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Room 207 is entered from the second floor lounge of the University Center.

Coffee available in the other half of the Gold Coast Room. :

POOLSIDE COCKTAIL PARTY for Conference participants at HOLIDAY INN-LAKESIDE 6PM, Monday, February 17, 1975

CONFERENCE BANQUET at 7:30PM at the HOLIDAY INN-LAKESIDE in the Baroness and Marquis Rooms, Tuesday, February 18, 1975
(Drinks will be available in the Baroness Room from 6:30.)

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MONDAY, February 17, Professor Richard M. Karp will speak on "The Computational Complexity of Some Graph-Theoretic Problems."

TUESDAY, February 18, Professor Ernest E. Shult will speak on "Some Combinatorial Problems in Finite Group Theory."

WEDNESDAY, February 19, Professor Richard M. Wilson will speak on "t-Designs and Linear Algebra."

THURSDAY, February 20, Professor Paul Erdos will speak on "Extremal Problems in Graph Theory and Combinatorial Analysis."

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Some Linear Algorithms for regcs

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Let T_n be an arbitrary tree with n vertices.

We present algorithms which solve a variety of problems

on T_n in time that is linear in n . In particular,

these algorithms find the Hamiltonian completion number,

the domination number, a maximum b-matching, and

point and line covering numbers.

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Let G be a graph with n vertices and m edges. Let $f(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a dominating set of G . Let $h(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a total dominating set of G . Let $l(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a line dominating set of G . Let $p(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a point dominating set of G . Let $b(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a maximum b-matching of G . Let $d(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a Hamiltonian completion of G . Let $h(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a total dominating set of G . Let $l(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a line dominating set of G . Let $p(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a point dominating set of G . Let $b(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a maximum b-matching of G . Let $d(G)$ be the minimum number of vertices in a set S such that S is a Hamiltonian completion of G .

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AND THE NUMBER OF JUMPS (S (G)) IN A CIRCUIT GRAPH:J.

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In a graph $G = (X, U)$, $S(G)$ is the minimum cardinality of a set of arcs VcX such that $G - S(G)$ is an acyclic graph and verifies $p(G) \leq r$.

We study the relation between $p(G)$ and $S(G)$, give some decomposition theorems in order to compute those invariants in some special classes of graphs.

This work follows M. C. F. M., G. C. I. A. T. Y. last year conference paper, and would not have existed without S. H. B. D. E. T. H. E. M. I. S. G. C. O. M. A. study about the Yamamoto Completion Problem.

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Behrend's theorem for sequences containing no k -element arithmetic progression of a certain type. L. G. Brown, Simon Fraser University.

Let k and n be positive integers, and let $d(n, k)$ be the maximum cardinality of a set containing no arithmetic progression of k terms. Let $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ be a sequence of n terms. Such a sequence is called a k -diagonal if $d(n, k) = k$, where J is a subset of $[0, k]$ which has largest cardinality while not containing a k -diagonal. (Note that k integers form a k -diagonal if and only if their k -ary representations can be put into the rows of a matrix in such a way that each column contains at most one non-zero entry.) For example, $\{2, 5, 8\}$ is a 3-diagonal which contains no 2-diagonal. Setting $S_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(n, k)$, we show that S_k is either 0 or 1.

(At present the only known values of S_k are $S_1 = S_2 = 0$. It is also true that $S_1 \leq S_2 \leq \dots \leq S_k \leq \dots \leq S_{k+1} \leq \dots$.)

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Catalan and "Total Information" Numbers

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Let $C = \{1, 2, 5, 14, 42, \dots\}$ denote the Catalan numbers. We prove the following propositions

$$(A) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n (-2)^k \binom{n}{k} C_{n-k} = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ odd} \\ C_{n/2} & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$(B) \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \frac{2^{n-2k}}{(2k)!} C_k = C_{n+1} \quad (\text{Touchard, 1924})$$

A short, natural proof is given of Touchard's identities and as an application we can show that two interpretations of the sequence $1, 1, 2, 4, 9, 21, 51, \dots$, the "total information numbers", coincide.

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REMARKS ON RESULTS RELATED TO THE MORGAN-WARD CONJECTURE

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A second order linear recurrence $s. a. l. r.$ is a sequence $\{a_n\}$ of integers satisfying $a_{n+2} = Ma_{n+1} - Na_n$ where M and N are fixed integers and at least one a_n is nonzero. Morgan and conjectured that in every nondegenerate $s. o. l. r.$ no integer can occur five times. This paper is concerned with the problem of characterizing those integers in a $s. o. l. r.$ which occur more than once.

Let n_2 , for n a nonnegative integer, be the full binary tree with $n+1$ levels; i.e. 2^{n+1} branches. In this note we derive a formula for the largest number $F(m, n)$ of branches of a subtree of n_2 can have yet not contain a subtree homeomorphic to m_2 . We find $F(m, n) = \lfloor \frac{n+1}{m} \rfloor$ (J). Our search for this bound was inspired by a statement of S. Shelah who claimed that a certain related function $G(m, n)$ was bounded by n/m for some function g . We shall prove $F(m, n) = G(m, n)$. Thus our theorem shows that $C(n, n)$ is never greater than $n^{1/m}$ and, for fixed m , $m \geq 1$, is asymptotic to $n^{1/m} / (m-1)!$.

On the Automorphism Group of a Line Graph

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A fairly short proof is given to a theorem of Sabidussi asserting that, with few exceptional cases, the group of automorphisms of a connected graph is isomorphic to the group of automorphisms of its line graph. This proof easily extends to give the corresponding results for pseudographs

k-Blocks and Ultrablocks in Graphs, DAVID \./ MATULA, Southern Methodist

Univers $i-1$. For $k \geq 1$, a k -block is a maximal k -point connected subgraph of a graph. A block for any k , which does not contain a $(k-1)$ -block is termed an ultrablock. Although both k -blocks and ultrablocks can extensively overlap, it is shown that their total number in a given graph is moderate. Specifically, the total number of ultrablocks in a graph G where the largest point connectivity of any subgraph of G is r is given by $\frac{1}{2}(p+1)/2J$ for an $p \geq 2$. A similar result is presented for k -blocks.

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1Nicholas Jardine and Robin Sibson, *Mathematical Taxonomy*. Jvhn kiley & Sons Ltd. (19m-:-----

Routing fer Solid aste Collection

Frank O. Hadlock and Frederic% !toffman, Florida Atlantic University

This is a preliminary report on the development of a library of routed block patterns for both-sides-of-the-street solid waste collection. The routed patterns are to be used as the basis for a solution to routing. The procedure involves several algorithms, so called forward, with research into the blocking of patterns generated. Patterns not conforming to the street configuration are rejected, as are isomorphic under "routing-invariant" transformations. In addition, patterns which can be routed as unions of simpler patterns (those with bridges) are eliminated. The routing process aims to minimize distance, eliminate unnecessary U-turns, and, given these constraints, to minimize turns. We shall discuss some of the algorithms used, as well as some properties of the graphs involved.

This research is being carried out under a grant from the ?AU-YIU Joint Committee for Environmental and Urban Problems.

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  out_102 --> c_102, s_102;
  in_103 --> u_103, o_103;
  out_103 --> c_103, s_
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$$v: 1+q+\dots+q^{n-1} + \dots + q^{r-1}, \quad k \geq 1, \quad q \geq 1, \quad (1=q \text{ JS } 2.)$$

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LEXICOGRAPHIC COMPOSITIONS AND DEBRUIJN SEQUENCES

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Let n be a positive integer. A composition of n is a k -tuple of positive integers $a_1, \dots, a_k$ such that $a_1 + \dots + a_k = n$. A composition $a_1, \dots, a_k$ is a lexicographic composition if for every cyclic permutation $(1, \dots, k)$ there exists an integer j , $1 \leq j \leq k$, such that $a_1 = a_{j+1}$ for $1 < j$ and $a_j > a_{j+1}$.

Let $GF(2)$ denote the field consisting of two elements and let V_m denote the m -dimensional vector space over $GF(2)$. A DeBruijn sequence of order m is a sequence $[x_i]$ of length 2^m , $x_i \in GF(2)$, such that every element of V_m appears as $x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+m-1}$ for some k with the subscripts taken modulo 2^m .

In this paper the authors give an algorithm for generating a complete list of the lexicographic compositions of n , and then use this list in an algorithm to generate a DeBruijn sequence of order $n + 1$.

(a)

Five Sum-Free Sets

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A sum-free set S is a collection of integers which satisfies the condition that if $1, j \in S$ then $i + j \notin S$ (i, j not necessarily distinct). A problem of Schur is to place the integers $1, 2, \dots, k$ into k sum-free sets with m_k elements possible. Schur proved that m_k is an upper bound for m_k . For $k = 1, 2, 3$ extremal solutions are easy to find by hand, viz. $m_k = 1, 4, 13$ in the three, respective cases. Via a computer backtrack search our best results are $m_4 = 41$.

By a constructive technique, Schur bounds m_k by showing $k+1 \leq m_k \leq k+1$. Both upper and lower bounds have been improved. The upper bound $m_k \leq (e-1/2)k$ by Whitley and the lower bound $m_k \geq (89)^{1/4} k$ by Abbott and Loefer. The latter makes use of Baumert's induction on the $k = 4$ case.

The author gives a placement of the integers 1-138 into five sum-free sets using 3 techniques. The backtracking algorithm is similar to Sawada's. This improves the lower bound slightly to $\{277\}^{1/5}$. The number 5 would seem to be much larger than 136.

(a)

ELEMENTARY SETS AND DIFFERENCE SETS

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R. L. McFarland and J. A. Maiorana have independently constructed a large family of difference sets in the elementary abelian 2-groups of square order; we call these difference sets F -sets. The F -sets include the difference sets studied earlier by L. Kesava Madhavan, R. J. Turyn, et al. We have recently given a "partial spread" construction, a special case of which takes the following "cyclic" form.

THEOREM. Let C be the group of $(2^m + 1)^{\text{th}}$ powers in the finite field $K:GF(2^m)$. Then the union of 2^m cosets of C constitutes a difference set in the additive group K .

In this paper we consider a very special family of difference sets which are given by this theorem and which are closely related to an interesting pair of error-correcting codes. We show that these new difference sets are not equivalent to any in F -sets. We obtain this result and others on inequivalence by employing certain affine invariants which we develop here and which are useful in the more general study of Boolean functions.

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A LOWER BOUND FOR THE SIZE OF A LINE

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1. Introduction
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An n by n rectangular array is called a Latin square if each of the integers $1, 2, \dots, n$ appear in each row, and for each integer i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, i occurs in each column. In this paper, we present a proof of an explicit formula for the number of Latin squares of order n . Using this formula, we give a proof of the existence of a Latin square of order n for all $n \geq 1$. This is a well-known result, but the proof given here is new. The number of Latin squares of order n is given by the formula $L(n) = n!^{n-1}$.

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A DCRANGEMENT P.I.03LEM

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The classical derangement problem may be described as follows.

If k-people leave U-er hats, one per person, at a ch?ck room and the HDs are returned at random, how many ways can each person receive only one hat and it is not his own and what is the probability of this happening. The number is

$k! \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{j!}$ and the probability is $\sum_{j=0}^k \frac{(-1)^j}{j!}$. In a very recent paper

Ever and Gillis consider the following generalization of this problem. In

addition to checking hats some people also check coats, gloves, scarves or

any number of other items. Each person collects the same number of items he

checked. The problem is to find the number of ways of doing this so that

nobody receives any piece of his own clothing. Using M11dMaho11s Master

Theorem, we give a simple proof to Even and Gillis' result. We also prove

that when k people each check n items the probability that no person receives

any piece of his own, for k large and n fixed is $e^{-n} (1 + O(\frac{1}{k}))$ for $k > 1$.

The error term is $O(\frac{1}{k})$ for $n > 1$ and $O(\frac{1}{(k+1)!})$ for $n = 1$ and both

are best possible.

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A CENSUS OF 3-CLASS ASSOCIATION SCHEMES

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Let X be a finite set, $|X| = v$. An m-class association scheme on X is a set $\{R_0, R_1, \dots, R_m\}$ of symmetric binary relations on X, where $R_0 = \{(x, x) | x \in X\}$, each (x, y) is in exactly one of $R_0, \dots, R_m$, and the following holds for $i, j, k \in \{0, \dots, m\}$: if $(x, y) \in R_i$, then the integer $| \{z \in X | (x, z) \in R_j, (y, z) \in R_k \} |$ is constant (depends only on i, j, k). p_{ij}^0 is denoted n_i . 2-class schemes have been extensively studied. This talk deals with $m = 3$, describing a table of all parameters $v < 200$, n_i , p_{jk}^i which satisfy the major conditions known to be necessary for the existence of 3-class association schemes. For $v < 100$ the table includes parameters for about 700 known schemes, 200 impossible, and 200 unknown. For $100 < v < 200$ the total is about 2300 and the proportion of unknown schemes is larger. Inspection of the table reveals some new families of potential schemes.

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3-class association schemes

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Necessary conditions are derived for the existence of 3-class association schemes. These results are based on parameter relations, eigenvalue multiplicities and the Krei condition. Certain parameter conditions are ruled out by counting cliques or cycles incident with a vertex in the corresponding graphs of associates.

The known 3-class association schemes are then classified into union and product schemes, schemes derived from symmetric block designs, projective geometries, etc. For each class the properties of the schemes and construction methods are given. Finally, applications are discussed relating association schemes to graphs and balanced incomplete block designs.

First Order Graph Acceptors

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In this paper we define acceptors for classes of graphs

generated by first order context-free graph grammars. The

state acceptor recognizes the sets of graphs generated by first

order graph grammars and the finite state acceptors recognize

sets of graphs generated by first order graph grammars.

productions are sequences of rewriting rules. We show the

equivalence between the generative and restrictive

acceptors. Finally we consider the closure of the

graphs under various graph operations such as line graph, block

graph, clique graph, etc. and the closure under set operations.

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Characterizations of Line Digraphs

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In this paper we present a new definition of a line digraph. The old definition reflects all types of adjacencies. The new definition reflects only the directed adjacencies. The first characterization of line digraphs is given. The second characterization of line digraphs is given. The third characterization of line digraphs is given.

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Construction of Hamiltonian Graphs With Prescribed Degrees

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A simple graph G is a realization of a sequence

$(d_1, \dots, d_n)$ of nonnegative integers if the degrees of the vertices $v_1, \dots, v_n$ of G are $d_1, \dots, d_n$ respectively. It is known that the Havel-Handelman theorem on realizability can be applied to construct a realization of a sequence by successively "laying off" vertices. We shall present a lay-off algorithm for the construction of a realization of $(d_1, \dots, d_n)$ that has a Hamiltonian path starting at a specified vertex (if such a realization exists). This algorithm can also be used to construct a realization with a Hamiltonian cycle.

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A NODE-ELIMINATION METHOD FOR FINDING ALL SIMPLE CYCLES IN A DIRECTED GRAPH

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A method for finding all simple cycles in a directed graph is presented. The method is based on the idea of node-elimination. To eliminate a node from a graph, we simply join each entering edge to every leaving edge of the node. It is proved that a graph, after eliminating a node from it, will retain all the simple cycles. The algorithm first transforms node attribute to edge attribute, then proceeds to eliminate nodes from the graph, one by one, until finally only one remains. During the process, simple cycles will appear, gradually, as self-loops of some nodes. Thus, upon the termination of the process, all the simple cycles of the graph can be found. Information about the graph is stored in a matrix. At the beginning of the process, an entry of the matrix may store no edge, or a single edge. After the process starts, an entry may have to store sequences of edges. This information may be represented by sequences of symbols where different symbol represents different edge, or they may be represented by a finite number through a certain coding scheme. In the first case, variable entry length has to be provided, while in the second case, extra space and time are required for tracing the cycles. Upper bounds for both cases are given;

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RETRIEVAL IN MULTILIST FILES WITH ORDERED LISTS

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Multilist files are widely used for information retrieval with Boolean expressions. Two algorithms, one by Hsiao and Harary and another, called the Trace algorithm, may be used to advantage with such lists. We present a probabilistic analysis of these two algorithms for several situations. For a number of common cases, it is shown that the Trace algorithm is more efficient.

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Leaves of Trees

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If v is a vertex of degree at least three in a tree T and at least one branch at v is a path, then the subgraph of T consisting of the union of all such branch paths at v is called a leaf of T . Given a collection of two or more leaves there are infinitely many trees with that leaf structure. As a function of the number of leaves, the number of nonisomorphic trees with given leaf structure grows exponentially.

Certain parameters, such as the number of edges it is necessary to add to T to produce a 2-connected graph, are the same for all such trees, and simple formulas may be given for them.

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Suppose G is a finite group of order n . A sequencing of G is an ordering $e, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$ of the elements of G such that the partial products $e, ea_1, ea_1a_2, \dots, ea_1a_2 \dots a_{n-1}$ are distinct. Sequencings are useful in constructing certain types of Latin Squares and in finding certain decompositions of complete directed graphs. Little is known about sequencings of non-Abelian groups and most examples known have been found by computer. We consider a technique for sequencing certain dihedral groups.

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SOXE OBSERVATIONS IN FINITE TRANSVERSAL THEORY

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A necessary and sufficient condition for a finite family $F = \{F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k\}$ of finite sets to have k disjoint transversals is $\bigcap_{i=1}^k F_i \neq \emptyset$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Obviously this condition is sufficient for F to have property B. Attempting to strengthen this condition by requiring only two disjoint maximal partial transversals obtained the surprising result that if a family F has two disjoint maximal partial transversals then it has also k disjoint transversals. This spoils the above way to find a stronger condition.

On the other hand to establish the condition $\bigcap_{i=1}^k F_i \neq \emptyset$ for $k=1, 2, \dots, n$ to be sufficient for F to have property B, it is not necessary, but it is best possible, in the sense that $\bigcap_{i=1}^k F_i \neq \emptyset$ is not sufficient.

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A Process Decomposition Theorem. John C. Hansen, University of Missouri-Rolla - A necessary and sufficient condition for the parallel decomposition of a process is given in terms of partitioning of the state space of that process. A process is defined as a triple (S, f, I) where S is a state space, f is a successor function in that space, and I is a subset of S which defines the initial states of the process.

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State Graphs and the Assignment Problem for Asynchronous Sequential Machines

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Sequential machines can be classified as being either synchronous or asynchronous. Synchronous machines are controlled by clocking devices whose outputs synchronize signals in their circuits, and asynchronous if they function without these timing devices. Asynchronous circuits have the advantage of being able to utilize basic logic since it is unnecessary for them to wait for synchronizing pulses. Unfortunately, the analysis of asynchronous circuits in the presence of unequal transmission delays of signals is a difficult task. Of particular interest in this connection is the way in which races are assigned to the internal states of the machine. This paper studies the relationship between state partitions of asynchronous sequential machines and some of the standard methods of coding their internal states.

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THE BELL POLYNOMIALS AND THE SETS OF

OF THE SUBGROUPS OF FINITELY STOCHASTIC MATRICES

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Let M_n be the set of all $n \times n$ doubly stochastic matrices.

Let $G(n)$ be the set of all maximal groups of M_n . Let $g^*(n)$

be the set of all nonisomorphic maximal groups of M_n . Let b_n be

the n th Bell number. Let Y_n be the n th Bell polynomial.

Let $t(Y_n)$ be the number of terms contained in Y_n . The main results

of this paper are as follows: (i) $g^*(n) \sim \frac{1}{n} \log n$, and (ii) $g^*(n) \sim \frac{1}{n} \log n$.

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"Amicable Orthogonal Designs"

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Orthogonal designs are generalized Hadamard arrays and have been used to construct weighing matrices. Pairs of designs, X, Y where $xy^t = Yx^t$ are particularly useful in generating large designs.

Using Clifford algebras, we have obtained limits on the number of variables which can occur in such a pair, extending the Pullman - Geramita result on sets of anti commuting, orthogonal matrices. We also have results which describe the nature of designs which can occur in such a pair.

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Abstract: Computing a continuous map $T: X \rightarrow X$ on a finite word length computer which can distinguish points in X only up to a finite partition $P = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ of X yields a "discrete" map $\tau: P \rightarrow P$. In application, for example, P is a dyadic decomposition of the unit square. p. D. LIX has shown that if X is a compact metric space and T preserves a measure m for which $m(P_i) = 1/n$, then there is a permutation $\tau: P \rightarrow P$ that approximates T . This means that the maximum error is small if the diameter of the partition P is small. We show that, at if X is connected and if either n has a small prime divisor or T is a fixed point free permutation, there is a permutation τ_1 that approximates T in the above sense. If X is a k -dimensional polyhedron, m a k -dimensional measure on X , and T is an n -preserving homeomorphism of X , then there is another n -preserving homeomorphism τ_1 of X that approximates T and has a finite orbit which enters each P_i exactly once. These results are proved by establishing sufficient conditions for Hamiltonian circuits in a class of directed graph which reflect the adjacency structure of T and the action of T on P . Analogous theorems are established for partitions which are "almost" equimeasured and for partitions with arbitrary measure distribution. The above results are sharpened forms of previous results of Ostoya and Ulam, Rokhlin, and Stepin, and the author.

Recent Progress on Path Numbers of Digraphs

by

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Abstract:

If G is a digraph (a directed graph having no loops or multiple arcs) a path decomposition of G is a family of arc-disjoint, circuit-free paths which partition the arcs of G . The cardinality of a minimal path decomposition is called the path number of G . Analogous notions for undirected graphs were studied by Erdős; Gallai; Jovisz; Harary. and Schell; and Stanton, Cowan and James.

We will discuss recent results of Chein; Mason; O'Brien and the authors. They concern bounds on the path numbers of various classes of digraphs and the determination of those integers which are path numbers of digraphs in a given class. Several open problems will be presented.

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Let S be a finite set of n elements. Let $C(n, k, 2)$ denote the minimal number of k element subsets of S such that every pair of elements of S is contained in at least one of them. We determine $C(n, k, 2)$ for $n < 5k/2$.

For $n \geq 2k$ this was done by R. G. Stanton, J. G. Kalbfleisch, and R. C. Littlelin. For $2k < n \leq 7k/3$ we have $C(n, k, 2) = 7$ except for the case $7k - 3n = 1$. For $7k/3 < n < 12k/5$ we have $C(n, k, 2) = 8$ except for the case $12k - 5n = 1$ with k even. For $12k/5 < n < 5k/2$ we have $C(n, k, 2) = 9$.

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COVER SEQUENCES AND MAPS

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A cover sequence of a finite set S is a finite sequence of subsets of S whose union is S . Let f be a map from $\mathbb{N}$ onto S . If one considers f as a table, then each $i \in \mathbb{N}$ can be thought of as a cover sequence of S .

The present work establishes the conditions on a collection $\mathcal{C}$ of cover sequences of S such that at least one function f can be defined from $\mathbb{N}$ onto S . Relations and applications to the theory of decomposition for automata and to the representative selection problem will be discussed.

(A)

SCME t-DESIGNS FOR $t \geq 4$

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A t -design $(A; t, k, v)$ is a system of sets (called blocks) of size k from a v -set S , such that each t -subset of S is contained in exactly A blocks of S . After selecting a permutation group G acting on S , an m by n matrix A of integers is constructed with the property that a $(A; t, k, v)$ exists with G as an automorphism group iff A has an m by s submatrix M where M has uniform row sums A . For example, with $G = \text{PGL}(2, 17)$ and $v = 18$, a 3 by 17 matrix A is searched and $(A; 4, 8, 18)$'s are found for 51 different values of A (not including complements). A number of other t -designs for $t = 4$ and S will be discussed.

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ON UNICYCLIC GRAPHS HAVING TWO DISJOINT T-AXIM/LX MATCHINGS

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We are. interested in obtaining information on thos.? unicyclic graphs
 which possess two disjoint maximal matchings. tn t is paper, we characterize
 those unicyclic graphs in which each of the trees rooted on the circuit
 gave two disjcnt maxilllal matchings, but the graphs themselves do not,

A PARL'ITICU'NG ISOMJRPH.ISM AilllRITii?1 FOR DIREX:TED GRAPHS USING THE F MATRIX

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A number of characteristics have been used to define conditions
 necessary for isomorphism. Traditionally, gcaph isomorphism algor-
 ithms attempt to find a permutation of the adjacency matrices of the
 two graphs. Druffel and Schmidt have reported a partitioning algor-
 ithm using necessary conditions based on the distance matrices. The
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THE PRODUCT OF INDEPENDENT SETS OF THE VERTEX-INCIDENCE VECTORS OF A LINEAR GRAPH

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Given a _linear graph $G=(x, r)$ with $|X|=n$ and with reduced ve:::-tex-incidence
 m,.,trix [A] consisting of row vectors $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{-1}\}$. Define S as
 the set of vectors of all possible combinations of th row vectors of [A], i, e.

$$S = \{s \mid s = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} c_i a_i \text{ where } c_i = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ but not all } 0\text{'s}\}$$

The following theorem is proved: If [A] is a reduced vertex-incidence matrix
 oi ann-vert ;c linear graph G and $B = \{131, B, \dots, j3\}$ and $C = \{y, 'Y, \dots\}$
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INVERSE VIFFERENTIAL" OPE'RATO-RS OVER GRAPH-LATTICES

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HHing Regular Represen_tations

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kl aut;;ismorphism a on a $(v, b, r, k, ; 1.)$ block design Dis.said to c'ict regularly or, if it permutes both the points and blocks in orbits all of the same length n ($n > 1$). A design admitting a regular automorphism submits to a relatively simple i rese:ltai:io:l.. In previous work, Baartmans and Oar.hof have develop<d ,ecessary id .sufficient conditions for a block design to adriit a regular automorphism. lese ccnditions suggest a series of algorithms which can be used to determine if giv2r, design {knolm or unkn0lm) admHs a regular automorphism of a given order. I effect, the problem of finding an unkrown desi9n is replaced by the simpler and ire res:riicted problem of finding a regular representation for the design.

The algorithms (implemented as computer prograrr.s) for carrying out the :>rocess e deso:ibed. Heuristic techniques are needed in several of the algorithms. ihe :blems of applying the heuristics--such as chosing an effective state-space rc- esentati:Jn, finding a good evaluation function and reducing the number of eg, i\.,. ot nodes--are discussed.

Vario s r J lts of applying the programs to specific design parameters are isted. The results indicate m:W repre!>entations for several desig:ls ;;;d:he >n-existancce of regular representations fqr other (known and unknown) designs.

A Computer Construction for Balanced _Orthogonal Matrices

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A balanced weighing matrix is a square orthogonal matrix of 0's , 1's and -1's such that the matrix obtain<ld by squaring entries is the incidence matrix of a (v, k, A) configuration. The existence of a (v, k, A) ccnfig'.lrati:ion with appropri::te parameters does not imply the existeoce of a correspondio balanced weiGhing.matrix as is hown for $v = 16, k = 6$ and $\lambda = 2$.

The structure of cyclically gener ted balarlc tlweiGhing matrices ilas bee:i the object of sc,veral investigations. Using these properties, a computer search is car:-ied o:it for balanced weighing matrices corresponding to (v, k, λ) configurations with small valcr,s for v .

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E. H. f,'oore [!,mer. J. r.'iath. 18 (1896) ,290-J0JJ defines a Whist Tournar::ent in v players, $Yh [v]$, as an arrangement of $v-1$ rounds of play such that every player meets every other player once as partner and twice as onnonent, a round being a list of $4v$ tables cxhaustim the list of players. A table is a set of fou! players with a distinguished partition into pairs called tJartners, the other four pai"rs being known as op:onents. It is shown that $Wh [v]$ exist for all $v \leq 4$, except possibly $v=1J2, 152$, or 264 . without the distinction between partners a:ld opponents a $W:l -2$ is a re oJ.vab:!.e BIBD with $k=4$ and $A=J$.

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A new rn<thod for the systematic generation of Steiner quadruple systc;;is of order v is discussed. This method incorporates a state-space search, where the space of & ates corresponds to the s t of quadruple systems cf order v , and tha operators are bijections which are applied to subsystem:i;; of a quadruple system. The object of the sear::h is to obtain all pairwise non-isomorphic designs reachable from a specified start desiga. Formi:las for tre numl .rs of subsystems in an order- v quad::uple system are derived, leading to a classification of the generated designs according to tha :lumbers of subsystem!:.. thl=y co:itain.

In particular the method is appljed to the case $v=16$. Properties of the generated set of d2signs are examined, givi::g in!o=ation on the derived triple syster.iz, and also on the s :ucture and number of higher order quadruple systems.

FINDING THE INDEPENDENT SETS OF A MATROID

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Abstract

Axioms for circuits and axioms for independent sets are two equivalent ways of defining matroids. However, all proofs of this fact in the literature rely either on another set of axioms or additional concepts such as duality. In a new proof of this 2quivalence, ce, we derive the independence axioms from the circuit axioms by constructing an algorithm for generating the inC:epcn:ent sets of :he matroid from its circuits.

Skew-Translation Generalized Quadrangle::J.es

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Abstract: Let G be a group of order s^3 . Let $L = \{H_i : i = 1, \dots, s+1\}$ be a collection of subgroups, each of order s , for which $H_i H_j = \{e\}$, if i, j, k are distinct. Then the incidence structure $S^* = (L, B, d)$, with $P = G$ and $\theta = \{H_{ij} : i, j = 1, \dots, s+1\}$ is a generalized quadrangle of order $(s-1, s+1)$. Let H_0 be a normal subgroup of G . Then S^* may be constricted about the pivotal family $M_0 = \{H_i : H_i \in G\}$ to obtain a skew-translation generalized quadrangle S of order (s, s) . In this way all known generalized quadrangles of orders (s, s) or $(s-1, s+1)$ may be obtained. This construction provides a generalization of the known ones via coset geometries in a nonabelian group in a manner analogous to the construction given by Thas of translation generalized quadrangles sing elementary abelian groups.

(a) .. Coloring Planar graphs with Five or More Colors II

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At this Conference last year the author presented the conjecture that if G is a planar graph, P is a subgraph, $n \geq 1$, and $0 < r < n$ there is a t -coloring (H, r, c) such that an r -coloring of P extends to an r -coloring of C if and only if P is an induced subgraph of C .

DEPENDENCE RATIOS AND TOIGDAL GRAPHS

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Suppose G is a graph with V vertices that embeds on the torus. A set of vertices I is independent in G if no pair of vertices in I is adjacent in G . Let $\alpha(G)$ be the maximum number of vertices in any independent set, and $\chi(G)$ be $V/\alpha(G)$, the independence ratio. Set $U(1) = \{f: V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ embeds on the torus}\}$ and $\mathbb{I}(1) = \text{limit points of } U(1)$. There are essentially only four toroidal graphs with independence ratios less than $1/2$ (Alpertson "Independent sets on T_2 and T_3 "). Theorem 1: $\chi(G) \geq 1/\alpha(G)$.

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The chromatic number $\chi(S_r)$ of the three dimensional sphere, S_r , of radius r is defined to be the least number of sets partitioning the surface of S_r such that no set contains two points at unit chordal distance apart. Obviously, $\chi(S) = 1$ for $r < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\chi(S_1) = 2$. Erdős had shown that $\chi(S_r) \geq 4$ for $r \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and had conjectured that $\chi(S_r) \geq 4$ for all $r > \frac{1}{2}$ i.e. for all non-trivial case! The main result of this paper is a proof of this conjecture which at the same time settles the specific asymptotic requirements for the chromatic number of the sphere. ...

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A double cycle is a graph with n vertices $n \geq 2$ and edges such that the edge set can be partitioned into $n/2$ disjoint n -sets, each of which is an edge set for an n -cycle on the vertices of the vertex set. Recursive relations for chromatic polynomials of special classes of double cycles are given. These recursive relations yield fast algorithms for computing chromatic polynomials for these special classes. The algorithm is a recursive one. The complexity is $O(n^2)$; the algorithm is a recursive one.

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An undirected graph can, in general, be oriented in many ways.

Of particular interest are orientations which have certain specific properties. Theorems of H.E. Rohlin and C. St. J. A. Nash-Williams, for example, are concerned with the arc connectivity of the resulting orientation.

Let G be a graph in which all vertices have the same parity, and let k be a nonnegative integer. We give a necessary and sufficient condition for G to have an orientation in which, at each vertex, the in-degree differs by at most k from the out-degree. This condition is related to both Dirac's theorem and the Hajnal-Komlos-Moser conjecture.

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If F , G , and H are graphs, write $F \rightarrow (G, H)$ to signify that if the edges of F are colored red and blue in any fashion, either the red subgraph contains a copy of G or the blue subgraph contains a copy of H . Various properties of such graphs are studied. For instance, for given G and H , the minimum chromatic number χ of any graph F for which $F \rightarrow (G, H)$ can be determined, at least in principle. In particular, if $F \rightarrow (K_r, K_n)$, $\chi(F) \geq r(m, n)$, where $r(m, n)$ denotes the ordinary Ramsey number. Thus $\chi(F) \geq r(\delta(F), n) - 1$, where $\delta(F)$ denotes the maximum degree of F . On the other hand if F is a δ -regular graph for which $F \rightarrow (K_r, K_n)$, then $\chi(F) \geq mn$, where $\delta(F)$ denotes the minimum degree of F . Each of the above results is sharp.

Ramsey Numbers of Families of 2-Complexes

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In the last few years a great deal of work has been done in what has come to be known as generalized Ramsey theory for graphs. A long list of "generalized Ramsey numbers" have already been computed. In the most recent of a series of papers on this subject co-authored by Frank Harary the area was extended to include generalized Ramsey numbers for pairs of 2-dimensional simplicial 2-complexes. In that paper Ramsey numbers for several small pure 2-complexes, or plexes, were computed.

In most of the cases for graphs the critical colorings are found among a few rather simple canonical types. The critical colorings found so far for 2-complexes often involve Steiner triple systems or other designs.

In this paper values are obtained for the Ramsey numbers of certain classes of pairs drawn from the families of 2-complexes described in the paper mentioned above. The techniques used include the utilization of known values of the Ramsey numbers for graphs as well as various results from the study of block designs.

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Let G be a finite graph with vertex set $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N\}$. We say that G is rearrangeable if for all choices of distinct vertices $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t$ in V and $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_t$ in V there exist vertex disjoint paths between i_k and j_k for all k . For example, a complete bipartite graph with the vertex sets M and N is rearrangeable. However, this graph will usually have many more edges than is necessary for rearrangeability.

We determine the minimal number of edges any rearrangeable graph may have for all choices of M and N . We also discuss generalizations in which V is strictly greater than $M \cup N$ and/or t is bounded by a predeceivable value.

CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS

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For finite graphs F and G , let $\mathcal{F}(G)$ denote the set of occurrences of F in G , i.e., the number of subgraphs of G which are isomorphic to F . If F and G are families of graphs, it is natural to ask them whether or not the families $\mathcal{F}_n(G)$, $\mathcal{F}_n(F)$, are linearly independent in G is restricted to $\leq n$. For example, $\mathcal{F}_n(K_1, K_2)$ (here K denotes the complete graph on n vertices) and G is the family of all (finite) trees of order n is of course $\mathcal{F}_n(K_1, K_2) = \mathcal{F}_n(T_n)$ a 1 for all $T \in \mathcal{T}_n$. Slightly less trivially, $\mathcal{F}_n(S_n, K_1, K_2, \dots)$ (where S_n denotes the symmetric group on n elements) and $\mathcal{F}_n$ holds the family of all trees then

$$\mathcal{F}_n(S_n) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_n} \mathcal{F}_n(T) = 1 \text{ for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_n.$$

It will be proved that such a linear dependence can occur if and only if $\mathcal{F}_n$ has an isolated point and G contains all trees. This result has important applications in recent work of L. Lovasz and one of the authors.

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-ABSTRACT. Although methods exist in the literature for the enumeration of connected linear graphs by partition, these generally involve group theoretic expressions which do not lend themselves readily to computational techniques. The authors obtain recursive methods which are amenable to computation by various formula manipulation techniques.

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FINDING SIMPLE PATHS IN A GRAPH BY SYMBOLIC MANIPULATION OF BOOLEAN EQUATIONS

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Simple paths in a graph can be determined by the symbolic manipulation of Boolean equations. In this procedure a graph (directed or undirected) is represented by a set of Boolean equations--one equation for each node. By a process of substitution, an equation is generated which represents all the simple paths from one node to another. Application of the distributive law to this equation then delivers a disjunctive normal form wherein each term is one of the simple paths. The Set Equation Transformation System (SETS), a software package for the symbolic manipulation of any Boolean equations, has been used to carry out this procedure for several example graphs.

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A LATTICE ALGEBRA FOR FINDING
SIMPLE PATHS AND CUTS IN A GRAPH

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An algorithm for finding simple paths in a directed or undirected graph has been given by Fratta and Montanari and a similar algorithm for cuts has been presented by Martelli. Each of these authors has developed a different "regular algebra, appropriate for the problem. In this paper we present an algebra, almost identical to Martelli's, in which both the simple path and cut algorithms are valid. We show that this algebra is a self-dual distributive lattice. Thus, we unify the treatment of the simple paths and cuts within a single algebraic structure and find that they are naturally related by the concept of duality.

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This paper gives the exponential counting series for the number of homeomorphically irreducible labelled graphs, with and without multiple loops and edges. The series obtained bears a strong resemblance to the series given by Gilbert for the number of graphs on a specified number of vertices and edges. The derivation involves the application of the Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion together with a decomposition of the configurations involved into multiple-loops and multiple-edges with edge subdivision. A linear recurrence equation is obtained which gives the number of homeomorphically irreducible simple labelled graphs on n vertices to be computed in $O(n^2)$. Tabulations for this case and the corresponding connected case are obtained for $0 \leq n \leq 20$; {Paper submitted for publication elsewhere.}

Complexity of the Variable-Length Encoding Problem

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A prefix code is given. It consists of n words w_i with symbols drawn from an alphabet A . To each letter a_j is associated a cost c_j and to each codeword w_i a probability p_i . Then the cost C of a word equals $\sum c_j$ and the cost of the code C is such that $C = \sum p_i \cdot C_i$.

The problem is to find the optimal code (minimal cost). Karp formulated this problem in terms of integer programming, which leads to a possibly non-polynomial solution. With the following condition, $p_i = p_k \forall i, k$, some algorithms are known requiring $O(n \log n)$ steps. Using some structural properties of the problem, we recently showed how to only use $O(n)$ steps for a binary alphabet.

In this paper, using some additional theorems, we show how to extend the result to a general alphabet. We then analyze the implications to the general problem.

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COMPUTER DECOMPOSITION OF DIFFERENCE SETS

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A computer algorithm which tries to divide a difference set of cardinality n with differences each occurring λ times into two disjoint sets A and B of cardinality k and $n-k$ such that the differences of A and the differences of B together sum to $\lambda/2$, will be presented.

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AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF KEYWORD DETECTION SOFTWARE

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The construction of programs for the detection of keywords is common to many computer applications. We describe here a system for the automatic generation of such programs. The resulting keyword detection programs are both reliable and efficient.

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Minimum Turn Euler Circuits

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Given a block pattern which has been augmented to have only even vertices, a simple algorithm is given which produces a minimum turn Euler circuit. An underlying assumption is that the augmented pattern has no edges of multiplicity > 2 . With this assumption, a pattern decomposition is defined for which the number of components increases the number of turns in the minimum turn circuit. A branch and bound matching algorithm is given for matching odd vertices so as to minimize not only the cost of matching them but also the number of components in the augmented pattern.

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A CONSTRUCTION FOR BIBDs, RBIBDs

AND 3-DESIGNS

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A construction is given for balanced incomplete block designs (BIBD) resolvable designs (RBIBDs) and 3-designs which makes use of substituting disjoint equicardinal sets from one design for varieties of a second design.

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Magic Pair-Wise Balanced Designs

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A pair-wise balanced design is said to be k-magic if positive integer weights can be attached to its points so that the sum of weights of points on any line is equal to k. A magic design is one which is k-magic for some k. Some constructions of such designs are presented. The problem of characterizing magic designs which are embeddable in the real plane remains unsettled,

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Minimizing Weighted Conflicts

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In the exam scheduling problem, the number of exam periods is fixed; one tries to minimize the sum of the weighted conflicts. We examine this situation from two points of view, (1) Every weighted adjacency graph is induced by a bipartite graph and we seek a minimal such bigraph. In terms of the example, what is the minimum number of students needed to produce the weighted adjacencies? (2) If all weights are unity and there are only two colors available, how many conflicts can there be:

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On Cycles in Digraphs

We determine the minimum degree which guarantees a strong digraph to contain cycles of all lengths and the minimum number of edges guaranteeing a hamiltonian digraph to contain cycles of all lengths. As applications of these results we determine for each k the minimum number of edges required to insure that a digraph includes a cycle of length k . The corresponding problem for undirected graphs has not been solved completely for k even.

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A NEW BLOCK DESIGN

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A balanced incomplete block design with $v = 106$, $b = 371$, $r = 21$, $k = 6$, $\lambda = 1$ was found by computer. This is apparently the first BIBD ever constructed with $\lambda = 1$ and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$, although R. M. Wilson has shown that such designs exist if v is sufficiently large.