

20.03. NECESSARY AXIOMS TO KNOW

FOR TWO DISTINCT POINTS THERE EXISTS EXACTLY ONE LINE

METRIC AXIOMS:  $d(X, Y) \geq 0$  PASSING THROUGH THEM.

$d(X, Y) = d(Y, X)$   
 $d(X, Z) \leq d(X, Y) + d(Y, Z)$

"BETWEENNESS"  $B \times y z$

- FROM AXIOMS WE HAVE

$\forall X, Y \in L: \exists Z \in L: d(X, Y) = d(X, Z) + d(Z, Y)$

**THEOREM 1:** IN ANY CONFIGURATION OF  $n$  POINTS IN THE PLANE, NOT ALL ON A LINE, THERE IS A LINE WHICH CONTAINS EXACTLY TWO OF THE POINTS. (J.J. SYLVESTER)

EXAMPLE FOR  $n=4$



PROOF:

$\mathcal{P}$  - SET OF ALL POINTS  $|\mathcal{P}| = n$   
 $\mathcal{X}$  - SET OF ALL LINES  $\exists X, Y \in \mathcal{P}: L \in \mathcal{X}: X, Y \in L$

$A = \{(P, L) \in \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{X} \mid P \in L\}$

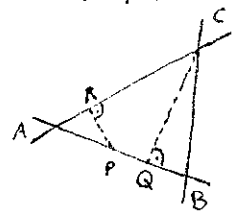
WE DEFINE ORDERING ON  $A$ :

$(P, L) \leq (Q, K) \iff d(P, L) \leq d(Q, K)$

WHERE NOTE THAT  $\forall (P, L) \in A: d(P, L) > 0$

LET THIS  $\leq$  BE THE PAIR WITH THE MINIMUM DISTANCE

$(P_0, L_0)$  CLAIM:  $L_0$  IS THE LINE WE ARE LOOKING FOR



- LEMMA:  $L_0$  CANNOT CONTAIN A THIRD POINT  
 - CONSTRUCT  $Q \notin \mathcal{P}$   $\overline{AB} \in L_0$   $C \notin \mathcal{P}$   
 $R \notin \mathcal{P}$

- WE WANT TO PROVE  $d(P, R) \leq d(Q, C)$   
 $\Delta AQC \sim \Delta ARP$   
 $d(A, P) \leq d(A, Q) \implies d(P, R) \leq d(Q, C)$  CONTRADICTION

(PROOF BY COXETER)

"A WICKED PICTURE"



- HOWEVER THE CIRCULAR LINE IS NOT ALLOWED BY THE AXIOMS

**THEOREM 2:** LET  $\mathcal{P}$  BE A SET OF  $n \geq 3$  POINTS IN THE PLANE, NOT ALL ON A LINE. THEN THE SET  $\mathcal{X}$  OF LINES PASSING THROUGH AT LEAST TWO POINTS CONTAINS AT LEAST  $n$  LINES (ERDŐS, DE BRUIN)

PROOF: BY INDUCTION.

BASE  $n=3$



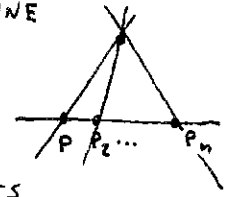
INDUCTION

1. HYPOTHESIS:  $|\mathcal{P}| = n \implies |\mathcal{X}| \geq n$

1. STEP:  $|\mathcal{P}| = n+1, \mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n, Q\}$   
 $L_0$  SUCH THAT  $P_1, Q \in L_0$

- REMOVE  $Q: \mathcal{P}' = \mathcal{P} - \{Q\}$  THEN  $|\mathcal{P}'| = n$

TWO CASES: AFTER REMOVING  $Q$  ALL POINTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE ON ONE LINE

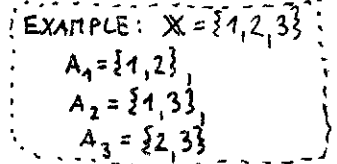


- NOW WE START TO THINK IN TERMS OF SETS

**THEOREM 3:** LET  $X$  BE A SET OF  $n \geq 3$  ELEMENTS AND LET  $A_1, \dots, A_m$  BE PROPER SUBSETS OF  $X$  SUCH THAT EVERY PAIR OF ELEMENTS OF  $X$  IS CONTAINED IN PRECISELY ONE SET  $A_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ). THEN  $m \geq n$  HOLDS. (NOTZKIN, CONWAY)

PROOF 1: - LET  $r_x$  DENOTE NUMBER OF SETS CONTAINING  $x$

- OBSERVATION  $2 \leq r_x < m$   
 $\uparrow \uparrow$   
 $n \geq 3$  DIRICHLET'S PRINCIPLE



$x \notin A_i \implies r_x \geq |A_i|$

BY CONTRADICTION  $m < n$

$m|A_i| < r_x n$   
 $m(|A_i| - n) < n(r_x - m)$   
 $m(n - |A_i|) > n(m - r_x) (*)$

EXAMPLE:  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  DISTINCT  
 $x=3, A_i = \{1, 5\} \implies$  FOR SOME  $j, k$   $\{1, 3\} \subseteq A_j$   
 $\{4, 5\} \subseteq A_k$

$M = 1 = \sum_{x \in X} \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{A_i: x \in A_i} \frac{1}{n(m - r_x)}$

$N = 1 = \sum_{A_i} \frac{1}{m} = \sum_{A_i} \sum_{x: x \in A_i} \frac{1}{m(n - |A_i|)}$

FROM (\*) WE WOULD HAVE  $N < M$ . CONTRADICTION  $\square$

IT IS MAGIC, BUT IT HOLDS. TWO GUYS CLAIM IT!

Q: IS THAT EVEN LEGAL?

A: NO, I'LL BE PUT IN JAIL.

PROOF 2:  $B = (x_i; A_1, \dots, A_m)$  B IS A MATRIX

(LINEAR ALGEBRA)  $B_{xi} = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in A_i \\ 0 & x \notin A_i \end{cases}$

EXAMPLE  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $A_1 = \{1, 2\}$   $A_2 = \{2, 3\}$   $A_3 = \{1, 3\}$

EIGENVALUES (OF A SQUARE MATRIX)

$\lambda$  SUCH THAT  $Ax = \lambda x$  FOR SOME VECTOR  $x$  (EIGENVECTOR)

- WE CAN FIND THEM USING

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B \cdot B^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B \cdot B^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = (1-\lambda)^3 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

$$\det(B \cdot B^T - \lambda I) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2(\lambda - 3) = 0$$

- $M_1$  - POSITIVE-DEFINITE MATRIX
- $M_2$  - SEMI-DEFINITE MATRIX
- $M_1 + M_2$  - POSITIVE-DEFINITE

MINIMUM OF THE  $\text{rank}(A)$  - NUMBER OF LINEARLY INDEPENDENT COLUMNS & ROWS OF A

$$\text{rank}(B \cdot B^T) = n \Rightarrow \text{rank}(B) = n \Rightarrow n \leq m$$

WE CANNOT INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ROWS

THIS CONCLUDES THE PROOF.  $\square$

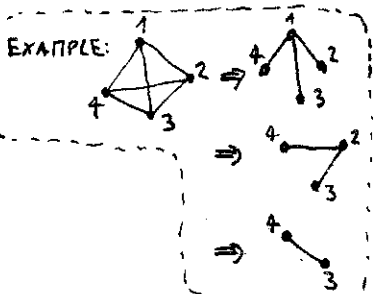
THEOREM 3A: IF WE DECOMPOSE A COMPLETE GRAPH  $K_n$  INTO  $m$  CLIQUES DIFFERENT FROM  $K_n$  SUCH THAT EVERY EDGE IS IN A UNIQUE CLIQUE, THEN  $m \geq n$ . (NOTE THAT IT IS REFORMULATED (CLIQUE IS A COMPLETE SUBGRAPH OF A GRAPH) THEOREM 3)

PROOF:

$$K_n = (V, E) \quad V = \{1, \dots, n\}$$

THIS PROOF IS CONSTRUCTIVE AND LEADS TO A DECOMPOSITION ALGORITHM:

- TAKE THE COMPLETE BIPARTITE GRAPH JOINING 1 TO ALL OTHER VERTICES



- REPEAT JOINING FOR  $j \in \{2, \dots, n\}$  WITH VERTICES  $\{j+1, \dots, n\} \Rightarrow K_{1, n-2} \dots K_{1, 1}$

$$m = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \geq n$$

SUM OF EDGES PER CLIQUE

ALTHOUGH WE ONLY NEED IT FOR  $n \geq 3$

$\square$

CAN WE DO ANY BETTER THAN THE RESULT OF THEOREM 3A? NO.

THEOREM 5: IF  $K_n$  IS DECOMPOSED INTO COMPLETE BIPARTITE SUBGRAPHS  $H_1, \dots, H_m$  THEN  $m \geq n-1$ .

PROOF BY CONTRADICTION

$H_i$  CAN BE SPLIT INTO VERTICES  $L_i, R_i$  WE ASSIGN A VARIABLE TO EACH  $i$

$$\sum_{i < j \leq m} x_i x_j = \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \sum_{a \in L_k} x_a \cdot \sum_{b \in R_k} x_b \right)$$

SUPPOSE THAT  $m < n-1$ , WE'LL CONSTRUCT A SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQS

$$x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0$$

$$\sum_{a \in L_k} x_a = 0 \quad k=1 \dots m$$

THE DIMENSION OF THE SPACE OF SOLUTIONS IS NON-ZERO

ASSUME  $c$  IS A NON-TRIVIAL SOLUTION  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$

$$0 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i < j \leq m} c_i c_j = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 > 0$$

$m \geq n-1$  FOLLOWS.  $\square$

AT LEAST ONE OF  $c_i$  IS NON-ZERO