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(pengx@mailbox.sc.edu), Columbia, SC 29208. *Loose Laplacian spectra of random hypergraphs.*

Let  $H = (V, E)$  be an  $r$ -uniform hypergraph with the vertex set  $V$  and the edge set  $E$ . For  $1 \leq s \leq r/2$ , we define a weighted graph  $G^{(s)}$  on the vertex set  $\binom{V}{s}$  as follows. Every pair of  $s$ -sets  $I$  and  $J$  is associated with a weight  $w(I, J)$ , which is the number of edges in  $H$  containing  $I$  and  $J$  if  $I \cap J = \emptyset$ , and 0 if  $I \cap J \neq \emptyset$ . The  $s$ -th Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}^{(s)}$  of  $H$  is defined to be the normalized Laplacian of  $G^{(s)}$ . For  $0 < p < 1$ , let  $H^r(n, p)$  be a random  $r$ -uniform hypergraph over  $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , where each  $r$ -set of  $[n]$  has probability  $p$  to be an edge independently. We prove the eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{L}^{(s)}(H^r(n, p))$  can be approximated by those of the expectation hypergraph. Moreover, we show the distribution of eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{L}^{(s)}(H^r(n, p))$  follows the Semicircle Law. (Received January 17, 2012)