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- Packing colorings were inspired by a frequency assignment problem in broadcasting.
- This coloring was first introduced by Goddard, Harris, Hedetniemi, Hedetniemi, and Rall (2008) where it was called *broadcast coloring*.
- Brešar, Klavžar, and Rall (2007) were the first to use the term packing coloring.



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Let G be a simple connected graph of order n and let i be a positive integer. $X_i \subseteq V(G)$ is called an *i -packing* if vertices in X_i are pairwise distance more than i apart. A *packing coloring* of G is a partition $X = \{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k\}$ of $V(G)$ such that each color class X_i is an i -packing. The minimum order k of a packing coloring is called the *packing chromatic number* of G , denoted by $\chi_\rho(G)$.



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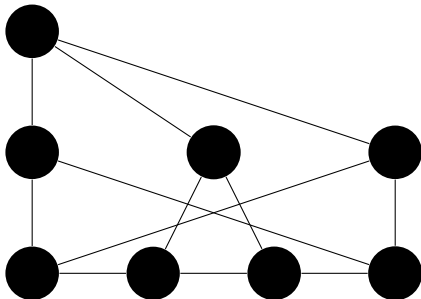
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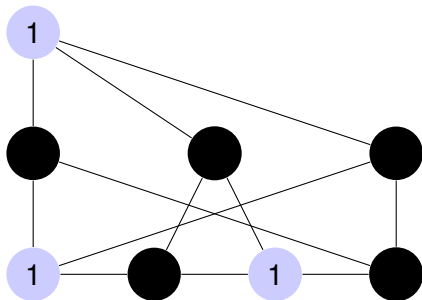
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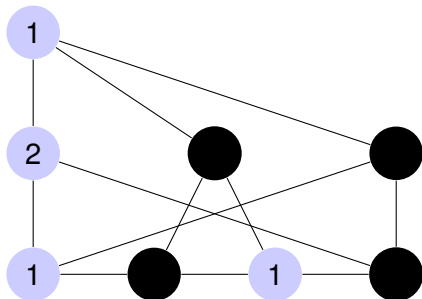
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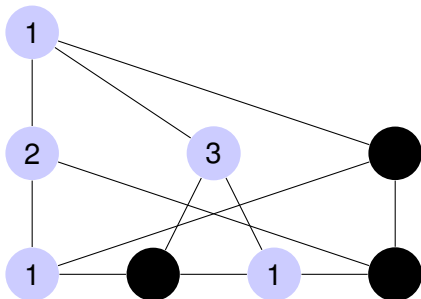
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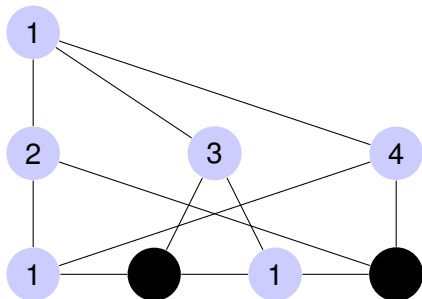
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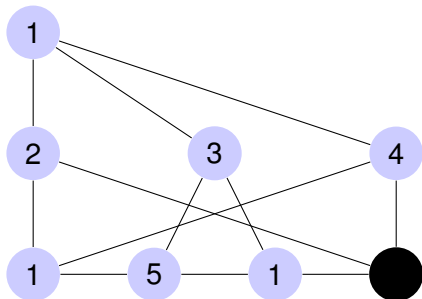
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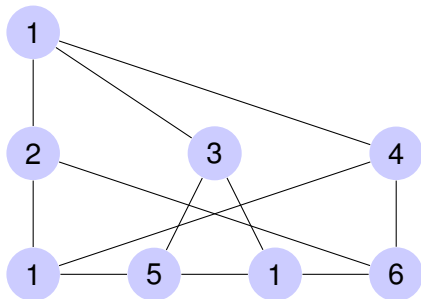
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- Goddard et al. (2008) investigated, amongst others, the packing chromatic number of paths, trees, and the infinite square lattice, \mathbb{Z}^2 . They found that for the square lattice, $9 \leq \chi_\rho(\mathbb{Z}^2) \leq 23$.
- Most recently the bounds have been improved to $12 \leq \chi_\rho(\mathbb{Z}^2) \leq 17$.
- $\chi_\rho(G)$ for lattices, trees, and Cartesian products in general was also considered by Brešar et al. (2007) and Finbow and Rall in 2010.
- C., Hattingh, Jonck examined the lower bound for 3-regular graphs and provide a class of graphs which achieve the bound $\chi_\rho(G) \geq 4$.



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- Goddard et al. (2008) showed that finding $\chi_\rho(G)$ for general graphs is NP-complete and deciding whether $\chi_\rho(G) \leq 4$ is also NP-complete.
- Fiala and Golovach (2010) showed that the decision whether a tree allows a packing coloring with at most k classes is NP-complete.



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THEOREM (SLOPER, 2004):

The infinite 3-regular tree has packing chromatic number 7.



ECCENTRIC COLORING

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DEFINITION:

An eccentric coloring of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a function $color : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that

- 1 For all $u, v \in V$,
 $(color(u) = color(v)) \Rightarrow d(u, v) > color(u)$
- 2 For all $v \in V$, $color(v) \leq e(v)$ where
 $e(v) = \max_{u \in V} \{d(v, u)\}$



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The height of a complete binary tree is $h = d(\text{root}, \text{leaf}) + 1$.



SLOPER'S THEOREM

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THEOREM (SLOPER, 2004):

Any complete binary tree of height of three or more is
eccentrically colorable with 7 colors or less.



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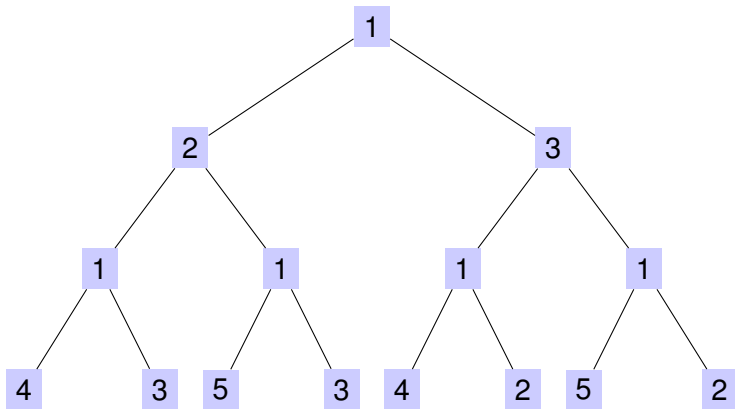


FIGURE: Expandable eccentric coloring



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LEMMA:

An expandable eccentric coloring of a complete binary tree of height n can be extended to an expandable eccentric coloring of height $(n + 1)$.

Sketch of Proof: Note that we may assume n is odd. Then all vertices at level n are colored 1. Consider a leaf u at level $n + 1$ and its grandparent p . If $color(p) \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ then u and its sibling, say v , are assigned the colors 2 and 3 (order does not matter).



$$\text{color}(p) \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

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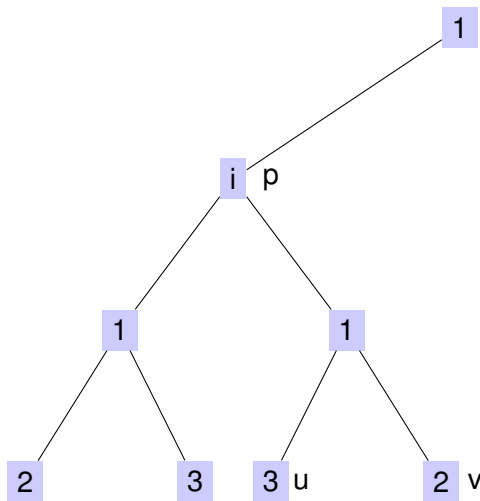


FIGURE: A coloring of level $n + 1$ if $\text{color}(p) \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$



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Let u, v, w, z be p 's grandchildren with pairs of siblings $\{u, v\}$ and $\{w, z\}$. We consider all vertices at distance at most 6 from u, v, w , and z (any vertex at distance 7 from u, v, w , or z must be on an odd level and is already colored 1). By rule 5, two of p 's grandchildren (which are not siblings) must receive the color 3. Without loss of generality suppose $color(v) = color(z) = 3$.



$$\text{color}(p) = 2$$

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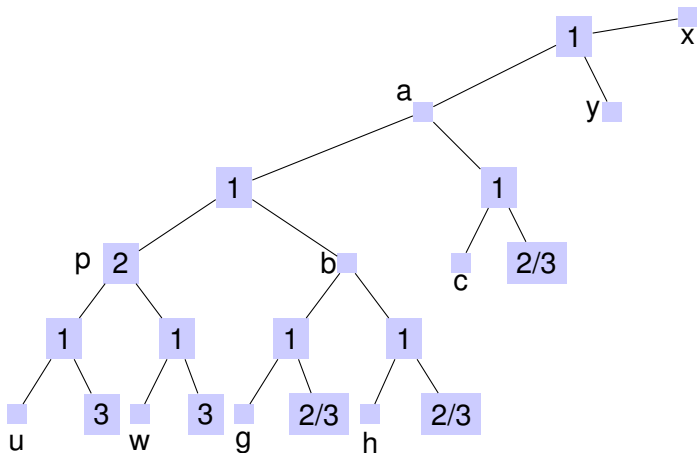


FIGURE: The subtree examined when $\text{color}(p) = 2$



$$\text{color}(p) = 2 \text{ AND } \text{color}(a) = 3$$

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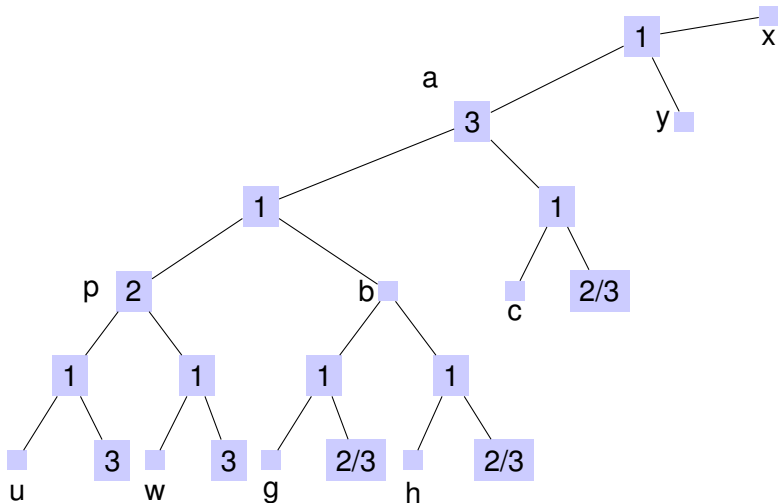
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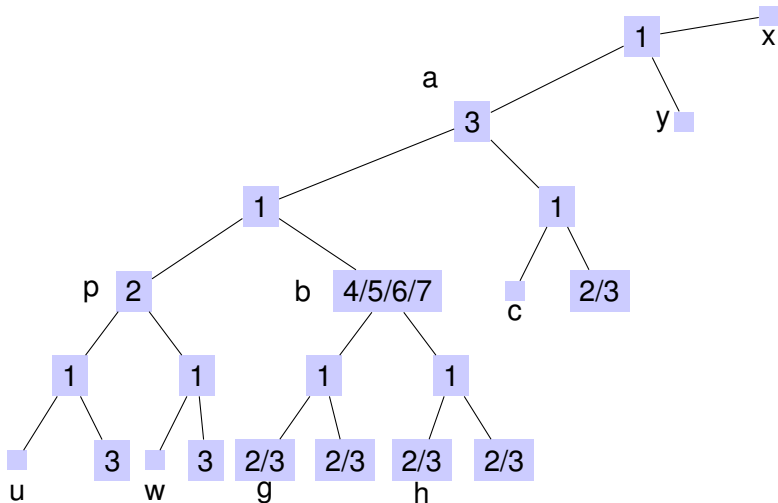
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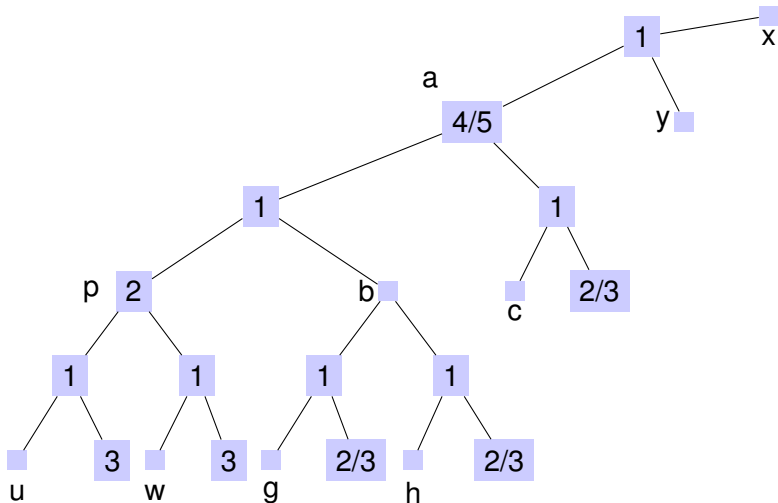
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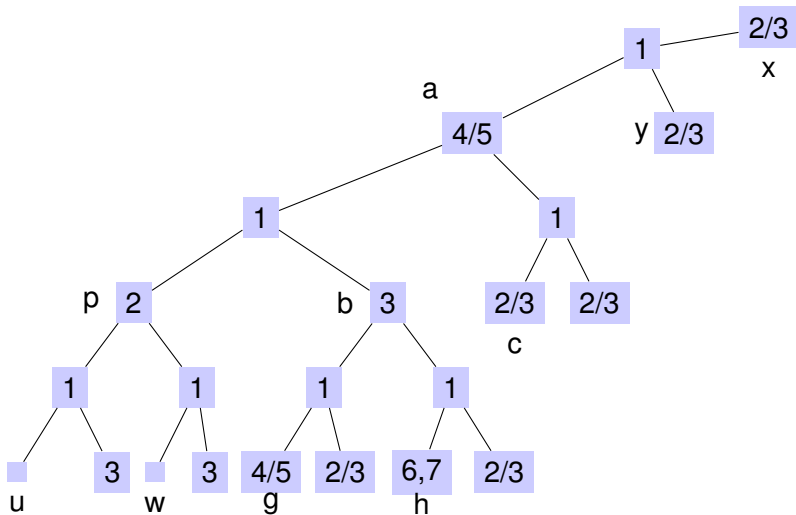
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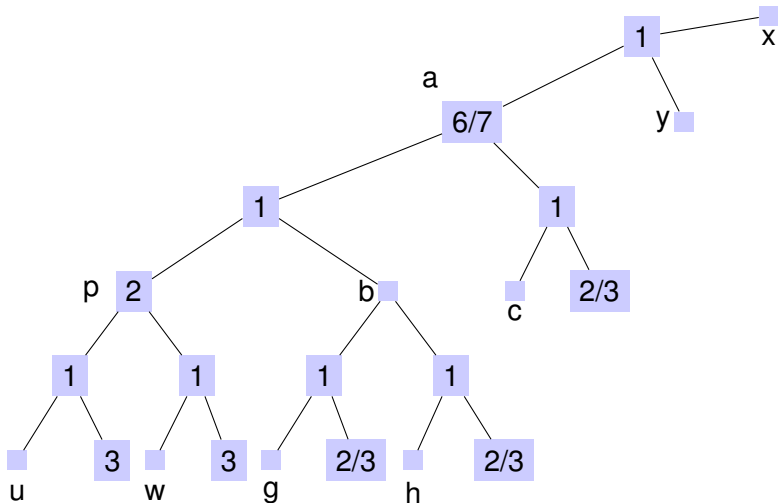
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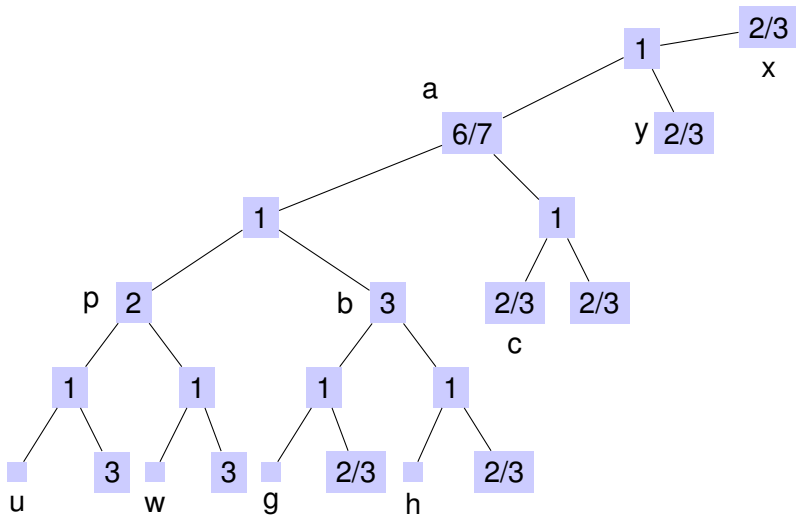
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THEOREM (SLOPER, 2004):

No complete k -ary tree, $k \geq 3$, of height h , $h \geq 4$ is eccentrically broadcast-colorable.



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Let G be a d -regular graph with girth g . If $d \geq 4$, then $\chi_\rho(G) \geq g - 1$.

Proof: Let $k = g - 2$ and assume $\chi_\rho(G) \leq k$. Then there is a partition $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \dots \cup V_k$ such that for any $1 \leq i \leq k$, and two distinct vertices $u, v \in V_i$, $d(u, v) \geq i$. For any vertex u , let $N_i(u)$ be the set of vertices of distance at most i from u . Similarly, for any edge uv , let $N_i(uv)$ be the set of vertices of distance at most i from u or v . Note that the induced graph on $N_i(u)$ (for $1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor$) is a tree depending only on i . Similarly, the induced graph of G on $N_i(uv)$ (for $i = 1, \dots, \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor - 1$) is a tree depending on i .



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Thus,

$$|N_i(u)| = 1 + d + d(d-1) + \cdots + d(d-1)^{i-1} = \frac{d(d-1)^i - 2}{d-2}$$

and

$$|N_i(uv)| = 2(1 + (d-1) + \cdots + (d-1)^{i-1}) = \frac{2d(d-1)^i - 2}{d-2}.$$



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Now, observe that $|V_{2i} \cap N_i(u)| \leq 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor$ and $|V_{2i-1} \cap N_{i-1}(uv)| \leq 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil$.
Thus,

$$|V_{2i}| \leq \frac{n}{|N_i(u)|} = \frac{n(d-2)}{d(d-1)^i - 2} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right\rfloor$$

and

$$|V_{2i-1}| \leq \frac{n}{|N_i(uv)|} = \frac{n(d-2)}{2d(d-1)^i - 2} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil.$$



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As the series $\phi_i(d) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{d-2}{d(d-1)^i-2}$ and $\nu_i(d) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{d-2}{2d(d-1)^i-2}$ converge and are decreasing functions of d , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= \sum_{i=1}^k |V_i| \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil} |V_{2i-1}| + \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} |V_{2i}| \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \frac{k}{2} \rceil} \frac{n(d-2)}{2d(d-1)^i-2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor} \frac{n(d-2)}{d(d-1)^i-2} \\
 &< n(\phi_i(d) + \nu_i(d)) \\
 &< n.
 \end{aligned}$$



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- Erdős and Rényi are given credit for first implementing the use of random graphs in probabilistic proofs of the existence of graphs with special properties such as arbitrarily large girth and chromatic number.
- The first combinatorial structures to be studied probabilistically were tournaments.
- Applications of random graphs are found in all areas in which complex networks need to be modeled.



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Let $\mathcal{G}_{n,d}$ denote the uniform probability space of d -regular graphs on the n vertices $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ where dn is even. Consider a set of dn points partitioned into n subsets v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n of d points each. Apply a perfect matching of the points into $\frac{1}{2}dn$ pairs. A pairing corresponds to a multigraph in which the subsets are the vertices and the pairs are edges.



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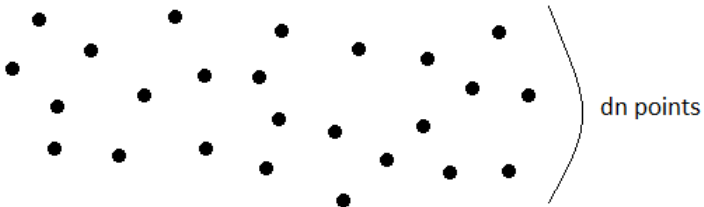
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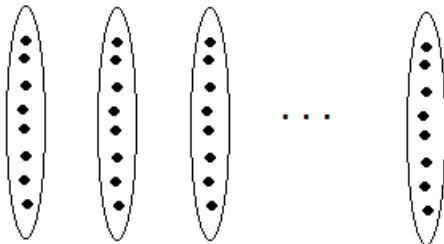
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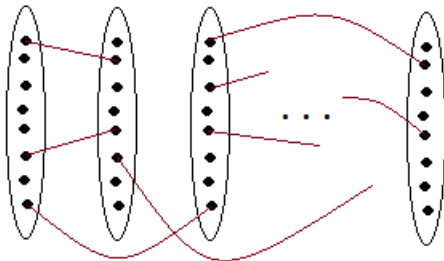
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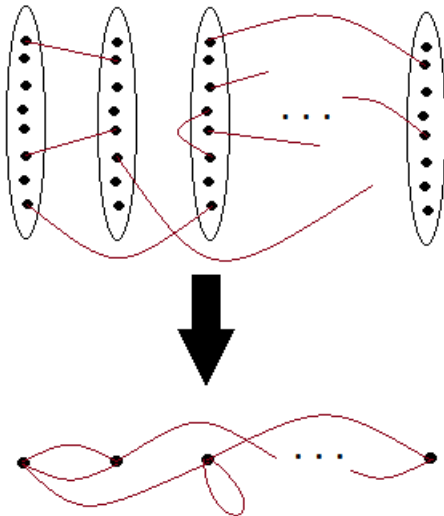
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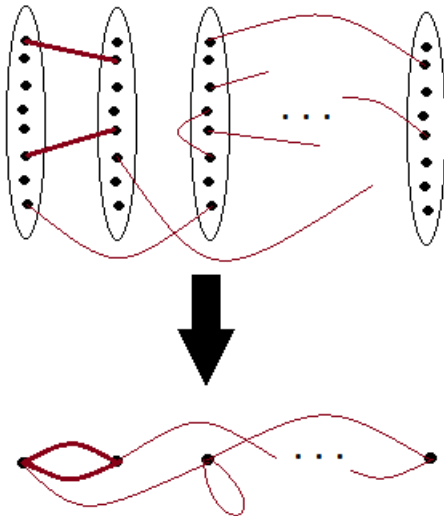
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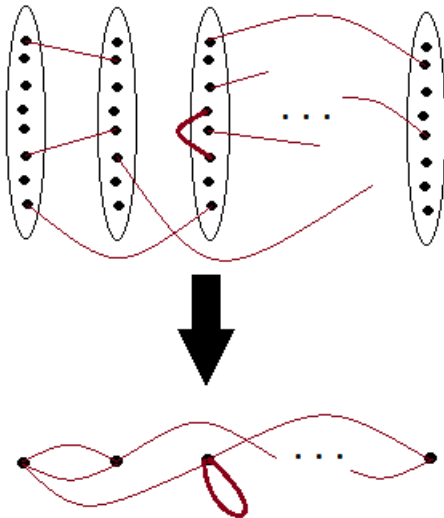
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- The configuration model was first given by Bollobás in 1979.
- Bender and Canfield (1978) show that the probability that $G_{n,d}$ is simple is $(1 + o(1)) \exp(\frac{1-d^2}{4})$.
- Let D be the diameter of $G_{n,d}$. Bollobás and de la Vega (1982) showed that with high probability $D = (1 + o(1)) \log_{d-1}(n)$.



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THEOREM (C., GRIGGS, LU 2015⁺):

For any integer $d \geq 4$, there exists a positive constant c_d such that

$$\mathbf{P}(\chi_\rho(G_{n,d}) \geq c_d n) = 1 - o_n(1).$$



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LEMMA 1

Let u be a vertex of $G_{n,d}$ and let $N_i(u)$ denote the set of vertices of distance at most i from u in $G_{n,d}$ where $1 \leq i \leq (1 + o(1))D/2$, where D is the diameter of $G_{n,d}$. With probability $1 - o(1)$, for all u , $|N_i(u)| \in \{f_i(d), f_i(d) - 1\}$.

LEMMA 2

Let uv be an edge of $G_{n,d}$ and let $N_i(uv)$ denote the set of vertices of distance at most i from u or v in $G_{n,d}$, where $1 \leq i \leq (1 + o(1))D/2$. With probability $1 - o(1)$, for all u, v , $|N_i(uv)| \in \{g_i(d), g_i(d) - 1\}$.



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LEMMA 3

Let u be a vertex of $G_{n,d}$ and let $N_i(u)$ denote the set of vertices of distance at most i from u in $G_{n,d}$ where $(1 + o(1))D/2 \leq i \leq 3D/4$. With probability $1 - o(1)$, for all u , $\frac{f_i(d)}{2} \leq |N_i(u)| \leq f_i(d)$.

LEMMA 4

Let uv be an edge of $G_{n,d}$ and let $N_i(uv)$ denote the set of vertices of distance at most i from u or v in $G_{n,d}$, where $(1 + o(1))D/2 \leq i \leq 3D/4$. With probability $1 - o(1)$, for all u, v , $\frac{g_i(d)}{2} \leq |N_i(uv)| \leq g_i(d)$.



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Finally, we must consider the case when $i \in [3D/4 + 1, D]$.

Define $G^i = (V, E^i)$ where $E^i = \{(u, v) : d(u, v) \leq i \text{ in } G\}$.

Note that as $\alpha(G_{n,d}^i) \leq \alpha(G_{n,d}^j)$ for $i \geq j$, where α is the independence number, we have that

$|V_i| \leq \alpha(G_{n,d}^i) \leq \alpha(G_{n,d}^j) \leq \frac{2}{f_j(d)} n$ for $i \geq j$. Thus,

$$\sum_{i=3/4D}^D |V_i| \leq \sum_{j=(1+o(1))D/2}^{3/4D} \frac{2}{f_j(d)} n < \frac{\epsilon}{6} n.$$



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