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Self-Adjusting Binary Trees

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This talk is about a new approach to the following old data structure problem. A binary tree is to be used to represent an ordered list of items. This representation should allow items to be accessed, inserted, and deleted, and these operations should be fast. The usual approaches to this problem enforce a "balance condition" on the tree. In a tree satisfying such a structural constraint the depth of the deepest node is $O(\log n)$, and the operations are efficient. We have developed data structures that satisfy no balance condition, and no such worst-case per operation bound, but are still efficient for any sequence of operations. We are motivated by the observation that in most applications of data structures one wishes to perform not just a single operation but a sequence of operations. Whenever an item in such a "self-adjusting" tree is accessed, the tree structure is modified in such a way that the accessed item becomes more easily accessible. In addition to being simpler to describe and implement, our trees have other remarkable properties not shared by any balanced trees.

SOLVING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUALITIES AND INEQUALITIES EFFICIENTLY

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Abstract.

In many applications, like VLSI layout systems, we have to solve a system of linear constraints on two variables. Usually these systems involve millions of variables and constraints. If we have only equations of the form " $x_i \leq d$ ($d > 0$), we can use the topological sort algorithm, that is linear in time and space complexity. Allowing also constraints of the form " $x_i \geq e$ ($e > 0$)" gives more power, but affects the efficiency in solving. Algorithms for the single-source shortest path problem or for the linear programming problem can be used, but they are not efficient enough for the size of our problem.

We present here an algorithm to solve systems of equations of the form " $x_i \leq d$ ($d > 0$) and " $x_i \geq e$ ($e > 0$)" with time complexity $O((n_i + n_e + v)n_i)$, where n_i = number of inequalities, n_e = number of equalities, and v = number of variables. It is especially efficient when the number of equalities is small compared to the number of inequalities.

SOME DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WITH EASY PROOFS

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The problems of unique-colorability and critical-colorability of graphs have been studied for a long time [2]. Recently, the complexity class $DP = \{L_1, L_2 : L_1 \in NP, L_2 \in coNP\}$ was introduced and these two problems were shown to belong to this class [3]. However, whether they are complete for DP with respect to \leq (the Karp reducibility) was left open, and there exists strong evidence suggesting that it is very difficult to decide if the unique-colorability or critical-colorability problem is DP -complete [1,3,4].

In this paper, we show these two problems are complete in DP with respect to nondeterministic polynomial time many-one reductions (\leq^p). This is a easy consequence of our theorem that $coNP$ -hard sets in Σ_1^P (the class NP relativized to an NP -complete oracle, i.e., queries or the form " $x \in A$?" are answered in one step or computation, where A is an NP -complete set), are Σ_1^P -complete, which is a class disjoint from NP if $NP \neq coNP$. Since the reductions are easily constructed, the intractability of the unique-colorability and critical-colorability problems (and classes of unique- and critical- problems) are easily proved, assuming $NP \neq coNP$. We also use standard proof techniques to show some interesting structural results, e.g., there exist sets in $DP - (NP \cup coNP)$ which are neither DP -complete nor NP -hard.

Σ_1^P is very useful in that one can show (strong evidence of) intractability of a problem by proving it $coNP$ -hard, thus avoiding a stricter, and likely harder to construct \leq -reduction. We further illustrate this point by showing, via easy proofs, a class of problems (e.g., deciding if two given graphs have the same chromatic number) is Σ_1^P -complete and hence intractable, where Σ_1^P is the class P relativized to an NP -complete oracle. The applicability of Σ_1^P -reductions to settle open questions (e.g., the complexity of Graph Isomorphism or Recognition of Perfect Graphs) is discussed.

An Application of Group Testing to Computer Networks with Priority in System

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An Application of k-sample group testing is found to locate the busy user of highest priority in a system of centralized computer network with priority ordering imposed on each terminal user. Let each user has a probability p of being busy (i.e. having a message for transmission) and a probability q of being idle. We propose a sequence of queries analogous to the procedure of finding a single defective using k-sample group testing.

We assume that the status of each user being busy or idle remains the same throughout the process of a query sequence. The expected number of queries is found for certain ranges of n , where n is the total number of terminals in the system. An asymptotic formula is also given when n approaches infinity.

The Complexity of Scheduling Systems or Non-Identical Processors

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Abstract

A basic problem from deterministic scheduling theory involves scheduling a partially ordered set T of n equal length tasks on a set M of m non-identical processors. Each task has a local deadline associated with it and the goal is to find a schedule which minimizes maximum lateness. The set M is partitioned into k

equivalence classes under the relationship *processor type* with m ; elements in the i th equivalence class and each task t_i can be completed only by a processor from a pre-specified class $c(t_i)$. An instance or a scheduling problem drawn from the above domain is said to belong to the class r iff the partial order on T is an *in-tree*, the *type graph* satisfies a *unique precedence* condition and the ordering of the m s is consistent with that of the type graph in that if a *type i* vertex precedes a *type j* vertex, then $m_i \prec m_j$. We prove that any instance or a scheduling problem belonging to the class r can be solved algorithmically in polynomial time. The class r properly includes the *in-tree* of Brucker et al. and Hu for which efficient polynomial time algorithms are known. We also show that for a special case of this problem, namely that of minimizing *makespan*, the algorithm designed for the class r can be extended to a much larger class r' . In addition, we prove that the *cyclic /oreals* of Goyal and the *out-tree* of Coffman et al. are contained in r and r' respectively. Finally, several simple generalizations of these classes are shown to admit NP-complete instances.

Identification of Strategies for Two-person Games

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We investigate the use of automata theory to model strategies for nonzero-sum two-person games such as the Prisoner's Dilemma. We are particularly interested in infinite tournaments of such games. In the case of finite-state strategies (such as ALL, DOR, TIT FOR TAT) we use graph traversal techniques to show the existence of a (non-terminating) procedure for detecting our opponent's strategy and developing an "optimal" counter-strategy. We also investigate counter machine and Turing machine strategies.

PROBLEM REQUIRING $k \log n$ DETERMINISTIC SPACE

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The first "natural" problems are established solvable in deterministic \log space for whose recognition \log space lower bound can be shown.

A finite state transducer can be regarded as a mapping $\delta: Q \times Z^* \rightarrow Q \times Z^*$ such that $\delta(p, x) = (q, y)$ implies $|x| = |y|$, where Q is a set of states, and Z is an alphabet. The j -fold

function $S^{(j)}$ of 6 is the composite function $\delta^6 \dots \delta$ (k times).

The k -finite space transducer problem (FSTPk) is the problem: given a finite state transducer S , initial state q_0 , and two symbols a and b , to determine whether there is an integer j such that $S^{(j)}(q_0, a^k) = (q, b^k)$ for some state q .

In this paper we show that there exists a constant c such that FSTPk can not be solved within $(k-c) \log n$ space. The problem FSTPk is solvable within $(k+1) \log n$ space.

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Some new 6-designs

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Abstract

A t -(v, k, λ) design is a pair (X, B) where B is a collection of k -subsets (called blocks) from a v -set X , such that each t -subset of X occurs in exactly λ blocks of B . A design is simple if no block of B is repeated. A design is trivial if each k -subset of X occurs precisely m times in B . We produce two non-isomorphic simple 6-designs with parameters 6-(20, 9, 112) and automorphism group $PSL(2, 19)$. It has been previously shown that if $q < 19$, simple 6-designs on $v; q+1$ points do not exist with automorphism group $PSL(2, q)$. Hence $v; 20$ is the smallest $v; q+1$ where simple 6 designs occur with automorphism group $PSL(2, q)$.

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Venn Diagrams: Some Observations and an Open Problem

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The definition of an " n -Venn diagram" and some combinatorial deductions concerning Hamiltonian circuits in hypercubes lead to two things: a Venn diagram extension theorem (easy) and an open problem (maybe not so easy).

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SYNCHRONIZABLE CODES IN THE de BRUIJN GRAPH

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The de Bruijn graph has as vertices the o^n words of length n over an alphabet of a symbols and there is a directed edge between two vertices precisely when they overlap in $n-1$ symbols. Block codes can be represented as either sets of vertices or sets of edges in the de Bruijn graph. Certain codes with bounded synchronization delay have strikingly simple characterizations when viewed as subgraphs of the de Bruijn graph. In particular, many maximal codes in the class of comma-free codes appear as complete bipartite subgraphs.

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Some Attempts to Construct orthogonal Latin Squares

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All of our attempted constructions but one were for 3 order-10 squares.

Earlier, we ran the turn-square for all 5 cells on the main diagonal. Currently we have done 4 cells and 3 cells. For the first of these the initial transversals were reduced by hand; for the second the cells in the first row were ordered by number of transversal, least first..

we ran 13 involution squares for extension to triple. These have involutions between the first row and every other. They were generated by Oolipuler by James G. Peterson, Dept. of computer Science, University of Illinois.

We tried a "self-orthogonal" sum-composition square of A. Hedayat. Also, on square of 4 orthogonal except for hole due to Professor Brovwer of the Netherlands.

Finally, we ran two groups to exhaustion - an order-15 group for 3 order-10; and a 105-group for 5 is-squares. The former group used 5-cycles end-around and $(X)(A1A2A3)(B1B2B3)(C1C2C3)$ on points.

None of these tries succeeded.

The second author got some ideas for this note at a conference, swrner, 1983, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC.

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A recursive construction for 1-rotational doubly resolvable designs.G

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A Steiner 2--design $S(2,k,v)$ is said to be I-rotational if it admits an automorphism whose cycle structure is a $(v-1)$ -cycle and a fixed point. At first, we give a recursive construction of I-rotational Steiner 2--designs.

Secondly, by applying this construction to resolvable I-rotational Steiner 2--designs, we obtain a recursive construction of resolvable I-rotational Steiner 2--designs (1-rotational Kirkman systems).

A I-rotational resolvable Steiner 2--design is said to be cyclically resolvable if the automorphism which gives the I-rotational property also preserves resolution classes. Thirdly, we give a recursive construction of cyclically resolvable I-rotational Kirkman systems.

Suppose a Steiner 2--design has two resolutions $R = \{R_i | i \in I\}$ and $R' = \{R'_j | j \in J\}$, where I is an indexing set. If $jR_i = j'11$ for any $i \in I$ and $j \in J$, then the design is said to be doubly resolvable. Finally, we obtain a recursive construction of doubly resolvable I-rotational Kirkman systems whose one of two resolutions is cyclic.

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Room Cubes of Side Nine

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Recently we have completed a lengthy computer analysis of one-factorizations on ten points and their orthogonality relations. In this paper we report the results concerning sets of three pairwise orthogonal factorizations - room cubes - from that study.

HOMOMORPHISMS AS A GENERALIZATION OF GRAPH-COLORING

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Let $\theta : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of simple graphs, i.e., a mapping such that $G(xy) = G(xjG(y) \in E(H)$ whenever $xy \in E(G)$. Such a mapping we call an H-coloring of G . When determining whether G has an H-coloring, we lose no generality in assuming

that H has no proper subgraph F such that H has an F -coloring.

We present a few generalizations of well-known results on graph-coloring (the special case $H = K_n$) to the cases where H is an odd cycle on some other graph. Analogues to some known results on chromatically-critical graphs can be obtained.

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The chromatic index of graphs of high degree.
A J W Hilton (with A G Chetwynd) (University of Reading and Open University, U.K.)

Vizing's theorem states that, for a simple graph G ,
 $\chi'(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$. If $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$ then G is Class 1, and if $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G) + 1$ then G is Class 2.

We pose the following two conjectures:

Conjecture 1: Let G be an $(r-2)$ -edge-connected graph of order $2n$ with r vertices of maximum degree. If $1 \leq r \leq n$, then G is Class 1.

Conjecture 2: Let G be an $(r-2)$ -edge-connected graph of order $2n+1$ with r vertices of maximum degree. Let $1 \leq r \leq n+1$. Then G is Class 2 if and only if $\Delta(G) \geq n/2$.

We prove these conjectures if $1 \leq r \leq 4$, and if $\Delta(G) \leq n/2 + 3$.

Signatures and Signed Switching Classes

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This lecture presents joint work of Peter J. Cameron and the speaker. Several properties of two-graphs and switching classes can be established using ideas from homological algebra. This talk reports on an analogous theory of signatures and signed switching classes, which was derived using similar techniques. It differs from the usual approach in that one simple graph G is fixed, and switching is defined as an operation on edge signings of G . Beyond that, the development relies on choosing certain collections X and Y of subgraphs of G . By taking G to be a complete graph, X the set of triangles of G , and Y the complete 4-vertex subgraphs of G , the known results for two-graphs and switching classes can be recouped. Through other judicious choices of G , X , and Y , these results can be mimicked accurately in great generality. Two important examples of this exist for any simple connected graph G :

- (1) Choose X to be the set of circuits of G , and Y the set of theta subgraphs of G .
 - (2) Choose X to be the set of induced circuits of G , and Y the set of induced circuits of certain types described in the lecture.
- These examples give rise to characterizations of the sets of balanced circuits (or induced circuits) of a signed graph.

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Automorphisms of Two-Digraphs

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Abstract: This is a joint work with A. Wells. A digraph on a finite set X may be defined as an alternating function, $\alpha: X \times X \rightarrow GF(3)$, i.e., $\alpha(x,x) = 0$ and $\alpha(x,y) = -\alpha(y,x)$ for all $x, y \in X$. Two digraphs α, β are said to be switching equivalent if there is a function f of X into $GF(3)$ such that $\alpha(x,y) = \beta(x,y) + f(x) - f(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$. Equivalently, some classes are called two-digraphs. An automorphism of a two-digraph α is a permutation of X mapping any (or equivalently, some) digraph in α to another digraph in α . In particular, an automorphism of a digraph is an automorphism of its switching class. We give a necessary and sufficient condition that an automorphism of a two-digraph α be an automorphism of a digraph in α .

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BALANCE AND DUALITY IN SIGNED GRAPHS

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The theory of balance in signed graphs is reconstructed in terms of classical graph-theoretic duality, illustrating a general duality principle for graph theory. The definition of balance (every cycle has an even number of negative edges) leads to a new characterization: every negative edge is adjacent to an odd number of complete edge-negative cycles. Related notions such as clusterability and cobalance are also discussed.

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J. Gimbel (Department of Mathematics, Colby College, Waterville, M 04901),
Necessary Conditions on Switching Sequences.

Given G , a graph, and $H \subseteq V(G)$ let G switched on H , denoted $SH(G)$, ... b
 the graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set

$$E(G-H) \cup \{uv \in E(G) \mid u \in H, v \notin H\}.$$

Given a labeling v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p of $V(G)$ let $G_0 = G$ and

$$G_i = S_{\{v_1 v_2, \dots, v_i\}}(G)$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$. We examine properties that the sequence G_0, G_1, \dots, G_p
 must have.

Move-up-k Rules With Zipfian Probabilities

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Empirical data is presented for a set of sequential
 search algorithms that dynamically reorder the list
 being searched, with the well-known move-to-front
 and transposition algorithms at the extrema.
 Asymptotic cost values and convergence rates
assessing Zipfian probabilities are examined,
 indicating the relationship between these two
 measures, their rates of change with respect to the
 various algorithms, and the crossover points
 between pairs of the algorithms. The behavior of a
 set of hybrid rules is also examined in light of
 the above **measures**, and compared to the first set
 of **algorithms**.

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Digital Division: A Left to Right Multiple Precision Method

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We present an algorithm for performing multiple
 precision digital division. Like the other three
 arithmetic operations (and unlike all other division
 algorithms) we perform the division operation a div b
 (integer division) on operands $a = (a_0, 1, \dots, 7)$ and
 $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_m)$, with $m > n$, by applying
 individual operand digit pairs a_i, b_j . The algorithm
 uses dynamic self-correction, i.e. correction which
 is accomplished during the process of calculating the
 quotient and remainder. The method generates quotient
 digits which are either correct or too large by the
 amount +1.

TRIVALENT POLYGONAL GRAPHS

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In the theory of polygonal graphs, a special role seems to be played by
 the trivalent, strict polygonal graphs (i.e. trivalent, connected graphs
 of girth $m > 3$ such that every path of length 2 lies in a unique m -gon
 of the graph). In this paper we investigate such graphs as well as a
 related family of triangular graphs, viz. graphs in which each vertex
 has an m -gon as neighbourhood. We will outline methods for construction
 of graphs from both families as well as considering (and answering
 partially) the question of when the duals of members from one family
 belong to the other family. Here dual means: m -gons become vertices
 for polygonal graphs (or triangles become vertices in the case of tri-
 angular graphs), two vertices being adjacent if and only if the
 corresponding m -gons (or triangles) share an edge.

The Amida Number of a Graph
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Onaga and Chen describe Amida as a traditional lottery
 game used to determine the priority for selecting items of limited

supply. A completed amida game results in a graph structure with certain distinguished paths. In this paper we generalize the aforementioned structure to amida paths in arbitrary connected graphs. A graph is amida of type n when there exists distinct vertices s and t , a set S of pairwise nonadjacent edges, and a set X of n distinct paths between s and t satisfying: the edges of each path are alternately in S , any edge in more than one path of X is in S , and no edge of S is in more than two paths of X . After defining the amida number of a graph to be the maximum n for which it is of type e , proceed to find bounds for amida number, a heuristic algorithm for its determination, and its exact value for many well known graphs.

FINITE HAN-LOI PROBLEMS: HOW MANY DISCS CAN BE HANDLED?

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The problem of the Towers of Hanoi is generalized in such a way that moves of discs may be made only along edges of a given directed graph G . In previous work we showed that arbitrarily many discs can be moved from the start vertex S to the destination vertex D iff there is a loop of length 3 or more in the transitive closure of G which can be reached from S and from which D can be reached. In this paper we consider graphs which do not satisfy this characterization; therefore there is only a finite number of discs which can be handled. These Hanoi problems will be called finite Hanoi problems. The most interesting question for finite Hanoi problems is how many discs can be moved from S to D , for a given graph with m vertices. We give a rather surprising answer to this question, namely we show that there are graphs with m vertices giving rise to a finite Hanoi problem for which the number of discs which can be moved is superpolynomial in m .

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Multipartite Analogs of Two-graphs

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A two-graph (G. Higman, O.E. Taylor) is a set of triples from an n -element set, such that (T1) each quadruple contains an even number of the triples. It can be thought of as the set of frustrated triangles in a signed complete graph K_n . This point of view suggests generalizations to other base graphs G , the analog of the two-graph being the frustrated members of a fixed, highly symmetrical spanning set S of polygons of G . We deduce the analog of condition (T1) for $G = K(n_1, \dots, n_p)$, the complete p -partite graph, with S = the set of quadrilaterals (if $p = 2$) or triangles ($p > 3$), and for $G = C(n_1, \dots, n_p)$, the circular p -partite graph, with S = the set of p -gons meeting each vertex type once.

A two-graph T is regular if every point pair lies in the same number of T -triples. Equivalently, its signed graph has only two eigenvalues. For bipartite two-graph analogs there are three regularities, corresponding to the left, right, and cross pairs. Left-regular cases satisfy a Fisher-type inequality; they correspond to certain intersecting set systems. Both left- and cross-regular cases have only two eigenvalues. Examples come from Hadamard matrices, block designs, and odd-subset systems.

Homomorphisms of 3-chromatic graphs, II

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A homomorphism from a graph G to a graph H is a mapping from the vertex set of G to the vertex set of H which preserves edges. An r -coloring is just a homomorphism to the r -clique. Deciding whether a graph is 3-colorable is one of the classic NP-complete problems. Maurer et al have shown that deciding whether there exists a homomorphism to the 5-cycle is also an NP-complete problem, and they conjecture that this result holds for any non-trivial homomorphism minimal target. Vesztegombi has given necessary and sufficient conditions for a graph to map to the 5-cycle. Let L denote the Petersen graph with two adjacent vertices deleted. We show that any triangle free graph which does not map to the 5-cycle contains a subgraph which maps to L , verify that deciding whether a graph maps to L is NP-complete, and present related results and open questions.

A Partitioning Property of k-cycled Refinements of Graphs

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A graph is k-cycled if all its cycles are integral multiples of an integer $k > 2$. A partitioning property of refinements of graphs which are k-cycled is established. The partitioning property is applied to obtain bounds on the minimal number of edges of k-cycled refinements. The same property is also used to examine refinements of graphs which are subgraphs of a hypercube.

AN APPROXIMATE ALGORITHM FOR THE EDGE-COLORING PROBLEM ON MULTIGRAPHS

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This paper is concerned with the problem of coloring the edges of a multigraph in such a way that no two adjacent edges receive the same color. A quadratic approximate algorithm with an approximate ratio of $9/8$ is described. It is shown that in case the number of colors used by the algorithm is greater than $\frac{3}{2}(\Delta + 1)$ (dis the maximum vertex degree) the constructed coloring is minimal.

CHROMATIC SUM EQUATIONS FOR ROOTED PLANAR MAPS

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The theory of chromatic sums for rooted planar triangulations has been founded by Professor W.T. Tutte in a series of papers of his [1,11].

This paper is an attempt to generalize it for rooted planar maps. A general functional equation of chromatic sums for rooted non-separable planar maps is found.

In addition, the sums of the numbers of spanning trees with certain properties over all the maps considered are expressed as a recursion treated as a Pascal-Yang Hui triangle in the 3-dimensional case by determining the derivatives of the chromatic sums at $\lambda = 1$.

The Genus of a Block Design

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The genus of a design (BIBD or FBIBD) is defined to be the genus of its corresponding hypergraph (objects as vertices, blocks as edges); that is, the genus of the bipartite graph associated with the hypergraph in a natural way. The Euler formula is used to establish a lower bound g for the genus of a block design. An imbedding of the design on the surface of genus g is then described by a voltage hypergraph or a voltage graph. Use of the lower bound leads to a characterization of planar BIBDs. A connection between a block design derived from a graph imbedding and the hypergraph imbedding of the design is established. This leads to the determination of genus formulas for several infinite families of designs. The concept of the generalized pseudosurface characteristic of a design is developed along with formulas for infinite families of designs.

CONNECTED DOMINATION OF COMPLEMENTARY GRAPHS

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Abstract. A set D of vertices in a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a connected dominating set if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to at least one vertex in D and the subgraph $\langle D \rangle$ induced by the vertices in D is connected. The connected domination number $\gamma_c(G)$ is the minimum number of vertices in a connected dominating set in G . Hedetniemi and Laskar showed that if both G and \bar{G} , the complement of G , are connected, then $\gamma_c(G) + \gamma_c(\bar{G}) \leq p + 1$, where p is the number of vertices in G . Hedetniemi conjectured that $\gamma_c(G) + \gamma_c(\bar{G}) = p + 1$ if and only if $G = CS$. In this paper we prove this conjecture. Thus, if $G \neq CS$, $\gamma_c(G) + \gamma_c(\bar{G}) < p + 1$. We also characterize those graphs for which $\gamma_c(G) + \gamma_c(\bar{G}) = p$.

GEODETIC GRAPHS AND FINITE GEOMETRIES
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A graph G is geodetic if, for each pair of vertices x, y , there is a unique shortest x, y -path in G . A substantial portion of the existing theory of geodetic graphs concerns those graphs which satisfy the stronger condition that there be a unique chordless x, y -path of length no greater than the diameter of G for each pair x, y ; we call such graphs ultra-geodetic. For graphs of diameter less than three, the two concepts are equivalent. Independently, Stemple and Kantor have classified the (ultra-)geodetic graphs of diameter two. Adapting a construction of geodetic graphs due to Plesn{ek}, we define, for each finite geometry r , a sequence r_k , $k > 0$, of distinct finite geometries; we then obtain the following result:

Proposition. Let G be an ultra-geodetic graph of diameter greater than two. Then exactly one of the following conditions holds:

- i) G has a cutvertex, in which case G is a block graph.
- ii) G is homeomorphic to K_n for some $n > 3$.
- iii) All maximal cliques of G have the same cardinality, in which case G is isomorphic to the collinearity graph of a Moore geometry.
- iv) There exist positive integers d and k , and a generalized $(2d+1)$ -gon Γ such that G is isomorphic to the collinearity graph of r_k .

According to well-known results on the nonexistence of Moore graphs, Moore geometries, and generalized polygons, the graphs of case iii) are the chordless cycles of odd length, and the geometries r of case iv) are the finite projective planes. A generalization of the construction of r_k gives rise to a family of geometries whose collinearity graphs include all known geodetic graphs.

AFFINE SUBPLANES OF FINITE AFFINE PLANES

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An affine subplane A' of an affine plane A is a subset of the points and lines of A which itself forms an affine plane.

If, in addition, l_1 and h of A' parallel in A' implies that the extensions of l_1 and h to lines of A are parallel in A , then we say that A' is an isotropy preserving extension of A' , and write $A' \vdash A$.

We say A' is maximal in A if the order m of A' is less than the order n of A , and if there is no affine subplane A'' of A such that $A' \vdash A'' \vdash A$.

We give conditions on n as a function of m which ensure the maximality of A' in A , both in the general case and in the isotropy preserving case.

In particular, we examine the rather interesting case $(n, m) = (4, 3)$.

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On Cycle-Star Graph Ramsey Numbers

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Bounds are given for the cycle-star graph Ramsey number $r(C_m, K_1, n)$ in the undecided case even $m < 2n$.

FACTORING GRAPHS INTO PRIMAL GRAPHS

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Abstract. Primal graphs are analogous to basis vectors in a vector space. They can be used to write every graph as a sum of distinct, non-isomorphic primal graphs. Several infinite classes of primal graphs are determined and conjectures are posed regarding the structure of other primal graphs.

On the Clique Graph of the Line Graph

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The clique-line graph $CL(G)$ of a graph G is the graph obtained from G by first creating the line graph $L(G)$ and then forming the clique graph of the result. A characterization of such graphs is given which lends itself to the investigation of relationships between certain graph invariants of C and $CL(G)$ and to some isomorphism questions.

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A GREEDY ALGORITHM FOR A PROJECT SCHEDULING PROBLEM

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In this paper we show that a project scheduling problem with continuously discounted cash flows has its optimum solution at an extreme point

of the convex polyhedron formed by the activity precedence relationships. This result is then used to develop an optimal greedy algorithm to solve the problem in less than n^2 pivots, where n is the numbers of nodes in the project network.

OPTIMAL SOLUTIONS TO CAPACITATED MULTIDEPOT VEHICLE ROUTING PROBLEMS

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This paper provides an integer linear programming formulation and an exact algorithm for a class of multidrop vehicle routing problems. This formulation contains degree constraints, subtour elimination constraints, chain barring constraints and integrality constraints. Integrality is obtained by branch and bound; subtour elimination and chain barring constraints are first relaxed and only imposed when they are found to be violated. Computational results are reported.

The Incidence Algebra of Designs with Automorphisms

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Abstract

A t -design (or generalized Steiner system) $S(A;t,k,v)$ is an incidence structure (X, \mathcal{B}) with v points X and b blocks \mathcal{B} , such that each block is incident with exactly k points and in which any t points are simultaneously incident with λ blocks. It has a group G as an automorphism group if $G \leq \text{Sym}(X)$ and G preserves \mathcal{B} . In this paper we study the $P(X)$ by $P(X)$ matrices over the rationals \mathbb{Q} which are left invariant under the natural action of G on $P(X)$. By doing so we obtain generalizations of the identities which Wilson has found among the higher incidence matrices of an $S(A;t,k,v)$ and derive yet a further extension of Fisher's inequality.

CONSTANT WEIGHT CODES AS EXTENSIONS OF RESOLVABLE BIBD'S

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Abstract

Upon the removal of a distinguished subset of points from the affine plane of order $2'$ it is possible to construct a resolvable balanced incomplete block design with parameters $(v, k, r, b) = (2^{2''-1} - 2^{2'-1}, 2^{2'-1}, 1, 2' + 1, 22' - 1)$. Each such resolvable design can be extended to construct two optimal constant weight codes, $A(n, 26, w)$, with $0 = w - 1$. These codes solve the "packing problem" which seeks the largest number of w -subsets of an n -set with the property that any pair of objects occurs in at most one w -subset.

INTERSECTION PRESERVING EMBEDDINGS
OF PARTIAL MENDELSON TRIPLE SYSTEMS

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A cyclic triple $\{(a,b), (b,c), (c,a)\}$ is a collection of three ordered pairs of distinct elements in which each of the ordered pairs represents a directed edge in the above directed triangle.

A Mendelsohn triple system (MTS) is a pair (S, T) where S is a set and T is a collection of cyclic triples with the property that every ordered pair of distinct elements of S belongs to exactly one cyclic triple in T .

First we show that any pair of partial MTSs of order v can always be embedded in an intersection preserving pair of triple systems of order u for every admissible $u \geq 6v+3$. The obvious question to ask now is whether or not an arbitrary collection of MTSs can always be embedded in an intersection preserving set of MTSs. We will show that **such a collection has infinitely many such embeddings.**

Coronation Numbers of Trees
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A partially ordered set P has coronation number c iff for any subset S of P , if any c points in S have an upper bound, then S has an upper bound. Any tree (with subtrees as convex sets) forms a convex geometry (alias antimatroid or APS shelling structure). This paper determines the coronation number of the poset of subatomic extensions of a tree in the lattice of convex geometries. A subatomic extension is one contained in a geometry obtained from the underlying tree by adjoining a single new shelling order.

Posets Described By Their Bound Sets

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Let (P, \leq) be a finite poset. The upper bound set $\mu^+(P) = \{l(p) \mid p \in P\}$ with $U(p) = \{x \in P \mid x \geq p\}$. The lower bound set $\mu^-(P)$ is similarly described. The double bound set $\mu(P) = \mu^+(P) \cup \mu^-(P)$ with $D(p) = \{y \in P \mid y \leq p\}$.

Let s_1 and s_2 be sets of positive integers. There is a poset (P, \leq) with $s_1 = \mu^+(P)$ and $s_2 = \mu^-(P)$ iff $1 \in s_1 \cap s_2$.

Let $\mu(s_1; s_2)$ be the minimum number of elements in a poset (P, \leq) with $s_1 = \mu^+(P)$, $s_2 = \mu^-(P)$. We determine bounds on $\mu(s_1; s_2)$ for general (s_1, s_2) and determine $\mu(s_1; s_2)$ when (P, \leq) is self-dual and $s_1 = s_2$.

Let $\mu(S)$ be the minimum number of elements in a poset (P, \leq) with $S = \mu^+(P)$. We determine $\mu(S)$ for certain sets S .

GAMES ON TREES

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Suppose two players take turns moving a marker away from the root of a finite tree, one edge at a time; when some player cannot move, he loses and the game is over. Let $p(n)$ denote the probability that the first player to

move wins in a game played on a tree T chosen at random from then-vertex trees in a family F of rooted trees. We determine the limiting value of $p(n)$ for suitable simply generated families F when the players follow certain types of strategies. For example, suppose p is the radius of convergence of the generating function $y(x)$ for trees in F and $r = y(p)$; if both players move at random then $p(n) + \{1 + (p, t_2, -p)\}^2 / 2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

HEIGHTS OF MONOTONICALLY LABELED BINARY TREES

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Monotonically labeled binary trees are binary trees with internal nodes labeled with 1's and 2's in which a node labeled with 1 is never the son of a node labeled with 2. Kirschenhofer and Prodinger have shown that the average height of such trees with n internal nodes is

$$\frac{1}{2} \log_2 n + O(1)$$

A simple proof of this result and some extensions of it will be provided.

Optimum Communication Spanning Trees in Chordal Graphs

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The optimum communication spanning tree problem is to locate a spanning tree which minimizes the sum of the lengths or the shortest routes between all pairs of nodes in a graph, weighted by traffic requirements. Although NP-complete in general, this problem has an efficient solution for series-parallel graphs when all requirements are equal. We extend this efficient solution to chordal graphs with bounded clique size; our strategy exploits the recursive structure of chordal graphs to devise a recursive method whose running time is exponential in the size of the largest clique.

Title : An $O(n^2 \log n)$ Extended Time Algorithm for the All Pairs Shortest Path Problem over a Certain Class of Graphs.

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Abstract: We have an algorithm for the all pairs shortest path problem (abbreviated as ALLPAIRS) with $O(n^2 \log n)$ expected running time. In this algorithm, the outgoing edges from each vertex are sorted, which takes $O(n \log n)$ time over n vertices. Then the single source problem is solved in $O(n \log n)$ expected time n times by changing the sources, which takes $O(n \log^2 n)$ expected time.

This algorithm was improved by Bloniarz, and Takaoka and Lioffat. In both improved methods, the presort technique is used. The overall expected times are $O(n^2 \log n \log^* n)$ and $O(n \log n \log \log n)$ respectively.

In the present paper, Spira's algorithm is improved by a different approach from the above two. It accumulates the information obtained by earlier single source problems. This accumulation of information will save the computing time for later single source problems. We can establish $O(n^2 \log n)$ expected computing time for ALLPAIRS by this method.

An algorithm for finding the generalized incidence matrices for group actions.

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If G acts on the set S one technique for determining the t -designs on S fixed by G uses the matrices A_{tk} whose rows are indexed by orbits of t -sets under G , and whose columns are indexed by orbits of k -sets, defined as follows: If B is an orbit of t -sets and C is an orbit of k -sets, the (B, C) entry of A_{tk} is the number of B containing each C . An algorithm which calculates these numbers by generating a tree-like structure is described. The structure embodies information which also allows the calculation of both the orbit representative for any subset of S , and an element of G taking the subset to its orbit representative. Its efficiency is compared with other algorithms in use for this purpose.

Metric, Cometric Association Schemes
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If the parameters of an association scheme satisfy the triangle inequality then the scheme is called metric and gives rise to a distance regular graph. If its dual parameters do it is called cometric. If it is both, then all its parameters can almost be given in closed form in terms of $i, j, k < 3$.

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Existence for holey SOLSSOHs of type 2^n

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Abstract

R.C. Mullin and D.R. Stinson have proved that there exist holey SOLSSOHs of type 2^n for all odd $n > 3$ with the possible exceptions $n = 15, 33, 39, 75$ and 87 . They have also conjectured that holey SOLSSOHs of type 2^n exist for all even $n \geq 6$. In this paper we construct holey SOLSSOHs of type 2^n for odd $n \in \{39, 75\}$ and for all even $n \geq 46$ with the possible exception of $n \in \{48, 50, 52, 54, 58, 62, 68, 72, 74, 76, 80, 84, 88, 108, 114\}$.

Generalized Quadrangles with $t = s + 2$
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A catalogue is compiled of all known models of generalized quadrangles of order (s, t) with $t = s + 2$. Isomorphisms between these models are discussed and some characterization theorems are given.

Closed Neighborhood Containment Graphs 56
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If $G = (V, E)$ is a graph, then the closed neighborhood containment graph, denoted $N(G)$, has vertex set equal to V , and $\{x, y\} \in E \iff [N(x) \cap N(y) \neq \emptyset \text{ or } N(x) \subseteq N(y) \text{ or } N(y) \subseteq N(x)]$. $N(G)$ is complete if and only if G is a threshold graph. $N(G)$ can be computed in linear time given the adjacency lists for G . We characterize $N(G)$ for

various classes of graphs, including vertex transitive graphs, complete multipartite graphs, and various types of trees. Thus $N(G)$ can aid in determining if a graph is in a particular class.

Closed neighborhood containment graphs are comparability graphs. Therefore, many parameters for these graphs are easily calculable in polynomial time. We show that the domination number of G is bounded by the vertex clique number of $N(G)$, and that this bound is sharp.

The Chromatic Index of Nearla Bipartite Multigraphs
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A rule is given for determining the chromatic index of any multigraph which contains a point whose deletion yields a bipartite multigraph. Some related problems on edge-coloring and multigraph arboricity are also discussed.

Hamiltonian Cycles in Random Graphs
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There has been a good deal of progress recently on determining when a random graph almost surely contains a hamiltonian cycle. We review this progress and point out some open problems.

ESTIMATING THE CHROMATIC NUMBER OF
MODERATELY LARGE RANDOM GRAPHS
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We describe the application of probabilistic, heuristic, and algorithmic techniques to obtain reliable estimates of the chromatic number of random graphs having several hundred to several thousand vertices. Specifically we develop improved probabilistic lower bounds for the chromatic number of a random graph. We introduce an heuristic estimation formula for the chromatic number of a random graph and a greedy paradigm for a family of coloring algorithms. The proposed algorithms are compared with several heuristic algorithms from the literature and shown to significantly reduce the number of colors required for coloring large random graphs. Our results provide substantial evidence that the chromatic number of a random graph should likely fall in a very narrow range in close proximity to our chromatic number estimate. For the benchmark random graph on one-thousand vertices with edge probability one-half our results indicate that the chromatic number will (with high probability) be in the range 85 ± 12 .

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We introduce the notion of bandsize in analogy to bandwidth, as the smallest number of edge-differences over all vertex-numberings. We make several observations which allow us to estimate the bandsize of complete binary trees. It follows from our results that the bandsize of the complete binary tree of height n is between $c_1 n$ and $c_2 n$ where $0 < c_1 < c_2 < 1$. This is in sharp contrast with the bandwidth of these trees which is roughly $2^n/n$.

Bandwidth minimization for refinements of caterpillars
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Let G be a graph and $f: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$ a one-one map. The bandwidth $B(G)$ of G is defined by $B(G) = \min_f \max\{|f(v) - f(w)| : vw \in E(G)\}$. This parameter is connected with the efficient storage of matrices and operation of systolic systems. The problem of given G and k whether $B(G) < k$ is NP-complete, even when G is a tree of maximum degree 3. We describe a polynomial time algorithm for finding bandwidth in a certain class of trees, obtained by refinement of caterpillar graphs. We also show that the bandwidth problem for arbitrary refinements of caterpillars having three points of degree greater than two is NP-complete.

GRAPH-THEORETIC MODELING OF CELLULAR DEVELOPMENT: A HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE EMBODYING DEATH

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ABSTRACT

Sequences of graphs G_0, G_1, \dots , in which G_i generates G_{i+1} according to some simple rules have been used successfully by Lindenmayer and others to model the morphogenesis of plants such as ferns. The rules for obtaining growth stage G_{i+1} from G_i generally have been determined solely by the reproductive characteristics of the cells, i.e., the death of cells was not considered. Here we introduce graph sequences G_0, G_1, \dots governed by the following rules of growth:

- i) $G_0 = K_1$
- ii) each cell (vertex) m of G_i produces one daughter cell d and $N(d) = N(m) \cup \{m\}$
- iii) the positive integer x is fixed and a cell with degree x or more dies.

An extension to an algebraic approach to graph isomorphism

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Abstract

Some invariants for distinguishing non-isomorphic graphs can be computed in polynomial time by considering an undirected graph as a physical object of point masses and elastic edges. These invariants can distinguish several pairs of graphs with an equal number of nodes and edges.

However, the simplest technique produces invariants which are not complete. That is, a computer program found a pair of non-isomorphic graphs which produced the same invariant.

Extensions to the simple technique for computing invariants are numerous. It remains to be seen whether the extensions can still be computed in polynomial time to provide a complete set of invariants for graph isomorphism.

Petersen subdivisions in some regular graphs

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Tutte has conjectured that every 2-connected cubic graph not containing a subdivision of the Petersen graph is 3-edge-colourable, a result which would be a strong form of the Four Colour Theorem. This is shown to be true for graphs which have a 2-factor consisting of two chordless cycles. General r -regular graphs with a 2-factor of this kind are also discussed; if they have no Petersen subdivision they are hamiltonian and r -edge-colourable.

New Methods to Construct Minimal Broadcast Networks

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Broadcasting is the process of information dissemination in a communication

network in which a message, originated by one member, is transmitted to all members of the network. A minimal broadcast network (mbn) is a communication network in which a message can be broadcast in minimum time regardless of originator. A minimum broadcast graph (mbg) is a mbn which has the fewest number of communication links. No technique is known for constructing mbgs of arbitrary size. We present new methods for constructing mbns which have approximately the minimum number of links possible. The resulting networks often have fewer links than previously described networks of this type.

SUBGRAPHS WITH SHORT CYCLES

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At an earlier Southeastern Conference (1982) two of us considered, for a graph with many edges, the possible size of a subgraph in which each pair of edges lie together in a short cycle. It was shown that for $G(n, cn^2)$ with n vertices and cn^2 edges, for a positive constant, there is a positive constant c' and subgraph H with $c'n$ edges such that each pair of edges of H are in a cycle of H of length 4 or 6. (We may also require that two edges with a common end point are on a cycle of length 4.)

Here we study a similar question for graphs with cn^{2-k} edges. Let $fk(n, k)$ be the largest integer such that each $G(n, cn^{2-k})$ has a subgraph H with $fk(n, k)$ edges, each pair lying on a cycle of length $2k$ in H . In general $fk(n, k) \leq cn^{2-k/2}$. We show that $fk(n, k) \geq cn^{2-k/3}$ and that this result is the best possible for $k=3$, but do not yet know more when $k>3$. We also consider the case in which each pair of edges with a common end-point are required to lie in a cycle of length $2k-2$.

Containment of Elementary



Geometric Objects

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Given two simple polygons, O_i , O_k , O_k is said to fit into O_i if it can be moved by translations and rotations in such a way that it lies completely inside O_i . Consider the following problem: It is possible to characterize geometrical objects O_k by sets of parameters $O(i)$, $1 < i < m$, in such a way that the containment problem is equivalent to vector dominance; i.e. O_i fits into O_k if and only if $P_1(i) \leq P_k(i)$, $1 < i \leq m$?

In [1] an interesting result was established: even in the case of rectangles, no such set of parameters can be found regardless of the size of m .

In this paper we continue this investigation by presenting positive results for some cases of elementary geometrical objects. For example, if O_i is a rectangle and O_k a square, the containment problem can be solved by using vector dominance.

We also study some properties of the partial order defined on the plane as induced by the containment relation in rectangles. For example the dimension of this partial order is not finite.

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Getting Your Chickens Elected



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Brooks Reid has shown that an n -tournament T without a transmitter can be embedded in an m -tournament W such that the kings of W are exactly the vertices of T . Moreover, he has shown that m need be at most $2n$. In this paper a construction for W is given such that

$$m \leq (\log(n+1)) / 2 + 5(\log(n+1)) / 2 - 4.$$

Max and Min Relationships of Disconnected Colorings



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Let $G=(V,E)$ be an ordinary graph. A partition of V into V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k is called a disconnected coloring of G if for each V_i , the induced subgraph (V_i) is either disconnected or a K_1 . The minimum number k for all such partitions, denoted $d(G)$, is defined to be the disconnected coloring number of G . The maximum number k such that each (V_i) is disconnected or a K_1 , while $(V - V_i)$ is connected for each pair i, j , will be defined to be the maximum disconnected coloring, denoted by $X(G)$. Some properties of these two parameters and their relations with other max and min parameters of graphs will be discussed.

A Group Theoretic Classification of Polynomial Sequences

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A substitution is a linear, degree preserving map on polynomials. These form a group S . Basic, Euler, binomial, and Sheffer sequences correspond to substitutions belonging to certain subgroups of S , denoted S_0 , E , B , and S_1 . These are characterized and interrelated group theoretically by means of the twist and factorial maps. We show that S_1 is the normalizer of E in S , and the semidirect product of E and B , whereas B is the normalizer of E in S_0 . This is applied to generating functions.

COLOURING STEINER SYSTEM.\$

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A Steiner system (X, B) , denoted $S(T, k, v)$, is a v -set X of vertices and a collection B of k -subsets of X called blocks. A Steiner system may be coloured either by colouring the vertices, with the requirement that no block be monochromatic, or by colouring the blocks so that different blocks of the same colour are disjoint. This article surveys vertex and block colourings of Steiner systems.

Strategies for a Multi person Contest with
Sequentially-Overlapping Stochastically-Independent Events
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In a succession of three tosses of a die, each die outcome being classified as even or odd, any of the eight possible results is equally likely to happen. However, if we consider sequentially-overlapping sets of three tosses, then for any of the eight choices, there is at least one from among the other seven which will likely occur before that designated choice.

This is an already established fact. (See M. Gardner, Scientific American Oct. 1974 and W. Penny, Journal of Recreational Mathematics Oct. 1969). Gardner and Penny consider only a two person contest each person having only one choice.

This paper asks and answers the query "how many choices can I permit to occur before making my choice(s) from among those as yet unchosen and still enter last with an advantage?" (each choice requires a unit wager) and also which choice(s) should I make?

The combinatorics require the computation of the probability of winning (i.e. occurring first) for each choice when competing within a set of n choices: $n: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$. This is not a trivial calculation and was done by Mrs. Mary Kerfoot on a Univac 1110 at Michigan Technological University.

K Best Bases of Matroids

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In a matroid $M=(E, \mathcal{I})$ with element set E and basis set \mathcal{I} the problem of finding a best basis D can easily be solved by the Greedy algorithm. We show how for a given positive integer K the K best bases D_1, \dots, D_K can be found. By using an algebraic approach we are able to develop a single algorithm for ranking the bases according to different objective functions such as sum objective and bottleneck objective.

Non-binary 3-connected matroids

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It is well-known that a matroid is binary if and only if it has no minor isomorphic to $u_{2,4}$, the 4-point line.

Extending this, R.E. Bixby proved that every element in a non-binary connected matroid is in a $u_{2,4}$ -minor. For 3-connected non-binary matroids this was further strengthened by P.D. Seymour who showed that every pair of elements in such a matroid is in a $u_{2,4}$ -minor. This talk presents

several results for 3-connected matroids, the main one of which extends Seymour's theorem by showing that if $\{x, y, z\}$ is contained in a non-binary 3-connected matroid M , then either M has a $u_{2,4}$ -minor using $\{x, y, z\}$, or M has a minor isomorphic to the rank 3 whirl that uses $\{x, y, z\}$ as its rim or as its spokes,

The Initialization of Variables. and Problems of Forward References: a Graph-theoretic Approach

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Abstract

The high level language CHILL allows forward references between variables which are initialized at their declara-

tions. This implies the danger to construct cyclic definitions. In some cases those "cycles" can be detected at compile-time. In other cases it is not possible to decide at compile-time whether there will be "cycles" at run-time or not. In order to avoid a run-time-overhead it is, however, desirable to detect and exclude such cases at compile-time. Therefore appropriate conditions for the use of forward references must be stated and algorithms must be developed which can examine those conditions.

In the paper the conditions will be specified with reference to a directed graph. Also an algorithm will be presented that checks these conditions by transversing the graph,

DISTRIBUTED ALGORITHMS FOR NETWORK RECOGNITION PROBLEMS (Abstract)

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Distributed Algorithms for Graph problems are motivated both by the necessity to deal with dynamic reconfigurations of networks and, due to their decisive role in obtaining insights into the communicational structures of problems. As in the sequential case, simpler and less expensive distributed algorithms can be designed when the network has a restricted structure. In several applications, it may be worthwhile to preprocess the network to see if it has such a structure, before using a complicated algorithm. In this paper, we present algorithms to determine if a given network is a tree, mesh, ring, star, complete graph, or, bipartite graph. All algorithms are deterministic, none of them use more than $o(E)$ messages and the techniques used for these algorithms vary from divide-and-conquer to problem-specific tricks. Most of these algorithms are asynchronous, thus avoiding any overheads such as the phase-termination detection.

Cographs: recognition, applications and algorithms

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Cographs are the graphs formed from a single vertex under the closure of the operations of union and complement. Another characterization of cographs is that they are the undirected graphs with no induced P_4 s. From this characterization it is clear that cographs arise naturally in such application areas as examination scheduling and automatic clustering of index terms. Furthermore, it is known that cographs have a unique tree representation called a cotree. Using the cotree it is possible to construct very fast polynomial time algorithms for problems which are intractable for graphs in general. Such problems include chromatic number, clique determination, clustering, minimum weight domination, isomorphism and Hamiltonicity. In this paper we present a linear time algorithm for recognizing cographs and constructing their cotree representation, and a number of algorithms which use the cotree are described.

DOMINATION ALGORITHMS ON SERIES-PARALLEL GRAPHS

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The class of series-parallel graphs has been widely studied recently. Kikuno, Yoshida and Kakuda have written a linear algorithm which finds a minimum dominating set in a series-parallel graph. A dominating set is a set D of vertices of a graph such that every vertex is either in D or adjacent to some vertex in D . A total dominating set is a set D such that every vertex is adjacent to some vertex in D . An independent dominating set is a dominating set none of whose vertices are adjacent. We modify the algorithm of Kikuno, Yoshida and Kakuda to produce linear algorithms which find minimum total dominating sets and minimum independent dominating sets of a series-parallel graph;

A Class of Maximal L-matrices

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Abstract

A class of L-matrices called maximal L-matrices is defined. We show how to associate with these matrices corresponding maximal digraphs and signed digraphs. We then investigate the connection between maximal L-matrices and trees. In particular, we show how to construct a maximal digraph corresponding to each caterpillar and establish the form of the resulting L-matrix. Finally, we show that our construction will not work if the tree T is not a caterpillar.

SIGNED GRAPHS OF NETFORMS

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This paper applies the theory of economic correlation and signed graphs associated with rectangular matrices to the special class of netforms. We show how the signed graph inversion method can provide a basis for incorporating artificial intelligence into computer-assisted modeling. Netforms and transportation matrices are characterized in terms of signed graphs, and an algorithm is given that determines when two signed graphs are compatible as models of the economic correlation in a netform.

TITLE: ON THE MATRIX CONGRUENCE $UAV \equiv A \pmod{P^n}$.

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ABSTRACT: In this paper the solutions to the congruence $UAV \equiv A \pmod{p^n}$ are counted for general U, V as well as for invertible U, V . The motivation is the desire to count the incongruent matrices $\pmod{p^n}$ having a given canonical form. This canonical form was developed in an earlier paper published in the 'Annali di Matematica'.

An Efficient Implementation of a Planar Mesh Plotting Algorithm
For Modelling Symmetric Gaussian Elimination

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The use of graph theory has long been useful for both the analysis and comparative study of various orderings for sparse symmetric Gaussian elimination. We present an efficient implementation of a plotting algorithm for a planar mesh model of symmetric Gaussian elimination which precisely reflects the zero-nonzero structure of the part of the matrix remaining to be factored. The asymptotic time and space complexities of the algorithm are proved. The algorithm is then shown to be asymptotically optimal.

A VLSI SYSTOLIC ARRAY

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FAST BAND MATRIX TRIANGULATION

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A high speed systolic computing array realizable in VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) circuit technology is developed for fast triangulation of large scale, band form, linear equation systems. By combining parallel and pipelined concepts, the computing structure can triangulate an augmented matrix $(A: E)N \times (N+1)$ where A is in band form or can be permuted a priori to minimum band form, to upper triangular matrix $(Q; s)$ in $9(N)$ time steps compared to $O(N^2)$ in today's main frame computers.

The new algorithm incorporated with advanced semiconductor technology will likely represent the dedicated architecture of next generation computers in this type of large scale linear equation systems.

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Measurement of the Effectiveness of Alternative
Priority Rules in Network Scheduling

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Networks are commonly used to represent scheduling relationships which exist in a project. Either nodes or arcs are used to designate the activities which are to be scheduled. Each activity has attributes such as duration and a vector of resource requirements. It is frequently technologically possible to concurrently schedule certain activities, but there are insufficient resources to do so. Such problems can be formulated as discrete mathematical programs. However, considerations such as the availability of computing equipment and software, uncertain data, and the need for rapid response times result in the widespread use of priority rules in network scheduling. For example, "schedule the shortest activity first" is a priority rule.

The effects of different priority rules upon project makespan are statistically measured via a simulation experiment. Details of the experimental design are discussed. Then linear models of the functional relationships between makespan and network attributes are presented, followed by a marginal comparison of effectiveness of alternative priority rules. The adequacy of the modeling procedure is examined, and then conclusions and inferences are provided.

Asymptotical growth of a class of random trees.

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Abstract. Consider a countable sequence of independent copies of a stationary ergodic process with a finite state space. These processes are interpreted, for example, as nonterminating, say, m -adic expansions of independent random numbers $x_n \in (0, 1]$. Three growth rules (algorithms), each of which leads to a related sequence $\{t_n\}$ of nested m -ary trees associated with $\{x_n\}$, are studied. In t_n , the length of the path from the root of t_n to its node labelled x_n is shown to grow, in probability, as $\ln n/h$, where h is the entropy per symbol of the generic process. Also, $\liminf L/\ln n$, $\limsup L/\ln n$ are proved to be, almost surely, some constants c_1, c_2 ($c_1 < h^{-1} < c_2$) whose values depend on the rule being used. The results shed light on probable behavior of the (digital) search-insertion algorithms.

Maximizing cohesive reliability in series-parallel networks

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A common measure of network reliability is *probabilistic connectedness*, the probability that every site in a network can communicate with every other site. Studies typically assume that network links fail independently with uniform probability p and that sites never fail. Though $\#P$ -complete for general graphs, probabilistic connectedness can be measured in time linear in n , the number of links in the network, for series-parallel networks. It is remarkable that the most reliable series-parallel networks are *generalized Jans*, maximal series-parallel networks with exactly two sites or degree two. For some applications, a network may not be considered operational unless it has edge connectivity (cohesion) or at least k ; for example, high cohesion may be necessary to avoid routing problems and queuing delay. We generalize probabilistic connectedness to k -cohesive connectedness and show that for two-cohesive connectedness, generalized Jans are again the most reliable maximal series-parallel networks.

An extremal function for contractions of graphs

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The function $c(p)$ is defined for positive integers $p \geq 2$ by

$$c(p) = \inf \{ c : e(G) \geq 2c \setminus G \implies G \text{ is } K_p \text{ minor} \}$$

where \setminus denotes contraction. Random graph examples show $c(p) > 0.265p/(\log 2p) (1 + o(1))$. In 1968 Mader showed that $c(p) \leq 8(p-2)L \log 2(p-2)$ and more recently Kostochka showed that $pJ(\log p)$ is the correct order for $c(p)$. We present a simple argument showing $c(p) \leq 2.68p/(\log 2p) (1 + o(1))$.

LOCAL MOTIONS

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Let A, B, C, D be a quadrangle in any projective plane and $E=AB' \cap CD$, $F=AC \cap BD$, $G=AD \cap BC$ be its diagonal points, then a local motion fixes A , sends B to E , C to F , D to G . Local motions are linkable in Fano-free planes. In such Desarguesian planes these motions extend to global ones. In ordered planes (Pano-free) let A be interior to BCD . The sequence of diagonal triangles formed by repeated application converge to fixed point A in Pappian ordered planes iff the field is Archimedean. Thus we define Archimedean ordered planes as those with such convergence.

The Fano configuration is contrary to Fano's axiom. We define Coxeter's configuration to be contrary to Cor. 2.42, Real Proj. Plane, namely, two quadrangles sharing a vertex and diagonal points. Finite Coxeter-free, Fano-free planes have odd order. We are in the midst of a computer calculation either obtaining a new order 9 plane (unlikely) or showing such order 9 planes are Desarguesian.

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Title: Planes of Prime Order with Translations.

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By: A.B.Evans¹ and R.Mcfarland.

Abstract: It has long been conjectured that any affine plane of prime order must be Desarguesian. In this paper, we study affine planes of prime order that admit translations.

We define a graph whose vertices are permutations of $[1, \dots, p-1]$, two permutations being adjacent if their difference modulo p is also a permutation of $[1, \dots, p-1]$. Let G be the subgraph induced by the identity permutation and all permutations adjacent to it.

The search for non-Desarguesian planes of prime order, admitting translations, is reduced to the search for $p-1$ cliques in G .

We show that, if $p=11$, there is only one $p-1$ clique in G , and deduce that no non-Desarguesian plane of order 11, admitting translations, can exist.

CONSTRUCTIONS OF FINITE PROPER PROJECTIVE PLANES FROM GROUPS

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Let G be a finite group and let m be a positive integer. We give necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a finite projective plane π having G as a collineation group acting with exactly m point orbits. The conditions are given in terms of a pair (Z, H) where Z is an $m \times m$ matrix with nonnegative integer entries and H is an $m \times m$ matrix whose entries are subsets of the group G . This representation is a generalization of both the usual incidence matrix representation of a finite projective plane and the difference set representation of a plane.

We describe constructions of all known finite proper projective planes in terms of our conditions using the projective general linear groups $PGL(3, q)$. (A proper projective plane is a projective plane whose automorphism group fixes no point or line.)

CN 'THE RAMSEY NUMBER FOR 'THE FIVE SPOKED WHEEL

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It was conjectured by Paul Erdos that the Ramsey number $r(G)$ for any graph G satisfies the strict inequality $r(G) > r(K_n)$, where $n = |G|$. This has been verified for $n = 3$. The conjecture for $n = 4$ reduces to showing that $r(W_5) > 18$, where W_5 represents the five spoked wheel. Chvatal and Schwenk showed that $17 \leq r(W_5) \leq 20$. In this paper it is shown that $r(W_5) = 19$, and good colorings of K_{18} are considered.

Shortest Even Cycles

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An elementary algorithm is presented to find a shortest cycle of even length in a graph. Breadth first search is used in analogy to the algorithms for finding shortest odd cycles and the girth. Edmonds had previously solved this problem (and a more general one) using an auxiliary graph and the weighted matching algorithm. The algorithm presented runs in $O(V^2 \log V)$.

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ABSTRACT: In this article we determine the maximum number of arcs of a strong digraph of order n , without cycle of length at least $n-k$, for $n \geq k^2+2k+5$; thus we partially solve a conjecture of J.C. BERMOND, A. GERMA, M. C. HEYDEMANN and D. SOTTEAU.

We give a conjecture concerning the maximum number of arcs of a strong digraph of order n , of minimum half-degree r , without cycle of length at least $n-k$, for n large. We prove it for $r=2$, $k=1$ or $k=2$.

The talk will include a brief survey on the subject.

COUNTING RESTRICTED PERMUTATIONS

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We are concerned with counting permutations which do not contain certain subsequences. The number of even and odd such permutations is found and the involutions among them are counted. Bijections are determined between sets of such permutations and other combinatorial objects. These results complement previous work by Knuth, Lovasz, Rotem, and Stanley.

ITERATIVE ROOTS OF PERMUTATIONS OF FINITE SETS

by

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ABSTRACT

Let f, g two transformations of the same finite sets; g is an iteration root of order m of f if $g^m = f$, where the power is considered with respect to function composition.

We reduce the problem of the existence of iteration roots of permutations to the consistency of a diophantic system of equations related to the graphs attached to functions.

The main result of the paper is a characterisation of permutations of finite sets admitting iterative roots. This is an extension of one of our previous results (Proceedings of the Thirteenth International Symposium on Multiple-Valued Logic, May 1983, Kyoto, Japon, 183-187).

Random permutations and Brownian motion.

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Abstract. Consider the cycles of the random permutation of length n . Let $X_n(t)$ be the number of cycles with length not exceeding n^t , $t \in [0, 1]$. The random process $Y_n(t) = (X_n(t) - t \ln n) / \ln^{1/2} n$ is shown to converge weakly to the standard Brownian motion $W(t)$, $t \in [0, 1]$. It follows that, as a process, the empirical distribution function of "loglengths" of the cycles weakly converges to the Brownian Bridge process. As another corollary, an alternative proof is given for the Erdos-Turan Theorem: it states that the group-order of random permutation is asymptotically e^U , where U is Gaussian with mean $\ln^2 n / 2$ and variance $\ln^3 n / 3$.

CARDINALITIES OF EQUIVALENCE RELATIONS

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Let $T(e) = \frac{r!}{1!} + \dots + \frac{r!}{r!}$ for any partition a with r parts, and let

$$f(k) = \min \{p: k = T(a) \text{ for some } a \vdash p\}.$$

For given $m > n$, there is an equivalence relation on an n -set having cardinality m (as a set of ordered pairs) if, and only if, $(m-n)/2$ is integral and $f((m-n)/2) \leq n$.

Clearly $f(k) = b(k) + f(k - b(k))$ where $b(k)$ is the largest part in any partition $a \vdash f(k)$ with $T(a) = k$. If $r(k) = \max \{r: k \vdash r\}$ then $b(k) = r(k)$ for all $k \geq 1$. It is shown that, in fact, $b(k) = r(k)$ holds with finitely many exceptions. These exceptional cases are enumerated explicitly, thereby giving a very efficient general method for computing $f(k)$.

THE COMBINATORICS OF RECORDS

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A record (or a "high") is a term in a sequence which is not less than any previous term. We calculate the number of sequences with r records, or with s strict records, or with h highs and l lows. The enumeration depends on the type of sequence. Such types are arising from bijections $[n] \rightarrow [n]$, or from injections $[n] \rightarrow [k]$, $n \leq k$, or from surjections $[n] \rightarrow [d]$, $d \leq n$. The enumeration follows from generating functions, using the theory of species (Royal). Applications occur in testing for independence in a sequence of observations.

Trees with 1-factors

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A matched tree is a tree which admits a 1-factor. Characterizations of matched trees are given and bijections

are constructed between matched trees and certain oriented trees. The degree distribution of labeled matched trees is described. Generating functions and asymptotics are obtained for the number of rooted, planted, unlabeled and identity matched trees.

The Maximum Number of Edges in an Oriented

Graph without Long Directed Paths

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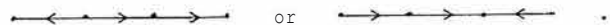
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An oriented graph is strongly connected if for every pair (x, y) of vertices, there exists a directed path from x to y . The length of a directed path $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t$ is t , the number of edges in the path. For positive integers n and t with $n \geq t - 1$, let $H(n, t)$ denote the maximum number of edges in a strongly connected oriented graph on n vertices which contains no directed path of length t . M. C. Heydemann gave an exact formula for $H(n, t)$ when t is relatively large in comparison with n , i.e., when $n < 2t - 2$. She also gave a conjecture for $H(n, t)$ when $n > 2t - 2$. In this paper we settle Heydemann's conjecture in the affirmative. Our results show that $H(n, t)$ always equals the number of edges in a complete multipartite graph although not all parts in this graph have equal size.

On the Recursive Chromatic Number of Recursive Strongly Oriented Graphs
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An oriented graph G is strongly oriented provided that it is acyclic
and it contains no induced subgraph of the form



This is a strengthening of Chvatal's notion of perfectly ordered graph.
 G is a recursive oriented graph if there is an algorithm which deter-
mines whether or not a given vertex or directed edge is in G . We give
best possible bounds on the recursive chromatic number of a recursive
strongly oriented graph G in terms of the clique size of G . This result
generalizes earlier work of Schmerl on the number of recursive antichains
required to cover a recursive poset. This proof leads to a new lower
bound on the number of recursive chains required to cover a recursive
poset.

Message Authentication: A Game on Hypergraphs

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In 1978 the present author showed that the problem of verifying that a message was
indeed sent by the purported transmitter and has not been subsequently modified could be
modeled in complete generality by replacing the classical noisy communications channel
with a game-theoretic channel in which an opponent "plays" so as to optimize his chances
of deceiving the receiver. In subsequent papers it was shown that the probability that
the receiver would be deceived, P_A , could be bounded below by any of several expressions
involving the entropy of the source, $H(S)$; of the messages $H(M)$; of the encoding rules,
 $H(I)$; and of the choices, if any, of messages in an encoding $H(M|I)$. For example, one
such expression is;

$$P_A \geq 2H(S) - H(M) + H(M|I) \quad (1)$$

An authentication system in which equality held in (1) was defined to be perfect.

In this paper we show that authentication systems can also be modeled as a game played
on hypergraphs in which vertices correspond to messages, hyperedges to encoding rules and
vertex labels to source states. For any particular labeled hypergraph (authentication sys-
tem), the transmitter/receiver move first by secretly choosing a hyperedge. The opponent
wins if he successfully chooses an "acceptable" vertex in the hyperedge chosen by the
transmitter/receiver. A system is said to be Cartesian or not according as to whether or
not it can be represented as a Cartesian product of a partition of the vertices with a
labeling of the parts. We first show that for any source, S , and message set, M ,
 $P_A \geq |S|/|M|$. In addition we prove that for any S and M there exists a perfect non-
Cartesian system for which $P_A = |S|/|M|$. We also show that every strongly 1-regular
 k -partite hypergraph on $n = kt$ vertices corresponds to a perfect Cartesian authentication
system with $|S| = k$, $|M| = n$ for which $P_A = |S|/|M| = 1/t$.

A Few Results in Message Authentication

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In message authentication, a transmitter is given a source set S
and a probability distribution on S , a set of messages M to be used for
transmitting the state of the source set, and a set, I , of encoding
rules that determine which messages will be accepted by a receiver as
authentic. For a probability distribution on I , let P_A be the proba-
bility that deception can occur. We will use $H(X)$ to denote the entropy
of a set X . We will show that $H(I|M) - H(I) = H(S) - H(M) + H(M|I)$.
Combining this with G. J. Simmons' bound that $P_A \geq 2H(S) - H(M) + H(M|I)$,
we show that $P_A \geq 2 - \log_2(I)$. This bound was proven by E. Gilbert, F.
MacWilliams, and N. Sloane under slightly stronger conditions. We also
show that if $P_A = 1/|M|$, then $H(M|I) = 0$. We will demonstrate that
group divisible designs with $A_1 = 0$ and $A_2 = 1$ can be used to construct
perfect authentication systems which also satisfy $P_A = 2 - \log_2(I)$.

COUNTING CERTAIN CLASSES OF EVOLUTIONARY TREES

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Evolutionary trees of biology are represented by a
special class of labelled trees. They are characterized
by having disjoint subsets of the labelling set assigned
to the vertices of a tree in such a way that no pendant
vertex is assigned an empty set of labels. The exact and
asymptotic numbers of evolutionary trees are determined
under the presence or absence of three conditions on the
labelling. The optional conditions studied require the
trees to have singleton labels, no vertices of degree two,
and that only pendant vertices be labelled. This paper
completes previous work by the authors on the enumeration
of evolutionary trees under all possible combinations of
the conditions, including the restriction of binary trees.

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GRAPHS WITH EULERIAN CHAINS

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ABSTRACT

An eulerian chain in a graph is a continuous route which traces every edge exactly once. It may be finite or infinite, and may have 0, 1 or 2 end vertices. For each kind of eulerian chain, there is a characterization of the graphs which admit such a tracing. This paper derives a uniform characterization of graphs with an eulerian chain, regardless of the kind of chain. Relationships between the edge complements of various kinds of finite subgraphs are also investigated, and hence a sharpened version of the eulerian chain characterization is derived.

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HOMOGENEOUSLY REPRESENTABLE INTERVAL GRAPHS

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A graph is called an interval graph if every vertex of the graph can be represented by an interval of the real line such that two intervals intersect iff the corresponding vertices are joined by an edge. Such a graph is called homogeneously representable if for each vertex v of the graph, there exists a representation of the graph in which the interval representing v is the leftmost (or rightmost) interval in the representation. Theorem. An interval graph G is homogeneously representable iff G_1 and G_2 shown below are not induced subgraphs of G .



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Quantitative aspects of Szemerédi's theorem modulo n

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The multiset $P = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ is a k -term arithmetic progression modulo n if $a_1 \not\equiv a_2 \pmod{n}$ and $a_2 - a_1 \equiv a_3 - a_2 \equiv \dots \equiv a_k - a_{k-1} \pmod{n}$. For k odd and $k \geq 3$, we find explicit constants $c_k < 1 - 1/k$ such that for any $n \geq k$ and for any subset A of $[0, n-1]$, if $|A| > c_k n$ then A contains a k -term arithmetic progression modulo n . ($c_3 = .5$ and c_5 is about .77.)

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On a Problem Involving Partitions

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ABSTRACT

Given an integer n and given $s(n)$, one of the $p(n)$ partitions of n , we can define $L(n)$ to be the Least common multiple of the parts in the partition $s(n)$. Denoting by $L(n)$ the maximum value over all partitions of n of $L(n)$, several natural questions arise: What is the maximum $L(n)$ as a function of n ? In what manner does the maximum value arise? Can we construct for a given n or a sequence of values of n the partition(s) for which the Least common multiple of the parts is the maximum $L(n)$? In this paper we address these questions, and we present the results of a computation of the partitions which have the maximum Least common multiple, illustrating primarily the steps in the reduction of the computation to one of manageable size.

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Combinatorial sequences of divided powers

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Let H be a Hopf algebra, a and b group-like elements, $da = 1$ and $db = 1$ an (a, b) -primitive element, i.e., $ldd = a \otimes dd + d \otimes 1$. We have defined a sequence of divided powers lying over d as a sequence $\{dn\}$ for $n \geq 0$ with $ldn = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} da_i d_i lhd$. Examples include

sequences $\{pn(x)\}$ of binomial or a -binomial type where $ldx = 1 \otimes x + 1$

and $x^n x^m = \sum_{n+m=q} \binom{n}{n+m} x^{n+m}$ for $n, m \geq 1$, where $\binom{n+m}{n}_q$ are the q -Gaussian

polynomials (in q), and sequences $\{pn(x)\}$ of Eulerian or a -Eulerian type. These latter are to be considered as Laurent series with the usual multiplication and $ldx = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$. Here $P_1(x)$ is $(1, x)$ -primitive. In these examples, the Hopf algebra is both commutative and cocommutative. We give here two examples of SDP's in Hopf algebras which are neither commutative nor cocommutative. They come up in the attempt to construct Hopf algebras of finite dimension whose antipode has order a prescribed positive even integer.

CONTINUED FRACTIONS FOR CERTAIN ALGEBRAIC POWER SERIES

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Let F be a finite field and let $K = F((z^{-1}))$ be the field of formal power series in z^{-1} over F . The usual theory of continued fractions carries over to K , with the polynomials in z playing the role of the integers. We study the continued fraction expansions of certain elements of K which are algebraic over $F(x)$, the field of rational functions of z .

We give the first explicit expansions of algebraic elements of degree greater than 2 for which the degrees of the partial quotients are bounded. In particular we study the continued fraction expansion of the solution f in K of the Baum-Sweet cubic $x^3 + fx + x = 0$ when $F = GF(2)$. The first few hundred partial quotients of this continued fraction were obtained by computer, a pattern was guessed, and then later we were able to prove that this pattern was correct. The method of proof can be extended to other continued fractions.

Generalized wreath products in combinatorics
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Generalized wreath products of groups were introduced into combinatorics by Bailey et al. to study certain tree structures used frequently by statisticians in designed experiments. The major statistical interest is in the case where the constituent groups are full symmetric groups but the case of general permutation groups arises from other combinatorial structures, such as a generalization of the wreath and direct product constructions for graphs studied by Sabidussi.

This talk will survey the uses of this construction in combinatorics.

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A GRAPH CONDITION FOR WORD PROBLEM SOLVABILITY

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Let I be a finite set of identities defining a variety V of universal algebras. A directed graph $G(I)$ is defined, using the representation of the words occurring in I as labelled trees. If the identities have a restricted syntactic form, then the absence of cycles in $G(I)$ implies that the word problem for finite V -presentations is always solvable. The proof involves the use of a completion procedure (adding in 'critical pairs'), which is shown to always halt successfully when $G(I)$ is acyclic.

THE ROOTED TREE COMPLEXITY OF A DATA DEPENDENCY GRAPH AS A SOFTWARE METRIC

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Metrics for the cognitive complexity of software have been of considerable recent interest, and most of these are graph theoretic in their basis, with the cyclomatic complexity of McCabe being the best known. It is proposed that the data dependency graph of a program is a useful and not sufficiently investigated model of the program's complexity. Furthermore the count of rooted spanning trees of this graph is logically justified as a measure of the graph related to the complexity of the original algorithm, and its calculation from the program is reasonable.

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On Hamiltonian Cycles in Cycle Permutation Graphs

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Let G be a cycle with $V(G) = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and let $c \in ES$. The cycle permutation graph $P_c(G)$ consists of two copies of G , G_1 and G_2 , with $V(G_1) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and $V(G_2) = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ along with the edge (x_i, y_i) for $1 \leq i \leq n$.

In 1972, Klee discussed the problem of determining for which n does there exist a nonhamiltonian cycle permutation graph. He showed computationally that for $n \leq 8$, only $n=8$ has a nonhamiltonian c. p. Furthermore, he theoretically proved that for any odd $n \geq 9$, there exists a nonhamiltonian c. p.

In this paper, we extend Klee's result to even $n \leq 14$, using an isomorphism result and a generalization of Klee's "obviously hamiltonian" idea. Computational and theoretical techniques of this problem will be discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS IN MATHEMATICS: INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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The conditional chromatic number of a graph G with respect to a graph theoretic property P is the minimum number of colors needed to color $V(G)$ so that each color class has property P . We investigate the conditional chromatic number for properties of restricted maximum degree, girth, and independence and examine the problem of characterizing graphs which are conditionally bipartite of this type.

Generating a Spanning Tree With a Specified Vertex as the Centroid for Biconnected Graphs

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There is a specialized information accumulation process called receiving whereby every vertex in a network is expected to get a message to a specified (receiving) vertex in the minimum time. If the graph representation of the network has a spanning tree with the specified vertex as a centroid vertex, then the receiving process can be done in the minimum time by appropriate message passing along the edges of the tree. Thus it is important to know when such a spanning tree exists and to have efficient techniques to construct such a spanning tree.

This paper gives an algorithm that given any vertex in a biconnected graph, constructs, in linear time a spanning tree of the graph with the specified vertex as a centroid vertex. The general approach or the algorithm is, to first construct a directed acyclic graph (dag) that contains all or the edges of the original graph (directed one way or the other), has the specified vertex as the only source (s), and a vertex adjacent to the source as the only sink (t). Now by taking the vertices in topological order from the dag, a subtree can be found with root s such that it contains one less than half number of vertices. The remaining half or the vertices can be formed into a subtree rooted at t by using the reverse topological order. By joining the two subtrees together using the edge connecting s and t , the desired spanning tree with centroid s can be obtained. The most complex part of the algorithm is the construction of the dag with source s and sink t . This is done by means of two depth-first searches where the first finds all the paths, and the second directs the paths so as to avoid cycles and to lead from s to t .

An Algorithm for Generating the Minimum Length Fundamental Cycle Set in a Graph

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The computational complexity of algorithm is to generate a set of fundamental cycles depends on the length of the spanning tree (T). Thus, the shortest-path-length spanning tree (STDLS) will result in the fundamental cycle set of minimum length, consequently have the best time performance among all possible spanning trees. Finding T or STPLS is unfortunately NP-complete. Therefore, heuristic algorithms that minimize $(L(T) - L(T_{min}))$ are being sought.

This paper examines existing algorithms, suggests improvements and presents a new algorithm that approximates T_{min} . The proposed algorithm uses a breadth-first search to generate the spanning tree, always selecting the vertex of highest degree as the one to explore from. In case there are two or more vertices with the same degree, the combined degree of all the vertices that would be visited from that vertex is computed. This operation is repeated for each vertex in question. If the resultant is a single vertex, we build the spanning tree from that single vertex, rather than any of the other vertices with the same degree. A total of five algorithms were implemented. The values for L obtained by the proposed algorithm were compared to those obtained by the other algorithms. Finally, a discussion of the proposed algorithm is given.

Shortest paths in undirected graphs with negative edges

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To find shortest simple paths in an undirected graph G with negative edges but not negative cycles, a dynamic programming algorithm, which is similar in spirit to the Floyd-Warshall all-pairs shortest-paths algorithm is given. This algorithm follows from two properties of such paths: (1) a shortest path will enter a component of G^- , the subgraph of G induced by negative edges, at most once; and (2) subpaths of shortest paths induced by either the positive or the negative edges are themselves shortest paths. Let H initially be the subgraph of G induced by the positive edges, and find shortest paths in H . One at a time, union a component of G^- into H , and consider decreasing the cost of each path in H by going through each portion of this negative component. In this way shortest paths can be found for H . The algorithm just sketched takes time $O(n^2m^2)$, where n is the number of vertices in G , and m is the number of edges in G . One can also detect if G has a negative cycle in the course of running the algorithm.

The Complexity of Minimum Length Dilation in Tree Embedding

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An embedding of a graph G in a graph H is a one to one association of the vertices of G with the vertices of H . The dilation cost of an embedding is the maximum distance in H between the images of vertices that are adjacent in G . The problem of embedding an arbitrary graph G into a binary tree is considered.

A polynomial time algorithm is given to solve the problem for any fixed dilation bound k . A generalization of this problem is considered and shown to be NP-Complete. The generalization allows integer labels on the edges and asks whether the graph can be embedded in a binary tree- so that no edge is stretched further than its label.

A Tree-Based Invariant for Compact Graphs

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A class of trees, *string trees*, is defined for which the number of such trees embedded in a graph is polynomially bounded for all graph classes (due in part to the imposition of limits on the height of the trees included), and the collection of such trees represents the structure of some graphs sufficiently to be the basis for a complete invariant. Computation of the invariant consists of two major steps: (1) the set of string trees is generated and partitioned into equivalence classes of isomorphic trees; (2) the *Tree Structure Profile (TSP)*, in which the positions of each vertex with respect to the string trees of each class are enumerated, is generated for each vertex of the graphs in question. The complexity of computation of the Tree Structure Profile is easily shown to be polynomially bounded since both the number of trees and the number of vertices are polynomially bounded.

For the class of *compact graphs* (in which both the graph and its complement are required to have diameter of 2) the profiles based on the string trees are seen to represent enough of the graph structure surrounding each pair of vertices for equality of the Tree Structure Profiles to be a sufficient condition to prove isomorphism. This is because the diameter restriction imposed on these graphs forces the differences between two nonisomorphic graphs to be contained within the "Window" characterized by the Tree Structure Profile.

Idiosyncratic Polynomials

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We consider a generalization of the adjacency matrix of a graph. The generalized adjacency matrix $A(x)$ of a graph G has an x in position (u,v) if vertices u and v are adjacent and 1 otherwise. Tutte has called the characteristic polynomial of such a matrix an *idiosyncratic polynomial*. Techniques are developed to aid in the computation of the coefficients and roots of these polynomials. Spectral information for the generalized adjacency matrices of some well-known classes of graphs is given.

Generalized Gallai Theorems

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In 1959 T. Gallai presented the following, now well-known theorem, involving vertex covering ($\alpha(G)$), vertex independence ($\beta(G)$), edge covering ($\gamma(G)$) and maximum matching ($\mu(G)$):

Theorem (Gallai). For any nontrivial connected graph G with p vertices,

$$I. \quad \alpha(G) + \beta(G) = p,$$

$$II. \quad \gamma(G) + \mu(G) = p.$$

Since then a variety of generalizations and similar results, which we call '0: h i + h r - e m s', r. v b e e f : : m d f : : r v : - l e y o f s : - ? ! - : : c ! invariants. A typical Gallai theorem has the form: $\alpha(G) + \beta(G) = p$, where α and β are numerical, maximum or minimum functions of some type defined on the class of connected graphs.

This paper represents an attempt to unify results of this type. In particular we present two general theorems; one, of Gallai type I above, is based on hereditary properties of set systems; the other, of Gallai type II, is based on vertex partitions into subgraphs having tree-like properties. These generalizations encompass most of the existing Gallai theorems. We also present several new results, one of which is, curiously, not encompassed by either of the above mentioned **generalizations**.

On Edge-Graceful Labelings of Graphs

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ABSTRACT

An edge-labeling of a graph G is an one-to-one function mapping $E(G)$ to the set $\{1, 2, \dots, |E(G)|\}$. The weight of a vertex u in $V(G)$ with respect to an edge-labeling g , denoted $wg(u)$, is the sum of all $g(e)$ with e incident to u modulo $|V(G)|$. A connected graph G is said to be edge-graceful if there is an edge-labeling of G such that the weights of all vertices of G are distinct. Such an edge-labeling of G is called an edge-graceful labeling of G . In this paper, we derive some properties of edge-graceful graphs and prove a necessary condition for a graph to be edge-graceful. We also identify some classes of edge-graceful graphs,

An Identity Arising from the Counting of Independent Sets
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An independent set I in a graph G is a set of vertices no two of which are adjacent. For each nonnegative integer k , $F_k(G)$ is the number of independent sets of cardinality k in G , and $F(G)$ is the number of independent sets in G . Summing over k , one obtains $\sum_{k=0}^n F_k(G) = F(G)$. In the case where G is the $2 \times n$ lattice, we determine $F_k(G)$ and $F(G)$, thereby obtaining a combinatorial identity.

Boolean generating functions and parity results on graphs

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Abstract A Boolean generating function $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is a polynomial over \mathbb{Z}_2 in the indeterminates x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n . We show how Boolean generating functions can be employed to obtain parity results on graphs such as Thomason's theorem on the parity of the number of Hamiltonian circuits and Little's theorem on the parity of the number of 1-factors.

On scheduling perfect competitions

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The following problem was posed by M. S. Brandy. Let $v \geq 4$ be an integer. A perfect competition is the set of all possible games, where in each game two of v players play against two other players. Thus, there are $\frac{1}{2} \binom{v}{2} \binom{v-2}{2}$ games. We desire to schedule these games into rounds, so that any player plays in at most one game in each round. Denote by $R(v)$ the minimum number of rounds required to schedule a perfect competition, subject to this constraint. We prove that, for any integer $v \geq 4$, $R(v) \leq 3 \lceil \frac{v}{4} \rceil$.

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Abstract. We shall refer to a Latin square which is orthogonal to its $(3,2,1)$ conjugate as a $(3,2,1)$ - conjugate orthogonal Latin square. A $(v, K, 1)$ - Mendelsohn design is a pair (X, B) , where X is a v -set (of ints) and B is a collection of cyclically ordered subsets of X (called blocks) with sizes in K such that every ordered pair of points of X are consecutive in exactly one block of B . The existence of idempotent $(3,2,1)$ - conjugate orthogonal Latin squares of order v is known to be equivalent to the existence of a certain class of $(v, K, 1)$ - Mendelsohn designs. This paper investigates the spectrum of idempotent $(3,2,1)$ - conjugate orthogonal Latin squares and it is found that it contains all positive integers v except 2, 3, 6 and possibly 12, 14, 18, 26 and 30.

Embedding Partial Perpendicular Arrays

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Abstract

A (partial) perpendicular array of strength k and order n is an $(n) \times k$ array on n symbols such that in any pair of columns of the array each unordered pair of symbols occurs in the same row exactly (at most) once. It is shown that a partial perpendicular array of strength 3 and order n can be embedded in a perpendicular array of strength 3 and order n^2 .

The Existence Question for a $2-(46,6,1)$ Design:
A Coding Theoretic View

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The smallest v for which the existence of a $2-(v,6,1)$ design is unknown is 46. It is known that the automorphism group of such a design has cardinality at most 3; this leaves coding theory as the most likely technique for answering the existence question. The binary code of such a design will be discussed: in particular, partial results on the weight enumerators of this code and its dual will be stated and the correspondences between certain code words and certain subconfigurations of the design will be given.

An Efficient Minimum Vertex Cover Algorithm
for a Broad Class of Undirected Graphs

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Let G be an arbitrary undirected graph with vertex set V and edge set E . It is well-known that if $M \subseteq E$ is a maximum matching in G and if $K \subseteq V$ is a minimum vertex cover set of G then $|M| = |K|$. Furthermore, the problem of computing a minimum vertex cover set of G is in the class of NP-complete problems, although $O(n^{2.5})$ algorithms are known for computing a maximum matching of G .

In this paper, it is shown that if G is in the special class of undirected graphs for which $|M| = |K|$ then a minimum vertex cover set of G can be computed by means of an $O(n^3)$ algorithm. In addition, this algorithm can be used to determine whether an arbitrary undirected graph is a member of the class of graphs for which $|M| = |K|$. Thus, if the above equality holds then the algorithm yields a minimum vertex cover set of G ; otherwise, an easily detectable inconsistency is produced.

ALGEBRAIC ASPECTS OF RELIABILITY PROBLEMS

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Network reliability problems typically require evaluating the probability that a particular pair of vertices can communicate, given individual link failure probabilities and various assumptions about the dependence or independence of link failures. This type of problem is formulated algebraically (in terms of operations on polynomials) and in this form resembles the usual shortest path problem. Iterative techniques for approximating network reliability are derived in a natural way from this association.

is that in its application the generation of duplicate subgraphs or duplicate cliques is completely suppressed, while the generation of non-clique subgraphs is greatly reduced. For the special case of Moon-Moser graphs, this algorithm generates all cliques without generating any non-clique subgraphs. In the present paper investigations are carried out concerning computational complexity and storage requirements of the aforesaid algorithm, and its performance characteristics are evaluated by implementing the algorithm using FORTRAN IV in a Cyber System 170/720 with memory access time of 460 nsec, 60 bits word length, and 192K words total memory. Two sets of experiments are conducted: the first on small graphs with up to 60 vertices, and the second on large graphs with up to 1000 vertices. The implementation results demonstrate that the present algorithm performs significantly better than most of the existing algorithms for both random graphs and Moon-Xoser graphs. A complete listing of all the programs is also provided.

ON THE PERFORMANCE OF A CLIQUE DETECTION

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ALGORITHM IN UNDIRECTED GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT

The clique problem of undirected graphs, in its many different aspects, has been intensively discussed in the literature; in particular, a number of authors have developed a variety of fascinating approaches to the solution of the clique detection problem in undirected graphs. In a recent paper an efficient, new algorithm for generating all cliques of an undirected graph has been proposed by Das, Sheng and Chen. This algorithm is based on a refinement of the technique of successive splitting described by Paull and Unger in the determination of maximal compatibles of states in the context of minimization of incomplete sequential machines. One novelty of the proposed algorithm

ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR COMPUTING CHROMATIC POLYNOMIALS

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The most common method of computing the chromatic polynomial of a graph G is by use of the formula:

$$P_G(x) = P_{G'}(x) + P_{G''}(x)$$

where G' is obtained by placing an edge between two non-adjacent vertices in G and G'' is obtained by fusing the same two vertices. Alternatives are presented which, together with the above and other known methods may be played off one with another to simplify the computation of the chromatic polynomial.

Symmetrical Maps @

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A map is a configuration consisting of a connected graph G and a 2-cell imbedding of G in a closed orientable 2-manifold (a surface). An automorphism of M is an automorphism of G which also preserves oriented reior. boundaries of the imbedding; the automorphism group for M is denoted by $\text{Aut } M$. It is well-known that $|\text{Aut } M| \leq 2|E(G)|$: if this bound is attained, then G is edge-transitive and is said to be symmetrical (variously, symmetric, regular). In this paper we discuss three classes of problems concerning symmetrical maps: (1) For a given edge-transitive graph G , what symmetrical maps, if any, does it have? (2) For a given group Γ , what symmetrical maps, if any, for Cayley graphs $G(\Gamma, S)$ are there? (3) For a given surface $S(k)$, what symmetrical maps exist on $S(k)$? We contribute toward the study of question (1), by showing, The regular complete tripartite graph $K(n,n,n)$ has a symmetrical map, for all n . Moreover, the imbeddings can be taken as genus imbeddings. For each value of n , three block designs are determined.

Regular Maps on Surfaces
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A map is a generalization of a polyhedron; the latter can be regarded as a map on a sphere. The regular maps, those maps with the greatest symmetry, generalize the five regular polyhedra. Although a classification of the regular maps seems intractable, an algorithm is presented for generating a large class of regular maps. The technique is combinatorial and makes use of graph covering.

LEFT-RIGHT PATHS OFF THE PLANE @

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For graph G embedded in surface S , we consider the cycle space, the cocycle space, the dual cycle space, the boundary cycle space and the left-right path space - all vector spaces over $\text{GF}[2]$. Relations between these spaces and their intersections are given. These generalize several well-known facts about graphs embedded in the plane.

(-VALUATIONS OF CUBIC GRAPHS. @)

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The concept of a $(-)$ -valuation for cubic graphs was introduced by the authors in 1981 (Congressus Numerantium Vol. 32, pp. 89-101); it was shown that $(-)$ -valuations can be used to construct orthogonal pairs of additive permutations but only two cubic graphs with $(-)$ -valuations were presented. The existence problem is studied in the present paper; it is proved that for every $n > 3$, there exists a bipartite cubic graph on $2n$ vertices with a k -parameter family of $(-)$ -valuations where $k > 2$. It is also shown that every bipartite cubic graph which has a $(-)$ -valuation is edge 3-connected; this statement is not true for cubic graphs which are not bipartite. Certain transformations of graphs are considered which can be used to construct new cubic graphs with $(-)$ -valuations.