

## COMBINATORICS

⇒ Sunflower

A collection of  $k$  sets  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$  is a sunflower with  $k$  petals and a core ' $y$ ' if

$$\forall i, j \in [k], i \neq j, S_i \cap S_j = y$$

→  $y$  can be an empty set  $\emptyset$

NOTE: if you take a large no. of sets, it is guaranteed a sunflower is present

for a  $w$ -uniform family of sets, size of set =  $w$

### Sunflower Lemma

- Erdős, Rado - 1960s

let  $F$  be a  $w$ -uniform family of sets if  $|F| > w! (k-1)^w$ , then  $F$  contains a sunflower. ( $k$ -sunflower)

Proof: (by induction on  $w$ -set size)

BASE CASE:  $w = 1$

$$|F| > k-1$$

at least  $k$  sets (disjoint) since sets are distinct

⇒  $k$  disjoint sets

⇒ empty core ⇒ ensures sunflower.

INDUCTION STEP: statement true for assumed  $w \leq k-1$  where  $k > 1$

let  $w = k$

$$|F| > k! (k-1)^k$$

if  $F$  contains  $k$ -pairwise disjoint sets, then done  
→ empty core

else let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$  be a maximal subfamily of  $F$  which are pairwise disjoint ( $k < K$ )

$\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k\} \rightarrow$  pairwise disjoint subfamily of  $F$  with  $k \leq K-1$

let  $T = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \dots \cup S_k$

$\hookrightarrow T$  is HITTING SET of  $F$

$\hookrightarrow$  any set of  $F$  will have a non-empty intersection with the hitting set

proof: let  $S \in F$ , have an empty intersection then it would have been included in  $T$  but  $T$  was maximal  $\Rightarrow$  CONTRADICTION

### TWO INFERENCES

1.  $T$  is a hitting set

2.  $|T| = k$  (pairwise disjoint)  
 $k \leq (K-1)k$

let  $T$  contains elem  $\Rightarrow \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{|T|}\}$

and  $F = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k, S_{k+1}, \dots, S_{\geq (K-1)k}\}$

$\exists x \in T$  such that  $x$  is present in  $> \frac{k! (K-1)^{x-1}}{x(K-1)}$  sets in  $F$   
size of  $T$   
 $= (x-1)! (K-1)^{x-1}$

let  $F_x = \{S \in F : x \in S\}$

$|F_x| > (x-1)! (K-1)^{x-1}$

$\hookrightarrow F_x' \rightarrow$  after removing  $x$  from every set in  $F_x$   
 $\hookrightarrow (x-1)$  uniform family

By induction hypo,

$F_x'$  contains  $K$ -sunflower.

let  $f(k, w)$  denote the minimum number of  $w$ -sized sets required to ensure the presence of  $k$ -sunflower

$$(k-1)^w < f(k, w) \leq w! (k-1)^w + 1$$

To prove:  $(k-1)^w < f(k, w)$

Take sets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_w$  with  $(k-1)$  elements in each set  
take one element from each set

Set Size =  $w$

and  $|F| = (k-1)^w \Rightarrow (k-1)$  options from each set

Sunflower Conjecture for a fixed  $k$

$$f(k, w) < c^w \text{ where } c = c(k)$$

improved bound

$$f(k, w) \leq (\log w)^{w(1+o(1))} \quad \rightarrow \text{depends of } k$$

$$[n] = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

no. of subsets =  $2^n$  ( $n$ -element)

smallest subset size =  $\emptyset$  (empty)

### INTERSECTING FAMILY

A family of  $F$  of subsets of  $[n]$  is an intersecting family  
if  $\forall A, B \in F, A \cap B \neq \emptyset$

Eg.  $F = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}\}$

How large can an intersecting family of subsets of  $[n]$  be?  
if we 1 element

$\hookrightarrow$  no. of subsets  $\Rightarrow 2^{n-1}$  (Intersecting family)

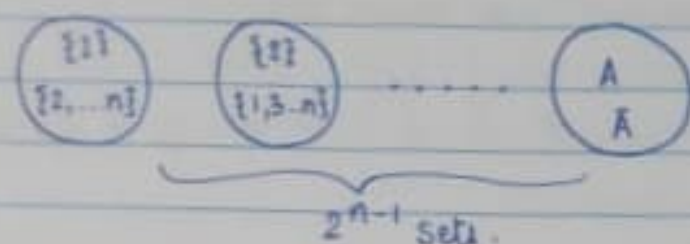


$2^{n-1} \geq$  Size of largest intersecting family of subsets of  $[n]$   $\geq 2^{n-1}$

lower bound proved

For upper bound,

Take a set  $A$  & its complement (excluding subset  $\{\emptyset\}$ )



we can't take both  $A$  &  $\bar{A}$  in intersecting family  
thus, upper bound =  $2^{n-1}$

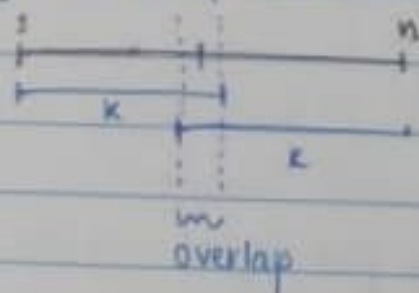
NOTE: Size of a largest  $k$ -uniform family of subsets of  $[n]$  that is intersecting.  
if  $k > \frac{n}{2}$

no. of subsets of size  $k$ :  ${}^nC_k$

but since  $k > n/2$  (overlap guaranteed)

thus,

any 2 sets of size  $k$  will have common elements



CASE 1:  $n < 2k$  ( $k > n/2$ )

size of largest  $k$ -uniform family of subsets of  $[n]$  which are intersecting  $\Rightarrow {}^nC_k$

CASE 2:  $n \geq 2k$  ( $k \leq n/2$ )

fix 1 element and take subsets of size  $(k-1)$  from  $(n-1)$  elements

this lower bound  $\Rightarrow {}^{n-1}C_{k-1}$

\* ERDŐS-KO-RADO [1960s]

for  $n \geq 2k$

Size of largest  $k$ -uniform intersecting family  $\leq {}^{n-1}C_{k-1}$

let  $F$  be a  $k$ -uniform intersecting family of subsets of  $[n]$  that is intersecting

Further  $n \geq 2k$

$$|F| \leq {}^{n-1}C_{k-1}$$

PROOF (Katona, 1970s)

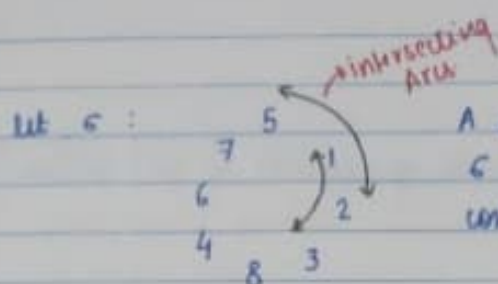
Suppose given a intersecting family of  $F$

For Example,  $k=3$

$$F = \{ \{1, 2, 3\} \{2, 3, 4\} \{1, 5, 2\} \{2, 3, 5\} \}$$

let

$\sigma$  be a circular permutation of  $[n]$

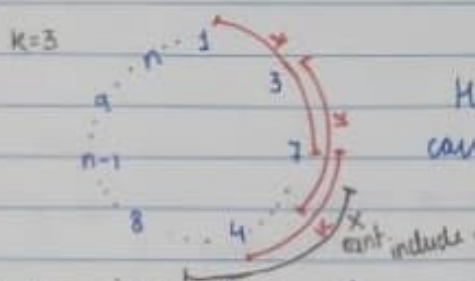


A set  $S \in F$  is "present" in  $\sigma$  if elements of  $S$  are present contiguously in the permutation (order does not matter).

From the example

$\{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\{1, 5, 2\}$  are present in permutation.

$F$ : Intersecting,  $k$ -uniform  
with  $\sigma$ :



How many sets of  $F$  can be present in the circular permutation??

since all are intersecting sets, we wouldn't have non-intersecting arcs.

we can have at most  $k$  sets of Family  $F$  that can appear contiguously (overlapping: exclude 1 element each time only  $k$  arcs would be possible

because the  $(k+1)^{th}$  arc would be disjoint with the 1st arc.

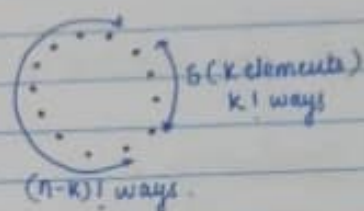
$G := \{ (S, \sigma) : S \in F \text{ is present in the circular permutation } \sigma \}$

$$|F|k!(n-k)! \leq |G| \leq (n-1)!k$$

$\uparrow$  no. of ways to choose  $S$  from  $F$  (size of family)  
 $\uparrow$   $S$  can be present in how many  $\sigma$   
 $\uparrow$  no. of circular permutations  
 $\uparrow$   $k$  sets possible



for a set  $|S| = k$   
 elements arranged in  $k!$   
 and rest element in  $(n-k)!$



thus for a set  $S$ , can be present in  
 $k!(n-k)!$  circular permutations.

Hence,

$$|F| k! (n-k)! \leq (n-1)! k$$

$$|F| \leq \frac{(n-1)! k}{(n-k)! k!}$$

$$|F| \leq \frac{(n-1)!}{((n-1)-(k-1))! (k-1)!}$$

$$|F| \leq {}^{n-1}C_{k-1}$$

## \* CHAINS AND ANTICHAINS

### → Basic Terminology:

\* Let  $P = (X, \leq)$  be a tuple where  $X$  is a set and  $\leq$  is a binary relation on  $X$   
 $\leq \subseteq X \times X$  (cartesian product of  $X$  with itself).

we say,

$P$  is a partially ordered set (POSET) if  
 $\leq$  is a partial order relation of  $X$   
 ↳ means  $\leq$  is a

\* reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive

↓  
 $\forall x \in X$   
 $x \leq x$

↓  
 $\forall$  any  $x, y \in X$   
 $(x \leq y \text{ \& } y \leq x)$   
 then  $x = y$

↓  
 for every  
 $x, y, z \in X$   
 $(x \leq y, y \leq z)$   
 then  $x \leq z$

### Example

1. let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$X =$  Powerset of  $A$

$= \{ \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \emptyset \}$

$P = (X, \subseteq)$

↳ subset relation (containment relation)

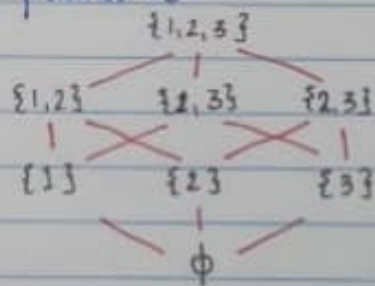
⇒ every set is a subset of itself ⇒ reflexive

⇒ if  $B \subseteq C$  and  $C \subseteq B$ , then  $B = C$  ⇒ antisymmetric

⇒ if  $B \subseteq C$  &  $C \subseteq D$ , then  $B \subseteq D$  ⇒ transitive

$P \rightarrow$  Partially ordered set

HASSE →  
 DIAGRAM





2.  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$P = (X, |)$

$\hookrightarrow a$  divides  $b$

$\Rightarrow$  each number divides itself  $a \% a = 0 \Rightarrow$  reflexive

$\Rightarrow$  if  $b \% a = 0$  and  $a \% b = 0$

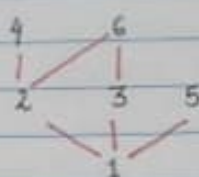
$\Rightarrow a$  divides  $b$  &  $b$  divides  $a$

$\Rightarrow a = b \Rightarrow$  antisymmetric

$\Rightarrow$  if  $a$  divides  $b$  and  $b$  divides  $c \Rightarrow a$  divides  $c \Rightarrow$  transitive

$P \rightarrow$  POSET

HASSE DIAGRAM:



$(2, 4)$  are comparable

$(3, 6)$  " "

$(5, 6)$  uncomparable

$(5, 4)$  uncomparable

NOTE:

for any  $a, b \in X$ , we say  $a$  &  $b$  are comparable

if  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$

otherwise incomparable.

#### \* CHAIN

given,  $P = (X, \leq) \rightarrow$  POSET

$X' \subseteq X$  is a chain if

every 2 elements in  $X'$  are COMPARABLE with each other.

#### \* ANTICHAIN

$P = (X, \leq)$  POSET

$Y \subseteq X$  is an antichain if

no 2 elements in  $Y$  are comparable with each other.

Example

1.  $X' = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\} \}$

$\{1, 2, 3\}$

or  $\{ \{2\}, \{2, 3\} \}$

$Y = \{ \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\} \}$

or  $\{ \{1, 3\} \}$

NOTE: every single element  $x \in X$

$\{ \{x\} \} \rightarrow$  chain and antichain.

## \* DILWORTH THEOREM 1

Let  $P = (X, \leq) \Rightarrow$  Poset

If the length of the longest chain in  $P$  is ' $k$ ', then the elements of  $X$  can be partitioned into ' $k$ ' antichains

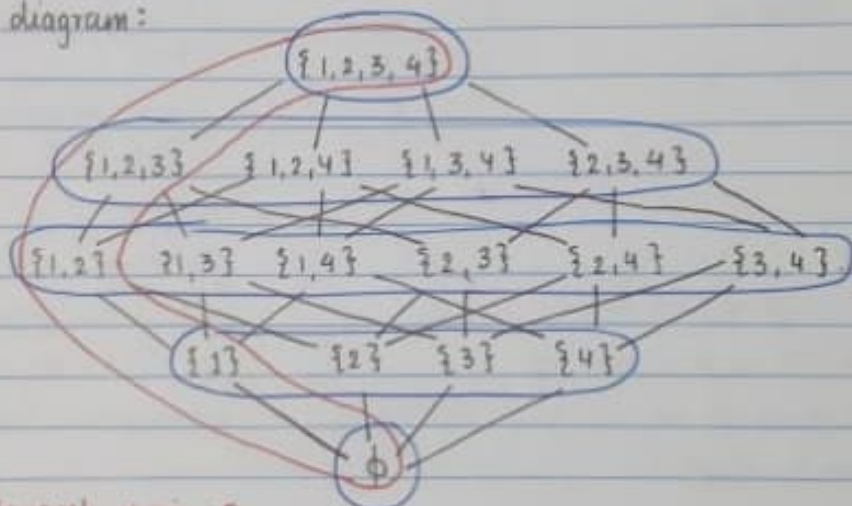
where length of chain : elements in subset  $X$

dividing a set  
 $S = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \dots S_k$   
 disjoint union  
 $S \cap S_j = \emptyset$   
 $\forall i, j$

Example

$P = (\text{Power set of } \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \subseteq)$

Hasse diagram:



length of longest chain : 5

↳ also the no. of partitions where each partition is an antichain.

and union of partitions provide the set  $X$  and they are disjoint

Thus,

minimum no. of antichains into which  $X$  one can partition  $X$

↳ length of longest chain

Proof by contradiction (for lower bound)

Suppose we had  $(n-1)$  antichain partitions

$A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{n-1}$

We can't take 2 elements from 1 antichain, since they are incomparable

at most  $(n-1)$  elements can be comparable  
but  $n \rightarrow$  longest chain (contradiction)

But Dilworth proves that,

minimum no. of partitions =  $n$   
of antichains

Proof:  $P = (X, \leq)$

For any  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , we define

$A_i = \{x \in X; \text{the length of longest chain terminating at } x \text{ is } i\}$

For eg

$A_4 = \{ \{1,2,3\}, \{1,2,4\}, \{1,3,4\}, \{2,3,4\} \}$

$\hookrightarrow$  longest chain ending with  $\{1,2,3\}$  is 4

$\{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\} \}$  or  $\{ \emptyset, \{2\}, \{2,3\}, \{1,2,3\} \}$  etc.

Claim: for every  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $A_i$  is an antichain

since no 2 elements can be part of 2 sets

thus  $A_i$  would be disjoint.

so, thus if we prove  $A_i$  is an antichain, we prove the Dilworth Theorem since there are ' $n$ ' antichains

Proof: suppose  $A_i$  is not an antichain.

$\Rightarrow x, y \in A_i$  such that  $x < y$

But then, length of longest chain ending at  $y$   
should be  $\geq i+1$



because since  $x \in A_i$

length of longest chain ending at  $x \Rightarrow i$

since

$x \leq y$ , include  $y$  in chain

thus, length of longest chain ending at  $y \geq i+1$

But this contradicts,

that  $y \in A_i$

So, our assumption  $x \leq y$  is false

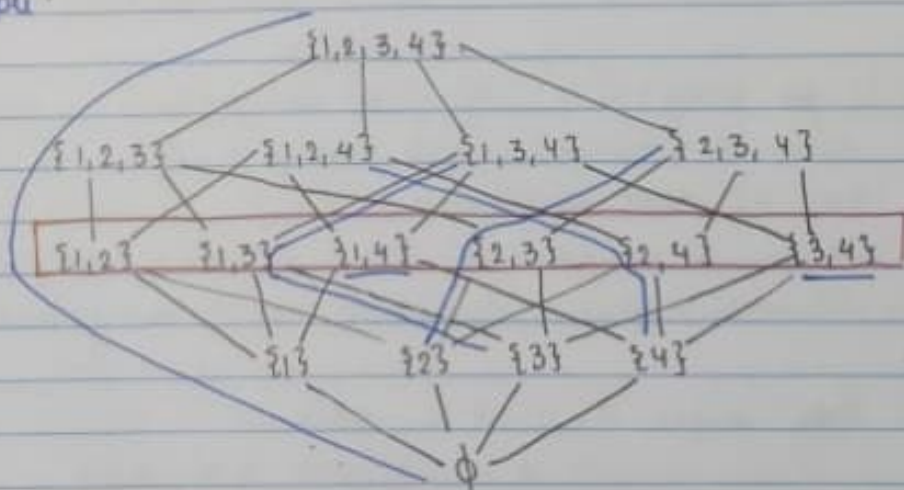
thus for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $A_i$  is an antichain

thus the min no. of partitions which are antichains =  $r$ .

### \* DILWORTH THEOREM 2

let  $P = (X, \leq)$  be a poset, let ' $r$ ' be the length of a largest antichain, then the elements of  $X$  can be partitioned into ' $r$ ' chains.

Example:



longest antichain of length = 6

$\hookrightarrow$  no. of minimum chain partitions.

chain partitions

- :  $\{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}, \{1,2,3,4\}\}$
- :  $\{\{3\}, \{1,3\}, \{1,3,4\}\}$
- :  $\{\{2\}, \{2,3\}, \{2,3,4\}\}$
- :  $\{1,4\}$
- :  $\{3,4\}$

Maximum no. of chains =  $n$

each of length 1 where  
 $|X| = n$

can we have less than  $n$  chains

let have  $(n-1)$  chains, but this would contradict the fact that  $n$  is longest antichain (each element from each chain).  
Minimum no. of chains =  $n$ .

Proof: Induction on  $|X|$ .

Base case:  $|X| = 1$

length of longest antichain = 1

partitions possible = 1

1 element only  $\rightarrow$  chain and antichain.

Induction step: Assume the statement is true for all posets defined on  $X$  with  
 $|X| \leq n-1$

To prove: let  $P = (X, \leq)$  be a poset where  $|X| = n$ .

let  $x \in X$  be a maximal element of  $P(X, \leq)$

$\hookrightarrow$  there is no element  $y \in X$ ,  $y \neq x$   
such that  $x \leq y$ .

For Example  $x \Rightarrow \{1,2,3,4\}$  in prev eg

let  $P' = (X \setminus \{x\}, \leq)$  be a subset of  $P$ ; where  $r' \rightarrow$  length of long antichain in  $P'$

By induction hypothesis,

$$|P'| = n-1$$

then elements of  $X'$  can be partitioned into  $r'$  chains.  
 $\hookrightarrow X \setminus \{x\}$

let these chains be  $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_{r'}$

$x_{1k_1}$	$x_{2k_2}$	$\dots$	$x_{i'k_{i'}}$	$\dots$	$x_{r'k_{r'}}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$	$\dots$	$\vdots$
$x_{13}$	$x_{23}$	$\dots$	$x_{i'2}$	$\dots$	$x_{r'2}$
$x_{12}$	$x_{22}$	$\dots$	$x_{i'1}$	$\dots$	$x_{r'1}$
$x_{11}$	$x_{21}$	$\dots$	$x_{i'1}$	$\dots$	$x_{r'1}$
$C_1$	$C_2$	$\dots$	$C_{i'}$	$\dots$	$C_{r'}$

$$X' = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup C_3 \dots \cup C_{i'} \dots \cup C_{r'} \quad (\text{disjoint union})$$

CASE 1:  $r' < r$

then  $r' = r-1$  {only removed 1 element}

thus length of longest chain would atmost decrease by 1

thus

$$X' = C_1 \cup C_2 \dots \cup C_{r-1} \quad (r-1) \text{ chains}$$

and let  $C_r = \{x\}$  (removed element)

And hence

$$X = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_{r-1} \cup C_r$$

( $r$  chains)  $\rightarrow$  proved.

CASE 2:  $r' = r$

thus for  $X'$ , we used  $r$  chains but  $\{x\}$  is left out

Subcase 1:

if for any  $x_{iki}$  where  $1 \leq i \leq r$   
 $x_{iki} \leq x$



then, would simply add  $\{x\}$  to chain  $c_i$  and  $x$  would be partitioned in  $x$  chain

Subcase 2:

if we don't find any  $x_i x_j \leq x$ ,  
the only way to include  $x$ , is to break the existing chains  
and reorder them to include  $\{x\}$

let us define elements,

$x_2 j_2 \Rightarrow$  highest element in  $c_i$  that is present  
in an antichain of length  $k$  in  $P$

Claim:

$\{x_1 j_1, x_2 j_2, \dots, x_k j_k\}$  is an antichain of length  $k$  in  $P$   
by contradiction,

suppose ~~an~~ it not a antichain.

$\Rightarrow$  2 elements are related in above set.

$\hookrightarrow$  there exist  $x_i j_i \leq x_k j_k$

This would mean

in an antichain consist of  $x_k j_k$

wecant have any elements in the chain  $c_i$   
which are below  $x_i j_i$

where  $x_k j_k \leq x_i j_i$   
of other chain

but somebody from  $c_i$  must be present in that antichain  
to make a length  $k$ .

so, somebody from higher hierarchy in  $c_i$  has to  
be include  $\in (x_i j_i, x_k j_k)$ .

but that would contradict the fact that  $x_i j_i$  was the  
highest element in  $c_i$  in any antichain

$\Rightarrow$  no 2 elements are related  $\Rightarrow \{x_1 j_1, x_2 j_2, \dots, x_k j_k\}$  antichain.

let  $A' = \{x_{1j_1}, x_{2j_2}, \dots, x_{ij_i}, \dots, x_{rj_r}\}$

Ques: is  $A = A' \cup \{x\}$  an antichain in  $P$ ?

No, this would result in  $(r+1)$  length antichain  
contradiction.

$\Rightarrow$  one of the  $x_{ij_i}$  is comparable to  $\{x\}$   
since  $\{x\}$  is a maximal set  
 $x_{ij_i} \leq x$ .

let

$C_i = \{x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ij_i}, \dots, x_{ik_i}\}$

and

$C_i' = \{x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ij_i}, x\}$

and  $D_i' = \{x_{ij_{i+1}}, \dots, x_{ik_i}\}$

let  $P'' = (X \setminus C_i'), \leq$

Claim: length of largest antichain in  $P''$  is  $\leq r-1$   
because removing  $C_i'$ , we remove  $x_{ij_i} \rightarrow$  which was  
taking part in longest antichain of length ' $r$ '  
thus antichain length decrease by 1.

By induction hypothesis.

$X \setminus C_i'$  can be partitioned into  $(r-1)$  chains



$X$  can be partitioned into  $r$  chains  
(by addition of  $C_i'$ )  
4 chain.

## ★ HALL'S THEOREM

proof using Dilworth's Theorem 2

let

$G$ : Graph  $\Rightarrow (V, E)$

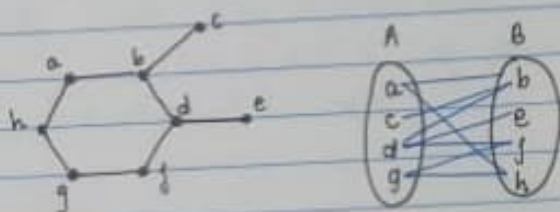
$V(G) \Rightarrow$  Vertices set ;  $E(G) \Rightarrow$  edges set  
 $\hookrightarrow \subseteq V(G) \times V(G)$

Dealing with Simple undirected graphs.

Independent Set of vertices: no 2 vertices in the set have an edge between them.

Bipartite graph: A graph  $G$  is bipartite if its vertices can be partitioned into 2 parts say  $A$  &  $B$ , such that there is no edge between any 2 vertices that belong to the same part.

example:

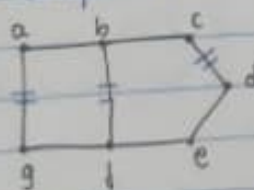


$A$  &  $B$  are independent itself.

Matching in a graph.

Subset of the edge set of a graph such that no 2 edges share an endpoint.

example:



$M = \{ag, bf, cd\}$

Match vertex  $x = \{a, b, c, d, f, g\}$

unmatched vertex  $= \{e\}$

with a given matching say  $m$ , a vertex  $v$  is said to be a matched vertex if  $\exists$  some edge in  $m$  that has  $v$  as an endpoint.



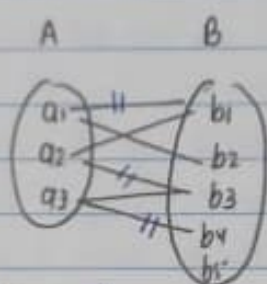
## HALL'S THEOREM

Let  $G$  be a bipartite graph with bipartition  $\{A, B\}$ .  
Then  $G$  has a matching that matches all the vertices of  $A$  if and only if  $G$  satisfies the Hall's condition.

### Hall's condition

$$\forall S \subseteq A, \quad |N_G(S)| \geq |S|$$

$N_G(S)$  neighbourhood of  $S$  in  $G$ .



$$M = \{a_1 b_1, a_2 b_3, a_3 b_4\}.$$

$$\text{let } S = \{a_1, a_2\}$$

$$N_G(S) = \{b_1, b_2, b_3\} \quad \text{Hence } |N_G(S)| \geq |S|$$

$$\text{Similarly for } S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$$

$$N_G(S) = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4\}$$

$$S = \{a_3\}$$

$$N_G(S) = \{b_3, b_4\}$$

Proof:

FORWARD: if  $G$  has matching that matches all vertices in  $A$ , then  $G$  satisfies Hall's condition.

trivial,

if we have a matching  $\Rightarrow$  independent sets

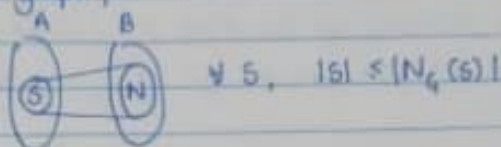
thus for every subset  $S \subseteq A$

there would be at least  $|S|$  neighbours in  $B$ .

endpoints of the matching edges.

BACKWARD  $\Rightarrow$  If Hall's condition true, then  $G$  has a matching that matches all the vertices in  $A$ .

given a bipartite graph,



exercise: proof by dilworth theorem 2.

### \* Sperner's Theorem (1928)

let  $F$  be a family of subsets of  $[n]$ .  
Further, it is given that  $F$  is an antichain under the containment relation (subset relation).

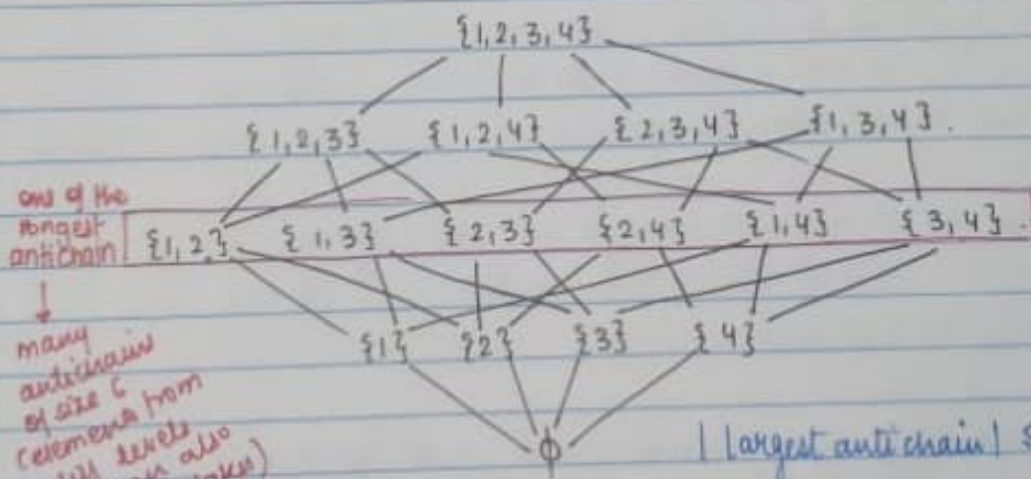
Then,

$$|F| \leq \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i}$$

$\rightarrow P = (\text{Powerset } [n], \subseteq)$   
Size of largest antichain  $\leq \binom{n}{n/2}$

For Example:  $n=4$ .

Hasse diagram:



$$| \text{largest antichain} | \leq \binom{4}{2} = 6$$

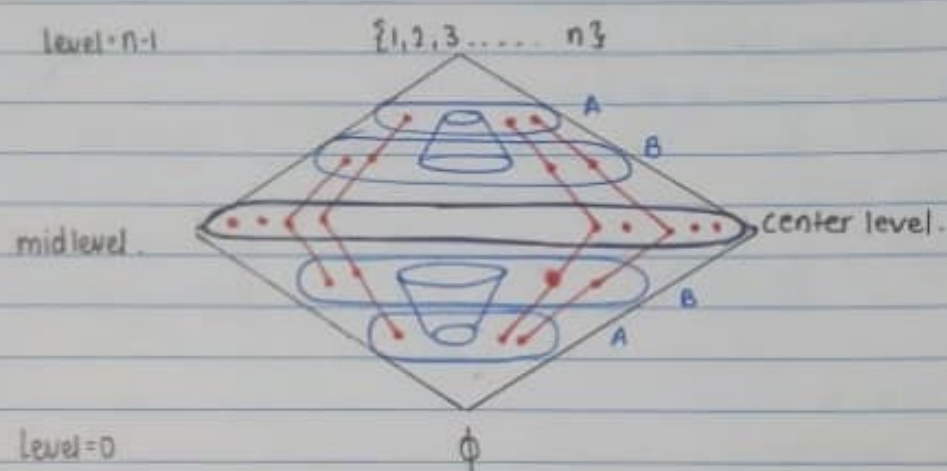
hence using Dilworth,

To prove the largest antichain  $\leq {}^nC_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$

we will prove,

the elements of the poset  $P = (\text{PowerSet}([n]), \subseteq)$   
can be partitioned into  $\binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$  chains.

in general Hasse diagram



for  $A_i, B_i$  in below level (going bottom to center)

$A_i$  &  $B_i$  satisfy Hall's condition  $|B| > |A|$

thus  $A_i$  &  $B_i$  have a matching

Similarly for  $A_i, B_i$  in above mid level (top to center)

$A_i$  &  $B_i$  satisfy Hall's condition  $|B| > |A|$

$A_i$  &  $B_i$  have matching

Sticking matching from bottom to mid and top to mid.  
we form chains partition.

so maximum chains (maximum elements in center level)

$$\rightarrow {}^nC_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$$



there would be elements in center level which are not used,  
can be taken as single element chain.

thus

all elements in center chain level included in chains (separate)  
minimum chains =  ${}^nC_{n/2}$

### LYM Inequality

let  $F$  be a family of subsets of  $[n]$  Further,  $F$  is an antichain under the containment relation (subset).

where,  $F = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{{}^nC_{|A_i|}} \leq 1$$

${}^nC_{|A_i|}$  is maximised  
for  $|A_i| = n/2$   
(middle row elements)

thus,

$$m \sum \frac{1}{{}^nC_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}} \leq \sum \frac{1}{{}^nC_{|A_i|}} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{m}{{}^nC_{n/2}} \Rightarrow \frac{m}{{}^nC_{n/2}} \leq 1 \Rightarrow m \leq {}^nC_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \quad \text{Sperner thm.}$$

proving LYM inequality implies sperner's theorem

Proof:  $F = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_m\}$

To show:  $\sum \frac{1}{{}^nC_{|A_i|}} \leq 1$

let  $\sigma$  be a linear permutation of  $[n]$ .

For a set  $A_i \in F$

we say  $A_i$  is present in  $\sigma$  if

$A_i$  is present in  $\sigma$  if the elements of  $A_i$  are precisely the first  $|A_i|$  elements of  $\sigma$ .

eg  $A_i = \{3, 5, 6\}$

$\sigma_1: 1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 3 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \dots$

$A_i$  not present (even though exist not first elements)

$\sigma_2: 5 \ 6 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 4 \dots$

$A_i$  present

let  $G = \{ (\sigma, A_i) : \sigma \text{ is any permutation of } [n] \text{ and } A_i \in F \text{ is 'present' in } \sigma \}$

$$|G| \leq n! \cdot 1$$

$\uparrow$  no. of permutations of  $n$  elements.  $\rightarrow$  in a given permutation only 1 subset can be present. (atmost).

no two subsets would be subsets of each other,  
 $\Rightarrow$  they are antichains

so in one permutation, there will be atmost 1 set that would be present.

For a given set  $A_i$ , the no. of permutations that it can be present  $\Rightarrow |A_i|! (n - |A_i|)!$   
elements of  $A_i$        $\hookrightarrow$  remaining elements

Hence for each  $A_i$ , summation over  $m$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m |A_i|! (n - |A_i|)! \leq |G|$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n |A_i|! (n - |A_i|)! \leq n!$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\frac{n!}{|A_i|! (n - |A_i|)!}} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\binom{n}{|A_i|}} \leq 1$$



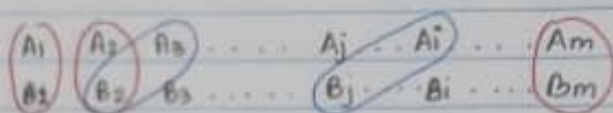
### \* Bollobas Theorem

Theorem Let  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$  and  $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m)$  be two sequences of sets such that  $\forall i, j \in [m], A_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  if & only if  $i=j$ . Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\binom{a_i+b_i}{a_i}} \leq 1$$

where  $a_i = |A_i|$

$b_i = |B_i|$



$$\Rightarrow A_i \cap B_j = \emptyset ; i \neq j$$

$$\Rightarrow A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset ; i = j$$

Now Bollobas theorem  $\Rightarrow$  LYM inequality.

$\hookrightarrow F = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$  antichain made of subsets of  $[m]$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\binom{n}{a_i}} \leq 1$$

Let  $(A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_m)$  &

$(\bar{A}_1, \bar{A}_2, \bar{A}_3, \dots, \bar{A}_m)$

Here  $A_i \cap \bar{A}_j = \emptyset$  if  $i \neq j$

thus we use  $B = \bar{A}$

intersection would be  $\emptyset$  of 2 complements

$$\hookrightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\binom{a_i+b_i}{a_i}} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\binom{n}{a_i}} \leq 1$$

here  $a_i = |A_i|$   $b_i = |\bar{A}_i| = n - |A_i|$

Proof  $\Rightarrow$

$$\text{let } \bigcup_{i=1}^m (A_i \cup B_i) = X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$\text{let } |A_i| = n$$

let  $\sigma$  be a permutation of  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  ( $n!$  ways)

$$\sigma: x_3, x_5, x_7, x_1, x_9, \dots, x_{11}, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_{10}, \dots, x_{12}$$

let

$$A_1 = \{x_3, x_1\}$$

$$B_1 = \{x_5, x_{10}, x_{11}\}$$

The pair  $(A_i, B_i)$  is "present" in  $\sigma$  of  $X$  if every element of  $A_i$  appears before every element of  $B_i$

$$\text{let } Q = \left\{ (\sigma, (A_i, B_i)) : \sigma \text{ is a permutation of } X, A_i, B_i \text{ are sets present in the 2 sequences given in them. } (A_i, B_i) \text{ is present in } \sigma \right\}$$

$$\text{let } \sigma: x_3, x_5, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_1, x_{12}, x_9, x_8, x_4, \dots$$

$$A_i = \{x_3, x_{10}\} \quad A_j = \{x_{11}, x_{12}\}$$

$$B_i = \{x_{11}, x_{12}\} \quad B_j = \{x_{10}, x_8, x_4\}$$

$(A_i, B_i)$  present  $(A_j, B_j)$  not present

How many pairs can be present in 1 permutation  $\Rightarrow 1$

because if  $(A_i, B_i)$  is present  $A_i$  appears first then  $B_i$

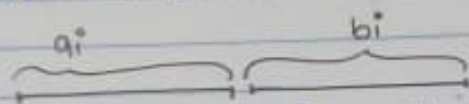
then  $A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$  &  $A_j \cap B_i \neq \emptyset$   $A_j$  will have elements of  $B_i$  &  $B_j$  will have elements of  $A_i \Rightarrow A_j$  <sup>(call)</sup> elements will not come before  $B_j$

$$|G| \leq n! \cdot 1$$

↑ \* no. of pairs present in each perm.  
no. of permutations

for a given  $(A_i, B_i)$ , can be present in How many perm??

$$|X \setminus \{A_i \cup B_i\}| = n - a_i - b_i = k \quad (A_i \cap B_i = \emptyset)$$



$a_i$  &  $b_i$  elements can be arranged in  $a_i! b_i!$   
remaining  $k$  elements be  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \rightarrow k!$  ways

take one such arrangement

so how  $(a_i + b_i)$  elements can be placed in remaining element arrangement

$\Rightarrow$  to linear  $k$  perm  $\Rightarrow k+1$  spaces to be filled.

choose  $(a_i + b_i)$  locations from the spaces. Repetition allowed.

(Choosing  $r$  element  $n$  elements with rep allowed  $n^{r-1} C_r$ )

$$\binom{k+1+a_i+b_i-1}{a_i+b_i}; k = n - a_i - b_i$$

$$\rightarrow {}^n C_{a_i+b_i}$$

For a given  $(A_i, B_i)$

Total ways:

$$a_i! b_i! k! {}^n C_{a_i+b_i} \Rightarrow \frac{a_i! b_i! (n - a_i - b_i)! n!}{(a_i + b_i)! (n - a_i - b_i)!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{n! a_i! b_i!}{(a_i + b_i)!} &= \frac{n!}{(a_i + b_i)! / a_i! b_i!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{\binom{a_i + b_i}{a_i}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{n_i}{\binom{a_i+b_i}{a_i}} \leq G \leq n_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\binom{a_i+b_i}{a_i}} \leq 1 \rightarrow \text{proved}$$

### COROLLARY

Let  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$  and  $(B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_m)$  be two sequences of sets such that  $A_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  iff  $i=j$   
 Let  $|A_i| \leq a$ ,  $|B_i| \leq b$ ,  $\forall i \in [m]$   
 then  $m \leq \binom{a+b}{a}$

Proof :

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\binom{a_i+b_i}{a_i}} \leq 1$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\binom{a+b}{a}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\binom{a_i+b_i}{a_i}} \quad (\text{maximising } a_i+b_i \text{ on } a_i)$$

thus

$$\frac{m}{\binom{a+b}{a}} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m \leq \binom{a+b}{a}$$

special case.  $|A_i| = a$ ,  $|B_i| = b \forall i \in [m]$

$B_1$  is a hitting set for  $\{A_2, B_3, \dots, B_m\}$

$B_2$  is a hitting set for  $\{B_1, B_3, \dots, B_m\}$



property of  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is that if we remove any set from it, then the resulting family has a resulting hitting set of size  $b$ .

In another words  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m\}$  is a minimal family that has no hitting set of size  $b$ .

"Skew" version of Bollobas Theorem.

let  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$  &  $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m)$  be 2 sequences of sets such that  $\forall i, j \in [m]$

- i)  $A_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  if  $i=j$
- ii)  $A_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$  if  $i \neq j$  &  $i < j$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{a_i + b_i} \leq 1 \quad \text{where } a_i = |A_i|, b_i = |B_i|$$

also if  $|A_i| \leq a$  &  $|B_i| \leq b$

$$m < \frac{a+b}{ca}$$

### \* Application of Bollobas Thm.

⇒ system of distinct representations.

a system of sets  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_k$  is the  $k$ -tuple

$(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k)$  such that  
distinct  $\Rightarrow \forall i \in [k] \quad x_i \in S_i$

$$\forall i, j \in [k] \text{ s.t. } i \neq j \quad x_i \neq x_j$$

Further  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  is a system of STRONG system of distinct representations if

i)  $\forall i, j \in [k], i \neq j \Rightarrow x_i \notin S_j$  (additional property)

ii)  $\forall i \in [k], x_i \in S_i$

Eg.  $S_1 = \{3, 4, 5, 9\} \quad S_2 = \{1, 2, 4, 8\} \quad S_3 = \{1, 4, 7, 5\}$

$(3, 2, 7) \rightarrow$  strong tuple. of  $S_1, S_2, S_3$ .

⇒ Theorem [Fisher, Tuza, 1985]

let  $F$  be a family of size greater than  $\binom{r+k}{k}$ .

Further every set in  $F$  is of size at most  $r$ . Then  $\exists$  some " $k+1$ " sets in  $F$  that have a strong system of distinct representation.

Proof: Arrange the sets in  $F$  in non-increasing order of their sizes.  
Let  $F = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$ .

$$|S_1| \geq |S_2| \geq |S_3| \geq \dots \geq |S_m|$$

$$\text{where } m > \binom{r+k}{k}$$



Assume for the sake of contradiction that no  $k+1$  sets in  $F$  have strong system of dist. rep<sup>n</sup>.

given:  $m > \binom{r+k}{k}$  and  $|S_i| \leq r$

So,

$$|S_1| \geq |S_2| \geq |S_3| \dots |S_i| \geq \dots |S_j| \dots |S_m|$$

let us define another family

$$T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_i, T_j, \dots, T_k$$

where

$T_j$  is a minimal hitting set for  
 $(S_1/S_j, S_2/S_j, \dots, S_{j-1}/S_j)$   
 all will be non empty because of non-increasing fact

$T_j$  is a minimal set that intersects all

$$S_1/S_j, S_2/S_j, S_3/S_j, \dots, S_i/S_j, \dots, S_{j-1}/S_j$$

Property:  $\forall e_i \in T_j \exists S_k, k < j \Rightarrow S_k \cap T_j = \{e_i\}$

So for 2 sequences

$$(S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_k) \text{ and } (T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_i \cap T_i = \emptyset$$

since  $T_i$  = set intersect with  $(S_1/S_i, S_2/S_i, \dots, S_{i-1}/S_i)$

↳ won't consist any element of  $S_i$

$$\Rightarrow |S_i| \leq r$$

$$\Rightarrow |T_i| \leq k \quad (\text{maximum size when } T_k = \text{minimal set } (S_1/k, \dots, S_{k-1}/k))$$

↳ Claim

Proof: Suppose  $\exists j \mid T_j \mid \geq k+1$

$$T_j = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k+1}, \dots, e_j\}$$

let  $S_i$  be a set such that  $T_j \cap S_1 = e_1, S_2 \dots T_j \cap S_2 = e_2 \dots$

$$S_{k+1} \dots T_j \cap S_{k+1} = e_{k+1} \Rightarrow (k+1) \text{ tuple } (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{k+1}) \rightarrow \text{strong system}$$

↳ shows there exist  $(k+1)$  sets in  $F$  that have strong system

but we assume that no  $(k+1)$  sets exist, thus our claim is true.

contradiction.

Then,

$$\Rightarrow S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1, T_2, \dots, T_m$$

$$a) S_i \cap T_i = \emptyset$$

$$b) |S_i| \leq r$$

$$c) |T_i| \leq k$$

Skewed version of Balogh Theorem.

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\frac{|S_i|+|T_i|}{C} |S_i|} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{m}{\frac{r+k}{C_r}} \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m \leq \frac{r+k}{C_r}$$

but this contradicts the fact that  $m > \frac{r+k}{C_r}$

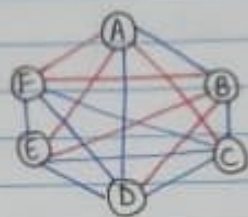
Hence our assumption is wrong that no  $k+1$  subcollection  $F$  has strong system of Representation.

## \* Probabilistic Method in Combinatorics

### ⇒ Ramsey Numbers

Ques: In a group of 6 people, show that there are either 3 mutual friends or 3 mutual enemies (strangers).

• F • S



within case there is a blue triangle (3 mutual friends)  
 $\triangle ACD, \triangle ADE, \triangle AEF, \triangle BCD, \triangle BDE, \triangle BEF, \triangle CDE, \triangle CDF, \triangle CEF, \triangle DEF$

$K_6$

⇒ complete graph

⇒  $\binom{6}{2}$  edges

no matter, how you colour the edges of a  $K_6$  with Red or blue colour, you will always encounter either a BLUE  $K_3$  or a RED  $K_3$

Proof: from the vertices, like A, there are 5 edges coming. By pigeonhole principle, there would be atleast 3 of edges which are of same colour.

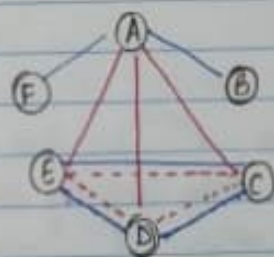
only 2 colours are there

⇒ 2 boxes, 5 pigeons  $\Rightarrow \lceil \frac{5}{2} \rceil = 3$  pigeons in 1 box (atleast)

WLOG, let A has 3 red edges

check for edge CD  $\Rightarrow$  if red  $\Rightarrow$  Red  $K_3$   $\rightarrow$  proved  
 or DE  
 or CE

if blue  
 this will lead to a BLUE  $K_3$  with the bad edges CD, DE, CE  $\triangle CDE$



---- trivial proof



\* Ramsey Number → symmetric Ramsey no.

$R(k, k)$  is the minimum  $n$  such that no matter how we colour the edges of  $K_n$  with 2 colours (R/B) we will surely encounter either a Red  $K_k$  or Blue  $K_k$  or both.

complete graph  $K_n$

complete graph on  $k$  vertices  $K$ -clique.

eg.  $R(3,3) \leq 6$

$R(4,4) = 18$

$\therefore R(3,3) = 6$  (prove)

$\Rightarrow R(k, 2) \rightarrow$  Blue  $k$ -clique.  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Red  $k$ -clique

whereas

$43 \leq R(5,5) \leq 48$

$102 \leq R(6,6) \leq 165$

$205 \leq R(7,7) \leq 540$

Theorem  $R(k, k) \leq 2^{2k-3}$

proof:

Using Pigeonhole principle,

given there are  $2^{2k-3}$  vertices, so from 1 vertex no. of edges =  $2^{2k-3} - 1$

so, 2 boxes,  $2^{2k-3} - 1$  pigeons  $\Rightarrow$  atleast  $\lceil \frac{2^{2k-3} - 1}{2} \rceil$  pigeons in 1 box

$\Rightarrow \lceil 2^{2k-4} - 0.5 \rceil \approx 2^{2k-4}$

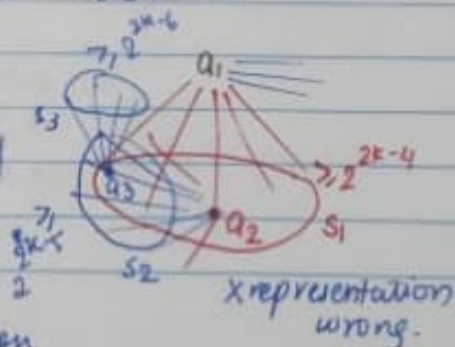
assume  $2^{2k-4}$  are red in colour

$a_1$ : Type 1 vertex majority red edges.

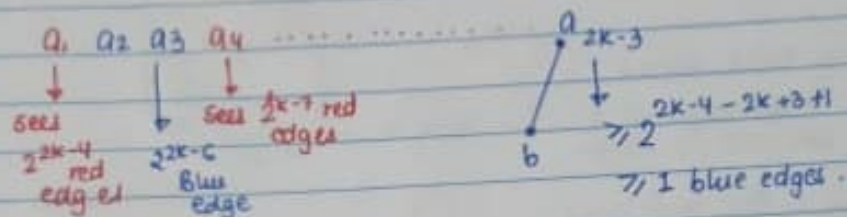
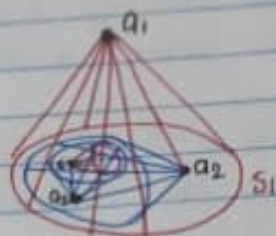
from  $a_2$ , atleast  $2^{2k-5}$  edges would be of same colour (excluding  $a_1$ - $a_2$  edge)

$a_2$ : Type 2 vertex majority blue edges.

same set  
subsets creation



So  $|S_1| \geq 2^{2k-4}$  Type 1  
 $|S_2| \geq 2^{2k-5}$  Type 2  
 $|S_3| \geq 2^{2k-6}$  Type 3  
 $|S_4| \geq 2^{2k-7}$  Type 4



$2k-3$  vertices  
 at least  $\lceil \frac{2k-3}{2} \rceil$  are of same type by pigeonhole  
 $\downarrow$   
 $k-1$

WLOG,  $(k-1)$  be of type 1  
 vertices.  
 $\rightarrow$  together with  $b \rightarrow k$  red clique.

For Lower bound, Probabilistic method.  
 Theorem:  $R(k, k) \geq 2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}$  for any  $k \geq 3$

Proof: let  $n = 2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}$

in order to prove the theorem we need to show a 2-colouring of edges of  $K_n$  which has a neither a red  $k$ -clique nor a blue  $k$ -clique.

Take  $K_n$ . Each edge is colored independently either given a red or blue colour & uniformly at random.

$P(\text{Edge is red}) = P(\text{Edge is blue}) = 1/2$  (independent of other edges)  
or at each edge, toss a coin (unbiased)

if H  $\Rightarrow$  Red else T  $\Rightarrow$  Blue.

$\Pr[S \text{ is Red } k\text{-clique}] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{kC_2}$   
( $\hookrightarrow$  all edges in  $S$  ( $kC_2$  edges) are red in colour)

$\Pr[S \text{ is a Blue } k\text{-clique}] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{kC_2}$



No. of  $k$  sized Subsets =  $nC_k$   
( $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{nC_k}$ )

**BAD EVENT** : One of  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{nC_k}$  is either a red  $k$ -clique or a blue  $k$ -clique.

$\Pr[S_1 \text{ is a red } k\text{-clique} \cup S_2 \text{ is red} \dots \cup S_{nC_k} \text{ is a red}]$   
 $\cup S_1 \text{ is a blue} \dots \cup S_{nC_k} \text{ is a blue}$

By union bound.  $\Rightarrow \Pr[A \cup B] \leq \Pr[A] + \Pr[B]$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{Bad event}) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{nC_k} \Pr[S_i \text{ is Red } k\text{-clique}] + \Pr[S_i \text{ is a blue } k\text{-clique}] \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{nC_k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{kC_2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{kC_2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{nC_k} 2^{1-kC_2} \\ &\leq \frac{nC_k}{2^{kC_2-1}} \quad \text{--- (A)} \end{aligned}$$

if (A)  $< 1$ , there is a non-zero probability that a random coloring we did contains neither a red  $k$ -clique nor blue  $k$ -clique.



because  $\Pr[\text{Red or blue } k\text{-clique}] < 1$  (A)  
 $\Pr[\text{neither Red or blue}] > 0 \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  So we have to show that (A)  $< 1 \Rightarrow n = \frac{k!}{2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n^k}{2^{kC_2-1}} &\leq \frac{n^k}{k! \cdot 2^{kC_2-1}} \\ &\leq \frac{2^{k^2/2}}{k! \cdot 2^{kC_2-1}} \\ &\leq \frac{2^{k/2+1}}{k! \cdot 2^{k^2/2}} \leq \frac{2^{k/2+1}}{k!} < 1 \quad \text{When } k \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

$kC_2 = \frac{k(k-1)}{2} - 1$   
 $= \frac{k^2}{2} - \frac{k}{2} - 1$

Algo (neither red/blue)  $n^{C_2}$

no. of colorings = 2 ( $n^{C_2}$  total edges  $\rightarrow$  either red/blue)

$\hookrightarrow$  check all (trivial - time complexity).

Randomised:  $\frac{2^{k/2+1}}{k!}$  for  $k=20 \Rightarrow \frac{2^{11}}{20!} \ll 1$  (very small)

probability of red or blue  $k$ -clique is very small.

thus by random colouring may lead to the required colouring  
 if not try again fresh!!

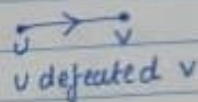
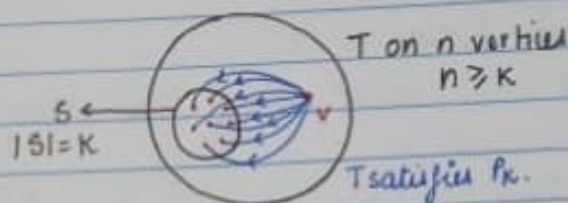
## Combinatorics

WEEK 4 Onwards

### Tournament

A complete graph with directed edges (oriented edges)

Let  $T$  be a Tournament on  $n$  vertices. We say  $T$  satisfies the Property  $P_k$ , if for every set  $S$  of  $k$  players / vertices in  $T$ , there is a player / vertex who has defeated everybody in  $S$ .



For Every +ve integer  $k$ , does there always exist a Tournament on  $n$  vertices that satisfies property  $P_k$  ?? Yes.

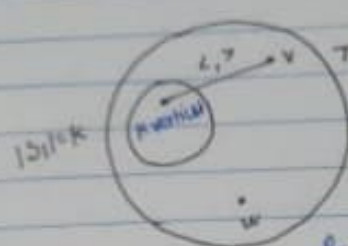
So given a +ve  $k$  what is the minimum ' $n$ ' such that satisfies  $P_k$ .

**THEOREM**: if  $\binom{n}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{n-k} < 1$ , then there is a tournament on  $n$  vertices that satisfies Property  $P_k$ .

**Proof**: Construct a random Tournament  $T$  on  $n$  vertices in the following:

→ Take a complete graph on  $n$  vertices:  $K_n$

→ for each edge ' $e$ ', independently orient it from  $u$  to  $v$  or  $v$  to  $u$  with prob  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; toss a coin (unbiased) & orient the edge  $e$  based on outcome of coin toss.



$E$  = Probability  $v$  defeats all players inside  $S_1$

$$\Pr[E] = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \dots \times \frac{1}{2}}_{k \text{ vertices}} = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$\Pr[v \text{ does not defeat all players in } S_1] = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}$   
 → probability of Bad event.

$$\Pr[w \text{ does not defeat all players in } S_1] = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}$$

Thus for  $(n-k)$  vertices outside  $S_1$ ,  
 Probability that all  $(n-k)$  vertices, none of them defeat all  
 vertices in  $S_1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right)}_{(n-k) \text{ times}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{n-k} \quad \text{E1}$$

→ Bad event when no player defeats everybody in  $S_1$

For, there are  $\binom{n}{k}$  no. of sets of size  $k$  in  $T$   
 independent

$$\Pr[T \text{ does not satisfy property } P_k] = \Pr[E_1 \vee E_2 \vee E_3 \dots \vee E_{\binom{n}{k}}] \\ \leq \Pr[E_1] + \Pr[E_2] + \dots + \Pr[E_{\binom{n}{k}}]$$

$$\Pr[T \text{ does not satisfy } P_k] \leq \binom{n}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) < 1$$

given in ques.

since Prob. of Bad event  $< 1$

Probability of  $T$  satisfying property  $P_k \neq 0$

$$\Pr[T \text{ satisfy } P_k] = 1 - \Pr[\text{Bad event}] > 0$$



So, what is the minimum 'n'??  
 we showed that  $\exists$  a T on n vertices, which satisfy  $P_k$  provided

$${}^nC_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{n-k} < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \swarrow & \quad \searrow \\ {}^nC_k \leq \left(\frac{en}{k}\right)^k & \quad \therefore 1+x \leq e^x \\ & \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right) \leq e^{-1/2^k} = \frac{1}{e^{1/2^k}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{n-k} \leq \frac{1}{e^{n-k/2^k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{en}{k}\right)^k \cdot \frac{1}{e^{(n-k)/2^k}} < 1 \quad (\text{upper bounds taken}).$$

calculating,

$$n \geq 2 \log_2 k^2 \cdot 2^k$$

let  $f(k)$  be the smallest n, such that there is a tournament on n nodes that satisfies  $P_k$ .

$$ck2^k \leq f(k) \leq 2 \ln 2 \cdot k^2 \cdot 2^k$$

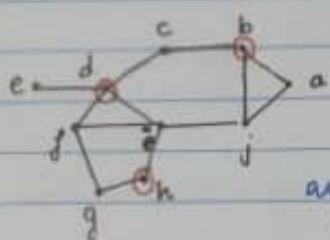
(Szekeres)  
 c - constant.

## \* DOMINATING SET

set of vertices, such that  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} \subseteq V$   
 such that  $\bigcup_{i=1}^k (N(v_i) \cup v_i) = V$

set of  $V$  is itself a dominating set, but we are interested in minimum no. of vertices  $\subseteq V$  that could satisfy the condition.

Eg.



$b$  dominates  $\{b, a, j, c\}$

$d$  dominates  $\{d, e, f, i\}$

$h$  dominates  $\{h, g\}$

and

$$\{b, a, j, c\} \cup \{d, e, f, i\} \cup \{h, g\} = V$$

there can be multiple dominating sets,

Here  $\{b, d, h\} \rightarrow$  dominating set.

## Definition

let  $G$  be a graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  & edge set  $E(G)$ .  
 A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is a dominating set for  $G$  if every vertex in  $G$  is either present in  $S$  or is a neighbour of some vertex in  $S$ .

$\forall v \in V(G)$ , such that  $(v \in S)$  or  $(\exists u \in S \text{ and } uv \in E(G))$   
 itself is or a neighbour.

Minimum degree :-

$$\delta = \min (\deg(v) ; v \in V(G))$$

in the above eg.  $\delta = 1$  ( $\deg(e) = 1$ )

### Theorem

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph on  $n$  vertices with minimum degree  $\delta \geq 1$ . Then  $G$  has a dominating set of size at most  $\frac{n}{\delta+1} (1 + \ln(\delta+1))$ .

### PROBABILITY FUNDAMENTALS.

Sample Space  $\Omega$ : Set of all outcomes

Event: Subset of  $\Omega$

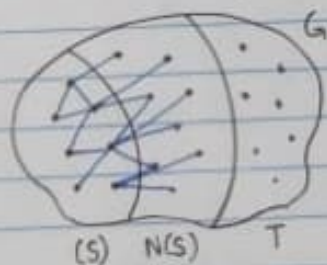
Random Variable  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (function from sample space to  $\mathbb{R}$ )

Expectation of  $X: E[X] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \Pr[X=x] \cdot x$

linearity  $\Rightarrow E[\alpha X + \beta Y] = \alpha E[X] + \beta E[Y]$ .

### Proof:

Random Experiment: Construct a set  $S \subseteq V(G)$ , choose each vertex in  $G$  independently with probability  $p$  into set  $S$ .



$S$  dominates  $S$  and  $N(S)$  but vertices in  $T$  are not dominated by  $S$ .

Thus if  $T = \emptyset$  then  $S$  is dominating.  
if  $T \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow S$  is not dominating.

### Defining Random Var

$X_S$ : denotes size of  $S$

$Y_T = X_T$ : denotes size of  $T$



for each vertex  $v \in V(G)$

$$X_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v \in S \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$Y_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v \in T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Pr[X_v = 1] = p$$

$$E[X_v] = 1 \cdot p + 0 \cdot (1-p) = p \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$\Pr[Y_v = 1] = \Pr[v \in T]$ , i.e. neither  $v$  nor  $N(v)$  are in  $S$  ( $\deg(v)+1$  vertices not in  $S$ )  
 $v$  has  $\geq \delta$  neighbours  
 $(\delta+1)$  are not in  $S$ .

$$\Pr[Y_v = 1] = (1-p)^{\deg(v)+1}$$

$$\Pr[Y_v = 1] \leq (1-p)^{\delta+1}$$

$$E[Y_v] = (1-p)^{\deg(v)+1} \leq (1-p)^{\delta+1} \longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{X_S = \sum_{v \in V(G)} X_v} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{Y_T = \sum_{v \in V(G)} Y_v}$$

By linearity of expectations.

$$E[X_S] = E[\sum X_v]$$

$$= \sum E[X_v]$$

$$= np \longrightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$E[Y_T] = E[\sum Y_v]$$

$$= \sum E[Y_v]$$

$$\leq n(1-p)^{\delta+1} \longrightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

We observe that SUT is a dominating set for  $G$ .

$$|SUT| \leq Z \quad (\text{since } S \text{ \& } T \text{ are disjoint})$$

where

$$\Rightarrow |SUT| = Z$$

$$Z = X_S + Y_T \quad (\text{Random Variable})$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z] &= E[X_S + Y_T] \\ &= E[X_S] + E[Y_T] \\ &\leq np + n(1-p)^{\delta+1} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$E[Z] \leq n(p + (1-p)^{\delta+1}) \leq np + \frac{n}{e^{p(\delta+1)}}$$

differentiating to get the minima of  $E[Z]$ , we get value of  $p$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dp} (p + (1-p)^{\delta+1}) = 1 + (\delta+1)(1-p)^{\delta}(-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\delta+1)(1-p)^{\delta} = 1$$

$$\dots \quad \boxed{p = \frac{\ln(\delta+1)}{\delta+1}}$$

this  
differentiating  
and = 0

$$E[Z] \leq \frac{n \ln(\delta+1)}{\delta+1} + \frac{n}{e^{\ln(\delta+1)}} = \frac{n \ln(\delta+1)}{\delta+1} + \frac{n}{\delta+1}$$

$$E[Z] \leq \frac{n}{\delta+1} (1 + \ln(\delta+1)) \rightarrow \text{proved.}$$

\* Deterministic Algo for dominating set of size  $\frac{n}{\delta+1} (1 + \ln(\delta+1))$

Take vertices whose deg is maximum, and delete all the neighbours of that vertex from  $G$ .



Choose a vertex  $v$  with max number of neighbours and remove  $(1 + d(v))$  vertices from  $G$ .

and include  $v$  in dominating set repeat until  $G$  is empty

$S = \{v, w, u, z, \dots\}$

$$\text{claim: } |S| \leq \frac{n}{\delta+1} (1 + \ln(\delta+1))$$

let at given point in algo, your graph  $G = (S, N(S), T)$

let  $|T| = b$

$N(v)$  = neighbours of  $v$  open neighbourhood

$N[v] = \{v\} \cup N(v)$  close neighbourhood

$$|N[v]| = |N(v)| + 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^b |N[v_i]| \geq \frac{b}{\delta+1}$$

↳ at least degree.

By pigeonhole principle  $\exists v \in V(G)$ , that is present in

$$\geq \frac{b}{\delta+1}$$

$n$

$\delta(\delta+1)$  structures or baskets and  $n$  vertices.

Choose that  $v$  in  $S$ . this vertex  $v$  is dominating  $\geq \frac{b}{\delta+1}$  vertices of  $T$



$$|old T| = t$$

$$|new T| \leq t - \frac{t(\delta+1)}{n}$$

repeating these steps

$$\text{Initially } |T| = n$$

$$1st \text{ round } |T| \leq n - \frac{n(\delta+1)}{n} := n \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\delta+1}{n}\right)$$

$$2nd \text{ round } |T| \leq n_1 \left(1 - \frac{\delta+1}{n}\right) := n \left(1 - \frac{\delta+1}{n}\right)^2$$

⋮

$$K \text{ rounds } |T| \leq n \left(1 - \frac{\delta+1}{n}\right)^K \leq \frac{n}{e^{(\delta+1/n)K}} \quad (1+x \leq e^x)$$

We want,

$$\frac{n}{e^{(\delta+1/n)K}} \leq \frac{n}{\delta+1}$$

this happens

$$K = \frac{n (\ln(\delta+1))}{\delta+1}$$

→ add all the remaining vertices to the dominating set.

So Size

$$\Rightarrow \frac{K + n}{\delta+1} \Rightarrow \frac{n (1 + \ln(\delta+1))}{\delta+1}$$

we show that after  $K$  rounds, the no. of vertices left undominated vertices  $\leq \frac{n}{\delta+1}$

### \* Sum-free Sets

A set of integers  $S$ , is said to be sum-free if  $\forall x, y, z \in S$   
 $x+y \neq z$  [ $x, y, z$  may not be distinct]  
 i.e.  $\forall x, y \in S$   
 $x+y \notin S$

#### example

- ①  $S = \{2, 3, 7, 8\}$  ✓
- ②  $S = \{2, 3, 4\}$  ✗ ( $2+2=4$ )
- ③  $S = \{-5, -3, 100\}$  ✓

note: Sum free sets  $\rightarrow$  would not have 0 (because sum=element  $\therefore$  violates)  
 similarly cannot have if  $x \in S$  cannot have  $2x \in S$ .

Ques Given  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n\}$  be a set of  $n$  integers.  
 How large the subset of  $B$  can be, to be a sum free set

#### THEOREM [Erdos 1945]

Every set  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n\}$  of  $n$  non-zero integers contains a sum-free subset  $A$  of size  $|A| > \frac{n}{3}$

Proof Let  $p = 2k+1$  (for some  $k$ ) be a prime number such that  
 $p > b_1, p > b_2, \dots, p > b_n$

Let  $C = \{k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k+1\}$  ;  $|C| = k+1$

Claim:  $C$  is a sum-free subset of the Abelian group  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

Abelian group  $(X, +)$

$\forall x_1, x_2 \in X, x_1 + x_2 = x_2 + x_1$

$(\mathbb{Z}_p, +) \Rightarrow (\{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}, +)$

$\downarrow$   
 addition  
 modulo  $p$ .

Set addition  
 $\downarrow$   
 $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +)$   
 of modulo  $p$

$(X, +)$  set Binary op.

is a group if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X$

i)  $x_1 + x_2 \in X$  (closure)

ii)  $x_1 + (x_2 + x_3) = (x_1 + x_2) + x_3$  (Associativity)

iii)  $\exists e$  s.t.  $x_1 + e = x_1$  (Identity)

iv)  $\forall x \in X, \exists x^{-1} \in X$  s.t.

$x + x^{-1} = e$  (Inverse)

So Here  $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +) = (\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 3k+1\}, +)$

$$C = \{k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k+1\}$$

To show that for any  $x, y$  where  $0 \leq x \leq k$  &  $0 \leq y \leq k$

$$(k+1+x) + (k+1+y) \not\equiv C \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2k+2 + (x+y) \pmod{3k+2}$$

$$0 \leq x+y \leq 2k$$

for eg for  $x=y=0$

$$k+1+k+1 = 2k+2 \not\in C$$

$$x=y=k$$

$$(2k+1+2k+1) \pmod{3k+2}$$

$$(4k+2) \pmod{3k+2} = k \not\in C$$

So for both limits  $x+y=0$

$$2k+2 \pmod{3k+2} = 2k+2 \not\in C$$

$$x+y=2k$$

$$4k+2 \pmod{3k+2} = k \not\in C$$

thus C is a sum free subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

Given:  $B = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n\}$   $n$ -non zero integers.

To show: size of sumfree set of  $B \geq n/3$

Proof:  $p = 3k+2$  be a prime no,  $p > b_1, p > b_2, \dots, p > b_n$

and  $C = \{k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k+1\}$  is a sum-free subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$   $|C| = k$

$$\frac{|C|}{p-1} = \frac{k+1}{p-1} = \frac{k+1}{3k+1} > \frac{1}{3}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  if exclude 0 from  $\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\} \rightarrow p-1$  numbers.

$$\text{So, } |C| > \frac{p-1}{3}$$



choose an  $x$  uniformly at random from  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$   
 consider any  $b_i \in B$   
 for every  $b_i \in B$ .

$$d_i = b_i x \pmod{p}$$

So,

$$0 < d_i \leq p-1$$

~~$b_i > 0$~~   $b_i < p$  and  $x > 0$   
 $b_i > 0$  thus  $d_i > 0$

and  $b_i$  cannot be a multiple of  $p$

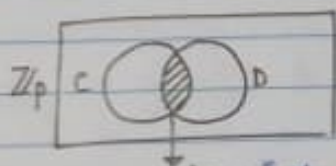
So,

$$D = \{d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$$

and we know,

$$C = \{k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k+1\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$$

↳ sum free subset



$$D_c = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$$

clearly  $D_c$  would be a sum set free of  $D$

Claim: if  $D_c = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$  sum free set of  $D$

$\Rightarrow \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k\}$  sum set free of  $B$ .

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  suppose claim is not true

$$\Rightarrow b_1 + b_2 = b_3 \quad \text{for some elements}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 x + b_2 x = b_3 x$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 x + b_2 x \equiv b_3 x \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 + d_2 \equiv d_3 \pmod{p}$$

contradicts  $\{d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_k\}$  is a sum free set

thus assumption wrong

Claim is true.

To show, for some choice of  $x \in [p-1]$   
The set  $D \cap C$  is large  $> n/3$ .

$$B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$$

$$p = 3k+2$$

$$C = \{k+1, k+2, \dots, 2k+1\} \text{ sample subset of } \mathbb{Z}_p, |C| > p^{1/3}.$$

$$D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\} \text{ was constructed by choosing } x \text{ randomly from } [p-1] \text{ and } d_i \equiv b_i x \pmod{p}$$

Take any  $b_i \in B$

for any 2 distinct  $x, y \in [p-1]$

$$b_i x \not\equiv b_i y \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{if true} \Rightarrow b_i(x-y) \pmod{p} = 0$$

$$\text{but } x-y \neq 0, b_i \neq 0$$

and  $x, y < p$  so  $x-y$  can't be a multiple of  $p$ .

similarly  $b_i < p$  can't be a multiple of  $p$

and  $(x-y)(b_i)$  can't be  $p$  (prime number).

Therefore

$$\{b_i 1 \pmod{p}, b_i 2 \pmod{p}, b_i 3 \pmod{p}, \dots, b_i(p-1) \pmod{p}\} = [p-1]$$

choosing  $x \rightarrow$  uniformly randomly from  $[p-1]$

$$\Pr[b_i x \pmod{p} \in C] = \frac{|C|}{p-1} > \frac{1}{3}$$

$\downarrow$   
elements from  $[p-1]$

$\downarrow$  size  $p^{1/3}$

$$\text{Random Var } X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & d_i \in C \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}; E[X_i] > \frac{1}{3}$$

$\star d_i \in C$

$$E[X_i]$$

= How many  $d_i$  will belong to set  $C$

$$\text{linearity } E[X] = E[X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n] \geq n \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$E[X] \geq \frac{n}{3}$$

Week-5

\* Hypergraph  $H(V, E)$

Edge set  
Vertex set

$E \subseteq \text{Power set}(V)$

collection of subsets of  $V$  (any sized subsets of  $V$ )

Example

$V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$E = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 5\}, \{3, 4, 5\}\}$ . {every edge has more than 2 vertices}

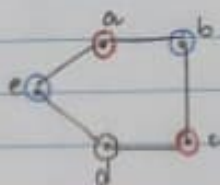
Hyperedges

Ques: Colour the points/vertices in  $V$  with as few colours as possible such that every hyperedge in  $E$  sees at least 2 colours.  
we need to find the minimum colours needed

Example:  $V = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

Graph example  $E = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, \{c, d\}, \{d, e\}, \{e, a\}\}$

in case of graph, same as colouring vertices such that no 2 adjacent vertices have same colour.



3 colours min.

Definition

A hypergraph  $H(V, E)$  is  $k$ -uniform if every hyperedge is  $k$ -sized.

Clearly, graphs are 2-uniform hypergraphs.



### Theorem

Every  $k$ -uniform hypergraph with less than  $2^{k-1}$  hyperedges is 2-colourable.

Proof: let  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be the vertex set of  $H$   
colour: for each  $i \in V$ , independently and uniformly at random assign a colour from the set  $\{\text{red}, \text{black}\}$

Consider a hyperedge  $e \in E$

$$\text{Prob [all vertices in } e \text{ get red colour]} = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$k$ -sized hyperedge

$$\text{Prob [ " " " " black colour]} = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$\text{Prob [all vertices of } e \text{ are monochromatic]} = \frac{2}{2^k} = \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$$

either red or black

let  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m$  be hyperedges,  $E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$

union for all edges to be monochromatic

$$\begin{aligned} P[(e_1: \text{monochromatic}) \cup (e_2: \text{monochromatic}) \cup \dots \cup (e_m: \text{monochromatic})] \\ \leq P[e_1: \text{monochrom}] + P[e_2: \text{monochrom}] + \dots + P[e_m: \text{monochrom}] \\ \leq m \cdot \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} < 2^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$m \rightarrow$  no. of hyperedges given:  $m < 2^{k-1}$

Bad event: ~~all~~ edges are monochromatic (either of any edges) (union)

Good event: no. of the edges are monochromatic (intersection)

$$\Pr(\text{Bad event}) < 2^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} = 1 \quad ; \quad \Pr(\text{Bad event}) < 1$$

Thus taking comp & apply de Morgan.

$$\Pr(\text{Good event}) > 0$$

$$\Pr[e_1 \text{ is not mono} \wedge e_2 \text{ is not mono} \wedge \dots \wedge e_m \text{ is not mono}] > 0.$$

# \* Bollobas Thm

(Probabilistic Proof)

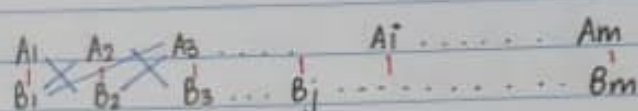
Let  $(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$  &  $(B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m)$  be 2 sequences of sets such that  $\forall i, j \in [m] \Rightarrow A_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  if & only if  $i = j$

Then

$$m \leq \frac{a+b}{c_a}$$

where,  $\forall i \in [m]$

$$|A_i| = a \quad \& \quad |B_i| = b$$



— not empty  
— empty

$$\text{Let } X = \bigcup_{i=1}^m (A_i \cup B_i) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$$

$\sigma$ : some permutations of  $X$

$(A_i, B_i)$  is present in  $\sigma$  if every element of  $A_i$  is present before every element of  $B_i$  in  $\sigma$

Uniformly at random choose a linear permutation  
there are  $n!$  permutations, choose 1

$$\Pr[(A_i, B_i) \text{ pair present in } \sigma] = \frac{1}{\binom{a+b}{a}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{favourable} = \frac{a! b!}{(a+b)!} = \frac{1}{\frac{(a+b)!}{a! b!}} = \frac{1}{\binom{a+b}{a}}$$

Ignore black, focus on only blue & red.  
blue before red.

$$\forall i, j \in [m], i \neq j$$

$$\Pr[X_i \cup X_j] = \Pr[X_i] + \Pr[X_j] - \Pr[X_i \cap X_j]$$

$$\Pr[X_i \cup X_j] = \Pr[X_i] + \Pr[X_j]$$

Therefore,

$$\Pr[X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \dots \cup X_m] = \sum_{i=1}^m \Pr[X_i]$$

$$= \frac{m}{a+b} \leq 1 \quad (\Pr \text{ is always } \leq 1)$$

$$\therefore m \leq a+b$$

(from prev proof we know that almost only one pair can be present in sigma i.e.  $(A_i, B_i)$  can't coexist with  $(A_j, B_j)$ .)