

Combinatorics, 2018 Fall, USTC

Homework14

- The due is on Thursday, Jan. 03 .
- Please sign your name and student number.
- Please solve as many problems as you can.

1. Prove that for all integers n and $p \in [0, 1]$,

$$R(k, l) > n - \binom{n}{k} p^{\binom{k}{2}} - \binom{n}{l} (1-p)^{\binom{l}{2}}.$$

and show $R(4, k) \geq c \cdot \left(\frac{k}{\ln k}\right)^2$ for some constant $c > 0$.

2. Consider the family of all pairs (A, B) of disjoint k -elements subsets of $[n]$. A set Y separates the pair (A, B) if $A \subset Y$ and $B \cap Y = \emptyset$. Prove that there exist $l = 2k4^k \ln n$ sets such that every pair (A, B) is separated by at least one of them.
3. If a bipartite $n \times n$ graph has minimum degree $n - d$, then its edges can be covered by at most $O(d \log n)$ complete bipartite subgraphs.
4. Let \mathcal{F} be an r -uniform family of subsets on an n -element set. Suppose that, each element belongs to d members of \mathcal{F} . Prove that there exists a set S of elements such that S contains no member of \mathcal{F} and has size $|S| \geq (1 - \frac{1}{r}) \cdot n \cdot d^{-\frac{1}{r-1}}$.

5. Recall a set system $\mathcal{F} \subset 2^{[n]}$ is an antichain, if $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ and $A \neq B$, then $A \not\subseteq B$. Let $\pi \in S_n$ be a random permutation of $[n]$. By considering the random variable $X = |\{i : \{\pi(1), \pi(2), \dots, \pi(i)\} \in \mathcal{F}\}|$, give a new proof that $|\mathcal{F}| \leq \binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$.