least three and that the lemma holds for  $(l-1, d)$  for all values of  $d < 1/2$ .

We set  $e_{d,l}$  to be the minimum of  $(1/l, d/2, de_{d/2, l-1}/2)$ . We set  $N_{d,l}$  to be  $2N_{d/2, l-1}/d$ .

We set  $a_{d,l}$  to be  $(d/2)^{l-1}(a_{d/2, l-1}/l)$ .

For each  $i$  between 1 and  $l-1$  we let  $Y_i$  be the set of vertices of  $X_l$  which have fewer than  $d/2$  neighbours in  $X_i$ . Since  $e_{d,l} \leq d/2$ , the regularity of  $(X_i, X_l)$  implies that  $|Y_i|$  is at most  $e_{d,l} N \leq N/l$  and that the subset  $X_l^*$  of vertices of  $X_l$  in none of the  $Y_i$  has size at least  $N/l$ . We shall show that each vertex  $v$  in  $X_l^*$  is in  $(d/2)^{l-1} a_{d/2, l-1} N^{l-1}$  cliques, each containing one vertex in each of the  $X_i$ . To this end, we let  $X_i^v$  be a subset of the neighbourhood of  $v$  in  $X_i$  whose size is the round up  $N^*$  of  $dN/2$  and apply induction on  $X_1^v, \dots, X_{l-1}^v$ .

Since  $N_{d,l}$  is  $2N_{d/2, l-1}/d$ ,  $N^*$  is at least  $N_{d/2, l-1}$ . So it remains to show that every pair  $(X_i^v, X_j^v)$  is  $e_{d/2, l-1}$ -regular. To this end, suppose,  $X'_i$  (resp.  $X'_j$ ) is a subset of at least  $e_{d/2, l-1} N^*$  vertices of  $X_i^v$  (resp.  $X_j^v$ ). Then, since  $N^* > dN/2$ , the  $e_{d,l}$ -regularity of  $(X_i, X_j)$  implies that both  $d(X'_i, X'_j)$  and  $d(X_i^v, X_j^v)$  lie within  $e_{d,l}$  of  $d(X_i, X_j)$  so they differ by at most  $2e_{d,l} < e_{d/2, l-1}$  and the proof is complete.

We immediately obtain the following:

**Keyer Lemma:** For every  $d > 0$  and integer  $l > 0$ , there are  $\frac{1}{2} > e_{d,l} > 0$ ,  $N_{d,l}$ , and  $a_{d,l} > 0$  such that if  $H$  is a graph on vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_l$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_l$  are subsets of  $V(G)$ , each of size  $N \geq N_{d,l}$  and for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq l$ , the pair  $(X_i, X_j)$  is  $e_{d,l}$ -regular with density which is at least  $d$  if  $v_i v_j$  is an edge of  $G$  and at most  $1-d$  otherwise then  $G$  contains at least  $a_{d,l} N^l$  induced copies of  $H$ , each containing one vertex in each of the  $X_i$ .

**Proof:** A pair is  $e$ -regular in  $G$  if and only if it is  $e$ -regular in the complement of  $G$ , since the density of a pair in  $G$  and the complement of  $G$  sums to 1. We simply complement the edges between every pair corresponding to a non-edge of  $H$  and apply the Key Lemma.

We now present a variant of this result which allows us to require fewer sets at the expense of a double-sided density bound.

**Definition:**  $t(H)$  is the minimum integer  $t$  such that for any  $a$  and  $b$  summing to  $t$ ,  $H$  can be partitioned into  $a$  stable sets and  $b$  cliques.

Remark:  $t(H)$  is clearly at least the chromatic number of  $H$ , at least the chromatic number of the complement of  $H$ , and at most the sum of these two numbers.

Keyest Lemma: For every  $\frac{1}{2} > d > 0$  and graph  $H$ , there are  $e_{d,H} > 0$ ,  $N_{d,H}$ , and  $a_{d,H} > 0$  such that if  $t(H)$  is  $l$ , and  $X_1, \dots, X_l$  are subsets of  $V(G)$ , each of size  $N \geq N_{d,H}$  and for all  $1 \leq i < j \leq l$ , the pair  $(X_i, X_j)$  is  $e_{d,H}$ -regular with density which is at least  $d$  and at most  $1-d$  then  $G$  contains at least  $a_{d,H} N^{|V(H)|}$  induced copies of  $H$ .

Proof: We need an auxiliary result which we prove below:

Refinement Lemma: for every  $k > 1, \frac{1}{2} > d > 0, e > 0$  there is an  $N_{k,e}$  and  $S_{k,e}$  such that if  $G$  has at least  $N_{k,e}$  vertices then there is an  $e$ -regular partition  $(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_p)$  of  $G$  where  $p$  is at most  $S_{k,e}$  such that for some  $k$  of these parts, either (i) every pair is  $e$ -regular with density at least  $d$ , or (ii) every pair is  $e$ -regular with density at most  $d$ .

Proof of Keyest Lemma: We consider  $N_{d/2, |V(H)|}, e = e_{d/2, |V(H)|}, a_{d/2, |V(H)|}$  as in the Keyer Lemma. We set  $k$  to be  $|V(H)|$  and consider  $S_{k,e}$  as in the refinement lemma. We set  $N_{d,H}$  to be  $N_{d, |V(H)|} S_{k,e} / (1-e)$ .

We set  $e_{d,H}$  to be  $(1-e)e / S_{k,e}$  We set  $a_{d,H}$  to be  $a_{d/2, |V(H)|} (S_{k,e} / (1-e))^{|V(H)|}$ .

We apply the Refinement Lemma to each  $X_i$ . WLOG, we can assume that for some  $a < t(G)$ , the portions of  $X_1, \dots, X_a$  satisfy (i), while the remaining partitions satisfy (ii). We consider a partition of  $G$  into cliques  $S_1, \dots, S_a$  and stable sets  $S_{a+1}, \dots, S_l$ . For each  $i$ , we choose  $|S_i|$  of the  $k$  special parts of  $X_i$  whose existence is guaranteed by the refinement lemma and a bijection between these parts and the vertices of  $H$  in  $S_i$ . For each vertex  $v_i$  of  $H$ , we let  $Z_i$  be the corresponding part in the bijection. We can easily verify that the  $Z_i$  verify the hypotheses of the Keyer Lemma for  $|V(H)|$  and  $d/2$ . So, applying that lemma we obtain the desired result. QED.

Proof of the Refinement Lemma: We can assume that  $e$  is at most  $10^{-6k}$ , as if the result is true for  $e$  it is true for  $e' > e$ . We let  $k'$  be  $10^{2k+1}$  and set  $S_{k',e}$  to be the  $M_{k',e}$  given by the Regularity Lemma. We apply the Regularity lemma with  $e$  and  $k'$ . From the resultant parts, we choose a set  $S_0$  of  $p/10$  which are in the fewest irregular pairs. It follows each is in at most  $p/10^{3k}$  irregular pairs. We now proceed for a sequence of  $2k$  iterations. After  $i$  iterations we will have constructed a sequence  $Y_1, \dots, Y_i$  of parts and a set  $S_i$  of at least  $p/10^{i+1}$  parts such that:

For each  $j$  between 1 and  $i$ , we have either (i) for every part  $X$  which is in  $S_i$  or is  $Y_j$  for some  $j > i$ ,  $(X, Y)$  is  $e$ -regular with density  $> d$ , or (ii) for every part  $X$  which is in  $S_i$  or is  $Y_j$  for some  $j > i$ ,  $(X, Y)$  is  $e$ -regular with density  $< 1-d$ .

To extend this sequence in iteration  $i+1$ , we consider any part  $X_{i+1}$  in  $S_i$ . It is irregular with at most  $p/10^{3k} < |S_i|/10$  of the parts in  $S_i$ . Since each of the other pairs containing it either has density exceeding  $d$  or less than  $1-d$ , we can clearly choose  $S_{i+1}$  in  $S_i$  so that (i) or (ii) holds for  $j=i+1$  and hence for all  $j$ .

Now, we have  $k$  of the  $Y_i$  for which (i) holds, or  $k$  for which (ii) holds. QED.