

# FINDING TIGHT HAMILTON CYCLES IN RANDOM HYPERGRAPHS FASTER

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ABSTRACT. In an  $r$ -uniform hypergraph on  $n$  vertices a tight Hamilton cycle consists of  $n$  edges such that there exists a cyclic ordering of the vertices where the edges correspond to consecutive segments of  $r$  vertices. We present a first deterministic polynomial time algorithm, which finds a.a.s. tight Hamilton cycles in random  $r$ -uniform hypergraphs with edge probability at least  $C \log^3 n/n$ .

Our result partially answers a question of Dudek and Frieze [Random Structures & Algorithms 42 (2013), 374-385] who proved that tight Hamilton cycles exist already for  $p = \omega(1/n)$  for  $r = 3$  and  $p = (e + o(1))/n$  for  $r \geq 4$  using a second moment argument. Moreover our algorithm is superior to previous results of Allen, Böttcher, Kohayakawa and Person [Random Structures & Algorithms 46 (2015), 446-465] and Nenadov and Škorić [arXiv:1601.04034] in various ways: the algorithm of Allen et al. is a randomised polynomial time algorithm working for edge probabilities  $p \geq n^{-1+\epsilon}$ , while the algorithm of Nenadov and Škorić is a randomised quasipolynomial time algorithm working for edge probabilities  $p \geq C \log^8 n/n$ .

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