

## MATH 503 HW 2

**Question 1.** Let  $S \subset 2^H$  a collection of subset of  $H$  so that if  $A, B, C, D \in S$  are distinct sets then  $A \cup B \not\subset C \cup D$ . Give upper and lower bounds on the size of  $S$  in terms of  $|H|$  if we know that  $|S|$  is as large as possible under the given condition.

**Question 2.** Given a simple graph,  $G_n$ , with  $e$  edges.

- (1) Give a lower bound on the number of  $K_{2,3}$  subgraphs in terms of  $n$  and  $e$ .
- (2) What is the expected number of  $K_{2,3}$  subgraphs if  $G_n$  is a random graph? Every edge was selected independently at random with probability

$$p = \frac{e}{\binom{n}{2}}.$$

**Question 3.** Draw your student tree! i.e. write down your student number and consider it as a Pruefer code of a labelled tree. If you don't have a proper student number then you can work with the code 02309111.

**Question 4.** Prove the identity that if  $k = n$  then

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} i^k = (-1)^n n!$$

What happens if  $k \neq n$ ?

Due date: Oct 5, in class.