

On Biclique Covering

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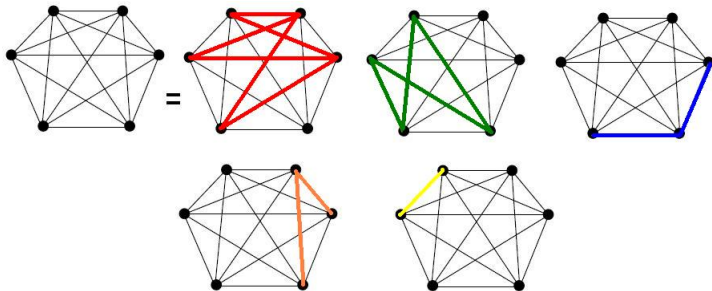
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- Assume that H_1, \dots, H_m disjointly cover all edges of K_n , and $V(H_k) = (X_k, Y_k)$.
- Assign an $n \times n$ matrix A_k to each graph H_k such that

$$a_{ij}^k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \in X_k \text{ and } j \in Y_k, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- The nonzero rows of A_k are equal to the same vectors so A_k has rank 1. Let $A = A_1 + \dots + A_m$ then $A + A^t = J_n - I_n$. Assume that $m \leq n - 2$.
- Let $x \in \ker A \cap j^\perp$ and $x \neq 0$. Then $x^t(J_n - I_n)x = x^t(A + A^t)x$ therefore $x^t x = 0$



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- a Hadamard matrix of order $4d$ exists if and only if $bp_{2d}(K_{4d}) = 4d - 1$.
- If a conference matrix of order $2d + 2$ exists then $bp_d(K_{2d+2}) = 2d + 1$.

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Theorem. (Fronček, Jerebic, Klavžar, and Kovář, 2007)

For any positive integer n we have $bc(K_{n,n}^-) = \min\{k : n \leq \binom{k}{\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor}\}$.

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- 1 $bc_{2d}(K_{8d}) = 4d$,
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Marking Assumption (D. Boneh and J. Shaw, 1998)

Pirates **detect** fingerprint positions by finding differences in their copies.
They make **changes only in the detectable positions**.



Suppose $C = \{w^{(u_1)}, w^{(u_2)}, \dots, w^{(u_d)}\} \subseteq \Gamma$. Let $U(C)$ be the set of **undetectable bit positions** for C . Set

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Suppose that Γ is a (v, t) -code. Γ is said to be an **r -secure frameproof** code if for any $C_1, C_2 \subseteq \Gamma$ such that $|C_1| \leq r$, $|C_2| \leq r$ and $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$, we have that $F(C_1) \cap F(C_2) = \emptyset$. We will say that Γ is an r -**SFPC** (v, t) for short.



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Theorem. (H. H. and F. Moazami, 2011)

Let r , t , and v be positive integers, where $t \geq 2r$. An r -SFPC(v, t) exists if and only if there exists a biclique cover of size v for the Kneser graph $KG(t, r)$.



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$$\bigcap_{l \in L} B_l \not\subseteq \bigcup_{m \in M} B_m$$

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For every positive integer r, w, d and t , where $t \geq r + w$ we have

$$N((r, w; d), t) = bc_d(I_t(r, w)).$$



Theorem. (D.R. Stinson and R. Wei, 2004)

Let r , w , and t be positive integers where $t \geq r + w$. Then

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LOWER BOUNDS

Theorem. (H. H. and F. Moazami, 2011)

For every integer $0 \leq s < w \leq r$ and $t \geq r + w$,

$$N((r, w; d), t) \geq \sum_{i=0}^s \binom{s}{i} N((r - i, w - s + i; d), t - s).$$

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For every positive integer r, w, d and t , where $t \geq r + w$ we have

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For $1 \leq k \leq d$, $n(k, d)$ is precisely the maximum number of vertices of a complete graph that admits a biclique covering of order k and size d .



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Let K be a set of k positive integers. We say that a biclique cover of the graph G is of **type K** if for every edge e of the graph G , the number of bicliques that cover e is an element of the set K .



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The family $\mathcal{F} = \{(A_1, B_1), \dots, (A_g, B_g)\}$ is called a **weakly cross-intersecting set-pairs** of size g on a ground set of cardinality h whenever all A_i 's and B_i 's are subsets of an h -set and for every i , where $1 \leq i \leq g$, $A_i \cap B_i = \emptyset$ and furthermore, for every $i \neq j$, $(A_i \cap B_j) \cup (A_j \cap B_i) \neq \emptyset$. The family \mathcal{F} is called an **(r, w) -weakly cross-intersecting set-pairs** if \mathcal{F} weakly cross-intersecting set-pairs and $|A_i| = r$ and $|B_j| = w$.



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The biclique cover $\{G_1 = (X_1, Y_1), \dots, G_l = (X_l, Y_l)\}$ is called an **(r, w) -biclique cover** whenever each vertex of G belongs to at most r sets in $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_l\}$ and at most w sets in $\{Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_l\}$.



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Theorem. (Z. Király, Z.L. Nagy, D. Pálvölgyi, and M. Visontai, 2010)

Let i and j be positive integers then

$$g(i, j) \geq (2 - o(1)) \binom{i+j}{i},$$

where $f \in o(1)$ means that $\lim_{i+j \rightarrow \infty} f = 0$.

Theorem. (H. H. and F. Moazami, 2011)

Suppose that g, h, r, w , and t are positive integers. Also, let $\mathcal{F} = \{(A_1, B_1), \dots, (A_g, B_g)\}$ be a **weakly cross-intersecting set-pairs** on a ground set of size h such that for any $1 \leq i \leq g$, $|A_i| \leq r$ and $|B_i| \leq w$. If $t \geq \max\{h, r + w\}$, then

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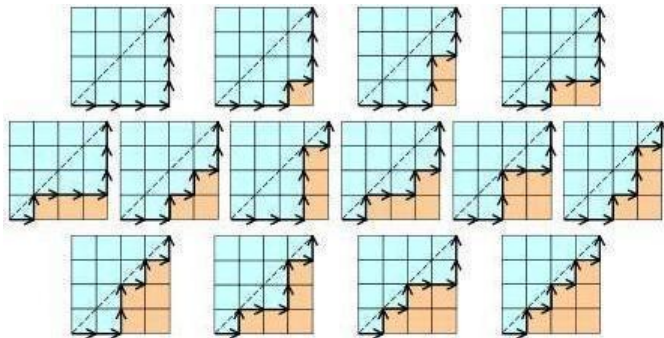
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$$N((r, w; d), t) \geq g(i, j)N((r - i, w - j; d), t - i - j).$$



CATALAN NUMBER



$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

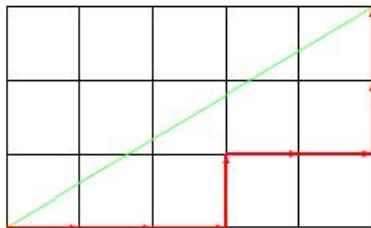
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LATTICE PATH

Consider a path that

- starts from $(0, 0)$ and ends at (i, j)
- each step is either an **up** step or a **right** step,
- all points visited are below the **diagonal** (of slope $\frac{j}{i}$).

Denote the set of all such paths by $\mathcal{L}(i, j)$.



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