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Thm1: $G = (V, E)$, $|V| = n$, $|E| = m$, then G contains a bipartite subgraph with at least $\frac{m}{2}$ edges.

proof :

Consider a random partition $L \cup R = V$. $\forall v \in V$, put it into L or R with equal probability, independently. Let X be the number of crossing edges from L to R . Let X_{uv} be the indicator random variable of the event that the edge uv is crossing, then $X = \sum_{u \sim v} X_{uv}$

$$E[X_{uv}] = \Pr[uv \text{ is crossing}] = \Pr[u \in L, v \in R \text{ or } u \in R, v \in L] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{u \sim v} E[X_{uv}] = \frac{m}{2}$$

$\implies \exists$ a bipartite subgraph with $\geq \frac{m}{2}$ edges.

□

Recall: $\alpha(G)$: independent number

- $\chi(G)\alpha(G) \geq |G|$
- $\alpha(G) \leq n \frac{-\lambda_n}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_n}$

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Thm2: For any graph G , $\alpha(G) \geq \sum_{v \in V} \frac{1}{1 + \deg(v)}$.

proof :

Let $V(G) = [n]$. For $i \in [n]$, let $N_i = \{j \in [n] : j \sim i\}$, let S_n be the symmetric group over $[n]$.

For given $\pi \in S_n$ we say a vertex $i \in [n]$ is π -dominating, if $\pi(i) < \pi(j)$ for all $j \in N_i$. Let $M_\pi = \{\text{all } \pi\text{-dominating vertices.}\}$

Claim: $\forall \pi \in S_n$, M_π is an independent set.

proof of claim: Suppose not, then $\exists i, j \in M_\pi$ with $i \sim j$. $i \in N(j) \Rightarrow \pi(j) < \pi(i)$ and $j \in N(i) \Rightarrow \pi(i) < \pi(j)$, contradiction!

Pick $\pi \in S_n$ uniformly at random, compute $E[|M_\pi|]$.

For any fixed $i \in [n]$, let $I_{\{i \text{ is } \pi\text{-dominating}\}}$ be an indicator random variable, then $|M_\pi| = \sum_{i \in [n]} I_{\{i \text{ is } \pi\text{-dominating}\}}$

$$\begin{aligned} E[|M_\pi|] &= \sum_{i \in [n]} E[I_{\{i \text{ is } \pi\text{-dominating}\}}] \\ &= \sum_{i \in [n]} \Pr[i \text{ is } \pi\text{-dominating}] \\ &= \sum_{i \in [n]} \frac{\binom{n}{\deg(i)+1} \cdot \deg(i)! \cdot (n - \deg(i) - 1)!}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{i \in [n]} \frac{1}{\deg(i) + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ independent set of size } \geq \sum_{i \in [n]} \frac{1}{\deg(i)+1}$$

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Cor1: $\forall G$ with m edges and n vertices, then $\alpha(G) \geq \frac{n^2}{2m+n}$
 $m = \frac{nd}{2}$ where d is average degree, then $\alpha(G) \geq \frac{n}{1+d}$.

proof \therefore

$$2m = \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v), \text{ then } \sum_{v \in V} (\deg(v) + 1) = 2m + n.$$

$$\text{By Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality, } \alpha(G) \geq \sum_{v \in V} \frac{1}{1+\deg(v)} \geq \frac{n^2}{\sum_{v \in V} (1+\deg(v))} = \frac{n^2}{2m+n}$$

□

The deletion method

• **Ideas:** A random structure doesn't always have the directed property, and may have some very few "blemishes". After deleting all

blemishes, we will obtain the wanted structure.

Thm1: Let G be a graph on n vertices and with average degree d , then $\alpha(G) \geq \frac{n}{2d}$

proof :

Let $S \subset V(G)$ be a random set, for $\forall v \in V, Pr(v \in S) = p$ and value of p will be determined later. Let $X = |S|$ and $Y = \# \text{edges in } S$. Then $E[X] = np, E[Y] = |E(G)| \cdot p^2 = \frac{nd}{2}p^2$. Then $E[X - Y] = np - \frac{nd}{2}p^2 = n(p - \frac{d}{2}p^2)$.

By choosing $p = \frac{1}{d}$, we have $E[X - Y] = \frac{n}{2d}$ which is maximum.

So there is a particular set S such that $|S| - Y \geq E[X - Y] = \frac{n}{2d}$. Now deleting one vertex from each edge of S , leaving a set S' . This set S' is independent and has at least $\frac{n}{2d}$ vertices. □

Recall: $R(k, k) > \frac{1}{e\sqrt{2}}k2^{k/2}$.

Thm2: $\forall n, R(k, k) > n - \binom{n}{k}2^{1-\binom{k}{2}}$

proof :

Consider a random 2-edge-coloring of K_n , where each edge is colored by red or blue with probability $\frac{1}{2}$, independently. For $A \in \binom{[n]}{k}$, Let X_A be the indicator random variable of the event that A is monochromatic. Let X be the number of monochromatic k cliques.

$$E[X] = \sum_{A \in \binom{[n]}{k}} E[X_A] = \binom{n}{k}2^{1-\binom{k}{2}}.$$

Then there exists a 2-edge-coloring of K_n , s.t. there are $\leq E[X] = \binom{n}{k}2^{1-\binom{k}{2}}$ monochromatic k cliques. Fix such a coloring, remove one vertex from each monochromatic k -subset. This will delete $\leq \binom{n}{k}2^{1-\binom{k}{2}}$ vertices, which has No monochromatic K_k . So $R(k, k) >$

$$n - \binom{n}{k} 2^{1-\binom{k}{2}}.$$

□

Cor: $R(k, k) > \frac{1}{e}(1 + O(1))k2^{k/2}.$

Def: A clique covering of a graph G is a set H_1, \dots, H_t of its clique subgraphs such that each edge of G belongs to at least one of those cliques. Denote $cc(G) = \min \#$ cliques in clique covering of G .

Thm3 Let G be a graph on n vertices such that every vertex has at least one neighbor and at most d non-neighbors. Then $cc(G) = O(d^2 \ln n)$.

proof ∴

To be continued.

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