

# Combinatorics - Reviewed Notes

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# 1 Counting Techniques

## Theorem 1.1 - Bijection Rule

A set  $X$  has  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  elements iff  $\exists$  a bijection  $f : X \rightarrow [n]$ .

## Theorem 1.2 - Addition Rule

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be finite pairwise disjoint sets. Then

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|$$

## Theorem 1.3 - Multiplication Rule

If a counting problem can be split into  $n$  independent stages, each of which involves choosing an option out of a set  $A_i$ . Then the total number of possible outcomes is

$$\text{Possible Outcomes} = \prod_{i=1}^n |A_i|$$

## Theorem 1.4 - Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be finite sets. Then

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}| + \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < i_3} |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap A_{i_3}| - \dots + (-1)^{n+1} |A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

## Theorem 1.5 - Binomial Coefficient Identities

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n}{k} &= \binom{n}{n-k}, & \binom{n}{0} &= 1 = \binom{n}{n} \\ \binom{n}{k} &= 0 \quad \forall k > n, & \binom{n}{k} &= \frac{(n)_k}{k!} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \end{aligned}$$

## Definition 1.1 - Ordered Selection

In an *Ordered Selection* problem we are selecting  $k$  elements from a set of  $n$ , and care about the order in which we pick them, so  $\{x_1, x_2\} \neq \{x_2, x_1\}$ .

## Definition 1.2 - Unordered Selection

In an *Unordered Selection* problem we are selecting  $k$  elements from a set of  $n$ , and do not care about the order we pick them so  $\{x_1, x_2\} \equiv \{x_2, x_1\}$ .

## Proposition 1.1 - Number of Possible Selections

The table below summarises the number of possible ways to choose  $k$  elements from a set of  $n$ , for each scenario of selection problems.

	Ordered Selection	Unordered Selection
With Repetition	$n^k$	$\binom{n+k-1}{k}$
Without Repetition	$\frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$	$\binom{n}{k}$

## Theorem 1.6 - Pascal's Identity

$$\binom{n}{i} = \binom{n-1}{i} + \binom{n-1}{i-1} \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}^{\leq n}$$

## Theorem 1.7 - Binomial Theorem

$$(a+b)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^i b^{n-i} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Theorem 1.8 - Sum of Binomial Coefficients**

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n$$

**Theorem 1.9 - Identity**

$$(j+1) \binom{n}{j+1} = n \binom{n-1}{j}$$

**Theorem 1.10 - Pigeonhole Principle**

If there are more pigeons than pigeonholes, then at least 2 pigeons must occupy the same hole.

**Theorem 1.11 - Generalised Pigeonhole Principle**

If  $m$  objects are distributed into  $n$  boxes and  $m > nk$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then at least one box contains at least  $k+1$  objects.

## 2 Generating Functions

**Definition 2.1 - Generating Functions**

Given a sequence  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  we associate the power series  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ .  $f(x)$  is the *Generating Function* of the sequence  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$ .

**Theorem 2.1 - Scaling Rule**

$$\text{If } f(x) \hookrightarrow (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \implies cf(x) \hookrightarrow (ca_0, ca_1, ca_2, \dots)$$

**Theorem 2.2 - Addition Rule**

$$\text{If } f(x) \hookrightarrow (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \text{ \& } g(x) \hookrightarrow (b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots) \implies f(x) + g(x) \hookrightarrow (a_0 + b_0, a_1 + b_1, \dots)$$

**Theorem 2.3 - Right Shift Rule**

$$\text{If } f(x) \hookrightarrow (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \implies x^k f(x) \hookrightarrow \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0)}_{k \text{ times}}, a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$$

**Theorem 2.4 - Differentiation Rule**

$$\text{If } f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i \hookrightarrow (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \implies f'(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i a_{i+1} x^i \hookrightarrow (a_1, 2a_2, 3a_3, \dots)$$

**Theorem 2.5 - Convolution Rule**

$$\text{If } f(x) \hookrightarrow (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \text{ \& } g(x) \hookrightarrow (b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots) \implies f(x) \cdot g(x) \hookrightarrow (c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots) \text{ where } c_i := \sum_{j=0}^i a_j b_{i-j}$$

**Definition 2.2 - Recurrence Relation**

A sequence,  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a *Recurrence Relation* if, for large enough  $n$ ,  $a_n$  is defined in terms of its previous terms. Generating functions can be used to express  $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  in terms of  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.6 - Generating Function Identities**

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{1-x} &\Leftrightarrow (1, 1, 1, \dots) \\
(1+x)^n &\Leftrightarrow \left( \binom{n}{k} \right)_{k \geq 0} \\
(1+x)^{-n} &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{n+k-1}{k} x^k
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.7 - Sum Identities**

$$\begin{aligned}
\left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i \right)^n &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} x^k \\
\frac{1}{(1-x)^n} &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} x^k
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Combinatorial Design

**Definition 3.1 - Set System**

$(V, \mathcal{B})$  is a *Set System* where  $V$  is a finite set &  $\mathcal{B}$  is a set of subsets, which are not necessarily disjoint, of  $V$ .  $V$  is called the *Ground Set* &  $\mathcal{B}$  is called *Blocks*.

**Definition 3.2 -  $k$ -Uniform**

A *Set System*,  $(V, \mathcal{B})$ , is  $k$ -uniform iff  $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}, |B| = k$ .

**Definition 3.3 - Block Design**

Let  $v, k, t, \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $v > k \geq t \geq 1$ .

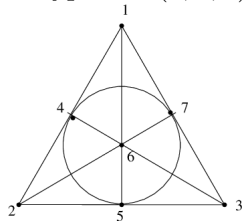
A *Block Design* of type  $t - (v, k, \lambda)$  is a set system  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  with

- $|V| = v$ ;
- $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}, |B| = k$ ; and,
- $\forall T \subseteq V$  with  $|T| = t \exists \lambda$  blocks,  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , with  $T \subseteq B$ .

**Definition 3.4 - Fano Plane**

The *Fano Plane* is a set-system with  $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

&  $\mathcal{B} = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 4, 7\}, \{3, 6, 7\}, \{1, 5, 6\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{2, 5, 7\}, \{2, 4, 6\}\}$ . This is a *Block Design* of type  $2 - (7, 3, 1)$ .



N.B. - This is the smallest example of a *Finite Projective Plane*.

**Definition 3.5 - Replication Number**

The *Replication Number* is the number of blocks each element appears in in a *Block Design*.

**Theorem 3.1 - Number of Blocks in Block Design**

The number of blocks in a block design of type  $t - (v, k, \lambda)$  is found by the following formula

$$b := \frac{\lambda \binom{v}{t}}{\binom{k}{t}}$$

**Theorem 3.2 - Replication Number**

In a block design of type  $2 - (v, k, \lambda)$  every element lies in  $r$  blocks where

$$r := \frac{(k-1)}{\lambda(v-1)} = \frac{bk}{v}$$

**Theorem 3.3 - Fisher's Inequality**

Let  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  be a block design of type  $2 - (v, k, \lambda)$  with  $v > k$ . Then

$$|\mathcal{B}| \geq |V|$$

**Definition 3.6 - Incidence Matrix**

The *Incidence Matrix* of a *Set System*  $(V, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $|V| \times |\mathcal{B}|$  matrix where

$$a_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \in B_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## 4 Graph Theory

### 4.1 Introduction

**Definition 4.1 - Graph**

A *Graph*,  $G$ , is an ordered pair  $(V, E)$  where  $V$  is a set of vertices &  $E$  is a set of edges between these vertices. Edges are represented by a 2-element subset of  $V$ .

**Definition 4.2 - Sub-Graph**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$ .  $G' = (V', E')$  is a *Sub-Graph* of  $G$  if

$$V' \subseteq V \text{ \& } E' = \{\{u, v\} \in E : u, v \in V'\}$$

**Definition 4.3 - Induced Sub-Graph**

A *Sub-Graph*  $G' = (V', E')$  of  $G = (V, E)$  is an *Induced Sub-Graph* if  $E'$  contains all the edges in  $E$  that run between vertices in  $V'$ .

**Definition 4.4 - Order of a Graph**

The *Order* of a *Graph*  $G = (V, E)$  is the number of vertices,  $|V|$ .

**Definition 4.5 - Simple Graph**

A *Simple Graph* is an unweighted, undirected with no edges which start & end on the same vertex, nor duplicate edges.

**Proposition 4.1 - Graphs are 2-Uniform Set Systems****Definition 4.6 - Adjacency**

For a graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $u, v \in V$  are *Adjacent* if  $\{u, v\} \in E$ .

**Definition 4.7 - Neighbourhood**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$  &  $v \in V$ . The *Neighbourhood* of  $v$  in  $G$  is the vertices adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ .

$$N_G(v) := \{u : u \in V \text{ \& \, } \{u, v\} \in E\}$$

**Definition 4.8 - Neighbourhood of a Set of Vertices**

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph, then for  $S \subseteq V$

$$N_G(S) := \bigcup_{s \in S} N_G(s)$$

**Definition 4.9 - Degree**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$  &  $v \in V$ . The *Degree* of  $v$  is the size of its *Neighbourhood* of  $v$ .

$$\deg_G(v) := |N_G(v)|$$

**Theorem 4.1 - Handshaking Lemma**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Then

$$|E| = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v \in V} \deg_G(v)$$

**Theorem 4.2 - Maximum Number of Edges**

A graph has at most  $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$  edges.

**Definition 4.10 - Graph Isomorphism**

Two graphs  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  &  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  are *Isomorphic* if  $\exists$  a bijection  $\phi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  st

$$\forall \{u, v\} \in E_1 \implies \{\phi(u), \phi(v)\} \in E_2$$

**Definition 4.11 - Degree Sequence**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Order the vertices  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  with  $\deg(v_i) \leq \deg(v_j) \forall i < j$ . The *Degree Sequence* of  $G$  is

$$(\deg(v_1), \dots, \deg(v_n))$$

**Theorem 4.3 - Isomorphic Graphs**

If two graphs are isomorphic then the following properties hold

- i) They have the same number of edges;
- ii) They have the same *Degree Sequence*.

**4.2 Types of Graph****Definition 4.12 - Walk**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and  $u, v \in V$ . A *Walk* from  $u$  to  $v$  is a sequence of not-necessarily-distinct vertices  $V_c = (u = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = v)$  with  $E_c = \{\{x_i, x_{i+1}\} : i \in [1, n-1]\} \subseteq E$ . Neither the edges, nor vertices, are necessarily unique.

**Definition 4.13 - Circuit**

A *Circuit* is a closed *Walk*.

N.B. - A *Circuit* is generally not a graph since they often have repeated edges.

**Definition 4.14 - Trail**

A *Trail* is a *Walk* with no repeated edges. It can still have repeated vertices.

**Definition 4.15 - Path**

A *Path* of length  $n$  has vertex set  $V_P = \{v_1, \dots, v_n : v_i \neq v_j \forall i \neq j\}$  & edge set  $E_P = \{\{v_i, v_{i+1}\} : i \in [1, n-1]\} \subseteq E$ . All vertices, and thus edges, in a path are distinct.

**Definition 4.16 - Connected**

Two vertices are *Connected* if there exists a path between them.

A *Graph* is *Connected* if there exists a path between all pairs of vertices in it.

**Definition 4.17 - Disconnected**

A *Graph*  $G = (V, E)$  is *Disconnected* if there  $\exists u, v \in V$  st  $\nexists$  a path in  $G$  between  $u$  &  $v$ . The *Maximally Connected Sub-Graphs* of  $G$  are called *Components* of  $G$ .

**Definition 4.18 - Cycle**

A *Cycle* of length  $n$  has vertex set  $V_c = \{v_1, \dots, v_n : v_i \neq v_j \forall i \neq j\}$  & edge set  $E_c = \{v_n, v_1\} \cup \{\{v_i, v_j\} : i \in [1, n-1]\}$ . This is a path that starts and ends on the same vertex.

**Theorem 4.4** - *If a graph admits an odd circuit, then it admits an odd cycle*

**Definition 4.19 - Tree**

A *Tree* is a *Graph* with no cycles.

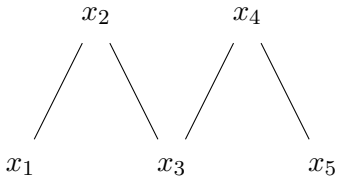
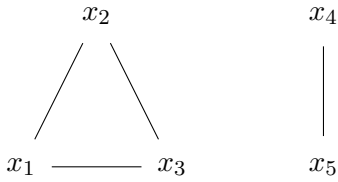
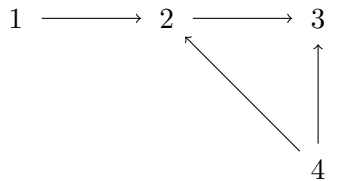
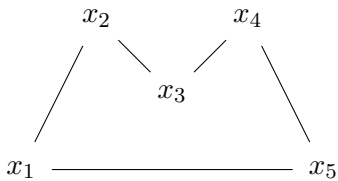
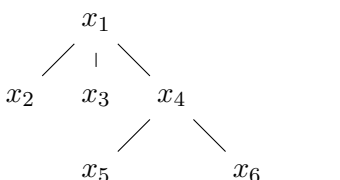
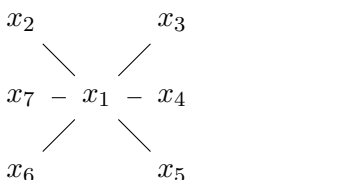
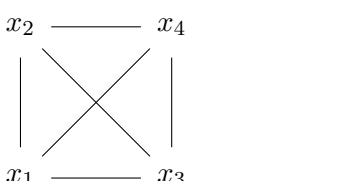
**Definition 4.20 - Star**

A *Star* is a *Graph*  $G = (V, E)$  with  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  &  $E = \{\{v_1, v_i\} : i \in [2, n]\}$ .

**Definition 4.21 - Complete Graph**

A *Complete Graph* is a *Graph*  $G = (V, E)$  with  $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  &  $E = \{\{v_i, v_j\} : i \neq j\}$ . There exists an edge between each pair of vertices.

**Example 4.1 - Common Graphs**

Path, $P_4$		Disconnected	
Wal & Trail		Cycle, $C_5$	
Tree		Star	
Complete, $K_4$			

**Definition 4.22 - Eulerian Circuit**

An *Eulerian Circuit* is a *Circuit* that traverses every edge exactly once. It traverses every edge exactly once, with no repeated vertices.

N.B. - A *Eulerian Graph* admits an *Eulerian Circuit*.

**Theorem 4.5** - Every vertex of a connected graph has even degree  $\Leftrightarrow$  Eulerian Graph

**Theorem 4.6 - Decomposing into Cycles**

If every vertex of a graph has even degree then its edge set can be partitioned into disjoint subsets st each subset is a cycle.

**Definition 4.23 - Hamiltonian Path**

A *Hamiltonian Path* is a path that visits every vertex.

**Definition 4.24 - Hamiltonian Cycle**

A *Hamiltonian Cycle* is a cycle that visits every vertex in a graph.

N.B. - A *Hamiltonian Graph* admits a *Hamiltonian Cycle*.

**Theorem 4.7 - Dirac's Theorem**

Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n \geq 3$ . If  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$  then  $G$  is *Hamiltonian*.

**Definition 4.25 -  $k$ -Partite Graph**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $G$  is a  *$k$ -Partite Graph* if  $V$  can be partitioned into  $k$  disjoint vertex classes,  $\{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$ , st  $E \subseteq \{\{x, y\} : x \in V_i, y \in V_j, i \neq j\}$ .

**Definition 4.26 - Complete  $k$ -Partite Graph**

A  *$k$ -Partite Graph*,  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex classes  $\{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$ , is a *Complete  $k$ -Partite Graph*



if  $E = \{\{x, y\} : x \in V_i, y \in V_j, i \neq j\}$ .

**Definition 4.27 - Bipartite Graph**

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a *Bipartite Graph* iff  $V$  can be partitioned into two sets  $V_1$  &  $V_2$  st  $V_1 \cup V_2 = V, V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$  &  $\forall u \in V_1, v \in V_2 \{u, v\} \notin E$ .

N.B. - - This graph is denoted  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ .

**Theorem 4.8 - Characterisation of Bipartite Graph**

A graph is bipartite iff it contains no odd cycles.

**Theorem 4.9 - Handshaking Lemma for Bipartite Graph**

Let  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$  be a bipartite graph. Then

$$\sum_{v \in V_1} \deg_G(v) = \sum_{u \in V_2} \deg_G(u)$$

**Definition 4.28 - Matching**

Consider a bipartite graph  $G = (X \cup Y, E)$  a *Matching* from  $X$  to  $Y$  is a set of edges  $\{\{x, y\} : x \in X, y \in Y\}$  where no two edges have a vertex in common.

**Theorem 4.10 - Hall's Theorem**

Consider a bipartite graph  $G = (X \cup Y, E)$ . Then

$$\exists \text{ matching from } X \text{ to } Y \Leftrightarrow \forall s \subseteq X, |N_G(s)| \geq |s|$$

**Theorem 4.11 - Degree Constrained Version of Hall's Theorem**

Consider a bipartite graph  $G = (X \cup Y, E)$ . Then

$$\delta(X) \geq \Delta(Y) \Leftrightarrow \exists \text{ matching from } X \text{ to } Y$$

### 4.3 Trees & Forests

**Definition 4.29 - Acyclic**

A graph is *Acyclic* if it contains no cycles.

N.B. - An *Acyclic Graph* is called a *Forest*.

**Proposition 4.2 - A tree is an acyclic connected graph**

**Definition 4.30 - Leaf**

A vertex of degree one is called a *Leaf*.

**Theorem 4.12 - Every tree on at least two vertices has a leaf**

**Theorem 4.13 - Characterisation of Trees**

The following are different ways to characterise a tree  $G = (V, E)$

- i)  $G$  is maximally acyclic (*i.e.*  $G$  is acyclic & any additional edge creates a cycle).
- ii)  $G$  is minimally connected (*i.e.*  $G$  is connected & the removal of any edge disconnects  $G$ ).
- iii)  $G$  is connected and  $|E| = |V| - 1$ .
- iv)  $G$  is acyclic and  $|E| = |V| - 1$ .
- v) Any two vertices in  $G$  has a unique path.

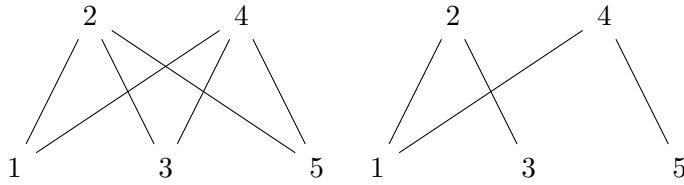
**Definition 4.31 - Spanning Tree**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , any tree on all vertices in  $V$  is a *Spanning Tree*.

N.B. -  $T = (V, E')$  with  $E' \subseteq E$ .

**Example 4.2 - Spanning Tree**

Below is a graph and then a spanning tree of that graph



**Theorem 4.14** - Every connected graph contains a spanning tree

**Definition 4.32 - Weight Function**

For  $G = (V, E)$  we define a *Weight Function*  $W : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 4.33 - Minimum Spanning Tree**

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with a weight function  $W : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $T$  be a *Spanning Tree* of  $G$ .  $T = (V, E')$  is a *Minimum Spanning Tree* if  $W(E') := \sum_{e \in E'} W(e)$  is minimised relative to the other *Spanning Trees* of  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.15 - Algorithm for Finding Spanning Tree**

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.

Order the edges of  $G$  arbitrarily into a sequence  $e_1, \dots, e_m$ .

The algorithm constructs sets of edges  $E_0, E_1, \dots, \subseteq E$  in stances.

Set  $E_0 = \emptyset$ .

At state  $i$  the algorithm has already defined  $E_{i-1}$ . Then

$$E_i = \begin{cases} E_{i-1} \cup \{e_i\} & \text{If graph } (V, E_{i-1} \cup \{e_i\}) \text{ contains no cycles} \\ E_{i-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The algorithm stops if after stage  $i$  we have that  $|E_i| = n - 1$ .

This condition means that  $(V, E_i)$  is a tree.

**Theorem 4.16 - Kruskal's Algorithm**

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected weighted graph equipped with weight function  $W : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Label the edges of  $G$  with  $e_1, \dots, e_m$ , with  $m = |E|$ , in such a way that

$$W(e_1) \leq \dots \leq W(e_m)$$

Set  $E_0 = \emptyset$ .

At state  $i$  the algorithm has already defined  $E_{i-1}$ . Then

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The algorithm stops if after stage  $i$  we have that  $|E_i| = n - 1$ .

N.B. - This is the algorithm from **Definition 6.6**.

## 4.4 Cliques

### Definition 4.34 - $k$ -Clique

A  $k$ -Clique is a sub-graph which is a *Complete Graph* on  $k$  vertices.

### Theorem 4.17 - Mantel's Theorem

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , with  $n := |V|$ , containing no 3-cycle sub-graphs. Then

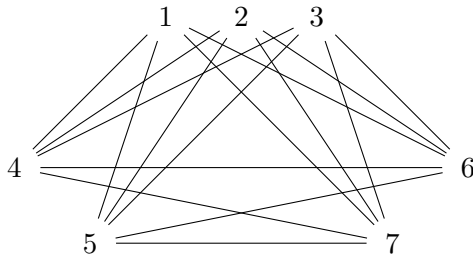
- i)  $|E| \leq \lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \rfloor$ ; &
- ii)  $\exists$  a graph where  $|E| = \lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \rfloor$ .

N.B. - The graph described *ii*) is isomorphic to  $K_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor, n - \lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ .

### Definition 4.35 - Turán Graph

A *Turán Graph* is a graph  $T_k(n)$  that is a *Complete  $k$ -Partite Graph* on  $n$  vertices with vertex classes  $\{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$  where the difference in size of any pair of vertices is no more than 1 (*i.e.*  $||V_i| - |V_j|| \leq 1 \forall i, j \in [1, k]$ ).

### Example 4.3 - Turán Graph, $T_3(7)$



### Theorem 4.18 - Degree of Vertex Classes in Turán Graph

In the *Turán Graph*  $T_k(n)$  each vertex class has size:  $\lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor$ ; or  $\lceil \frac{n}{k} \rceil$ .

### Theorem 4.19 - Degree of Vertices in Turán Graph

Consider a *Turán Graph*  $T_k(n)$  with vertex classes  $\{V_1, \dots, V_k\}$ . Then

$$\forall V_i \forall x \in V_i, \deg_G(x) = |V| - |V_i|$$

### Theorem 4.20 - Number of Edges in a Turán Graph

Consider the *Turán Graph*  $T_k(n) = (V, E)$  then

$$\max |E| = \left\lfloor \frac{(k-1)n^2}{2k} \right\rfloor$$

### Theorem 4.21 - Turán's Theorem

Consider a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n := |V|$  with no  $k$ -Cliques. Then

$$|E| \leq |E(T_{k-1}(n))|$$

### Theorem 4.22 - Distance in Bounded Diameter Sets

Let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a finite set of points in a circular plane of diameter  $\leq 1$ . Then the maximum number of pairs of points whose distance exceeds  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  is  $\lfloor \frac{n^2}{3} \rfloor$ .

## 4.5 Planar Graphs

### Definition 4.36 - Arc

An *Arc* is a line in the 2D plane which does not intersect itself. An *Arc* can be described by an injective, continuous map  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .  $\gamma(0)$  &  $\gamma(1)$  are endpoints of the arc.

### Definition 4.37 - Drawing of a Graph

A *Drawing* of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is an assignment of the following form

- i)  $\forall v \in V$  assign a unique point,  $p_v$ , in the plane, in such a way that the map  $v \mapsto p_v$  is injective.
- ii)  $\forall e =: \{u, v\} \in E$  assign an arc  $\gamma_e$  in the plane whose endpoints are  $p_u$  &  $p_v$  and does not pass through any other points  $p_u$  with  $u \in V$ .

### Definition 4.38 - Planar Drawing

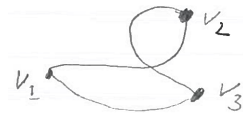
A *Planar Drawing* of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a drawing of  $G$  where any two arcs, corresponding to edges, either have no intersections or only share an endpoint. A *Planar Graph* is a graph which can be drawn in the 2D plane, with no edges intersecting.

### Definition 4.39 - Planar Graph

A *Planar Graph* is a *Graph* which admits at least one *Planar Drawing*.

### Example 4.4 - Non-Planar Drawing of $K_3$

Below is a *Drawing* of  $K_3$  on the vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  which is not planar.



### Definition 4.40 - Jordan Curve

A *Jordan Curve* is a closed arc. This is a non-intersecting, closed curve.

### Theorem 4.23 - Jordan Curve Theorem

Any *Jordan Curve*,  $C$ , divides the plane into precisely two connected parts. These parts are called the interior & exterior.  $C$  is called the boundary of both regions.

**Proposition 4.3** - If  $G$  contains a non-planar sub-graph, then  $G$  is non-planar

### Definition 4.41 - Sub-Division

Consider a graph  $G$ ,  $G'$  is a *Sub-Division* of  $G$  if the additional vertices it includes partition the edges of  $E$ .  $G'$  contains the partitions of the edges, but not the edges themselves.

### Theorem 4.24 - Kuratowski's Theorem

A graph is *Planar*  $\Leftrightarrow$  Every sub-division of  $G$  is planar.

### Definition 4.42 - Face of a Planar Graph

Consider the set of all points which do not lie on any arc of a *Planar Drawing*. This set consists of a finite number of connected regions. Each of these regions is called a *Face* of the planar Graph.

### Theorem 4.25 - Euler's Theorem

Consider a connected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with faces  $F$  being the set of faces of a *Planar Drawing* of  $G$ . Then

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = 2$$

N.B. - The number of faces does not depend upon how the *Planar Drawing* is drawn.

**Theorem 4.26** - *Planar Graph's have Few Edges*

Consider a connected planar graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $|V| \geq 3$ . Then

$$|E| \leq 3|V| - 6$$

## 4.6 Graph Colouring

**Definition 4.43** - *k-Colouring*

A *k-Colouring* of a graph  $G$  is an assignment of one of  $k$  colours to each vertex st no adjacent vertices share a colour.

**Definition 4.44** - *Chromatic Number*

The *Chromatic Number* of a graph  $G$  is the lowest  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  for which there is a valid *k-Colouring* of  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.27** - *Chromatic Number & Max Degree*

For any graph  $G = (V, E)$  we have

$$\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$$

N.B. -  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \geq \Delta(G) \implies \chi(G) \leq k + 1 \implies G$  is  $k + 1$ -Colourable.

**Theorem 4.28** - *Five-Colour Theorem*

At most five colours are required to colour a map st no two adjacent territories share a colour.

**Proposition 4.4** - *Assumptions for Five-Colour Theorem*

We make the following assumptions about the *maps* referred to in the *Five-Colour Theorem*

- i) Each state is a single connected region;
- ii) Two states are neighbours iff they share a continuous interval of a border (*i.e.* If two states just meet at a point they are not neighbours & no pair of states share two borders).

**Proposition 4.5** - *Map as a Planar Drawing*

We can consider a map to be a planar drawing of a graph where the faces correspond to states & edges correspond to borders between them.

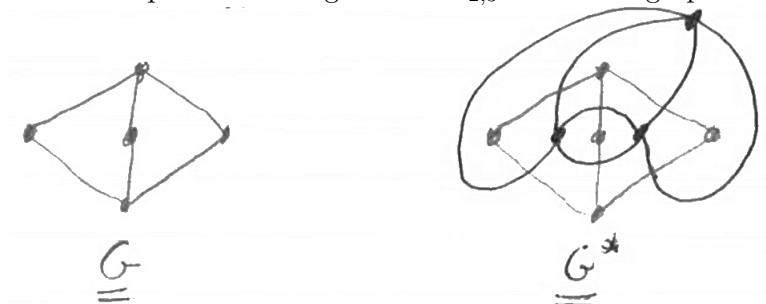
**Definition 4.45** - *Dual Graph*

Consider a planar graph  $G = (V, E)$  along with its planar drawing. The dual graph  $G^* = (V^*, E^*)$  of the planar drawing of  $G$  is obtained by drawing a vertex inside each face of the planar drawing & an edge between the vertices which correspond to adjacent faces.

N.B. - We can ignore duplicate edges in a *Dual Graph*.

**Example 4.5** - *Dual-Graph*

Below is a planar drawing of  $G = K_{2,3}$  & its dual-graph  $G^*$ .



**Proposition 4.6 - Using Dual-Graphs**

Consider a map  $G$  & its dual-graph  $G^*$ . A valid colouring of the faces of  $G$  corresponds to a valid colouring of the vertices of  $G^*$ . Thus there is a  $k$ -colouring of  $G$  iff there is a  $k$ -colouring of  $G^*$ .

N.B. - Thus proving the *Five-Colour Theorem* is equivalent to showing that every planar graph is 5-colourable.

**4.7 Ramsey Numbers****Definition 4.46 - Ramsey Number**

The *Ramsey Number* for  $s \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 2}$ ,  $r(s)$ , is the least  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $\forall$  2-colourings of the edges of  $K_n \ni$  a *Monochromatic*  $K_s$  subgraph.

N.B. -  $\forall s \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 2}$ ,  $r(s)$  exists.

**Definition 4.47 - Off-Diagonal Ramsey Number**

The *Off-Diagonal Ramsey Number* for  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r(s, t)$  is the least  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  st  $\forall$  2-Colourings of the edges of  $K_n \ni$  a *Monochromatic*  $K_s$  **or**  $K_t$  subgraph.

**Theorem 4.29 - Off-Diagonal Ramsey Number Identities**

$$\begin{aligned} r(s, s) &= r(s) & \forall s \in \mathbb{N} \\ r(s, t) &= r(t, s) & \forall s, t \in \mathbb{N} \\ r(2, t) &= t & \forall t \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.30 - Ramsey's Theorem**

The *Off-Diagonal Ramsey Number*  $r(s, t)$  exists  $\forall s, t \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 2}$ . Moreover,

$$r(s, t) \leq r(s-1, t) + r(s, t-1) \quad \forall s, t \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 3}$$

**Theorem 4.31 - Upper Bound on Ramsey Number**

$\forall s, t \geq 2$  we have

$$r(s, t) \leq 2^{s+t}$$

Equivalently,  $r(s) < 4^s$ .

Further

$$r(s) \leq r(s-1, s) + r(s, s-1) = 2r(s-1, s) \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 3}$$

If  $r(s-1, t)$  &  $r(s, t-1)$  are both even then

$$r(s, t) < r(s-1, t) + r(s, t-1)$$

N.B. - This is a strict inequality.

## 0 Reference

### 0.1 Definition

**Definition 0.1** - *Linearly Independent Vertices*

A vector  $v$  is linearly independent of vertices  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  iff

$$\nexists a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R} \text{ st } v = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i$$

**Definition 0.2** - *Rank of Matrix*

The *Rank* of a *Matrix* is the number of linearly independent columns in the matrix.

### 0.2 Notation

**Notation 0.1** - *Binomial Coefficient*

Let  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We denote the number of  $k$ -element subsets of an  $n$ -element set as

$$\binom{n}{k}$$

**Notation 0.2** - *Chromatic Number,  $\chi(G)$*

$\chi(G)$  denotes the *Chromatic Number* of  $G$ .

**Notation 0.3** - *Complete Graph,  $K_n$*

We denote the *Complete Graph* on  $n$  vertices as  $K_n$ .

**Notation 0.4** - *Complete Bipartite Graph,  $K_{m,n}$*

We denote the *Complete Bipartite Graph* with vertex classes of sizes  $n$  &  $m$  as  $K_{m,n}$ .

**Notation 0.5** - *Consecutive Numbers,  $[n]$*

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

**Notation 0.6** - *Generating Function*

Let  $f(x)$  be the generating function of sequence  $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  we denote this as

$$f(x) \leftrightarrow (a_1, a_2, \dots)$$

**Notation 0.7** - *Minimum & Maximum Degree*

$$\delta(G) := \min\{\deg_G(x) : x \in V\} \quad \& \quad \Delta(G) := \max\{\deg_G(x) : x \in V\}$$

**Notation 0.8** -  $(n)_k$

$(n)_k$  denote the product of  $k$  natural numbers less than  $n$ , including  $n$ .

$$(n)_k := n \times (n-1) \times \dots \times (n-k+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!}$$