

Problems should be solved with carefully written solutions.

You MUST SUBMIT IN PERSON (so we can exchange a few words) AT MY OFFICE from 3:00PM - 6PM on Wed., Dec. 11, or from 12-4:30PM on Thurs. or Fri. (Dec. 12 or 13).

As usual, don't forget to write and sign a pledge that your writeup is completely your own work and to name those students with whom you discussed the problems (NO CREDIT OTHERWISE)!

1. Some random-graph exercises:

- (a) Write down the sample space of labeled 4 vertex graphs that have 3 (undirected) edges, each equally likely. What is the probability that such a graph is connected? Explain.
- (b) Now the experiment is to start with $V = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and $E = \phi$. At each step an edge $e \notin E$ is chosen uniformly at random and added to E until the graph is connected and the experiment concludes. Write down the sample space and give the probability of each graph in it.
- (c) We “showed” in class that the threshold in $G_{n,m}$ for the appearance of degree = 2 vertices is at about $m = .58n^{.5}$ edges. Repeat that exercise but now derive the threshold for vertices of degree = 3, explaining the details underlying your derivation.

2. Hamiltonian paths:

- (a) Find a tournament of size n with exactly one Hamiltonian path.
- (b) We know there exist tournaments of size n with at least $f(n) = n!/2^{n-1}$ Ham. paths. For $n = 5$ and $n = 6$ construct tournaments with $g(n) > f(n)$ Ham. paths. What is the biggest $g(n)$ you can come up with (the BIGGER the BETTER)?

3. Consider K_4 (the complete graph with 4 vertices and edges between each pair) and K_5 , the complete graph with 5 vertices.

- (a) Make a drawing to depict each of the graphs and give the crossing number of each **drawing**. Then discuss the crossing number of each graph, giving either the crossing number, or the best bound on it you can explain.
- (b) Repeat for K_6 .
- (c) Repeat for $K_{2,3}$ the complete bipartite graph with two sets of vertices; set A has two vertices and B has three vertices (so 5 in all), and $K_{2,3}$ has edges from each vertex in A to each vertex in B , and no other.
- (d) Then repeat for $K_{3,3}$