

# Killing Pairs in a NxN board

Chess Group

Consider a NxN board where  $N$  is large enough. We arrange  $r$  rooks in the board. We are interested in counting the killing paris of this board. Define the family of arrangement

$$\mathcal{A}_r := \{A_1, \dots, A_{\binom{N^2}{r}}\}$$

to be the family of all rook arrangements in the NxN board. Use the variable  $Kp(A)$  to denote the killing pairs of arrangement  $A$ .  $\mathbb{E}[Kp(A)]_{A \in \mathcal{A}_r}$  is denoted by  $Kp[\mathcal{A}_r]$

## **Problem 1** *Jumping rooks*

Assume  $r \ll N^2$ . If rooks are allowed to jump pieces, what is the expected value of the killing pairs?

In fact, by a simple combinatorial construction, we can see that the expected value of the killing pair increases linearly as we place additional rooks. For large  $N$ , we observe

$$Kp[\mathcal{A}_r] = \frac{r(r-1)}{N}$$

## **Problem 2** *Non-jumping rooks*

Assume  $r \ll N^2$ . If rooks are not allowed to jump pieces, what is the expected value of the killing pairs?

We wish to adopt graph theory in our approach. From an arrangement  $A$ , we construct a graph as follows.

### **Constructing graph from a rook arrangement**

1. Construct a vertex for every rook.
2. Each pair of rook are connected if they are a killing pair.
3. Add an observer vertex, that is arbitrarily far from the board. Connect each certex to the observer vertex.

Denote this graph by  $G(A)$ .

**Turns out that the crossing lemma needs a condition  $E > 4V...$   
This is a dead end.**