

# LINES IN THE PLANE AND DECOMPOSITIONS OF GRAPHS

Incidence axioms (actually just one of them)

◦ Let  $A, B$  be distinct points, then there is exactly one line containing both of them.

Metric axioms

(Metric) notation of distance  $d: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

◦  $d(x, y) \geq 0$  (= 0 iff  $x = y$ )

◦  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$

◦  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  - triangle inequality

Order axioms (Tarski's axioms)

Notation: "betweenness"

$Bxyz \equiv y$  is "between"  $x$  and  $z$ ,  $y$  is a point on the line segment  $xz$

"congruence"

$wx \equiv yz$  means  $d(w, x) = d(y, z)$

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.

// Introduction (some cool pics and so on...) |  $\mathbb{P}$  - set of points,  $\mathbb{L}$  - set of lines

Let  $A = \{(P, l) \in \mathbb{P} \times \mathbb{L} \mid P \notin l\}$

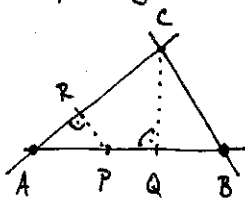
Choose  $(P_0, l_0)$  such that  $\forall P \in \mathbb{P}, l \in \mathbb{L} \text{ with } (P, l) \in A : d(P_0, l_0) \leq d(P, l)$

Claim:  $l_0$  is the line we are looking for.

// Show the proof

$\hookrightarrow d(P, l) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} d(P, l_0) : l_0 \in \mathbb{L} \wedge \forall l \in \mathbb{L} : d(P, l) \geq d(P, l_0)$

// When proving that "created" distance is less or equal, use similarity of triangles



$Q, R \notin P : PE \perp AQ \wedge RE \perp AC \Rightarrow |\angle CAQ| = |\angle RAP|$

from def of  $d(P, e) : |\angle AQC| = |\angle ARP| = 90^\circ$

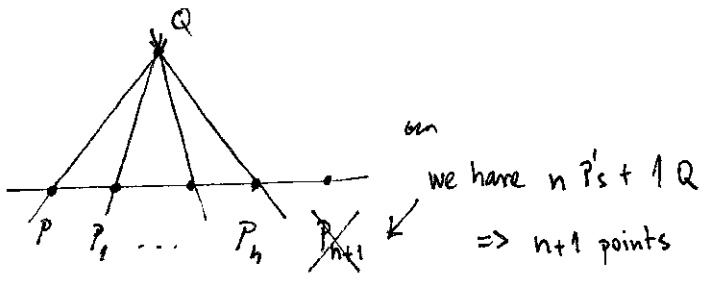
Hence  ~~$\triangle AQC \cong \triangle ARP$~~   $\triangle AQC \sim \triangle ARP$

Since  $AR \leq AC \wedge AP \leq AQ \Rightarrow \underline{PR \leq CR} \quad \square QED$

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THEOREM 2: Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a set of  $n \geq 3$  points in the plane, not all on a line.  
 Then the set  $\mathbb{L}$  of lines passing through at least two points contains at least  $n$  points.

- || Very easy - proof by induction
- || There is possibly a mistake in the book



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 □ QED

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  $A_i$ . Then  $m \geq n$  holds.

NOTATION: for  $x \in X$ :  $r_x$  be the number of sets  $A_i$  containing  $x$ .

PROOF 3A: Assumption:  $2 \leq r_x < m$

If  $x \notin A_i \Rightarrow r_x \geq |A_i|$

Let  $m < n \rightarrow m|A_i| < r_x n \quad | -mn$

$m(|A_i| - n) < n(r_x - m) \quad | \cdot (-1)$

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

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

$\circ 1 = \sum_{A_i} \frac{1}{m} = \sum_{A_i} \sum_{x: x \notin A_i} \frac{1}{m(n - |A_i|)} = B$

$m(n - |A_i|) > n(m - r_x) \Rightarrow A > B \Rightarrow \underline{1 > 1}$  contradiction  
 □ QED

PROOF 3.2  $B =$  incidence matrix  $(x_i A_1 \dots A_m)$

$$\text{where } B_{xi} = \begin{cases} 1 & \leftarrow x \in A_i \\ 0 & \leftarrow x \notin A_i \end{cases}$$

// Don't forget to show examples!

$$BB^T = \begin{pmatrix} r_{x_1} & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & r_{x_2} & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & r_{x_n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r_{x_1}-1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & r_{x_2}-1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & r_{x_n}-1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

o positive definite :  $\lambda \geq 0$

o semi-definite  
 $\lambda \in \{n, 0\}$

$BB^T$  is positive definite  $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(BB^T) = n$

Hence  $\text{rank}(B)$  is at least  $n \Rightarrow n \leq m$   $\square$  QED

NOTES :

Eigenvectors and eigenvalues for  $A$  (square matrix)

$$A \cdot v = \lambda v \quad \rightarrow \text{"characteristic value"}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \det(A_{n \times n} - I_n \cdot \lambda) = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)^3 + 2 - 3(1-\lambda) = 0$$

~~only for square~~

$$1 - 3\lambda + 3\lambda^2 - \lambda^3 + 2 - 3 + 3\lambda = 0$$

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

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

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = 0 \\ \lambda = 3 = n \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(1-\lambda)^3 = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = 1 \geq 0 : \lambda = n-2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

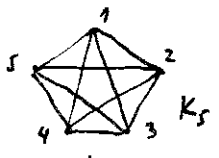
$$(2-\lambda)^3 + 2 - 3(2-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda^3 - 6\lambda^2 + 9\lambda - 4 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = 4 \\ \lambda_{2,3} = 1 \end{cases} \geq 0$$

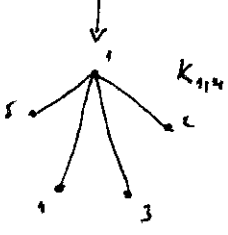
THEOREM 3: (modified) If we decompose a complete graph  $K_n$  into  $m$  cliques different from  $K_n$ , such that every edge is in a unique clique, then  $m \geq n$

PROOF 3.3:  $X \sim K_n$   $V$   $[K_n = (V, E)]$   
 $A_i \sim$  cliques



How to decompose graph:

- o number the vertices  $\{1 \dots n\}$
- o take the complete bipartite graph joining 1 to all other vertices  $\{2 \dots n\}$   
→ we obtain graph  $K_{1, n-1}$  (star)
- o repeat joining for  $j \in \{2 \dots n\}$  with  $\{j \dots n\}$   
→ we obtain graphs  $K_{1, n-2} \dots K_{1, n}$

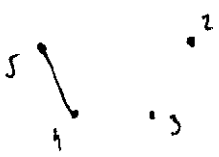
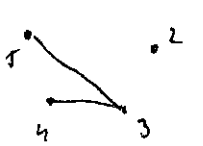
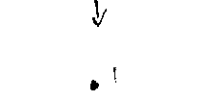
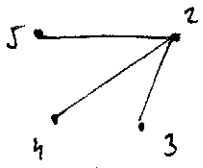
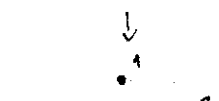


This decomposition uses  $n-1$  complete bipartite graphs

Hence  $m = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \geq n \quad (n \geq 3) \quad \square QED$

Proof of ~~above~~ <sup>the</sup> claim above: (induction)

- Base:  $n=3$  :  $3 \geq 3$  holds
- 1. Hypothesis:  $\frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \geq n$
- 1. Step:  $m=n+1$ :  $\frac{1}{2} m(m-1) = \frac{1}{2} n(n+1) = \frac{1}{2} (n^2+n) = \frac{1}{2} (n^2-n+2n) = \frac{1}{2} (n-1)n + n \geq n+1 = m \quad (n \geq 3) \quad \square QED$



THEOREM 4: If  $K_n$  is decomposed into complete bipartite ~~graph~~ subgraphs  $H_1, \dots, H_m$ , then  $m \geq n+1$

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PROOF 4:

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

Let  $R_j, L_j$  be the defining vertex sets of complete bipartite graph  $H_j \quad j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

To every vertex  $i$  we assoc. var.  $x_i$ .

$H_1, \dots, H_m$  decompose  $K_n$ :

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

Suppose that  $m < n-1$

Then  $x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0$

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

has fewer equations than variables and hence there exist a non-trivial solution  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$

$$\sum_{i < j \leq n} c_i \cdot c_j = 0 \quad *$$

$$0 = (c_1 + \dots + c_n)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i < j \leq n} c_i \cdot c_j = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2 > 0 \quad (\text{contradiction})$$

□ QED

$$(*) \quad \sum_{i < j \leq n} c_i \cdot c_j = \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \sum_{a \in L_k} c_a \cdot \sum_{b \in R_k} c_b \right) = 0$$