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- Komlós and Szemerédi: Can find a sublinear expander of almost the same average degree in any graph.


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## Theorem (Alon, B., Sauermann, Zakharov, Zamir)

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