



# Graph Theory

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# 1 Formales

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## 2 Second Lecture

Given  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ ,  $\text{dist}_{\text{Ham}}(a, b) = |\{k: a_k \neq b_k, 1 \leq k \leq n\}|$  describes the Hamming-distance between  $a$  and  $b$ . Example:  $\text{dist}_{\text{Ham}}((0,1,0), (0,0,1)) = 2$ .

**PROPOSITION 3:** If  $\delta(G) \geq 2$  for a graph  $G$ , then  $G$  has a cycle of length at least  $\delta + 1$ ,  $\delta = \delta(G)$ .

**PROOF:** Let  $P = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a longest path in  $G$ . Then  $N(v_0) \subseteq V(P)$ . ( $N$  as neighbourhood of  $v_0$  and  $P$  as vertex set of the path) Let  $k = \max\{i: v_i \in N(v_0)\}$ . We have  $k \geq \delta$ . Then  $v_0 v_1, \dots, v_k v_0$  is a cycle of length of at least  $s + 1$ .

**DEFINITION:** A walk in a graph  $G$  is an alternating sequence of vertices and edges:  $v_0 e_0 v_1 e_1 \dots e_{n-1} v_n$  mit  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1} \forall i = 0, \dots, n-1$ .

Example:  $W = v_0 e_0 v_1 e_1 v_2$



Edges may be included redundantly. This definition also holds for multigraphs. For non-multigraphs suffices a sequence of vertices.

In a walk  $W = v_0 e_0 \dots v_n$ ,  $v_0$  and  $v_n$  are endpoints.

If  $v_0 = v_n$ , the walk is considered closed.

**PROPOSITION 4:** Given a graph  $G$ ,  $u, v \in V(G)$  with  $u \neq v$ , if there is a walk in  $G$  with endpoints  $u$  and  $v$ , then  $\exists u - v$  - path.

**PROOF:** Let  $W$  be a  $u$ - $v$ -walk with the smallest length. If  $W$  corresponds to a path, i.e. it has no repeated vertices: done.

Otherwise, there is a repeated vertex, i.e.  $W = v_0 e_0 v_1 \dots e_{i-1} v_i e_i \dots e_{j-1} v_j e_j \dots v_n$  with  $v_i = v_j$ . Then  $W' = v_0 e_0 \dots e_{i-1} v_i e_j \dots v_n$  is a shorter walk, which is a contradiction.

**PROPOSITION 5:** If a graph has a closed walk of odd length ("odd walk"), then it has an odd cycle.



**PROOF:** Let  $W$  be a closed odd walk of smallest length. If  $W$  corresponds to a cycle: done.

Otherwise  $W = v_0 e_0 v_1 \dots e_{i-1} v_i e_i \dots e_{j-1} v_j e_j \dots v_{n-1} e_{n-1} v_n$  where  $v_i = v_j$ . Then  $W' = v_0 e_0 \dots v_i e_j \dots v_{n-1} e_{n-1} v_n$  and  $W'' =$

$v_i e_i \dots e_{j-1} v_j$ . Then  $\text{length}(W) = \text{length}(W') + \text{length}(W'')$  and  $W', W''$ -closed walks. Since length of  $W$  is odd  $\Rightarrow$  either  $W'$  or  $W''$  is an odd walk of length less than length of  $W$ , which is a contradiction.

**DEFINITION:** Let  $\text{dist}(u, v)$  be the distance between  $u$  and  $v$ . The diameter of a graph is  $\text{diam}(G) = \max\{\text{dist}(u, v): u, v \in V(G)\}$ .

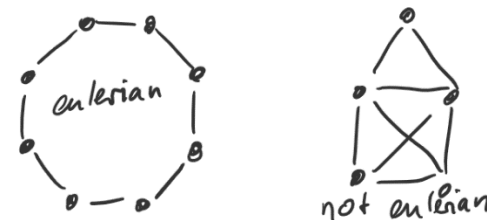
**PROPOSITION 6:** A graph is bipartite  $\Leftrightarrow$  it has no odd cycles.

**PROOF:**

- " $\Leftarrow$ ": Let  $G$  be bipartite with parts  $A$  and  $B$ . Then any cycle has a form  $a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 \dots a_k b_k a_1$  where  $a_i \in A$  and  $b_i \in B$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ; Thus any cycle is even.
- " $\Rightarrow$ ": Assume  $G$  has no odd cycles. Assume that  $G$  is connected. Let  $v \in V(G)$ . Let  $A = \{u: u \in V(G); \text{dist}(u, v) \text{ is even}\}$  and  $B = \{u: u \in V(G); \text{dist}(u, v) \text{ is odd}\}$ . Let  $u_1, u_2 \in B, u_1 \neq u_2, u_1 u_2 \in E(G)$ . Let  $P_i$  be a shortest path ( $v - u_i$  - path),  $P_i$  has odd length,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $P_1, P_2$  and  $u_1 u_2$  form an odd closed walk. By proposition 5,  $G$  has an odd cycle, which is a contradiction. Thus there are no edges with both endpoints in  $B$ . Let  $u_1 u_2 \in A$ , similar argument shows  $u_1 u_2 \notin E(G)$ .

**DEFINITION:** Eulerian Tours are closed walks containing every edge of a given graph exactly once. Graphs having Eulerian tours are called Eulerian.

Example:



**PROPOSITION:** A connected graph is Eulerian if and only if each vertex has even degree.

**PROOF:**

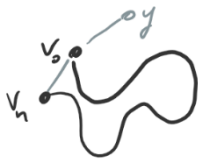
- " $\Rightarrow$ ": Assume  $G$  is Eulerian. Then there is even number of edges incident to any vertex.
- " $\Leftarrow$ ": Assume all vertices of  $G$  have even degree. Let  $G'$  be a walk in  $G$  that contains the largest number of edges so that no edge in  $W$  is repeated. (Any walk will do).

We shall show that  $W$  is Eulerian.

- Claim 1:  $W$  is closed.

Assume not, i.e.  $W = v_0 e_0 \dots v_n, v_0 \neq v_n$ . Then  $v_0, v_n$  have odd degrees. But since the degree of  $v_0$  is even,  $\exists \text{ edge } e = v_0 y, e \notin W$ .

Then  $W' = y e v_0 e_0 \dots v_n$  is a longer walk with non-repeated edges, which is a contradiction with the claim.



Assume that  $W$  does not contain all edges of  $G$ . Let  $E'$  be the set of edges of  $G$  not in  $W$ .

- Case 1:  $\exists e \in E'$  that is incident to a vertex in  $W$ .



Then let  $e = v_i y$ . Consider  $W' = yv_i e_i \dots v_n e_{0v_1} \dots e_{i-1} v_j$ . Then  $W'$  has more edges than  $W$ , which is a contradiction.

- Case 2:  $\forall e \in E'$ ,  $e$  is not incident to  $W$ . Then  $G$  is disconnected, which is a contradiction.

**LEMMA:** Each tree on at least 2 vertices has a leaf.

**PROOF:** Apply proposition 3.

## 3 Third Lecture

Lemma 7:  $\forall \text{tree } T \text{ on } \geq 2 \text{ vertices, } T \text{ has a leaf.}$

### 3.1 Operations on Graphs

$$G_1 = (V_1, E_1), G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$$

$$G_1 \cup G_2 = (V_1 \cup V_2, E_1 \cup E_2), G_1 \text{ cut } G_2 = (V_1 \text{ cut } V_2, E_1 \text{ cut } E_2)$$

$$G = (V, E), v \in V, G - v = G - \{v\} = (V - \{v\}, E - \{vu, uv \in E\})$$

$$e \in E, G - e = (V, E - \{e\})$$

**LEMMA 8:** A tree on  $n$  vertices has  $n - 1$  edges.

**Proof:** Induction on  $n$ .

- Basis:  $n = 1$ , 1 vertex, 0 edges.
- Step: Assume the statement holds for all trees on  $n$  vertices. Let  $T$  be a tree with  $|V(T)| = n + 1$ ,  $n + 1 \geq 2$ . By Lemma 7,  $T$  has a leaf,  $v$ . Let  $T' = T - v$ . Since  $T$  is acyclic  $\Rightarrow T'$  is acyclic. Since  $T$  is connected,  $\forall u, w \in V(T) \exists u - w - \text{path}$  in  $T$ . If  $u, v \neq v$ , this path does not pass through  $v$ . Thus this is a path in  $T'$ . Thus  $T'$  is connected. By induction  $|E(T')| = |V(T')| - 1$ . Therefore  $|E(T)| = |E(T')| - 1 = |V(T')| - 1 + 1 = |V(T')| = n$ . qed

**LEMMA 9:** Every connected graph contains a spanning tree.

Note: If  $H$  is a subgraph of  $G$ ,  $H$  is spanning if  $V(H) = V(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph, let  $T$  be a spanning acyclic subgraph with maximum number of edges. (exists because of empty subgraph). Want to show that  $T$  is a tree. For that, we need to verify that  $T$  is connected.

Assume  $T$  is disconnected.

- Case 1:  $\exists e \in E(G), e = xy$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are distinct connected components of  $T$ . Then  $T \cup e$  is acyclic, contractionary to maximality of  $T$ .
- Case 2:  $\neg \exists e \in E(G)$ ,  $e$  has endpoints in distinct connected components of  $T$ . Contractionary to connectivity of  $G$ .

Qed

**LEMMA 11:** The vertices of a connected graph  $G$  can be ordered  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  so that  $G[\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_i\}]$  is connected for  $i=1, \dots, n$ .

**Proof:** Induction on  $|V(G)|$ .

- Basis  $|V(G)| = 1$ .
- Step: Assume the statement holds for any connected graph on  $n - 1$  vertices.

Let  $G$  be connected with  $|V(G)| = n$ .

By Lemma 9,  $G$  has a spanning tree  $T$ , with a leaf  $v$ . Let  $v_n = v$ . Then  $T - v_n$  is still connected, thus  $G - v_n$  is also connected. By induction,  $V(G_{v_n}) = \{v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  so that  $(G - v_n)[\{v_1, \dots, v_i\}]$  is connected for  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ .

Qed

**Definition:** A graph  $G$  is  $k$ -degenerate for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , if each induced subgraph of  $G$  has minimum degree of at most  $k$ . (TODO minimum!?)

Example: Any tree is 1-degenerate.  $K_n$  is  $(n - 1)$ -degenerate.

**Proposition 1.7 (Tree equivalence theorem):** The following statements are equivalent:

- $G$  is a tree, i.e. is connected and acyclic.
- $G$  is connected and  $\forall e \in E(G) G - e$  is disconnected (minimally connected)
- $G$  is acyclic and  $\forall x, y \in V(G), xy \notin E(G), G \cup xy$  has a cycle. (maximally acyclic).
- $G$  is connected and 1-degenerate.
- $G$  is connected and  $|E(G)| = |V(G)| - 1$ .
- $G$  is acyclic and  $|E(G)| = |V(G)| - 1$ .
- $\forall u, v \in V(G) \exists \text{unique } u - v - \text{path}$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3).

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3). Let  $G$  be a connected acyclic graph. Let  $x, y \in V(G), x \neq y$ .  $G$  is connected  $\Rightarrow \exists x - y - \text{path } p$ . Then  $p \cup e$  is a cycle.

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (1).  $G$  is acyclic and  $\forall x, y \in V(G), xy \notin E(G)$ .  $G \cup xy$  has a cycle. We need to check that  $G$  is connected. If not, pick  $x, y$  from distinct connected components of  $G$ . Then adding edge  $xy$  does not create a cycle. Which is a contradiction.

## 3.2 Matchings

Definition: A **MATCHING** is a 1-regular graph.

Definition: A **FOREST** is an acyclic graph.

Theorem 2.2 (Hall's matching theorem, Marriage Theorem):  
In a bipartite graph with parts A and B, there is a matching containing all vertices of A  $\Leftrightarrow$  the Hall's condition is satisfied.

Proof:

- $\Rightarrow$ : Obvious. Indeed, if M-matching saturating A,  $N(S) \supseteq \{b: ba \in E(M), a \in S\}$
- $\Leftarrow$ : Assume that Hall's condition holds. Induction on A.
  - Basis:  $|A| = 1$ . Obviously holds.
  - Step: Assume the result holds for  $|A| = k$ , prove for  $|A| = k + 1$ .
    - Case 1:  $\forall S \subseteq A, S \neq A, |N(S)| > |S|$ .  
(Abbildung)  
Let  $x \in A, yx \in E(G)$ . Let  $G' = G - \{x, y\}$ , i.e. a graph obtaining from G by deleting vertices x and y and adjacent edges.  $|N_{G'}(S)| \geq |N_G(S)| - 1 \geq |S|$ . By Induction,  $G'$  has a matching  $M'$  saturating  $A - \{x\}$ . Thus  $M' \cup \{xy\}$ -saturates A in G.
    - Case 2:  $\exists S \subseteq A, S \neq A, |N(S)| = |S|$ .  
(Abbildung)  
Let  $A'$  be such a set, i.e.  $|N(A')| = |A'|$ . We shall apply induction to  $(A', N(A'))$  and to  $(A - A', B - N(A'))$ . The Hall's condition holds for  $G[A' \cup N(A')]$ , thus  $\exists M' - \text{match}$  saturating  $A'$ .  
Assume that Hall's condition fails in  $G'' := G[A - A' \cup B - N(A')]$ . This means  $\exists S \subseteq A - A'$  so that  $|N_{G''}(S)| < |S|$ . Consider  $S' = S \cup A'$ .  
 $|N_G(S')| = |N(A') \cup N_{G''}(S)| = |A'| + |N_{G''}(S)| < |A'| + |S| = |A' \cup S| = |S'|$   
Which is a contradiction. Thus Hall's condition holds for  $G''$ ,  $\exists M'' - \text{matching}$  saturating  $A - A'$  in  $G''$ . Then  $M' \cup M''$ -matching saturates A in G.  
Qed.

**DEFINITION: (HALL'S CONDITION):** A bipartite graph with parts A and B satisfies Hall's condition with respect to A if  $\forall S \subseteq A: |N(S)| \geq |S|$ , where  $N(S) = \{b: b \in B, ba \in E \text{ for some } a \in S\}$ .

## 4 Problem class 1

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Claim 3: If  $d = 1: g(Q_d) = \infty$  and if  $d \geq 2: g(Q_d) = 4$ .

Proof:  $Q_1$  is acyclic, and the girth of any acyclic is defined to be  $\infty \Rightarrow g(Q_1) = \infty$ .

Fix  $d \geq 2$ . I claim that  $Q_d$  has no triangle (i.e. a cycle of length 3). Suppose it does. For  $v \in \{0, 1\}^d$ , let

$$|v| = \text{number of } 1\text{'s in } v$$

. Suppose wlog (without loss of generality) that  $|x|$  is odd. What can you say about  $|y|$ ? It must be even. Then also,  $|z|$  must be odd. But then,  $|x|$  is even, which is a contradiction.

(More generally, there are no odd cycles in  $Q_d$ .)

Are there 4 cycles? Yes, the cycle  $(00 \dots 0, 010 \dots 0, 1100 \dots 0, 1000 \dots 0, 00 \dots 0)$ .

Task 2: For any tree T, T has at least  $\Delta(T)$  leaves.

Solution:

By induction on the order of T. If T has at most 2 vertices, the assumption is true.

Suppose  $n > 2$  is given and the result holds for all trees of order  $< n$ . Let T be a tree with  $|T| = n$ . We know from the lecture that T contains a leaf, say v, and that  $T' = T - v$  is a tree.

Let u denote v's unique neighbor in T. We have that  $\Delta(T') \in \{\Delta(T), \Delta(T) - 1\}$ .

By induction hypothesis,  $T'$  has at least  $\Delta(T')$  leaves.

Case 1:  $\Delta(T') = \Delta(T)$ . The leaves of  $T'$  or the leaves of T (Except possibly the vertex u). We get  $\geq \Delta(T') - 1 + 1$  (-1 because we possibly delete u, +1 because v is a leaf in T) =  $\Delta(T') = \Delta(T)$  many leafs.

Case 2:  $\Delta(T') = \Delta(T) - 1$ . This can only happen if  $d_T(u) = \Delta(T)$  and u is the only such vertex.

Suppose  $\Delta(T') \geq 2$ . We know that u cannot be a leaf in  $T'$ . We get  $\geq \Delta(T') + 1$  (+1 because v is a leaf in T) =  $\Delta(T) - 1 + 1 = \Delta(T)$  leafs. Otherwise  $\Delta(T') = 1$ . From the base case, there are  $\Delta(T') + 1$  leafs.

We get  $\geq \Delta(T') + 1 - 1 + 1$  (-1 from u, +1 from adding v back) =  $\Delta(T) - 1 + 1 = \Delta(T)$ .

In all cases T has  $\geq \Delta(T)$  leafs.

Task 3: Prove that for any graph G, either G or  $\bar{G}$  is connected.

Solution:

Suppose that G is not connected. G has connected components  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_t, t \geq 2$  each  $C_i \neq \emptyset$ .

Pick some vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$ .

- If they belong to distinct components, they are connected in  $\bar{G}$  ( $uv \in E(\bar{G})$ ).
- If they belong to the same component, there is a vertex in another component w with edges  $uw, wv \in E(\bar{G})$ .

Task 4: Prove that any graph has a vertex partition such that for any vertex  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$  of its neighbors belong to the other set.

Idea: Find partition that maximizes the number of edges between the vertex sets, if that partition does not fulfill the requirement, proof that there is a better partition.

Solution:

Let  $G$  be a our graph and choose a partition  $X, Y$  of  $V(G)$  so that it maximizes  $e(X, Y) = |\{xy\} \in E(G) : x \in X, y \in Y\}|$ .

Claim: This partition satisfies the desired property. Suppose not, there is a vector  $x \in X$  such that  $d_Y(x) = |N(x) \cap Y| < \frac{1}{2} d_G(x)$ .

Consider the partition of  $V(G)$  given by  $X \setminus \{x\}, Y \cup \{x\}$ . This means there are  $d_Y(x)$  cross edges lost and  $D_G(x) - d_Y(x)$  cross edges gained.

Net gain in the new partition  $Y$  is  $(d_G(x) - d_Y(x)) - d(Y \cup \{x\}) = d_G(x) - 2d_Y(x) > 0$ , i.e.  $e(X \setminus \{x\}, Y \cup \{x\}) > e(X, Y)$  which is a contradiction, because we have chosen  $X, Y$  to maximize that equation. Qed.

For practice: A tournament is an orientation of the complete graph (We choose directions on all edges). Show that any tournament contains a directed path through all vertices.

## 4.1 Hypergraphs

A hypergraph  $H$  is a pair  $(X, E)$  where  $E \subset 2^X$  ( $2^X$  as powerset of  $X$ ).

A hypergraph is  $r$ -uniform if  $|e| = r \forall e \in E$ .

Note: A graph is a 2-uniform hypergraph.

We sometimes encounter problems in this more general setting, but these problems have natural graphs associated to them.

$H(X, E)$  as hypergraph. Consider the incidence graph of  $H$ : Have vertex sets  $E$  and  $X$ . For  $e_i \in E$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $e_i \sim x \Leftrightarrow x \in e_i$ .

Example: Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . Show that there is a connected graph  $G'$  with the same degree sequence as  $G$ .

Solution: Apply induction on the number of connected components.

If there is one component,  $G$  is already connected, so done.

Let  $n > 1$  be given and suppose the result is true for all graphs with  $< n$  components.

Let  $G$  be given with  $n$  components,  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . We know that since  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ , that  $\delta(G[C_1]), \delta(G[C_2]) \geq 2$ .

(Any graph  $G$  has a cycle of length  $\delta(G) + 1$  (if  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ ) by considering a longest path in  $G$ )

Fix cycles  $C, C'$  in  $C_1, C_2$  respectively.

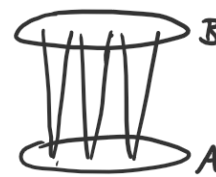
Let  $e$  an edge in  $C_1$  and  $e'$  be an edge in  $C_2$ .

There is an edge  $e$  in  $C$ ,  $e'$  in  $C'$  such that  $G[C_1] - e, G[C_2] - e'$  are both still connected. (Why? Consider spanning tree in each component).

From a new graph  $G'$  by removing  $e$  and  $e'$  and connecting  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  on the now open vertices (add edges  $e_x e'_x, e_y e'_y$ ). The degree sequence is preserved. Number of components drops by 1 so we can apply induction. Qed.

## 5 Lecture 25.10.

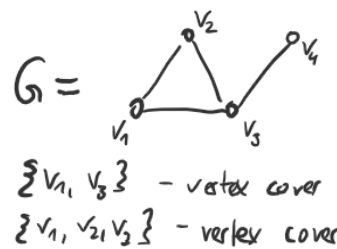
Hall's Condition:



$$\forall S \subseteq A; |N(S)| \geq |S|.$$

**DEFINITION:** A vertex cover in a graph  $G$  is a set of vertices intercepting every edge of  $G$ .

Example:

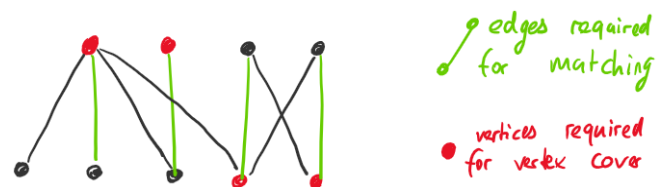


Let  $c(G)$  be the size of a smallest (minimum) vertex cover. Example:  $c(G) = 2$ .

Let  $m(G)$  be the size of a maximum vertex matching<sup>1</sup>.

**KÖNIG'S THEOREM (1931):** If  $G$  is a connected bipartite graph, then  $c(G) = m(G)$ .

Example:



Proof (by Romeo Rizzi 1999): We shall show  $c(G) \leq m(G)$  and  $c(G) \geq m(G)$ .

- $c(G) \geq m(G)$ : True since  $\forall e \in E(M)$ ,  $M$ -max matching  $e$  contains a vertex of a vertex cover.
- $c(G) \leq m(G)$ :

<sup>1</sup> maximum = largest size, not maximal, maximal = could not be enlarged.

- Case 1:  $\Delta(G) \leq 2$ . Then  $G$  is a path or an even cycle.



$$\begin{aligned} m(P_{2n}) &= n = c(P_{2n}) \\ m(P_{2n-1}) &= n = c(P_{2n-1}) \\ m(C_{2n}) &= n = c(C_{2n}) \end{aligned}$$

- Case 2:  $\Delta(G) \geq 3$ . Let  $G$  be a minimal counterexample in its number of edges. Let  $\deg(u) \geq 3, v \in N(u)$ .

Case 2.1:  $m(G - v) < m(G)$ .



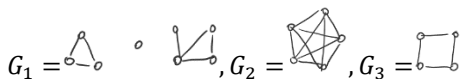
By minimality of  $G$ ,  $m(G - v) = c(G - v)$ . Thus,  $\exists X$  - vertex-cover of  $G - v$ ,  $|X| = c(G - v) = m(G - v) < m(G)$ . Then  $X \cup \{v\}$  will be a vertex cover of  $G$  of size  $\leq m(G)$ .

Case 2.2:  $m(G - v) = m(G)$ .  $\exists$  matching  $M$  of  $G$  of size  $m(G)$ ,  $v \notin V(M)$ . Let  $uw \in E(M), q \in N(u) \setminus \{v, w\}$ . Let  $f = uq$ .  $\exists$  a vertex cover  $W$  of  $G - f$  of size  $|W| = m(G)$  (by minimality of  $G$ ). Then  $W$  contains only vertices of  $M$ . Thus  $v \notin W$ , since  $v \notin V(M)$ .  $W$  must contain  $u$ . Thus  $W$  covers  $f$  as well, thus it covers  $G$ . Thus  $c(G) \leq m(G)$ .

Qed.

**Definition:**  $q(G)$  := number of odd components of  $G$ , i.e. components with odd number of vertices.

Example:  $q(G_1) = 2, q(G_2) = 1, q(G_3) = 0$ .



**TUTTE'S MATCHING THEOREM:** A graph  $G$  has a perfect (spanning) matching  $\Leftrightarrow q(G - S) \leq |S| \forall S \subseteq V(G)$ .

Proof:

- $\Rightarrow$ : Let  $G$  have a  $M$ -perfect match. Consider  $S \subseteq V(G)$ .



$\forall$  odd component  $Q$  of  $G - S, \exists$  an edge of  $M$  "from"  $Q$  "to"  $S$ . Thus  $|S| \geq q(G - S)$ .

- $\Leftarrow$ : Assume  $q(G - S) \leq |S| \forall S \subseteq V$ , but  $G$  has no perfect matching.

Claim 1:  $|V(G)|$  is even.

Indeed, take  $S := \emptyset, q(G - \emptyset) \leq 0$ , i.e.  $G$  has no odd components. Claim 1 qed.

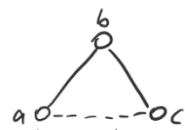
Let  $G'$  with  $G \subseteq G'$  so that  $G'$  has no perfect match but adding any edge to  $G'$  creates such.



We shall show that  $G' =$  (center component where each vertex is fully connected with all vertices of all other components).

Let  $S := \{v \in G' : \deg_{G'}(v) = |V(G')| - 1\}$ , i.e. set of vertices of "full" degree.

Claim 2: Each component of  $G' - S$  is complete. If not,  $\exists$

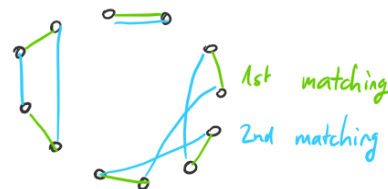


component in  $G' - S$  with [distance  $a \rightarrow b$  exactly 2] subgraph.

Since  $b \notin S, \deg(b) < |V(G')| - 1$ , i.e.  $\exists d \in V : db \notin$

$E(G')$ . i.e.  $a$   $d$ . By maximality of  $G'$ ,  $G' \cup \{ac\}$  has a perfect matching  $M_1$ ,  $G' \cup \{bd\}$  has a perfect matching  $M_2$ .

Consider  $M_1 \cup M_2$ :



It has components, even cycles and edges.

Case 1:  $ac, bd$  belong to different cycles of  $M_1 \cup M_2$ .

Let  $ac \in E(C)$ , let  $M = M_2[V(C)] \cup M_1[V - V(C)]$ .  $M$  is a perfect matching of  $G'$ , which is a contradiction.

Case 2:  $ac, bd \in E(C)$ ,  $C$  is a cycle of  $M_1 \cup M_2$ .  $C \cup \{ac, bd\}$  has a perfect matching  $\tilde{M}$ , then  $M = \tilde{M} \cup M_1[V - V(C)]$  is a perfect match of  $G'$ , which is a contradiction.

Assume  $q(G' - S) \leq |S|$ . Since  $|V(G')|$  is even and  $G'$  has special structure,  $G'$  has a perfect matching, this is a contradiction.

Thus  $q(G' - S) > |S|$ . Therefore  $q(G - S) \geq q(G' - S) > |S| \Rightarrow q(G - S) > |S|$ , which is a contradiction.

$q(G - S) \geq q(G' - S)$  holds because: Components of  $G - S$  subgraphs of component of  $G' - S$ .

Summary for Tutte's theorem:  $G$  has a perfect matching  $\Leftrightarrow \forall S \subseteq V(G), q(G - S) \leq |S|$ .

**||** If  $G$ -regular bipartite graph with parts  $A, B \Rightarrow |A| = |B|$ .

Proof:  $E(G) = k \cdot |A|$  if  $G$ - $k$ -regular.  $E(G) = k \cdot |B|$ . Qed.



## 6 Lecture 28.10.

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Hall's theorem: For a bipartite  $G = (A \cup B, E)$  it holds that:  
 $\exists$  matching saturating  $A \Leftrightarrow \forall S \subseteq A: |N(S)| \geq |S|$ .

(Reminder) Tutte's theorem: For a graph  $G = (A \cup B, E)$ , it holds that:  $\forall S \subseteq V(G): g(G - S) \leq |S|$ , where  $g$  denotes the number of contained odd components.

Idea of classical proof of Königs theorem: Consider a maximum matching  $M$ . An alternating path starts in  $A \setminus V(M)$  and alternates between edges of  $M$  and  $E(G) \setminus E(M)$ .

Construct a vertex cover  $U$  as follows:  $\forall a, b \in E(M), a \in A, b \in B$ , pick  $b$  to be in  $U$  if  $\exists$  an alternating path ending in  $b$ . Otherwise pick  $a$ .

Abbx1

Corollary 1 of Hall's theorem: If  $G$  is a bipartite graph with parts  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\forall S \subseteq A, |N(S)| \geq |S| - q, q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $G$  has a matching of size at least  $|A| - q$ .

Proof: Let  $G'$  be as follows:

Abbx2

Let  $X$  be a set of vertices,  $|X| = q, X \cap A = \emptyset, X \cap B = \emptyset$ .  $V(G') = V(G) \cup X, E(G') = E(G) \cup \{ax: a \in A, x \in X\}$ .

$$|N_{G'}(S)| \geq |N_G(S)| + q \geq (|S| - q) + q = |S|$$

$\Rightarrow$  by Hall's theorem,  $G'$  has a matching of size  $|A|$ . In this matching at most  $q$  edges are incident to  $X$ , the rest is in  $G$ . Thus  $G$  has a matching of size  $\geq |A| - q$ . Qed.

## 6.1 Colorings in graphs

A vertex coloring is a map  $c: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . A coloring is proper if  $c(u) \neq c(v) \forall uv \in E(G)$ . The chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  is the minimal number of colors in a proper coloring of  $G$ .

Example: Abbx3

Example: Bipartite graphs  $G$  always have  $\chi(G) = 2$ , by coloring each partition with one color.

The function  $c: E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  denotes an edge coloring of  $G$ . It is proper if  $c(e) \neq c(e')$  for adjacent edges  $e, e'$ . The chromatic index or edge chromatic number  $\chi'(G)$  is the minimum number of colors in a proper edge coloring of  $G$ .

Example: Abbx4

Example:  $\chi'(K_{3,3}) = 3$ .

A color class is a set of objects of the same color. In a proper edge coloring, each color class is a matching. In a proper

vertex-coloring, each color class is an independent set (induces empty graph).

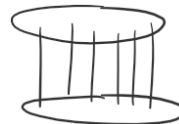
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Note: If  $\chi(G) = k$ , then  $G$  is  $k$ -partite, i.e. a subgraph of a complete  $k$ -partite graph.

Corollary 2 (of Hall's Theorem): If  $G$  is a  $k$ -regular bipartite graph, then  $\chi'(G) = k$ .

Proof: Induction on  $k$ .

- $k = 1$ : For graph  $G$  which looks like:

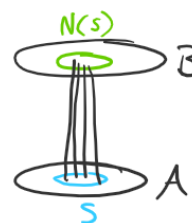


$G$  is matching,  $\chi'(G) = 1$ .

- $k \rightarrow k + 1$ :  $G$  is  $k + 1$ -regular  $\Rightarrow$  it has parts  $A, B$  with  $|A| = |B|$ .

Claim:  $G$  has a perfect matching.

Apply Hall's Theorem (we want  $|N(S)| \geq |S| \forall S \subseteq A$ ).

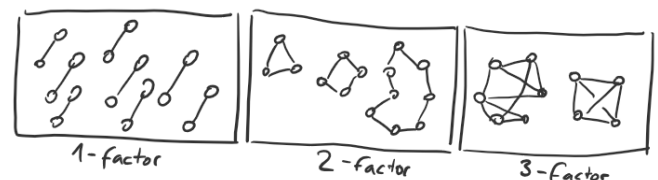


Fix  $S \subseteq N(S)$ .  $e = |S| \cdot (k + 1)$  ("count from  $A$ "),  $e \leq |N(S)|(k + 1) \Rightarrow |S|(k + 1) \leq |N(S)|(k + 1) \Rightarrow |S| \leq |N(S)|$ .

$G$  has an perfect matching  $M$ . Assign all edges and  $M$  to the same color, apply induction to  $G - E(M)$  ( $k$ -regular graph).

Qed.

**DEFINITION:** A perfect matching is a 1-factor. A  $k$ -factor is a  $k$ -regular spanning subgraph.



If  $f: V(G) \mapsto \{0, 1, \dots\}$ , we say that  $H \subseteq G$  is an  $f$ -factor if  $d_H(v) = f(v)$ .  $f(v_1) = 1, f(v_2) = 2, f(v_3) = 1, f(v_4) = 0$

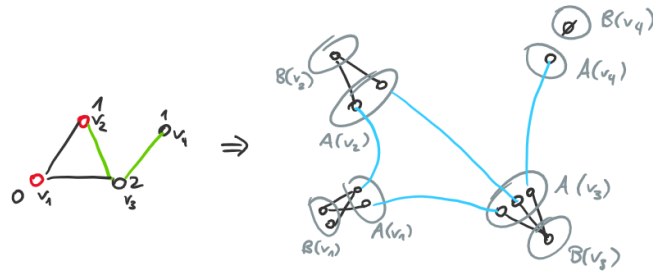
Example:



Claim: Graph  $G, f: V(G) \mapsto \{0, 1, \dots\}, f(v) \leq \deg_G(v)$ . There is a graph  $G'$  such that  $G'$  has a perfect matching if and only if  $G$  has an  $f$ -factor.

Construction of  $G': V(G')$ -pairwise-vertex disjoint union of sets  $A(v), B(v), v \in V(G)$ .  $|A(v)| = \deg_G(v), |B(v)| = \deg_G(v) - f(v)$ .  $A(v), B(v)$ 's induce no edges, there are all edges between  $A(v)$  and  $B(v) \forall v, \cup_{v \in V} A(v)$  induces a matching such that  $\exists$  unique edge between  $A(u) \& A(v) \Leftrightarrow uv \in E(G)$ .

Example:



$$f \setminus \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} & v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 \\ \hline & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

$G$  has  $f$ -factor  $\Leftrightarrow G'$  has 1-factor.

Proof: See image.

**DEFINITION** H-factors:  $H$  as given graph,  $G$  as graph,  $|V(G)|$  is divisible by  $|V(H)|$ . We say that a spanning subgraph of  $G$  is an H-factor if all its components are isomorphic to  $H$ .

Example: TODO Abb6

**HAJNAL & SZEMEREDI THEOREM** (1970): If  $n$  is divisible by  $k$  and  $\delta(G) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)n \Rightarrow G$  has a  $K_k$ -factor,  $n = |V(G)|$ .

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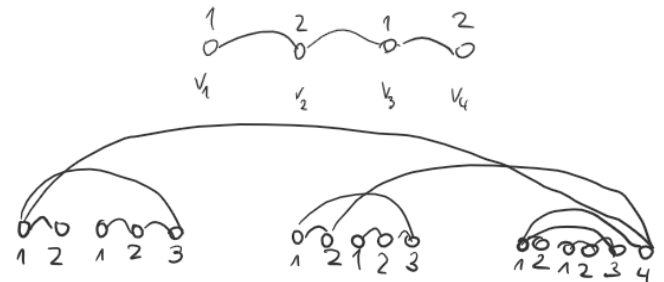
Last time:

- Perfect matchings
- Tutte's theorem
- $k$ -factors,  $f$ -factors
- H-factors
- $\chi(G) := \min$  colors on  $V(G)$  s.t. adjacent vertices  $g \in T$  have different colors.

### 8.1 Facts on Colorings

Given a graph  $G$  and an ordering of its vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , we say that a vertex coloring  $c$  is greedy if it uses colors from  $\{1, \dots\}$ , colors  $v_1, v_2, \dots$  in order, uses smallest available color on  $v_i$ , i.e. the smallest color is not on  $N(v_i) \cap \{v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}\}$ .

Examples:



Claim: For any graph  $G: \chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$  with  $\Delta(G)$  denoting the maximum degree of  $G$ .

Proof: Use greedy coloring.

Examples:  $\chi(K_n) = n = (n-1) + 1, \chi(C_{2k+1}) = 3 = 2 + 1$ .

### 8.2 H-factors

**Theorem Hajnal-Szemerédi (1970):** If  $k$  divides  $|V(G)|$  and  $\delta(G) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)|V(G)| \Rightarrow G$  has a  $K_k$ -factor.

**Theorem Kühn-Osthus (2009):** For graphs  $H, G, |V(H)|$  divides  $|V(G)|$  and  $\delta(G) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\chi^*(H)}\right)n + C$  for  $C = C(H)$ , then  $G$  has an H-factor, and  $\chi^*(H) \in \{\chi(H), \chi_{cz}(H)\}$ ,  $\chi_{cz}(H) = \frac{\chi(H)-1}{|V(H)|-\delta(H)} \cdot |V(H)|$ , where  $\sigma(H)$  is the size of a smallest color class in a proper coloring of  $H$ .

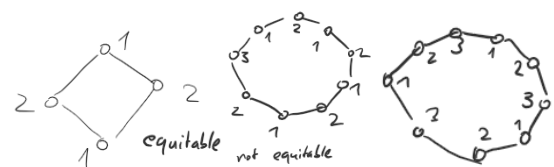
$$\chi(H)[-1] \subseteq \chi_{cz}(H) \subseteq \chi(H)$$

If  $|V(G)|$  is divisible by  $2k+1$  and  $\delta(G) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{2+\frac{1}{k}}\right)n + c \Rightarrow G$  has an  $C_{2k+1}$ -factor.

**Corollary:**  $|V(H)|$  divides  $|V(G)|$  and  $\delta(G) \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{\chi(H)}\right)|V(G)| + c \Rightarrow \exists H$ -factor in  $G$ .

**Definition:** A proper coloring of a graph is equitable if color classes differ in size by at most 1.

Example:

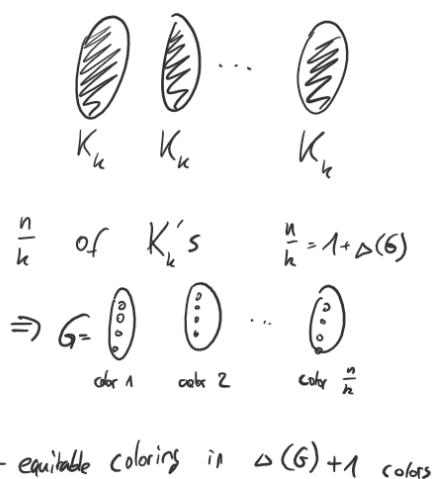


**Corollary of Hajnal-Szemerédi's Theorem:** If  $|V(G)|$  is divisible by  $\Delta(G) + 1$ , then there is an equitable coloring of  $G$  in  $(\Delta(G) + 1)$  colors.

Proof: Let  $G$  with  $(\Delta + 1)$  divides  $|V(G)| = n$ . Then  $\delta(\bar{G}) \geq n - 1 - \Delta(G) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right)$  with  $\bar{G}$  being the complement of  $G$ .  $(1 + \Delta)k = n$ .

$\Rightarrow$  by Hajnal-Szemerédi's Theorem,  $\exists K_k$ -factor in  $\bar{G}$ .

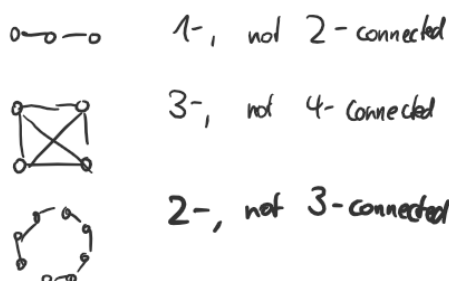




### 8.3 Connectivity

**Definition:** A graph  $G$  is  **$k$ -CONNECTED**,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $|V(G)| \geq k + 1$  and  $G - X$  is connected  $\forall X \subseteq V(G)$ ,  $|X| \leq k - 1$ .

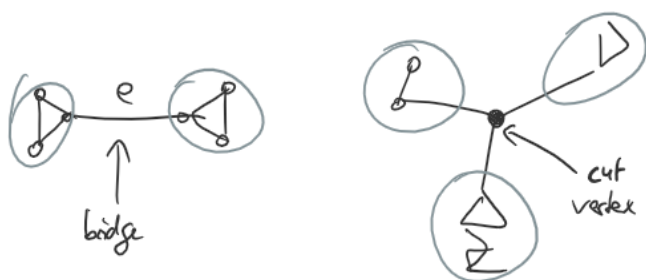
Example:



**Definition:**  $k(G) := \max \{k : G \text{ is } k\text{-connected}\}$  is called **CONNECTIVITY** of  $G$ .  $k(K_n) = n - 1$ ,  $k(C_n) = 2$ ,  $k(\text{tree}) = 1$ .

**Definition:**  $X \subseteq V(G) \cup E(G)$  is cut-set if  $G - X$  has more components than  $G$ . If  $X = \{v\}$ ,  $v \in V$ ,  $v$  is called **CUT-VERTEX**. If  $X = \{e\}$ ,  $e \in E$ ,  $e$  is called **BRIDGE**.

Example:



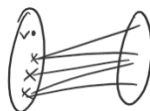
**Definition:** **EDGE-CONNECTIVITY**.  $K'(G) = \max \{e : G \text{ is } e\text{-edge-connected}\}$ ,  $G$  is **E-EDGE-CONNECTED** if  $\forall E' \subseteq E$ ,  $|E'| \leq e - 1$ ,  $G - E'$  is connected.

Example:  $K'(C_n) = 2$ ,  $K'(K_n) = n - 1$ .

**Lemma:**  $\forall G: k(G) \leq K'(G) \leq \delta(G)$ .

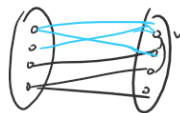
**Proof:**  $K'(G) \leq \delta(G)$ ? All edges incident to a vertex of minimum degree form an edge-cut, thus  $K'(G) \leq \delta(G)$ .  $k(G) \leq K'(G)$ ? Note  $k(K_n) = n - 1 = K'(K_n)$ . Assume  $G$  is not complete. Consider  $F \subseteq E(G)$ ,  $|F| = K'(G)$ ,  $F$ -cutset. Want to find vertex-cut of size  $|F|$ .

- Case 1:  $\exists v \in V(G)$  not incident to  $F$ .



Let  $A$  be a connected component of  $G - F$  containing  $v$ . Endpoints of  $F$  in  $A$  form a vertex-cut.

- Case 2:  $\forall v \in V(G): v$  is incident to  $F$ . Let  $v$  be a vertex of degree less than  $|V(G)| - 1$ , exists since  $G$  is not completed. Claim that  $N(v)$  forms a cut of size  $\leq |F|$ .



Consider edges of  $F$  incident to  $N(v) \cap A$ ,  $A$  is a vertex-set of connected components of  $G - F$  containing  $v$  and consider  $N(v) \setminus A$ , each of these is incident to  $F$  (distinct edges respectively), i.e.  $|N(v)| \leq |F|$ .

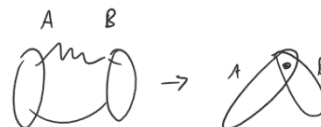
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### 8.4 Planar graphs

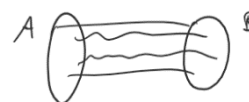
Preparation for Mengers theorem:

Let  $p = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be a path, then  $P_{x_i} := x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i$ ,  $x_i P := x_i x_{i+1} \dots x_n$ ,  $x_i P_{x_j} := x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{j-1}, x_j$ . Let  $F$  be a set of graphs, and  $V(F)$  the set of all vertices in these graphs.

$A, B \subseteq V(G)$ , an  $A, B$ -path is a path with one endpoint in  $A$ , another in  $B$  and no other vertices in  $A \cup B$ .



Notation:  $p(A, B) :=$  largest member of pairwise vertex-disjoint  $A$ - $B$ -paths.



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$A, B \subseteq V(G)$ , a  $A, B$ -path in  $P$  is a path such that one endpoint is in  $A$  and another in  $B$ , and no other vertices are in  $A \cup B$ .

For  $A, B \subseteq V(G)$ , define  $p(A, B) := \max \#$  pairwise vertex-disjoint  $A$ - $B$ -paths. Also  $s(A, B) := \min \#$  vertices that separate  $A$  &  $B$ .

**Definition:**  $X \subseteq V \cup E$  **SEPERATES**  $A$  &  $B$  if  $\forall A - B$ -path  $P$  it holds that  $P$  contains an  $e \in X$  (?) of  $X$ .

If  $P$  is a family of paths, we define  $Ends(P) :=$  set of endpoints of paths in  $P$ .

**Theorem (Menger's):**  $\forall \text{graph } G, \forall A, B \subseteq V(G), p(A, B) = s(A, B)$ .

Proof: Assume that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Let  $P$  be a family of pairwise vertex-disjoint  $A - B$ -paths,  $|P| = p(A, B)$ . Observe that each vertex- $A$ - $B$ -separator must have at least one vertex from each  $p \in P$ . [ABB]. Thus  $s(A, B) \geq p(A, B)$ .

Now we want to show that  $s(A, B) \leq p(A, B)$ .

Claim: If  $P$  is any set of less than  $s(A, B)$  pairwise-vertex-disjoint  $A$ - $B$ -paths, then there exists a family  $Q$  of pairwise-vertex-disjoint  $A$ - $B$ -paths with  $|Q| > |P|$  and  $\text{Ends}(P) \subseteq \text{Ends}(Q)$ .

Abb

Proof of claim: Fix  $G$ , fix  $A$ , apply induction on  $|G| - |B|$ . Basis:  $|B| = |G| - |A|$ . Apply Königs Theorem.  $p(A, B) := \text{size of largest } A\text{-}B\text{-match}$ .  $s(A, B) := \text{size of minimum vertex cover}$ . Step: Assume that Claim holds for  $\forall B: |G| - |B| < q$ . Let  $|G| - |B| = q$ . (Idea: Abb) Let  $P$  be our  $A - B$ -path-family,  $|P| < s(A, B)$ .  $\exists R$ , an  $A - B$ -path not containing  $V(P) \cap B$ . (Abb)

Case 1:  $R$  is disjoint from  $P$ .  $Q := P \cup \{R\}$ , then the claim is proved.

Case 2: Not Case 1: Let  $x$  be last vertex in  $R$  that is in  $P$ . Let  $p \in P$  such that  $x \in V(p)$ . Let  $B' = B \cup V(xp) \cup V(xR)$ . Let  $P' := P \setminus \{p\} \cup \{px\}$ .  $|P'| = |P| < s(A, B) \leq s(A, B') \Rightarrow |P'| < s(A, B')$ ,  $|G| - |B'| < |G| - |B|$ . By induction  $\exists$  a path system  $Q': |Q'| > |P'|$ ,  $\text{Ends}(Q') \supseteq \text{Ends}(P')$ ,  $Q'$ -pairw.-vert.disj. $A$ - $B'$ -paths.

Abb

Let  $y \in B, y \in \text{Ends}(Q') \setminus \text{Ends}(P')$ . Let  $q, q' \in Q'$  with endpoints  $x, y$ , respectively.

Abb (3 cases)

Case 1:  $Q := Q' \setminus \{q\} \cup \{q \cup xp\}$

Case 2:  $Q := Q' - \{q, q'\} \cup \{q \cup xp\} \cup \{q' \cup yR\}$

Case 3:  $Q := Q' \setminus \{q, q'\} \cup \{q \cup xR\} \cup \{q' \cup yp\}$

Qed.

Corollary: For  $a, b \in V(G), ab \notin E(G)$ . Minimum number of vertices separating  $a$  and  $b = \max$  number of independent  $a$ - $b$ -paths, where "independent" means sharing only endpoints.

Proof: Apply Mengers Theorem to  $N(a)$  and  $N(b)$ . Qed.

**GLOBAL VERSION OF MENGERS THEOREM:** A graph  $G$  is  $k$ -connected  $\Leftrightarrow \forall a \neq b \in V(G) \exists k$  independent  $a$ - $b$ -paths.

Proof:

- $\Rightarrow$ : Let  $\kappa(G) \geq k$ . Then  $|V(G)| \geq k + 1$ . Pick  $a, b \in V(G)$ , assume  $\exists \leq (k - 1)$  independent  $a$ - $b$ -paths.
  - Case 1:  $ab \notin E(G)$ . We have  $\leq (k - 1)$  pairwise vertex-disjoint  $N[a] - N[b]$ -paths. ( $N[a] := N(a) \cup \{a\}$ , "closed Neighbourhood"). By Menger  $\exists \leq (k -$

1) vertices separating  $a$  and  $b$ , which is a contradiction (Corollary also shows that).

- Case 2:  $ab \in E(G)$ . Let  $G' = G - \{ab\}$ . There are  $\leq (k - 2)$  vertex-disjoint  $N[a] - N[b]$ -paths. By Menger there exists  $X \subseteq V(G')$  s.t.  $|X| \leq k - 2$ ,  $X$  separates  $N[a]$  and  $N[b]$  in  $G'$ .  $|V(G)| \geq k + 1 \Rightarrow \exists v \in V(G) \setminus (X \cup \{a, b\})$ . Then  $X$  separates  $v$  from either  $a$  or  $b$  in  $G'$ . Assume that  $X$  separates  $v$  from  $a$  in  $G'$ . Then  $X \cup \{b\}$  separates  $v$  from  $a$  in  $G$ . Since  $|X \cup \{b\}| \leq k - 1$ , which is a contradiction.

- $\Leftarrow$ : Deleting  $< k$  vertices does not destroy all independent  $a$ - $b$ -paths for any vertices  $a, b$ ; thus  $\kappa(G) \geq k$ .

Qed.

**Definition:**  $G$  is  **$k$ -LINKED** if  $\forall$  set  $X$  of  $2k$  vertices and any labeling of vertices in  $X: s_1, \dots, s_k, t_1, \dots, t_k, \exists$  pairwise-vertex-disjoint  $s_i - t_i$ -paths,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

**Theorem\*** (Thomas-Wollan 2005):  $G$  is  $10k$ -connected  $\Rightarrow G$  is  $k$ -linked.

For edge-connectivity, apply Menger to line-graph  $L(G)$  of  $G$ . The Line-graph is defined as  $L(G) := (E(G), \{\{e, e'\}; e, e' \text{ are adjacent in } G\})$ .

**Theorem** (Berheke):  $G$  is a line graph if it does not contain any of the following as induced subgraphs: Abb (Siehe Buch)

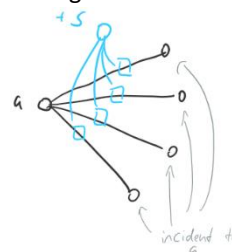
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Corollary 1: If  $G$  is a graph then

- The min. number of edges separating  $a$  from  $b$  is equal to the max. number of pairwise edge-disjoint  $a$ - $b$ -paths
- $G$  is  $k$ -edge-connected  $\Leftrightarrow u, v \in V(G) \exists k$  edge-disjoint  $u$ - $v$ -paths.

Proof (Sketch):

- Given  $G$ , two vertices  $a, b \in V(G)$ . Consider the graph  $G'$ , first consider  $L(G)$ , add two new vertices  $s, t$  and join  $s$  to all edges incident to  $a$ , join  $t$  to all edges incident to  $b$ .



We know that the min. number of vertices in  $V(G') \setminus \{s, t\}$  separating  $s$  from  $t$  is equal to the max. number of pairwise vertex-disjoint  $s$ - $t$ -paths in  $G'$ .

- Second statement directly follows from first.

Question: Is there a "simple" procedure which constructs all  $k$ -connected graphs for  $k \geq 2$ ?

What about 2-connected graphs? A cycle is 2-connected.

Definition: Let  $H$  be a graph. An **H-PATH** is a path  $P$  that meets  $H$  exactly in its endpoints. ( $E(P) \cap E(H) = \emptyset$ ).



An **EAR DECOMPOSITION** of  $G$  is a sequence

$$G_0 \subseteq G_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_k$$

such that

$G_0$  is a cycle

For each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $G_i$  is obtained from  $G_{i-1}$  by adding a  $G_{i-1}$ -path to  $G_{i-1}$ .

$G_k = G$ .

Theorem 1: A graph  $G$  is 2-connected if and only if  $G$  admits an Ear Decomposition.

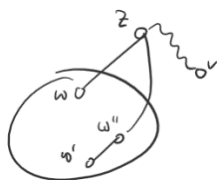
Proof: Let's suppose that  $G$  has an Ear Decomposition  $G_0 \subseteq G_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_k = G$ .  $G_0$  is a cycle, so it is 2-connected.

Assume  $G_i$  is 2-connected,  $i \geq 0$ . Any cut-vertex of  $G_{i+1}$  is on  $P$ . But any vertex of  $P$  is contained in a cycle in  $G_{i+1}$ , so cannot be a cut-vertex.

Assume  $G$  is 2-connected.  $G$  must have a cycle  $C$ . Let  $H$  be the largest subgraph of  $G$  that can be built from  $C$  via Ear Decomposition. First, notice that  $H$  is induced: if  $xy \in E(G) \setminus E(H)$ ,  $x, y \in V(H)$ . Then  $xy$  defines an  $H$ -path, which contradicts the maximality of  $H$ .

Aim:  $H=G$ .

Suppose not,  $\exists v \in V(G) \setminus V(H)$ . By connectivity,  $\exists zw \in E(G)$  such that  $z \in V(G) \setminus V(H)$ ,  $w \in V(H)$ . As  $G$  is 2-connected,  $G - w$  is connected, there is a  $z - w'$  path  $P$  avoiding  $w$ . Let  $w''$  be the first vertex of  $P$  in  $H$ . But this defines an  $H$ -path, which contradicts the maximality of  $H$ . So  $H=G$ . Qed.



Question: Is there a simple procedure for building 3-connected graphs? Yes!

Lemma 1 (Tutte): Suppose  $G$  is 3-connected and  $G \neq K_4$ . Then  $\exists e \in E(G)$  such that  $G \circ e$  is also 3-connected.



Proof: Suppose not. Then  $\forall e \in E(G)$  it holds that  $G \circ e$  has a 2-cut. Let  $xy \in E(G)$ , let  $v_{xy} \in V(G \circ xy)$  be the vertex that  $x, y$  are identified with. Let  $S$  be a 2-cut in  $G \circ xy$ . Then  $S$  contains  $v_{xy}$  (o.w. (?) get a 2-cut in  $G$ ) and it contains some other vertex  $z$ .

Then  $\{x, y, z\}$  defines a 3-cut in  $G$ .

Let  $C$  be the smallest component in  $G \circ \{x, y, z\}$ . Pick  $xy \in E(G)$ ,  $z$ , and  $C$  such that  $|C|$  is minimized. Every vertex in  $S$  has  $\geq 1$  neighbor in every component. Let  $v \in C$  be a neighbor of  $z$ .

$G \circ zv$  has a 2-cut, defines a 3-cut  $\{z, v, w\}$  in  $G$ .  $v$  has neighbors in  $C'$ . However,  $N(v) \subseteq C \cup \{x, y, z\} \Rightarrow C \cap C' \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow C' \subseteq C$ .  $C'$  does not contain  $v$ , so  $|C'| < |C|$ , contradicting minimality(?).

Theorem 2 (Tutte):  $G$  is 3-connected if and only if there is a sequence  $G_0 \subseteq G_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_k$  such that

- $G_0 = K_4$ .
- For each  $x, y \in V(G_i)$  such that  $d(x), d(y) \geq 3$  and  $G_{i-1} = G_i \circ xy$ .
- $G_k = G$ .

Proof: Suppose  $G$  is 3-connected, if  $G \neq K_4$  then apply Lemma 1 to  $G$  to find an edge  $xy$  with  $G \circ xy$  3-connected.

(Note:  $d(x), d(y) \geq 3$ , as  $G$  is 3-connected)

The number of vertices drops by 1 at each stage, so we repeat until we reach  $|G_0| = 4$ ; as  $\delta(G_0) \geq 3$ ,  $G_0 \cong K_4$ .

The other direction is left to the reader.

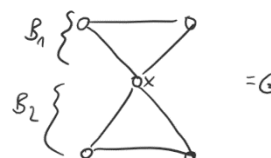
Can every graph be decomposed into maximal 2-connected subgraphs? Not quite.

Example:



Definition: Let  $G$  be a graph. A **BLOCK OF  $G$**  is a maximal subgraph with no cut-vertex (with respect to the subgraph, not the whole graph  $G$ ).

Example:

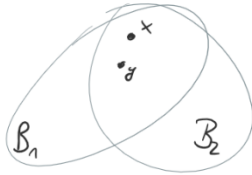


$x$  is a cut-vertex of  $G$ , but not of  $B_1, B_2$ .

Observation: If  $B$  is a block of  $G$ , then either it is a maximal 2-connected subgraph or  $|V(B)| \leq 2$ .  $B$  is either an edge or an vertex.

Proposition 1: If  $B_1, B_2$  are blocks that intersect, then  $|V(B_1) \cap V(B_2)| = 1$ .

Proof: Suppose  $V(B_1) \cap V(B_2) = \{x, y\}$ . We know that  $\forall v \in B_1 \cup B_2$ ,  $B_1 - v, B_2 - v$  are connected. But then,  $B = B_1 \cup B_2$ ,  $B - v = (B_1 - v) \cup (B_2 - v)$  is connected, because  $B_1 - v, B_2 - v$  intersects in  $\geq 1$  vertex. So  $B_1 \cup B_2$  has no cut-vertex and this contradicts the maximality of  $B_1$ .



## 11 Problem class 13.11.

Let  $G'$  be a bipartite graph with parts  $A$  and  $B$ . Suppose  $|N(S)| \geq |S| \forall S \subseteq A$ .

Suppose there is no matching covering  $A$ .

Question: At most how many independent  $s$ - $t$ -paths can there be? There are  $< |A|$  of these since there is no matching covering  $A$ . By Menger,  $\exists S \subseteq A \cup B$  separating  $s$  from  $t$ . Write  $S_A = S \cap A, S_B = S \cap B$ . So we have  $S(A \setminus S_A) \subseteq S_B$ . Then  $|N(A \setminus S_A)| \leq |S_B| < |A| - |S_A| = |A \setminus S_A|$ , which contradicts Hall's theorem.

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Last time: Let  $G$  be a graph. A block in  $G$  is a maximal connected subgraph with no cutvertex.

Proposition: Any two distinct blocks intersect in  $\leq 1$  vertex.

Proposition: If  $B_1, B_2$  are distinct blocks in  $G$  and  $V(B_1) \cap V(B_2) = \{v\}$ , then  $v$  is a cutvertex of  $G$ .

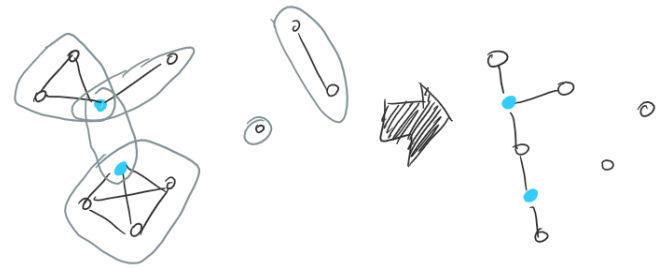
Proof:



If  $v$  is not a cutvertex, obtain a  $w - w'$ -path  $p$  in  $G - v$ .  $p$  contains a  $B_1$ -path, say  $Q$ . But  $B_1 \cup Q$  is a larger block than  $B_1$ , contradicting the maximality of  $B_1$ .

We know that every edge of  $G$  lies in a unique block.

Example:



Definition: A Block-cutvertex graph of  $G$  is a bipartite graph with partitions  $B$  and  $C$ , where

$C$  = cut-vertices of  $G$

$B$  = blocks of  $G$

Join  $c \sim B$  if and only if  $c \in B$ .

Theorem: If  $G$  is connected, then its block-cutvertex-graph is a tree.

Hint: Suppose it was acyclic and consider a shortest cycle.

Theorem (Mader): If  $G$  is a graph with average degree  $\geq k$ , then  $G$  has a subgraph that is  $k$ -connected.

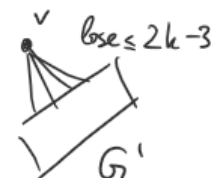
Proof:  $k = 1$  works. We prove the following by induction on  $n = |G|$ .

(\*) :  $n \geq 2k - 1$  and  $|G| \geq (2k - 3)(n - k + 1) + 1$ , then  $G$  has a  $k$ -connected subgraph.

(Check: (\*) implies Mader.)

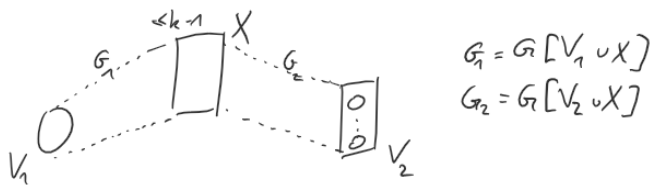
Base case:  $n = 2k - 1$ , calculations show that  $G = K_{2k-1}$ , so it's a tree.

Let's assume  $n \geq 2k$ , and the result holds for smaller value of  $n$ . If  $\exists v \in V(G)$   $d_G(v) \leq 2k - 3$ , consider  $G' := G - v$ , apply induction hypothesis to  $G'$ .



So we may assume that  $d(v) \geq 2k - 2 \forall v \in V(G)$ .

If  $G$  is  $k$ -connected, then we are done. Otherwise  $\exists X \subset V(G), |X| \leq k - 1$  such that  $G - X$  has  $\geq 2$  components.



$$G_1 = G[V_1 \cup X]$$

$$G_2 = G[V_2 \cup X]$$

By the minimum degree condition,  $|G_1| \geq 2k-1$ ,  $|G_2| \geq 2k-1$ . So if  $|G_i| \geq (2k-3)(|G_i| - k + 1) + 1$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , then apply our Induction Hypothesis to  $G_i$ . Otherwise  $|G| \leq |G_1| + |G_2| \leq (2k-3)[|G_1| + |G_2| - 2k + 2] = (**)$ .

We have  $n \geq |G_1 \cup G_2| = |G_1| + |G_2| - |G_1 \cap G_2| \Rightarrow |G_1| + |G_2| \leq n + (k-1)$ .

$$(**) \leq (2k-3)[n + (k-1) - 2k + 2] = (2k-3)[n - k + 1]$$

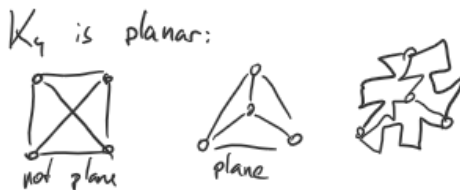
Which is a contradiction. Qed.

## 12.1 Planar graph

Motivation: A graph drawn in a plane without crossing edges is a **PLANE GRAPH**.

A graph is **PLANAR** if it can be drawn in such a way.

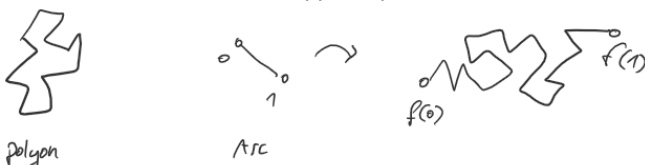
Example:



Question: When can you "tell" that an abstract graph is planar?

## 12.2 Topological Definitions

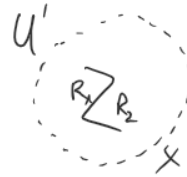
- $p, q \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , the straight line segment between them is  $\{(1-\lambda)p + \lambda q : \lambda \in [0, 1]\}$ .
- Let  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . We say they are homomorphic if  $\exists f: A \rightarrow B$  such that  $f$  is a bijection, and  $f, f^{-1}$  are continuous [B can be obtained from A by continuously deforming A].
- A polygon  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  is a union of finitely many line segments, which is homeomorphic to  $S^1 := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|x\| = 1\}$ .
- An arc is a union of finitely many line segments homeomorphic to  $[0, 1]$ .  $f(0), f(1)$  are the endpoints of the arc. This arc is said to link to its endpoints.  $\dot{P} = P \setminus \{f(0), f(1)\}$  is P's "interior".



- Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be an open set.  
 $\Rightarrow$  being linked by an arc in  $U$  is an equivalence relation on  $U$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Equivalence classes we call "regions" (they are also open)

- Closed set  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  separates a region  $U'$  of  $U$ , if  $U' \setminus X$  has more than one region.



- Frontier of a set  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is the set  $Y = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \text{Every neighbourhood of } y \text{ intersects } X \text{ and } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus X\}$ .



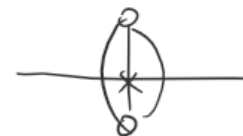
**Theorem (Jordan Curve for Polygons):** For any polygon  $P \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus P$  has exactly two regions, both of which have P as frontiers.

**Lemma ("Three paths lemma"):** Let  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  be internally disjoint arcs with the same endpoints.



Then

- $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{P_1, P_2, P_3\}$  has 3 regions with frontiers  $P_1 \cup P_2, P_2 \cup P_3, P_3 \cup P_1$ .
- If  $P$  is an arc between the interior in  $\dot{P}_1$  and  $\dot{P}_3$  that runs through the region containing  $P_2$ , then  $\dot{P}_1 \cap \dot{P}_2 \neq \emptyset$ .



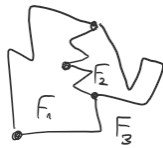
**Definition:** A **PLANE GRAPH** is a pair  $(V, E)$  of sets such that

- $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$
- Every edge in  $E$  is an arc between two vertices.
- Different edges have different sets of endpoints ("no multiple edges")
- The interior of an edge contains no vertex and no point of any other edge.

A plane graph  $(V, E)$  defines a graph  $G$  on  $V$  in the obvious way (" $G$ ", " $(V, E)$ ").

Suppose  $G$  is a plane graph.  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus G$  is open, and we call its regions the **faces** of  $G$ .



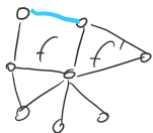


- ➔ The unbounded face is the **outer face** of  $G$ .
- ➔ The other faces are the **inner faces**.
- ➔  $F(G)$  denotes the set of faces in  $G$ .
- ➔ A planar embedding of an abstract graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a bijection  $f: V \rightarrow V'$ , where  $G' = (V', E')$  is a plane graph such that  $uv \in E(G)$  if and only if there is an arc in  $G'$  between  $f(u), f(v)$ .  
“ $G'$ ” is a **drawing** of  $G$ .

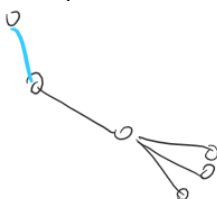
**G is planar if it has a planar embedding.**

**LEMMA:** Let  $G$  be a plane graph,  $e \in E(G)$ . Then

1. If  $X$  is the frontier of a face of  $G$ , either  $e \subseteq X$  or  $e \cap X = \emptyset$ .



2. If  $e$  lies on a cycle  $C \subseteq G$ , then  $e$  lies on the frontier of exactly two faces, and these are contained in distinct faces of  $C$ .
3. If  $e$  lies on no cycle, then  $e$  lies on the frontier of exactly one face.



Corollary: The frontier of a face  $f$  is always the point-set of a subgraph.

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## 13 Lecture 18.11.

Today: Eulers formular, corollaries minors, topological minors, Kuratowski's theorem.

- Planar graphs: Graphs
- Plane graphs: Not graphs ( $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2, \neg E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ , edges are not pairs of vertices but arcs!)

Goal:

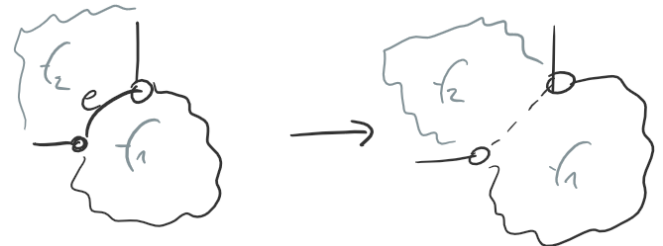
- Kuratowski's theorem – structural character
- Euler's theorem - #vertices, edges, faces
- $\chi(G) \leq 5, \chi_l(G) \leq 5$

We use the notation #vertices =  $n$ , #edges =  $m$ , #faces =  $f$ .

**Theorem (EULER):** Let  $G$  be a connected plane graph, then  $n(G) - m(G) + f(G) = 2$ .

Proof: Induction on  $m$ .

- Basis:  $m = n - 1$ , then  $G$  is a tree, thus there are no cycles, thus there is exactly one face. Then  $n - m + f = n - (n - 1) + 1 = 2$ .
- Step:  $(m - 1) \rightarrow (m)$ : Let  $|E(G)| = m$  and stat. (?) holds for all plane graphs with at most  $m - 1$  edges. Since  $m \geq n$ ,  $G$  is not a tree, thus there exists a cycle,  $C \subseteq G$ . Let  $e \in E(C)$ ,  $e$  is on the boundary of  $f_1, f_2$  – distinct faces of  $G$ .



Let  $G'$  be obtained from  $G$  by deleting  $e$ .

Then  $n(G') = n(G), m(G') = m(G) - 1, f(G') = f(G) - 1$ , the set of faces of  $G'$  is equal to the set of faces of  $G$  minus  $\{f_1, f_2\} \cup \{f_1 \cup f_2 \cup e\}$ .

We have  $n(G) - m(G) + f(G) = n(G') - (m(G') + 1) + (f(G') + 1) = n(G') - m(G') + f(G') = 2$  by induction. Qed.

**Corollary 1:** A plane graph on  $n$  vertices has at most  $3n - 6$  edges. (Equality is achieved for triangulations). ( $n(G) \geq 3$ )

Proof: Let  $G$  be a plane triangulation. Let  $X = \{(f, e): f \text{ – face of } G, e \text{ – edge on the boundary of } f\}$ .

Then  $|X| = \sum_{f \text{ is a face of } G} 3 = 3 \cdot f(G), |X| = \sum_{e \text{ is an edge of } G} 2 = 2 \cdot m(G)$ . Thus  $3f = 2m, f = \frac{2m}{3}$ . Plug in  $n - m + f = 2 \Rightarrow n - \frac{m}{3} = 2$ . Qed.

**Corollary 2:** If  $G$  is a bipartite plane graph, then  $m(G) \leq 2n(G) - 4$ . ( $n(G) \geq 4$ )

Proof (Outline): Note that each face has a length of at least 4.

### 13.1 Minors

(Notation:  $G$  denotes a large graph,  $X$  denotes a small graph)

$X$  is a **MINOR** of  $G$  if  $X$  is obtained from  $G$  by edge deletions, contractions or vertex deletions, write  $X \ll G$ .

Examples:





$X \ll G$  (assume connectivity) if  $V(X) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $V(G) = X_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} X_n$  ( $\dot{\cup}$  indicates disjoint union or partition) such that  $G[X_i]$  is connected for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  if  $x_i x_j \in E(X) \Rightarrow \exists$  an edge between  $X_i$  &  $X_j$ .

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  are called branch sets. Example:



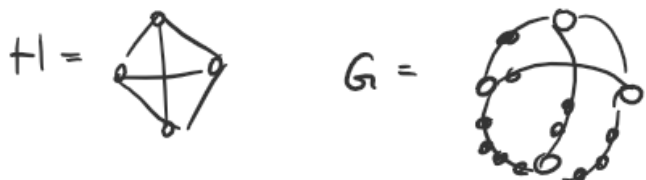
We say:  $X \ll G$ ,  $X$  is a minor of  $G$ ,  $G$  is an  $X$ -minor,  $G$  contains  $X$  as a minor,  $G = MX$ .

## 13.2 Topological minors

A graph  $G$  is obtained by a **SINGLE EDGE-SUBDIVISION** from graph  $H$  if  $V(G) = V(H) \cup \{w\}$ ,  $w \notin V(H)$ ;  $E(G) = E(H) \setminus \{xy\} \cup \{xw, wy\}$ .



$G$  is a **SUBDIVISION** of  $H$  if  $G$  is obtained by a series of edge-subdivisions from  $H$ . We write  $G = TH$ .



$X$  is a **TOPOLOGICAL MINOR** of  $G$  if  $TX \subseteq G$ , i.e. if  $G$  contains a subdivision of  $X$  as a subgraph.

Note:  $G = TX \Rightarrow G = MX$ ,  $G = MX \not\Rightarrow G = TX$ .

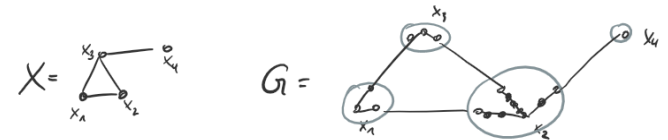


**KURATOWSKI'S THEOREM** (Wagner's theorem): The following statements are equivalent.

- $F$  is a class of planar graphs

- $F$  is a class of graphs with no  $MK_5$ ,  $MK_{3,3}$
- $F$  is a class of graphs with no  $TK_5$ ,  $TK_{3,3}$

Observation: Let  $G = MX$  such that  $G$  is edge-minimal with respect to this property. If  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ -branch sets of  $G$ ,  $G[X_i]$  is a tree and there is exactly one edge between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  if  $x_i x_j \in E(X)$  and no edges between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  if  $x_i x_j \notin E(X)$ .



Moreover  $G[X_i]$  either has one vertex or it has  $\leq \deg_X(x_i)$  leaves.

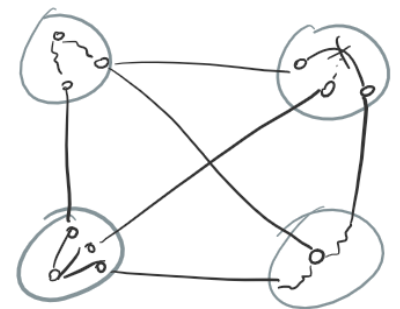
Observation: If  $X$ -graph,  $\Delta(X) \leq 3$  and  $G = MX$  then  $TX \subseteq G$ .

Proof outline: Consider  $G' \subseteq G$  such that  $G' = MX$ ,  $G'$ -minimal.

Example

$$G = K_4$$

$$X =$$



Let  $H_i$  be the union of  $G'[X_i]$  and all edges leaving  $X_i$  for a branch set  $X_i$ . Since  $G[X_i]$  is a tree with at most 3 leaves,  $H_i$  is a spider with at most 3 legs. Then  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  form the branch vertices of  $TX$ . Qed.

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Theorem (Kuratowski): The following statements are equivalent:

- $G$  is planar
- $MK_{3,3}, MK_5 \not\subseteq G$
- $TK_5, TK_{3,3} \not\subseteq G$

Last time:

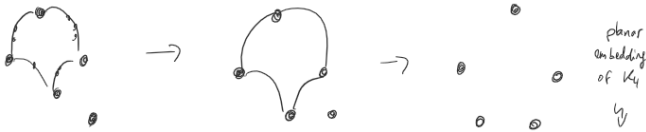
- Observation 1:  $G = MX$ ,  $G$  is edge-minimal and  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are branch sets of  $G$  corresponding to  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} = V(X)$ , then  $G[X_i]$  are trees and there is exactly one edge between  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  if and only if  $x_i x_j \in E(X)$ .
- Observation 2:  $G = MX$ ,  $\Delta(X) \leq 3$ , then  $TX \subseteq G$ .
- Observation 3:  $TK_5 \subseteq G$  or  $TK_{3,3} \subseteq G \Rightarrow G$  is not planar
- Lemma 37:  $TK_5$  or  $TK_{3,3} \subseteq G \Leftrightarrow MK_5$  or  $MK_{3,3} \subseteq G$
- Lemma 38:  $k(G) \geq 3$  and  $MK_5, MK_{3,3} \not\subseteq G \Rightarrow G$  is planar

- Lemma 40:  $|G| > 4$  and  $G$  is edge maximal with regards to not having  $TK_5, TK_{3,3} \Rightarrow k(G) \geq 3$ .

Proof for Observation 3:

Note that  $K_5, K_{3,3}$  are not planar since Eulers formular ( $n - m + f = 2$ ) fails. We had  $m \leq 3n - 6$  (planar),  $m \leq 2n - 4$  (planar no triangle). In  $K_4$ :  $n = 5, m = 10, 3n - 6 = 9$ , which is a contradiction.

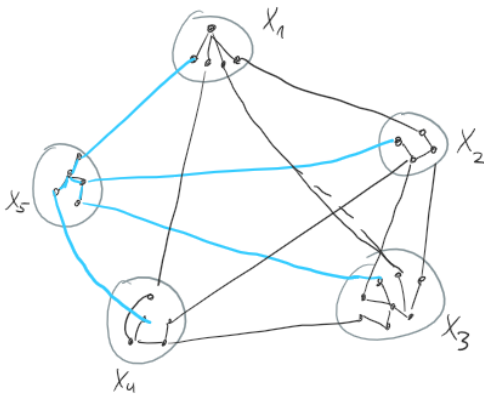
In  $K_{3,3}$ :  $n = 6, m = 9, 2n - 4 = 8$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $TK_5, TK_{3,3}$  are also not planar, otherwise embed  $TK_5$ , take a union of edges on a path between branch vertices to form an arc. (merge subdivisions).



We end with a planar embedding of  $K_4$ , which is not possible and thus a contradiction. Qed.

Proof for Lemma 37:

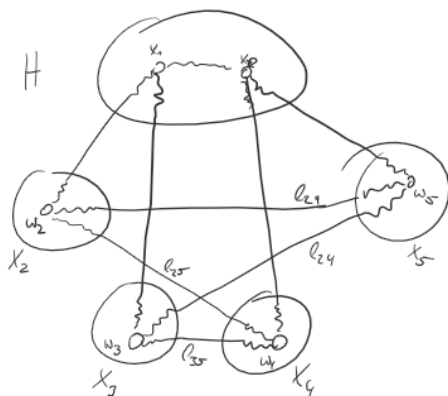
- " $\Rightarrow$ ": Let  $G$  with  $TK_5 \subseteq G$  or  $TK_{3,3} \subseteq G$ . We know that  $TX = MX$ .
- " $\Leftarrow$ ": Let  $G$  with  $MK_5 \subseteq G$  or  $MK_{3,3} \subseteq G$ . If  $MK_{3,3} \subseteq G$  then  $TK_{3,3} \subseteq G$  since  $\Delta(K_{3,3}) = 3$  (Observation 2). If  $MK_5 \subseteq G$ , let  $G'$  be edge-minimal,  $G' \subseteq G$ .  $G' = MK_5$  with branch sets  $X_1, \dots, X_5$ .



Let  $H_i$  be a graph consisting of all edges incident to  $X_i$ .  $H_i \in \{TW, TW'\}$ .

Case 1: All  $H_i$ 's are  $TW$  then  $G' = TK_5$ .

Case 2: Without loss of generality  $H_1 = TW'$ .

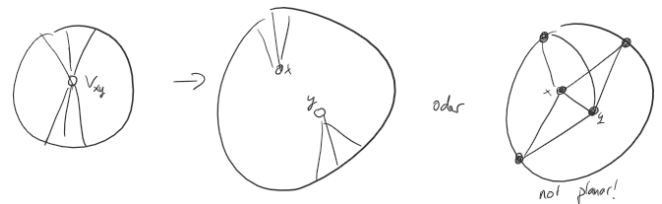


Let  $e_{ij}$  be an edge between  $X_i$  and  $X_j, i \in \{2,3\}, j \in \{4,5\}$ . Let  $w_i, i = 2,3,4,5$  be in  $X_i$  such that there are three independent paths from  $x_i$  to  $e_{ij}$  and neighbor of  $x_0$  or  $x_1$ . Then  $\{x_0, w_2, w_3\} \cup \{x_1, w_4, w_5\}$  form branch vertices of  $TK_{3,3}$ .

Qed.

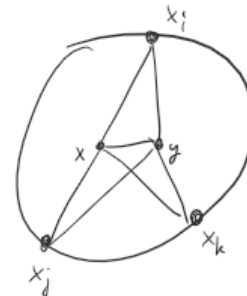
Proof of Lemma 38:

Induction on  $|V(G)|$ . Basis  $|V(G)| = 4$  (any such graph is planar since  $K_4$  is planar). Assume  $|V(G)| > 4$ . By Tutte's Lemma  $\exists$  edge  $e = xy$  such that  $k(G' = G - e) \geq 3$ . Since  $MK_5 \not\subseteq G'$  and  $MK_{3,3} \not\subseteq G'$  and  $|V(G')| < |V(G)|$  by induction,  $G'$  is planar. Consider plane embedding of  $G'$  with  $v_{xy}$  being the vertex obtained by contracting  $e = xy$ . Let's "uncontract"  $v_{xy}$ .



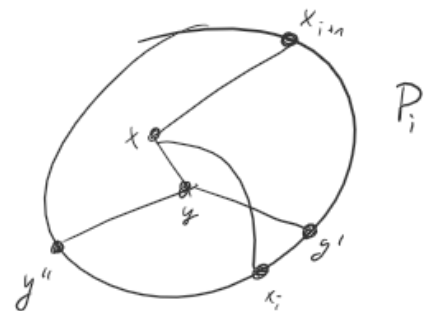
Let the face of  $G' - v_{xy}$  be bounded by a cycle  $C, N(v_{xy}) \cap V(C) = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}\}$ . Let  $Y = N(y) \cap V(C)$ . Let  $P_i$  be a path on  $C$  from  $x_i$  to  $x_{i+1} \pmod m$ .

- Case 1:  $|Y \cap X| \geq 3$ .



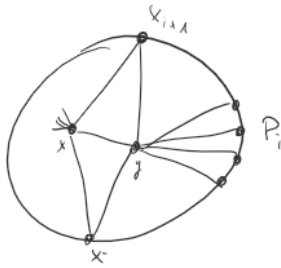
Then there exists  $TK_5$  with branch vertices  $x, y, x_i, x_j, x_k$  with  $x_i, x_j, x_k \in X \cap Y$ , which is a contradiction.

- Case 2:  $\exists y' \in Y \cap V(P_i), y'' \in Y \cap (V(C) \setminus V(P_i))$  (with  $\dot{P}_i$  being the interior of  $P_i$ )



There is  $TK_{3,3}$  with branch vertices  $\{y, x_i, x_{i+1}\} \cup \{x, y', y''\}$ .

- Case 3:  $Y \subseteq V(P_i)$  for some  $i$ .



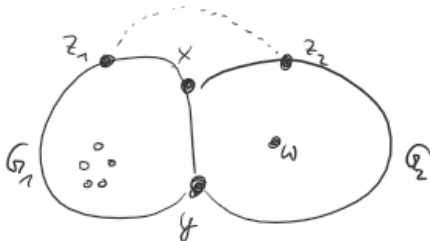
This actually creates a planar embedding of  $G$ .

Qed.

Lemma 39: Let  $X$  be a graph with  $k(X) \geq 3$ ,  $G$  is edge-maximal with respect to not containing  $TX$ . Let  $S \subseteq V(G)$ ,  $|S| \leq 2$  be a vertex-cut,  $G = G_1 \cup G_2$ ,  $V(G_1) \cap V(G_2) = S$ . Then  $\forall i = 1, 2$   $G_i$  is edge-maximal with respect to  $TX \not\subseteq G_i$  and  $S$  contains an edge.

Proof of Lemma 40:

Induction on  $|V(G)|$ . If  $|V(G)| = 4 \Rightarrow G = K_4$ ,  $k(K_4) = 3$ . Let  $|V(G)| > 4$ . Assume  $k(G) < 3$ , i.e.  $\exists$  vertex-cut  $S'$ ,  $|S'| \leq 2$ . Let  $S = \{x, y\}$ ,  $G = G_1 \cup G_2$ ,  $V(G_1) \cap V(G_2) = S$ . We know that  $TK_5, TK_{3,3} \not\subseteq G_i, i = 1, 2 \Rightarrow MK_5, MK_{3,3} \not\subseteq G_i, i = 1, 2$  (implies Lemma 37). By Lemma 39,  $G_i$  - edge-maximal does not contain  $TK_5, TK_{3,3}$  and  $xy \in E(G)$ . By induction  $k(G_i) \geq 3, i = 1, 2$ . By Lemma 38,  $G_i$  is planar,  $i = 1, 2$ . Consider planar embeddings of  $G_i$  such that  $e = xy$  is an unbounded face.



Case 1:  $H \in \{TK_5, TK_{3,3}\}$ ,  $H \subseteq G \cup z_1 z_2$ .  $\exists$  at most two internally disjoint path of  $H$  outside of  $G_i$ . Then  $G_i \cup$  these paths  $\{TK_5, TK_{3,3}\} \ni H \subseteq$  (planar graph of two touching cycles where one path on one cycle goes through the other cycle).

Case 2:  $V(G_1) \setminus V(G_2)$  and  $V(G_2) \setminus V(G_1)$  contain branch vertices of  $H$ . Since  $k(K_5), k(K_{3,3}) \geq 3$ , we see that  $H \neq K_5$ . (We cannot pass subdivided edges of  $K_5$  through  $z, z_2, x, y$ ). Thus  $H = TK_{3,3}$  and exactly one branch vertex, say  $w \in V(G_2) \setminus V(G_1)$ . There are 3 internally disjoint  $w - G_1$  paths in  $H$ . But  $G_1 \cup$  these paths  $\ni H = TK_{3,3}$ .

Proof of Kuratowskis theorem:

1.  $G$  is planar
2.  $G \not\supseteq MK_5, MK_{3,3}$
3.  $G \not\supseteq TK_5, TK_{3,3}$

$2 \Leftrightarrow 3$ : Lemma 37

$1 \Rightarrow 3$ : Observation 3

$2 \Rightarrow 1$ :  $G \not\supseteq MK_5, MK_{3,3}$ . Add edges preserving this property and get  $G'$ . Lemma 40 and 37 implies  $k(G') \geq 3$ . Lemma 38  $\Rightarrow G'$  is planar, then  $G \subseteq G'$  is also planar.

Qed.

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[TODO incomplete, see Anne]

Note 1: If  $G$  is maximally plane, then  $k(G) \geq 3$ .

Note 2: If  $G$  is plane,  $k(G) \geq 2$ , then each face is bounded by a cycle.

Note 3: If  $G$  is planar then  $\exists v \in V(G): \deg(v) \leq 5$ .

Proof: By Eulers theorem:  $|E(G)| \leq 3|V(G)| - 6$ .  $|E(G)| = \sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) \Rightarrow \sum_{v \in V(G)} \deg(v) \leq 6|V(G)| - 12 < 6|V(G)| \Rightarrow \exists v \in V(G): \deg(v) < 6$ , i.e.  $\deg(v) \leq 5$ .

**FARY'S THEOREM:** If  $G$  is planar,  $k(G) \geq 3$ , then  $G$  can be embedded in the plane such that all edges are straight line segments.

Proof outline: Induction on  $|V(G)|$ .

Base case:  $|V(G)| = 4 \Rightarrow G = K_4$ .

Step: Let  $v \in V(G): \deg(v) \leq 5$ . Let  $G' := G - v (+)$  triangle. Apply Induction to  $G'$ . We have  $k(G') \geq 2$

Abb1

Apply induction to  $G'$  to get that a face cont. (?)  $v$  in  $G$  is a polygon with at most 5 vetices. Insert  $v$  such that it can be joined to the corners by straight lines segments.

Qed.

**Definition: Poset – partially ordered set.** Let  $X$  be a set, a relation " $\leq$ " is a subset of  $X \times X$ . Example:  $X := \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\leq = \{(1, 2), (3, 2)\}$ . A relation " $\leq$ " is a partially ordered set if it is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

- Reflexive:  $x \leq x$
- Antisymmetric:  $x \leq y \wedge x \neq y \Rightarrow y \not\leq x$
- Transitive:  $x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$

Example: " $\leq$ " =  $\emptyset$ ,  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$

Example: " $\leq$ " is a total order or a chain if  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x \forall x, y \in X$ .

The **incidence poset**  $(V \cup E, \leq)$  on a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is given by  $v \leq e \Leftrightarrow e$  is incident to  $v \forall v \in V, e \in E$ .

## 15.1 Cover Relation diagram

TODO

## 15.2 Dimension of a poset P

TODO

Schnyder's theorem: A graph  $G$  is planar  $\Leftrightarrow \dim(P(G)) \leq 3$ , with  $P(G)$  denoting  $G$ 's incidence poset.

4-color-theorem: If  $G$  is a planar graph, then  $\chi(G) \leq 4$ .

5-color theorem: If  $G$  is a planar graph, then  $\chi(G) \leq 5$ .

Proof: Induction on  $|V(G)|$ .

Basis:  $|V(G)| \leq 5$ , works.

Step: Assume the statement is true for any planar graph on less than  $n$  vertices. Consider  $G$  as planar graph with  $|V(G)| = n$ . Assume that  $G$  is maximally planar. Then  $k(G) \geq 3$ .

Let  $v \in V(G)$  such that  $\deg(v) \leq 5$ . Consider a plane embedding of  $G$  and  $N(v)$ .

Abb2

Let  $c: V(G - v) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  be a proper coloring. It exists by induction.

Case 1:  $|c(N(v))| \leq 4$ . Let  $c': V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Set  $c'(w) = c(w)$  if  $w \neq v$ ,  $c'(v) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \setminus c(N(v))$ . Then  $c'$  is a proper coloring.

Case 2:  $|c(N(v))| = 5$ . Without loss of generality,  $c(v_i) = i, i = 1, \dots, 5$ .

Abb3

Let  $G_{ij}'(w)$  be a connected component of a subgraph of  $G'$  spanned by colors  $i$  &  $j$  and containing  $w$ .

Observe: If  $v_3 \notin V(G_{13}'(v_1))$ , swap colors  $i$  &  $j$  in  $G_{13}'(v_1)$ , color  $v$  with 1. Thus  $v_3 \in V(G_{13}'(v_1)) \Rightarrow v_1 - v_3$  -path with colors 1 & 3 on its vertices.

Similarly we could assume that  $\exists v_2 - v_4$  -path with colors 2 & 4 on its vertices.

Since this path does not share a vertex, there is an edge crossing, contradicting planarity. Qed.

Abb4

Wrong proof of Kempe: TODO

4. Use a result from the lecture
5. Algorithmic/iterative
6. Hopeless proof by contradiction

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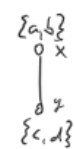
Today:  $\chi_l(G) \leq 5$  for planar graphs  $G$ , Heawood formula, general coloring results (Brooks theorem).

For a graph  $G$ , the **CHOOSABILITY**  $ch(G)$  or **LIST CHROMATIC NUMBER**,  $\chi_l(G)$ , is  $\min\{k: \forall \text{ list assignment } L: V(G) \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}, \text{ s.t. } |L(v)| = k \forall v \in V(G) \exists \text{ coloring } c: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } c \text{ is proper} \wedge c(v) \in L(v) \forall v \in V(G)\}$

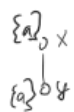
i.e.  $\chi_l(G) = k$  if for any lists of size  $k$  assigned to vertices  $\exists$  proper coloring from these lists and  $\exists$  list assignment with lists of sizes  $k - 1$  such that no proper coloring from these lists exists.

Example:  $\chi_l(K_2) = 2, \chi_l(K_{3,3}) = 3$ .

$$\chi_l(K_2) = 2$$



Let  $c(x) = a, c(y) \in \{c, d\} \setminus \{a\}$ , thus  $\chi_l(K_2) = 2$ .



Our graph is not colorable from these lists,  $\chi_l(K_2) > 1$ .

$$\chi_l(K_{3,3}) = 3 > 2$$

Note:  $\chi_l(G) \geq \chi(G)$  since we can choose the lists to be  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . If  $k < \chi(G)$  it means we cannot color from these lists.

Theorem (**THOMASSEN**): If  $G$  is planar, then  $\chi_l(G) \leq 5$ .

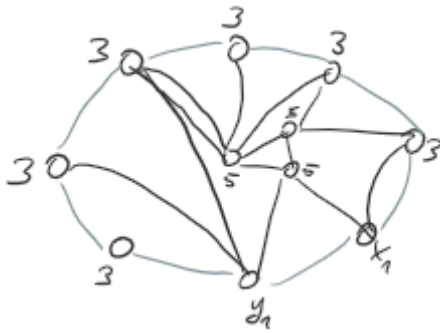
Note (**MIZRAKHANI**):  $\exists$  planar graph  $G$ ,  $\chi(G) = 3, \chi_l(G) = 5 > 4$ .

Proof of Thomassen: Assume that  $G$  is a inner triangulation, i.e. all bounded faces are triangles and its bounded face is bounded by a cycle.

## 16 Problem class 27.11.

Proof techniques

1. Induction
2. Extremal Principle (Contradiction, ...)
3. Counting
  - a. Double counting
  - b. Pigeonhole Principle
  - c. Parity arguments



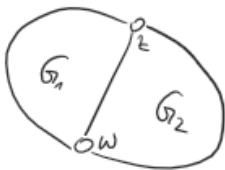
Stronger statement: Let  $C$  be the cycle bounding the unbounded face of  $G$ ,  $x, y \in V(C)$ ,  $xy \in E(C)$ . Let  $L: V(G) \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $|L(x)| = |L(y)| = 1, L(x) \neq L(y), |L(z)| = 3 \forall z \in V(C) \setminus \{x, y\}, |L(v)| = 5$  otherwise.

Then  $G$  is colorable from these lists. We prove the stronger statement by induction on  $|V(G)|$ .

Basis:  $|V(G)| = 3$ , thus  $G = K_3$  with  $V(G) = \{x, y, z\}$ .  
 $L(x) = \{a\}, L(y) = \{b\}, L(z) = \{\cdot, \cdot\}$ . Let  $c(x) = a, c(y) = b, c(z) \in L(z) \setminus \{a, b\}$ .

Step: Assume  $|V(G)| \geq 4$  and the statement holds for smaller graphs.

- Case 1: C has a chord.



i.e. an edge between non-adjacent vertices (on  $C$ ), i.e.  $G = G_1 \cup G_2, V(G_1) \cap V(G_2) = \{z, w\}$ ,  $zw$  as the chord.  $|G_1| < |G|$ . Let w.l.o.g.  $x, y \in V(G_1)$ . By induction  $\exists$  proper coloring  $c_1$  of  $G_1$  from  $L$ .

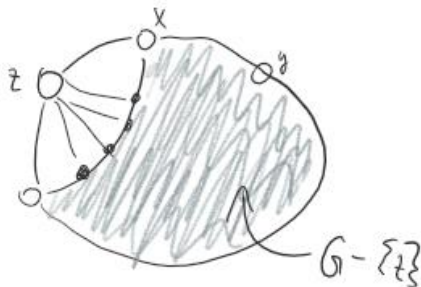
Let  $c(z) = \alpha, c(w) = \beta, \alpha \neq \beta$ .

Let  $\alpha': V(G_2) \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $L'(z) = \{\alpha\}$ ,  $L'(w) = \beta$ ,  $L'(v) = L(v)$  otherwise.

By induction  $\exists c_2: V(G_2) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  from lists  $L'$ . This is also an  $L$ -coloring. Let  $c(v) :=$

$\{c_1(v), c_2(v) | v \in V(G_1), v \in V(G_2)\}$  be a proper coloring of  $G$  from lists  $L$ .

- Case 2: C has no chord.



Let  $z \in (N(x) \cap V(C)) \setminus \{y\}$ . Apply induction to  $G' := G - \{z\}$ .

Let  $L(x) = \{a\}, L(y) = \{b\}, L(z) = \{c, d, \star\}, c \neq a, d \neq a$ .

$$\text{Let } L'(y) = \begin{cases} L(v)\{c, d\} & v \in N(z) \setminus V(C) \\ L(v) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

By induction,  $\exists c': \forall c(G') \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is a proper coloring from  $L'$ .

Let  $z' \in (N(z) \cap V(C)) \setminus \{x\}$ .

Let  $c(z) \in \{c, d\} \setminus c'(z')$ .

Let  $c(v) := c'(v), v \neq z$ .

Then  $c$  is a proper coloring of  $G$  from  $L$ , which proves the stronger statements.

Qed.

**HEAWOOD FORMULAR** 1890: Let  $G$  be a graph. 2-cell-embeddable on a surface  $S$  with Euler characteristic  $2 - 2\gamma$  ( $\gamma = \#holes$ )

$\odot \quad r=1$

$\odot \odot \quad r=2$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \quad s = 0$$

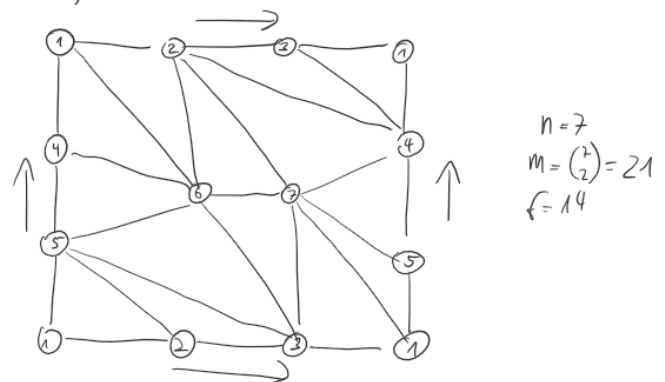
Let  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $\chi(G) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7+\sqrt{1+48\gamma}}{2} \right\rfloor =: f(\gamma)$ .

Moreover  $K_{f(\gamma)}$  is embeddable on  $S$  unless  $S$  is a Klein bottle ( $f(\gamma) = 7, K_6$  is embeddable).

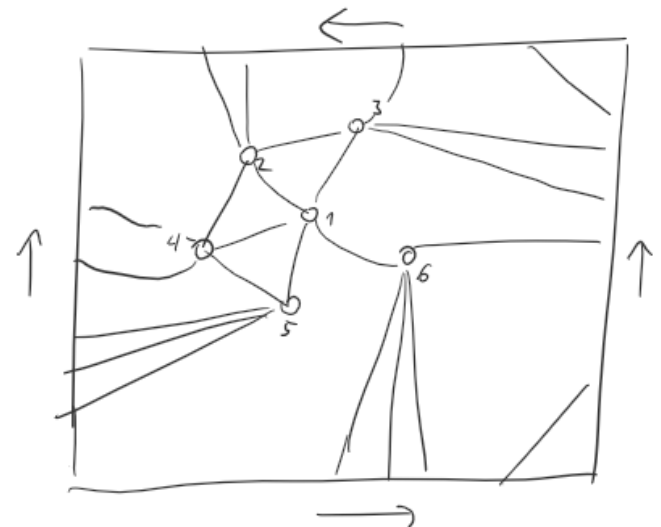
Eulers formular:  $n - m + f = 2 - 2\gamma$ .

Examples:

- $K_7$  on a torus

$$K_2 \text{ on Torus}$$


- $K_6$  on a Klein Bottle





## 17.1 Colorings

Basic facts:

- $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$  (with greedy coloring)
- $\chi(G) \geq \omega(G)$  ( $\omega$  being the clique number, i.e. the max  $k$  such that  $K_k \subseteq G$ )
- $\chi(G) \geq \frac{|V(G)|}{\alpha(G)}$  ( $\alpha(G)$  being the independence number, i.e.  $\max k: K_k \subseteq \bar{G}$ .)
- "Tight" examples:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(K_n) &= n = \Delta(K_n) + 1 \\ \chi(C_{2n+1}) &= 3 = 2 + 1 = (\Delta(C_{2n+1}) + 1) \\ \chi(K_n) &= n = \omega(K_n) \\ \chi(K_{n,n}) &= 2 = w(K_{n,n}) \\ \chi(K_n) &= n = \frac{n}{\alpha} = \frac{n}{1} \\ \chi(K_{n,n}) &= 2 = \frac{2n}{2} = \frac{2n}{n}\end{aligned}$$

- "Bad" examples:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(\text{Star}) &= 2, \Delta = n \text{ if the star has } n \text{ leaves.} \\ \forall n \exists G: \omega(G) &= 2, \chi(G) = n\end{aligned}$$

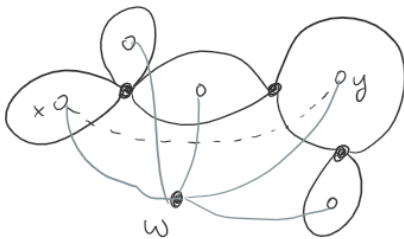
## 18 Lecture 02.12.

Observation 1: Let  $G = G_1 \cup G_2, |V(G_1)| \cap |V(G_2)| = 1$ , then  $\chi(G) = \max\{\chi(G_1), \chi(G_2)\}$ . Why? Color  $G_1$  properly with  $\chi(G_1)$  colors, color  $G_2$  properly with  $\chi(G_2)$  colors, permute colors in  $G_1$  such that color of  $v \in V(G_1) \cap V(G_2)$  is the same in both colorings.

Lemma 1: If  $G$  is a 2-connected graph,  $G$  is not a complete graph,  $\delta(G) \geq 3$ , then  $\exists v, x, y \in V(G)$  such that  $xy \notin E(G), xv \in E(G), yv \in E(G), G - \{x, y\}$  is connected.

Proof of Lemma 1: Let  $w \in V(G)$  such that  $\deg(w) \leq |V(G)| - 2$  (not a full degree).

- Case 1:  $G - w$  has no cutvertex. Since  $\deg(w) \leq |V(G)| - 2$ , there is a vertex non-adjacent to  $w$ . Thus there exists a vertex  $y$  such that  $\text{dist}(w, y) = 2$ . Since  $y$  is not a cutvertex of  $G - w$ ,  $G - \{w, y\}$  is connected. Let  $x := w, y := y, v :=$  a vertex in  $N(x) \cap N(y)$ .
- Case 2:  $G - w$  has a cut-vertex. Note  $w$  is adjacent to a vertex (that is not a cutvertex of  $G - w$ ) in each leaf-block of  $G - w$ .



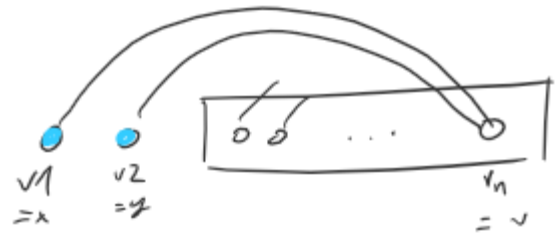
Let  $x, y$  be such neighbors of  $w$  in distinct leaf blocks,  $v := w$ . Note  $(G - w) - \{x, y\}$  is connected. Since  $\deg(w) \geq \delta(G) \geq 3$ , there is a neighbor of  $w$  in  $G - \{w, x, y\}$ . Thus  $G - \{x, y\}$  is connected.

Qed.

**BROOKS THEOREM:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph,  $G$  is not a complete graph, and  $G$  is not an odd cycle, then  $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G)$ .

Proof: Induction on  $|V(G)| > 3$ , assume that the theorem holds for graphs on less than  $|V(G)|$  vertices.

- Case 1:  $G$  has a cutvertex  $v$ .  $G = G_1 \cup G_2, V(G_1) \cap V(G_2) = \{v\}$ .  
If  $G_i$  is not clique, not an odd cycle, then  $\chi(G_i) \leq \Delta(G_i)$  by induction.  
If  $G_i$  is a clique or an odd cycle, then  $\Delta(G_i) < \Delta(G)$ . Then  $\chi(G_i) \leq \Delta(G_i) + 1 \leq \Delta(G)$ . In any case  $\chi(G_i) \leq \Delta(G)$ . Thus  $\chi(G) \leq \max\{\chi(G_1), \chi(G_2)\} \leq \Delta(G)$ .
- Case 2:  $\Delta(G) \leq 2$ .  $G$  is an even cycle or a path,  $\chi(G) \leq 2$ .
- Case 3:  $\Delta(G) \geq 3, k(G) \geq 2$ .
- Case 3.1:  $\exists v \in V(G), \deg(v) \leq \Delta - 1$ . Order vertices of  $G: v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  such that  $v_n = v$ . Each vertex  $v_i, i \neq n$ , has a neighbor  $v_j, j > i$ . (we can do this by trimming leaves in a spanning tree with root  $v$ ).  
Use greedy coloring. The number of colored neighbors at each step is at most  $\Delta - 1$ , so there is  $\Delta^{\text{th}}$  color available.
- Case 3.2:  $G$  is  $\Delta$ -regular, i.e.  $\Delta(G) = \delta(G) \geq 3, k(G) \geq 2$ . By Lemma 1,  $\exists$  graph  $\{x, y, z\}$  where  $G - \{x, y\}$  is connected. Let us order  $V(G)$  as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n: v_1 = x, v_2 = y, v_n = v$  such that  $\forall v_i, 3 \leq i \leq n-1 \exists v: v_i v_j \in E(G), j > i$ .



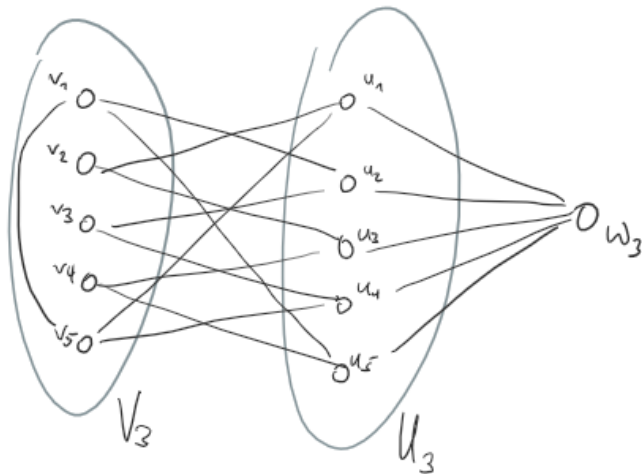
We can do this since  $G - \{x, y\}$  is connected. Use greedy coloring. Since  $c(v_1) = c(v_2), |v(N(v))| < \Delta$ , there is an available color for  $v$ .

Qed.

**MYCIELSKI'S CONSTRUCTION:** Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots$  be graphs:  $G_1 = K_1, G_2 = K_2$ , given  $G_K = (V_K, E_K)$ , construction  $G_{K+1} = (V_{K+1}, E_{K+1}), V_{K+1} = V_K \cup U_K \cup \{w_K\}$  ( $\cup$  being disjoint unions),  $V_K = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, U_K = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}, E(G_{K+1}) = E(G_K) \cup \{w_K u_i: u_i \in U_K\} \cup \{u_i v_j: v_i v_j \in E(G_K)\}$ .

Claim:  $G_K$  has no triangles,  $\chi(G_K) = K$ .





Note:  $\chi(G_K) \leq k$ . True:  $G_1, G_2$ . To color  $G_K$ : color  $V_{k-1}$ , using  $\leq k-1$  colors, mimic this in  $U_{k-1}$ , use new color in  $w$ .

Claim 1:  $\omega(G_K) \leq 2$ . Assume  $\exists$  triangle in  $G_K$ ,  $K \geq 3$ .  $w$  is not in the triangle since  $N(w)$  is an independent set. Inductively, the triangle is not induced by  $V_{k-1}$ . Let our triangle be  $v_i v_j u_e$ . Since  $u_e v_i \in E(G_K) \Rightarrow v_e v_i \in E(G_K)$ , similarly  $v_e v_j \in E(G_K)$ . Then  $v_i v_j v_e$  form a triangle in  $G_{k-1}$ , which is a contradiction.

Claim 2:  $\chi(G_K) \geq k$ . By induction on  $k$ ,  $\chi(G_K) = k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ . Assume  $k \geq 4$ . Assume that  $\chi(G_K) \leq k-1$ . Wlog let  $c: V(G_K) \rightarrow [k-1]$  be a proper coloring,  $c(w_{k-1}) = k-1$ . Idea: Take  $S := \{v \in V_{k-1} : c(v) = k-1\}$  recolor in colors from  $[k-2]$ .

Let  $c': V_{k-1} \rightarrow [k-2]$ :  $c'(v_i) = \begin{cases} c(v_i) & \text{otherwise} \\ c(u_i) & u_i \in S \end{cases}$ . Note:  $k-1 \notin c(U_{k-1})$ . So  $c'$  uses only colors from  $[k-2]$ .

Claim:  $c'$  is a proper coloring of  $G_{k-1} = G_k[V_{k-1}]$ . Assume not, i.e.  $c'(v_i) = c'(v_j)$ ,  $v_i \in S$ ,  $v_j \notin S$ .  $v_i v_j \in E(G_k) \Rightarrow$  since  $u_i$ -twin of  $v_i$ ,  $u_i v_j \in E(G_k)$ ,  $c(u_i) = c(v_j)$  which is a contradiction. Thus  $c'$  is a proper coloring of  $G_{k-1}$  with  $k-2$  colors, a contradiction to the assumption  $\chi(G_{k-1}) \geq k-1$ . Qed.

## 18.1 Perfect graphs

A graph  $G$  is **perfect**, if for any induced subgraph  $H$  of  $G$  it holds that  $\chi(H) = \omega(H)$ .

Example: Any bipartite graph is perfect (both = 2).  $K_n$  is perfect (both =  $n$ ). The cycle  $C_5$  is not perfect,  $\chi(C_5) = 3$ ,  $\omega(C_5) = 2$ . Any cycle  $C_{2k+1}$ ,  $k \geq 2$  is not perfect.

**Strong perfect graph theorem**, proven by Chudnowsky, Seymour, Thomas, Robertson 2005:  $G$  is perfect  $\Leftrightarrow \forall k \geq 2$   $C_{2k+1} \not\subseteq G$  and  $C_{2k+1} \not\subseteq \text{induced } \bar{G}$ .

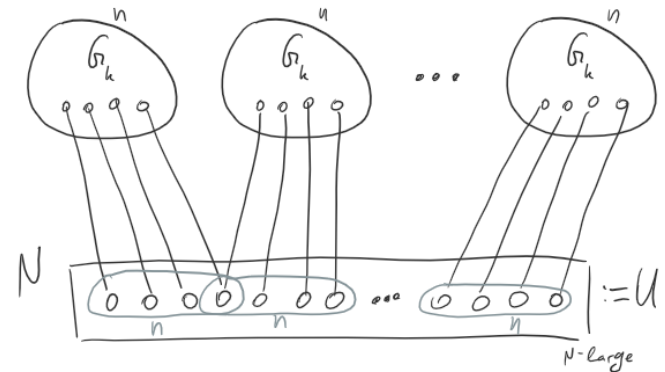
**(Weak) perfect graph theorem**, proven by Lov'asz:  $G$  is perfect  $\Leftrightarrow \bar{G}$  is perfect

## 19 Lecture 06.12.

Last time: Brooks theorem, Mycielski's construction, strong perfect graph theorem, perfect graph theorem ( $G$  is perfect  $\Leftrightarrow \bar{G}$  is perfect).

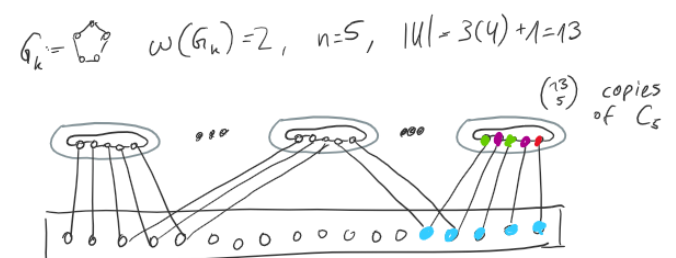
Today: Tutte's construction, properties of  $\chi$ , edge colorings: König's & Vizing's theorem.

**TUTTE'S CONSTRUCTION:** Let  $G_k$  be a graph with  $\chi(G_k) = k$ ,  $\omega(G_k) = 2$  (e.g. there are no triangles). Construct a graph  $G_{k+1}$ :  $\chi(G_{k+1}) \geq k+1$ ,  $\omega(G_{k+1}) = 2$ .



$G_{k+1}$  is built of vertex disjoint copies of  $G_k$  on vertex sets  $V_1, \dots, V_{(n)}$  and disjoint from these the set  $U$  with  $|U| = k(n-1) + 1$  and extra matchings between  $n$  elt (?) subsets of  $U$  and respective  $V_i$ 's.

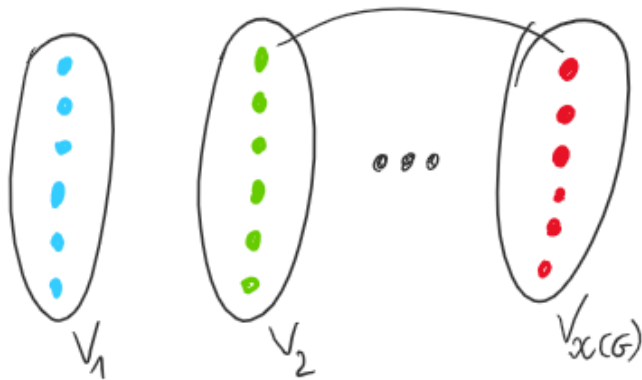
Example:



Assume  $\chi(G_4) \leq 3$ , i.e. 3 colors are used on  $U$ . If each color class in  $U$  has size  $\leq 4$ , then we have  $\leq 12$  vertices in  $U$ , which is a contradiction. Thus there are 5 vertices in  $U$  of the same color. Thus the respective copy of  $G_k$  can not use this color, so the total number of colors is  $\chi(G_k) + 1$ .

**Lemma 1:**  $|E(G)| \geq \binom{\chi(G)}{2}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{\chi(G)}$  be color classes of a proper coloring of  $G$ .

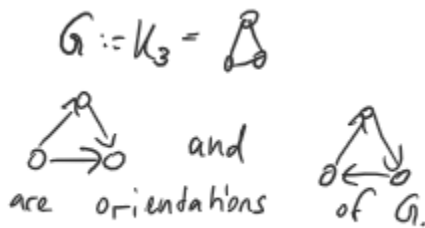


$\forall i, j: 1 \leq i < j \leq \chi(G) \exists$  edge between  $V_i$  and  $V_j$ . If not, make a new color class  $V_i \cup V_j$ , giving a proper coloring with less than  $\chi(G)$  colors. Thus  $|E(G)| \geq \binom{\chi(G)}{2}$ . Qed.

**Lemma 2:** Let  $f(D)$  be the length of longest directed path in directed graph  $D$ . Then  $\chi(G) \leq \min f(D) + 1$  where  $D$  is the orientation of  $G$ .

**Definition:**  $D$  is a **DIRECTED GRAPH** if  $D = (V, \{(u, v) : u, v \in V\})$ .  $D$  is an orientation of  $G$  if  $V(D) = V(G)$  and  $\forall$  edge  $uv$  of  $D$  there is exactly one pair  $(u, v)$  or  $(v, u)$  in  $E(D)$ .

Example:



$0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$  directed paths



A directed graph is transitive if it does not contain directed cycles. Note:  $\forall G \exists$  transitive orientation  $D$ : Put arrows pointing to the right.

**Proof of Lemma 2:** We need to show that  $\forall$  orientation  $D$  of  $G$ ,  $\chi(G) \leq f(D) + 1$ . Fix  $D$ . Let  $D'$  be the largest transitive (spanning) subdigraph of  $D$ .



Introduce a vertex coloring  $c$  of  $G$ :  $c(v) := (\text{length of longest directed path in } D' \text{ ending at } v) + 1$ .

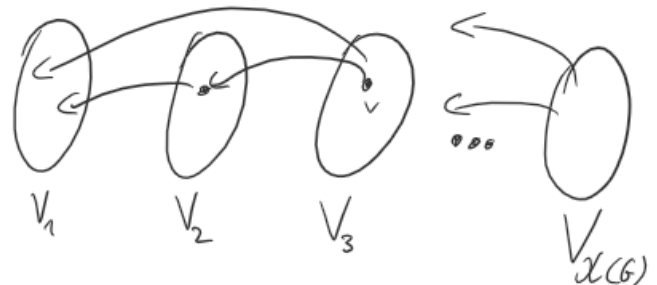
Claim:  $c$  is proper.

**Proof of claim:** If  $(u, v) \in D'$  then  $c(u) < c(v)$ . If  $u, u'$  are joined by a directed path  $p = (u, u_1, u_2, \dots, u')$  in  $D'$ , then  $c(u) < c(u_1) < c(u_2) < \dots < c(u')$ , i.e.  $c(u) \neq c(u')$ . Let  $uv \in E(G)$ . If  $u, v$  are on a directed path in  $D'$ ,  $c(u) \neq c(v)$  by above. If  $u, v$  are not on any directed path in  $D'$ , i.e.  $(u, v) \notin E(D')$ ,  $(v, u) \notin E(D')$ , we can add  $(u, v)$  to  $E(D')$ . If this addition created a directed cycle in the new  $D'$ , then there was a directed path in  $D'$  containing  $u$  and  $v$ , which is a contradiction. Qed for claim.

Qed for lemma.

**Note:**  $\forall G \exists$  orientation  $D$  s.t.  $f(D) = \chi(G) - 1$ .

**Proof:** Consider a proper coloring of  $G$  with color classes  $V_1, \dots, V_{\chi(G)}$  such that  $\forall i \geq 2 \forall v \in V_i$   $v$  can not be moved to  $V_j, j < i$ . Orientate edges from "right to left".



## 19.1 Edge-Colorings

$$\chi'(G) := \chi(L(G))$$

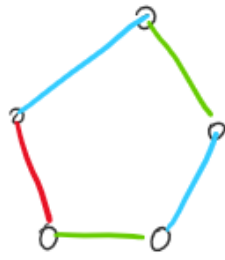
$$= \min\{k: \exists c: E(G) \rightarrow [k] \text{ such that } c(e) \neq c(e') \text{ if } e \text{ and } e' \text{ share a vertex}\}$$

where  $\chi'$  is the edge chromatic number or chromatic index.

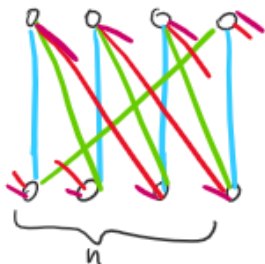
Example:



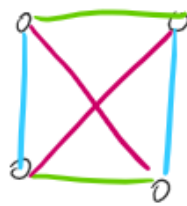
$$\chi'(C_{2k}) = 2$$



$$\chi'(C_{2k+1}) = 3$$



$$\chi'(K_{n,n}) = n$$



$$\chi'(K_{2n}) = 2n-1$$

- $\chi'(C_{2k}) = 2$ .
- $\chi'(C_{2k+1}) = 3$
- $\chi'(K_{n,n}) = n$
- $\chi'(K_4) = 3, \chi'(K_{2n}) = 2n-1$
- $\chi'(K_{2n+1}) \geq 2n$  since degree of spiders is  $2n$ , #edges in a color class on average is  $= \frac{\binom{2n+1}{2}}{2n} = \frac{(2n+1)(2n)}{2 \cdot 2n} = \frac{2n+1}{2} \Rightarrow \exists$  color class on  $n+1$ , thus  $2n+2$  vertices  $> 2n+1$  which is a contradiction.

Note:  $\chi'(G) \geq \Delta(G)$ .

**KÖNIGS THEOREM** (1916):  $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$  if  $G$  is bipartite.

**VIZING'S THEOREM**:  $\chi'(G) \in \{\Delta(G), \Delta(G) + 1\}$  for any graph  $G$ .

Q: Are there 3-regular (cubic) graphs  $G$  with  $\chi'(G) = 4$ ? "Snarks". (e.g. Petersen graph).

Proof of König's theorem: Induction of  $|E(G)|$ . Basis  $|E(G)| = 0$ . Step: Let  $\Delta(G) = \Delta$ ,  $G$  is bipartite. We want  $\chi'(G) \leq \Delta$ . By induction  $\chi'(G - xy) \leq \Delta$  for an edge  $xy$  (because  $G$  is bipartite,  $x \in X, y \in Y, G = X \cup Y$ ). Let  $c: E(G - xy) \rightarrow [\Delta] = \{1, 2, \dots, \Delta\}$  be a proper coloring. Let  $Mis(x) := [\Delta] - \{c(xy): v \in N(x) \setminus \{y\}\}$  (missing colors). Let  $Mis(y)$  be defined analogously.

Note:  $Mis(x) \neq \emptyset, Mis(y) \neq \emptyset$ , since  $\deg_{G-xy}(x), \deg_{G-xy}(y) \leq \Delta - 1$ .

Case 1:  $\exists \beta \in Mis(x) \cap Mis(y)$ . Extend  $c$  to  $xy$  by  $c(xy) = \beta$ .

Case 2:  $Mis(x) \cap Mis(y) = \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha \in Mis(x) \setminus Mis(y), \beta \in Mis(y) \setminus Mis(x), \alpha \neq \beta$ . If  $\exists$  a maximal path containing  $x$ , colored  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  such that it does not contain  $y$ . Flip colors  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on this path and color  $xy$  with  $\beta$ .

If such a path contains  $y$ , then it is  $x_0 = xy_0x_1y_1x_2y_2 \dots x_my_m = y \dots$  with alternating coloring  $\beta\alpha\beta\alpha \dots \beta$ , thus  $\beta$  is used on an edge incident to  $y$ , but  $\beta \in Mis(y)$  which is a contradiction.

## 20 Lecture 09.12.

Recall Vizing's theorem:  $\chi'(G) \in \{\Delta(G), \Delta(G) + 1\}$ .

Recall  $\chi'(G) \geq \Delta(G)$ .

Proof: We want to show that  $\chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$ . Induction on  $\Delta(G) = \Delta$ . By induction hypothesis, any "proper" subgraph  $G'$  of  $G$  with  $|E(G')| < |E(G)|$  satisfies  $\chi'(G') \leq \Delta + 1$ .

Claim:  $\forall xy \in E(G) \forall \text{proper } c: E(G - xy) \rightarrow [\Delta + 1] \forall \alpha \in Mis_c(x) \forall \beta \in Mis_c(y) \exists x - y \text{ path colored and } Mis_c(x) \cap Mis_c(y) = \emptyset$ .

Fix  $x$ . Let  $c_0$  be a proper coloring of  $G - \{xy_0\}$  from  $[\Delta + 1]$ . Let  $\alpha \in Mis_{c_0}(x)$ . Let  $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_k$  be the maximal sequence from  $N(x)$  such that  $c_0(xy_{i+1}) \in Mis_{c_0}(y_i), 0 \leq i < k$ .

Let  $c_i: E(G - xy_i) \rightarrow [\Delta + 1], c_i(xy_i) = \begin{cases} c_0(xy_{j+1}) & 0 \leq j \leq i-1 \\ c_i(e) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Note:  $Mis_{c_i}(x) = Mis_{c_j}(x)$ .

Claim 2:  $\exists y = y_i, 0 < i < k$  such that  $c_0(yx) = \beta$  and  $\beta \in Mis_{c_0}(y_k)$ .

Proof of claim 2: If  $\beta \in Mis_{c_0}(x)$ , then  $\beta \in Mis_{c_k}(x)$ , so  $\beta \in Mis_{c_k}(x) \cap Mis_{c_k}(y_k)$  which is a contradiction to the first claim.

Thus  $c_0(xy) = \beta$  for some  $y \neq y_i \forall 0 < i < k$ . In this case take  $y_{k+1} = y$ , extending the "fan" and contracting the maximality of  $k$ . (End of proof of Claim 2).

By claim in  $c_k \exists \alpha - \beta$  path between  $x$  and  $y_k$ , call it  $P$ . In  $c_i \exists \alpha - \beta$  path, call it  $P'$ .  $P$  is between  $y_{i-1}$  and  $y_i$ .  $P$  and  $P' \setminus x$  have the same coloring in  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_k$ . Note:  $P \cup P'$  is a connected graph with vertices  $y_k, y_i, y_{i-1}$  of degree 1. Thus  $P \cup P'$  has a vertex of degree 3, but  $P \cup P'$  is properly edge-colored with 2 colors  $\beta$  and  $\alpha_i$  which is a contradiction.

Lemma:  $\chi_l\left(G := K_{\binom{2k}{k}, \binom{2k}{k}}\right) \geq k + 1$ .

Proof: ("The list chromatic number could be much larger than  $\chi$ ") Let the parts of  $G$  be  $X$  and  $Y$ .  $X = \binom{[2k]}{k} = \{A: A \subseteq [2k], |A| = k\}, Y = \binom{[2k]}{k}$ . Let  $L(x) = x, x \in X$ .

Claim: We cannot color this graph from these lists. Assume  $c$  is such a list coloring. Let wlog.  $c(v_i) = a, \dots, v_i \in Y$ , let  $v_2 \in$

$Y$  be such that  $a \notin L(v_2)$ . Let  $c(v_2) = a_2, a_1 \neq a_2 \dots$ . Let  $c(v_k) = a_k$ ;  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  are distinct. Consider  $u \in X$ : Let  $L(u) = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ . Then  $c(u) = a_i, i = 1, \dots, k, c(u) = c(v_i)$  which is a contradiction.

[Notes:  $G$  above has  $\binom{2k}{k}$  vertices in each part and distinct lists of sizes  $k$  from the set of colors  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2k\}$ .]

If  $n = |V(G)|, \chi_l(G) \geq c \log n, n = \binom{2k}{k} \leq 2^{2k}, \frac{\log_2 n}{2} \leq k$ .

## 20.1 Variants

Total colorings:  $c: V \cup E \rightarrow [k]$  is proper if no two adjacent or incident objects have the same color. Minimum number of colors in  $G$  is denoted as  $\chi''(G)$ .

Vizing's conjecture:  $\chi''(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2$ .

Best known bound (Melloy-Reed):  $\chi''(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 10^{26}$ .

In reality often better:  $\chi''(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 8 \ln 8 \Delta(G)$ .

## 21 Lecture 13.12.

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## 22 Lecture 16.12.

Recall for a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and a graph  $H$ ,

$$ex(n, H) := \max\{|E(G)| : |V(G)| = n, H \not\subseteq G\}$$

$$EX(n, H) := \{G : |V(G)| = n, |E(G)| = ex(n, H), H \not\subseteq G\}$$

where  $EX$  denotes the class of extremal graphs (for  $H$ ).

$ex(n, P_3) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, EX(n, P_3) = \{|||\} \}$  for odd  $n, EX(n, P_3) = \{|||\}$  for even  $n. H = P_4, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, EX(n, P_4)$  is either a set of triangles or a star.

Turan theorem:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \forall r \in \mathbb{N} EX(n, K_r) = \{T(n, r-1)\}$ .

Recall:  $T(n, r)$  is a Turan graph, that is an  $n$ -vertex complete balanced  $r$ -partite graph.

Notations:  $t(n, r) := |E(T(n, r))|, T(n, r) = T_r(n), t(n, r) = t_r(n)$ .

Preparations for Turans theorem:

Lemma 58:  $\forall n, r \in \mathbb{N} t_r(n+r) = t_r(n) + n(r-1) + \binom{r}{2}$ .

Proof: Let parts of  $T(n, r)$  be  $V_1, \dots, V_r$  and parts of  $T(n+1, r)$  be  $V_1 \cup \{v_1\}, \dots, V_r \cup \{v_r\}$  for new distinct  $v_1, \dots, v_r$ .

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Then  $t_r(n+r) = |E(T(n+r, r))| = |E(T(n, r))| + \binom{r}{2} + n(r-1)$ . Qed.

Lemma 59: Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -partite  $n$ -vertex graph with largest number of edges. Then  $G \approx T(n, r)$ .

Proof:  $G$  is completely  $r$ -partite, otherwise add edges. Assume  $G$  is not balanced, i.e. not  $T(n, r)$ . Then  $G$  has parts  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r$  and  $|V_i| \geq |V_j| + 2$  for some  $i, j$ . Move one vertex from  $V_i$  to  $V_j$  to get a complete  $r$ -partite  $G'$  with parts  $V_i, \dots, V_i - v, \dots, V_j \cup \{v\}, \dots, V_r$ . Then it holds that

$$|E(G')| = |E(G)| - |V_j| + |V_i| - 1 \geq |E(G)| + 1$$

Which is a contradiction, Qed.

Lemma 60: For a fixed  $r, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_r(n)}{\binom{n}{2}} = 1 - \frac{1}{r}$ .

Proof: Each part in  $T(n, r)$  has size  $\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor, \lceil \frac{n}{r} \rceil$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\binom{n}{2} - r \binom{\lfloor \frac{n}{r} \rfloor}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} &\leq \frac{t_r(n)}{\binom{n}{2}} \leq \frac{\binom{n}{2} - r \binom{\lceil \frac{n}{r} \rceil}{2}}{\binom{n}{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{r \left( \left( \frac{n}{r} \right) + 2 \right)^2}{2 \binom{n}{2} \rightarrow n \rightarrow \infty \frac{1}{r}} \leq \frac{t_r(n)}{\binom{n}{2}} \leq 1 - \frac{r \left( \left( \frac{n}{r} \right) - 2 \right)^2}{2 \binom{n}{2} \rightarrow n \rightarrow \infty \frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned}$$

Qed.

Turan theorem:  $\forall r, n \in \mathbb{N} EX(n, K_r) = \{T(n, r-1)\}$ .

Proof: Fix  $r$ . Use induction on  $n$ . If  $n \leq r-1$ , then  $K_r \not\subseteq K_n$ , thus  $EX(n, K_r) = \{K_n\} = \{T(n, r-1)\}$ .

Assume  $n \geq r$  and statement is true for any smaller value of  $n$ . Let  $G \in EX(n, K_r)$ , we want to prove:  $G = T(n, r-1)$ . Then  $K_{r-1} \cong K \subseteq G$  (if not, add edges to keep  $G$  being  $K_r$  free). Let  $G' = G - V(K), K_{r-1} \subseteq V(K)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (*) |E(G)| &= |E(G')| + |E(K)| + |E(V(K), V(G'))| \\ &\leq t_{r-1}(n - (r-1)) + \binom{r-1}{2} \\ &\quad + (r-2)(n - (r-1)) =_{\text{Lem 58}} t_{r-1}(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$(**) |E(G)| \geq t_{r-1}(n) \text{ since } K_{r-1} \subseteq T(n, r-1).$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow (**): |E(G)| = t_{r-1}(n).$$

Since the bounds  $(*)$  &  $(**)$  match, we must have " $=$ " in  $(*)$ , i.e.  $|E(G')| = t_{r-1}(n - r + 1)$  and each vertex in  $G'$  sends exactly  $r-2$  edges to  $K$ . By induction  $G' \approx T_{r-1}(n - r + 1)$  (since  $|V(G')| < n$ ), i.e.  $\forall v \in G', v$  is non-adjacent to exactly one vertex in  $K$ .

Assume  $V_1, \dots, V_{r-1}$  are parts of  $G'$ . Assume  $\exists v \in V_i, v' \in V_j, i \neq j; vu, v'u \notin E(G), \exists u \in V(K)$ . Then  $v, v'$  and  $(V(K) - u)$  form  $K_r$ , which is a contradiction.

Then one can order vertices of  $K$  as  $v_1, \dots, v_{r-1}$  such that  $v_i v \notin E(G) \forall v \in V_i$ . Then  $V_1 \cup \{v_1\}, V_2 \cup \{v_2\}, \dots, V_{r-1} \cup \{v_{r-1}\}$  are parts of  $T(n, r-1)$  i.e.  $G \approx T(n, r-1)$ .

Qed.

## 22.1 Knowings on Extremal Theory

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ex(n, H)}{\binom{n}{2}}$  is known if  $\chi(H) \geq 3$ .

$ex(n, H) = ?$  if  $\chi(H) = 2$  thus  $H$  bipartite.

$c'n \leq ex(n, H) \leq cn^2, ex(n, H) = o(n^2)$  if  $\chi(H) = 2$ .

Conjecture (Erdős):  $\forall r \in \mathbb{Q}, 1 \leq r \leq 2: \exists H: ex(n, H) \cong n^r$  and  $\forall H \exists r \in \mathbb{Q}: ex(n, H) = n^r$ .

Theorem:  $ex(n, P_{k+1}) \leq \frac{k-1}{2}n$ . If  $k$  divides  $n$ , the equality holds.

Proof: Induction on  $n$ . If  $n \leq k, P_{k+1} \not\subseteq K_n$ , thus  $ex(n, P_{k+1}) \leq |E(K_n)| = \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \leq \frac{k-1}{2}n$ .

Let  $n > k$ . Let  $G: |G| = n, P_{k+1} \not\subseteq G$ . We want:  $|E(G)| \leq \frac{k-1}{2} \cdot n$ .

- Case 1:  $G$  is disconnected, i.e.  $G = G_1 \cup G_2, G_1 \& G_2$  are disjoint. Then  $|E(G)| = |E(G_1)| + |E(G_2)| \leq_{ind} \frac{k-1}{2}(|V(G_1)|) + \frac{k-1}{2}|V(G_2)| = \frac{k-1}{2}n$ .
- Case 2:  $G$  is connected. Claim:  $\exists v: \deg(v) < \frac{k-1}{2}$ . If not, i.e.  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{k-1}{2}$ . Consider the longest path, arrive at a contradiction.

Consider a longest path  $P$  on  $m < k + 1$  vertices. Since  $|V(G)| \geq k + 1, \exists$  cycle of length  $m$  in  $G$ , consider  $v \notin V(C), v \sim C$ . Such a cycle exists because  $G$  is connected. But then exists a longer path  $P'$ .

Let  $A := N(v_1), B := N(v_m). |A| \geq \frac{k-1}{2}, |B| \geq \frac{k-1}{2}$ . Let  $A' = \{i: v_i \in A\}, B' = \{j: v_{j-1} \in B\}$ .  $|A'| \geq \frac{k-1}{2}, |B'| \geq \frac{k-1}{2}, |A' \cap B'| = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

Claim:  $\deg(v) < \frac{k-1}{2}$  for some  $v$ .  $|E(G)| \leq |E(G - v)| + \frac{k-1}{2} \leq_{ind} (n-1) \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right) = n \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right)$ .

Qed.

## 23 Lecture 20.12.

Last time:

Corollary Turans theorem:  $ex(n, K_r) = t_{r-1} \cong \left(1 - \frac{1}{r-1}\right) \binom{n}{2}$

Observation 1: Let  $G$  be connected,  $|V(G)| \geq k + 1$  with its longest path having  $m$  vertices, then  $C_m \not\subseteq G$ .

Proof: If not, i.e.  $C = C_m \subseteq G, |V(G) \setminus V(C)| \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists v \in V(G) \setminus V(C) \exists u \in V(C): uv \in E(G) \Rightarrow \exists$  path on  $m+1$  vertices, which is a contradiction.

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Observation 2: If  $P_m \subseteq G$  and  $C_m \not\subseteq G \forall$  path  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  if  $v_i \in N(v_1)$  then  $v_{i-1} \notin N(v_m)$ .

Abb2

Observation 3: Let  $k$  divides  $n$ , then

Abb3

$$ex(n, T) \geq ||G|| = \frac{n}{k} \cdot |K_k| = \frac{n}{k} \binom{k}{2} = \frac{n(k-1)}{2}$$

$$ex(n, T) \geq \frac{n(k-1)}{2} \text{ if } k|n.$$

Theorem:  $ex(n, P_{k+1}) \leq \frac{k-1}{2}n$ .

Proof: We need to show  $P_{k-1} \not\subseteq G$  and  $|G| = n \Rightarrow ||G|| \leq \frac{k-1}{2}n$ . Use induction on  $n$ . If  $n \leq k \Rightarrow P_{k+1} \not\subseteq K_n, |K_n| \leq \frac{n(k-1)}{2}$ . If  $G$  is a vertex-disjoint union of  $G_1 \& G_2 \Rightarrow ||G|| = ||G_1|| + ||G_2|| \leq_{induction \text{ on } n} \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right) \cdot |G_1| + \left(\frac{k-1}{2}\right) \cdot |G_2| = \frac{k-1}{2}(|G_1| + |G_2|) = \frac{k-1}{2}n$ .

If  $G$  has a vertex  $v$  of degree  $\leq \frac{k-1}{2} \Rightarrow ||G|| = ||G - v|| + \deg v \leq_{induction} \frac{k-1}{2}(n-1) + \frac{k-1}{2} = \frac{k-1}{2}n$ . Thus, assume  $G$  is connected,  $n > k, \delta(G) > \frac{k-1}{2}$ . Let  $m = \#$ vertices in a longest path in  $G$ , assume that  $m < k + 1$ .

Consider a path  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ . We have  $N(v_1) \subseteq V(P), N(v_m) \subseteq V(P)$ , otherwise a longer path exists. By observation 1 and 2, if  $v_i \in N(v_1) \Rightarrow v_{i-1} \notin N(v_m)$ , i.e. out of  $v_1, \dots, v_{m-1}$ , the possible neighbors of  $v_m, d(v_1)$  vertices are not allowed, i.e. not in  $N(v_m)$ . Then  $d(v_m) \leq (m-1) - d(v_1) < (m-1) - \frac{k-1}{2}$ . On the other hand,  $d(v_m) > \frac{k-1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{k-1}{2} < (m-1) - \frac{k-1}{2} \Rightarrow m > k - 1 + 1 = k$ .

Qed.

Erdős-Süs-Conjecture:  $|G| = n, ||G|| > \frac{k-1}{2}n \Rightarrow G$  contains any  $(k+1)$  vertex-tree as a subgraph, i.e.  $\forall tree T, |T| = k+1, ex(n, T) \leq \frac{k-1}{2}n$ .

Theorem: Let  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}, k < \frac{n}{2} \forall tree T$  on  $k$  edges:  $ex(n, T) \leq kn$ .

Proof: Claim: If  $|G| = n, ||G|| = kn \Rightarrow \exists G' \subseteq G$  such that  $\delta(G') \geq k$ . If not,  $G$  is  $(k-1)$ -degenerate, i.e.  $||G|| \leq (k-1)n$  which is a contradiction.

Greedy embed  $T$  in  $G'$ , more formally:  $\delta(G') \geq k \Rightarrow T \subseteq G'$ .  $\forall T \text{ tree}: ||T|| = m \leq k$ , we claim  $T \subseteq G'$  by induction on  $m$ . Trivial basis is  $m = 0$ . Induction step for  $m$ : Let  $|T| = m, T' := T - v$ , where  $v$  is a leaf of  $T$  adjacent to  $u$ .

By induction  $T' \subseteq G'$ . We have  $|N(u)| \geq k$ , thus  $\exists v' \in V(G') \setminus (N(u) \cup \{u\})$ . So,  $T' \cup \{v'\} \cong T \subseteq G'$ .  $|T'| = m, |V(T') \cap N(u)| \leq m-1 \leq k-1$ . Qed.

Note:  $k$  fixed,  $|T| = k$  as tree,  $ex(n, T) = O(n)$ .



Erdős-Stone-Simonovits theorem:  $\forall H$  as graph:  $\chi(H) \geq 3, \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \forall n > n_0: (1 - \frac{1}{\chi(H)-1}) \binom{n}{2} \leq ex(n, H) \leq (1 - \frac{1}{\chi(H)} + \epsilon) \binom{n}{2}, \quad ex(n, H) \cong (1 - \frac{1}{3-1}) \binom{n}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{2} \cong ex(n, K_3).$

Recall Turans theorem,  $ex(n, K_r) \cong (1 - \frac{1}{r-1}) \binom{n}{2} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\chi(K_r)-1}\right) \binom{n}{2}.$

Idea of the proof:

Lower bound:  $H \not\subseteq T(n, \chi(H) - 1)$ , since  $\chi(T(n, \chi(H) - 1)) = \chi(H) - 1, \chi(H) = \chi(H).$

Upper bound: Take a graph  $G, |G| = n, |G| = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\chi(H)-1} + \epsilon\right) \binom{n}{2}$ . Apply induction on the number of parts to show that  $K_{\chi(H)}^t \subseteq G$ , where  $K_{\chi(H)}^t$  is the complete  $\chi(H)$ -partite graph with parts of sizes  $t$ ,  $t$  is "large". Note that  $K_{\chi(H)}^t = T(t\chi(H), \chi(H)), H \subseteq K_{\chi(H)}^t$  since any graph with  $\chi = r$  is a subgraph of a large  $r$ -partite complete graph.

Chralat-Szemeredis theorem:  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \forall r \geq 3 \forall G: |G| = n, |G| \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{r-1} + \epsilon\right) \binom{n}{2}$ , then  $K_r^t \subseteq G, t = \left(\frac{\log n}{500(\log(\frac{1}{\epsilon}))}\right) \cdot \exists G: |G| = n, |G| = \left(1 - (1 - \epsilon) \frac{1}{r-1}\right) \binom{n}{2}$  and  $K_r^t \not\subseteq G, t = \frac{5 \log n}{\log \frac{1}{\epsilon}}.$

Zarankiewicz function:  $z(m, n; s, t) :=$  maximum number of edges in the subgraph of a complete bipartite graph with parts  $A, B$  with  $|A| = m, |B| = n$  that contains no  $K_{s,t}$  subgraph with a part of size  $s$  in  $A$  and a part of size  $t$  in  $B$ .

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Plan:  $z(n, n; s, t) \leq \dots \Rightarrow z(n, n, t, t) \leq cn^{2-\frac{1}{t}} \Rightarrow ex(n, K_{t,t}) \leq \frac{z(n, n; t, t)}{2} \leq \frac{c}{n} n^{2-\frac{1}{t}} = o(n^2).$

Kövari-Sös-Turan-Theorem:  $z(m, n; s, t) \leq (s-1)^{v_t} (n-t+1)m^{1-\frac{1}{t}} + (t-1)m \cong_{s,t \text{ small}, s=t, n=m \text{ large}} n \cdot n^{1-\frac{1}{t}} + c'n \cong ch^{2-\frac{1}{t}}.$

Proof:  $G \subseteq (A \cup B, E), |A| = m, |B| = n, K_{s,t} \not\subseteq G$  with part of size  $s$  in  $A$  and part of size  $t$  in  $B$ . Let  $T :=$  #stars of size  $t$  with center in  $A$ .  $T = \sum_{v \in A} \binom{\deg(v)}{t}, T \leq (*) \binom{n}{t} \cdot (s-1)$

(\*) holds since  $\forall B' \subseteq B, |B'| = t$  there are at most  $(s-1)$  stars with a leaf-set  $B'$ , otherwise they form  $K_{s,t}$ . The number of such  $B'$ -s is  $\binom{n}{t}$ . Thus:  $\sum_{v \in A} \binom{\deg(v)}{t} \leq \binom{n}{t}.$

(TODO next year)

## 24 Lecture 10.01.

Last time:

$$ex(n, H) := \max \{|E(G)|, |V(G)| = n, H \not\subseteq G\}$$

Turans theorem (alternative):  $ex(n, K_r) = t_{r-1}(n) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{r-1}\right) \binom{n}{2} \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{r-1}\right) \binom{n^2}{2}$

Erdős-Sös conjecture:  $ex(n, T) \leq \frac{kn}{2}, |E(T)| = k$  and  $T$ -tree.

Erdős-Stone theorem (without proof):  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \forall n > n_0:$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{1-r} - \epsilon\right) \binom{n}{2} \leq ex(n, K_r^s) \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{r-1} + \epsilon\right) \binom{n}{2}$$

Zaarankiewics function:  $z(m, n; s, t) :=$  max #edges in a bipartite graph with parts  $A$  and  $B, |A| = m, |B| = n$  such that no copy of  $K_{s,t}$  with part of size  $s$  in  $A$  and part of size  $t$  in  $B$ .

Kövari-Sös-Turan:  $z(m, n; s, t) \leq (s-1)^{\frac{1}{t}} (n-t+1)m^{1-\frac{1}{t}} + (t-1)m.$

Proof: Let  $G = (A \cup B, E), |A| = m, |B| = n$ , no  $K_{s,t}$ ,  $s$  in  $A$ ,  $t$  in  $B$ . Let  $T :=$  #stars of size  $t$  with centers in  $A$ .  $T = \sum_{v \in A} \binom{\deg(v)}{t}, T \leq \binom{n}{t} (s-1) \binom{n}{t}$  describes the amount of ways to choose  $t$  vertices in  $B$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{v \in A} \binom{\deg(v)}{t} \leq (s-1) \binom{n}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{v \in A} \binom{e}{m} \leq (s-1) \binom{n}{t}$$

$$\sum_{v \in A} \binom{e}{m} = m \binom{e}{m} \leq (s-1) \binom{n}{t}$$

$$\frac{m}{s-1} \leq \frac{\binom{n}{t}}{\binom{e}{m}} = \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{s-1} \leq$$

Notes:  $e = \#edges$  in  $G, \frac{e}{m} =$  avg. degree of a vertex in  $A$ . We want  $e \leq ?$ .

Lemma:  $ex(n, K_{t,t}) \leq \frac{z(n, n; t, t)}{2}.$

Proof: Let  $K_{t,t} \not\subseteq G, |G| = n$ . We want  $|E(G)| < ?$ , thus an upper bound. Let  $G'$  be bipartite with parts  $V_1 = \{v(1): v \in V(G)\}, V_2 = \{v(2): v \in V(G)\}, E(G') = \{v(1)u(2): vu \in E(G)\}.$

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Claim:  $K_{t,t} \not\subseteq G'$ , otherwise there is  $K_{t,t}$  in  $G$ .



Then  $|E(G)| = \frac{|E(G')|}{2} \leq \frac{z(n,n;t,t)}{2}$ . Qed.

Corollary:  $ex(n, K_{t,t}) \leq c \cdot n^{2-\frac{1}{t}}$ ,  $ex(n, K_{2,2}) \leq c \cdot n^{2-\frac{1}{2}} = cn^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Theorem:  $ex(n, K_{t,t}) \geq cn^{2-\frac{2}{t}+1}$ .

Proof: Consider  $n$  vertices, choose an edge randomly with probability  $p = n^{-\frac{2}{t}+1}$  (independently).  $EXP(\#edges) = \binom{n}{2} p$ ,  $EXP(\#K'_{t,t}s) \leq \binom{n}{2t} \binom{2n}{t} p^{t^2}$ .

( $\binom{n}{2t}$  describes the ways to choose  $2t$  vertices,  $p^{t^2}$  is the probability of a fixed  $K_{t,t}$  to appear).

Let  $G'$  be obtained from  $G$  by deleting an edge from each copy of  $K_{t,t}$  in  $G$ . Thus  $K_{t,t} \not\subseteq G'$ .

$$\begin{aligned} EXP(|E(G')|) &= EXP(|E(G)|) - EXP(\#deleted\ edges) \\ &\geq EXP(|E(G)|) - EXP(\#K_{t,t}'s\ in\ G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \binom{n}{2} p - \binom{n}{2t} \binom{2n}{t} p^{t^2} \geq cn^{2-\frac{2}{t}+1}$$

Thus  $\exists \mathcal{F}: |V(\mathcal{F})| = n, K_{t,t} \not\subseteq \mathcal{F}, |E(\mathcal{F})| \geq cn^{2-\frac{2}{t}+1}$ .

Qed.

Construction of  $K_{2,2}$ -free (or  $C_4$ -free)  $G$  on  $n$  vertices and  $\cong n^{\frac{3}{2}}$  edges.

Let  $G = Hp$ ,  $p$  being a prime.  $V(Hp) := (\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{Z}_p)$ ,  $E(Hp) := \{(a, b), (x, y)\} : ax = b + y \pmod{p}\}$ .

Claim 1:  $K_{2,2} \not\subseteq Hp$ . Assume not.

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$$\begin{cases} ax = b + y & \text{for } (x, y) = (x', y') \\ cx = d + y & (x, y) = (x'', y'') \end{cases}$$

i.e. fixed  $a, b, c, d$  the system has  $\geq 2$  distinct solutions.

$(a - c)x = b - d$  if  $a \neq c \Rightarrow \exists$  unique  $x \Rightarrow$  unique  $x \Rightarrow$  unique  $y \Rightarrow \leq 1$  solution. If  $a = c \Rightarrow b = d$  cont.  $(a, b) \neq (c, d)$ , qed for Claim 1.

Claim 2:  $|V(Hp)| = p(p - 1)$ ,  $|E(Hp)| = \frac{p(p-1)(p-1)}{2}$ . ( $p = |Zp|$ ,  $(p - 1) = |Zp \setminus \{0\}|$ ).

For a fixed  $(a, b) \in V(Hp)$  the number of neighbors of  $(x, y)$  of  $(a, b)$  is the number of solutions of  $ax = b + y$ . I can choose  $x$  in  $(p - 1)$  ways, then  $y$  is uniquely defined.

i.e. the  $\#solutions = \deg((a, b)) = p - 1$ ,  $|Hp| = |E(Hp)| = |V(Hp)| \cdot \frac{p-1}{2}$ .

If  $p$  is large,  $|V(Hp)| = n \cong p^2$ ,  $|E(Hp)| \cong p^3 \cong \sqrt{n}^3 = n^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . Qed.

Big questions:  $ex(n, H) = ?$

Conjencture (Erdős):  $\forall r \in \mathbb{Q}, 1 \leq r \leq 2 \exists H: ex(n, H) = O(n^r)$ . Such  $r$  are called Turan exponents.

## 24.1 Known bounds

$$ex(n, K_{2,2}) = \frac{1}{2} n^{\frac{3}{2}} + o\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)$$

$$ex(n, K_{3,3}) = \frac{1}{2} n^{\frac{5}{3}} + o\left(n^{\frac{5}{3}}\right) \quad (\text{Brown})$$

$$ex(n, K_{2,t+1}) \cong \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{t} n^{\frac{3}{2}} + o\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}}\right) \quad (\text{Füderi})$$

$$ex(n, K_{r,s}) > cn^{2-\frac{1}{r}}, r \geq 4, s \geq r! + 1 \quad (\text{Kollar})$$

$$ex(n, C_6) = O\left(n^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$$

$$ex(n, C_{10}) = O\left(n^{\frac{6}{5}}\right)$$

$$c'n^{1+\frac{1}{3k-2}} \leq ex(n, C_{2k}) \leq cn^{1+\frac{1}{k}}$$

$$ex(n, C_{2k+1}) = O(n^2) \quad (\text{Erdős - Stone theorem})$$

$$ex(n, C_{2k+1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \cong \frac{n^2}{4} = ex(n, C_3) \text{ for large } n.$$

Recent findings (Tao Jang, Yu Qiv 2019+):  $\forall p, q, q > p^2, \left(1 + \frac{p}{q}\right)$  is a Turan exponent.

Oliver Janzer (2019):  $\forall s, k \geq 2$  integers  $1 + \frac{s-1}{sk}$  is a Turan exponent. Specifically  $\exists t_0 \forall s, k \geq 2 \forall t \geq t_0 ex\left(n, \widetilde{K}_{s,t}^k\right) = O\left(n^{1+\frac{s-1}{sk}}\right)$  where  $K_{s,t}^k$  is a  $(k - 1)$ -subdivision of  $K_{s,t}$ .

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Szemeridis regularity lemma: For a given graph  $G$ ,  $X, Y \subseteq V(G)$ ,  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ , let  $|X, Y| := \#edges\ between\ X\ and\ Y$ . Let  $d(X, Y) = \frac{|X, Y|}{|X| \cdot |Y|}$  - density of the pair  $(X, Y)$ ,  $0 \leq d(X, Y) \leq 1$ .

For  $\epsilon > 0$ , the pair  $(X, Y)$  is  $\epsilon$ -regular if  $|d(A, B) - d(X, Y)| \leq \epsilon \forall A \subseteq X, B \subseteq Y, |A| \geq \epsilon|X|, |B| \geq \epsilon|Y|$ .

Example:  $d(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}, \epsilon = \frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{10} \leq d(A, B) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{10}$

$$\forall A, B: |A| \geq \frac{|X|}{10}, |B| \geq \frac{|Y|}{10}.$$

Let  $G$  be a graph,  $V = V(G)$ , let  $V = V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \dots \cup V_k \cup V_0$  be a partition of  $V$ . This partition is  $\epsilon$ -regular if

- $|V_0| \leq \epsilon|V|$
- $|V_1| = |V_2| = \dots = |V_k|$
- All but at most  $\epsilon k^2$  pairs  $(v_i, v_j), 1 \leq i < j \leq k$  are  $\epsilon$ -regular.

Note that  $\#(v_i, v_j) = \binom{k}{2} \leq k^2$ .

Theorem: Szemerédi Regularity Lemma:  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \forall \text{integer } m \geq 1 \exists M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that any graph of order at least  $m$  has an  $\epsilon$ -regular partition  $V_0, V_1, \dots, V_k, m \leq k \leq M$ .

Note: #parts is constant and independent on #vertices.

$$\epsilon^{-\frac{1}{16}} \left\{ 2^{2^{2^{(\dots)^2}} \leq M(\epsilon) \leq 2^{2^{2^{(\dots)^2}}} \right\} \epsilon^{-5}$$

Proof idea:

Mean square density of a partition  $V_1, \dots, V_k =: \Pi, n := |V(G)|$

$$d_2(\Pi) := \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} \frac{|V_i| \cdot |V_j|}{n^2} d^2(V_i, V_j)$$

$$d_2(\Pi) \leq 1 \text{ because } \sum \frac{|V_i| \cdot |V_j|}{n^2} \leq 1. \sum |V_i| \cdot |V_j| \leq \binom{n}{2} \cong \frac{n^2}{2}.$$

Idea of the proof:

- Start with an arbitrary partition.
- If not  $\epsilon$ -regular, refine the partition in doing so,  $d_2(\Pi)$  increases by  $f(\epsilon)$
- Repeat...
- Stop because  $d_2(\pi) \leq 1$ .

Embedding (blowup) lemma: Let  $G$  be a graph. If  $R^s$  is an  $s$ -blowup of  $R = R_d$  and  $H \subseteq R_s \Rightarrow H \subseteq G$ .

Outline of proof of Erdős-Stone theorem:

We want: Given  $G, |V(G)| = n, |E(G)| = t_{r-1}(n) + \gamma n^2$ , then  $K_r^5 \subseteq G$ .

Apply the regularity lemma to  $G$  with  $R$ -reduced graph  $R = R_d$  ( $\epsilon \ll \gamma, d \ll \gamma$ ).

$$|E(R)| >^* t_{(r-1)}(k) \Rightarrow^{Turan} K_r \subseteq R \Rightarrow^{blowup} K_r^5 \subseteq R^5 \Rightarrow^{Embedding Lemma} K_r^5(G).$$

Proof of \*: done in lecture.

## 25.1 Ramsey theory

Fact: any coloring of  $E(K_6)$  in red, blue contains a red or blue triangle  $\Delta = K_3$ .

Proof: Let  $c: E(K_6) \rightarrow \{r, b\}, x \in v(K_6)$ . Assume wlog.  $x$  has three red incident edges.

So,  $xv_1, xv_2, xv_3$  are red. If  $v_i v_j$  is red for  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}, i \neq j$ , then  $xv_i v_j$  is a red triangle. Otherwise  $v_1 v_2 v_3$  is a blue triangle.

Ramsey numbers:

$$R(k) := \min\{n: \forall c: E(K_n) \rightarrow \{r, b\} \exists \text{red } K_k \text{ or blue } K_k\}$$

red  $K_k \cong$  all edges are red.

Monochromatic  $H \cong H$  with all edges of the same color.

$$\text{Theorem: } \sqrt{2}^k \leq R(k) \leq 4^k.$$

$$\text{Lemma: } R(k) \leq 4^k$$

Proof: Let  $N = 4k$ . Let  $c: E(K_N) \rightarrow \{r, b\}$ . Let  $G = K_N$ . We construct a sequence  $x, \dots, x_{2k}$  of vertices and  $V_1, \dots, V_{2k}$  of subsets of vertices such that  $\forall i = 1, \dots, 2k$  colors of  $x_i v, v \in V_i$  are the same.

Let  $x_i$  be chosen arbitrarily...

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Theorem:  $n, t$  are integers and  $t < n$ , then  $\exists$  constant  $C > 0$  such that  $ex(n, K_{t,t}) \geq C n^{2 - \frac{1}{t+1}}$ .

Proof: Define a graph  $G$  on  $[n]$  where we put an edge uniformly at random with probability  $p$ , these  $\binom{n}{2}$  choices being independent. We want a graph with "many" edges and "few"  $K'_{t,t}$ s.  $X :=$  random variable counting #edges.  $Y :=$  random variable counting  $\#K'_{t,t}$ s.  $X = \sum_{e \in \binom{[n]}{2}} 1_e, 1_e := \begin{cases} 1 & e \in E(G) \\ 0 & \text{otherw.} \end{cases}, EX = \sum_{e \in \binom{[n]}{2}} \mathbb{P}(e \in E(G)) = p \binom{n}{2} < \binom{n}{t} \binom{n}{t} \leq n^{2t}.$

$$\mathbb{P}(K_{t,t}) = p^{t^2}.$$

$$EY \leq n^{2t} \cdot p^{t^2}.$$

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$$R(k) := \min \{N \in \mathbb{N}: \forall c: E(K_N) \rightarrow \{r, b\} \text{ there is a monochromatic } K_k\}$$

$$R(3) = 6. \text{ Abb1}$$

$$\text{Theorem: } \sqrt{2}^k \leq R(k) \leq_{\text{last time}} 4^k.$$

Proof: Lower bound.'

We need a coloring of  $K_{\frac{k}{2^2}}$  into red and blue with no monochromatic  $K_k$ . Consider  $E = E(K_N), N = \sqrt{2}^k = 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \times$  color  $E$  randomly with red and blue, such that  $\text{Prob}(\text{edge } e \text{ is red}) = \text{Prob}(\text{edge } e \text{ is blue}) = \frac{1}{2}$ , color edges independently. Let  $S \subseteq V(K_N), |S| = k$ .

$$\text{Prob}(S \text{ induces red clique}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\binom{k}{2}}.$$

$$\text{Prob}(S \text{ induces monochromatic clique}) \leq 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\binom{k}{2}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(\exists S \subseteq V(K_N): |S| &= k \text{ and } S \text{ induces monochr. clique}) \\ &\leq \binom{N}{k} \cdot 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\binom{k}{2}} \leq \frac{N^k}{k!} \cdot 2^{1 - \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{k}{2}} \\ &= \frac{2^{\left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^k}}{k!} \cdot 2^{1 - \frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{k}{2}} = \frac{1}{k!} 2^{\frac{k}{2} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

For  $k \geq 3$ .

Thus

$Prob(\exists S \subseteq V(K_N): |S| = k \text{ and } S \text{ induces mon. clique}) < 1 \Rightarrow$  there is a coloring of  $E(K_N)$  in red and blue with no monochromatic  $K_K$ .

Qed.

Some notations:

$R(k)$  – diagonal Ramsey number

$R(k, l)$  – off-diagonal Ramsey number

$$R(k, l) := \min\{N: \forall c: E(K_N) \rightarrow \{r, b\} \exists \text{red } K_k \text{ or } \exists \text{blue } K_l\}$$

$R(2, l) = l..$

Why:  $c: E(K_l) \rightarrow \{r, b\}$ . If  $\exists$  red edge  $\Rightarrow$  red  $K_2$ . If there is no red edge, we have blue  $K_l$ . Qed.

For the lower bound, color  $E(K_{l-1})$  blue, i.e. no red  $K_2$ , no blue  $K_l$ , i.e.  $R(2, l) \geq (l-1) + 1$ .

**Lemma:**  $R(k, l) \leq R(k-1, l) + R(k, l-1) \forall k, l \geq 3$ .

Proof: Let  $N = R(k, l) - 1, c: E(K_N) \rightarrow \{r, b\}$  with no red  $K_k$ , no blue  $K_l$ . Let  $x \in V(K_N)$ . Let  $A := \{u: c(xu) = r\}, B := \{u: c(xu) = b\}$ .

Abb2

Claim:  $|A| \leq R(k-1, l) - 1$ .

If not A contains either red  $K_{k-1}$  or blue  $K_l$ . Note that red  $K_{k-1}$  with x gives red  $K_k$ , which is a contradiction. We also have no blue  $K_l$ . This proves the claim.

Similarly  $|B| \leq R(k, l-1) - 1$ .

Thus  $N = |B| + |A| + 1 \leq (R(k-1, l) - 1) + (R(k, l-1) - 1) + 1, N = R(k, l) - 1$ .

Thus  $R(k, l) - 1 \leq R(k-1, l) + R(k, l-1) - 1 - 1 + 1$ . Qed.

**Lemma:**  $R(k, l) \leq \binom{k+l-1}{k-1}, k, l \geq 2$ .

Proof: Induction on  $k+l$ , basis  $k+l = 2+2 = 4$ ,  $R(2,2) = 2 \leq \binom{2+2-1}{1} = 2$ .

Step:  $R(k, l) \leq_{\text{Lemma 1}} R(k-1, l) + R(k, l-1) \leq_{\text{induction}} \binom{k+l-3}{k-2} + \binom{k+l-3}{k-1} = \binom{k+l-2}{k-1}$ .

Qed.

Corollary:  $k \ll n, R(k, n) \leq \binom{k+n-2}{k-1} \cong c_k n^{k-1}$ .

## 27.1 Graph Ramsey number

Let  $G$  and  $H$  be graphs.  $R(G, H) := \min\{N: \forall c: E(K_N) \rightarrow \{r, b\} \exists \text{red } G \text{ or blue } H\}$ .

Note

$$R(k, l) = R(K_k, K_l), R(G, H) \leq R(K_{|V(G)|}, K_{|V(H)|}), R(K_2, H) = |V(H)|.$$

Abb3

Lemma 3:  $R(sK_2, tK_2) = 2s + t - 1, s \geq t \geq 1$ .

Proof:

Lower bound: Color  $K_{2s+t-2}, V(sK_2) = 2s \Rightarrow$  no red  $sK_2$ . In this coloring any blue matching must have a vertex of each edge in  $B$ . But  $|B| = t-1 < |E(tK_2)|$ . Thus no blue  $tK_2$ .

Upper bound: Induction of  $\min\{s, t\}$ .

$t = 1: R(sK_2, 1 \cdot K_2) = 2s = 2s + t - 1$ .

Step: Consider  $c: E(K_{2s+t-1}) \rightarrow \{r, b\}$ , we want to find red  $sK_2$  or blue  $tK_2$ . Note  $|V(K_{2s+t-1})| = 2s + t - 1 \geq 2s \geq 2t$

If  $c$  is monochromatic, i.e. all edges are either red or blue, then we have either red  $sK_2$  or blue  $tK_2$ . Thus  $c$  is not monochromatic. i.e. we have Abb4

Consider our colored graph with deleted  $\{x, y, z\}$ . This graph  $G'$  has  $(2s + t - 1) - 3$  vertices, i.e.  $|V(G')| = 2s + t - 4 = 2(s-1) + (t-1) - 1 \stackrel{\text{induction}}{=} R((s-1)K_2, (t-1)K_2)$ . Thus we have either red  $(s-1)K_2$  or blue  $(t-1)K_2$  in  $G'$ . Then, together with either  $xy$  or  $yz$  we have red  $sK_2$  or blue  $tK_2$  in  $K_{2s+t-1}$ . Qed.

## 27.2 Multicolor Ramsey Numbers

$$R(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k) := \min\{N: c: E(K_N) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \exists i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \text{ and copy of } G_i \text{ in color } i\}$$

With graphs  $G_i$ .

$$R(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k) \leq R\left(\underbrace{K_{|V(G_1)|}}_{x_1}, \dots, \underbrace{K_{|V(G_k)|}}_{x_k}\right) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

Lemma 4:  $2^k \leq R\left(\underbrace{3, 3, \dots, 3}_k\right) \leq 3k!$ .

Proof:

Lower bound: Color edges between bipartite parts with one color, then color the edges between bipartite subparts of each of the bipartite parts with next color, and so on.

Upper bound: Induction.  $k = 2: R(3, 3) = 6 = 3 \cdot 2!$ . Consider  $c: E(K_{3k!}) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}, x \in V$ .  $\exists$  color, say  $K$ ,  $x$  is incident to  $\geq \left\lceil \frac{3k!-1}{k} \right\rceil$  edges of this color.

$S := \{u \in V: c(xu) = k\}, |S| \geq 3(k-1)!$ .

If  $S$  induces an edge of color  $K$ , we have  $K_3$  in color  $K$ . Otherwise  $S$  uses only colors  $1, \dots, k-1$ .

$|S| = 3(k-1)! \geq_{\text{ind}} R\left(\underbrace{3, \dots, 3}_{k-1}\right)$ , there is a monochromatic triangle induced by  $S$ . Qed.

## 27.3 Hypergraph Ramsey Numbers

Notation: For a set  $X$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \geq 2$ :

$$\binom{X}{r} := \{x' : X' \subseteq X, |X'| = r\}$$

$$\binom{X}{2} = E(\text{complete graph on vertex set } X)$$

$\binom{X}{r}$  is an  $r$ -clique of order  $|X|$  on vertex set  $X$ .

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Definition:  $R(p, q; r) := \min \{N : \forall c: \binom{[N]}{r} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$\exists A \subseteq [N] : |A| = p \ \& \ \forall A' \in \binom{A}{r}, c(A') = 0 \text{ or}$

$\exists B \subseteq [N] : |B| = q \ \& \ \forall B' \in \binom{B}{r}, c(B') = 1\}$

Recall  $\binom{X}{r}$  -  $r$ -clique,  $\binom{X}{2}$  - complete graph, clique.

Theorem (Hypergraph Ramsey):  $\forall r \geq 3 \ \forall p, q \geq 3$  integers:

$$R(p, q; r) \leq R\left(\underbrace{R(p-1, q; r)}_{p_1}, \underbrace{R(p, q-1; r)}_{q_1}; r-1\right) + 1.$$

Proof: Let  $c: \binom{X}{r} \rightarrow \{r, b\}$ ,  $|X| = R(p_1, q_1; r-1) + 1$ . Let  $x \in X$ , let  $c': \binom{X-x}{r-1} \rightarrow \{r, b\}$  such that  $\forall A \subseteq X-x, |A| = r-1, c'(A) := c(A' \cup x)$ .

We have  $|X-x| = R(p_1, q_1; r-1)$ . Apply "Ramsey" to  $c'$  in  $X-x$  inductively.

We have that either  $\exists \text{red } (r-1)\text{-clique}$  on  $p_1$  vertices in  $X-x$  under  $c'$  or  $\exists \text{blue } (r-1)\text{-clique}$  on  $q_1$  vertices in  $X-x$  under  $c'$ . Assume the former. Recall  $p_1 = R(p-1, q; r)$ . Apply "Ramsey" inductively (on  $p+q$ ) in  $X'$  under  $c$ . We have that either (1)  $\exists \text{red } r\text{-clique}$  in  $X'$  on  $p-1$  vertices or (2)  $\exists \text{blue } r\text{-clique}$  in  $X'$  in  $q$  vertices.

If (2) happens, we are done. Assume (1) holds. Thus  $\binom{X'' \cup \{x\}}{r}$  is a red  $r$ -clique on  $p$  vertices.

Application 1 (Erdős-Szekerös):  $\forall m \geq 3, m \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists N = N(m) \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that if  $X$  is a set of  $N$  points in the plane (no three on a line), then  $X$  contains vertices of convex  $m$ -gon.

Proof: Let  $N = R(m, 5; \underbrace{4}_{\text{uniformity=size of hyperedges}})$ .

Let  $X$  be a set of  $N$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (generic position). Let  $c: \binom{X}{4} \rightarrow \{r, b\}$  such that  $\forall U \subseteq X, |U| = 4, c(U) = \begin{cases} \text{red} & \text{if convex hull of } U \text{ is a 4-gon} \\ \text{blue} & \text{if convex hull of } U \text{ is a 3-gon} \end{cases}$ .

By definition of Ramsey numbers, we have either

1.  $\exists x' \subseteq X, |x'| = m, \binom{X'}{4}$  is red, or

2.  $\exists x' \subseteq X, |x'| = 5, \binom{X'}{4}$  is blue.

If (2) happens, then the convex hull of  $X'$  is a triangle. Let  $l$  be a line through two "internal" vertices  $z, z'$ . Let  $x, y$  be vertices of the convex hull of  $X'$  on the same side of  $l$ . Then  $c(\{x, y, z, z'\}) = \text{red}$ , which is a contradiction. Thus (2) is impossible.

If (1) holds,  $|X'| = m, \binom{X'}{4}$  is red. We want to show that  $X'$  forms a vertex set of a convex  $m$ -gon. Let  $\tilde{X} := \text{convexHull}(X')$ , if  $\tilde{X}$ -convex  $m$ -gon we are done.

Otherwise  $\tilde{X}$  corr. to a convex  $k$ -gon,  $k < m$ .  $\tilde{X}$  is a triangle. If  $z$ -internal for  $\tilde{X}$  elf of  $X' \Rightarrow z$  is internal to some of the triangles. Say  $xyw$ . Then  $c(\{x, y, w, z\}) = \text{blue}$ , which is a contradiction. Qed.

Andrew Suk 2016: smallest  $N(m) = 2^{n+o(n)}$ .

Another Erdős-Szekeres theorem: Any list of more than  $n^2$  numbers contains a non-decreasing or non-increasing sublist of more than  $n$  numbers.

Example:  $n = 2, n^2 + 1, (2 \ 0 \ 1 \ 3 \ 1)$ .

Proof: Let  $a_1, \dots, a_{n^2+1}$  be a list of reals. Let  $u_i :=$  the length of a longest nonincreasing sublist ending at  $a_i$ , and  $d_i :=$  the length of a longest nondecreasing sublist ending at  $a_i$ .

Assume no (monoton) sublist on more than  $n$  elfs. Thus  $n_i \leq n, d_i \leq n \ \forall i$  #distinct pairs  $(u_i, d_i) \leq n^2$ . But we have  $a_1, \dots, a_{n^2+1}$ . Thus  $\exists i, j, i < j: (u_i, d_i) = (u_j, d_j)$ .

If  $a_i \leq a_j \Rightarrow d_i \leq d_j$ . If  $a_i \geq a_j \Rightarrow u_i < u_j$ , which is a contradiction, Qed.

Application 2 (Schurs theorem):  $k \in \mathbb{N} \ \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \ \forall c: [N] \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \ \exists x, y, z \in [N]: c(x) = c(y) = c(z) \ \& \ x + y = z$ .

( $\exists$  monochromatic solution of this linear equation)

Proof: Let  $c: [N] \rightarrow [k]$ , where  $N := R(\underbrace{3, 3, \dots, 3}_k)$ . Let  $c': E(K_N) \rightarrow [k]$  such that if  $V(K_N) = [N]$ ,  $c'(i, j) = c(|i - j|)$ . We know (by definition of  $R$ ) that  $\exists$  monochromatic triangle under  $c'$ ,  $i < j < m$ , i.e.  $c(j - i) = c(m - j) = c(m - i) = \text{red}$ . Let  $x = m - j, y = j - i, z = m - i$ , then  $x + y = z, c(x) = c(y) = c(z) = \text{red}$ . Qed.

Generalization to systems of equations: Let  $r \in \mathbb{N}, A \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times k}$ ,  $A$  is called  $r$ -regular if  $\exists$  monochromatic solution of  $\bar{A}x = \bar{o}$  for any coloring  $c: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [r]$ .

A matrix  $A$  fulfills column condition if  $\exists$  partition of set of columns  $C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_m$  such that if  $\bar{s}_i = \sum_{c \in C_i} \bar{c}$ , then (1)  $\bar{s}_1 = \bar{o}$ , (2)  $\forall i = 2, \dots, m: \bar{s}_i$  is a rational linear combination of columns from  $C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_{i-1}$ .

Rados theorem: If a matrix  $A$  satisfies column condition, then it is  $r$ -regular  $\forall r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Theorem (Ray-Chaudhuri and Wilson):  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \binom{[n]}{k}, |\{F \cap F' : F, F' \in \mathcal{F}\}| \leq s$ . Then  $|\mathcal{F}| \leq \binom{n}{s}$ .

Theorem (Frankl-Wilson):  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \binom{[n]}{k}, |F \cap F'| \not\equiv k \pmod{q} \Rightarrow |\mathcal{F}| \leq \binom{n}{q-1}$ .

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(\*) :  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \binom{[n]}{k}, |\{F \cap F' : F, F' \in \mathcal{F}\}| \leq s \Rightarrow |\mathcal{F}| \leq \binom{n}{s}$ .

(\*\*) :  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \binom{[n]}{k}, |F \cap F'| \not\equiv k \pmod{q} \Rightarrow |\mathcal{F}| \leq \binom{n}{q-1}$ ,  
q-prime power.

$$R(k) = \min \{N : \forall c: E(K_N) \rightarrow \{r, b\} \exists \text{monochr. } K_k\}$$

Theorem (Frankl & Wilson):  $R(k) \geq e^{\frac{\log^2 k}{20 \log \log k}}$ , k-large.

Moreover there is an explicit construction giving this bound.

Proof: We shall construct a graph G on  $\xi$  vertices such that  $w(G) < k, \alpha(G) < k$ . Later, color  $E(G)$  red, rest of vertex paris blue. This coloring has no red  $K_k$ , has no blue  $K_k$ .

$$V(G) := \binom{X}{q^2-1}, |X| = q^3, q \text{ is a large prime power.}$$

$$E(G) := \{\{F, F'\} : F, F' \in V(G), |F \cap F'| \not\equiv -1 \pmod{q}\}.$$

$$\text{If } K_m \subseteq G \Rightarrow m \leq \binom{q^3}{q-1} \text{ by (**).}$$

$$|F \cap F'| \not\equiv -1 \pmod{q} \equiv q^2 - 1 \pmod{q}$$

If G contains an independent set of m vertices. Thus  $\forall F, F' : |F \cap F'| \not\equiv -1 \pmod{q}$ , i.e.  $|F \cap F'| \in \{q-1, 2q-1, 3q-1, \dots, q^2-q-1\}$ .

$$\text{By (*) : } m \leq \binom{q^3}{q-1}.$$

So we have G on  $\binom{q^3}{q^2-1} = n$  vertices such that no clique or independent set on more than m elements,  $k := m+1, k \leq \binom{q^3}{q-1}$ . We want:  $n \geq f(k)$ .

We use  $\left(\frac{n}{x}\right)^x \leq \binom{n}{x} \leq n^x$ . First bound k in terms of q, then bound n terms of k. We have  $k = \binom{q^3}{q-1} \Rightarrow q^{3q} >^2 k >^1 q^q$ .

Take  $\log \Rightarrow 3q \log q >_2 \log k >_3 q \log q \Rightarrow \frac{\log k}{3 \log q} <_{\text{from 4}} q <_{\text{from 3}} \frac{\log k}{\log q} < \log k \Rightarrow \log q <_{\text{from 5}} \log \log k \Rightarrow \text{plug into 7 } q > \frac{\log k}{3 \log \log k}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} n &= |V(G)| = \binom{q^3}{q^2-1} \\ &> q^{\frac{q^3}{2}} >_{\text{plug LB on } q} \left( \frac{\log k}{3 \log \log k} \right)^{\frac{\log^2 k}{9(\log \log k)^2 \cdot 2}} \\ &= e^{\frac{\log^2 k}{18(\log \log k)^2} (\log \log k - \log 3 \log \log k)} \geq e^{\frac{\log^2 k}{20(\log \log k)}} \end{aligned}$$

Note: If k-large, then  $e^{\frac{\log^2 k}{20 \log \log k}} < c^k$  for any  $c > 1$ . Take log:

$\frac{\log^2 k}{20 \log \log k} < k \log c$ . On the other hand,  $e^{\frac{\log^2 k}{20 \log \log k}} > k^m$  for any m-fixed, take log  $\frac{\log^2 k}{20 \log \log k} > m \log k$ .

### 29.1 Induced Ramsey Numbers

$IR(H)$

$:= \min \{N : \exists \text{ a graph } G \text{ on } n \text{ vertices s.t. } \forall c: E(G) \rightarrow \{r, b\} \exists \text{monochr. induced subgraph isomorphic to } H\}$ .

Example:  $H = \text{Squaregraph}$ , we want G.

Note:  $IR(K_k) = R(K_k) = R(k)$ . Take  $G = K_{R(k)}$ .

Conjecture (Erdős):  $IR(H) \leq 2^{ck}, k = |V(H)|$ . Best known  $IR(H) \leq 2^{ck \cdot \log k}, k = |V(H)|$ .

Goal:  $IR(H)$  exists for bipartite H.

Definition: Incidence graph  $I(X, k) = G(X \cup \binom{X}{k}, a \in X, a \in A)$ .

$$E = \left\{ \{A, a\} : A \in \binom{X}{k}, a \in X, a \in A \right\}.$$

Lemma 1: Any bipartite graph is an induced subgraph of an appropriate incidence graph. Specifically, if  $B = (\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \cup \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}, E)$ , then  $B \subseteq_{\text{induced}} I, I = (X \cup \binom{X}{n+1}, E), |X| = 2n + m$ .

Proof: Let  $X := \{x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n, \dots, z_1, \dots, z_m\}$ .

Embed B into I with  $\gamma$ . Let  $\gamma(a_i) = x_i, i = 1, \dots, n; \gamma(b_i) = \{z_i\} \cup \{x_i, \dots, x_{i_q}\} \cup Y'$ , where  $\{a_i, \dots, a_{i_q}\} = N(b_i), |\gamma_i| = n+1-1-q$ .

Lemma 2: Any coloring of edges of  $(X' \cup \binom{X'}{2k-1}, E)$  contains an induced monochromatic  $(X \cup \binom{X}{k}, E)$ , where  $|X'|$  is multicolor  $(2^{2k-1})$  colors hypergraph Ramsey number with uniformity  $2k-1$  and unavoidable clique size  $k \cdot |X| + l - 1$ .

Proof: Let  $X' = \{x, \dots\}, Y' = \binom{X'}{2k-1}, c: E' \rightarrow \{r, b\}$ .

Color vertices of  $Y'$  with  $c': c'(y) = (c(yx_{i_1}), c(yx_{i_2}), \dots, c(yx_{i_{2k-1}}))$ . #colors in  $c'$  is  $\leq 2^{2k-1}$ . By Ramsey theorem  $\exists Z \subseteq X'$  such that  $|Z| = k|X| + k - 1, \binom{Z}{2k-1}$  have the same color  $c_0$ , ex.  $c_0 = (r, r, b, r, b)$ .



Assume red is the majority color in  $c_0$ , i.e. each vertex in  $\binom{Z}{2k-1}$  send  $\geq k$  red edges to  $Z$ . We shall find  $(X \cup \binom{X}{k}, E)$  in red.

We shall embed  $X$  into each  $k^{th}$  vertex of  $Z$ .

Let  $X \subseteq Z, \forall y \in \binom{X}{k}$  let  $\gamma(y) = y' \in \binom{Z}{2k-1}$  such that  $y' \geq y, y' \setminus y \subseteq Z \setminus X$ . Then  $X$  and  $\gamma(y), y \in \binom{X}{k}$  form a red induced copy of  $(X \cup \binom{X}{k}, E)$ . Qed.

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$R(H) = R(H, H)$ . We know  $\sqrt{2}^k \leq R(K_k) = R(k) \leq 4^k$ .

Chatal-Rüdl-Szemerédi-Trotter:  $\forall$  positive  $\Delta \exists c = c(\Delta) \forall H: \frac{\Delta(H) = \Delta}{\max \text{ degree}}, R(H) \leq c \frac{|V(H)|}{k}$

Choonbun Lee (2015):  $\forall$  positive  $d \exists c = c(d) \forall H \text{ } H-d \text{ degenerate } R(H) \leq c \frac{|V(H)|}{k}$ .

## 30.1 Random graphs

Consider a set of all graphs on  $n$  vertices.

$G(n, p)$  is the Erdős-Rényi random graph, and is created by choosing edges independently with probability  $P\binom{n}{2}-m'$ . In particular  $Prob(G) = p^m(1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}-m}$  with a given graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.

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Note:  $\sum_{G \text{ graph on } [n]} Prob(G) = \sum_{m=0}^{\binom{n}{2}} \frac{\binom{n}{2}}{\binom{n}{m}} = p^m(1-p)^{\binom{n}{2}-m} = (p + (1-p))^{\binom{n}{2}} = 1$ , with  $m$  being the number of edges of  $G$ .

Lemma 1: Let  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $p$  constant,  $H$  be a fixed graph,  $G \in G(n, p)$ ,  $Prob(H \subseteq_{ind} G) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$ .

Proof:  $k := |V(H)|$ ,  $n = tk + \varepsilon, t \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq \varepsilon \leq k$ . Let  $V(G) = A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_t \cup A_\varepsilon, |A_i| = k, 1 \leq i \leq t$ .

$Prob(H \not\subseteq_{ind} G) \leq Prob(H \not\subseteq_{ind} G[A_1] \& H \not\subseteq_{ind} G[A_2] \& \dots \& H \not\subseteq_{ind} G[A_t]) \frac{n^{nn-n^{1+\varepsilon}}}{(2k)^{24}} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

$=_{A_i \text{ pairwise disjoint}} Prob(H \not\subseteq_{ind} G[A_1]) \cdot \dots \cdot Prob(H \not\subseteq_{ind} G[A_t])$

$= (1-r)^t$ , where  $r$  is the  $Prob(H \subseteq_{ind} G[A_i])$  and  $r > 0$  and  $r$  is independent on  $n$ . We have  $t = \frac{n}{k} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ .

Thus  $Prob(H \subseteq_{ind} G) = 1 - Prob(H \not\subseteq_{ind} G) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$ .

Lemma 2:  $n \geq k \geq 2$  integers,  $G = G(n, p)$ .  $Prob(\alpha(G) \geq k) \leq \binom{n}{k} (1-p)^{\binom{k}{2}}$ ,  $Prob(\omega(G) \geq k) \leq \binom{n}{k} p^{\binom{k}{2}}$ .

Proof:  $Prob(\alpha(G) \geq k) = Prob(\exists U \subseteq \binom{[n]}{k}, G[U] \cong E_k) \leq Prob\left(\bigvee_{U \in \binom{[n]}{k}} G[U] \cong E_k\right) \leq \sum_{U \in \binom{[n]}{k}} Prob(G[U] \cong E_k) \leq \binom{n}{k} (1-p)^{\binom{k}{2}}$  with  $E_k$  being the empty graph. Qed.

Lemma 3:  $G = G(n, p)$ , then  $Exp(\# \text{cycles of length } k \text{ in } G) = \frac{(n)_k}{2k} p^k$ , where  $(n)_k = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1)$ .

Proof of Lemma 3: Let  $C_k$  be a set of all cycles of length  $k$  in  $K_n$ . For  $C \in C_k$ , let  $X_C := \begin{cases} 1 & C \subseteq G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Then  $X = \sum_{C \in C_k} X_C = \# \text{cycles of length } k \text{ in } G$ .

$Exp(X) = |C_k| \cdot Prob(X_C = 1) = \frac{n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-k+1)}{2k} p^k$ . Qed.

Theorem (Erdős, Hajnal):  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 3 \exists \text{ graph } G, \text{ girth}(G) > k \text{ and } \chi(G) > k$ .

Idea: # cycles of length  $\leq k$  is  $< \frac{n}{2}$ . Delete a vertex from each of these, get a graph  $G'$  with  $\text{girth}(G') > k$ . We know that  $\chi(G') \geq \frac{|V(G')|}{\alpha(G')}$ .

Proof: Fix  $\varepsilon, 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{k}, p := n^{\varepsilon-1}$ , let  $G = G(n, p)$ . Let  $Y$  be # cycles of length  $\leq k$  in  $G$ . By Lemma 3,  $Exp(Y) = \sum_{i=3}^k \frac{(n)_i}{2i} p^i \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=3}^k n^i p^i \leq \frac{1}{2} n^k p^k \cdot k$ .  $np = n \cdot n^{\varepsilon-1} = n^\varepsilon > 1$ .

By Markov's inequality  $Prob(Y \geq \frac{n}{2}) \leq \frac{Exp(Y)}{\frac{n}{2}} \leq n^{k-1} p^k k = kn^{k-1} n^{(\varepsilon-1)k} = kn^{\varepsilon k - 1} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  because  $\varepsilon k < 1$ , thus  $\varepsilon k - 1 < 0$ .

By Lemma 2,  $Prob(\alpha(G) \geq \frac{n}{2k}) \leq \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2k}} \cdot (1-p)^{\binom{\frac{n}{2k}}{2}} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ . Indeed  $\binom{n}{\frac{n}{2k}} (1-p)^{\binom{\frac{n}{2k}}{2}} \leq \frac{n}{2k} (1-p)^{\frac{n^2}{8k^2}}$ .

$\frac{1}{n^{1-\varepsilon}} \left(\frac{n}{2k}\right)^{\frac{n^2}{8k^2}} \cong \underbrace{(1-x)}_{\text{small } x} \cong e^{-x} \cong \frac{n}{2k} e^{-n \frac{n^2}{(2k)^2}} \cong$

Choose  $n$  large enough such that  $Prob(Y \geq \frac{n}{2}) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $Prob(\alpha(G) \geq \frac{n}{2k}) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus  $\exists$  a graph  $G^*$  on  $n$  vertices with  $< \frac{n}{2}$  cycles of length  $\leq k$  and  $\alpha(G^*) < \frac{n}{2k}$ . Let  $G'$  be obtained from  $G^*$  by deleting a vertex from each cycle of length  $\leq k$ , i.e.  $|V(G')| \geq \frac{n}{2}$ ,  $\text{girth}(G') > k$ ,  $\alpha(G') \leq \alpha(G^*) < \frac{n}{2k}$ . Thus  $\chi(G') \geq \frac{|V(G')|}{\alpha(G')} > k$ . Qed.



Expand  $\chi(G') \geq \frac{|V(G')|}{\alpha(G')} > \left(\frac{n}{2k}\right) = k$ . Thus  $G'$  is the desired graph.

## 30.2 Graph properties and threshold functions

A graph property is a set of graphs.

Example:  $\mathcal{P} = \{G: G \text{ is connected}\}$ .

Let  $(p_n) \in [0,1]^{\mathbb{N}}$ , we say that  $G = G(n, p_n)$  almost always has the property  $\mathcal{P}$  if  $\text{Prob}(G \in \mathcal{P}) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$ .

A function  $f(n): \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0,1]$  is a threshold function for  $\mathcal{P}$  if

1.  $\forall p_n: \frac{p_n}{f(n)} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ , then  $G = G(n, p_n)$  almost always does not have  $\mathcal{P}$ .
2.  $\forall p_n: \frac{p_n}{f(n)} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ , then  $G = G(n, p_n)$  almost always has  $\mathcal{P}$ .

1.  $p_n = o(f(n)) \rightarrow \text{no } \mathcal{P}$

2.  $p_n = \omega(f(n)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$

If  $f(n) = \frac{1}{n}$  — threshold for  $\mathcal{P}$

$G(n, p)$  almost always has  $\mathcal{P}$ .

$$\text{If } p = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } p = \frac{1}{4}, p = \frac{1}{1000}, p = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, p = \frac{1}{\log n}$$

$G(n, p)$  almost always has no  $\mathcal{P}$ .

$$\text{If } p = \frac{1}{n^2}, p = \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}, p = \frac{1}{n \log n}$$

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### 31.1 The Probabilistic Method

Example: Any graph  $G$  with  $m$  edges has a bipartite subgraph with  $\geq \frac{m}{2}$  edges. (Trivial proof: Consider bipartite subgraph with maximal edges)

Probabilistic proof: Define a subset  $T \subset V(G)$  by including a vertex  $v \in T$  by including a vertex  $v \in T$  with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For every edge  $xy \in E(G): X_{xy} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } xy \text{ are crossing} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
(Crossing edge: edge that goes from  $T$  to  $V \setminus T$ ).

$$\text{Let } \sum_{xy \in E(G)} X_{xy}; \quad \mathbb{E}X \stackrel{\text{linearity}}{=} \sum_{xy \in E(G)} \mathbb{E}[X_{xy}] = \sum_{xy \in E(G)} \underbrace{\mathbb{P}(xy \text{ is crossing})}_{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{m}{2}.$$

$\Rightarrow$  There is at least one choice of  $T$  such that  $X \geq \mathbb{E}X = \frac{m}{2}$ .

Qed.

$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a discrete random variable. Suppose  $X(\omega) < \mathbb{E}X, \forall \omega \in \Omega: \mathbb{E}X := \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} X(\omega) \mathbb{P}(\omega) < \mathbb{E}X \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \mathbb{P}(\omega)}_{=1} = \mathbb{E}X$ .

Example: In Tournaments. Tournament is obtained by orienting the edges of the complete graph (choose directions for the edges).

Consider the property  $S_k$  of a graph  $T$ . For every  $k$ -element subset  $S \subset V(T)$  there exists a vertex  $y$  outside of  $T$  that "beats all of  $S$ " (that has  $k$  edges leading into  $S$ ).

Let's show that such tournaments exist. Let  $T$  be a tournament on  $n$  vertices chosen uniformly at random (by orienting edges with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).  $\forall S \subset V(T), |S| = k$ ; consider  $B_S$  as " $S$  violates property  $S_k$ ".

$$\mathbb{P}(B_S) = (1 - 2^{-k})^{n-k}$$

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_S B_S\right) \leq \binom{n}{k} (1 - 2^{-k})^{n-k} \stackrel{\leq 1}{\leq} 1$$

*choose  $n$  sufficiently large depending on  $k$*

Then with positive probability none of the bad events occur, i.e. there is a tournament with property  $S_k$ .

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Recall on Threshold functions: For a property  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $f(n)$  is a structural function for  $\mathcal{P}$ , if the following conditions hold:

1.  $\forall p_n = \omega(f(n)): \text{Prob}(G(n, p_n) \in \mathcal{P}) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$ .
2.  $\forall p_n = o(f(n)): \text{Prob}(G(n, p_n) \in \mathcal{P}) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

Recall: Markov's inequality  $t > 0$  for a random variable  $X, X > 0, \text{Prob}(X \geq t) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}X}{t}$

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## 33 Lecture 03.02.

### 33.1 Hamilton Cycles

Hamilton Cycles were introduced by Sir William Rowan Hamilton 1857 via a game "Icosian game" (Traveling Salesperson problem, min. weight of a Hamilton Cycle, edges are weighted).

A Hamilton Cycle is a cycle  $C$  in a graph  $G$  that is spanning, thus if it contains all vertices. A graph that has a Hamilton Cycle is called Hamiltonian graph.

Lemma (necessary condition for Hamiltonicity): If  $G$  is Hamiltonian, then  $\forall S \subseteq V(G), S \neq \emptyset$ : #components of  $G - S$  is at most  $|S|$ .

Proof: Let  $C$  be a Hamiltonian Cycle of  $G$ . Let  $S \subseteq V(G), S \neq \emptyset, t := \# \text{components of } G - S$ . There are at least 2 edges of  $C$  between each component of  $G - S$  and  $S$ . If  $e = \# \text{edges}$

of  $C$  between  $S$  and  $V - S$ , we have  $e \geq t - 2$  and  $e \leq |S| \cdot 2$  ( $C$  is 2-regular). Then  $t \leq |S|$ . Qed.

Theorem (Dirac): If  $|V(G)| = n, n \geq 3, \delta(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.

Proof: Let  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}, |V(G)| = n \geq 3$ . Let  $k$  be the number of vertices in a longest path.

Claim: Any path on  $k$  vertices span a cycle. Assume not, consider a path  $p = (v_0, \dots, v_{k-1})$ . Then

1.  $v_0 v_{k-1} \notin E(G)$
2. If  $v_i \in N(v_0) \Rightarrow v_{i-1} \notin N(v_{k-1})$
3.  $N(v_0), N(v_{k-1}) \subseteq V(P)$  (maximality of  $P$ )

Then  $\# \text{non-neighbors of } v_{k-1} \text{ in } V(P) \geq \# \text{neighbors of } v_0 \text{ in } V(P) \geq \delta(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$ .

$\# \text{neighbors of } v_{k-1} \leq (k-1) - (\# \text{nonneighbors of } v_{k-1} \text{ in } V(P)) \leq (k-1) - \frac{n}{2} \leq n-1 - \frac{n}{2} \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1$ , which is a contradiction to the Claim.

Case 1:  $k = n \Rightarrow$  by Claim,  $V(P)$  spans a cycle on  $n$  vertices, i.e. Hamiltonian cycles.

Case 2:  $k < n$ . Note that  $G$  is connected, otherwise a vertex in a smallest component has degree  $\leq \frac{n}{2} - 1 - y$ . By claim,  $P = (v_0, \dots, v_{p-1})$  spans a cycle. There is an edge between a cycle  $C$  of length  $k$  and a vertex outside of the cycle. Then  $C$  and  $e$  span a path on  $k+1$  vertices, which is a contradiction.

Other degree conditions:

Ore's theorem: A graph  $G$  on  $n \geq 3$  vertices is Hamiltonian  $\Leftrightarrow \forall u, v \in V(G), uv \notin E(G), d(u) + d(v) \geq n$ .

Komlós-Sárközy, Szemerédi (gen. of Dirac):  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{k}{k+1}n$ , then  $G$  has a  $k^{\text{th}}$  power of a Hamiltonian Cycle, that is a subgraph obtained from a Hamiltonian Cycle by joining all vertices at distance  $\leq k$  on the cycle by an edge.

Csába, Kühn, Osthus, Lo, Treglown 2014: For sufficiently large  $n$ , each  $d$ -regular graph with  $d \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  has an edge-decomposition into Hamilton cycles and at most one matching.

Theorem: Let  $\alpha(G) \leq k(G) \wedge |V(G)| \geq 3 \Rightarrow G$  is Hamiltonian, with  $k(G)$  denoting  $G$ 's vertex connectivity.

Proof: Let  $C$  be a longest cycle in  $G$ .  $C := (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{m-1}, v_0)$ . If  $C$  is not Hamiltonian,  $\exists v \in V(G) \setminus V(C)$ . Let  $F$  be a  $C-R$ -fan, i.e.  $F = \{P_i: P_i \text{ is a } v_i - v - \text{path}, i \in I\}$ .  $P_i$ 's share only  $v$  pairwise. Moreover, let  $F$  be of maximal cardinality. By Menger's theorem,  $|F| \geq \min\{k, |C|\}$ . We have  $\forall i \in I: i+1 \pmod{m} \notin I$ , otherwise  $C$  is not longest.  $\forall i, j \in I, i \neq j: v_{i+1}, v_{j+1} \notin E(G)$ .

Thus  $\forall i \in I, v_{i+1}v \notin E(G)$  and  $\{v_i: i \in I\} \cup \{v\}$  is an independent set on  $|I| + 1 \geq k + 1$  elements, which is a contradiction. ( $|F| < |C| \Rightarrow |F| \geq r$ ). Qed.

Tutte:  $k(G) \geq 4, G$  is planar  $\Rightarrow G$  is Hamiltonian.

Thomassen 1983:  $k(G) \geq 4, G$  is planar  $\Rightarrow G$  is Hamiltonian-connected, i.e.  $\forall u, v \in G$  there is a  $u-v$ -path that is spanning, i.e. a Hamiltonian path.

## 33.2 Network flows

Let  $G$  be a graph (multigraph, no loops),  $s, t \in V(G), s \neq t$ , source  $s$ , sink  $t$ .

$T := \{(x, e, y): e = xy \in E(G)\}$ .

Let  $c: T \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  is a capacity function.

A network is a quadruple  $N = (G, s, t, c)$ .

A function  $f: T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a network flow if the following conditions hold:

1.  $f(x, e, y) = -f(y, e, x) \quad \forall (x, e, y) \in T$
2.  $f(x, V(G)) := \sum_{v \in V \setminus \{x, (x, e, v) \in T\}} f(x, e, v) = 0 \quad \forall x \in V(G) \setminus \{s, t\}$

A cut  $(S, \bar{S})$  is a pair  $S \subseteq V(G), s \in S, t \notin S, \bar{S} = V(G) - S$ .

Capacity of a cut  $c(S, \bar{S}) := \sum_{x \in S, y \in \bar{S}, (x, e, y) \in T} c(x, e, y)$ .

## 34 Problem class 05.02.

### 34.1 Proof Techniques v2

1. Induction
2. Extremal Principle/Contradiction
3. Counting arguments
  - $\rightarrow [ex(n, K_{t,t}) \leq cn^{2-\frac{1}{t}}; \text{Double Counting}]$
  - $\rightarrow$  Pigeonhole Principle
  - $\rightarrow$  Parity Arguments (even vs odd)
4. Algorithmic/ Iterative ("Just do it")
5. "Dichotomy"/Ramsey
6. Probabilistic methods
  - $\rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\cup \text{"BadEvent"}) < 1$
  - $\rightarrow$  Computing  $\mathbb{E}X$
  - $\rightarrow$  Alterations [e.g.  $ex(n, K_{t,t}) \geq Cn^{2-\frac{1}{t+1}}$ . Choose  $G \in G(n, p)$  for appropriate  $p$ . Compute  $\mathbb{E}\#K_{t,t}$ 's. Delete an edge from each copy of  $K_{t,t}$ . (Erdős) Construction of graph  $G$  with  $\chi(G) > k, g(G) > k$ .
7. Apply a theorem

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Definition: Given  $g: T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \forall X, Y \subseteq V(G): g(X, Y) := \sum_{x \in X, y \in Y, x \neq y, (x, e, y) \in T} g(x, e, y)$ .

Notation:  $f(x, V) = f(\{x\}, V) = \sum_{xey \in T} f(x, e, y)$

Lemma 1:  $\forall \text{cut } (S, \bar{S}): f(S, \bar{S}) = f(s, V)$  where  $f$  is a network flow.

(Recall  $(S, \bar{S})$  is a cut if  $S \subseteq V(G), s \in S, t \notin S, \bar{S} = V \setminus S$ )

Proof of Lemma 1:  $f(S, \bar{S}) = f(S, V - S) = f(S, V) - f(S, S) = \left( f(s, V) + \underbrace{\sum_{v \in S \setminus \{s\}} f(v, V)}_{=0} \right) - \underbrace{f(S, S)}_{=0} = f(s, V)$

Qed.

Let the value of the flow  $f$  be  $f(s, V)$ , denote it  $|f|$ .

Theorem (Ford-Fulkerson): Let  $N = (G, s, t, c)$  be a network, then  $\max_{f: f - N - \text{flow}} \{ |f| \} = \min_{(S, \bar{S}): S, \bar{S} - \text{cut}} \{ c(S, \bar{S}) \}$ .

Proof:

- $x \leq y$ :  $\forall f - N - \text{flow}: |f| = f(s, V) \stackrel{\text{Lemma 1}}{=} f(S, \bar{S}) \leq c(S, \bar{S})$
- $y \leq x$ : We shall construct an  $f - N - \text{flow}$ :  $|f| = c(S, \bar{S})$  for some cut. We shall construct  $N$ -flows  $f_0, f_1, \dots$  such that  $f_0 \equiv 0, |f_{i+1}| \geq |f_i| + 1$ . (The sequence is finite since  $|f| \leq c(S, \bar{S})$ ).

Suppose  $f_n$  has been constructed.

Case 1:  $\exists$  augmented path:  $s = x_0 e_0 x_1 e_1 \dots x_m = t$ .  
 $f_n(x_{i-1} e_i x_i) < c(x_{i-1} e_i x_i) \forall i = 1, \dots, m$ . Let  $\varepsilon := \min \{ c(x_{i-1} e_i x_i) - f_n(x_{i-1} e_i x_i) \}$ .

$$f_{n+1}(xey) := \begin{cases} f_n(x_{i-1} e_i x_i) + \varepsilon & i = 1, \dots, m \\ f_n(x_i e_{i+1} x_{i+1}) - \varepsilon & i = 1, \dots, m \\ f_n(xey) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Case 2: There exists no such path. Let  $S := \{v \in V: \exists \text{ path } s = x_0 e_0 x_1 \dots v; (v = x_m), f(x_{i-1} e_{i-1} x_i) < c(x_{i-1} e_{i-1} x_i), i = 1, \dots, m\}, s \in S, t \notin S$ .

$f_n(x, e, y) = c(x, e, y) \forall x \in S, y \in \bar{S}, (x, e, y) \in T \Rightarrow f_n(S, \bar{S}) = c(S, \bar{S})$ . In this case, let  $f := f_n$ .

Qed.

## 35.1 Group valued flows

Let  $G$  be a multigraph with loops allowed,  $T$  as above. Let  $f: T \rightarrow H$ , where  $H$  as an abelian group is a circulation if

1.  $f(x, e, y) = -f(y, e, x) \forall (x, e, y) \in T, x \neq y$
2.  $f(x, V) = 0 \forall x \in V$ .

A circulation  $f$  is an  $H$ -flow if it is nonzero on each triple.

If an  $H$ -flow exists for  $f$ , in particular  $\mathbb{Z}$ -flow exists, then  $\gamma(G) := \min \{k: G \text{ has a } k\text{-flow, i.e. } \mathbb{Z}\text{-flow } |f(x, e, y)| \leq k \forall (x, e, y) \in T\}$ , where  $\gamma$  denotes the flow value of  $G$ .

By Lemma 1,  $f(S, \bar{S}) = f(v, V) \forall v \in V \forall S \subseteq V, S \neq \emptyset, S \neq V$ .

This implies that  $f(S, \bar{S}) = 0$  (which does not hold if there exists a bridge)  $\Rightarrow G$  is bridgeless.

Theorem (Seymour): If  $G$  is bridgeless, then it has a nowhere zero  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ -flow.

Theorem (Tutte):  $\forall$  multigraph  $G = (V, E, T) \exists$  polynomial  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that  $\forall$  abelian group  $H$ , the number of zero  $H$ -flows on  $G$  is equal to  $P(|H| - 1)$ .

(i.e. the number of flows depends on the order of  $H$  and not the structure of  $H$ )

Proof: Induction on the number of non-loop edges  $= x$ .

Basis:  $x = 0$ , Multigraph consists only of loops on single vertices. We can assign any nonzero value to any triple. #such assignments  $= (|H| - 1)^{|E|}$ .

Step:  $x = k \rightarrow k + 1$ : Assume  $\exists$  non-loop edge  $e_u = xy$ .

Tutte: For a plane graph  $G$ ,  $G^*$  is dual, then  $\chi(G) = \gamma(G^*)$ .