

PROBLEM  
SESSION

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$$\binom{x}{k}$$

$x \geq k-1$

convex

$$f(x) = k! \binom{x}{k} = \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (x-i)$$

$$f'(x) = f(x) \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{1}{x-i}$$

$x > k-1$

$$f''(x) = f'(x) \left( \sum \frac{1}{x-i} \right) - f(x) \sum \frac{1}{(x-i)^2} =$$

$$f(x) \left( \left( \sum \frac{1}{x-i} \right)^2 - \sum \frac{1}{(x-i)^2} \right)$$

$$(\sum a_i)^2 - \sum a_i^2 = \sum_{i \neq j} a_i a_j > 0$$

$a_i > 0$

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Sol #2

Lemma  $f \cdot g > 0, f' \cdot g' > 0, f'' \cdot g'' \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow f \cdot g > 0, (fg)' > 0, (fg)'' > 0$$

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg' > 0$$

$$(x-i)' = 1 > 0$$
$$(x-i)'' = 0$$

$$(fg)'' = f''g + 2f'g' + fg'' > 0$$

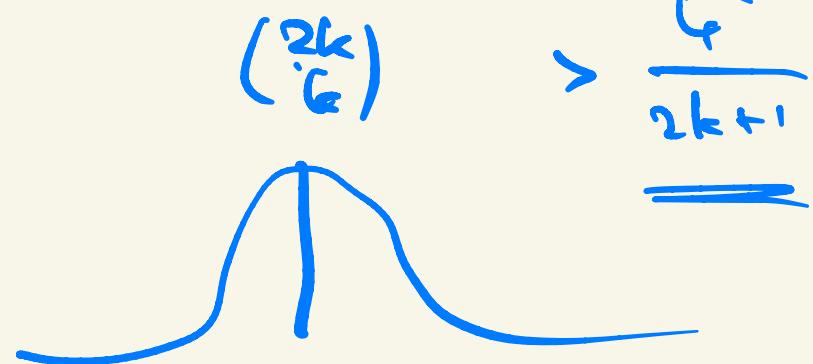
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$$\binom{-\frac{1}{2}}{k} = \frac{\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(-\frac{1}{2} - i\right)}{k!} = (-1)^k \frac{\binom{2k}{k}}{4^k}$$
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$$\sim (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi k}}$$

Stirling's

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2k} \binom{2k}{i} = 4^k$$



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$\sigma \in S_n$  random

$\Pr(\sigma \text{ is fixed-point-free})$

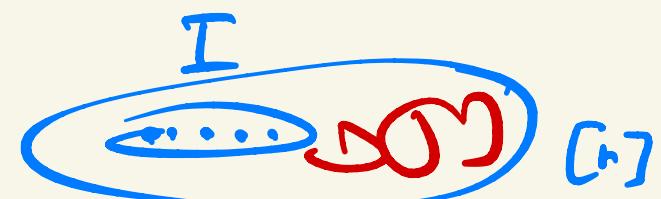
INCLUSION-EXCLUSION

$$A_i : i^\sigma = i$$

$$\Pr(\bigcap A_i) = S_0 - S_1 + S_2 - \dots$$

$$S_k = \sum_{I \in \binom{[n]}{k}} \Pr_{i \in I} (\bigcap A_i) = \binom{n}{k} \frac{(n-k)!}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{(n-k)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{k!}$$



$$\Pr = \frac{1}{0!} - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} \rightarrow \frac{1}{e}$$

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## 16.32 Birthday paradox

$$P(n, k) = P(f: [k] \rightarrow [n] \text{ injective})$$

$$= \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right)$$

(\*) **Claim:**  $\varepsilon_1 < P(n, k_n) < 1 - \varepsilon_2$

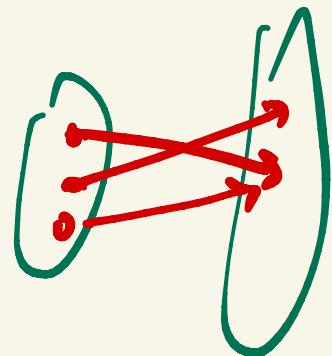
$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$  constants

(1) upper bd:  $1 + x < e^x$  ( $x \neq 0$ )

$$P(n, k) < \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} e^{-\frac{i}{n}} = e^{-\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{i}{n}} = e^{-\frac{1}{n} \binom{k}{2}}$$

$$< e^{-\frac{1}{n} \binom{\lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil}{2}} \sim -c_1^2/2$$

$$\rightarrow e^{-c_1^2/2} < 1 - \varepsilon_2$$



if  $k_n = \omega(\sqrt{n})$

$$\Rightarrow P(n, k_n) \rightarrow 0$$

if  $k_n = o(\sqrt{n})$

$$\Rightarrow P(n, k_n) \rightarrow 1$$

$k_n = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$

$$c_1 \sqrt{n} < k_n < c_2 \sqrt{n}$$

(2) lower bound

$$P(n,k) = \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{n}\right) > \left(1 - \frac{k-1}{n}\right)^k > \left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right)^k \quad k = c\sqrt{n}$$
$$= \left(1 - \frac{c_k}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{c_k \sqrt{n}} = \left[\left(1 - \frac{c_k}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{c_k}}\right]^{c_k^2} \sim e^{-c_k^2} >$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\frac{r}{e}$$

$$e^{-c_k^2} > \epsilon_1$$



REINHOLD  
13.68 BAER'S THM

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$$\mathcal{P}_i = (P_i, L_{i1}, I_i) \quad i=1, 2$$

polarity lines      incidence relation  $I \subseteq P \times L$

DEF dual isomorphism  $\mathcal{P}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2$  : isomorphic  $\mathcal{P}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2^{\text{dual}}$

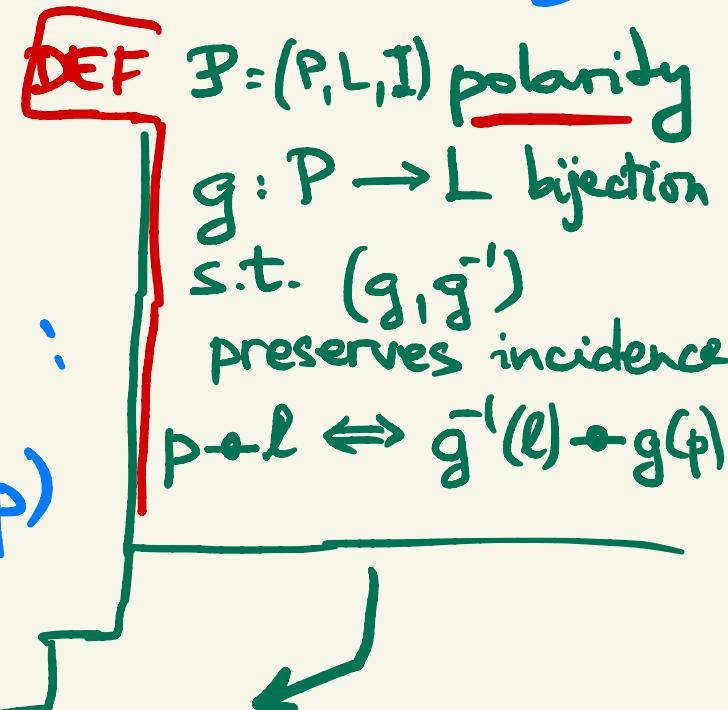
$$\begin{aligned} g: P_1 &\rightarrow L_2 \\ h: L_1 &\rightarrow P_2 \end{aligned}$$

s.t.  $(g, h)$  preserve incidence :

$$p \bullet l \Leftrightarrow h(l) \bullet g(p)$$

in  $\mathcal{P}_1$

in  $\mathcal{P}_2$



DEF  $p$  is a fixed point of the polarity  $g$  if  $p \bullet g(p)$

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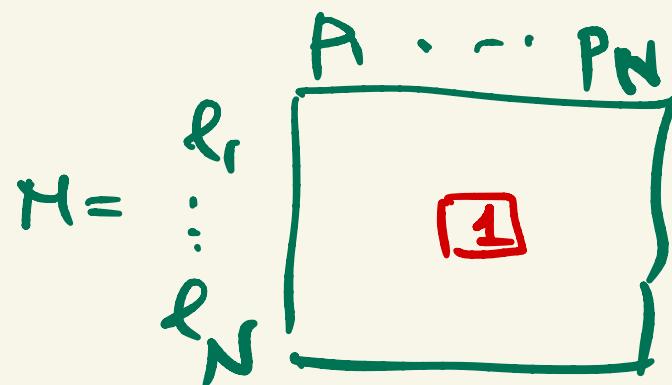
DEF polarity of  $P = (P, L, I)$

bijection  $g: P \rightarrow L$

s.t.  $p \leftrightarrow l \Leftrightarrow g^{-1}(l) \leftrightarrow g(p)$

DEF  $P$  fixed pt if  $P \leftrightarrow g(P)$

PF  
g polarity  
 $\Leftrightarrow M = M^t$   
symmetric



$$l_i = g(p_i)$$

i fixed  $\Leftrightarrow (i,i)$  entry = 1

fixed-pt-free:  $\text{diag} = \mathbb{O}$

$$N = n^2 + n + 1$$

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Claim If incid. matrix<sup>M</sup> of P.P. is symm  
 then  $\text{Tr}(M) \neq 0$

Fix any incid. matrix of P

$$MM^T = \begin{pmatrix} n+1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots \\ 1 & n+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= J + nI$$

$J = (\text{all ones})$

eigenvectors of  $J$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = b_0$ ,  $\lambda_0 = N = n^2 + n + 1$

$$(\forall i > 0) \quad \lambda_i = 0$$

basis:  $b_1, \dots, b_{N-1}$  of  $\{\sum x_i = 0\}$

"zero-weight subspace"

$\therefore b_0, \dots, b_{N-1}$  eigenvectors of  $J + nI$   $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{c} \cancel{0010110} \\ \cancel{0001100} \\ \uparrow \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0 &= N + n = (n+1)^2 \\ \mu_i &= n \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mu_0 = n + 1 = (n+1)^2$$

$$\mu_i = n$$

$$MM^* = M^2$$

eigen.  $M : \rho_0 \dots \rho_{N-1}$  eigenbasis of  $M$  is  
 " or of  $M^2$

$$b_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ ev. of } M \text{ w. e.v. : } \rho_0 = n+1$$

$$b_i \perp b_0$$

$$\rho_i^2 = \mu_i = n$$

$$\rho_i = \pm \sqrt{n}$$

Assume  
for  $\rightarrow$   $\text{Tr } M = 0$

$$n+1 + k\sqrt{n} = 0 \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n+1 = -k\sqrt{n}$$

$$1 \equiv (n+1)^2 = k^2 \cdot n \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \quad \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A^2 = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

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"Numbers and Games" book by  
John Horton Conway

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$P_1 \subsetneq P_2$   
Subplane  
 $\downarrow$   
BAER  $\Rightarrow$  order  $\leq \sqrt{n}$

order n

$\exists$  inf many cases where a subplane  
of order  $\sqrt{n}$  exists

$PG(\sqrt{q}, 2) \subset PG(q, 2)$

$$\frac{\text{order } q}{q' = p^k}$$

$q = p^k$   
k even:  
 $k = 2r$

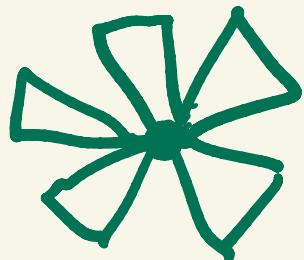
$\mathbb{F}_q$  field  
 $GF(q)$

# 13.84 FRIENDSHIP THM

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RÉNYI - SÓS - TURÁN

G graph :  $(\forall x \neq y \in V)(\exists! z)(x \sim z \sim y)$

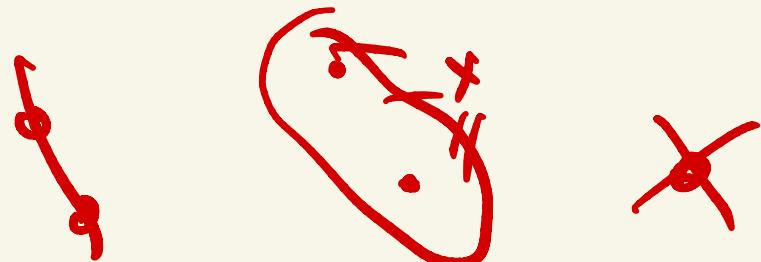


flower graphs

$\nexists F$       fp-free  
polarity

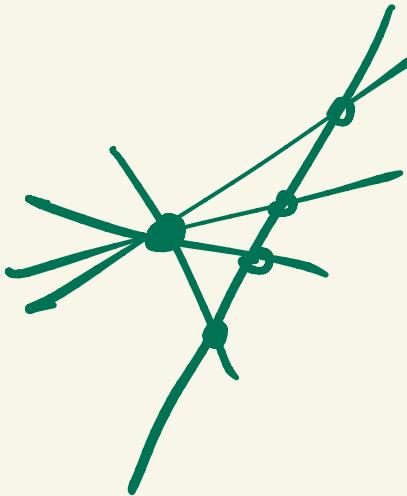
$v \leftrightarrow N(v) = \{w \in V \mid w \sim v\}$

$\{N(v) \mid v \in V\}$  — this is the set of lines in a possibly degenerate P.P.



we get a  
∴ degenerate p.p.

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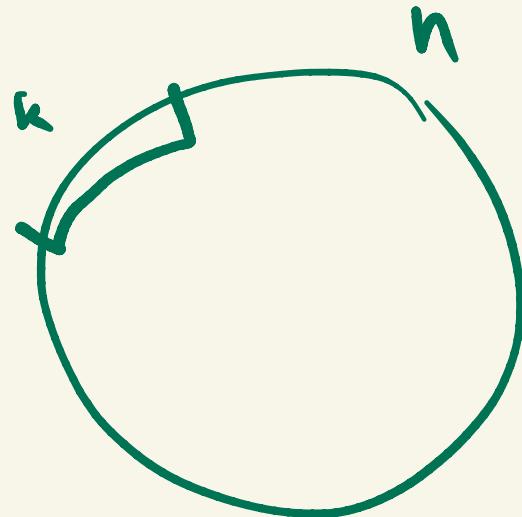
⇒ flower  
graph



## 16.61 KATONA's LEMMA

$C_1 \dots C_m$  are  
pairwise intersecting  
arcs of length  $k$

$$\Rightarrow m \leq k$$

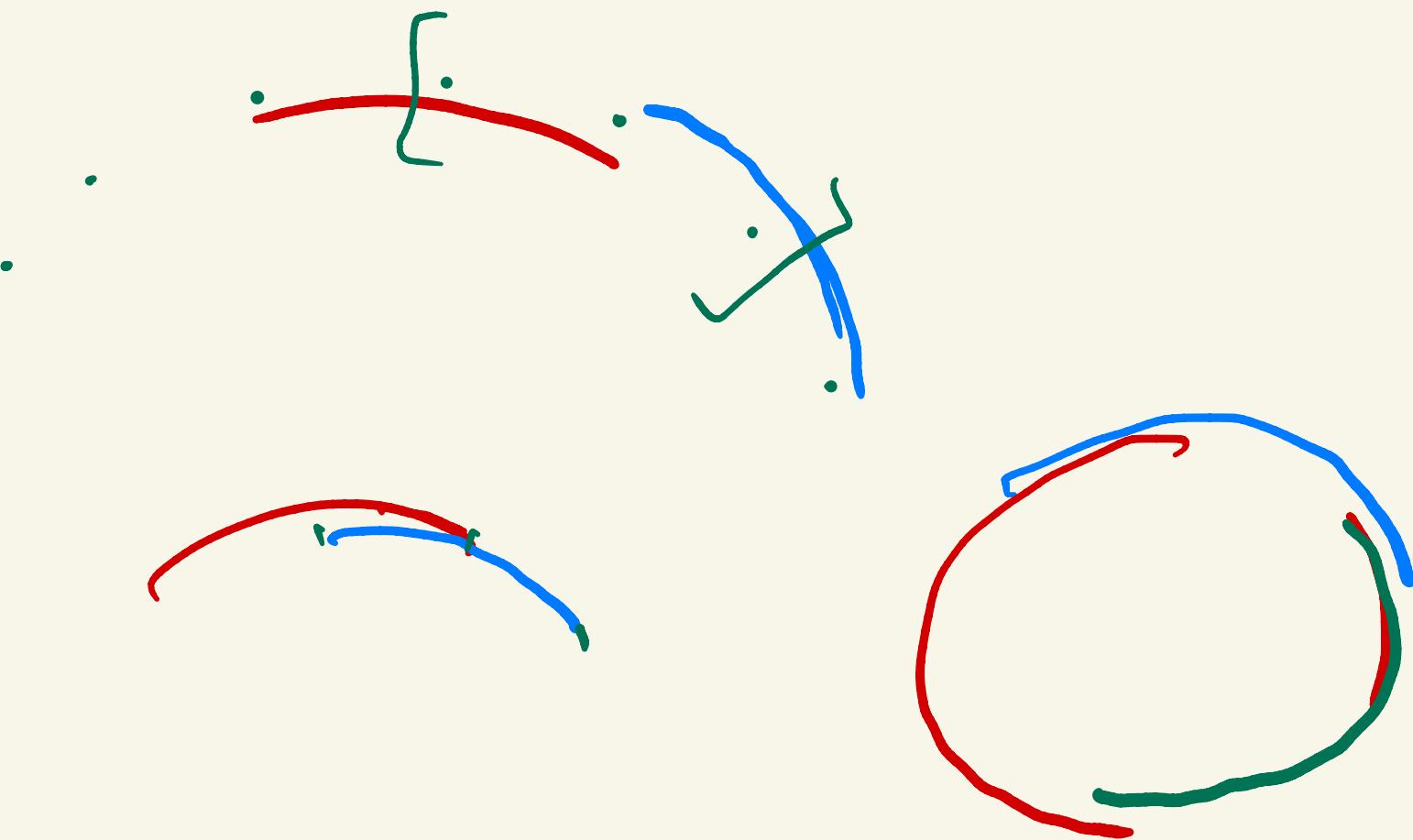


$$2k \leq n$$

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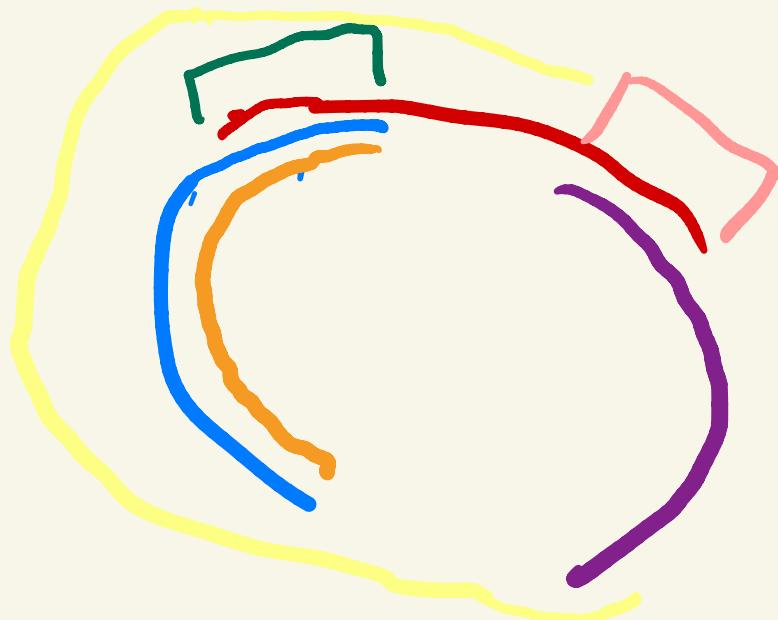
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$k=3$



Sets  $\{C_i \cap C_j \mid C_i \text{ left}\} \cup \{C_i \cap \overline{C_j} \mid C_j \text{ right}\}$  (17)

all distinct  
are starting from  
left end of  $C_1$



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16.48Integer preserving polynomial  $f(x)$ :

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\sum c_k \binom{x}{k}$$

$$c_k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Claim

If  $f$  is int. preses then  $\exists (c_k)$  s.t.  $f = \sum c_k \binom{x}{k}$

**CH**

$f$  is congruence preserving:

(1)  $f$  is integer preserving

(2)  $(\forall x, y, m \in \mathbb{Z})(x \equiv y \pmod{m} \Rightarrow f(x) \equiv f(y) \pmod{m})$

Characterize these polynomials

in terms of the coefficients  $c_k$  [IMRE Ruzsa]