

HONORS

ALGORITHMS

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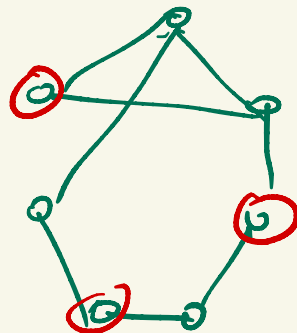
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Graph (undirected) $G = (V, E)$

DEF $A \subseteq V$ A is independent
if there are no edges among A
independence number

$$\alpha(G) = \max \{ |A| : A \text{ indep.} \}$$

Same as the clique number of the complement \bar{G}
size of largest clique

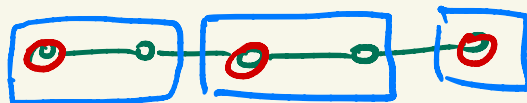


$$\alpha(C_n) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$$

cycle of length n

$$\alpha(P_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

path of length $n-1$



this is maximum

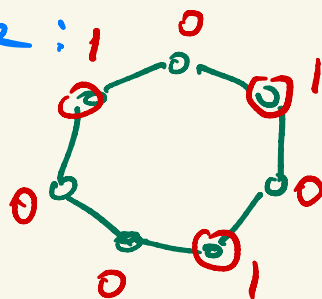
by PHP pigeon hole principle:

$$V = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

$f: V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ characteristic fcn
of indep set A

$$f(i-1) + f(i) \leq 1, f(n-1) + f(0) \leq 1$$

SUM: $2 \cdot \sum f(i) \leq n$



← n inequalities

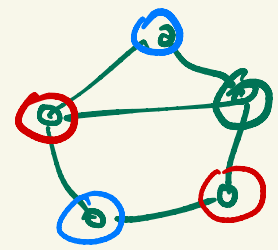
$$|A| = \sum f(i) \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

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legal color of a graph $G = (V, E)$

$$f: V \rightarrow \{\text{colors}\}$$

$$i \sim j \Rightarrow f(i) \neq f(j)$$



\therefore (legal) 3-coloring
this is optimal:

$$G \supset K_3 \quad \Delta$$

DEF Chromatic number of G :
 min # colors for a legal coloring

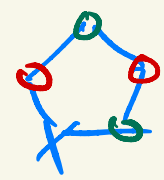
$$\uparrow \chi(G) = ?$$

$$\chi(K_n) = n, \quad \chi(\overline{K}_n) = 1$$

DO $\chi(G) = n \iff G \cong K_n$

$$\chi(P_n) = 2 \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\chi(C_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ 3 & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad n \geq 3$$



$\forall H \subseteq G$ then $\chi(H) \leq \chi(G)$

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$\therefore \forall G \supset K_4$ then $\chi(G) \geq 4$

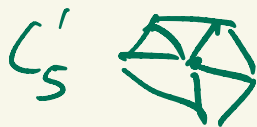
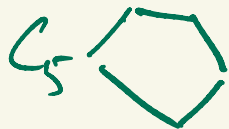
Find G s.t. $G \not\supset K_4$ yet $\chi(G) \geq 4$

DEF Cone of G is G' :

$V(G') = V(G) \cup \{x\}$ ← new vertex

x is adj. to all vertices of G

$E(G') = E(G) \cup \text{---} \parallel \text{---}$



Find G : $G \not\supset K_3$ triangle-free

$\chi(G) \geq 4$

$n=11$, 5-fold rotational sym

$$\underline{\text{Ch}} \quad (\forall k) (\exists G) (\nexists K_3, \chi(G) \geq k)$$

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GREEDY COLORING

$$V = [n]$$

colors: \mathbb{N}

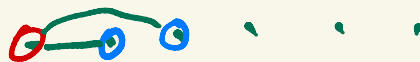
for $i = 1$ to n

$c(i) := \min \{ j \mid c(i) = j \text{ does not conflict} \\ \text{with colors } c(l), l < i \}$

[Do] # colors used by GREEDY

$$\leq 1 + \Delta(G)$$

max degree



"GREEDY is terrible"

EX. Find bipartite graph
= 2-colorable

$$\chi(G) \leq 2$$

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s.t. GREEDY uses $\frac{n}{2}$ colors (assume n even)

EX. $(\forall G)(\exists$ number of vertices s.t. GREEDY is optimal)

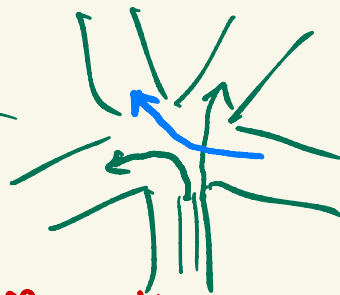
EX. $\alpha(G) \cdot \chi(G) \geq n$

Chromatic number:

conflict model



frequency allocation
- radio spectrum management



traffic lights
associated with lanes

System of linear equations

n equations in n unknowns
uniquely solvable \Leftrightarrow

A is nonsingular

DEF $\det(A) \neq 0$

EX this is equiv. to each of:

$$\text{rk}(A) = n$$

columns of A are lin indep
rows " "

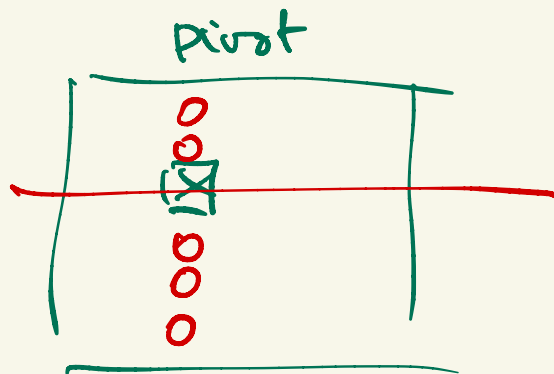
$$\exists A^{-1}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} Ax = b \\ | \\ n \times n \text{ matrix} \\ \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ unknowns} \\ \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ RHS} \end{array}$$

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GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION



$O(n^3)$
arithm. operations

Assume $A = (a_{ij})$ $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}, b_j \in \mathbb{Z}$
is then Gaussian elim. poly time?

$$\frac{x}{y} - \frac{u}{v} = \frac{xv - yu}{yv}$$

control bit-length \rightarrow

Jack Edmonds
1965
G.E. is poly.
time