

# COL 202 HOMEWORK 1

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## 1 Answer 1

Since there are  $n$  teams,  ${}^nC_2 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  matches will be played. Therefore, there will be  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  wins. By PHP, we can say that there exists at least one team whose wins are  $\geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

Because if all teams have  $< \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  wins then maximum possible total wins will be  $\leq (\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1) \cdot n < \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ . So at least one team has won  $\geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  wins.

Similarly for those  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  we can say one team has  $\geq \lfloor \frac{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}{2} \rfloor$  wins. similarly this goes on until  $\lfloor \frac{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}{2^k} \rfloor < 1$  or we can say

$\lfloor \frac{n}{2^k} \rfloor < 1$  ( $\lfloor \frac{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}{k \text{ times}} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2^k} \rfloor$ ) as then no team is left and thus the sequence ends. Clearly,  $k$  is the length of the subset here. This implies  $k > \log_2 n \Rightarrow |S| > \log_2 n$ .

## 2 Answer 2

Claim: for every nice set  $S$  there exists an integer  $x$  such that  $S = \{ax \mid a \in Z\}$ , where if, for every  $x, y \in S$  and every two integers  $a, b$ , we have  $ax + by \in S$ , then we call it as nice set.

Proof:

$x \in S, y \in S$  and also  $ax + by \in S$ .

If either  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  then  $S = \{ax \mid a \in Z\}$  or  $S = \{by \mid b \in Z\}$ .

For  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$ ,  $S = a * 0 \mid a \in Z$  Else consider the gcd(greatest common divisor).  $\gcd(a, b) = g$ ;

We can consider  $ax + by$  as a multiple of  $g$  by the result of the 8th problem of the tutorial. So we can write  $ax + by$  as  $kg$  where  $k$  can be any integer.

Therefore every nice set can shown to be of the form of  $\{gx \mid x \in Z\}$

## 3 Answer 3

We are given  $b \in B$ .

$B' = \{b \in B \mid \text{there exists } b^* \in B \setminus \text{Im}(f) \text{ there exists } k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} : (f \circ g)^k(b^*) = b\}$ .

$$A' = \{g(b) \mid b \in B'\}.$$

Checking statement equivalent :

a)  $b \in B'$

b) If  $f^{-1}(b)$  exists then it is in  $A'$ .

c)  $g(b) \in A'$ .

1) Checking a  $\implies b$

given  $b \in B'$

Claim: Statement b

$b \in B'$ . So,  $b = (f \circ g)^k(b^*) = b$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$

$f(g(f \circ g)^{k-1}(b^*)) = b$ .

If  $f^{-1}$  exists,  $g((f \circ g)^{k-1}(b^*)) = f^{-1}(b)$ .

As  $(f \circ g)^{k-1}(b^*) \in B'$ .

So,  $b_2 = (f \circ g)^{k-1}(b^*)$

So,  $g(b_2) \in A'$ . (as  $A' = \{g(b) \mid b \in B'\}$ ).

Checking c  $\implies a$  :

Given  $A' = \{g(b) \mid b \in B'\}$ .

From statement c,  $g(b) \in A'$ .

By definition of  $A'$ ,  $b \in B'$ .

Hence, proved.

Checking b  $\implies c$

Let  $f^{-1}(b)$  exist. So,  $f^{-1}(b) \in A'$ .

$f^{-1}(b) = g(b')$  where  $b' \in B'$ . By definition of  $A'$ , Taking  $f$  both sides,  $f(f^{-1}(b)) = f(g(b'))$ .

$b = f \circ g(b')$ .

$b' = (f \circ g)^k(b^*)$  where  $b^*$  is defined above.

$b = (f \circ g)^{k+1}(b^*) \in B'$ .

$g(b) \in A'$  (By definition). Hence proved.

## 4 Answer 4

If  $A$  is a finite set, then let  $|A| = n$ . As  $A$  is finite, every subset of  $A$  will be a finite length string over  $A$ . Hence,  $A^*$  can be taken as the power set of  $A$ . Therefore, as  $|A| = n, |A^*| = 2^n$ . Hence as  $n$  is finite,  $2^n$  is also finite, i. e.  $A^*$  is countable.

When  $A$  is countably infinite, let the elements of  $A$  be ordered in any way i. e.  $A = (a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots)$ .  $A^*$  is the set of all finite subsets of  $A$ .

Let  $A_i = \{A_i \in A \mid \forall a_m \in A_i, m < i\}$

$A^* = \cup_{i \in A} A_i$

$A_i = 2^{\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}\}}$

$\Rightarrow A_i$  is finite.

We know that the countable union of countable sets is countable. We are given that  $A$  is countably infinite, which means that  $A^*$  is a countable union of countable sets. Hence  $A^*$  is countable.

## 5 Answer 5

Proposition p(k) :- If graph has k nodes, then at least 2 nodes will have same degree (same no. of branches)

Using Principle Of Mathematical Induction :-

Base Case:

$k = 2$

If there are two nodes:

1. Connected
2. Not Connected

For both subcases their degree is same.

Induction Assumption: We assume for  $k = 3$  to  $n-1$ , we have atleast 2 nodes with equal degree. Let there be  $h$  such nodes where  $h \geq 2$ .

Induction Step for  $n$ :

Case 1:

For  $h \geq 3$ , we will always have two nodes equal.

Subcase: If  $n^{th}$  node is connected to all or none such  $h$  nodes then we can observe that all  $h$  such nodes will still have equal degree.

Subcase: If  $n^{th}$  node is connected to only one such node then also there are still  $h-1$  nodes with equal degree where  $h \geq 3$ .

Subcase: If  $n^{th}$  node is connected to at least 2 such nodes then we have 2 such nodes with equal degree.

Case 2:

For  $h = 2$ :

Subcase: When  $n^{th}$  node is connected to both such  $h$  nodes then also we have 2 nodes with equal degree.

Subcase: When  $n^{th}$  node is connected to none of such nodes then also we have 2 nodes with equal degree.

Subcase: When  $n^{th}$  node is connected to only one such node then using pigeon hole principle if we take  $n$  nodes then possible degrees are 0 to  $n-2$  or 1 to  $n-1$ , because if there exist one such possible node which is not connected to any node then we can not have  $n-1$  degree option. So we have  $n-1$  options and  $n$  nodes, So at least 2 nodes should have same degree.