

Graph notions:

Identical: $V(G) = V(H)$ and $E(G) = E(H)$.

Isomorphic: \exists bijective mapping f from $V(G)$ to $V(H)$ s.t. $uv \in E(G) \Leftrightarrow f(u)f(v) \in E(H)$

H is a subgraph of G: $V' \subseteq V$ and $E' \subseteq E$ and all endpoints of edges in E' are in V' .

(V', E') (V, E)

Induced subgraph: subgraph of G induced on $S \subseteq V(G)$: $G[S] = (S, \{uv : u, v \in S, uv \in E(G)\})$

Neighbour set: $N_G(v)$

• Neighbour set of a set of vertices: $N(U) := \{v : v \in V \setminus U, \forall u \in U, vu \in E(G) \text{ for some } u \in U\}$

Degree: $d_G(v) = |N_G(v)|$

$\delta(G) := \min_{v \in V(G)} d(v)$

$\Delta(G) := \max_{v \in V(G)} d(v)$

$d(G) := \text{average degree of } G = \frac{2|E(G)|}{|V(G)|}$

Theorems:

• number of vertices with odd degree is even

• given a non-empty G , it has a subgraph $H \subseteq G$ s.t. $\delta(H) \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot d(G)$

• PF: repeatedly remove vertices with degree $< \frac{1}{2}d(G)$. We can show that there must still be edges remaining.

Path: no repeated vertices, and start is distinct from end.

Cycle: start and end is the same

Walk: can repeat vertices, but not edges

• every walk from x to y contains a path from x to y .

Girth: $g(G) := \min \text{ cycle length}$

• Closed walk: walk that start and end at same vertex.

Circumference: max cycle length

Thm: Every graph G has a path of length $\delta(G)$

Every graph G contains a cycle of length $\geq \delta(G) + 1$ if $\delta(G) \geq 2$

Distance: $d_G(x, y) := \text{length of shortest path connecting } x \text{ and } y \text{ in } G$

} consider the longest path.
the end vertex must only be adjacent to other vertices on the path.

Diameter: max distance over all pairs of vertices

Thm: $g(G) \leq 2 \cdot \text{diam}(G) + 1$

Adjacency matrix: $A_G : |V| \times |V|$ matrix with $a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is adj. to } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

can use to count the number of walks/closed walks of a certain length in G

Connected: any two of its vertices have a path connecting them

• The vertices of a connected graph G can be enumerated s.t. $G[V_i, \dots, V_n]$ is connected for all $i=1, \dots, n$

Connected components: maximal connected subgraphs

induced subgraph with vertices V_i, \dots, V_n

X separates A and B: every path from every $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ contains a vertex or edge from X .

Cut vertex: a vertex that causes a graph to become disconnected when removed (or edge)

k-vertex-connected: removing (strictly) less than k vertices does not disconnect the graph.

• Thm: every 2-vertex-connected graph contains a cycle.

• K(G): max k s.t. G is k -vertex-connected (For complete graphs, $K(G) = n-1$)

• Thm: $K(G) \leq \delta(G)$

• Thm: every graph of average degree $\geq 4k$ has a k -connected subgraph. (PF: by induction on subgraphs)

Dirac's Thm (extended): If G is connected and $\delta(G) \geq \frac{k}{2}$ then G contains a path of length $\min\{2\delta(G), v(G)-1\}$.

Forest: graph with no cycle

Tree: connected forest

Equiv statements:

- T is a tree
- any two vertices of T are connected by a unique path
- T is minimally connected (i.e. removing any edge disconnects the graph)
- T is maximally cycle-free (i.e. adding any edge creates a cycle)

Tree thms:

- the vertices of a tree can be ordered such that the i^{th} vertex has a unique neighbour in $\{v_1, \dots, v_{i-1}\}$
- T is a tree $\Leftrightarrow T$ is connected and has $n-1$ edges

G is k -colourable: can use k colours to colour its vertices s.t. every pair of adj. vertices receive different colours

Chromatic number: $\chi(G)$: min k s.t. G is k -colourable

Bipartite graph: $\chi(G) \leq 2$

$$\chi(C_n) = 2 \text{ if } n \text{ is even}$$

r -partite graph: $\chi(G) \leq r$

$$\chi(C_n) = 3 \text{ if } n \text{ is odd}$$

Thm: G is bipartite $\Leftrightarrow G$ has no odd cycles

$$\chi(K_n) = n$$

Matching: set of vertex-disjoint edges

$\nu(G)$: max matching size

Perfect matching: $\nu(G) = \frac{|V(G)|}{2}$

In a bipartite matching:

• Alternating path: path starting with unmatched edge and alternating between unmatched and matched thereafter.

• Augmenting path: alternating path that ends with an unmatched edge.

• Thm: matching is optimal \Leftrightarrow no augmenting paths

Vertex cover: set of vertices s.t. every edge is incident to some vertex in this set.

vertex covering number: $\tau(G) :=$ num. of vertices in a min vertex cover

Thm: $\tau(G) \geq \nu(G)$

König's thm: In any bipartite graph, $\tau(G) = \nu(G)$

LP duality of max matching & min vertex cover: $\nu(G) \leq \nu^*(G) = \tau^*(G) \leq \tau(G)$

Hall's thm: Given G bipartite on $A \sqcup B$:

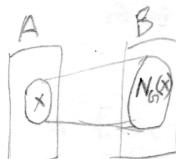
G has a matching perfect to $A \Leftrightarrow \forall X \subseteq A, |N_G(X)| \geq |X|$

these two problems
are LP duals

(non-integer) LP
version of
max matching

(non-integer) LP
version of
min vertex cover

For any graph G :
 $\tau(G) + \alpha(G) = n$
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Flow network: directed graph with special vertices s and t , each edge has a capacity c_e

• Flow: $f: E(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ s.t. \downarrow source \downarrow sink

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq f(e) \leq c_e & \forall e \in E(G) \\ \sum_{u \rightarrow v} f(u \rightarrow v) = \sum_{v \rightarrow w} f(v \rightarrow w) & \forall v \in V(G) \setminus \{s, t\} \end{cases} \quad (\text{conservation of flow})$$

• Cut: partition of $V(G)$ into $S \sqcup T$ where $s \in S$ and $t \in T$

• capacity of cut: $\sum_{\substack{u \in S \\ v \in T \\ u \rightarrow v}} c_{u \rightarrow v}$ (i.e. only edges from S to T are considered, but not those from T to S)

• Max-flow min-cut thm: max size of flow = min size of cut

• Integral flow thm: if all capacities are integers then max flow must be attainable with integral flows

Thm: any d -regular bipartite graph can be decomposed into edge-disjoint perfect matchings. (Proof by induction and Hall's)

Tutte's thm: $G_1 = (V, E)$ has a perfect matching $\Leftrightarrow \forall U \subseteq V, G_1[V - U]$ has at most $|U|$ connected components with an odd number of vertices (3)

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not necessarily bipartite

Deficiency of a set $X \subseteq A$: $\text{def}(X) = |X| - |N_{G_1}(X)|$

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where $G_1 = A \sqcup B$ is bipartite

Extended Hall's thm: If G_1 is bipartite on $A \sqcup B$, then $v(G_1) = |A| - \max_{X \subseteq A} \text{def}(X)$

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max matching size

Tutte-Berge formula: Given a general graph G_1 , $v(G_1) = \frac{1}{2} \min_{U \subseteq V(G_1)} (|U| - o(G_1[V(G_1) - U]) + |V(G_1)|)$

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of odd components

Thm: Every 3-regular graph with no cut edge has a perfect matching

Hypergraph: an edge can have any number of vertices

k-uniform hypergraph: each edge has k vertices

$v(H)$: max number of vertex-disjoint edges in H (hypergraph)

Thm: In an r-uniform r-partite hypergraph H , $v(H) \leq i(H) \leq r \cdot v(H)$

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max matching size
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min vertex cover size

Path cover: Given a directed graph, a path cover is a set of vertex-disjoint paths covering all vertices.

Thm: Every directed graph D has a path cover of at most $\alpha(D)$ paths.
(Gallai-Milgram)

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$\forall a, b, c \in P: a \leq b \text{ and } b \leq c \Rightarrow a \leq c$

Partially ordered set (P, \leq) : P is a set, \leq is a binary relation over P satisfying reflexivity, antisymmetry, transitivity

Totally ordered set (P, \leq) : partially ordered set where every pair of elements are comparable

$\forall a \in P: a \leq a$

$\forall a, b \in P: a \leq b \text{ and } b \leq a \Rightarrow a = b$

Dilworth's thm: Given a finite poset P ,

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 $\forall a, b \in P: a \leq b \text{ or } b \leq a$

min # of chains covering P = max # of elements in an antichain

Chromatic number: $\chi(G) = \min$ colours needed to colour G .

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a set in which every 2 elements are incomparable

Four-colour thm: G is planar $\Rightarrow \chi(G) \leq 4$

Grötzsch thm: G is planar and does not contain $K_3 \Rightarrow \chi(G) \leq 3$

Prop: For any graph G_1 , $\chi(G_1) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{2m + \frac{1}{4}}$

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For a tight example, consider $G = K_n$. #edges

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

Thm: If G is an odd cycle or is complete, then $\chi(G) = \Delta(G) + 1$.

PF: greedy colouring

Otherwise, $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G)$.

Prop tighter greedy colouring: $\chi(G) \leq \text{col}(G) = \max_{\text{induced } H \subseteq G} \delta(H) + 1$

the least k s.t. G has an ordering in which every vertex is preceded by fewer than k of its neighbours

k -constructible graph:

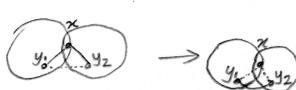
① K_k is k -constructible

② If G is k -constructible and x is not adjacent to y in G_1 then $(G_1 + xy)/xy$ is k -constructible

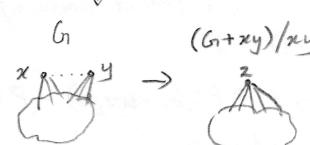
③ If G_1 and G_2 are both k -constructible and $V(G_1) \cap V(G_2) = \{x\}$,

and $\exists y, z \in V(G_1)$ s.t. $xy, yz \in E(G_1)$, then

$G_1 = (G_1 \cup G_2) - xy, -yz + y, yz$
is k -constructible



Hajós join



Thm (Hajós): $\chi(G) \geq k \Leftrightarrow G_1$ has a k -constructible subgraph

k-critical: $\chi(G) = k$ and removing any edge or vertex will decrease the chromatic number (by 1)

Prop: G is k -critical $\Rightarrow G$ is k -constructible

PF: any proper subgraph of G cannot be k -constructible.

Edge colouring: colouring of edges s.t. no two edges sharing a vertex have the same colour

Edge chromatic number: $\chi'(G)$: min number of colours needed for an edge-colouring

Prop: $\chi'(G) \geq \Delta(G)$

Prop: If G is bipartite $\frac{1}{2} d$ -regular: $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G) = d$

Thm (König): If G is bipartite: $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G) = \chi(L(G))$

Thm: Every (simple) graph G satisfies $\Delta(G) \leq \chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$

(Vizing) Type I graphs: $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$ (includes all bipartite, even cycles, even complete)

Type II graphs: $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G) + 1$ (includes all odd cycles, odd complete)

Thm (Extended Vizing for multigraphs): $\Delta(G) \leq \chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + \mu(G)$

List chromatic number / Choice number: $ch(G)$: $\min k$ s.t. if each vertex has k colours to choose from, we can pick a colour for each vertex so that no two adjacent vertices have the same colour.

Cor: $ch(G) \geq \chi(G)$

Thm: There exists a function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ s.t. for any k , all graphs with avg. degree $> f(k)$ satisfies $ch(G) \geq k$.
(on boundedness of avg. degree w.r.t. $ch(G)$) (Alan)

Thm (Thomassen): Every planar graph has $ch(G) \leq 5$.

List edge colouring numbers: $ch'(G)$

Thm (Galvin): $ch'(G) = \chi''(G)$

A subset $U \subseteq V(D)$ is a kernel: $\forall v \in V(D) \setminus U$, there is an edge from v to a vertex in U .
(D directed graph)

Clique number: $\omega(G)$: largest clique size in G .

$\chi(G) \geq \omega(G)$

G is perfect if for every subgraph $H \subseteq G$, $\chi(H) = \omega(H)$

E.g. all complete graphs are perfect

Prop: The complement of any bipartite graph is perfect.

IF G is bipartite then $L(G)$ is perfect.

Thm (Lovász): G is perfect $\Leftrightarrow \bar{G}$ is perfect
(weak perfect graph thm)

Expanding a vertex: 

Lemma: Expanding any vertex of a perfect graph yields a perfect graph.

Chromatic polynomial: $P(G, k) :=$ number of proper k -colourings of G

it is polynomial in k

E.g. $P(K_3, k) = k(k-1)(k-2)$

E.g. $P(K_t, k) = k(k-1) \cdots (k-t+1)$

E.g. $P(P_n, k) = k(k-1)^n$ (P_n : path of length n)

E.g. $P(C_n, k) = (k-1)^n + (k-1)(-1)^n$

Thm deletion-contraction: $P(G, k) = P(G - uv, k) - P(G/uv, k)$ $\forall u, v \in E(G)$

$G - uv$: remove uv from G

G/uv : contract uv (i.e. merge vertices u and v)

Chromatic polynomial thms: Given G with n vertices and m edges:

- $\deg(P(G, x)) = n$
- The leading term of $P(G, x)$ is x^n and the second term is $-mx^{n-1}$
- The constant term of $P(G, x)$ is 0
- If G is connected then the coefficients of x^n, \dots, x^1 are all nonzero and alternate in signs
- Four-colour theorem: If G is planar then $P(G, 4) > 0$
- The absolute values of coeffs. of $P(G, x)$ is log-concave (and hence unimodal), i.e. $a_i^2 \geq a_{i-1}a_{i+1}$
- Orientation of a graph: a choice of direction for each edge
 - Acyclic: no directed cycle
 - Thm number of acyclic orientations: $a(G) = (-1)^n P(G, -1)$

• Ramsey number: $R(k, l) := \min t$ s.t. every red/blue edge-colouring of K_t has either a red K_k or blue K_l or both.

• E.g. $R(3, 3) = 6$ (in K_6 there must be a red or blue K_3)

• Thm: $R(k) := R(k, k)$

• Fact: $R(k, l) = R(l, k)$

• E.g. $R(2, 2) = 2$

• E.g. $R(4, 4) = 18$

• Paley graphs (to lower-bound $R(k)$): Given a prime p s.t. $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, $V(G) := \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

• Thm: $R(k, k) \leq \binom{2k-2}{k-1} \sim \frac{4^k}{\sqrt{k}}$ ($x \sim y := \frac{x}{y} \rightarrow 1$)

• Thm: $R(k, l) \leq \binom{k+l-2}{k-1}$

• Fact: $R(k, l) \leq R(k-1, l) + R(k, l-1)$

• Thm: $R(k, k) \in O(\frac{4^k}{k})$

• Thm: $R(k, k) \leq 4R(k, k-2) + 2$ (Thomassen)

• Goodman's bound: In any red/blue edge-colouring of K_n , there are at least $\frac{1}{4}\binom{n}{3} + O(n^2)$ monochromatic K_3 .

• Thm: $R(k, k) \geq \frac{k}{\sqrt{2}e} (\sqrt{2})^k$

• Thm: $R(3, k) \in \Theta\left(\frac{k^2}{\log k}\right)$

• k-uniform hypergraph: each edge contains k vertices

• K_n^k : complete k -uniform hypergraph on n vertices (i.e. every k -element subset of vertices has an edge)

• $R_k(s, t)$: $\min n$ s.t. every red/blue edge-colouring of K_n^k has either a red K_s^k or blue K_t^k or both

• Thm: $2^{ct^2} \leq R_3(t, t) \leq 2^{4t}$

• Thm: $2^{2^{ct^2}} \leq R_4(t, t) \leq 2^{2^{2ct}}$

• Ramsey finiteness thm: $R_k(n, \dots, n_t)$ is finite

• Thm Erdős-Szekeres: $\forall m \geq 4, \exists n$ s.t. For any n points in \mathbb{R}^2 where no three are collinear, at least m of them are on their convex hull.

• Lemma: Given m points, if any four of them form a convex quadrilateral, then all m points are on their convex hull.

• Ramsey number for arbitrary graph: $R(G, H) := \min n$ s.t. every red/blue edge-colouring of K_n has either a red G or blue H or both.

• Thm for trees & complete graphs: Given any tree T with t vertices, $R(T, K_s) = (s-1)(t-1) + 1$ or blue H or both.

• Thm for cycles: $R(C_t, C_t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}t - 1 & \text{if } t \geq 6 \text{ and } t \text{ is even} \\ 2t - 1 & \text{if } t \geq 5 \text{ and } t \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

• Thm: $2^q < R(C_3, \dots, C_3) \leq 3q!$ (i.e. grows at least exponentially fast)

• Thm: $R(\underbrace{C_4, \dots, C_4}_{q \text{ times}}) \leq q^2 + q + 1$ (i.e. grows at most polynomially fast)

Ramsey theorem: For any k, l :
 $R(k, l)$ exists.

For some $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Fact: $R(k_1, \dots, k_t) \leq R(k_1-1, \dots, k_t) + R(k_1, k_2-1, \dots, k_t) + \dots + R(k_1, \dots, k_t-1)$

If $R(s-1, t)$ and $R(s, t-1)$ are both even, then $R(s, t) \leq R(s-1, t) + R(s, t-1) - 1$

Arithmetic Ramsey theory:

• Van der Waerden's thm: Given $r, t \in \mathbb{N}$:

$\exists N = N(r, t)$ s.t. $\forall n \geq N$, any colouring $c: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, r\}$ must contain a t -term $(x-2y+z=0)$

$W(r, t) := \min N$ s.t. Van der Waerden's thm holds monochromatic arithmetic progression $a, a+d, \dots, a+(t-1)d$

E.g. $W(2, 3) \geq 9$

• Szemerédi's thm: Given $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$:

IF $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A \cap \{1, \dots, n\}|}{n} > 0$, then for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, A contains infinitely many arithmetic progressions of length k .

• Primes thm: There are arbitrarily long (but finite) arithmetic progressions in the set of primes.

• $[t]^n := \{1, \dots, t\}^n$

• Combinatorial line: $L := \{x \in [t]^n : x_i = a_i \text{ for } i \notin I, x_i = c \text{ for } i \in I, c \in [t]\}$ where $I \subseteq [n]$ and $\alpha_i \in [t]$ for $i \notin I$.
(so it's kinda a constant on all the $i \notin I$ dimensions and a line on all the $i \in I$ dimensions)

• Thm Hales, Jewett: Given $r, t \in \mathbb{N}$:

$\exists n_0$ s.t. $\forall n \geq n_0$, any colouring $c: [t]^n \rightarrow \{1, \dots, r\}$ must contain a monochromatic combinatorial line.

• Schur's thm: Given $k \in \mathbb{N}$:

$\exists S = S(k)$ s.t. $\forall n \geq S$, any k -colouring of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ has a monochromatic solution of $x+y-z=0$

• Thm: $\forall m \geq 1, \exists p_0$ s.t. \forall prime $p \geq p_0$, $x^m + y^m \equiv z^m \pmod{p}$ has solution s.t. $p \nmid xyz$

• Rado's thm (special case): Given a linear equation $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$:

\exists nonempty $I \subseteq [n]$ s.t. $\sum_{i \in I} a_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall n \geq n_0$, any colouring $c: [n] \rightarrow [r]$

• Given a graph H and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, what is the maximum number of edges of a H -free graph on n vertices?

• $H = \emptyset$: $\max e(G) = 0$

• $H = K_2$: $\max e(G) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

• $H = \Delta$: $\max e(G) = \lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \rfloor$ (complete bipartite graph) (Mantel thm)

must a monochromatic solution to $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i = 0$

(i.e. all $x_i \in [n]$ have the same colour)

Mantel ext:

• If G has n vrtx $\frac{1}{3} m$ edges, then G has at least $\frac{4m}{3n} (m - \frac{n^2}{4})$ triangles.

• In any n vrtx G , one can partition the edges into at most $\lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \rfloor$ edges or triangles.

• Cauchy-Schwarz ineq.: $(\sum a_i^2)(\sum b_i^2) \geq (\sum a_i b_i)^2$

• $T_k(n)$: complete k -partite graph on n vertices whose partitions are "as equal as possible"

• $t_k(n)$: $e(T_k(n))$

• Turán's thm: $H = K_r$: $\max e(G) = t_{r-1}(n)$. Furthermore, the only graph attaining this bound is $T_{r-1}(n)$

• Cor (Erdős): If S is a set of n points on the plane s.t. $\text{diam}(S) \leq 1$, then the number of pairs of points with distance $> \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ is at most $t_3(n) = e(K_{\frac{n}{3}, \frac{n}{3}, \frac{n}{3}}) = \frac{n^2}{3}$.

• Turán's number: $\text{ex}(n, H) := \max e(G)$ where G is H -free and has n vertices.

• Turán density: $\pi(H) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{ex}(n, H)}{\binom{n}{2}}$ (= proportion of edges) (note: $\frac{\text{ex}(n, H)}{\binom{n}{2}}$ is non-increasing as $n \rightarrow \infty$)

• Thm: $\pi(H) = 1 - \frac{1}{\chi(H)-1} \rightarrow$ Cor: H is bipartite $\Leftrightarrow \pi(H) = 0$

• Thm: For any $r \geq 2, s \geq 1, \varepsilon > 0$: $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\forall G$ with $n \geq N$ vertices and $e(G) \geq (1 - \frac{1}{r-1} + \varepsilon) \binom{n}{2}$,

• Goodman's bound: The number of monochromatic $K_{s, \underbrace{\dots}_r, s}$. (Note: $K_{s, \dots, s} \geq K_r$)

• Thm: For any $n \geq 4$: $\text{ex}(n, K_{2,2}) \leq \frac{n}{4} (1 + \sqrt{4n-3})$ in any red/blue colouring of K_n is $\geq (\frac{1}{4} + o(1)) \binom{n}{3}$

• Thm: Given integers s, t s.t. $s \leq t$, $\exists c$ s.t. $\text{ex}(n, K_{s,t}) \leq c \cdot n^{2-\frac{1}{s}}$

• sharp when $t \geq (s-1)!+1$ (i.e. $\text{ex}(n, K_{s,t}) \in \Theta(n^{2-\frac{1}{s}})$)

Thm: For any k : $\exists c$ s.t. $\text{ex}(n, C_{2k}) \leq c \cdot n^{1+\frac{1}{k}}$ (i.e. $\text{ex}(n, C_{2k}) \in O(n^{1+\frac{1}{k}})$)

• Wenger's construction: for $k \in \{2, 3, 5\}$, the bound is tight

• Sidorenko's conjecture: For any bipartite H , and graph G with edge density $p > 0$, there are at least $(pe(H) + o(1)) \cdot n^{\nu(H)}$ labelled copies of H in G .

• known for H that are trees, even cycles, complete bipartite graphs.

Spectral Graph Theory:

• spectrum of a graph G : collection of eigenvalues of A_G

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can have
repeats

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adj. matrix of G

• Spectral thm: If A is a $n \times n$ real symmetric matrix then there exists $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ and mutually orthogonal vectors $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ s.t. \vec{v}_i is an eigenvector of A for eigenvalue λ_i .

• Assume $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$.

• $G = K_n$: $\text{Spec} = \underbrace{\{n-1, -1, \dots, -1\}}_{n-1 \text{ times}}$

• $G = K_{m,n}$: $\text{Spec} = \{\sqrt{mn}, 0, \dots, 0, -\sqrt{mn}\}$

• $G = C_n$: $\text{Spec} = \left\{ 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi j}{n}\right) \right\}_{j=0, \dots, n-1}^{mn-2 \text{ times}}$

• If G is d -regular then d is an eigenvalue of A_G

• Circulant matrix: $A_{ij} = A_{0, j-i}$ for all i, j .

A_{C_n} is circulant

• the eigenvalues of a circulant matrix are $\left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i w^i \right\}$

• $G = P_n$: $\text{Spec} = \left\{ 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi j}{n+2}\right) \right\}_{j=1, \dots, n+1}$

where (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1})
is the first row
of the matrix

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 $\frac{n}{n+1}$ edges
 $\frac{n}{n+1}$ vertices

• Perron-Frobenius thm: (1) If an $n \times n$ matrix A has only nonnegative entries, then:

• There exists an eigenvalue λ with eigenvector \vec{v}

• λ is nonnegative real

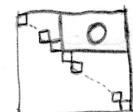
• λ has largest absolute value amongst all eigenvalues

• \vec{v} is nonnegative (i.e. $v_i \geq 0$ for all i)

(2) If in addition A has no $k \times (n-k)$ blocks of zeroes disjoint from the diagonal, then:

• λ has multiplicity 1

• \vec{v} is strictly positive (i.e. $v_i > 0$ for all i)



• Applied to graph G : λ_1 has largest absolute value

• G is connected $\Rightarrow \lambda_1$ has multiplicity 1

• Prop: $\bar{d}(G) \leq \lambda_1(G) \leq \Delta(G)$

↑
avg. degree

• Thm: Given a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix A : $\lambda_1(A) = \max_{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\vec{x}^T \cdot A \cdot \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \cdot \vec{x}} = \max_{\substack{\vec{x}: \|\vec{x}\|_2=1}} \vec{x} \cdot A \cdot \vec{x}$

• Prop: For any $S \subseteq V(G)$: $\lambda_1 \geq \bar{d}(G[S])$

• Prop: $\sqrt{\Delta(G)} \leq \lambda_1(G) \leq \Delta(G)$ ↑
S-induced subgraph of G

• symmetric $m \times m$ matrix B is a compression of symmetric $n \times n$ matrix A : \exists $m \times n$ matrix P s.t. (1) $P^T \cdot P = I_{m \times m}$ (where $m \leq n$) (2) $P^T \cdot A \cdot P = B$

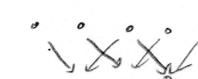
• Cauchy interlacing thm: If B is a compression of A and $\text{Spec}(A): \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$

$\text{Spec}(B): \mu_1 \geq \mu_2 \geq \dots \geq \mu_m$

then For all $1 \leq i \leq m$: $\lambda_{i+n-m} \leq \mu_i \leq \lambda_i$

• Min-max thm: If A is an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix with $\text{Spec}(A): \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$, then:

$$\max_{\substack{\text{U subspace of } \mathbb{R}^n \\ \dim U = k}} \min_{\substack{0 \neq \vec{x} \in U}} \frac{\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}} = \lambda_k = \min_{\substack{\text{U subspace of } \mathbb{R}^n \\ \dim U = n+1-k}} \max_{\substack{0 \neq \vec{x} \in U}} \frac{\vec{x}^T A \vec{x}}{\vec{x}^T \vec{x}}$$



Linear algebra:

- Trace := sum of elements on the main diagonal = sum of eigenvalues
- Determinant := $\det(A) = \text{product of eigenvalues}$

• Corollary from CIT: $\alpha(G) \leq \min \{ n_{\geq 0}(A_G), n_{\leq 0}(A_G) \}$

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number of
non-negative
eigenvalues of A_G

• Hoffman bound: If G_1 is regular then: $\alpha(G_1) \leq \frac{-\lambda_n}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_n} \cdot n$

• Cor: If G_1 is regular then: $\chi(G_1) \geq \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_n}{-\lambda_n}$

• Stronger thm: $\chi(G_1) \geq \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_n}{-\lambda_n}$ (whether or not G_1 is regular)

• EKR thm: If $n \geq 2k$, then: the largest family F of k -subsets on $[n]$ for which $\forall A, B \in F, A \cap B \neq \emptyset$
(consider all the k -subsets containing a fixed element)

• Thm: $\chi(KG_1(n, k)) = n - 2k + 2$

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Kneser graph: vertices are the k -subsets of $[n]$, and two vertices are adjacent if the two sets are disjoint.

• Wilf thm: $\chi(G_1) \leq \lfloor \lambda_1 \rfloor + 1$

• Thm: If G_1 is connected then: $\lambda_n = -\lambda_1 \Leftrightarrow G_1$ is bipartite

• Friendship theorem: If any two people have exactly one mutual friend then there is one person that is a friend of everyone else.

• Spectrum of the complement: If $\text{Spec}(G_1) = \{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$

and $\text{Spec}(\bar{G}) = \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n\}$

then $\lambda_i + \mu_i = n-1$ and for $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$: $\lambda_i + \mu_{n+2-i} = -1$