

# PROBLEM SESSION

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Geometric mean  $\rightarrow$

~~arithmetic~~ mean  
 $\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$

8.43 # sp. subgraphs of  $K_n$  with  $m$  edges

$$\left\{ \binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m} \right\} |E(K_{r,n-r})| = r(n-r) \leq \frac{n^2}{4} \iff ab \leq \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\therefore |E(K_{r,n-r})| \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \right\rfloor$$

$$(\exists r) |E(K_{r,n-r})| = \left\lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \right\rfloor$$

$$\text{i.e. } 4ab \leq (a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0 \leq a^2 + b^2 - 2ab = (a-b)^2 \geq 0$$

$$r := \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \quad \text{Case 1: } n \text{ even: } r = \frac{n}{2} \quad r(n-r) = \frac{n^2}{4} \checkmark$$

$$\text{Case 2: } n \text{ odd: } r = \frac{n-1}{2} \quad r(n-r) = \frac{n-1}{2} \cdot \frac{n+1}{2} = \frac{n^2-1}{4} = \frac{n^2}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = \left\lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \right\rfloor \checkmark$$

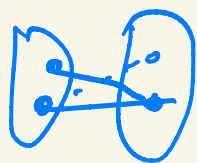
8.38 max # edges of bipartite graph  $= \left\lfloor \frac{n^2}{4} \right\rfloor$

$\lfloor x \rfloor$  rounded-down value:  $\lfloor 5.2 \rfloor = 5$  If  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\lfloor \pi \rfloor = 3 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lfloor -5.2 \rfloor = -6 \quad a \leq x$$

$$\lfloor 4 \rfloor = 4 \quad \Downarrow \quad a \leq \lfloor x \rfloor$$



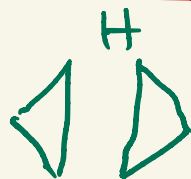
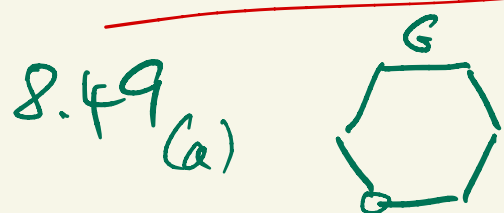
$$K_{r,n-r} \quad |E(K_{r,n-r})| = r(n-r)$$

$$\max_{1 \leq r \leq n-1} r(n-r) = \frac{n}{2} \cdot \left(n - \frac{n}{2}\right) = \frac{n^2}{4}$$

Suppose we want to show:  $\chi(G) = 5$

difficult ①  $\chi(G) \geq 5$  :  $\forall$  legal coloring uses  $\geq 5$  colors

easy ②  $\chi(G) \leq 5$  :  $\exists$  legal coloring with colors  
(show a coloring)



not isomorphic b/c

reg  $\deg = 2$   
 $n = 6$

$C_3 \leq H$

$C_3 \not\leq G$

$H$  is disconn.

$G$  conn.

(b) make them connected

$\bar{G}$

$\bar{H} \checkmark$

NTS: conn.



$\bar{G} \neq \bar{H}$  b/c  $G \not\cong H$  ✓

$\deg 3$

$n = 6$

both conn.

9.27  $T$  tree,  $x$  pendant  $\forall x: \deg x = 1$

$\Rightarrow T-x$  tree

NTS  $T-x$  is a tree, i.e.  $T-x$  has no cycles (a)  
 $T-x$  is conn. (b)

(a) obvious: suppose for a contradiction that

$\underbrace{C \subseteq T-x \subseteq T}_{\text{transitivity of "subgraph" relation}} \Rightarrow C \subseteq T \rightarrow \leftarrow T \text{ is cycle free}$

(b) let  $u, v \in V(T-x)$   
 $= V(T) \setminus \{x\}$

i.e.  $u, v \in V(T), u, v \neq x$

DEF of connectedness

$\Rightarrow$  **NTS**

$\exists u \dots v$  path in  $T-x$

We know:  $\exists u \dots v$  path in  $T$

by ASSUMPTION:  $T$  is conn.

Q: Prove  $x \notin V(P)$



take an interior vertex  $w$  of  $P \Rightarrow \deg_P(w) = 2$

$\therefore \deg_T(w) \geq 2 \therefore w \neq x$  ASSN  $x$  is pendant

now, take an endpoint of  $P: z$

Can  $z = x$ ? No

$u, v \neq x$  b/c  $u, v \in V(T-x)$

8.13

$$F_0 = 0$$

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_2 = 1$$

$$F_3 = 2$$

$$F_4 = 3$$

$$4$$

$$F_5 = 5 \quad F_6 = 8$$

Claim for  $n \geq 6$   $F_n \geq 2^{n/2}$

Pf by induction on  $n$

Base case(s):  $n = 6, 7$

$$n = 6 \quad F_6 = 8 = 2^3 = 2^{6/2} \checkmark$$

$$n = 7 \quad F_7 = 13 \geq 2^{7/2}$$

$$F_7^2 = 169 \geq 128 = 2^7 \checkmark$$

Inductive step

Inductive Hypothesis: True for all  $n' < n$

DC: True for  $n$

~~True  $\forall n$~~

NTS for the current value of  $n$

$$F_n \geq 2^{n/2}$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \geq 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} + 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \geq 2 \cdot 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} = 2^{n/2} \checkmark$$

by I.H.

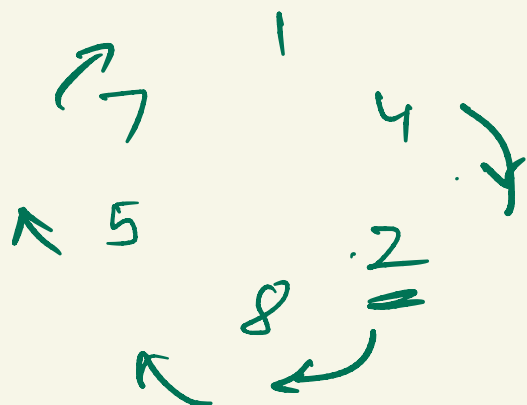
need:  $n-2 \geq 6$  i.e.  $n \geq 8$

$$\frac{1}{7} = 0.142857$$

$$2^{20} = 1,048,576$$



$$\frac{1}{7} = 0.\dot{1}4285\dot{7}$$



$$A = 142857$$

$$2A = 285714$$

$$3A = 428571$$

$$4A = 571428$$

$$5A = 714285$$

$$6A = 857142$$

$$7A = 999999$$

8.31  $n+1 \mid \binom{2n}{n}$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

b/c  $\frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{k(k-1)\dots 1}$

EUCLID'S LEMMA: If  $p$  prime and  $p \mid ab$   
then  $p \mid a \vee p \mid b$

GENERALIZATION: If  $k \mid ab$  and  $\gcd(k, a) = 1$  then  $k \mid b$

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)(2n-1)\dots(n+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n} = \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \binom{2n}{n-1}$$

$$\therefore n \binom{2n}{n} = (n+1) \cdot \binom{2n}{n-1}$$

$\therefore \underline{n+1} \mid \underline{n} \cdot \binom{2n}{n}$  but  $\gcd(n+1, n) = 1 \therefore n+1 \mid \binom{2n}{n}$  ✓  
relatively prime

9.51 #walks of length  $k$  in  $d$ -regular graph

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3.42  $\binom{n}{k} < \left(\frac{ne}{k}\right)^k$

$\binom{n}{k} \geq \left(\frac{n}{k}\right)^k$  ✓

Pf Lemma 1  $n! > \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$

Pf  $e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$  ← plug in  $x := k := n$

Lemma 2  $\binom{n}{k} \leq \frac{n^k}{k!}$

Pf  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)}{k!} \leq \frac{n^k}{k!}$

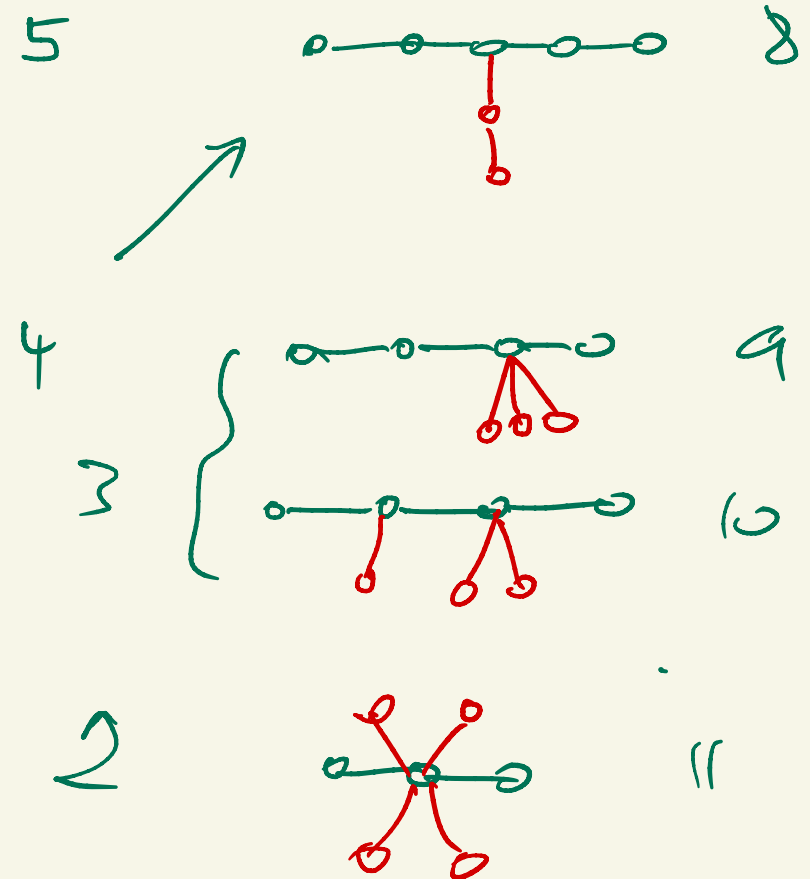
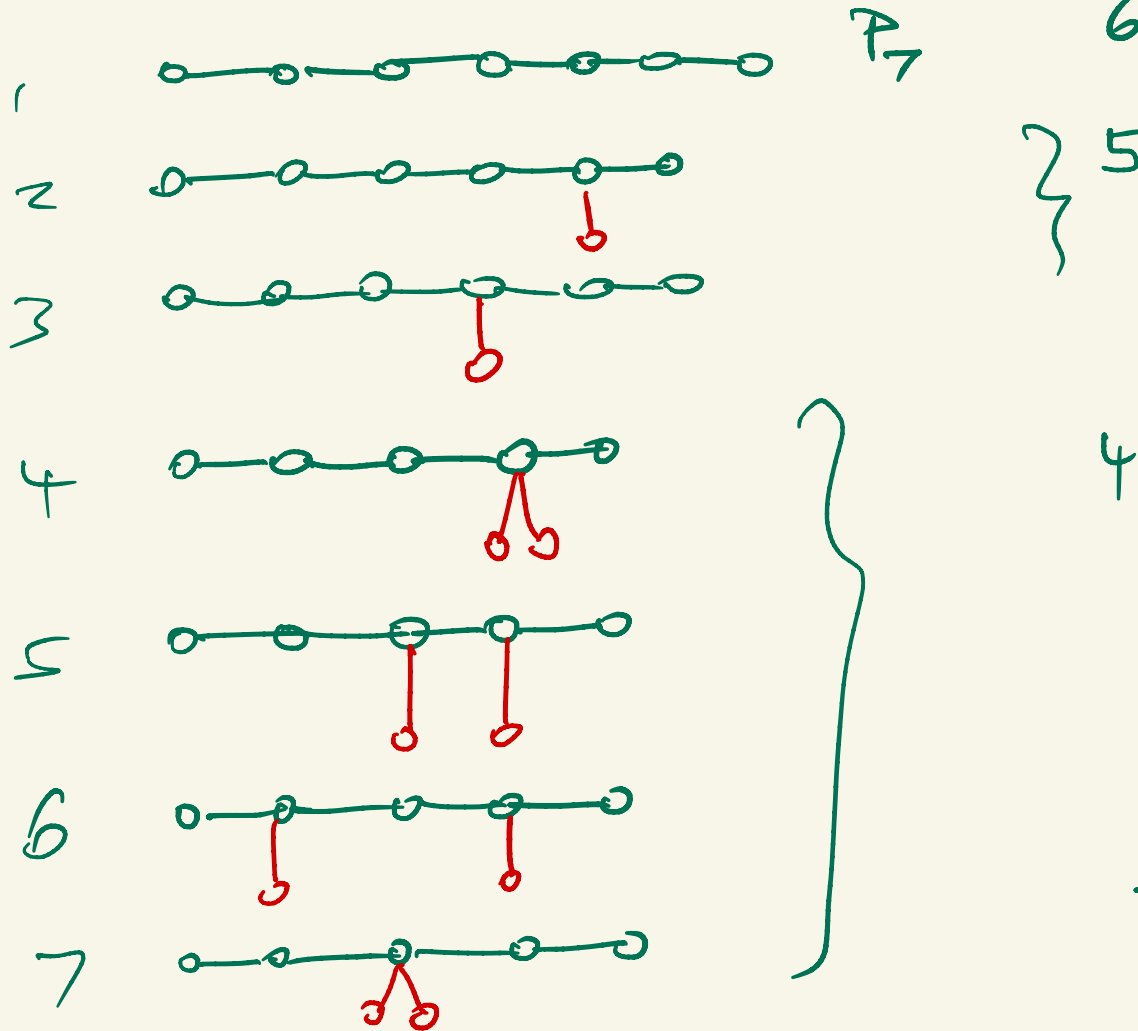
$e^n > \frac{n^n}{n!}$

$\therefore \binom{n}{k} \leq \frac{n^k}{k!} \stackrel{\text{L2}}{\leq} \frac{n^k}{\left(\frac{e}{k}\right)^k} = \left(\frac{en}{k}\right)^k$  ✓

# 8.51 trees with 7 vertices

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organize by longest path



8.15  $(\forall n \geq 2) (F_{n+2} \stackrel{?}{=} 3F_n - F_{n-2})$

Q

not by induction

↑↑

$$F_{n+1} + F_n \stackrel{?}{=} 3F_n - (F_n - F_{n-1}) \stackrel{!}{=} 2F_n + F_{n-1}$$

$(-F_n)$

$F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$  ✓

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$$8.17 \quad F_n^2 - F_{n+1} \cdot F_{n-1} \stackrel{?}{=} (-1)^{n+1}$$

$$\text{I.H.} \quad F_{n-1}^2 - F_n F_{n-2} \stackrel{!}{=} (-1)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{add them: } & F_n^2 + F_{n-1}^2 - F_{n+1} F_{n-1} - F_n F_{n-2} \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \\ & F_n^2 - F_n F_{n-2} - F_{n+1} F_{n-1} + F_{n-1}^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \\ & F_n (F_n - F_{n-2}) - F_{n-1} (F_{n+1} - F_{n-1}) \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \\ & \underbrace{F_n \cdot F_{n-1}} - \underbrace{F_{n-1} \cdot F_n} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \end{aligned}$$

inductive step 9  
 ← prove for current value of  $n$   
 ← based on smaller values of  $n$

LOGIC

Base case:  $n=1$

$$F_1^2 - F_2 F_0 \stackrel{?}{=} (-1)^2$$

$$1 - 1 \cdot 0 = 1$$



Case missed by inductive step

b/c it involves  $F_{n-2}$

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$$F_{n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n-k}{k} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \binom{n-k}{k}$$

pf by induction - using Pascal's identity

$$F_n + F_{n-1}$$

take separately  
case of  $k=0$

3.24 #  $(0,1)$ -strings of length  $n$  without consecutive 1s :  $S_n$

Claim  $S_n = S_{n-1} + S_{n-2} \quad n \geq 2$

base case  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_0 = 1 = F_2 \\ S_1 = 2 = F_3 \\ S_2 = 3 = F_4 \end{array} \right.$

Claim  $S_n = F_{n+2}$   
pf by induction

$F_0$	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$	$F_4$
0	1	1	2	3

