

# §8 Turan's Theorem & Extremal Graphs

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How many edges must a simple graph on  $n$  vertices have to gurantee the graph to have a triangle?  
or what's the maximum # of edges of a simple graph on  $n$  vertices s.t. there is no  $\Delta$ ?

**Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a simple graph on  $n$  vertices. If  $G$  has no  $\Delta$ , then

$$e \leq \lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \rfloor$$

In otherwords. if  $e(G) > \lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \rfloor + 1$ ,  $G$  must have a  $\Delta$ .

**Proof.**

Method from book:

We given vertex  $i$  a weight  $z_i \geq 0$ , number from 1 to  $n$ , such that  $\sum z_i = 1$ , and we wish maximize  $S := \sum z_i z_j$ , where the sum is taken over all edges  $\{i, j\}$ . Suppose that vertex  $k$  and vertex  $l$  are not joined. Let the neighbors of  $k$  have total weight  $x$ , and those of  $l$  total weight  $y$ , where  $x > y$ . Since  $(z_k + \varepsilon)x + (z_l - \varepsilon)y \geq z_k x + z_l y$ , we do not decrease the value of  $S$  if we shift some of the weight of vertex  $l$  to the vertex  $k$ . It follows that  $S$  is maximal if all of the weight is concentrated on some complete subgraph of  $G$ , i.e. on *one edge*! Therefore  $S \leq \frac{1}{4}$ . On the other hand, takig all  $z_i$  equal to  $n^{-1}$  would yield a value of  $n^{-2}|E|$  for  $S$ . Therefore  $|E| \leq \frac{1}{4}n^2$

(1) Any  $xy \in E(G)$ ,

$\sum$

□

**Theorem:** The indpendence number of a simple graph  $G$ = The size of a largest coclique(or indep set ) in  $G$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha$  = the independent number of  $G$ , and let  $A$  be a coclique of size  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta = V(G) \setminus A$

Claim:  $\forall x \in V(G)$ ,  $d(x) < \alpha$

Claim:  $\forall e \in E(G)$ , at least one end of  $e$  in  $\beta$

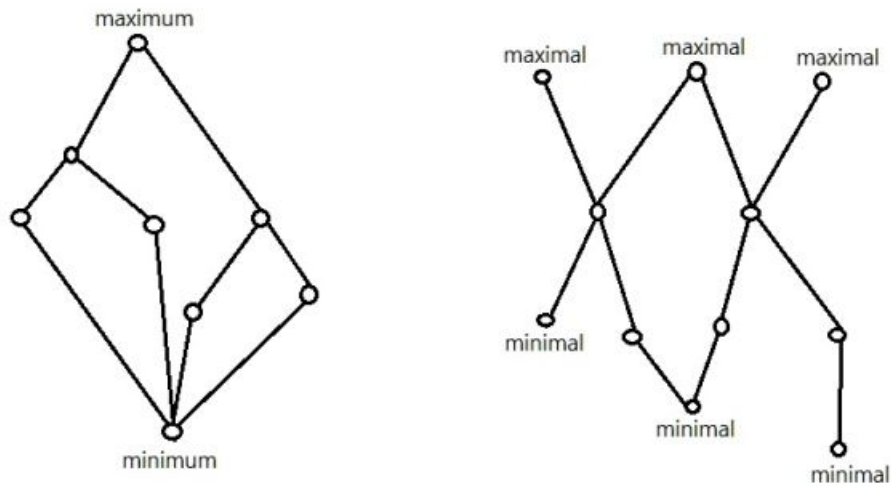
$$\text{count } \left\{ (e, x) \left| \begin{array}{l} e \in E(G) \\ e \in \beta \\ x \text{ is incident with } e \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

$$e(G) = |E(G)| \leq \sum_{e \in E(G)} (1 \text{ or } 2) = \sum_{x \in \beta} d(x) \leq \alpha |\beta| \leq \left( \frac{\alpha + |\beta|}{2} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{n^2}{4}$$

□

Notes: The difference of Maximal and Maximum. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set, then

Maximal An element  $m \in X$  is maximal, if  $m \leq x$  for any  $x \in X$  then  $x = m$ .  
Maximum An element  $M \in X$  is a maximum, if  $x \leq M$  for every  $x \in X$ . [2]



**Figure 1.** The difference between maximum and maximal[3]

Extremal graphs:  $\text{ex}(H, n)$  = the largest number of edges in a simple graph on  $n$  vertices which doesn't contain  $H$  as a subgraph.

In general, an extremal graph is the largest graph of order  $n$  which does not contain a given graph  $G$  as a subgraph. Turan studied extremal graphs that do not contain a complete graphs  $K_p$  as a subgraph.[1]

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**Turan's theorem:** If a simple  $G$  on  $n$  vertices contains no copy of  $K_{r+1}$ , then it has at most  $(1 - \frac{1}{r})\frac{n^2}{2}$  edges.

$$e(G) = e(A) + e(B) + e(A, B)$$

**Proof.** Use strong induction on  $n = r$ .

Assume that the thm is true for graph on  $< n$  vertices

Let  $G$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices without  $K_{r+1}$  with maximum # of edges,

Claim:  $G$  has a copy(subset) of  $K_r$  (otherwise we could add edges to  $G$  so that  $G$  has a  $K_r$  and still has no  $K_{r+1}$ ).

Let  $A$  be the set of vertices of this  $K_r$ , let  $\beta = V(G) \setminus A$  (???) □

Complete

$Y$  = partite graphs,  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r}$

$$n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_r = n$$

$$\# \text{ of edges} = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq r} n_i n_j$$

$$|n_i - n_j| \leq 1, \forall i \neq j$$

The *girth* of a graph  $G$  = the size of a smallest cycle (polygon  $P_n$ ) in  $G$ . (If  $G$  has no cycles then we say that girth of  $G$  is  $\infty$ , such as forest). Here are different state of girth:

- Girth  $\geq 3 \Leftrightarrow G$  is simple
- Girth  $\geq 4 \Leftrightarrow G$  is simple and no  $\Delta$
- Girth  $\geq 5 \Leftrightarrow$

**Theorem 4.2.** If a graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices has more than  $\frac{1}{2}n\sqrt{n-1}$  edges, then  $G$  has girth  $\leq 4$ . That is,  $G$  is not simple or contains a  $P_3$  or a  $P_4$  (a triangle or a quadrilateral).

**Proof.**  $\forall x \in V(G)$ ,

Claim 1: no two of  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are adjacent

Claim 2: no vertex other than  $x$  can be adjacent to more than one of  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_d$

$$(\deg(y_1) - 1) + (\deg(y_2) - 1) + \dots + (\deg(y_d) - 1) + d + 1 \leq n$$

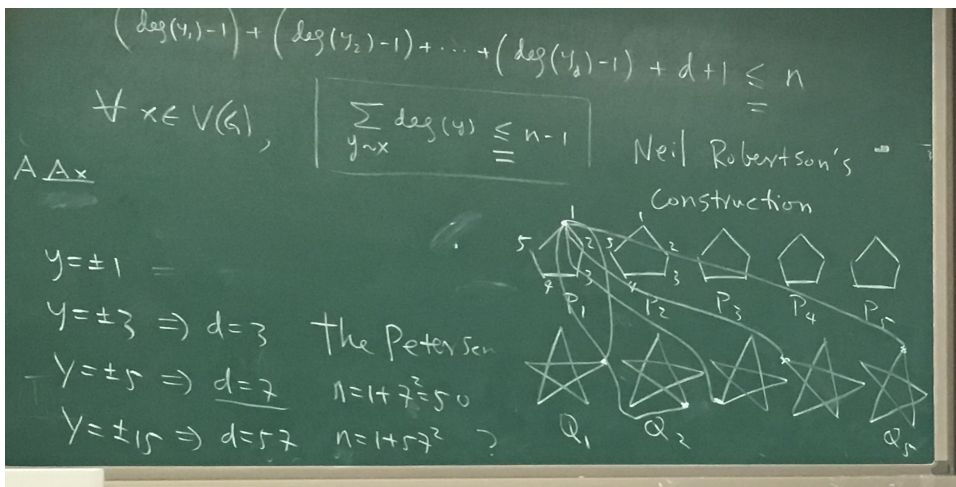
Then

$$\frac{1}{n}(2|E(G)|)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{y \in V(G)} \deg(y) \right)^2 \leq \sum_{y \in V(G)} \deg(y)^2 = \sum_{x \in V(G)} \sum_{y \text{ adjacent to } x} \deg(y) \leq n(n-1)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} + 4E(G)^2 = n(n-1)??$$

□

- $n = 1 + d^2$ ,  $d$ : a positive integer
- The girth is regular (The equality in c-s inequality holds four situation)
- no  $\Delta$  (girth  $\geq 5$ )
- $\forall x, y, xy \in E(G) \exists! z, xz, yz \in E(G)$



**Figure 2.** Note (Under understanding)

$A$ =the adjacency matrix of  $G$

$(A^2)_{xy}$  = the # of walks of length 2 between  $x$  and  $y$

$\forall x \in V(G), \sum_{y \sim x} \deg(y) \leq -1$

$A^2 = dI, +0 \cdot A_{+1}(J-I-A)$

$AJ = dJ$

eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $A$

(1) For adj matrix  $A$  of  $G$  the eigenvals are real  $\exists \alpha$  basis of  $R^n$  consisting eigenvectors of  $A$ .

(2) A  $d$ -regular graph  $G$  has  $d$  as an eigenval. In fact  $d$  is the largest eigenval. The multiplicity of  $d$  as an eigenval = #connected comps of  $G$

i.  $1 + f + g = n = 1 + d^2$

ii.  $d + f_r + g = 0$

iii.

iv.

$d + f_r + g = 0$

## References

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