MATH 297. Proseminar in Mathematics

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Theorem 0.1. (Multicolor triangle Ramsey theorem) For every positive integer r, there is some integer N = N(r) such that if each edge of K_N is colored using on of r colors, then there is a monochromatic triangle.

Proof. Zhao, GTAC, pg 3.

Theorem 0.2. (Graph Ramsey theorem) For every k and r there exists some N = N(k, r) such that if each edge of K_N is colored using one of r colors, then there is a monochromatic K_k .

Question. What is the maximum number of edges in a triangle-free n-vertex graph?

Definition 0.3. (Turán number) We write ex(n, H) for the maximum number of edges in an n-vertex H-free graph, where a graph is H-free if it does not contain H as a subgraph.

Theorem 0.4. (Mantel's theorem) Every n-vertex triangle-free graph has at most $\lfloor n^2/4 \rfloor$, i.e., $\exp(n, K_3) = \lfloor n^2/4 \rfloor$.

Proof. Proof ii, Zhao, GTAC, pg 13.

Exercise L. et X and Y be independent and identically distributed random vectors in \mathbb{R}^d according to some arbitrary probability distribution. Prove that

$$\mathbb{P}(|X + Y| \ge 1) \ge \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}(|X| \ge 1)^2.$$

Definition 0.5. The Turán graph $T_{n,r}$ is defined to be the complete n-vertex r-partite graph with part sizes differing by at most 1 (so each part has size $\lfloor n/r \rfloor$ or $\lceil n/r \rceil$.

Example 0.6. $T_{10,3} = K_{3,3,4}$.

Theorem 0.7. (Turán's theorem) The Turán graph $T_{n,r}$ maximizes the number of edges among all n-vertex K_{r+1} -free graphs. It is also the unique maximizer.

Definition 0.8. The edge density of a graph G is

$$\frac{e(G)}{\binom{v(G)}{2}}$$