

**Problem 1:** (10.1.2a) We want to show that  $m(4) \geq 15$ .

First, let's see what cases we should consider. From theorem 10.1.5, we can use the gluing argument and replace  $x, y \in X$  where  $\{x, y\} \not\subseteq M$  for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}$  with some  $z$ . If we color  $z$  with the same color as  $x$  and  $y$ , then we get the same coloring as the unaltered graph.

Notice that in systems of size 4 subsets, there are  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  pairs. In 14 sets of size 4, there are  $14 \cdot 6 = 84$  pairs.

So we want the number of total pairs in  $X$  to be at least 84. Let  $n = |X|$ . This means  $\binom{n}{2} \geq 84$ . The smallest such  $n$  is 14.

So if  $|X| \geq 14$ , then we can inductively "remove" a pair of elements from  $X$  and add a new element to get a new system of size 4 subsets with one less element, until  $|X| \leq 14$ .

Now, let's show that for  $|X| \leq 14$ , the probability that at least one of the 14 sets of size 4 subsets is monochromatic is non-zero.

Add vertices until the graph has 14 vertices. Color 7 vertices red and 7 vertices white.

There are  $\binom{14}{7} = 3432$  such colorings. If we let a single 4-tuple be monochromatic, (let's say white) then there must be 3 other white vertices in the 10 remaining. There are  $\binom{10}{3} = 120$  ways to choose these vertices. Since, we can say the same about red, the probability that one 4 tuple is  $2 \cdot \frac{\binom{10}{3}}{3432}$ .

So, the probability at least one of 14 sets of size 4 subsets is monochromatic is less than the union bound  $14 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{\binom{10}{3}}{3432} = \frac{28 \cdot 120}{3432} = \frac{3360}{3432} < 1$ .

The complement of this is non-zero so the probability that no 4-tuple is monochromatic is non-zero.

**Problem 2:** (10.1.4) We want to show that if  $n$  is high enough then there is some order of the cars that cannot be achieved on track  $B$ . In other word, we want to show that the total number of permutations is less than  $n!$ .

For a set of  $n$  trains, we can have  $4n$  total moves, where a move is defined as a train moving from one track to another.

At each move, we have 5 places that may have trains, and we want to choose 2 of them, so that we can take a train from one location and move it to another location. There are  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$  ways to choose these locations.

Hence, there are a total of  $10^{4n}$  possible moves if we count this way. Since factorial grows faster than exponential, there must be some order of the cars that cannot be achieved on track  $B$ .

**Problem 3:** (10.2.3) We want to show that a random graph almost surely contains a triangle. Notice that the probability of two sets of three distinct vertices containing a triangle are independent events. There are roughly  $\frac{n}{3}$  sets of three distinct vertices. The probability that a set of three vertices doesn't contain a triangle

is  $1 - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$ . So the probability that no set of three vertices contains a triangle is  $\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{\frac{n}{3}}$ .

So, the probability that at least one set of three vertices contains a triangle is  $1 - \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{\frac{n}{3}}$ . As we take the limit, this probability approaches 1.

**Problem 4:** (10.2.9)  $\frac{1}{3}$

**Problem 5:** (10.3.1)

- Let  $\mathbb{P}(f = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\mathbb{P}(f = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}(g = 1) = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $\mathbb{P}(g = 0) = \frac{1}{4}$ . Then  $E[f] = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $E[g] = \frac{3}{4}$ . So,  $E[f]E[g] = \frac{3}{8}$ .  
Let's look at the random variable  $fg$ . Assume that  $\mathbb{P}(f = 1, g = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(f = 1, g = 0) = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(f = 0, g = 1) = \frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\mathbb{P}(f = 0, g = 0) = \frac{1}{4}$ .  
Then  $E[fg] = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- Let  $\mathbb{P}(f = 2) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\mathbb{P}(f = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $E[f] = \frac{3}{2}$  so  $E[f]^2 = \frac{9}{4}$ .  
On the other hand  $E[f^2] = 2^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2}$ .
- Let  $\mathbb{P}(f = 2) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\mathbb{P}(f = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $E[f] = \frac{3}{2}$  so  $\frac{1}{E[f]} = \frac{2}{3}$ .  
On the other hand  $\frac{1}{E[f]} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{3}{4}$ .

**Problem 6:** (10.3.3) We want compute the expected number of fixed points of a permutation  $\pi$  in the space  $\mathcal{S}_n$ . We note that  $f(\pi) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  where each  $X_i = \{1 \text{ if } \pi(i) = i \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise}\}$ . So,  $E[f(\pi)] = E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}(\pi(i) = i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} = 1$ .