

# Extremal Combinatorics

## Random Topic

Ramsey Number:  $R(k,t) =$  minimum  $N$  such that any 2-edge-coloring of  $K_N$  has either a black  $K_k$  or a white  $K_t$ .

in general, for graphs  $G, H$

$R(G, H) =$  minimum  $N$  s.t. any 2-edge-coloring of  $K_N$  has black  $G$  or white  $H$ .

Theorem:  $\forall G, H, R(G, H)$  is finite

What is known?

$$(1+o(1)) \frac{\sqrt{2} s}{e} 2^{s/2} \underset{\text{spencer}}{\leq} R(s, s) \underset{\text{cohen(?)}}{\leq} \left( s - \frac{c \log s}{\log \log s} \right) (4^s)$$

$$R(3, t) = \Theta\left(\frac{t^2}{\log t}\right) \quad (\text{Kim})$$

$$R(3, 3) = 6$$

$$R(3, 4) = 9$$

$$R(4, 4) = 18$$

$$R(4, 5) = 25$$

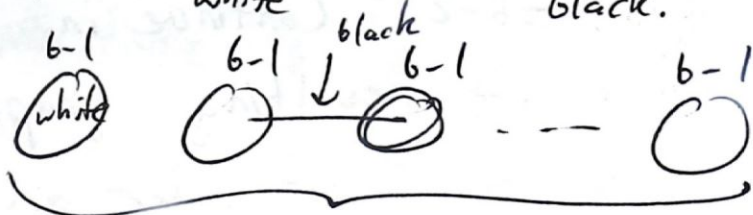
$$43 \leq R(5, 5) \leq 49$$

Theorem: For any  $a, b \geq 2$ , let  $T_b$  be any tree on  $b$  vertices, then  $R(K_a, T_b) = (a-1)(b-1) + 1$

Proof:

lower bound:  $R(K_a, T_b) > (a-1)(b-1)$

Color  $K_{(a-1)(b-1)}$  by partitioning into  $(a-1)$  cliques of size  $(b-1)$ . Edges within cliques ~~black~~ white, others ~~white~~ black.



$\Rightarrow$  No black  $K_a$  nor white  $T_b$

upper bound: Consider any 2-edge-coloring of

$$K_N, N = (a-1)(b-1) + 1.$$

Suppose No black  $K_a$ . Let  $G$  be the graph induced by white edges, so the maximum independent set of  $G$  is of size  $\leq (a-1)$

Fact:  $\chi(G) \cdot \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{max independent} \\ \text{set in } G \end{array} \right| \geq |V(G)|$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \chi(G) &\geq \left\lceil \frac{(a-1)(b-1)+1}{(\text{max IS})} \right\rceil \geq \left\lceil \frac{(a-1)(b-1)+1}{(a-1)} \right\rceil = b \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \leq (a-1) \end{aligned}$$

Two claims: (1) If  $\chi(G) \geq b$ , then  $G$  has a subgraph  $H$  whose min-degree  $\geq b-1$

(2) If  $\delta(H) \geq b-1$ , then  $H$  contains any tree on  $b$  vertices (in particular,  $T_b$ ).

Proof of (1): Suppose not. Then any subgraph of  $G$  has a vertex with degree  $\leq b-2$

We can find a vertex  $v_n \in G$  s.t.  $d_G(v_n) \leq b-2$

Let  $G_{n-1} := G \setminus \{v_n\}$ , find  $v_{n-1}$  with degree  $d_{G_{n-1}}(v_{n-1}) \leq b-2$ . Continue in this manner until the resulting graph is empty.

Defines a linear order on vertices such that  $\forall i, d_{G_i}(v_i) \leq b-2$  where  $G_i = G[\{v_1, \dots, v_i\}]$

Then we can color  $G$  by  $(b-1)$  colors using the greedy algorithm. ~~Assign~~

Assuming we have colored  $G_{i-1}$  by  $b-1$  colors, consider  $v_i$ , which has  $\leq b-2$  neighbors in  $G_{i-1}$ , so gives new color to use on  $v_i$ . So  $\chi(b) \leq b-1$

\* Then, since  $\chi(b) \geq b$  from before, this cannot be.  $\blacksquare$  (1)

Proof of (2):

Mini Claim: For any tree on  $b$  vertices, we can arrange the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_b$  s.t. for each  $i$ ,  $v_i$  has precisely one neighbor within  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1}$

Proof: choose a leaf as  $v_b$ , remove, recurse.

Assuming  $\delta(H) \geq b-1$ , we will choose  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_b$  such that  $H[\{v_1, \dots, v_b\}] \geq T_b$ .

Choose any vertex of  $H$  to be  $v_1$ . Assume we have picked  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1} \in H$  such that  $H[\{v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}\}] \geq T[\{v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}\}]$

Next we want to choose a vertex of  $H$  to be  $v_i$ .

Let  $v_j$  be the unique neighbor of  $v_i$  for  $j > i$ .

Since  $v_j$  has  $\leq b-2$  neighbors in  $T[\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1}\}]$ , but  $v_j$  has  $\geq b-1$  neighbors in  $H$ , we can just pick an unused vertex (also neighbor of  $v_j$ ) in  $H$  to be  $v_i$ .

$\Rightarrow$   $H$  has ~~the~~ tree  $T_b$ .  $\blacksquare$

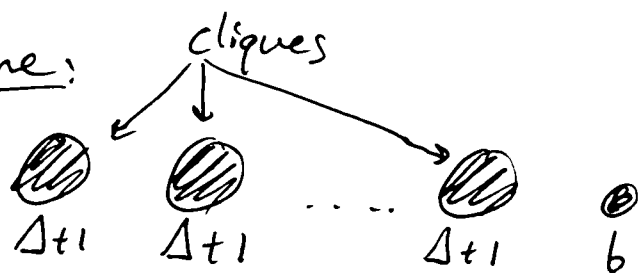
Schur's Theorem: For any integer  $c$ , there is  $N = N(c)$  such that the following holds for  $n \geq N$ :

Any  $c$ -coloring of integers  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , will provide 3 numbers  $1 \leq a, b, c \leq n$  s.t.  $a+b=c$ , and  $a, b, c$  get same color.

Proof:

Question:  $N$ -vertex graph w/ max degree  $\Delta$ , what is max # of triangles?

Conjecture:



Theorem: if # vtxs  $\leq 2(\Delta+1)$ , then true.

Proof:

If # vtxs  $\leq \Delta+1$ , true. (Take  $K_n$ )  
 If # vtxs  $= (\Delta+1)z$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , true.

Since each vertex has  $\leq \Delta$  neighbors, so

$$\triangle \leq \Delta \implies \#K_3 @ v \leq \binom{\Delta}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \sum_v \#K_3 @ v \leq n \binom{\Delta}{2}$$

$$\implies \#K_3 \leq \frac{1}{3} n \binom{\Delta}{2}$$

triple counting



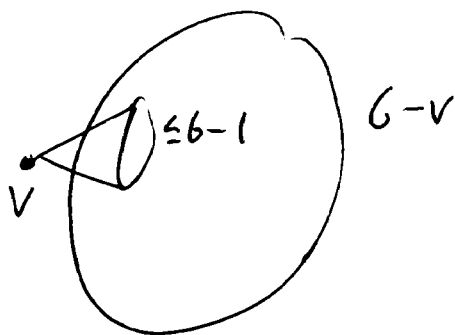
Proof continued.

Remains:  $n = (\Delta + 1) + b$ , where  $0 \leq b \leq \Delta$ .

Proof: by induction on  $b$ .

Base case  $b = 0$  done above.

Have some  $1 \leq b \leq \Delta$ . show  $\#K_3 \leq \binom{\Delta+1}{3} + \binom{b}{3}$   
condition. [If  $\exists v$  with degree  $\leq b-1$ !] Use to establish min-degree



by induction

$$\uparrow \#K_3 \text{ in } G-v \leq \binom{\Delta+1}{3} + \binom{b-1}{3}$$

$$\#K_3 \text{ in } G = \# \text{ edges in nbhd of } v \leq \binom{b-1}{2}$$

$$\text{Total } \#K_3 \leq \binom{\Delta+1}{3} + \binom{b-1}{2} + \binom{b-1}{3} = \binom{\Delta+1}{3} + \binom{b}{3}$$

Last case: all degrees  $\geq b$  (seek contradiction)

Use:

$$\begin{aligned} \# \begin{array}{l} \text{edge} \\ \text{no edge} \end{array} &= 2 \left[ \# \ddots \text{ in homogeneous} \right] \quad \leftarrow \text{not all edges/non-edges} \\ &= 2 \left[ \binom{n}{3} - \#K_3^\Delta - \#K_3^{\ddots} \right] \\ &\leq 2 \left[ \binom{n}{3} - \#K_3 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow = \sum_v \deg(v) (n-1-\deg(v))$$

$$\geq n(b)(n-1-b)$$

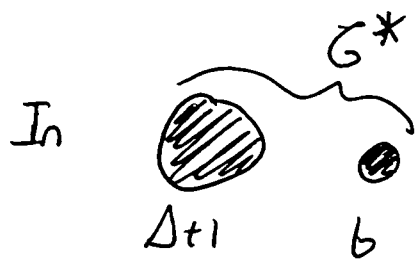
$$= n(b)(\Delta)$$

since  $\deg(v) \in [b, \Delta]$   
 $\forall v$

Proof continued:

Have

$$nb\Delta \leq 2 \left[ \binom{n}{3} - \#K_3 \right]$$



$$\begin{aligned} \sum_v d_v(n-1-d_v) &= \cancel{2} \\ &= (\Delta+1)\Delta b + \underbrace{b(b-1)(\Delta+1)}_{\leq 6\Delta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In } G^*: \sum_v d_v(n-1-d_v) \leq 2 \left[ \binom{n}{3} - \#K_3^{in}(G) \right] \leq 6\Delta$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ &= 2 \left[ \binom{n}{3} - \#K_3(G^*) - \cancel{\#K_3(G^*)} \right] \leq 2 \left[ \binom{n}{3} - \#K_3(G) \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \#K_3(G) \leq \#K_3(G^*) \end{aligned}$$



Theorem:  $n$  vtx graph, edges colored in 2 colors

$\exists$  monochromatic clique of order  $\geq (\frac{1}{2} + o(1)) \log_2 n$   
"Quantitative Ramsey Theorem"

Theorem:  $\exists$  coloring where all monochromatic cliques  $\leq (2 + o(1)) \log_2 n$ .

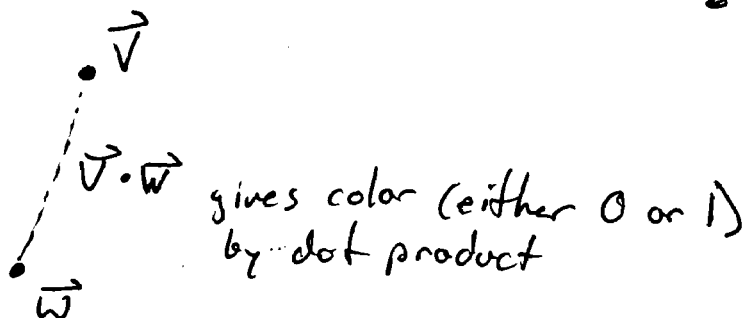
Proof: Randomly ~~do~~ color each edge with equal probability.

With probability  $> 0$ , all sets of ~~vertices~~ vertices of order  $\sim (2 + o(1)) \log_2 n$  not monochromatic.

Theorem: There is a coloring ~~of~~ <sup>w/</sup> all monochromatic cliques size  $\leq (8 + o(1)) \lg n$  ( $\leq (6 + o(1)) \lg n$ ).

Proof: Say  $n = 2^d$ . Vertices are vectors over  $\mathbb{F}_2^d$ .

Color edges



Can we make big 0-clique?

Set  $S$  of vectors w/ pairwise orthogonal  $|S| \leq d$

Set  $S'$  of vectors pairwise  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 1$ ?

Define  $\vec{v}' = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{v} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\vec{w}' = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{w} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\vec{w}' \cdot \vec{v}' = 0$

$|S'| \leq d+1$  ← not quite

In  $\mathbb{F}_2^d$ , can take  $S = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \\ b \\ \dots \\ n \end{pmatrix}$  equal  $|S| = 2^{d/2}$

So if  $v \cdot v = 1$   
 $v \cdot w = 0$  is additional condition, then #vecs  $\leq$  dim space

Try 2:  $n = 2^{d/2}$ : all  $v$  such that  $v \cdot v = 0$ .

1 cliques  $|S'| \leq d+1 = |S|$

Try 3: Take only vertices  $v \cdot v = 0$  and each only with probability  $p$ . (Where  $p = 2^{-7/8d}$ )

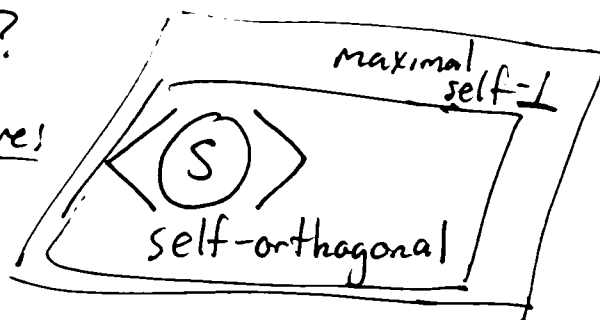
Goals Each 0-clique has  $\leq d$  surviving vertices.

Follows from

⊛ Each maximal self-orthogonal subspace has  $\leq d$  vertices surviving

⊛  $\Rightarrow$  Goal?

0-cliques



Proved:  $\exists$  2-coloring of  $K_N$  where all monochromatic cliques have size  $\leq 8 \lg N$ .

Recall coloring: vtxs are vectors in  $\mathbb{F}_2^d$  s.t.  $v \cdot v = 0$   
color of edge is  $v \cdot w$ .

Immediately 1-Clique is set where  $\left. \begin{array}{l} v \cdot v = 0 \\ v \cdot w = 1 \end{array} \right\} \leq d+1$

$\mathcal{O}$ -cliques are self-orthogonal sets, which can be exponential size in  $d$ . Randomly pick vectors from self orthogonal sets w/ probability  $p = 2^{-7/8d}$

To do this, need

- ① # maximal self- $\perp$  subspaces  $\leq \frac{2^{3/8d^2}}{\binom{2^{d/2}}{d}} \leftarrow$  Last Time
- ②  $P[\text{in set of } 2^{d/2} \text{ vectors, } \geq d \text{ surviving}] \leq \binom{2^{d/2}}{d} p^d \checkmark$

Goal: product ① · ②  $\leq 1$ .

Approximation:  $\binom{n}{m} \approx \left(\frac{en}{m}\right)^m$

Multiply ① and ②

$$\leq 2^{3/8d^2} \left(\frac{e 2^{d/2}}{d}\right)^d p^d = \left(2^{3/8d} \cdot 2^{d/2} \cdot p \cdot \frac{e}{d}\right)^d$$

Choose  $p = 2^{-7/8d}$  to make the above  $\leq 1$

$$\text{So } N = 2^d \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^{-7/8d} \approx 2^{1/8d} \quad \text{so } d \sim 8 \lg N$$

## Optimize Previous Result:

Sparsify so that all maximal self-1 subspaces have  $\leq Cd$  vectors surviving.

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ IP [in set of } 2^{d/2} \text{ vectors, } \geq Cd \text{ surviving]} \leq \binom{2^{d/2}}{Cd} p^{Cd}$$

Now  $\textcircled{1} \times \textcircled{2}$

$$\leq 2^{3/8 d^2} \left( \frac{e 2^{d/2}}{Cd} \right)^{Cd} p^{Cd}$$

$$= \left( 2^{3/8 d} \cdot 2^{c/2 d} p^c \left( \frac{e}{Cd} \right)^c \right)^d$$

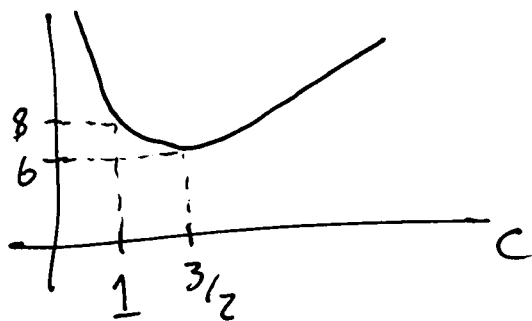
Choose:  $p = 2^{-(\frac{1}{2} + 3/8c)d}$

$$\text{Now } N = 2^{d/2} p \approx 2^{(\frac{1}{2} - 3/8c)d} \implies d \sim \lg N \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} - 3/8c} \right)$$

Got:  $N$  vertices, 1-cliques size  $\leq d$   
0-cliques size  $\leq Cd$ .

All monochromatic cliques have order  $\leq \lg N \left( \frac{c}{\frac{1}{2} - 3/8c} \right)$

Plot it!



Improve bound to  $d \sim 6 \log_2 N$ .

Next: Clever Argument to get  $\textcircled{1} \leq 2^{d^2/4}$



~~From G-bound~~  
From G-bound, get All cliques  $\leq (\lg N)^{\left(\frac{C}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4c}}\right)}$

Plot this! get  $d \sim 4(\lg N)$

Can actually get  $d \sim \frac{8}{3}(\lg N)$

Use reference that has been lost to get  $\textcircled{1} \leq 2^{\frac{d^2}{8}}$ .

All cliques size  $\leq (\lg N)^{\left(\frac{C}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8c}}\right)}$  Take  $C=1$  to get smallest possible

~~PPK~~ Chernoff Bound:

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

$$P[|X - E[X]| \geq t E[X]] \leq e^{-C_t E[X]}$$

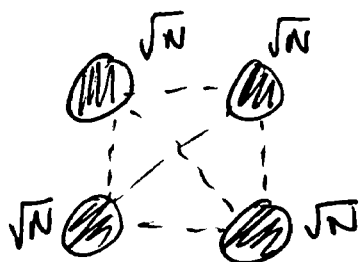
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Erdős: There exist 2-colorings of edges with all monochromatic cliques  $\leq 2 \lg N$ .

non-constructive

Constructive results?

1930's



all monochromatic cliques  $\leq \sqrt{N}$

1970's

all monochromatic cliques  $\leq \sqrt[3]{N}$

Nagy

# Constructions:

1970's  
Nagy

$N =$  one vertex per 3-set of  $\{1, 2, \dots, M\}$ .  
So  $N = \binom{M}{3}$



color edges by parity of size of intersection

$O$ -cliques will be small

Think of vertices as vectors in  $\mathbb{F}_2^M$ , characteristic vectors

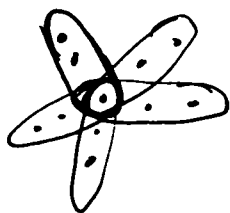
Key observation:  $1_S \cdot 1_T = |S \cap T|$

Bunch of vectors, each  $1_A \cdot 1_B = 0$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$   
 $1_A \cdot 1_A = 1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$

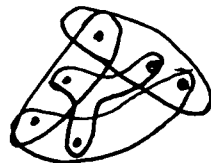
Orthonormal, Hence linearly independent, at most  $M$ .

size of  $O$ -cliques  $\leq M$ , as we did before.

1-cliques:

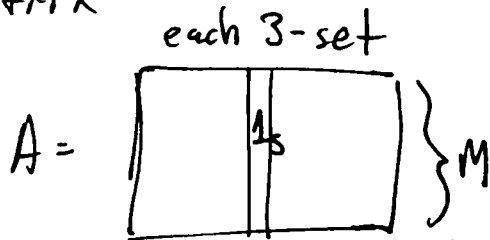


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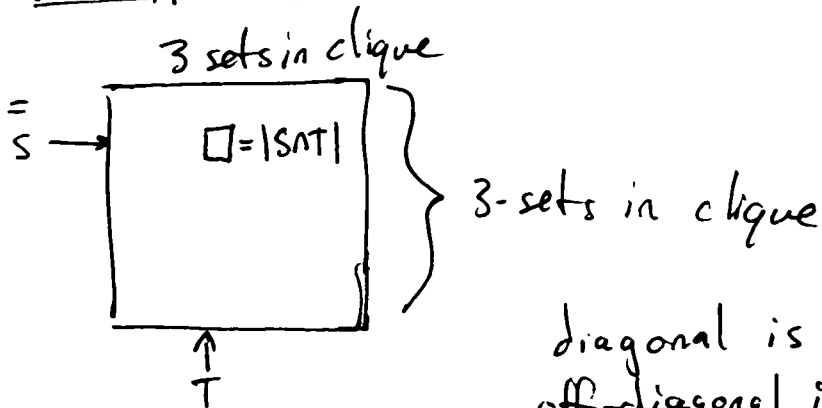


Take  $1_S \in \mathbb{R}^M$  for characteristic vectors

Make matrix



Consider  $A^T A = \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{S} \\ \square = |S \cap T| \end{matrix}$



diagonal is  $|S \cap S| = 3$   
off-diagonal is  $|S \cap T| = 1$ .

Show  $A^T A$  is nonsingular

Write  $A^T A = J + 2I$ , which turns out to be positive definite  
 $\Rightarrow$  nonsingular

$\Rightarrow$  Rank = # 3-sets in clique

# 3-sets in clique = rank  $A^T A \leq \text{rank } A \leq M$

So 1-cliques have size  $\leq M$ .

~~Hence~~  ~~one~~

Last time: Found coloring of edges of  $K_n$  s.t. all monochromatic cliques size  $\leq \sqrt[3]{n}$  Nagy 70's

3-sets, color by parity of intersection size

Frankl-Wilson 70's: all monochromatic cliques  $\leq e^{\sqrt{\log n} \sqrt{\log \log n}}$

Defn: A family of sets is called L-intersecting if any two of them have intersection size  $\in L$ , where

~~$L \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  where  $\{S_i\}$  is family of sets,  $L \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .~~

$\uparrow$   
halfway between  $\log(e^{\log \log n})$  and  $\text{poly}(e^{c \log n})$ .

Nagy: cliques of color "odd" were  $\{1\}$ -intersecting families.  
Cliques of "even" color were  $\{0, 2\}$ -intersecting.

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 (In terms of  $n$  and  $s$ , where ground set is  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .)

Construction: Use  $L = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, s-1\}$

Can get  $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{s}$  many by taking all sets of size  $\leq s$ .

Theorem (Ray-Chaudhuri-Wilson):

~~Any~~ Any  $L$ -intersecting ~~subset~~ family of subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  has size  $\leq \sum_{i=0}^s \binom{n}{i}$

Theorem (Frankl-Wilson):

Given prime  $p$ , set  $L$  of residues mod  $p$ ,  $|L|=s$ . Then any  $L$ -intersecting family of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  has size  $\leq \sum_{i=0}^s \binom{n}{i} \pmod{p}$

↑  
 where each set in family has size  $\notin L \pmod{p}$ .

Proof: For each set  $S$ , associate a polynomial

$P_S \in \mathbb{F}_p[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ . Let  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ , ~~the~~ and ~~set~~  ~~$P_S = \prod_{l \in L} (1_S \cdot \vec{x} - l)$~~

$$P_S = (1_S \cdot \vec{x} - l_1)(1_S \cdot \vec{x} - l_2) \cdots (1_S \cdot \vec{x} - l_s)$$

where  $L = \{l_1, \dots, l_s\}$  and  $1_S$  is the characteristic vector of  $S$ .

$$P_S = \prod_{l \in L} (1_S \cdot \vec{x} - l)$$

Example: If  $L = \{0, 2\}$

and  $S = \{1, 2\} \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$$\text{then } P_S = ((x_1 + x_2) - 0)((x_1 + x_2) - 2).$$

Observe: If  $S$  and  $T$  are in  $L$ -intersecting family, then

$P_S(1_T) = 0$ , because if  $|S \cap T| = l_1$ , then

$$P_S(1_T) = (1_S \cdot 1_T - l_1)(\dots)(\quad)$$

$$= 0(\quad)(\quad) = 0.$$

Also:  $p_s(1_s) = (1_s - l_1) \cdots (1_s - l_s) \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

① Want to show that  $\{p_s : s \in \mathcal{I}\}$  are linearly independent. ↖ family

Suppose

$$\sum_{s \in \mathcal{I}} c_s p_s = 0.$$

Plug in  $1_T$  to both sides:

$$\sum_{s \in \mathcal{I}} c_s p_s(1_T) = 0 \implies c_T p_T(1_T) = 0$$

Since  $p_T(1_T) \neq 0$ , then  $c_T = 0$  for any  $T$ .

So yes, lin-indep.

② Control dimension of vector space?

Observe  $\dim \leq n^{s+1}$ , b/c ~~degree~~ degree  $x_i$  in  $p_T$  is at most  $s$ , there are  $n$  variables.

Reduce further

Multilinearization:

$p_T(\vec{x}) \mapsto q_T(\vec{x})$  by map  $x_i^k \mapsto x_i$ , also HM.

Doesn't affect what we care about b/c we only plug in characteristic vectors (0's and 1's)

$q$ 's Also linearly independent.

So vector space is multilinear polynomials of degree  $\leq s$ .

Basis:  $\{1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, x_1 x_2, x_1 x_3, \dots, x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n\}$   
has cardinality  $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{s}$

# Frankl-Wilson coloring of vertices of $K_N$ :

Each vertex is subset of size  $p^2 + (-1)$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .



↑ intersection size  $\in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p^2 - 2\}$

red: size  $\not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

blue: size  $\equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

red clique: family of subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  each of size  $= p^2 - 1$  but with intersections  $\not\equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

$\in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p^2 - 2\} \pmod{p}$

So red clique has at most  $\leq p \binom{p^2 - 1}{p - 1} \leq \left(\frac{ep^2}{p}\right)^p \sim p^p$

blue clique: family, each set size  $= p^2 - 1$  ←  $p \binom{n}{p-1} \leq \left(\frac{en}{p}\right)^p$

intersection sizes  $\in \{p-1, 2p-1, \dots, p^2 - 1 - p\}$

Using Frankl-Wilson w/ prime  $q > p^2 - 1$  ~~blue cliques~~

blue cliques  $\leq \left(\frac{en}{p}\right)^p$

$N = \binom{n}{p^2 - 1}$  choose  $n = p^3$

$N = \binom{p^3}{p^2 - 1} \sim (p)^{p^2}$

clique size  $\sim (p^2)^p$

↓  
 $\log N \sim p^2 \log p$

choose  $p \sim \frac{\sqrt{\log N}}{\sqrt{\log \log N}}$

↓  
 $\left(\frac{\log N}{\log \log N}\right)^p$

↓  
 $e^{p \log p}$

↓  
 $e^{\frac{\sqrt{\log N}}{\log \log N} \log \log N}$

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 $e^{\sqrt{\log N} \sqrt{\log \log N}}$



# Ramsey Theory on Sequences

Thm (Erdős - Szekeres): If we have a sequence of  $n$  distinct numbers, then there is an increasing/decreasing subsequence of length  $\geq \sqrt{n}$ .

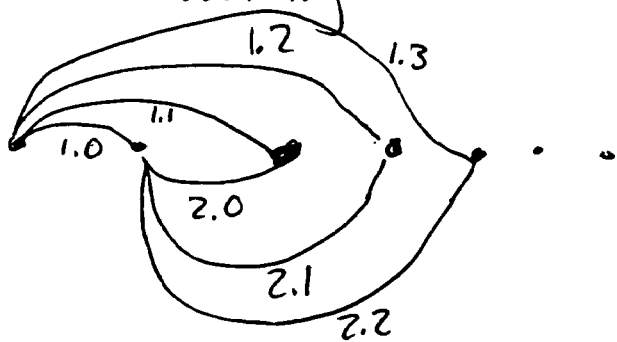
Q: What if each edge of  $K_n$  is labelled with  $1, 2, \dots, \binom{n}{2}$ ?  
How long of an increasing path is guaranteed to exist?

Path doesn't re-use vertex

A: Unknown, open.

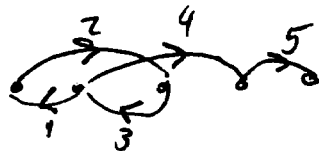
Theorem: If each edge of  $K_n$  is labelled with  $1, 2, \dots, \binom{n}{2}$ , then there ~~is~~ always an increasing walk of length  $\geq n-1$  (# edges)

Observe: In labelling



All walks have length  $\leq O(n)$

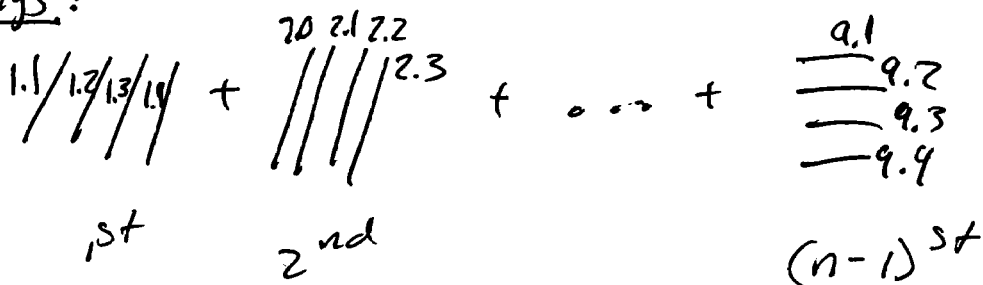
minimal



n even

Fact: Edges of  $K_n$  can be decomposed into  $n-1$  perfect matchings.

Matchings:

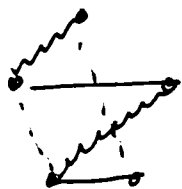


So, once you exit a layer, can't return  
 $\Rightarrow$  max. # of edges in increasing walk is  $\leq n-1$  (#layers)

First for  $N$  odd:

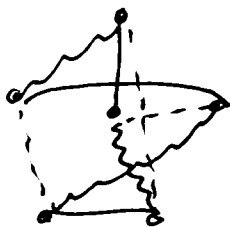
Get  $n$  almost perfect matchings

$\rightarrow$  edges  $\binom{n-1}{2}$



For  $N$  even:

put extra vertex in middle



Proof: (There always exists an increasing walk of length  $n-1$ .)

Given graph w/ labelled edges, put person on each vertex. Person w/ megaphone shouts label and people move across ~~w/~~ edge w/ that label.

Shout labels in increasing order.

People only take increasing walk.

Total steps taken  $2\binom{n}{2} = n(n-1)$ . There are  $n$  people walking, average # of steps taken is  $(n-1)$ .

Theorem: There is always an increasing path of length  $\geq \sqrt{n}$

Theorem: There exists a labelling with all increasing path length  $\leq n-1$

Theorem:  $\exists$  a labelling w/ all increasing path length  $\leq (\frac{1}{2} + o(1))n$

Remark: Need to force path to hit itself.

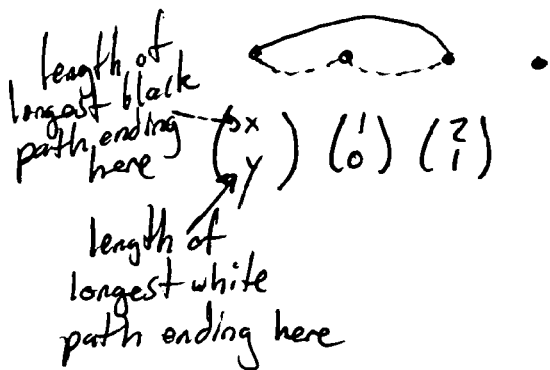
Theorem:



$K_N$ , all edges black or white.

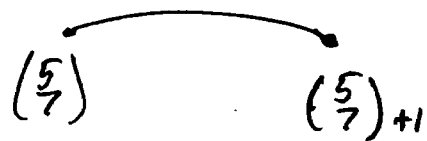
Always exists monotone monochromatic path of length  $\geq \sqrt{N}$

Proof: Suppose all monochromatic monotone paths have length at most  $n$ . Then  $N \leq (n+1)^2$   
(will show)



Observe: Never repeat an ordered pair.

Why? If two have the same, the edge between one adds one to one of coordinates



Also,  $\exists$  coloring that gets  $N = (n+1)^2$



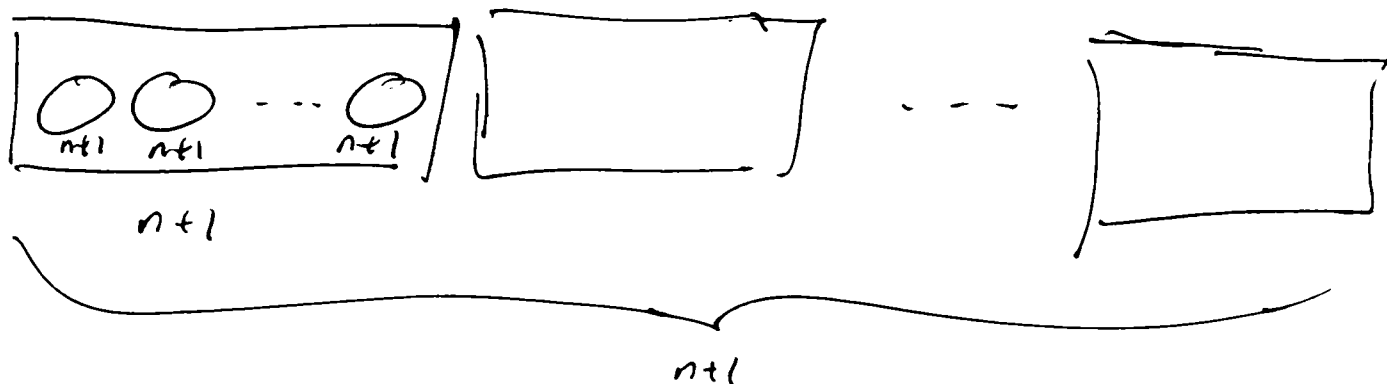
What about 3 colors?

Theorem: <sup>vertex-ordered</sup>  $K_N$ , all edges colored 1, 2, 3.

There is always a monochrome, monotone path of length  $\geq \sqrt[3]{N}$

Proof is the same; show if all paths are length  $\leq (n)$  then  $N \leq (n+1)^3$ .

Bound is also sharp, same reason.



Can also talk about color-avoiding paths.

Q:  $K_N$ , vertex ordered, all edges colored 1, 2, 3, then  $\exists$  path which avoids one color of length  $\geq \sqrt[3]{N}$

Apply previous result, merge two colors

Also: there is coloring where all  $\geq 1$ -color avoiding paths have length  $\leq N^{2/3}$

Thms

$K_n$ , vertex ordered, 3-colors for edges,  $\exists$  path which avoids one color of length  $\geq \sqrt{n} \log^* n$

Question: How long of a sequence of triples can I write, where each triple has elements  $\in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that for any two triples, there are at least two coordinates where the later triple is strictly greater?

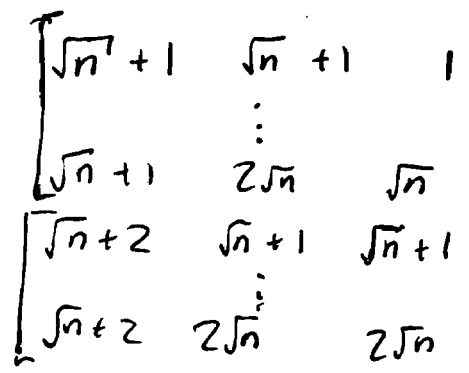
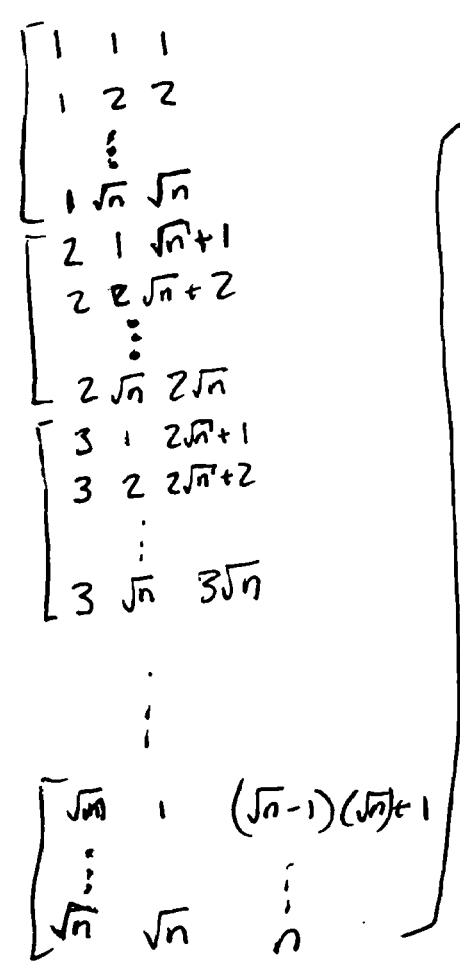
Non-transitive order relation  $1, 2, 3 < 2, 3, 1 < 3, 1, 2 < 1, 2, 3$

Last time: 3-color edges of ordered vertex  $K_N$   
 wanted to show  $\exists$  long  $\geq 1$  color avoiding path.

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~~1st triple~~ 1st elt in triple: longest path avoiding color 1  
 2nd elt: longest path avoiding color 2  
 ( $\leftarrow, \leftarrow, -$ )

Know a sequence of triples of length  $N \approx n^{3/2}$ .



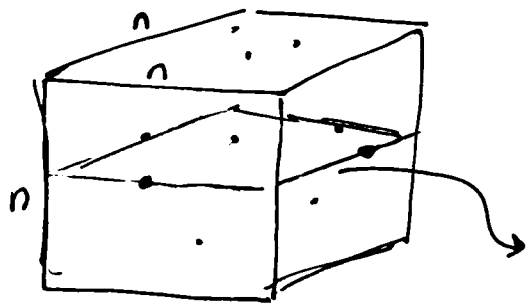
Get  $\sqrt{n} \cdot n$  many triples.

Is  $N \approx n^{3/2}$  the best?

Other side:

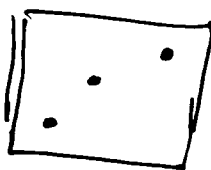
Theorem: Length of a triples sequence  $\leq \frac{n^2}{\log^* n}$

Proof Idea: Observe a connection to famous problem.  
Put triples inside cube, plot them.



Swiss Cheese Condition

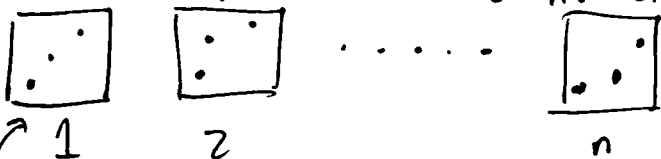
remove slice of cube, triples must increase to top right.



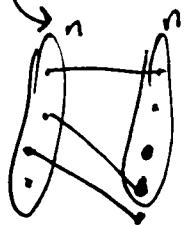
All have same 3rd coordinate, both of others must grow.

Every slice gets an increasing pattern  
How many points can you have? →

Look at all  $n$  parallel slices in one direction.



Bipartite graph



Bijection between bipartite graph w/ edges between vtx  $i$  and  $j$  if  $(i, j)$  is coordinate of point in slice.

Want upper bound on total # of edges in all of these graphs?

Q: Same edge twice?

⇒ at most  $n^2$  edges.

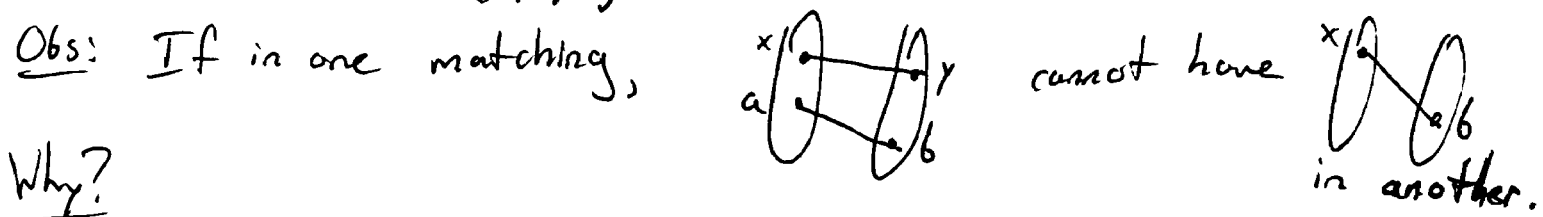
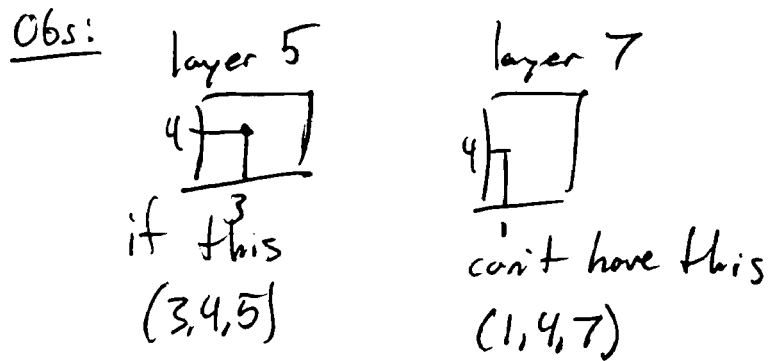
$(x, y, \underline{5})$  No!

$(x, y, \underline{7})$



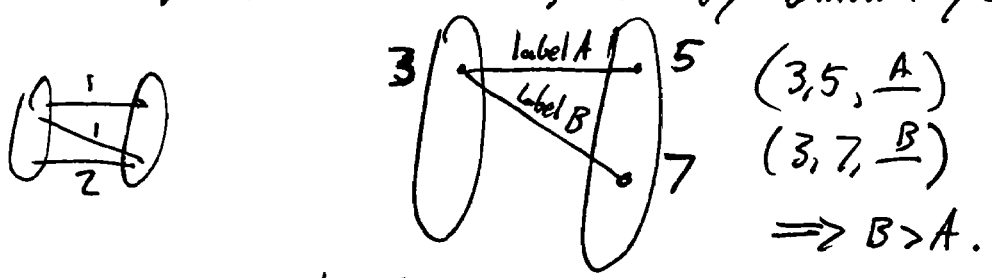
Observation: these bipartite graphs are matchings, so each has  $\leq n$  edges \*  $n$  graphs.

Obs: edges can't cross

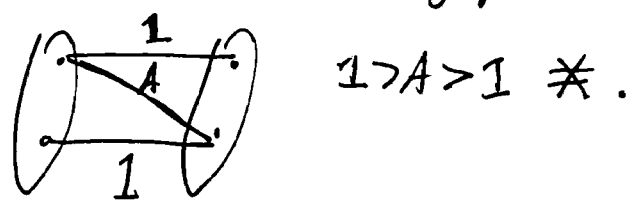


Why?

Stick all matchings on top of one another, label by which layer they come from



So if all edges on one graph  $G$



~~Q:~~  $G$  is union of  $n$  induced matchings.

So can find  $n$  sets  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  so that each  $G[V_i]$  is a matching, and these cover all edges

Q: How many edges in a graph ~~with  $n$  vertices~~ which is union of  $n$  induced matchings?

$(i, j)$  - matching  $1 \leq i \leq \sqrt{n}$   
 $1 \leq j \leq \sqrt{n}$

Connect  $i$ th vertex of each left chunk w/  $j$ th vertex of each right chunk.  
 gets  $n^{3/2}$  matchings.

Known construction for induced matching problem that gets  $n^2 / e^{\sqrt{\log n}}$  many edges.  $e^{\sqrt{\log n}} \ll e^{.001 \log n} = n^{.001}$

Theorem: Union of  $N$ -induced matchings has at most  $\frac{n^2}{\log^k n}$ .  
 Uses "Regularity Lemma".

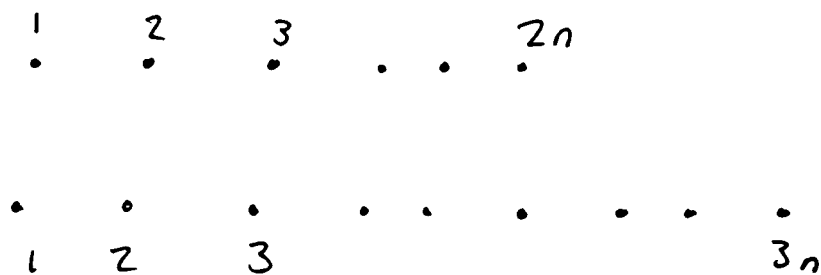
Question:  $n$ -vertex graph, disjoint union of  $n$  induced matchings.  
 How many edges can you get?

Theorem: Number of edges  $\leq \frac{n^2}{\log^k n}$

but exist constructions with  $\frac{n^2}{e^{\sqrt{\log n}}}$  edges

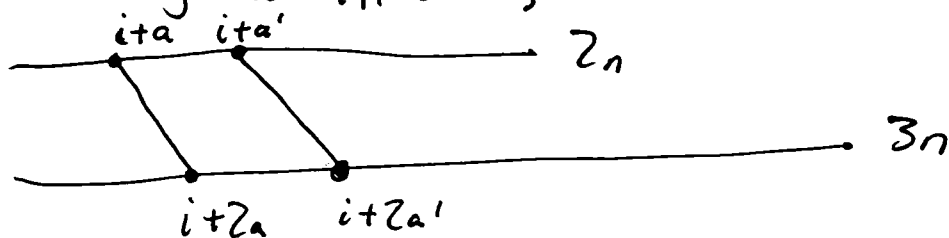
Construction (Ruzsa-Szemerédi):

Say  $5n$  vertices in 2 rows



Build ~~many~~  $n$  matchings using a set  $A \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

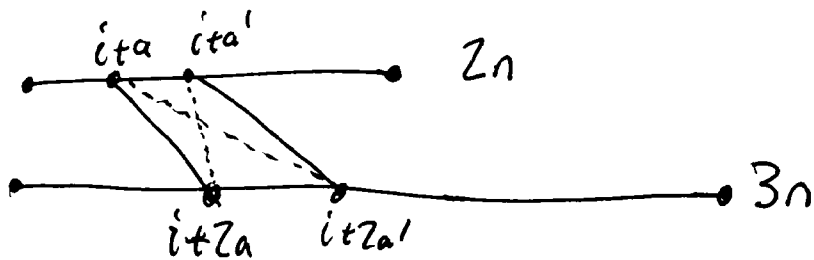
$i^{\text{th}}$  matching: for all  $a \in A$ ,



Observation: If  $G$  is a graph on  $n$  vertices,  $\exists$  bipartite graph  $G'$  on  $n$  vertices which is a subgraph of  $G$  and  $e(G') \geq \frac{1}{2} e(G)$

Proof: each vertex independently goes to left or right w/ probability =  $1/2$ , only keep edges that cross left  $\rightarrow$  right.  $\mathbb{E}[\# \text{edges kept}] = 1/2 * \# \text{edges}$ .

Check: given two edges of  $i^{\text{th}}$  matching, won't find an edge of  $j^{\text{th}}$  matching that uses 2 of the vertices.



dotted lines in  $j^{\text{th}}$  matching.

$$i+a' = j+a''$$

$$i+2a = j+2a''$$

OR

$$i+a = j+a''$$

$$i+2a' = j+2a''$$

Why can't we have either of these edges?

What condition on  $A$  to be certain?

Suppose we really do have

$$\begin{cases} i+a' = j+a'' & (1) \\ i+2a = j+2a'' & (2) \end{cases} \implies \begin{aligned} & 2a - a' = a'' \\ & \iff a = \frac{a'+a''}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So if  $A$  has no three term arithmetic progression, then the construction makes the  $n$  induced matchings ~~total~~ <sup>1 edge</sup>.  
~~the~~ Total # of edges in  $n$  induced matchings is  $n|A|$ .

~~How big of a subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  can we get w/ no 3AP?~~

How big of a subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  can we get w/ no 3AP?

(1)  $\log_2 n$  size  $1, 2, 4, 8, \dots$

(2) Greedy approach

Given  $T$  many so far  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T$

$$\leq \binom{T}{2} \text{ blocked, } + T < T^2$$

Can add another within  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, T^2\}$

3AP free, size  $\geq \sqrt{n}$ .

Random: pick each # w/ prob  $p$

For a fixed ZAP, probability that it stays in subset we picked  $= p^3$

# ZAPs in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  is  $\leq n^2$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ ZAP in selected subset}] \leq n^2 p^3$$

pick  $n^2 p^3 \leq 1/2$ ,  $p \approx n^{-2/3} \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\# \text{ ZAP in selected}] \leq 1/2$

Probability that ZAP survives  $\leq 1/2$

# picked  $\sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ picked}] \approx np \sim n^{1/3}$$

$$P[\text{Bin}(n, p) \text{ deviates from mean by factor } \geq c] \leq e^{-c \mathbb{E}[\cdot]}$$

Random approach 2: (Alterations Method)

(a) Pick each # w/ prob  $= p$

(b) For each ZAP surviving, throw out one element.

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ of nums that survive (a) and (b)}] \geq \mathbb{E}[\# \text{ nums at (a)}]$$

$$- \mathbb{E}[\# \text{ ZAP surviving past (a)}]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{selected in (a)}] = np$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ ZAP surviving past (a)}] \leq n^2 p^3 \text{ as above}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{size of } \mathcal{A}] \geq np - n^2 p^3$$

Choose  $p$ : to maximize  $np - n^2 p^3$ , between 0 and 1.

Ballpark estimate:  $\frac{1}{2} np = n^2 p^3 \Rightarrow p \approx n^{-1/2}$ .

And then get  $np - n^2 p^3 = \frac{1}{2} np \approx n^{1/2}$ .

$$n - 3n^2 p^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{n}{3n^2} = p$$

Behrend Construction: ZAP-free sets  $\subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  of size  $\approx \frac{n}{e^{c\sqrt{\log n}}}$

First, build a ZAP-free subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}^d$

A  $d$ -dimensional lattice cube



ZAP in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is two points and their midpoint.

Lets find subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}^d$  which has no 3 points on a line.

Pick a sphere, so that  $\sum x_i^2 = T$ .  $S_T = \{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_d^2 = T\}$

All  $r^d$  lattice points in the cube are in

$$\bigcup_{i=0}^{r^d} S_i.$$

Use pigeonhole  $\Rightarrow \exists$  sphere with  $\geq \frac{r^d}{r^d}$  lattice points from cube

This creates a ZAP-free  $d$ -dimensional subset  $L$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}^d$ .

Map to integers from  $d$ -dimensional points  $\in L$ .

$$(\underbrace{0 \dots r}, \underbrace{0 \dots r}, \dots, \underbrace{0 \dots r}) \longmapsto \text{integer}$$

Map to base  $\mathbb{Z}_r$ . Why no ZAP in integer side?

Consider ZAP of integers: ~~same as~~ ~~same as~~

Write in base  $\mathbb{Z}_r$ , note that addition need not carry since each coordinate is less than  $r$ .

If ZAP in  $\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$  vector ZAP  $\neq L$  is ZAP free.

# Behrend Construction

$\{0, 1, 2, \dots, r-1\}^d$  took points on a sphere  $\rightarrow$  pigeonhole  $\geq \frac{rd}{r^2d}$  points

Map  $\vec{x} \in \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}^d \mapsto \mathbb{Z}$  reading in base  $r$ , gives ZAP-free subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Try to find ZAP-free subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . So  $N = (2r)^d$ .

Get ZAP-free subset of size  $\geq \frac{rd}{r^2d}$ .

Intuition: maximize  $\frac{\text{size}}{N} \geq \frac{rd/r^2d}{(2r)^d} = \frac{1}{2^d d r^2}$ .

So minimize  $2^d d r^2$  subject to  $(2r)^d = N$ .  $(\star)$

For large  $d$ ,  $2^d d r^2 \approx 2^d r^2$  taking logs,  $d \log r \approx \log N$

minimize  $\log(2^d r^2) \approx \log r + d$ .

Try  $d \approx \log r \approx \sqrt{\log N}$ . Specifically, take  $d = \sqrt{\log N}$ .

$$(\star) \Rightarrow 2r = e^{\sqrt{\log N}} \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2} e^{\sqrt{\log N}}$$

Now find  $\frac{rd}{r^2d}$  as a function of  $N \rightarrow \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} e^{\sqrt{\log N}}\right)^{\sqrt{\log N}}}{\sqrt{\log N} \frac{1}{4} e^{2\sqrt{\log N}}}$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\sqrt{\log N}} N}{\sqrt{\log N} \frac{1}{4} e^{2\sqrt{\log N}}} = \frac{N}{e^{C\sqrt{\log N}}}$$

More careful optimization gives size  $\geq \frac{N}{(\log N)^{1/4} e^{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\log N}}}$  subgroup of units mod  $p$ .

Question: What's the size of the largest sum-free subgroup of  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}^*}{p\mathbb{Z}}$ ?

no  $x+y=z, (x,y,z) \in \text{Subgroup}$ .

Paper: Alon + Bourgain

Observation: without subgroup requirement, can get sum-free subset of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Take  $\left[\frac{3}{4}p, \frac{p}{2}\right]$  interval to get linear size in  $p$ , the best is  $\left[\frac{1}{3}p, \frac{2}{3}p\right] \cap \mathbb{F}_p$ .



~~Thm (Alon & Bourgain)~~

Theorem (Alon & Bourgain): If  $S$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{F}_p^*$ , and  $|S| > p^{3/4}$ ,  
~~then~~ then  $S$  is not sum-free.

Thm (A+B): There are infinitely many primes  $p$  s.t.  
 $\exists$  sum-free subgroup of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  of size  $\geq p^{1/3}$ .

Open Question: Close gap between  $1/3$  and  $3/4$ .

Ideas to build large sum-free subgroup:

Note the multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  is cyclic, find generator  $\alpha$ .  
Want order of  $\alpha$  to be  $\approx m$  (bigger is better)

In a subgroup:  $x+y=z \iff 1+x^{-1}y = x^{-1}z$

let  $a = x^{-1}y$ ,  $b = x^{-1}z$ , sum free subgroup  $\iff$  no consecutive numbers subgroup.

If  $\alpha$  is not a root of  
an elt.  $x$  of order  $m$

$P_m(x) = \prod_{0 \leq i < j < m} (x^i - x^j - 1)$ , then  $\langle \alpha \rangle$  is sum-free subgroup of  
order  $\in (\frac{m}{2}, \dots, m)$

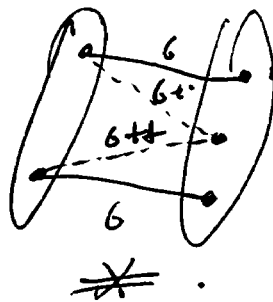
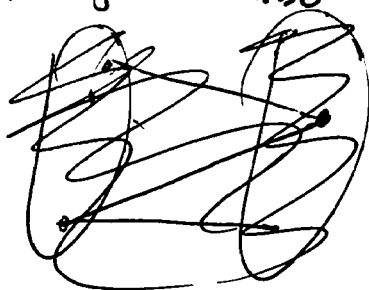
How to know there's a non-root of this polynomial.

$$\deg(P_m) < m^3$$

If instead take  $\frac{m}{2} - m$  as order of  $\alpha$

Triples Problem: longest sequence of triples under wacky order that isn't transitive.

Reduced to swiss cheese problem, and then to bipartite graphs. Matchings are also  $\Sigma$ -free



Theorem:  $n$ -matchings on  $2n$  vertices, each one is  $\begin{matrix} \text{no } K_n \\ \text{no } K_n \end{matrix}$ -free (also  $\Sigma$ -free), also induced.

$$\Rightarrow \text{total \# edges} \leq n^{3/2}$$

### Problems!

Ramsey-Type: decomposing "complete" structures with colors and ~~partitioning~~ finding nicely structured monochromatic things, as long as it's big enough.

Turán-Type: Given a sub-structure of a complete structure, show it has nice properties as long as it's dense enough.

If you could find this nice structure in any structure with at least  $1/2$ , then in any coloring of complete structure w/  $2$  colors, one color class has property.

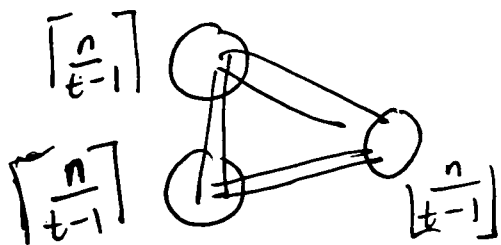
Defn:  $ex(n, H) = \max \#$  of edges in any  $n$ -vertex graph w/ no  $H$

Eg:  $ex(n, C_4)$

① Find construction w/ no  $C_4$ , lots of edges.

② Prove: if at least  $f(n)$  edges, then exists  $C_4$ .

Eg:  $ex(n, K_t) = \#$  edges in this  $\approx \binom{n}{t-1} \binom{t-1}{2} = \frac{n^2 (t-1)(t-2)}{(t-1)^2 (t-1) 2}$



$$= \frac{n^2 (t-2)}{2 (t-1)}$$

$$\approx \frac{n^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t-1}\right)$$

Observe: As  $t$  increases,  $ex(n, K_t)$  does too.

monotonic b/c  $K_t \subseteq K_{t+1}$ , so  $ex(n, K_t) \leq ex(n, K_{t+1})$

Try to show  $ex(n, C_4) \leq \dots$ . Upper Bound.

If  $> \dots$  edges, guarantee a  $C_4$

Use  $C_4 \subseteq K_4 \implies ex(n, C_4) \leq ex(n, K_4) \approx \frac{n^2}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{n^2}{3}$

In general  $ex(n, H) \leq ex(n, K_{\omega(H)})$ .

So  $ex(n, C_4) \leq \frac{n^2}{3}$

### Lower Bound:

Random graph: probability  $p$  for edge

$$\mathbb{E}[\# C_4] \leq n^4 p^4 \leq 1/2$$

↑ fixing 4 vertices  
↑ all 4 edges there

so  $p \sim \frac{1}{n}$

so total edges  $\binom{n}{2} p \sim n$ .

### Alterations Methods:

For each  $C_4$  in random graph, throw out edge.

$$\mathbb{E}[C_4] \leq n^4 p^4 \quad \mathbb{E}[\text{edges}] = \frac{n^2}{2} p \quad \mathbb{E}[\text{edges surviving}] \geq \frac{n^2}{2} p - n^4 p^4$$

Choose  $p \sim \frac{1}{n^{4/3}}$

$$\frac{n^2 p}{4} \sim n^{4/3} p^4$$

~~$\mathbb{E}[\# C_4] \geq n^{4/3}$~~

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{edges surviving}] \geq n^{4/3}$$

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Eg:  $ex(n, \Delta) \geq$  get constructions w/ no  $\Delta$  yet lots of edges.

Use construction w/ no  $\Delta$

$ex(n, H) \geq ex(n, K_{\omega(H)})$ , where  $\omega(H)$  is biggest clique in  $H$ .

Know:

$$ex(n, K_{\omega(H)}) \leq ex(n, H) \leq ex(n, K_{\nu(H)})$$

Eg:  $ex(n, C_5) \geq$

Construct graph with no 5-cycle yet lots of edges  
One way is to use  $K_{n/2, n/2}$ . It has ~~no~~ no odd cycles.

Also  $ex(n, C_{2k+1}) \geq \# \text{edges in } K_{n/2, n/2}$

$ex(n, \text{not bipartite graph}) \geq \# \text{edges in } K_{\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2}}$

Also:  $ex(n, \text{not } R \text{ colorable graph}) \geq \# \text{edges in complete } R\text{-partite graph}$

So  $ex(n, H) \geq \# \text{edges in complete } (\chi(H)-1)\text{-partite graph}$   
 $= ex(n, K_{\chi(H)})$

Shown:

$ex(n, K_{\chi(H)}) \leq ex(n, H) \leq ex(n, K_{\chi(H)})$

Thm (Erdős - Stone - Simonovits):

$ex(n, H) = ex(n, K_{\chi(H)}) + o(n^2)$

Precisely, for given  $H$ ,  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  s.t.  $\forall n > N$

$ex(n, H) \leq ex(n, K_{\chi(H)}) + \epsilon n^2$

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$ex(n, \text{tree}) = ?$

OBS! If  $T_t$  is a tree w/  $t$  vertices. Then any graph with  $n$  vertices and  $\text{min degree} \geq t-1$  contains  $T_t$ .

greedy algorithm

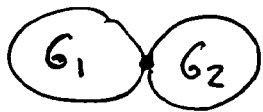
Defn: A graph is  $k$ -critical if  $\chi(G) = k$ , and deleting any vertex results in a strictly smaller chromatic number.

Eg: Odd cycles are ~~3-critical~~ 3-critical.

Theorem: Let  $G$  be a  $k$ -critical graph with  $n$  vertices. Then  $G$  has  
 (i) a path of length  $\geq c_1 \frac{\log n}{\log k}$   
 (ii) a cycle of length  $\geq c_2 \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{\log k}}$  where  $k \geq 3$ .

Prop: if  $G$  is  $k$ -critical  $\forall k$ , then  $G$  is  $k$ -connected.

Proof: Suppose not, then delete a vertex.  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  can be  $k-1$  colored, which can extend to a  $k-1$  coloring of  $G$ . □



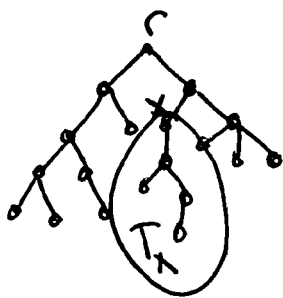
Prop: If  $G$  is  $k$ -critical, then  $G$  is  $(k-1)$ -edge connected.

Proof of (i): uses DFS.

Notation: If  $T$  is a tree,  $x \in T$ , then  $T_x$  is subtree w/ root  $x$ .  
 Path in the tree from  $a$  to  $b$  is  $aT_b$ .

Prop: If  $e$  is a non-DFS-tree edge in  $G$ ,  $e$  has to join a vertex  $x$  to one of its ancestors.

$\Rightarrow$  all edges of  $G$  between  $T$  and  $T \setminus T_x$  are between  $T_x$  and  $xT_r$



Proof of (i):

We find DFS tree  $T$  with root  $r$ .

Let  $d(u)$  be the depth of  $u$ , the length of  $uTr$ .

For an edge  $e \in E(T)$ , the depth of  $e = (u,v)$  is  $\min(d(u), d(v))$

Claim:  $T$  has at most  $(k-1)^j$  many edges of depth  $j$ .

Next we show claim  $\Rightarrow$  (i)

$$n-1 = e(T) \leq \sum_{j=0}^R \# \text{ of edges of type } j \leq \sum_{j=0}^R (k-1)^j \leq (k-1)^{R+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow R+1 \geq \frac{\log(n-1)}{\log(k-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow R \geq c_1 \frac{\log n}{\log k}$$

So longest path length in  $G \geq R \geq c_1 \frac{\log n}{\log k}$ .

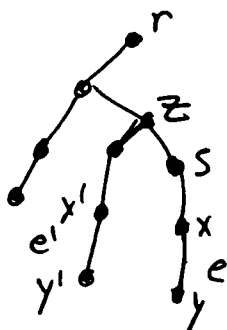
Proof of claim:

For each  $e \in E(T)$ ,  $G - \{e\}$  has a  $(k-1)$ -coloring since  $G$  is  $k$ -critical. Let  $f_e$  be its proper  $(k-1)$ -coloring. If the path  $rTy$  is  $r v_2 v_3 \dots v_d$ , where  $e = (x, y)$ ,  $v_1 = r$ ,  $v_{d-1} = x$ ,  $v_d = y$ .

Let  $F(e)$  be the sequence  $(f_e(v_1), f_e(v_2), \dots, f_e(v_{d-1}))$  of colors  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ .

To prove the claim, it suffices to show different edges of depth  $j$  has a distinct sequence,  $F(e)$ .

To see this, consider distinct edges  $e, e'$  of the same depth  $j$ , but w/ same sequence  $F(e) = F(e')$



Let  $z$  be the first vertex where the paths meet, going up from bottom. Let  $z'$  be the vertex in the path  $rTy$  after  $z$ .

We show: colorings  $f_e$  and  $f_{e'}$  will give a proper  $(k-1)$ -coloring  $f$  of the graph  $G$ .

Color vertices in  $T-T_s$  using  $f_e$  } call it  $f$ .  
Color vertices in  $T_s$  with  $f_{e'}$  }

Each of  $f_e, f_{e'}$  use colors  $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ , so this is a  $k-1$  coloring of  $G$   $\neq$ .

↑

coloring is proper b/c all edges between  $T_x$  and  $T-T_x$  are between  $T_x$  and  $xT_r$ .

Proof of (ii)

Follows by the fact that  $G$  is 2-connected and the following Lemma:

Lemma: If  $G$  is 2-connected and has a path of length  $L$ , then  $G$  has a cycle of length  $\sqrt{L}$ .

Proof: Exercise.

Menger's Theorem

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Extremal Number

$ex(n, T_t)$   $T_t$  is a fixed tree on  $t$  vertices  
 max # edges in  $n$ -vertex,  $T_t$ -free graph

Use:  $\delta \geq t-1 \Rightarrow$  graph contains  $T_t$ .

Lemma If  $G$  has average degree  $d$ , then  $G$  contains a subgraph with min-degree  $> \frac{d}{2}$ .

Proof: While there is a vertex of degree  $\leq d/2$ , remove it. Show that this stops before graph is 0 vertices.

# vertices	$n$	$n-1$	$n-2$	...	1
# edges	$\frac{nd}{2}$	$\geq (n-1)\frac{d}{2}$	$\geq (n-2)\frac{d}{2}$		$\geq \frac{d}{2}$

↑  
must stop somewhere here

Lemma If  $G$  has avg. degree  $d$ , then  $G$  contains a subgraph w/ min-degree  $> 0.3d$  with at least  $\frac{d}{2}$  vertices.

Proof: Repeat argument from before

# vertex	$n$	$n-1$	$n-2$	...	$n-k$
# edges	$\frac{nd}{2}$	$\geq \frac{nd}{2} - 0.3d$	$\geq \frac{nd}{2} - 0.6d$	...	$\geq \frac{d}{2}(n-0.6k)$

Must stop before  $\frac{d}{2}(n-0.6k) > \binom{n-k}{2}$

↓ about

$$\frac{d}{2}(n-0.6k) \sim \frac{(n-k)^2}{2}$$

Let  $k=tn$

$$\frac{d}{2}(0.4t) \sim \frac{(1-t)^2}{2}n$$

$$dt(0.4) \sim (1-t)^2 n$$

$\frac{d}{n}$  is original edge density.



Corollary: if #edges  $> n(t-2)$ , then graph contains  $T_t$  (any tree on  $t$  vertices).

Pf:  $\Rightarrow$  avg degree  $\geq 2(t-2)$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  subgraph with minimum degree  $> (t-2)$

$t$  integer, min degree integer

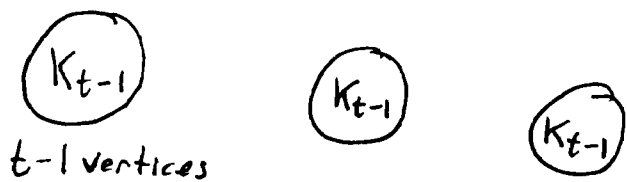
$\Rightarrow$  min-degree of subgraph  $\geq t-1$

So use fact from Zihao Ma.

Hence,  $ex(n, T_t) < n(t-2)$ .

Lower Bounds: Many edges, avoids  $T_t$ .

Construction:



Suppose  $(t-1) | n$

$$\# \text{ edges} = \binom{t-1}{2} \frac{n}{t-1} = n \frac{t-2}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{n(t-2)}{2} \leq ex(n, T_t).$$

Erdős-Sós Conjecture: If  $\geq \frac{n(t-2)}{2}$  edges, then  $\exists T_t$ .

Prop:  $\chi(G) \geq t \Rightarrow G$  contains  $T_t$ .

Consequences of big chromatic number?

Ex: If  $\chi \geq 50$ , then graph has...  
a vertex of degree  $\geq 49$ .  $\Rightarrow \Delta \geq 49$

## Consequences of large $\chi$ :

There is a subgraph with minimum degree  $\geq 49$ . ( $\Rightarrow$  has a  $T_4$ )

Otherwise, if every subgraph has a vertex of degree  $\leq 48$ , gives ordering of greedy algorithm.

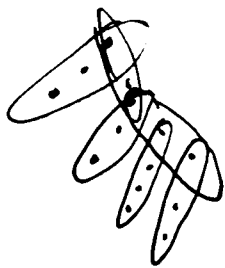
Strip vertex of degree  $\leq 48$ , continue in this manner.

49 colors suffice to color graph.

Hypergraph Version:  $\chi > e$ , then there is a copy of any  $e$ -edge hypertree, in an  $r$ -uniform hypergraph.

Defn:  $\chi$  of a hypergraph is min # of colors required to color vertices w/ no hyperedge monochromatic.

Defn: Hypertree has hyperedges that any ever overlap on one vertex. Start w/ one edge, repeatedly add  $(r-1)$  vertices, create new edge w/ those and one old vertex.



Observations: Result is tight. Can find  ~~$\chi = e$~~   <sup>$r$ -uniform</sup> hypergraph w/  $\chi = e$  and no hypertree w/  $e$  edges.

Construction:  $(r-1)e$  vertices  
complete  $r$ -uniform hypergraph has  $\chi = e$ , but no tree.

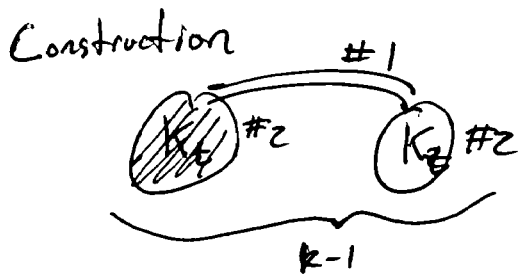
## Proof of Hypergraph Version:

Due to Erdős, in any hypergraph w/  $\chi > 2$ ,  $\exists$  two edges overlapping on 1 vertex.

Last time:  $n \geq t \implies$  (hyper)graph has any  $t$ -edge tree you want

Why interesting?

Revisit: Ramsey  $(K_k, t\text{-edge tree}) = (k-1)t + 1$



Proof that  $> (k-1)t$  vertices  
 $\implies$  1-colored  $K_k$  or 2-colored  $t$ -edge tree

Look at  $G =$  color-2 graph (some vtxs, only color 2 edges)

$\alpha(G) \leq k-1$  else color-1  $K_k$

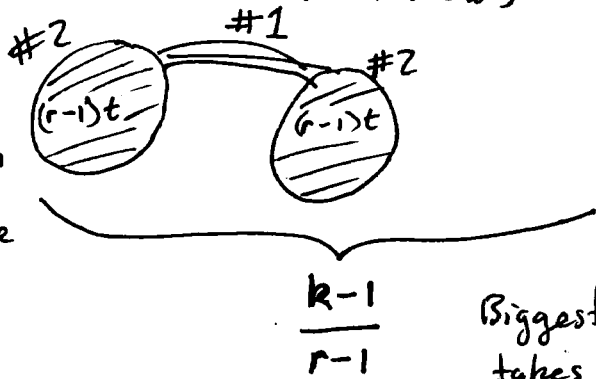
$\uparrow$   
max indep set

$$\chi(G) \geq \frac{v(G)}{\alpha(G)} \geq \frac{(k-1)t}{k-1} = t$$

Version for  $r$ -uniform hypergraphs.

Ramsey  $(K_k^{(r)}, t\text{-edge } r\text{-uniform hypertree})$

Construction: (lower bound)



no  $t$ -edge  $r$ -uniform hypertree fits

Biggest  $\#1$ -colored set takes  $r-1$  vertices from each blob.

$$\implies R(K_k^{(r)}, t\text{ edge } r\text{-unit hypertree}) \geq (k-1)t$$

(upper bound)

Proof works the same as before.

Goal:

$$ex(n, C_4) = ex(n, K_{2,2}) \leq cn^{3/2}.$$

Prove: that if we have no  $C_4$ , then #edges  $\leq cn^{3/2}$

Observe that for any two vertices, # common neighbors is  $\leq 1$ .

For all pairs  $(x,y)$ ,  $\text{codegree}(x,y) \leq 1$ .

If  $d_v = \text{degree of } v \in V(G)$ , gives  $\binom{d_v}{2}$  ~~pairs~~ w/ common neighbor v.

As you go over all  $v \in V$ , never see same pair of neighbors twice:

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} \binom{d_v}{2} \leq \binom{n}{2} \quad \text{Since } \binom{x}{2} \text{ convex, get } n \binom{\bar{d}}{2} \leq \sum_{v \in V(G)} \binom{d_v}{2} \leq \binom{n}{2}$$

$$\bar{d} = \frac{2m}{n}$$

$$\implies n \frac{\left(\frac{2m}{n}\right)^2}{2} \leq \frac{n^2}{2} \approx \binom{n}{2}$$

$$\approx \binom{\bar{d}}{2} \implies m^2 \leq n^3 \text{ asymptotically}$$

$$\text{so } ex(n, C_4) \leq cn^{3/2}.$$

(Kővari-Sós-Turán)

$$\binom{a}{b} \sim \frac{a^b}{b!} \text{ w/ multiplicative error } (1+o(1))$$

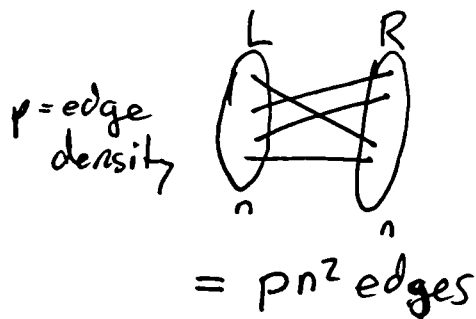
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Theorem:  $ex(n, K_{s,t}) \leq c_t n^{2-1/s}$

$c_t$  is constant depending on  $t$ .

Proof: Assume we have  $H$  as a subgraph of  $K_{n,n}$ , with no  $K_{s,t}$ .

Show not too many edges.  $\iff p \leq \dots$



Any  $s$  things have at most  $(t-1)$  common neighbors

$$\text{Count: } \# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{cone} \\ \text{with } s \text{ vertices} \end{array} \right\} = \sum_{x \in R} \binom{d_x}{s} \geq n \binom{\bar{d}_R}{s}$$

$$\bar{d}_R = \frac{pn^2}{n} = pn$$

$\binom{x}{s}$  convex if we set equal to 0 when  $x \leq s-1$ .

$$\# \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{cone} \\ \text{with } s \text{ vertices} \end{array} \right\} = n \binom{pn}{s} \sim n \frac{(pn)^s}{s!} \sim p^s n \binom{n}{s}$$

Proof continued:  $\#K_{s,t} = \sum_{\substack{S \subseteq L \\ \#S=s}} \binom{d_S}{t} \geq \binom{n}{s} \binom{\text{average } d_S}{t}$



$$\text{avg } d_S = \frac{\text{total } \# \binom{S}{t}}{\binom{n}{s}} \geq \frac{n \binom{np^s}{s}}{\binom{n}{s}} = np^s$$

Combine:  $\#K_{s,t} = \binom{n}{s} \binom{np^s}{t} \sim \frac{n^s}{s!} \frac{(np^s)^t}{t!} = \frac{n^{s+t} p^{st}}{s! t!} \sim \binom{n}{s} \binom{n}{t} p^{st}$

When is it  $> 1$ ?

$$\frac{n^{s+t} p^{st}}{s! t!} > 1 \implies p \sim n^{-\frac{st}{s+t}} \quad \text{What's wrong?}$$

Estimate  $\binom{n}{s} \binom{np^s}{t} \sim \frac{n^s}{s!} \frac{(np^s)^t}{t!}$  is wrong, requires  $np^s \gg 1$   
 $\iff p \gg n^{-1/s}$ .

$$x \gg y \iff \lim_{x,y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{y} = \infty$$

Shown:  $p \gg n^{-1/s}$ , then  $\#K_{s,t} \sim \binom{n}{s} \binom{n}{t} p^{st} \leftarrow$  random graph


Now deduce  $p \geq c_t n^{-1/s}$ , then  $\exists K_{s,t}$ .

## Conjecture (SIDORENKO)

For Any bipartite graph  $H$ , in any graph  $G$  with edge density  $p$ ,

$$\# \text{ copies of } H \approx \underbrace{\binom{n}{v(H)}}_{\text{what it is in } G_{n,p} \text{ random graph.}} p^{e(H)}$$

Other side

$K_{2,2}$ : 

want graph with no  $K_{2,2}$  yet  $\geq n^{3/2}$  edges

Defn: finite projective plane

finite set of points together w/ collection of lines, each a set of points.

• Any two lines cross at exactly one point.

• Every pair of points is on exactly one line.

Eg:



points = 7

lines = 7

If  $q$  is prime power, can get finite projective plane with  $q^2 + q + 1$  points.

Live in  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$

"point" is 1D subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$

"line" is 2D subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$

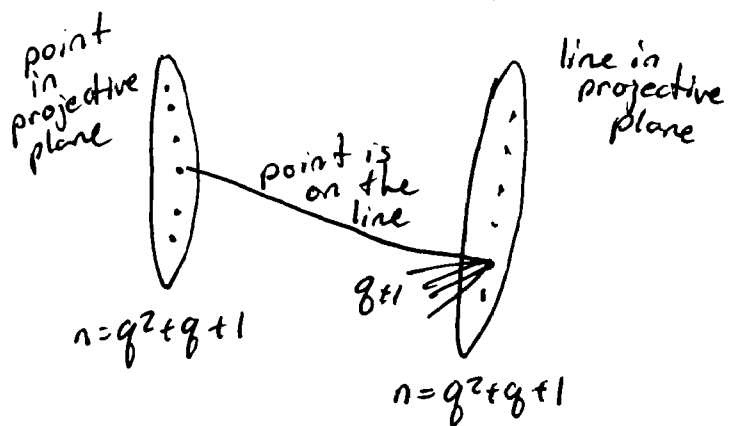
point on line  $\iff$  "point"  $\subseteq$  "line".

$q^3 - 1$  nonzero vectors in  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$ , Each 1D subspace uses  $q - 1$  distinct vectors,  
so there are  $\frac{q^3 - 1}{q - 1} = q^2 + q + 1$  such points

Any line contains  $\frac{q^2 - 1}{q - 1} = q + 1$  points.

~~points taken~~  
taken by each 1D subspace inside.

Construction of graph with no  $K_{2,2}$  (Incidence graph of projective ~~graph~~ plane.)



if  $K_{2,2}$ , both points are on two lines  $\neq$ , so no  $K_{2,2}$ .

# edges =  $(q+1)(q^2+q+1) \approx n^{3/2}$  where  $n = \#$  vertices

↑ each line has  $q+1$  points

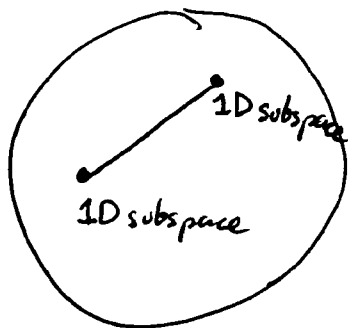
↑ ~~each~~ number of lines.

Optimal for bipartite graphs, yet off by factor of 2.

Issue: Yes, the graph was regular, so convexity argument cannot be improved, but lots of pairs have codegree  $< 1$ , namely ones on opposite sides.

Construction 2: Polarity graph of projective plane.

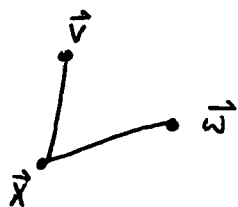
vertex set is ~~the~~ 1D subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$



edge if and only if two subspaces are orthogonal.

Observe: 1D subspace  $\langle \vec{v} \rangle$  has a 2D orthogonal complement

No  $C_4$ :



$v \perp x$   
 $w \perp x$  }  $\rightarrow$  only one dimension left for  $\vec{x}$   
means there cannot be two  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  both adjacent to both of  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$ .

All degrees are  $\frac{q^2-1}{q-1} = q+1$  - error

# 1D subspace inside 2D subspace

self-orthogonal

# edges  $\approx (q+1)(q^2+q+1)$  not off by factor of 2.

Lemma: If start with  $2n$  vertex graph, there is a bisection with at least  $\geq 1/2$  # edges.

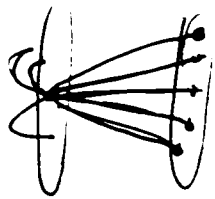
Proof: Either flip a coin to put vertices on left/right, or uniformly sample a random bisection.

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{edges in bisection}] = \sum_{e \in E(G)} \mathbb{P}[\text{pick edge } e]$$

Observe: in a bisection of  $K_{2n}$ , gets  $n^2$  edges out of  $\binom{2n}{2}$  total.

$$\text{So } \mathbb{E}[\# \text{edges}] = e(G) \frac{n^2}{\binom{2n}{2}} = \frac{n}{2n-1} > 1/2. \quad \blacksquare$$

Lemma: Every graph has a bipartition where each vertex has  $\geq 1/2$  of it's neighbors across.



Proof: Start w/ any bipartition, as long as  $\exists v \in V(G)$  with more neighbors on it's own side, move it to other side. Then total # crossing edges increases.

Q: Does every graph have a bisection with this property?

~~Q:~~ No, but counterexamples are off by 1.

Q:  $\exists$  Bisection s.t.  $\forall v \in V(G)$ , #neighbors across  $\geq$  #vertices on same side - 1  
Open!



Theorem: Weighted version of Ballobás-Scott. for regular graphs

Possible to Assign each vertex a weight such that ~~all weights sum to n~~ <sup>unnecessary</sup>  
 and (a) sum of weights on left = sum of ~~weights~~ weights on right

(b) For all  $v$

$$\sum_{\text{neighbors across}} \text{weight} \geq \sum_{\text{vertices on same side}} \text{weights}$$

Proof:

Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of the Graph.

Associate bipartition w/ vector  $\vec{x}$  of  $\pm 1$ ,  $+1$  means right,  $-1$  left.

$A\vec{x} =$    $\leftarrow \sum x_i = \# \text{ neighbors on right} - \# \text{ neighbors on left}$   
~~vertices~~  
 vertices adjacent to first one

To be a good partition, ~~want~~  $A\vec{x}$  differs in sign everywhere from  $\vec{x}$ .

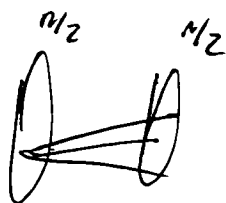
To ensure sum of weights same on both sides:  $\mathbb{1}^T \vec{x} = 0$ .

If  $\vec{x}$  is eigenvector of  $A$  w/ e-val  $\lambda < 0$ , then get  $A\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{x}$  and condition (b)

To ensure negative e-val, note that  $\mathbb{1}$  is e-val of  $\vec{x}$  with e-val  $d$ , since graph is  $d$ -regular,  $\text{tr}(A) = 0$ , guarantees  $(d + \sum \lambda_i = 0) \Rightarrow \exists$  negative e-val. Since  $A$  symmetric, guaranteed  $\vec{x} \perp \mathbb{1}$ .

the entry of  $\vec{x}$  tells you which side and the weights. ▣

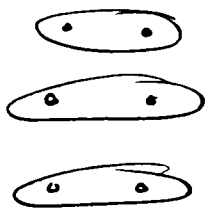
Generalized Bollobás-Scott:



Can you always find a bisection of  $G$  s.t. ~~all~~ cross degree for all  $v \in V(G)$ , cross deg  $\geq$  same side deg  $- \sqrt{n \log n}$ ?

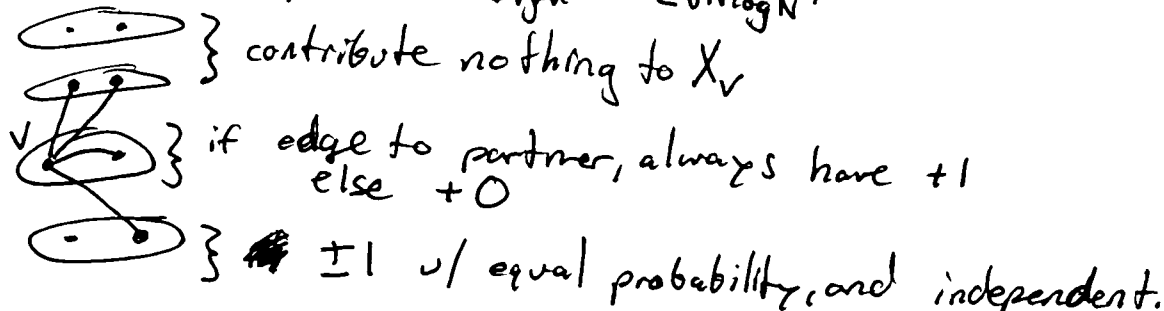
Proof: Randomly.

Arbitrarily pair up vertices. For each pair, ~~flip a coin~~



flip a coin and split either-or  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} L \\ x \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} R \\ y \end{matrix}$  or  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} y \\ x \end{matrix} \right\}$

For each vertex  $v$ , define random variable  $X_v = (\# \text{ nbhrs across}) - (\# \text{ nbhrs same side})$ .  
Want all  $X_v \geq -2\sqrt{n \log n}$



So  $X_v = (\text{optional } +1) + (\text{sum of independent } \pm \text{ random variables at most } n \text{ many})$

Thm: (HOEFDING) If  $Y = \sum_{k=1}^N Y_k$   $\pm$  random variables,  $Y_k$  is sum of  $N$  many indep. ~~variables~~

$$P[|X - E[X]| > t] \leq 2e^{-\frac{t^2}{2N}} \quad \text{So:}$$

$$P[X < -2\sqrt{n \log n}] \leq 2e^{-2 \log n} = \frac{2}{n^2}$$

Since only  $n$ -many  $X_v$ 's, union bound  $\Rightarrow$  this works w/ probability  $\rightarrow 1$ .

Improving Bollobás-Scott:

$$\text{cross deg} \geq \text{same side deg} - (6\sqrt{n}) \times 2$$

Discrepancy: Given a hypergraph  $H$

Given a coloring  $\chi: \text{vertices of } H \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$

$$\text{define } \text{disc}(H, \chi) = \max_{\text{edges of } H} |\text{sum of } \chi \text{ on edge}|$$

$$\text{disc}(H) = \min_{\text{colorings } \chi} \text{disc}(H, \chi)$$

"best allocation of  $\pm 1$  you can do"  
trying to balance everything.

~~Use~~ Use to solve Bollobás-Scott.

Consider the hypergraph  $H$  with  
vertices of  $H = \text{vertices of } G$ .

for all vertices of  $G$ , put neighbors of vertex in same edge in  $H$ .

$$\text{So if } \text{disc}(H) \text{ was } \leq B \text{ } \neq B,$$

to guarantee bisection, add one edge  
that is  $V(G)$ .

then there is  $\chi: \text{verts of } H \rightarrow \pm 1$  s.t. all edges have  $|\text{total sum}| \leq B$ .

Move verts to balance into a bisection, this changes the balance by:

$$\text{all edges have } |\text{cross deg} - \text{same deg}| \leq L + \frac{L}{2}$$

Theorem:  $n$  vertex hypergraph,  $n$  edges  $\text{disc}(\text{hypergraph}) \leq 6\sqrt{n}$   
(SPENCER)

$$\text{Gives } \text{cross deg} \geq \text{same side deg} - 12\sqrt{n}.$$

Theorem: For planar graphs, there is a bisection with all edges  
 $\# \text{ cross neighbors} \geq \# \text{ same side neighbors} - 26$

Fact: Every planar graph has vertex  $\text{deg} \leq 5$ .

Pf: If  $\text{deg} \geq 6 \forall \text{ verts}$ ,  $\Rightarrow \# \text{ edges} \geq \frac{6n}{2} = 3n$

$$V - E + F = 2 \implies \# \text{ edges} \leq 3n - 6 \quad *$$

Theorem: If  $G$  is planar,  $\exists$  bisection such that  
#nbhrs across  $\geq$  #nbhrs same side - 26

~~26~~

Theorem: (Beck-Fiala)

Let  $H$  be a hypergraph s.t. each vertex is in  $\leq t$  edges  
(equivalent: all vertices degree  $\leq t$ )

Then  $\text{disc}(H) \leq 2t-1$ .

Proof: Assign one variable to each vertex  
 $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

They will store reals  $\in [-1, 1]$ , all start at  $x_i = 0$ .

Introduce a constraint for each edge by

$$\sum_{i \in \text{edge}} x_i = 0.$$

can ignore 1 vertex edges, since doesn't contribute much to the discrepancy

Each variable is in at most  $t$  equations, by degree condition.

Each equation has  $\geq 2$  variables since we ignored eqns w/ 1 variable.

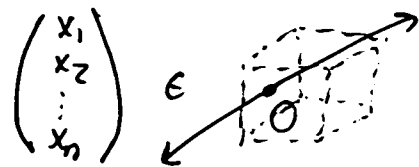
$$\implies \# \text{eqns} \leq \binom{t}{2} \# \text{vars}.$$

Actually, we can ignore edges with  $\leq t$  vertices, since it doesn't matter, its contribution to discrepancy is  $\leq 2t-1$ .

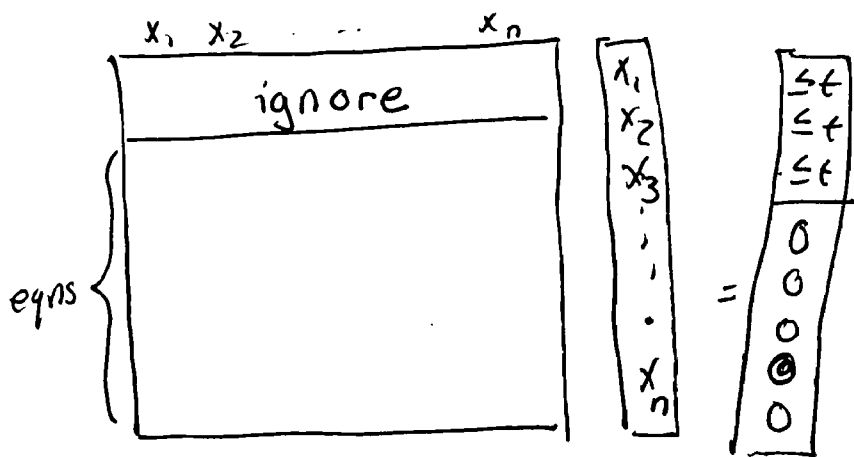
Hence, each eqn has  $\geq t+1$  variables, since we ignore smaller ones.

So  $\# \text{eqns} \leq \binom{t}{t+1} \# \text{vars} \implies \infty$  # of solutions

Focus on subspace of solutions in 1-dim subspace



Pick spot where subspace hits  
 $\partial[-1, 1]^n$ .



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not all zero, at least one is  $\pm 1$

When a variable becomes  $\pm 1$ , get another system with fewer variables, and freeze the variable at  $\pm 1$ .

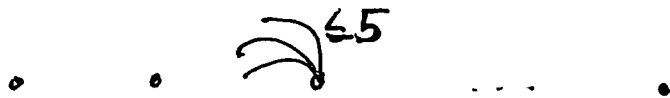
If an equation has  $\leq t$  active variables, ignore it.  $x_1 + x_2 + 1 + x_7 + \dots = 0$

For rest of process, can't guarantee it will be  $= 0$ , but  $x_i$ 's will only be varying in  $[-1, 1]$  during that time.

~~eqns~~ In the end  $\sum x_i$  moves from zero to at most a distance  $\leq 2t$ , so  $2t-1$  from 0.

### Proof (of #nbr across $\geq$ # same side - 26)

Since the planar graphs are 5-degenerate, can order vertices so that backwards degree  $\leq 5$ .



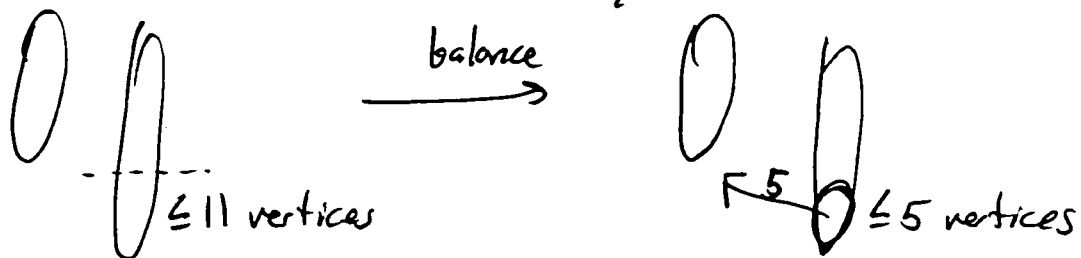
Let  $H$  be the hypergraph have one edge for each vertex: take all forward neighbors + 1 edge w/ all vertices.

Each vertex is in  $\leq 6$  edges.

Beck-Fiala  $\implies \text{disc}(H) \leq 11$

So there is an assignment of  $\pm 1$  to vertices such that  $|\sum_{\text{edge}} x_i| \leq 11$ .

So the nbhd of  $v$  is unbalanced by at most 16.



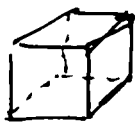
$\implies$  ultimate imbalance  $\leq 16 + 2(5) = 26$ . ■

### Erdős Unit-Distance Problem:

Prove: Any  $n$  points in the plane, # pairs of points at distance = 1 from each other is  $\leq n^{1+o(1)}$ .

### Constructions:

$\triangle \triangle \triangle \dots \triangle$   $n$  pairs



2D projection of hypercube  
all degrees  $\sim \log_2(n)$

edges = # unit distance pairs  
is  $\frac{n \log_2(n)}{2}$

### Upper Bound:

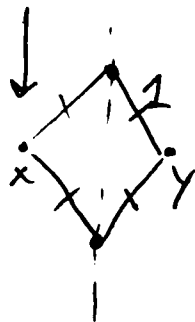
$\leq cn^{3/2}$ .

Proof: Consider unit-distance graph

Has edge when distance  $\leq 1$ .

Show has #edges  $\leq cn^{3/2}$  by Kővári-Sós-Turán, because

Can have  $K_{2,2}$ , but no  $K_{2,3}$



only 2 points distance  $\leq 1$  from both  $x$  and  $y$ .

Known  $\leq cn^{4/3}$  (1984)

Question: Can you decompose edges of  $K_n$  into  $K_t$ 's.

Any  $n, t=2$  possible

Need:  $\binom{n}{2} \mid \binom{n}{t}$

$$t \leq n/2 \text{ or } t = n \quad (t-1) \mid (n-1)$$

Theorem (Wilson): Given any graph  $H$ ,  $\exists N$  s.t. as long as  $n \geq N$ , and

(1) edges in  $H \mid \binom{n}{2}$

(2)  $\gcd(\text{degrees of } H) \mid (n-1)$

$K_n$  can be decomposed into  $H$ 's.

Prop: With particular  $t \approx \sqrt{n}$ , can decompose  $K_n$ 's edges into  $K_t$ 's.

Proof: Divide  $n$  vertices into  $\approx t$  groups, each with  $\approx t$  vertices

Vertices are points in some projective plane with  $q^2 + q + 1$  points.  
 $K_t$  is line in that plane, all of its points as a clique.

Projective plane is  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$  where points are 1D subspaces.  
lines are 2D subspaces.

Another Construction:

Affine plane. A lattice of  $\mathbb{F}_q^2$

Lines  $\begin{cases} y = ax + b: a, b \in \mathbb{F}_q \\ x = c \end{cases}$

$q^2$  points

$q^2 + q$  lines, each w/  $q$  points

$n = q^2$ , decompose  $K_n$  into  $q^2 + q$  many  $K_q$ 's.

Check:  $\binom{q^2}{2} = q(q+1)\binom{q}{2}$ .  $\checkmark$

$ex(n, C_{2t})$

Theorem (Bondy-Simonovits)

$$ex(n, C_{2t}) \leq C_t n^{1+1/t}$$

Know:  $ex(n, C_2(2)) \sim C n^{3/2}$

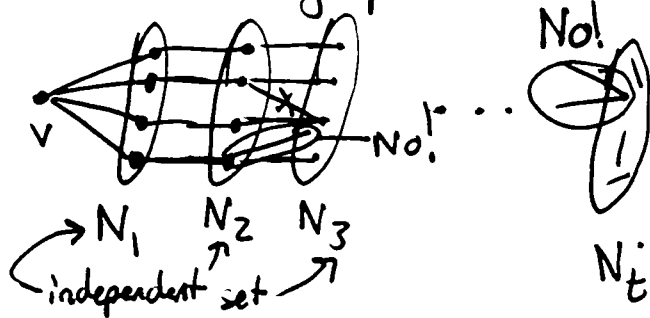
$$ex(n, C_6) \sim C n^{1+1/3}$$

$$ex(n, C_{10}) \sim C n^{1+1/5}$$

Prop:  $ex(n, \{C_{2t}, C_{2t-1}, \dots, C_3\}) \leq C_t n^{1+1/t}$

"max number of edges with girth  $> 2t$ "

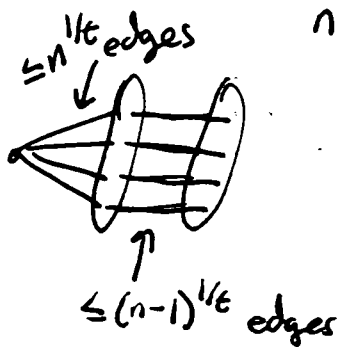
Proof: Consider a graph with no  $C_3, \dots, C_{2t}$ .



Out to distance  $t$ , is a tree except at distance  $t$   
 Suppose no  $C_3, \dots, C_{2t}$  and min-degree =  $\delta$ .

Then  ~~$n \geq$~~   $n \geq 1 + \delta + \delta(\delta-1) + \dots + \delta(\delta-1)^{t-1}$

$$n \gtrsim \delta^t \Rightarrow \delta \lesssim n^{1/t}$$



Pull off vertices one at a time: total edges lost  $\leq n^{1/t} + (n-1)^{1/t} + \dots + 1^{1/t}$   
 $\leq n n^{1/t} = n^{1+1/t}$ .

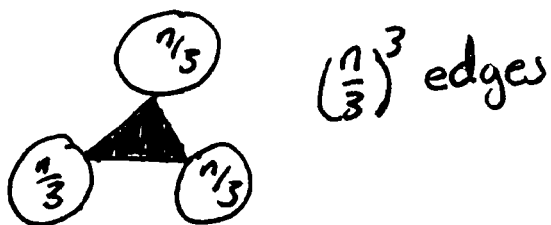


# Turán Hypergraph

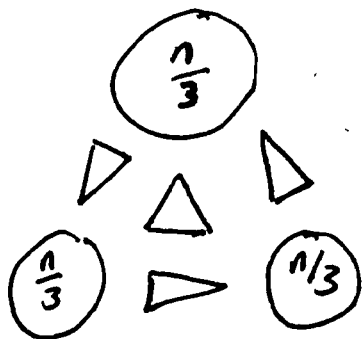
$$ex(n, \square) = ?$$
$$K_4^{(3)}$$

A construction:

3-partite



Can do better: (but not unique)



$$\text{edges } \binom{\frac{n}{3}}{3} + 3 \binom{\frac{n}{3}}{3} \binom{\frac{n}{3}}{2}$$

$$= n^3 \left( \frac{1}{27} + 3 \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2} \right)$$

$$= n^3 \left( \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{18} \right) = n^3 \left( \frac{5}{54} \right) = \left( \frac{n^3}{6} \right) \left( \frac{5}{9} \right)$$

This construction has  
5/9 density.

$$\sim \frac{5}{9} \binom{n}{3}$$

Chung (and Lo?):  $ex(n, K_4^{(3)}) \leq \binom{n}{3} (0.6n)$

Rusbrov:  $\leq \binom{n}{3} (0.555\dots)$

Turned it into semidefinite program.

Question:  $R$ -uniform Hypergraph on  $n$  vertices, average degree  $d$ .  
 Show there is always an independent set of size  
 of at least  $C(r)^{n/d}$  no full edge inside

Construction: no big independent sets

Random:  $n$ -vertices  
 $\frac{nd}{r}$  edges  
 edge probability  $\sim \frac{\binom{nd}{r}}{\binom{n}{r}} \sim \frac{\binom{nd}{r}}{\frac{n^r}{r!}} \sim \frac{(r-1)! d}{n^{r-1}} = p$

Show that this construction has all independent sets of size  $\leq T$ .

Union Bound:  $\binom{n}{T}$  ways to pick a set of  $T$  vertices

And such a set is independent with probability

$$(1-p)^{\binom{T}{r}} \leq e^{-p \binom{T}{r}} = e^{-\frac{(r-1)! d}{n^{r-1}} \frac{T^r}{r!}} = e^{-\frac{dT^r}{rn^{r-1}}}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $1+x \leq e^x$

$$\binom{n}{T} e^{-\frac{dT^r}{rn^{r-1}}} \text{ choose } T \text{ so that } < 1.$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{en}{T}\right)^T e^{-\frac{dT^r}{rn^{r-1}}} = \left[\frac{en}{T} e^{-\frac{dT^{r-1}}{rn^{r-1}}}\right]^T \implies T > \frac{n \left(r^{\frac{1}{r-1}}\right) (\log n)^{1/r-1}}{d^{1/r-1}}$$

So random construction has no independent sets bigger than  
 (constant)  $\cdot \frac{n}{d^{1/r-1}} (\log n)^{1/r-1}$

Lower bound: Randomly order vertices, pick vertex that isn't last  
 in any of its ~~hyperedges~~ hyperedges. Hard to analyze.

Pick vertex that is first in all of its hyperedges.

$$P[\text{pick vertex } v] \geq \frac{1}{\#\{v\text{-vertices nbhrs}\}} \geq \frac{1}{1+(r-1)d_v}$$

$$E[\text{vertices picked}] \geq \sum \frac{1}{1+(r-1)d_v} \geq n \frac{1}{1+(r-1)d}$$

$r=2$  tight construction

(d+1)

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$$\bar{d} = d_v = d \quad \forall v \in V(G)$$

Independent set is  $\frac{n}{d+1}$ .

Theorem: There is always an independent set of size  $\geq C(r) \frac{n}{d^{1/r-1}}$

Proof: Pick vertices w/ probability  $p$ , use alterations to throw out one vertex per edge that survives.

Extremal set theory.

Question: (Littlewood-Offord)

Studying random sums of  $n$  Real numbers, each multiplied by  $\pm 1$  with equal probability, independently.

We have concentration inequalities, w/ good probability of being close to the mean.

each  $\geq 1$  in absolute value

Show:  $\forall z \in \mathbb{R}, P[\text{random sum} \in (z-1, z+1)] \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Thm (Littlewood, Offord): True  $\rightarrow$

What if all same, all  $= \pm 1$ ?  $\sum_{i=0}^n \pm 1$   
Essentially a binomial random variable.

$$P[\text{random sum in } (z-1, z+1)] \leq \text{const. } 1/\sqrt{n}$$

Thm: (Katona-Kleitman)  $\rightarrow$

Thm: (Sperner):  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is an antichain if there is no  $A \in \mathcal{F}, B \in \mathcal{F}, A \neq B, A \subseteq B$  or  $B \subseteq A$ .

Then if  $\mathcal{F}$  is an antichain,  $|\mathcal{F}| \leq \binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ .

Proof: Show  $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{\binom{n}{|A|}} \leq 1$ . Consider random permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

For each  $A$ ,  $E_A =$  first  $|A|$  many elts of permutation =  $A$

$$\sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{P}[E_A] = \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{\binom{n}{|A|}} < 1$$

Since  $E_B, E_A$  mutually exclusive in Antichain, so

We're interested in real roots of random polynomials w/  $\pm 1$  coefficients:

$$P(x) = C_n z^n + C_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + C_0.$$

Question: How many real roots can we expect?

Prop: With high probability, # real roots  $\leq O(\sqrt{n})$

Proof: Descartes' rule of signs:

number of positive real roots  $\leq$  # sign changes.

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ of sign changes}] = n \cdot 1/2 = n/2$$

number of negative real roots  $\leq$  # sign changes in  $P(-z)$

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ of sign changes in } P(-z)] = n/2$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ real roots}] = \mathbb{E}[\# \text{ real roots } > 0] + \mathbb{E}[\# \text{ real roots } < 0] = n \quad \square$$

Let  $Q(z) = P(z)(1+z+z^2+z^3+\dots+z^n)$

# pos  $\mathbb{R}$  roots of  $P =$  # pos  $\mathbb{R}$  roots of  $Q$  since  $z > 0 \Rightarrow \sum z^i \neq 0$

Descartes rule of signs on  $Q$ .

$$Q(z) = C_0 + z(C_0 + C_1) + z^2(C_0 + C_1 + C_2) + \dots + z^n(C_0 + C_1 + \dots + C_n) + z^{n+1}(C_1 + \dots + C_n) + \dots + z^{2n} C_n$$

~~$Q(z) =$~~



$$Q(z) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n \left( z^i \sum_{j=0}^i C_j \right)}_{\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ sign change here}] \sim \sqrt{n}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=n+1}^{2n} \left( z^i \sum_{j=i-n}^n C_j \right)}_{\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ sign change here}] \sim \sqrt{n}}$$

$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ sign change here}]$

$\sim \sqrt{n}$

$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ sign change here}]$

$\sim \sqrt{n}$

Gives  $4\sqrt{n}$ .

Theorem: (SAUER-SHELAH)

Defn: If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a family of subsets of  $A$ , then  $S$  is shattered by  $\mathcal{F}$  if every subset  $T \subseteq S$  appears as  $T = F \cap S$  where  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Defn: VC-dimension of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the size of the largest set shattered by  $\mathcal{F}$

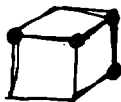
Theorem (SAUER-SHELAH): If  $\mathcal{F}$  has  $\geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \binom{n}{i} + 1$  sets, then there is a shattered set of size at least  $k$ . ( $\mathcal{F}$  is subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ ).

Construction?  $\mathcal{F} =$  all subsets of size  $\leq k-1$ .

Hence  $|\mathcal{F}| = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{k-1}$

Proof: Represent family of subsets nicely

- ① Binary vectors of length  $n$
- ② Hypercube



$\{1, 3\}$  is shattered iff every vector  $\perp \{1, 3\}$ -plane is occupied.  $\leftarrow$  has a vector in the vertex

Defn: Compression in dimension  $i$ :

Takes a set family  $\mathcal{F}$  and produces another set family  $\mathcal{F}'$  with same # sets.



$S \in \mathcal{F} \rightarrow S \setminus \{i\}$  if  $1 \in S$   
and  $S \setminus \{i\}$  wasn't already there.

Clear that compression preserves  $\#\mathcal{F}$ .

Need: if  $S$  is shattered by  $\mathcal{F}' \Rightarrow S$  shattered by  $\mathcal{F}$ .  $\checkmark$

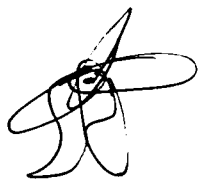
Can compress sequentially in all directions until nothing moves anymore, get  $\mathcal{F}^*$   
In particular, if  $S \in \mathcal{F}^*$ , all subsets of  $S$  are also in  $\mathcal{F}^*$ .

$|\mathcal{F}^*| > \#$  of sets of size  $0, \dots, k-1$

there is a set of size  $k$  in  $\mathcal{F}^*$ , which means all subsets of it are in  $\mathcal{F}^*$ .

$ex(n, \begin{matrix} \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ \end{matrix}) = \max \# \text{ hyperedges in } r\text{-uniform hypergraph with } \underline{\text{no}} \\ \text{non-intersecting edges.}$

Construction:



Pick one vertex, take all edges to have this vertex.  $\binom{n-1}{r-1}$  ways

Theorem: (Erdős-Ko-Rado): If have a collection of sets of size  $r$ , all in  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ , then max # of sets can have is  $\binom{n-1}{r-1}$ .

Unless  $r > n/2$ , then can take  $\binom{n}{r}$  many  $\leftarrow$  w/ nontrivial intersection.

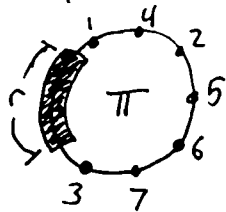
Proof: Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be an intersecting family of  $r$ -sets from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $r \leq n/2$ .

Suffices to prove

if sample an  $r$ -set from all  $\binom{n}{r}$  at random, then  $P[\text{selected } r\text{-set} \in \mathcal{F}] \leq \frac{\binom{n-1}{r-1}}{\binom{n}{r}} = r/n$ .

Sample the  $r$ -set by:

- (1) choose random cyclic permutation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , call it  $\pi$ .
- (2) pick uniformly random contiguous block of length  $r$ .



(3) Bound  $P[\text{selected set} \in \mathcal{F} | \pi] \leq r/n$

What is max # contiguous blocks in intersecting family?

To get maximal intersecting, take  $r$ , with overlap  $r-1$ .



(4) True for any  $\pi$  cyclic, so therefore  $P[\text{selected } r\text{-set} \in \mathcal{F}] \leq r/n$

"Katona Cycle Trick"

Theorem (Bollobás): A  $(k, l)$ -system is a family of pairs

$(A_i, B_i)$  where  ~~$\#A_i = k$~~

(1)  $|A_i| = k$  for all  $i$

(2)  $|B_i| = l$  for all  $i$

(3)  $A_i \cap B_i = \emptyset$  for all  $i$

(4)  $A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i, j$

Then the biggest  $(k, l)$ -system (most  $\#$  of  $i$ 's) is of size

Construction:

If  $k=l$ , use  $n=2k$  and each  $(A_i, B_i)$  is a partition of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  into a  $k$ -set and complement.

Get  ~~$\binom{2k}{k}$~~   $\binom{2k}{k}$ .

If  $k \neq l$ , do the same thing  $\rightarrow \binom{k+l}{k}$  by taking both  $(A_i, B_i)$  and  $(B_i, A_i)$ .

Proof: ~~Ground~~ Ground set has size  $n$ . Let  $m$  be size of ~~family~~ system. Suffices to prove for any finite  $n$ .

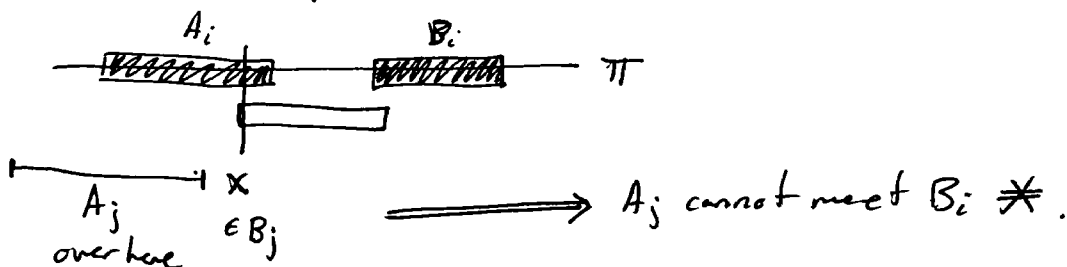
Generate uniformly random  $\pi \in S_n$ .

Let  $E_i$  = event that all of  $A_i$  elements precede  $B_i$  elements in  $\pi$ .

$$P[E_i] = \frac{k!l!}{(k+l)!} = \frac{1}{\binom{k+l}{k}}$$

Observation: all  $E_i$  are mutually exclusive

pt: If  $E_i, E_j$  both happen,



So  $P[E_i \text{ happens for any } i] = \sum_{i=1}^m P[E_i] = \frac{m}{\binom{k+l}{k}}$  but ~~probability~~ probability  $< 1$

So  $m \leq \binom{k+l}{k}$ .

Defn: Let  $F$  be a graph. Another graph is called  ~~$F$ -saturated~~  
 $F$ -saturated if  $G$  doesn't contain  $F$  as a subgraph and  
 for any missing edge of  $G$ , adding it creates a copy of  $F$ .

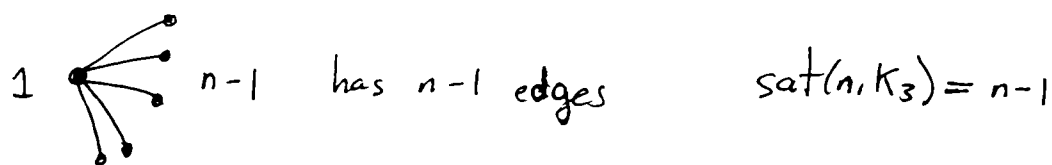
$ex(n, F) = \max$  # of edges in any  $F$ -saturated graph.

Defn: Saturation number of  $F$

$sat(n, F) = \min$  # of edges in any  $F$ -saturated graph.

Eg:  $sat(n, K_3)$  with few edges, yet saturated

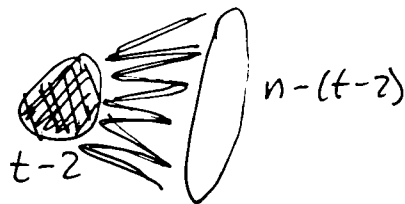
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Since  $\leq n-2$  edges  $\Rightarrow$  not connected, we cannot be  $K_3$ -saturated.

What about  $sat(n, K_t)$ ?

Construction:



gives  ~~$sat(n, K_t) = \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n-t+2}{2}$~~

$$sat(n, K_t) \leq \binom{n}{2} - \binom{n-t+2}{2}$$

~~Theorem (Erdős)~~

Theorem (Erdős-Hajnal-Moon): this is the best

Proof: Show if  $K_t$  saturated graph, then # missing edges is  $\leq \binom{n-t+2}{2}$

For each missing edge, let  $B_i =$  set of two vertices endpoints.

let  $A_i =$  set of  $n-t$  vertices not in  $K_t$  created if edge added.

Gives a  $(n-t, 2)$  system, as in Bollobás thm.

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ missing edges} \leq \binom{n-t+2}{2}.$$



Question: 6 buckets, each with a penny

~~Move by taking a bin~~ move by taking a penny out, add 2 to bin on right.  
How many can you get?

$$\boxed{2^6 - 1}$$

IMO: 2010 #5: 6 bins, two moves.

Take one out, +2 to bin on right

Take one out, swap next two bins on right

Ex: ~~|||||~~

Eg: 1 1 1 1 1 1  $\rightarrow$  1 0 3 1 1 1

A J  
1 0 2 3 1 1  $\rightarrow$  1 0 2 0 7 1  $\rightarrow$  1 0 1 7 0 1

How much can you make?

At most finite, because we can impose lexicographic ordering on  $(\mathbb{Z}^+)^6$ .

Simple Cases:

(1) only one bin,  $x$  coins worth  $x$ .

(2) two bins  $x$  0 worth  $2x$ .

(3) three bins  $x$  0 0 can get to  $0$   $2^x$   $0$   
worth at least  $2^{x+1}$

(4) four bins  $x$  0 0 0

Can get  $0$   $2^x$   $0$   $0$  by applying (3)

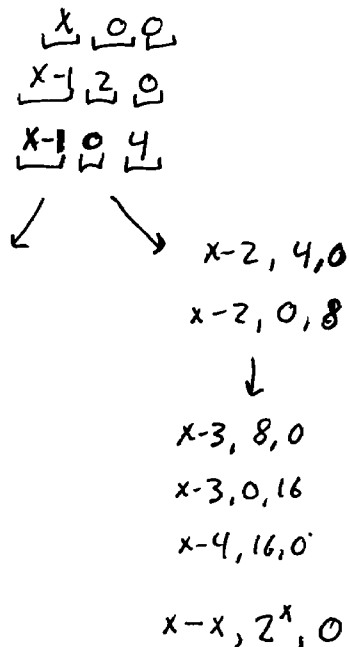
$\swarrow$   
 $0$   $0$   $2^{2^x}$   $0$

But we can do better!

$\neq$   
 $0$   $2^{2^{2^{\dots^2}}}$  }  $x$  times!  $0$   $0$

Tower function  $T(x)$

$T(4) = 2^{16} = 65536$      $T(5) = 2^{65536}$ .



# Szemerédi Regularity Lemma:

Approximate graphs by nicer graphs.

What do we mean by nicer?

Study  $G(n, p)$  random graph  $n$  nodes, each edge w/ probability  $p$ .

OBS:  $E[\text{degree of vertex}] = (n-1)p \approx np$

$\forall \epsilon > 0$ , with high probability  $(1 - o(1))$ , all degrees in  $G_{n,p}$  are  $(1 \pm \epsilon)np$  as long as  $p > \frac{C \log n}{n}$  for some  $C$ .

Proof: Union bound over  $n$  vertices.

For each vertex  $v$ ,  $P[\text{deg } v \text{ outside } (1 \pm \epsilon)np] \leq e^{-C\epsilon E} \stackrel{\text{Chernoff}}{\leq} e^{-C\epsilon np}$

$\leq e^{-C\epsilon C \log(n)}$

$\leq 1/n^2$  by choosing  $C$  large enough.

OBS: In  $G_{n,p}$ , with high probability, every pair of disjoint sets of size  $\geq C\sqrt{n}$  has #edges between them  $= (1 \pm \epsilon)|A||B|p$

$\uparrow$   
 $A, B$

$p, \epsilon$  are constants, determine  $C$ .

*tends to 1 with  $n$*

Proof: Union bound over all ways to choose sets  $A, B$ .

#ways to choose  $(A, B) \leq 2^n \times 2^n$ .

For fixed  $A \text{ and } B$ , #edges is  $\text{Bin}(|A||B|, p)$

$P[\text{this number off by more than } (1 \pm \epsilon)|A||B|p] \leq e^{-C\epsilon |A||B|p} \leq e^{-C\epsilon C^2 n p}$

Defn: Pair of disjoint sets  $A, B$  is called  $\epsilon$ -regular iff

for any  $A' \subseteq A, B' \subseteq B$ , #edges between  $A', B'$  is  $(1 \pm \epsilon)w_{AB}$

and  $|A'| \geq \epsilon|A|$   
 $|B'| \geq \epsilon|B|$

equivalently,  $|d(A', B') - d(A, B)| \leq \epsilon$

where  $d(A', B') = \frac{\text{\#edges } A' \leftrightarrow B'}{|A||B|}$

$\leq e^{-2n}$   
by choosing  $C$ , can make small.

$\uparrow$   
 $(1 \pm \epsilon)|A'||B'|p$   $\leftarrow$  edge probability =  $\frac{\text{\#edges } A \leftrightarrow B}{|A||B|}$

*what it should be*

# More Szemerédi Regularity Lemma:

$\epsilon$ -regular pair  $\forall A' \subseteq A$  with  $|A'| \geq \epsilon|A|$  and  $B' \subseteq B$  with  $|B'| \geq \epsilon|B|$  edge density  $A' \rightarrow B' \approx_{\pm \epsilon}$  edge density  $A \rightarrow B$   
 $\frac{\# \text{edges } A' \rightarrow B'}{|A'| |B'|}$

Observation: In random graphs, all pairs are  $\epsilon$ -regular. (degree is degree to B, not total degree)

Lemma: (# vertices in A with degree  $< (d-\epsilon)|B|$ )  $< \epsilon|A|$   $d = \text{density of edges } A \rightarrow B$ .

equivalently (fraction of vertices in A with degree to B  $< (d-\epsilon)$ )  $< \epsilon$ .

Proof: Suppose not. There is a subset of vertices in A, each of which have density to B less than  $d-\epsilon$ . Put all such low degree vertices in a set  $A'$ .

By assumption for contradiction  $|A'| \geq \epsilon|A|$ . Let  $B' = B$ . Clearly  $|B'| \geq \epsilon|B|$

Condition  $\Rightarrow d(A', B') \geq d-\epsilon$

Violated because each vertex of  $A'$  has density  $< (d-\epsilon)$  to B and  $d(A', B') = \text{average of individual densities}$ .

Lemma 1': For any  $B'$  of size  $\geq \epsilon|B|$ , then (fraction of vertices in A w/ density to  $B' < (d-\epsilon)$ )  $< \epsilon$  ■

Lemma 2': (fraction of vertices in A with density  $> (d+\epsilon)$ )  $< \epsilon$

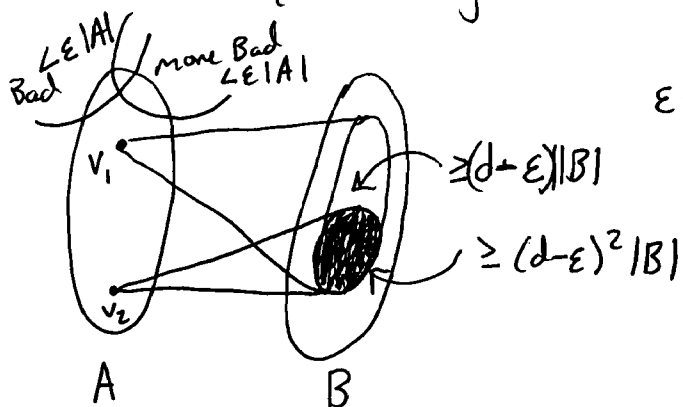
Corollary: (fraction of vertices in A with density outside  $d \pm \epsilon$ )  $< 2\epsilon$

Lemma:  $\#K_{2,2}$  is  $\geq ((1-\epsilon)|A|)^2 ((d-\epsilon)^2 |B|)^2$  long as  $d \geq \epsilon \cdot 2$

Proof: By Lemma 1,  $\geq (1-\epsilon)$  fraction of vertices in A have density  $\geq (d+\epsilon)$  to B

Pick one. Apply Lemma 1' using nbhd of  $v_1$  in B as  $B'$ . Find that  $< \epsilon|A|$  vertices call it  $v_1$  in A  $< \epsilon|A|$  vertices in A with density  $< d-\epsilon$  to  $B'$ .

Pick any remaining not-bad vertex  $v_2$  in A (avoid those w/ density  $< d-\epsilon$  to  $B'$ ).



$\epsilon$ -regular A, B, density d.

If  $d \gg \epsilon$ , then

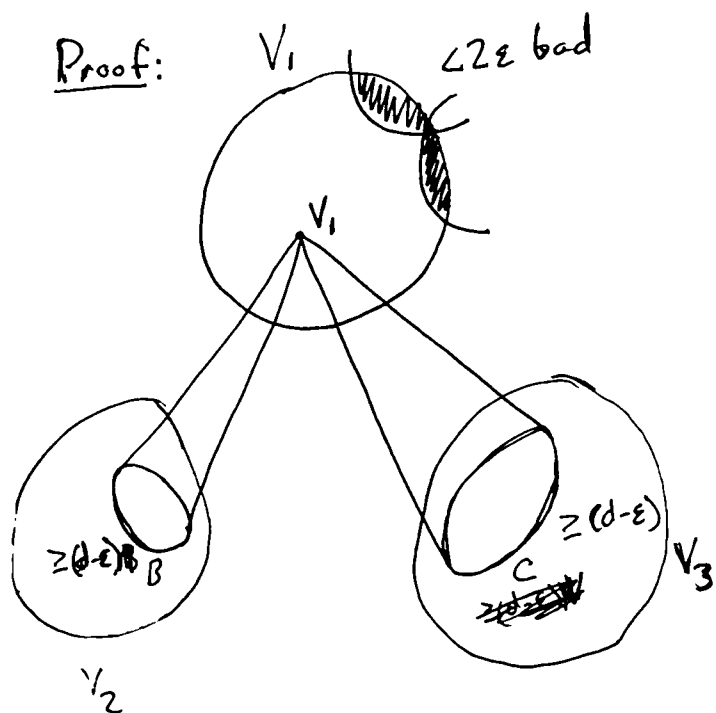
$\# \text{ways} \geq$

$$\geq |A|^2 |B|^2 d^4 (1-\epsilon^*)$$

where  $\epsilon^* \approx 2\epsilon + 4\epsilon/d$

what you expect in a random graph

Lemma: Given some  $d, \epsilon$  and three sets of size  $n$ , and all 3 pairs have density  $d$  and are  $\epsilon$ -regular. Assume  $d \geq 2\epsilon$ .  
Then  $\#\Delta \geq n^3 d^3 (1 - \epsilon^*)$ ,  $\epsilon^* \approx 2\epsilon + 3\epsilon/d$ .



Lemma 1  $\Rightarrow$   $\leq \epsilon$ -fraction of  $V_1$  has density  $< d - \epsilon$  into  $V_2$

Lemma 1  $\Rightarrow$   $\leq \epsilon$ -fraction of  $V_1$  has density  $< d - \epsilon$  into  $V_3$

Pick any vertex not bad in  $V_1$ , ~~get~~ get a  $K_3$  for each edge  $B$  to  $C$ .

Note  $(V_2, V_3)$  is  $\epsilon$ -regular, so long ~~as~~ as

$|B| > \epsilon |V_2|$   
 $|C| > \epsilon |V_3|$   $\Rightarrow$  density  $(B, C) \approx d(V_2, V_3) \pm \epsilon$

$\Rightarrow$  #edges  $(B, C) \geq (d - \epsilon) |B| |C|$ .

#ways to get  $K_3$  is  $|B| |C|$   
 $\geq ((1 - 2\epsilon)n) (d - \epsilon) (d - \epsilon) n$

$\geq n^3 d^3 (1 - \epsilon^*)$  with  $\epsilon^* \approx 2\epsilon + 3\epsilon/d$ , so  $(1 - \epsilon^*)$  is  $(1 - o(1))$  when  $\epsilon \ll d$ .

Same method lets you find right number of copies of any fixed size graph, in a picture as long as you could actually make that picture.

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Theorem (Szemerédi Regularity Lemma): For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is an  $M < \infty$ , such that for any graph  $G$ , the vertices of  $G$  can be partitioned into vertex sets

$V_1, V_2, \dots, V_t$  such that

- ①  $|V_i|$  are the same up to  $\pm 1$
  - ② All but  $\leq \epsilon t^2$  of pairs  $(V_i, V_j)$  are  $\epsilon$ -regular.
  - ③  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} < t < M$
- "Regularity Partition"

Proof gives  $M = \frac{1}{2^{2^{2^2}} \epsilon^5}$  or something. Mostly used for asymptotics

Given a regularity partition, summarize by  $t \times t$  symmetric matrix with  $(i, j)$ -entry density  $(V_i, V_j)$  or "?" if  $(V_i, V_j)$  not  $\epsilon$ -regular.

Theorem (Gowers): There are graphs  $G$  that require  $\geq \frac{1}{2^{2^{2^{\dots}}}} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$  many parts for the decomposition.

Theorem (Triangle Removal Lemma):  $\forall \epsilon^* > 0 \exists \delta^* > 0$  such that (in any graph  $G$  that requires  $\geq \epsilon^* n^2$  edge deletions to clear all triangles, the number of triangles is  $\geq \delta^* n^3$ .)  $\iff$  (if number of  $\Delta$ 's  $< \delta^* n^3$ , then can destroy all of them by deleting only  $< \epsilon^* n^2$ -many edges.)

Proof will give  $\delta^* \approx \frac{1}{2^{2^{2^{\dots}}}} \frac{1}{\epsilon^{*5}}$ .

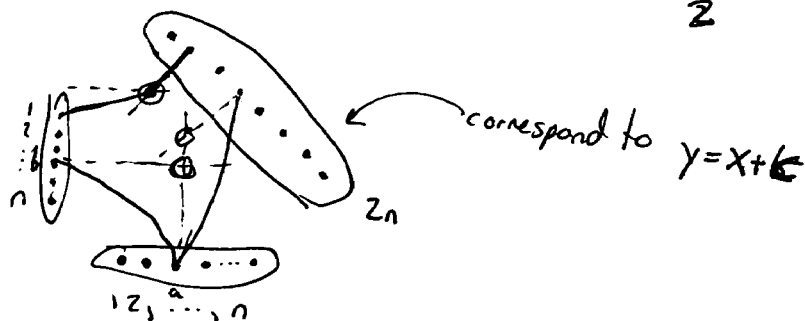
Theorem (Roth):  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  so that any subset of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of density  $\geq \epsilon$  contains 3-term arithmetic progression, when  $n \geq N$ .

Proof: (Due to Szolymosi).

Suppose we have a subset  $A$  of density  $\geq \epsilon$ . Take the  $n \times n$  grid  $[1, n]^2 \cap \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Mark points for which  $x+y \in A$ .

Will circle entire diagonals, # circle points is  $\geq \frac{\epsilon^2 n^2}{2}$ .

Create a graph



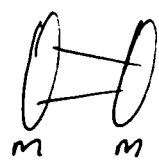
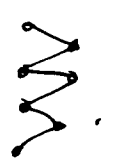
Draw edge if point  $(a, b)$  is circled.

Draw edge if line  $x=a, y=x+k$  has intersection, and intersection is circled. Each circle gives  $\Delta$ , which has at most one edge in common w/ another.

Edge disjoint  $\Delta$ 's, so need  $\geq \frac{\epsilon^2 n^2}{8}$  edge deletions, to remove  $\Delta$ 's.

Apply Triangle removal  $\implies$  #  $\Delta$ 's is  $\frac{1}{7(\epsilon)} N^3$  where  $N = n/4$ .

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Lemma:  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , if  $\delta \geq 2\epsilon$  in any  $\epsilon$ -reg  density  $\geq \delta$  there is a .

Proof: ① Pick vertex on left with density  ~~$\geq \delta - \epsilon$~~   $\geq \delta - \epsilon$

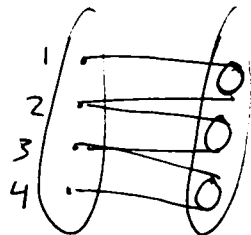
$\uparrow$   
#choices  $\geq (1-\epsilon)m$ .

② Pick vertex on left that  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sees } \geq (\delta-\epsilon)^2 m \text{ vertices in nbhd of 1} \\ \text{and } \geq (\delta-\epsilon)m \text{ vertices on right in total} \end{array} \right.$   
 $\uparrow$   
#choices  $\geq (1-2\epsilon)m$

③ Pick vertex on left that  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sees } \geq \text{~~~~~ in nbhd of 2} \\ \text{and } \geq \text{~~~~~ on right in total} \end{array} \right.$   
 $\uparrow$   
#choices  $\geq (1-2\epsilon)m - 1$

④ Pick vertex on left that sees  $\geq (\delta-\epsilon)^2 m$  vertices in nbhd of ③  
 $\uparrow$   
#choices  $\geq (1-\epsilon)m - 2$

gives picture

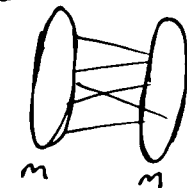


Pick one vertex in each common nbhd on right.

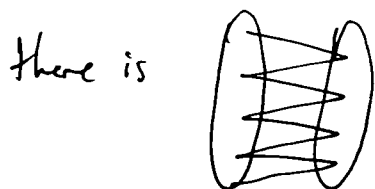
#choices  $\geq \boxed{(\delta-\epsilon)^2 m}^3$ .

$(\delta-\epsilon)^2 m (\delta-\epsilon)^2 m - 1 (\delta-\epsilon)^2 m - 2$

Stronger Lemma:  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , if  $\delta \gg \epsilon$ , then in the graph



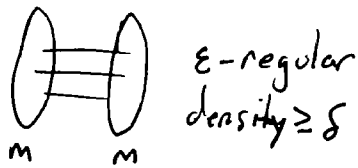
density  $\geq \delta$   
 $\epsilon$ -regular



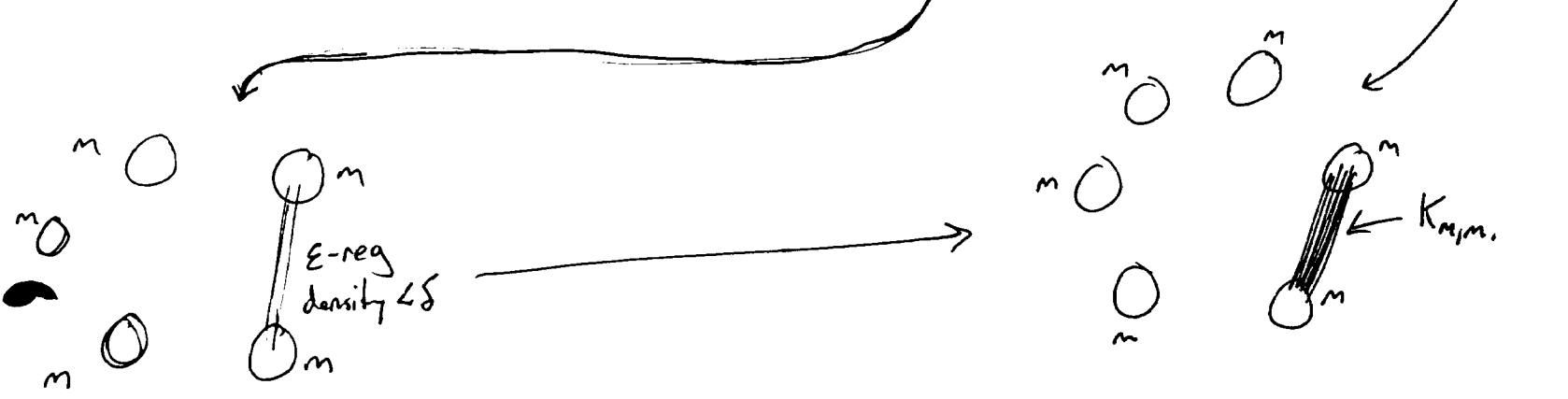
where each side has  $\geq (\delta-\epsilon)^2 m - 1$  vertices. And as long as  $\delta \gg \epsilon$ , then this is  $\geq \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 m$ .

~~Lemma:  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \forall H$ , if  $\delta \gg \epsilon$ , then it gives the graph~~

Lemma:  $\forall \delta > 0, \forall \Delta \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \exists \epsilon > 0$  such that if  $H$  is a bipartite graph with maximum degree  $\leq \Delta$  and each part of  $H$  has  $\leq \frac{1}{2} \delta \Delta^m$  vertices then  $H$  is in any



Lemma: For any  $\delta \geq 0, \forall \Delta \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \exists \epsilon > 0$ : so that whenever  $H \subseteq$  "filled up regularity graph w/ parameters  $\epsilon, \delta$ " and  $H$  has max degree  $\leq \Delta$ , then  $H \subseteq$  "not filled up regularity graph with parameters  $\epsilon, \delta$ " and  $H$  has  $\leq \frac{1}{2} \delta \Delta^m$  vertices



graph w/ all deletions inside each part, ~~between~~ not  $\epsilon$ -regular parts, between parts with density  $\leq \delta$

graph has same things as not-filled up version, but replace each  $\epsilon$ -regular, density  $\delta$  by complete bipartite graph.

Ramsey numbers of bounded degree graphs:

$R(H) = \min \#$  vertices in a graph s.t. any 2-coloring of edges of  $K_n$ ,  $\exists$  there is a monochromatic  $H$ .

Thm:  $R(H) \leq 4^{\# \text{vertices of } H}$

Q: exponential always?

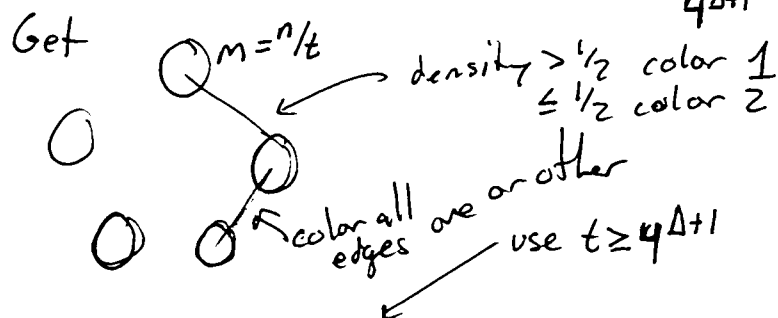
Theorem (CHVÁTAL, RÖDL, SZEMERÉDI-TROTTER)

$\forall \Delta, \exists$  constant  $C$  so that  $\forall H$  with max degree  $\Delta$ ,  $R(H) \leq C \cdot \#vtxs(H)$ .

Proof: Given 2-coloring of edges of  $K_n$ .

Let  $G = n$  vertex graph w/ edges from first color.

Apply Szemerédi to  $G$  with  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4\Delta+1}$



By Ramsey's Theorem on Supergraph,  $\exists$  monochromatic  $K_{\Delta+1}$ ;  $\Delta+1 \geq \chi(H)$   
 ... ?

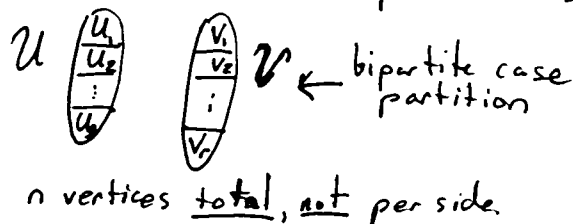
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Theorem (Szemerédi Regularity Lemma).  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists M$  such that every graph has a partition into  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_t$  with properties:

"rubbish"  $\rightarrow$

- (0)  $|V_0| \leq \epsilon n$
- (1) All but at most  $\epsilon t^2$  of the pairs  $(V_i, V_j)$  are  $\epsilon$ -regular  $i, j \neq 0$
- (2)  $t < M$  and  $1/\epsilon \leq t$
- (3)  $|V_i| = |V_j|$  for  $i \neq j, i, j \neq 0$ .

Proof: Define the index of a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  as  $q(\mathcal{P}) = \sum_{\substack{u_i \in U \\ v_j \in V}} d^2(u_i, v_j) \frac{|U_i||V_j|}{n^2}$



$n$  vertices total,  $n/t$  per side.

~~$q(u_i, v_j) = d^2(u_i, v_j) \frac{|U_i||V_j|}{n^2}$~~


Given a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $n$  vertices,  $q(\mathcal{P}) = \sum_{\substack{u, v \in \mathcal{P} \\ \text{distinct} \\ \text{unordered}}} q(u, v) = \sum_{\substack{u, v \in \mathcal{P} \\ \text{distinct} \\ \text{unordered}}} d^2(u, v) \frac{|U||V|}{n^2}$

Observe: For any  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $q(\mathcal{P}) \leq 1/2$ . ("That's why it's called  $q$ , b/c there's a  $q$  in the word index".)

Why?  $d(\ ) \leq 1$ , so  $q(\mathcal{P}) \leq \sum_{u \neq v \text{ in } \mathcal{P}} \frac{|U||V|}{n^2} = \frac{\# \text{edges in complete multipartite}}{n^2} \leq \frac{\binom{n}{2}}{n^2} \leq 1/2$ .



Outline: Start from a partition  $\mathcal{P}$

If it's not (1), then we find a refined partition  $\mathcal{P}'$  (a partition  $\mathcal{P}'$  that looks like  compared to  $\mathcal{P}$ ), such that  $q(\mathcal{P}') \geq q(\mathcal{P}) + \epsilon^5/2$  and the # of parts in  $\mathcal{P}' \leq f(\# \text{ parts in } \mathcal{P})$ .

Lemma:  $U \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad V \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{R} \quad \text{~~is not~~ } q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) \geq q(U, V)$

Cor: If  $\mathcal{P}'$  refines  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $q(\mathcal{P}') \geq q(\mathcal{P})$ .

Proof: Let  $z$  be a random variable:

pick uniformly random vertex  $u \in U$  and uniformly random  $v \in V$   
Let  $Z = d(U_i, V_j)$  such that  $u \in U_i$  and  $v \in V_j$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[Z] = \sum_{U_i \in U} \sum_{V_j \in V} d(U_i, V_j) P(u \in U_i) P(v \in V_j) = \sum_{U_i \in U} \sum_{V_j \in V} d(U_i, V_j) \frac{|U_i|}{|U|} \frac{|V_j|}{|V|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|U||V|} \sum_{i,j} \# \text{ edges between } U_i, V_j = \frac{\# \text{ edges } U \rightarrow V}{|U||V|} = d(U, V)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[Z^2] = \sum_{U_i \in U} \sum_{V_j \in V} d^2(U_i, V_j) \frac{|U_i||V_j|}{|U||V|} = q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) \frac{n^2}{|U||V|} \implies q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) = \frac{|U||V|}{n^2} \mathbb{E}[Z^2]$$

By Jensen's Inequality

$$q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) \geq \frac{|U||V|}{n^2} (\mathbb{E}[Z])^2 = \frac{|U||V|}{n^2} d^2(U, V) = q(U, V) \quad (*) \quad \blacksquare \text{ Lemma.}$$

Lemma: ~~Say  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partition with 6 parts~~

Say  $U \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad V \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is not  $\epsilon$ -regular. Then  $\exists$  split into  $U = \{U_1, U_2\}$  and  $V = \{V_1, V_2\}$  so that  $q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) \geq q(U, V) + \frac{|U||V|}{n^2} \epsilon^4$

Proof: By (\*),  $q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) - q(U, V) = \frac{|U||V|}{n^2} \text{Var}(Z)$

Since not  $\epsilon$ -regular,  $\exists U_1 \subseteq U$  with size  $\geq \epsilon|U|$  and  $\exists V_1 \subseteq V$  with size  $\geq \epsilon|V|$ , with  $d(U_1, V_1)$  at least  $\epsilon$  away from  $d(U, V)$ .

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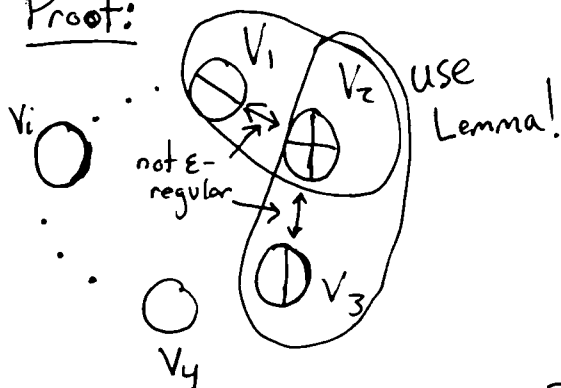
Proof continued:

$$\text{Var}(Z) = \mathbb{E}[(Z - \mathbb{E}[Z])^2] \geq \epsilon \cdot \epsilon \cdot \epsilon^2$$

$\uparrow$  land in  $U_i$      $\uparrow$  land in  $V_i$      $\leftarrow$  squared deviation

Lemma: Say  $\mathcal{P}$  has  $t$  parts of size  $m$  and  $\geq \epsilon t^2$  of those pairs are not  $\epsilon$ -regular. Then  $\exists$  a refinement  $\mathcal{P}'$  with  $q(\mathcal{P}') \geq q(\mathcal{P}) + \epsilon^5$  and  $\#$  parts  $\leq$

Proof:



For each pair (at least  $\epsilon t^2$  many) that are not  $\epsilon$ -regular, introduce bipartitions to get  $\mathcal{P}^*$  with

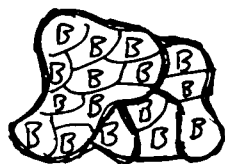
$$q(\mathcal{P}^*) \geq q(\mathcal{P}) + \epsilon t^2 \frac{m^2}{n^2} \epsilon^4 > q(\mathcal{P}) + \epsilon^5$$

Note that  $t^2 \frac{m^2}{n^2} > 1/2$  since  $tm + |V_0| = n \implies tm < n$ .

But also  $\mathcal{P}^*$  has  $\leq 2^{t-1} t$  many parts

But we want parts of  $\mathcal{P}^*$  to have equal sizes.

Let  $B = \frac{m}{4t}$ .  $\mathcal{P}^*$  looks like:



Break into blocks of size  $B$  greedily, remainder goes into  $V_0$

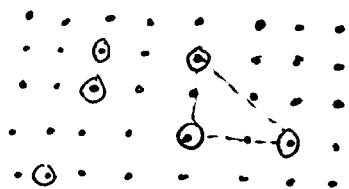
$$V_0 \text{ gained} \leq B |\mathcal{P}^*| \leq \frac{m}{4t} (t 2^{t-1}) \leq \frac{n}{2^t} \text{ vertices: basically nothing.}$$

$V_0$  grows with each successor partition as  $0 + \frac{n}{2^{\#\mathcal{P}_1}} + \frac{n}{2^{\#\mathcal{P}_2}} + \dots \approx 0$ .

Combining these gives the proof of the Szemerédi regularity lemma. ■

(AJTAI-SZEMEREDI "Corners Theorem")

Theorem: For any  $\delta > 0$ , there is some  $N$  so that ~~any~~ any grid of size  $\geq N \times N$  with  $\geq \delta$ -fraction of its points selected contains an isoscles right triangle.



Theorem (Szemerédi's Theorem): For all  $\delta > 0$ , there is  $N$  so that any subset  $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  of density  $\geq \delta$  contains an arithmetic progression of length  $L$ .

Proof of Corners Theorem: Uses density increment argument.

Key Element  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \forall \text{ density } \delta > 0, \forall L \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \text{ there is} \\ N \text{ s.t. any grid w/ } \geq N \times N \text{ with } \geq \delta \text{-fraction nodes} \\ \text{selected, it either contains isoscles right triangle or has a} \\ \text{subgrid } \geq L \times \geq L \text{ with density } \geq \delta + \frac{\delta^3}{100}. \end{array} \right.$

Why this finishes proof: Start w/ original input  $\delta$ . Never increment  $\geq \frac{100}{\delta^3}$  times.  $\uparrow$

Study a sequence  $L_T = 2$

$L_{T-1} = \text{the } N \text{ for } \delta_T \text{ and } L_T.$

$L_0 \rightarrow \text{sets } N \text{ in original statement.}$

Wowzer function  $\rightarrow$  repeated towering.

Theorem:  $\forall \epsilon \forall \delta \exists N$  s.t. for any  $n \geq N$ , if given an array which is a subset of the grid  $\geq \delta n$  rows cols in array, then  $\exists$  partition of array into  $L \times L$  grids and a rubbish pile of  $\leq \epsilon n^2$  points. Array is  $U \times V$ .

Lemma: Prove for  $U \times \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , eg.  $\left. \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right\} U$

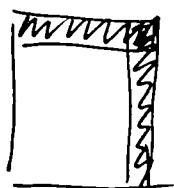
Proof: Szemerédi's Theorem twice!

(Szemerédi's:  $\forall \delta \forall L \exists N$ : when  $n \geq N$ , any subset of  $[n]$  w/ density  $\geq \delta$  has  $L$ -AP.)

w/ density parameter =

and length parameter =  $L/\epsilon$ , break  $U = 1/\epsilon$  many  $L$ -APs.

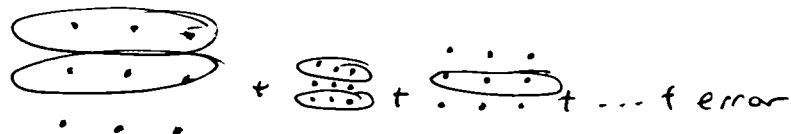
Find partition of  $U \times [n]$  into  $L \times L$  grids covering all but:



miss:  
 $\leq 2\epsilon n$  rows of  $[n]$   
 $\leq \epsilon n$  cols of  $n$

Total: miss  $\leq 3\epsilon n^2$  points.

Proof for  $U \times V$ : Use Lemma to partition  $U \times [n]$  into  $M \times M$  grids w/ some left over. Select rows belonging to  $V$ .



Density of  $V \geq \delta$ . We only worry about  $M \times M$  grids which have some density. Szemerédi greedy partitioning again can break selected rows into  $L/\epsilon$ -APs. Tile the grids across again, only small error.  $\blacksquare$

Theorem (Erdős-Stone-Simonovits):  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  such that for any  $n \geq N$ , if a graph has  $\geq \frac{n^2}{2} (1 - 1/r + \epsilon)$  edges, then it contains a  $K_{r+1}(t)$ .

Corollary: If  $H$  has chromatic number  $\chi$ , then  $ex(n, H) = (1 + o(1)) \left(\frac{n^2}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{\chi-1}\right)$ .

Theorem (Erdős-Simonovits Stability):

~~For any  $r, t, \epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$   $\forall n, \forall t, \forall \delta, \exists N, \exists \epsilon$  so that if  $n \geq N$ , and an  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$ ,  $G$  has  $\geq \frac{n^2}{2} (1 - 1/r + \epsilon)$  edges~~

$\forall H, \forall \delta \in \mathbb{N}, \exists \epsilon$  so that  $\forall n \geq N$ ,  $n$ -vertex graph  $G$  has  $\geq \frac{n^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\chi(H)-1} - \epsilon\right)$  edges and no  $H$ , then  $G$  can be made  $(\chi(H)-1)$  partite by deleting only  $\leq \delta n^2$  edges.

Corollary:  $\forall \delta, \exists \epsilon$  s.t. every sufficiently large  $\Delta$ -free graph with  $\geq n^2 \left(\frac{1}{4} - \epsilon\right)$  edges is  $\delta$ -close to being bipartite (within  $\delta n^2$  edges).

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Theorem: Max # edges in  $F$ -free graph is  $\frac{n^2}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{x-1} + o(1))$  no  $F$  as a subgraph

Theorem:  $F$ -free graphs with close to max # edges are almost  $(x-1)$ -partite.

$\forall F \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta$  s.t. if  $F$ -free graph has #edges  $\geq \frac{n^2}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{x-1} - \delta)$  then it can be made  $(x-1)$  partite by deleting  $\leq \epsilon n^2$  edges. (For sufficiently large  $N$ ).

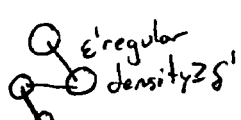
Proof: Apply Szemerédi Regularity Lemma with  $\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ , gives partition  $V_1, \dots, V_t$  almost all same size,  $V_i \approx \frac{n}{t}$ , all but  $\epsilon' t^2$  ~~are~~  $\epsilon'$ -regular pairs, and  $\frac{1}{\epsilon'} < t < M$ .

- Then: (1) Delete all edges in each  $V_i$   
 (2) Delete edges between not  $\epsilon'$ -regular pairs  
 (3) Delete edges between pairs w/ density  $< \delta' = \frac{\epsilon'}{2}$

Total deletions:

- (1)  $t \binom{n/t}{2} \leq t \frac{(n/t)^2}{2} = n^2/2t < \frac{\epsilon'}{2} n^2$   
 (2)  $\epsilon' t^2 \binom{n}{t}^2 = \epsilon' n^2$   
 (3)  $\delta' \binom{n}{2} \leq \frac{\delta'}{2} n^2$


Got: graph w/ #edges  $\geq \frac{n^2}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{x-1} - \delta - (\frac{3}{2} \epsilon' + \frac{\delta'}{2}))$  and  $F$ -free

$\Rightarrow$  Regularity graph   $\epsilon'$ -regular density  $\geq \delta'$  has no  $K_x$ , (or else <sup>graph</sup> would have  $K_x$  blown up by  $|F|$  times)

Also, graph of all edges post-deletion has no  $K_x$ , for some reason.

Does this mean  $x-1$  partite? No! odd cycle is not 2-colorable, for  $K_3$ .  
 But we know more!

Q: if graph has no  $K_3$  and #edges  $\geq 0.249 n^2$  is it 2-partite?

A: No!   $n/2-2$   $n/2-3$

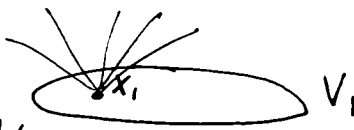
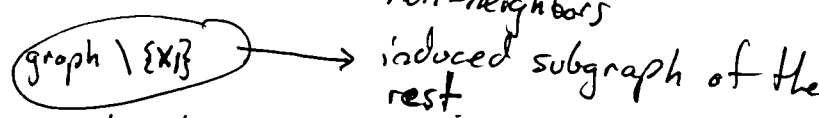
To finish the proof, need

Define:  $T_r(n)$  as the complete  $r$ -partite graph w/  $\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor$  or  $\lceil \frac{n}{r} \rceil$  vertices per part. Max # edges in  $K_{r+1}$  free graph.

Lemma: Graph with no  $K_{r+1}$  and #edges  $\geq e(T_r(n)) - k$ . Then can make it  $r$ -partite by deleting at most  $k$  more edges.

Proof: Goal: Find a good partition of vertices into  $r$  parts.

↑  
total #edges inside parts  $\leq k$ .  
(then delete them)

- (1) Let  $x_1 = \text{max degree vertex}$ . First part contains  $x_1$  and all of its non-neighbors. 
- (2) Let  $x_2 = \text{max degree vertex in graph} \setminus \{x_1\}$ . Second part contains  $x_2$  and its non-neighbors (who are not in part 1). 
- (3) Repeat w/  $x_3, x_4, \dots, x_r$ . Note that  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{\text{last}}\}$  is a clique.  $\Rightarrow$  last  $\leq r$  since no  $K_{r+1}$ .

Goal: Upper bound #edges in these parts. Let  $d_v^+$  = number of neighbors that  $v$  has in its part or any future part. Then

$$\sum_v d_v^+ = e(G) + e(\text{inside parts})$$

$$\sum_v d_v^+ \leq \sum_i |V_i| d_{x_i}^+ = e(\text{complete multipartite } \begin{matrix} |V_1| \\ |V_2| \\ |V_s| \end{matrix}) \leq e(T_r(n))$$

↑  
max degree among Graph of future parts

$$\Rightarrow e(G) + e(\text{inside parts}) \leq e(T_r(n)) \Rightarrow e(\text{edges inside parts}) \leq e(T_r(n)) - e(G) \leq k.$$

So by lemma, since  $\# \text{edges} \geq \frac{n^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x-1} - \left(\delta + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon' + \frac{\delta'}{2}\right)\right)$ ,

$\implies$  get  $(x-1)$  partite by deleting in total  $\leq 2\left(\delta + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon' + \frac{\delta'}{2}\right) \frac{n^2}{2}$  edges

Choose  $\epsilon', \delta'$  so that  $\left(\delta + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon' + \frac{\delta'}{2}\right) < \epsilon$ . ■

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(Stability)

Theorem: If  $F$ -free graph has almost max  $\#$  edges (i.e.  $\# \text{edges} \geq \frac{n^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x-1} - o(1)\right)$ ) then it's  $o(n^2)$  edges away from being  $(x-1)$ -partite.

Theorem (Hungarians): If  $F$  has chromatic number  $x$  (barely), i.e.  $\exists$  edge  $e$  whose deletion guarantees  $\chi(F-e) = \chi(F) - 1$ , then for large enough  $n$ , the unique  $F$ -free graph with maximum  $\#$  edges is  $T_{x-1}(n)$ .

E.g. Edge-color critical graphs

- odd cycle
- $K_n$

already  $F$ -free.

Proof: Using Stability Method.

Show for large  $n$ , if  $\#$  edges in  $F$ -free graph  $\geq \frac{n^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x-1}\right) = e(T_{x-1}(n))$

then graph =  $T_{x-1}(n)$ .

Apply Stability Theorem:  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  st. if  $\# \text{edges} \geq \frac{n^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x-1} - \delta\right)$ , then deleting at most  $\epsilon n^2$  edges makes me  $(x-1)$ -partite.

Do the case  $x=3$ .

Know graph is internal edges  $\leq \epsilon n^2$ .



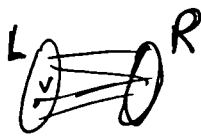
ul some edges within parts, but total

Take a max cut bipartition  $\rightarrow$  maximize edges crossing.

internal edges in this bipartition  $\leq$  internal edges before  $\leq \epsilon n^2$ .

$\longrightarrow$

Proof continued:

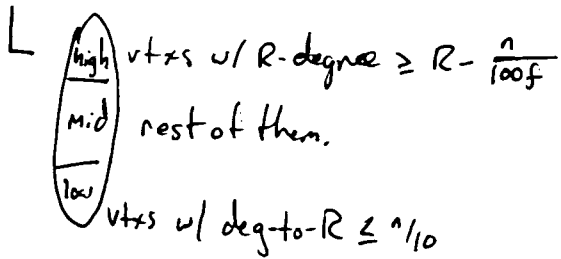


Property of max cut:  $\forall v \in V(G)$  degree across  $\geq$  degree inside.

$$e(G) \leq LR + \epsilon n^2$$

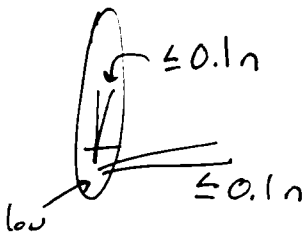
Also, given that  $e(G) \geq \frac{n^2}{2} (1 - \frac{1}{\chi-1})$  but  $\chi=3$ , so  $e(G) \geq n^2/4$ .

$$\Rightarrow L, R \in [\frac{n}{2} - \epsilon, \frac{n}{2} + \epsilon]$$



$f = \#$  vertices in  $F$ .

Analyze the vertices in low first



Vertices in high cannot have edges between them, else not  $F$ -free.

~~Vertices in mid cannot have~~

Not too many vertices in mid

Count edges:



$$[\# \text{ edges } L-R] + 2(\# \text{ edges in } L) \leq LR$$

same for right

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ edges} \leq LR \leq e(T_2(n)) \quad \square$$



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Quasirandomness

Thm) Given a bipartite graph with  $\frac{pn}{2}$  edges across where  $p = \frac{\# \text{ edges across}}{n^2}$



Then  $\# K_4 \geq n^4 p^4$  ← "counting homomorphisms from  $K_4 \rightarrow G$ "

Proof:  $\# K_4 = \sum_{v \in B} d_v^2 \geq n \left(\frac{pn}{2}\right)^2 = n^3 p^2$   
 ↑ avg degree of vertex in B

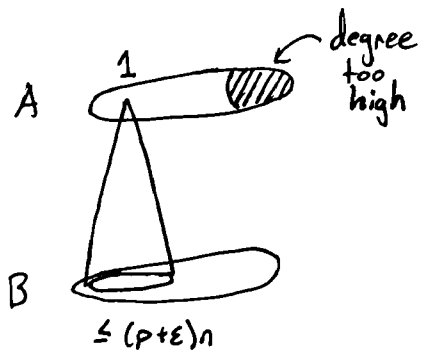
$\# K_4 = \sum_{(3,4) \in A^2} (\# \text{ of common neighbors of both 3 and 4})^2$   
 $\geq n^2 (\text{avg } \# \dots)^2$   
 $\geq n^2 \left(\frac{\sum_{(3,4) \in A^2} \# \text{ common neighbors}}{n^2}\right)^2 \geq n^2 \left(\frac{n^3 p^2}{n^2}\right)^2 = n^4 p^4$

Now suppose  $(A, B)$  as above is also  $\epsilon$ -regular. Can we improve the bound?

Theorem: Then  $\# K_4 \leq n^4 p^4 (1 + 3\epsilon^{1/5} + 4\epsilon^{1/5})^4$ , as long as  $\epsilon \leq p^5$

Proof: By  $\epsilon$ -regularity, at most  $\epsilon$  of the fraction of the vertices of A have degree  $\geq (p+\epsilon)n$ . So  $\# K_4$  with 1 in good degree part ...

and  $\epsilon$ -fraction have degree  $\leq (p-\epsilon)n$



And  $\# K_4$  w/ 1 in bad degree part  $\leq$   
 $(\# \text{ ways to put 1 in bad degree part}) \times n^3 \leq 2\epsilon n^4$   
 (tiny since  $\epsilon \ll p$ )

Since  $\text{nbhd}(1)$  has size  $\geq \epsilon$ -frac of B,  $\epsilon$ -regularity  $\Rightarrow \leq \epsilon$ -fraction of vertices of A w/ degree into  $\text{nbhd}(1)$  too big!  $\geq (p+\epsilon)^2 n$

$\# K_4$  in good degree part  $\rightarrow \# K_4$  w/ 2 in bad part  $\leq (\epsilon n) n^3 = \epsilon n^4$

$\# K_4$  w/ 1,2 in good parts  $\leq n^2 \times ((p+\epsilon)n)^2 \approx p^4 n^4 (1 + \frac{\epsilon}{p})^4$   
 ↑ pick 1,2      ↑ common nbhd size

# Theorem:

If  $\# \sum_{i,j}^3 \leq n^4 p^4 (1+\epsilon)$  then it's  $\epsilon^{1/2}$ -regular, in a bipartite graph with proportion  $p = \frac{\# \text{edges}}{n^2}$ . (Intuition: close to regular)

## Proof:

Claim 1:  $\# \sum_{i,j}^3 \leq n^3 p^2 (1+\epsilon)$

Proof: As before,  $\# \sum_{i,j}^4 \geq n^2 \left( \frac{\# \sum_{i,j}^3}{n^2} \right)^2$  by pinning down two vertices on one side and counting codegree squared.

$$\implies n^2 \left( \frac{\# \sum_{i,j}^3}{n^2} \right)^2 \leq n^4 p^4 (1+\epsilon)$$

$$\implies \left( \# \sum_{i,j}^3 \right)^2 \leq n^6 p^4 (1+\epsilon) \implies \# \sum_{i,j}^3 \leq n^3 p^2 (1+\epsilon) \quad \blacksquare$$

Claim 2: Let  $\delta = 2\epsilon^{1/3}$ . Then for any  $X \subseteq A$ , with  $|X| \geq \delta|A|$ , the number of edges between  $X$  and  $B = (1 \pm \delta) |X| np$ .

Proof: Let  $Z$  be a random variable = choose uniformly random vertex of  $A$ , return its degree.  $\uparrow |X|=x$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[Z] = pn \quad (\text{avg degree of vtx in } A)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[Z^2] = \frac{\# \Lambda}{n} \leq n^2 p^2 (1+\epsilon) \quad \leftarrow \text{claim 1}$$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = \mathbb{E}[Z^2] - (\mathbb{E}[Z])^2 \leq \epsilon n^2 p^2$$

But also  $\text{Var}(Z) = \mathbb{E}[(Z - \bar{Z})^2]$  for contradiction  
 Suppose  $X$  has  $\# \text{edges} > (1+\delta) |X| np$ . Then (avg value of  $Z$  over vtxs in  $X$ )  $> (1+\delta) np$

Then (avg value of  $Z$  over vertices in  $X$ )  $> (1+\delta) np$ .

$$\mathbb{E}[(Z - \bar{Z})^2 | \text{vtx} \in X] \geq [\mathbb{E}[Z - \bar{Z} | \text{vtx} \in X]]^2 \geq (\delta np)^2$$

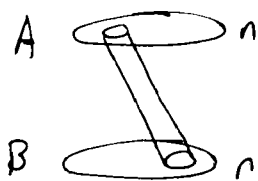
$$\implies \mathbb{E}[(Z - \bar{Z})^2] \geq \delta (\delta np)^2$$

So  $\delta^3 n^2 p^2 \leq \text{Var}(Z) \leq \epsilon n^2 p^2 \implies \delta^3 \leq \epsilon$  ~~\*~~

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Quasirandomness:

Theorem:  $\# \mathcal{X} \leq (1+\epsilon)n^4 p^4$



Then  $\forall X \subseteq A \quad |X| \geq |A|$

$\forall Y \subseteq B \quad |Y| \geq |B|$

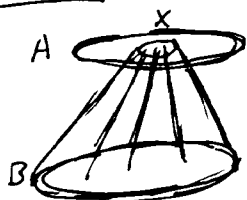
$$p = \frac{\# \text{ edges between } A, B}{n^2}$$

the # edges between X and Y is  $(1 \pm \epsilon) |X| |Y| p$

Last Time:

Claim 1:  $\# \mathcal{A} \leq n^3 p^2 (1+\epsilon)$

Claim 2:  $\forall X \subseteq A$  with  $|X| \geq 2\epsilon^{1/3} n$



$$\# \text{ edges}(X, B) = (1 \pm 2\epsilon^{1/3}) |X| |B| p$$

For the rest of the proof, fix an arbitrary  $X \subseteq A$  with  ~~$|X| \geq 2\epsilon^{1/3} n$~~   
 $|X| \geq \delta n$   
 Let  $x = |X|$

Claim 3:  $\# \mathcal{B}^X \leq x^2 n p^2 (1+\delta)$ ,  $\delta = 2\epsilon^{1/4}$ .

Proof: Let  $Z =$  pick two random vertices in A, return codegree. (Random variable)

$$E(Z) = \frac{\# \mathcal{B}^X}{n^2} \geq \frac{\sum_{v \in B} d_v^2}{n^2} \geq \frac{n(\bar{d})^2}{n^2} = \frac{n(np)^2}{n^2} = np^2$$

$\nwarrow$  ways to pick two vertices in A

$$E(Z^2) = \frac{\# \mathcal{X}}{n^2} \leq \frac{(1+\epsilon)p^4 n^4}{n^2} \leq (1+\epsilon)n^2 p^4$$

$$\text{Var}(Z) = E(Z^2) - (E(Z))^2 \leq \epsilon n^2 p^4$$

Suppose for contradiction that  $\exists X \subseteq A$  with  $|X| \geq \delta$ -fraction of A, and on this set,  $\# \mathcal{B}^X > x^2 n p^2 (1+\delta)$

In the restricted probability space, where we pick 2 vtrxs in X

$$\text{the } E[Z \mid \text{both vtrxs in } A \text{ are in } X] = \frac{\# \mathcal{B}^X}{x^2} > np^2 (1+\delta)$$

$$E[(Z - \bar{Z})^2 \mid \text{both vtrxs in } X] \geq (E(Z - \bar{Z}) \mid \text{both vtrxs in } X)^2 \leftarrow \text{by convexity} \quad (*)$$

By claim 1,  $\bar{z} \leq np^2(1+\epsilon)$ . Hence

$$\mathbb{E}[z - \bar{z} \mid \text{both } v, x \text{ in } X] = \mathbb{E}[z \mid \text{both } v, x \text{ in } X] - \bar{z} > np^2(\delta - \epsilon) \text{ by } \textcircled{A}$$

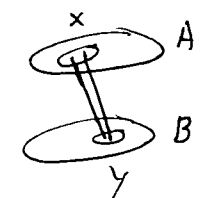
$$\implies \left( \mathbb{E}[z - \bar{z} \mid \text{both } v, x \text{ in } X] \right)^2 \geq (np^2(\delta - \epsilon))^2$$

$$\text{Var}(z) \geq \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^2 n^2 p^4 (\delta - \epsilon)^2 \geq n^2 p^4 \delta^2 (\delta - \epsilon)^2$$

But from before,  $\text{Var}(z) \leq \epsilon n^2 p^4$ .

Get the contradiction by picking  $\delta = \epsilon^{1/4} \cdot 2$ .  $\blacksquare$

Claim 4 (Proof of Theorem): Let  $\delta' =$

if   $|X|, |Y| \geq \delta n$ , then  $\# \text{edges}(X, Y) = (1 \pm \delta) x y p$

Remember,  $x \in A$  is fixed

Proof: Let  $Z =$  choose uniformly random vertex in  $B$ , return its  $x$ -degree.

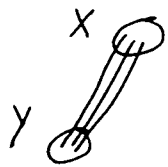
$$\bar{z} = \mathbb{E}(Z) = \frac{\# \text{edges}(x, B)}{|B| = n} \geq \frac{(1 - 2\epsilon^{1/3}) x n p}{n} = (1 - 2\epsilon^{1/3}) x p. \quad \text{but also } \bar{z} \leq (1 + 2\epsilon^{1/3}) x p \text{ again by claim 2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(Z^2) = \frac{\# \text{edges}(x, B)^2}{n} \stackrel{\text{claim 2}}{\leq} \frac{x^2 n p^2 (1 + 2\epsilon^{1/4})}{n} = x^2 p^2 (1 + 2\epsilon^{1/4})$$

claim 3

$$\text{So } \text{Var}(z) \leq \mathbb{E}[Z^2] - (\mathbb{E}(Z))^2 \leq x^2 p^2 (3\epsilon^{1/4})$$

Assume for contradiction that  $\exists Y \subseteq B$  of size  $y = |Y| \geq \delta |B| = \delta n$  and

  $\# \text{edges}(x, Y) > (1 + \delta) x y p.$

$$\mathbb{E}[z \mid v, x \text{ in } Y] = \frac{\# \text{edges}(x, Y)}{y} > (1 + \delta) x p$$

$$\implies \mathbb{E}[z - \bar{z} \mid v, x \text{ in } Y] > ((1 + \delta) - (1 + 2\epsilon^{1/3})) x p = (\delta - \epsilon^{1/3}) x p$$

Jensen:

$$\mathbb{E}[(z - \bar{z})^2 \mid v, x \text{ in } Y] > (\delta - \epsilon^{1/3})^2 x^2 p^2 \implies \text{Var } z \geq \delta (\delta - \epsilon^{1/3})^2 x^2 p^2$$

Choose  $\delta$  for contradiction,  $\delta = 2\epsilon^{1/2}$ .  $\blacksquare$

# Pseudorandomness

in abs. value

Defn:  $(n, d, \lambda)$ -graph has  $n$  vertices,  $d$ -regular, and the second-largest eigenvalue of  $G$  is  $\leq \lambda$

Observations not quite random, but good approximation.

Theorem: Given an  $(n, d, \lambda)$  graph, every pair of sets  $B, C$  has  $e(B, C) = \frac{d}{n} |B| |C| \pm \lambda \sqrt{|B| |C|}$

$$e(B, C) = \frac{d}{n} |B| |C| \pm \lambda \sqrt{|B| |C|} \quad b = \frac{|B|}{n} \quad c = \frac{|C|}{n}$$

If  $\lambda = o(d)$  then the error above is of smaller order than main term

For any  $d$ -regular graph,  $d$  is largest e-value.

~~Proof:~~

Lemma: For all sets  $B \subseteq G$ , almost all vertices have the right # of edges into  $B$ .

$$\sum_v (d_B(v) - bd)^2 \leq \lambda^2 b(1-b)n$$

Proof: Consider  $\mathbb{1}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  the vector which has 1's where  $B$  has vertices, vertices

$$\vec{x} = \mathbb{1}_B - b\mathbb{1}$$

~~the vector which has 1's where  $B$  has vertices, vertices~~

$$(A\vec{x})_v = d_B(v) - bd$$

$\uparrow$   
vth component of vector

hence,  ~~$\sum_v (d_B(v) - bd)^2$~~   $\sum_v (d_B(v) - bd)^2 = \langle A\vec{x} | A\vec{x} \rangle \leq \langle A^2 \vec{x} | \vec{x} \rangle$

Note that  $\vec{x} \perp \mathbb{1}$ , so  $\vec{x}$  is a candidate for the second eigenvalues: therefore

$$\|A\vec{x}\| \leq \lambda \|\vec{x}\|, \text{ because eigenvector of } \vec{x} \leq \lambda.$$

$$\langle A^2 \vec{x} | \vec{x} \rangle = \lambda^2 \langle \vec{x} | \vec{x} \rangle = \lambda^2 \langle \mathbb{1}_B - b\mathbb{1} | \mathbb{1}_B - b\mathbb{1} \rangle = \lambda^2 ((1-b)^2 bn + b^2(1-b)n) = \lambda^2 b(1-b)n.$$

## Proof of Theorem

$$|e(B, C) - \frac{d}{n} bncn| = |e(B, C) - dnc| \leq \sum_{v \in C} |d_B(v) - bd|$$

$$\Rightarrow |e(B, C) - \frac{d}{n} bncn| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{v \in C} (d_B(v) - bd)^2} \leq \sqrt{\lambda^2 b(1-b)n} \sqrt{cn} = \lambda \sqrt{bc(1-b)} n = \lambda \sqrt{|B| |C|}$$

$\uparrow$   
Cauchy Schwarz

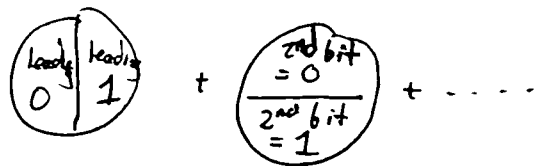
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Question: How few bipartite graphs can you use to cover edges of  $K_n$ ?  
(overlap in vertices and edges)

Answer:  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  is enough: split  $K_n$  in half and cover w/ complete bipartite

Relabel vertices in binary:

# bits =  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ .



Why covers edges of  $K_n$ ? Any two vertices are vectors which differ somewhere.

Prop: Need  $\sim \log_2 n$  bipartite graphs. ( $\geq \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ )

If you are a vertex and there were  $K$  cuts (defining bipartitions), each w/ a 0-side and a 1-side. So I observed  $K$  many 0/1 cuts telling me which side I was in (I am a vertex), for each cut.

If two vtxs have same sequence of 0 and 1, they are always on same side of each partition, the edge between them is always on same side of all cuts.  $\implies K \geq \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  since need  $n$  distinct  $K$ -vectors. ■

Question: How few complete bipartite graphs can I use to partition the edges of  $K_n$ ?

cover each edge exactly once.

Answer: Take largest clique and split in half, recurse  $\rightarrow n-1$  for  $n$  a power of two.

Number the vertices and connect  $i$ th vertex to  $j$ th for all  $j > i \rightarrow n-1$  complete bipartite.

Theorem: (Graham-Pollack)

Fewest number of complete bipartite possible is  $n-1$ .

Remark: number theoretic thing about  $n = \text{power of } 2$   
no stability of extremal graph for  $n = \text{power of } 2$ .

Resists induction.

All known proofs are linear algebraic.

Proof: Adjacency Matrix of  $K_n$ :  $J-I$

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Suppose we have a partition of  $K_n$  into  $UB_i$ .

This means  $J-I = \sum_{i=1}^t B_i$   
adjacency matrix

$B_i$  is similar to

	s	T	u
s	0	0	0
T	0	0	1
u	0	1	0



Claim: if there are too few  $B_i$ , then this is impossible.

Lemma:  $\text{rank}(A+B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$

Proof:  $\text{rank} = \dim$  column space

~~subspaces~~

pick some columns  $v_1, \dots, v_a$  a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$ .

pick some columns  $w_1, \dots, w_b$  a basis for  $\text{col}(B)$ .

Then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_a, w_1, \dots, w_b\}$  spans  $\text{col}(A+B)$ . ■

Observation:  $\text{Rank } B_i = 2$

$$\text{Rank}(\sum B_i) \leq 2t$$

$$\text{Rank}(J-I) = n$$

sum of cols =  $(n-1)\mathbb{1} \in \text{col}(J-I) \Rightarrow \mathbb{1} \in \text{col}(J-I)$   
 so  $\mathbb{1} - (i\text{th column}) = e_i \in \text{col}(J-I)$ .

Hence, we need  $\geq \frac{n}{2}$  of the  $B_i$ .

Try instead  $C_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .  $\text{Rank}(C_i) = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^t C_i = C$  has  $\text{rank} \leq n$ ,

$$\text{and } C + C^T = J - I.$$

Suppose we only have  $n-2$  of the  $C_i \Rightarrow \text{rank } C \leq n-2 \Rightarrow \dim(\text{Null}(C)) \geq 2$ .

Also  $\text{rank } J = 1 \Rightarrow \dim(\text{null}(J)) = n-1$

nullspace of  $C$   
 and nullspace of  $J$   
 have nontrivial intersection  
 $\langle \vec{x} \rangle$ .

$$C + C^T = J - I \Rightarrow C\vec{x} + C^T\vec{x} = J\vec{x} - I\vec{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow C^T\vec{x} = -\vec{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}^T C^T \vec{x} = -\vec{x}^T \vec{x} \Rightarrow 0 = -\|\vec{x}\|^2 < 0 \neq \cdot$$

■

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Theorem: If a  $d$ -regular graph w/ second e-val  $\lambda$ , then for any  $B, C \subseteq G$ ,  $|B|=bn$ ,  $|C|=cn$   

$$e(B, C) = \frac{d}{n} (bn)(cn) \pm \lambda \sqrt{bc} n$$

Question: Why does the second eigenvalue have anything to do with random-like behavior?

Show: If 2<sup>nd</sup> eval small, then random walks converge to uniform distribution quickly. After  $k$  steps, position is essentially random. Uniform means you're in each position w/ probability  $1/n$ .

Suppose your current position is the probability vector  $v$  where  $\sum v_i = 1$ . Then your position at the next step is  $\frac{1}{d}Av$ .

If  $\vec{v}_0$  is initial position, after  $k$  steps you are at  $\frac{1}{d^k} A^k \vec{v}_0$ . Let  $\bar{A} = \frac{1}{d}A$

Since  $\bar{A}$  is real symmetric, has ON basis of ~~vec~~  $\bar{A}^k \vec{v}_0$  evecs,  $\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n$ , real e-vals  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$   $\lambda_1 = 1$   
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{1} = \vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_n$

Write  $\vec{v}_0 = \sum c_i \vec{w}_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A}^k \vec{v}_0 &= c_1 \lambda_1^k \vec{w}_1 + c_2 \lambda_2^k \vec{w}_2 + \dots + c_n \lambda_n^k \vec{w}_n \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{1} + \left( \text{stuff bounded by } \lambda^K \cdot \text{constants} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Friendship Theorem): If a graph has the property that every pair of vertices has exactly one common neighbor, then the graph is



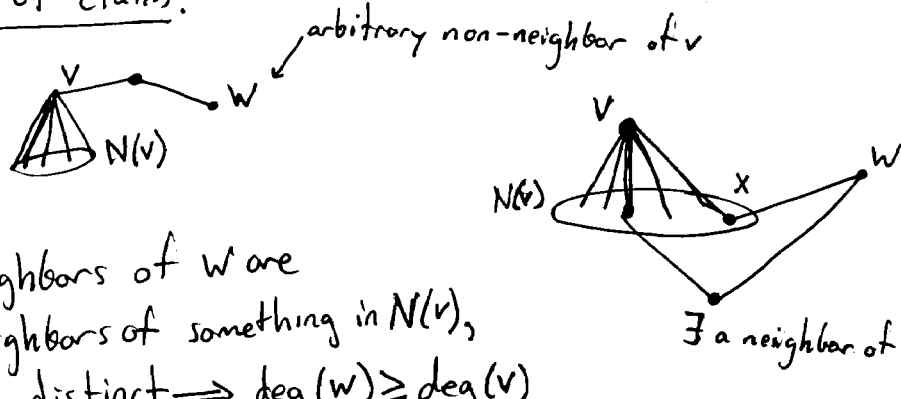
Proof: Suppose there is a vertex of degree  $n-1$   $\rightarrow$  forces the shape to be the flower/petal shape above.

Remains to prove that there is a vertex of degree  $n-1$ . Suppose not.

Claim: graph is regular  $\rightarrow$



Proof of claim:



All neighbors of  $w$  are also neighbors of something in  $N(v)$ , and distinct  $\implies \deg(w) \geq \deg(v)$

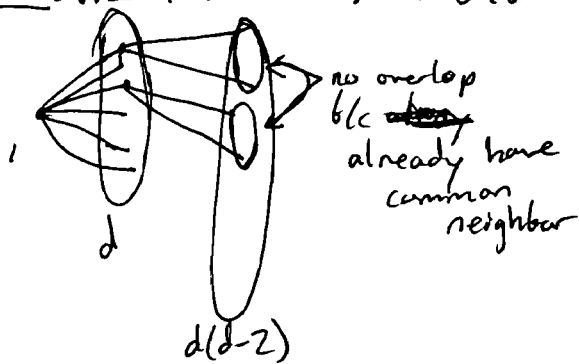
Symmetry  $\implies \deg(w) = \deg(v)$  for any non adjacent vertices  $v, w$

Suffices to show: complement of graphs is connected.

Why? If not, then very wrong.

So our graph is regular, w/ degree  $d$  say.

Claim:  $n = 1 + d + d(d-2) = 1 + d + d^2$



$(A^2)_{ij}$  = walks of length 2 from  $i$  to  $j$

$$\implies A^2 = J + (d-1)I$$

$\nwarrow$  e-vectors of  $J$  w/ e-vals  $\lambda + (d-1)$

e-vectors of  $J$  include  $\mathbf{1}$

So  $(J + (d-1)I)\mathbf{1} = n + (d-1)\mathbf{1} = d^2\mathbf{1}$

but  $A\mathbf{1} = d\mathbf{1}$   
 $\implies A^2\mathbf{1} = d^2\mathbf{1}$

but  $\text{tr}(A) = 0$

or  $(J + (d-1)I)v = (d-1)v$   
 if  $v \perp \mathbf{1}$

$\implies$  e-vals of  $A$  are  $d, \sqrt{d-1} \leftarrow n-1$

$$\implies \sum d + (n-1)\sqrt{d-1} \neq 0$$

but  $\text{tr}(A) = 0$ .

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Frankl-Wilson Theorem:

Defn: A family of sets <sup>subsets of  $[n]$</sup>  is  $L$ -intersecting if every pair of sets has intersection size  $\in L$

Q: In terms of  $s = |L|$ , how big can an  $L$ -intersecting family be?

A:  $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{s}$  all sets of size  $\leq s$  and  $L = \{0, 1, \dots, s-1\}$ .

Q: In terms of  $s = |L|$  and  $n$ , how big can an  $L$ -intersecting family of sets be if all sets are same size.

A:  $\binom{n}{s}$  All subsets of size  $= s$ .

Theorem: If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a family of subsets of  $[n]$  s.t. every pair intersects w/ even size, but every ~~pair~~<sup>set</sup> is odd size, then  $|\mathcal{F}| \leq n$ .

Theorem: for  $p$  prime, if  $L$  is a set of  $s$  residues mod  $p$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $L$ -intersecting mod  $p$ , then if  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F}$  has  $|F| \bmod p \in L$ , then  $\# \text{ sets in } \mathcal{F} \leq \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{s}$ .

Proof review for mod  $p$  version:

- (1) Associate each set to a vector
- (2) Show vectors independent
- (3) Show they're in a space w/ dimension  $\leq$  thing
- (4) Then also  $\# \text{ sets} \leq$  same thing

(1)  $F \in \mathcal{F} \mapsto \prod_{l \in L} (\vec{x} \cdot \mathbb{1}_F - l) = P_F(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{F}_p[\vec{x}]$

(2) Take a linear combination  $\sum_F C_F P_F = 0$ , evaluate at  $\mathbb{1}_E = \vec{x}$ , for  $E \in \mathcal{F}$

$P_F(\mathbb{1}_E) = \begin{cases} \neq 0 & E = F \\ 0 & E \neq F \end{cases}$ , since  $\mathbb{1}_E \cdot \mathbb{1}_F = l$  for some  $l \in L$ , and so  $P_F(\mathbb{1}) = \prod_{l \in L} (|E \cap F| - l)$

So  $\sum C_F P_F(\mathbb{1}_E) = C_E P_E(\mathbb{1}_E) = 0 \Rightarrow C_E = 0$ .

(3) What is the dimension of  $\{P_F | F \in \mathcal{F}\}$ ?

Don't use the  $P_F$ 's! use the  $q_F$ 's, which come from linearizing the polynomials  $\rightarrow$  (set all exponents to 1). Doesn't matter b/c we only ever plug in  $x_i \in \{0, 1\} \Rightarrow q_F(\mathbb{1}_E) = P_F(\mathbb{1}_E)$ .

$$q_F \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^S \mathbb{F}_p[x_1, \dots, x_n]_{\deg \leq i}, \text{ and the dimension is } \sum_{i=1}^S \binom{n}{i} \quad \blacksquare$$

Proof of Frankl-Wilson: (not mod p)

Suppose  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_1, \dots, F_m\}$  are ordered by size,  $|F_i| \leq |F_j|$  for  $i < j$ .

$$\text{For } F \in \mathcal{F} \mapsto P_F(\vec{x}) = \prod_{\substack{\ell \in L \\ |L|=|F|}} (\vec{x} \cdot \mathbb{1}_L - 1)$$

immediately gives  $P_F(\mathbb{1}_F) \neq 0$ .

$$\text{What about } P_F(\mathbb{1}_E) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |E \cap F| < |F| \\ \text{nonzero} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

in other words

$$P_{F_i}(\mathbb{1}_{F_j}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j < i \\ \text{nonzero} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Claim:  $\{P_F\}$  linearly independent.

Create a matrix  $A = (P_{F_i}(\mathbb{1}_{F_j}))_{1 \leq i, j \leq m}$   $a_{ij} = P_{F_j}(\mathbb{1}_{F_i})$

Since  $P_F(\mathbb{1}_F) \neq 0$ , then diagonal is nonzero

since  $P_{F_i}(\mathbb{1}_{F_j}) = 0$  for  $j < i$ , the above diagonal is ~~non~~zero.

Suppose  $P_{F_i}$  are dependent over  $\mathbb{Q}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \Rightarrow$  columns are dependent.

But if columns of  $A$  are dependent, then  $A$  is singular, but  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , so  $A$  is nonsingular  $\ast$

So  $P_{F_i}$  are independent  $\rightarrow$  linearize, and you're done.  $\blacksquare$

Theorem:  $\mathcal{F}$  collection of sets, all intersection sizes  $\in L$ , then if  $s = |L|$  and if also all sets are the same size, then

$$\#\mathcal{F} \leq \binom{n}{s}$$

Proof: For each  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , ~~define~~ ~~define~~ define  $p_F(\vec{x}) = \prod_{l \in L} (\vec{x} \cdot \mathbb{1}_F - l)$

Order  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $|F_1| \leq |F_2| \leq \dots \leq |F_n|$ .

if  $i < j$   $p_{F_j}(\mathbb{1}_i) = 0$

if  $i = j$   $p_{F_j}(\mathbb{1}_j) \neq 0$

$\implies$  Matrix  $A = (p_{F_j}(\mathbb{1}_i))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  is upper triangular,  $\det(A) \neq 0 \iff$  nonzero on diagonal.

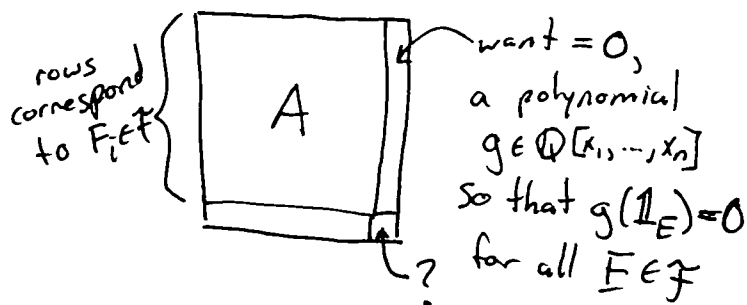
So we conclude  $A$  is full rank  $\implies \{p_F \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}$  linearly independent.

Multilinearize  $p_F \mapsto q_F$ , also independent.

This proves it for the  $F$  not all the same size. Suppose  $|F| = k \forall F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Strategy: Find more polynomials to add to the linearly independent set.

$A$  will be a minor of the new matrix



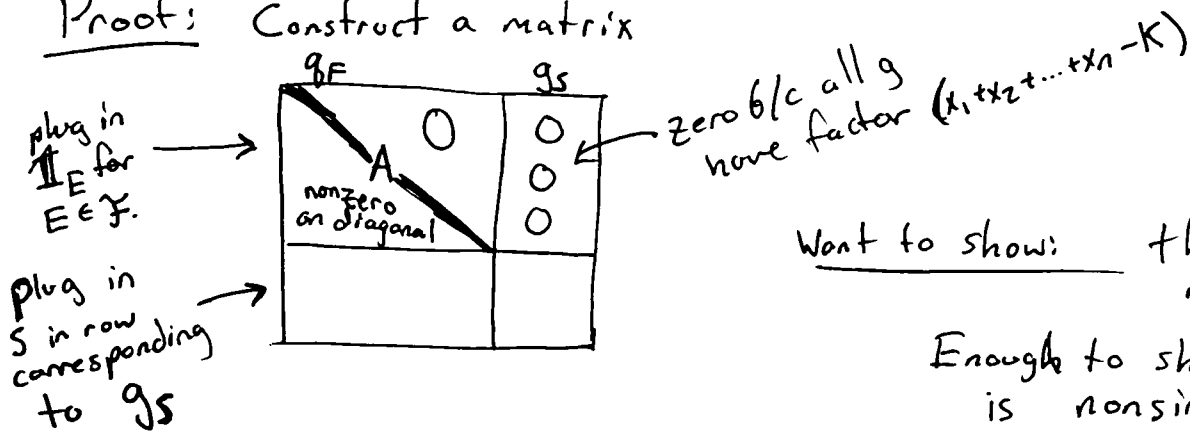
Define  $g_\emptyset(\vec{x}) = (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n - k)$   
 $g_{\{1\}}(\vec{x}) = (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n - k)x_1$   
 $g_{\{2\}}(\vec{x}) = (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n - k)x_2$   
 $g_{\{n\}}(\vec{x}) = (x_1 + \dots + x_n - k)x_n$   
 $g_S(\vec{x}) = (x_1 + \dots + x_n - k) \prod_{s \in S} x_s$   
 for  $S \subseteq [n], S \neq [n]$

} multi-linearize the  $g_S$ .

We added  $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{s-1}$  with polynomials to our set.

Claim:  $\{q_F : F \in \mathcal{F}\} \cup \{g_S : S \subseteq [n], |S| < n\}$  are linearly independent. well, multilinearized versions thereof

Proof: Construct a matrix



Want to show: this matrix is nonsingular.

Enough to show bottom right block is nonsingular.

Proof Continued: suffices to show that the  $g_S$  are linearly independent. (and so their multilinear ~~parts~~ <sup>versions</sup>)  $g_T^*$  are multilinearized  $g_T$

Assume  $\sum_{T \subseteq [n]} c_T g_T^* = 0$  and  $c_T$  are not all zero. Pick  $T_0$  the smallest set with  $c_{T_0} \neq 0$ . Plug in  $\mathbb{1}_{T_0}$ .

$$c_{T_0} g_{T_0}^*(\mathbb{1}_{T_0}) + \sum_{T \not\subseteq T_0} c_T g_T^*(\mathbb{1}_{T_0}) = 0 \implies c_{T_0} (|T_0| - k) = 0 \implies c_{T_0} = 0.$$

$|T_0| < S$ , so

$$|T_0| - k < S - k$$

but  $S \leq k$  ~~is~~ <sup>assumption</sup>.

$= 0$  since  $T \cap T_0 \subsetneq T$ ,  
there is an elt in  $T \setminus T_0$ , so  $g_T^*(\mathbb{1}_{T_0}) = 0$  ■

~~We may assume  $S \leq k$ , but if  $S > k$ , then max number of sets of same size ~~is~~  $k$  is  $\binom{n}{k}$ .~~

In terms of  $K$ ,  $L \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\} \implies |L| \leq k \implies S \leq k$ .

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### Chromatic number of unit distance graph

Defn: Unit distance graph has vertex set  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and edge between every pair of vertices at distance 1.

Observe: for  $n=1$ ,  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^1) = 2 \dots [0,1) [1,2) [2,3) \dots$   
red blue red

Question:  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^2) = ?$

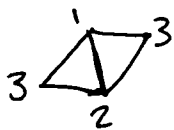
Bounds:  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^2) \geq 3$  b/c two colors are insufficient, as it contains a  $\Delta$

Fact:  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^2) \geq 4^2$

Proof:

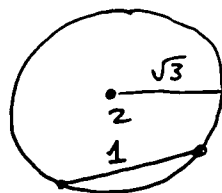
Proof: suppose we could color w/ 3 ~~distinct~~ colors.

Has a triangle:



$\Rightarrow$  for all points at distance  $\sqrt{3}$ , equal color

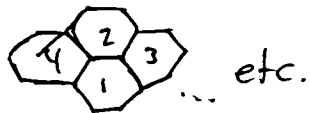
So if a point has color 2; all points have the same color at distance  $\sqrt{3}$ , but there's a chord on this circle



of length 1, contradicts 3-colorability. ■

Fact:  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^2) \leq 7$

Proof: Break up into hexagons of diameter  $< 1$ , pick a pattern.



Question:  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^d)$  asymptotics  
(Hadwiger-Nelson)

Upper Bounds?

Decompose into  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{d}}$  hypercubes, tile  $\mathbb{R}^d$

Let's control  $\chi$  of a cube-based coloring by studying max # of other cubes in conflict w/ a given one.

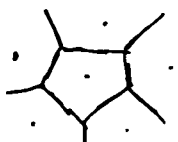
$$\text{Bounded} \leq (2\sqrt{d})^d \approx d^{d/2}$$

$$\text{Also, } \# \text{cubes} \leq \frac{\text{vol of ball of radius } 2}{\text{vol of cube}}$$

Another upper bound:

Pick a maximal collection of points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that all pairs are at least  $1/2$  distance apart. Call it  $C$ .

Let each point in  $C$  dictate the color of all points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  that have  $P$  as their closest  $C$ -point.

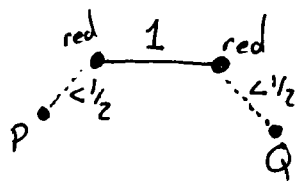


Construct a graph  $G$ : put edge between points of  $C$  if distance  $\leq 2$ .

~~Why this~~ Why coloring  $G$  corresponds to coloring  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :

Suppose properly colored  $G$ , but still embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

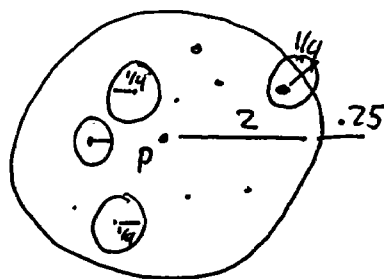
Have:



$d(P, Q) < 2$ ,  $PQ$  same color, yet  $PQ$  is edge in  $G$ .

What is  $\chi(G)$ ? Bound via  $\Delta(G)$ . Let  $P \in C$

$$\text{Ball radius } 2 \text{ contains } \leq \frac{\text{vol Ball radius } 2.25}{\text{vol Ball radius } .25} \leq \left(\frac{5/4}{1/4}\right)^d = 5^d$$



So  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^d) \leq 5^d$ .

### Lower Bounds?

Observe:  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^d) \geq d+1$  simplex  $K_{d+1}$

Theorem: (Larman-Rogers):  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^d) \geq \text{constant} \cdot d^2$

Theorem: (Frankl-Wilson):  $\chi(\mathbb{R}^d) \geq 1.1^d$ .

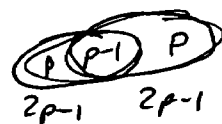
Proof: Consider a set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , a subset of  $\{0, 1\}^d$  x scale factor.

Talk about the hypercube in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , ~~but~~ but not the unit distance graph but the  $\frac{1}{\text{scale factor}}$  distance graph. Distance between points is Hamming Distance.

Vertices of hypercube correspond to subsets of  $[d]$  as ~~inclusion/exclusion~~ characteristic vectors. Take all sets of size  $= 2p-1$  (let  $d=4p$ ).

Choose  $L = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ .

What it means to have intersection size  $\equiv (p-1) \pmod p$ : equivalent to



Hamming distance between  $v, u = 2p$ .

Collection of points avoiding hamming distance  $2p$  is  $L$ -intersecting family.

So by Frankl-Wilson theorem, size is  $\leq \binom{d}{0} + \binom{d}{1} + \dots + \binom{d}{p-1}$

In graph w/ edges at distance  $\sqrt{2p}$ , collection of vectors in  $\{0,1\}^d$  which avoids distance  $\sqrt{2p}$  is independent set,

$$\text{independence } \# \leq \binom{d}{p-1} \leq p \binom{d}{p-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \geq \frac{\# \text{ vtxs}}{\text{max indep set}} = \binom{d}{p-1} / p \binom{d}{p-1} \approx \frac{2^{4p}}{2^{4p H(1/4)}} \approx c^p = C^d$$

$$H(x) = -x \log_2 x - (1-x) \log_2 (1-x)$$