

CDM: Definitions and Theorems from Lectures 20-24

The following is a list of definitions, theorems, and notation from lectures 20-24.

Notation 1. Let $R(k; s_1, \dots, s_r)$ denote the Ramsey number for set colorings of size k . So for graphs, $R(s, t) = R(2; s, t)$. For simplicity, we use the notation $R_r(k; s)$ such that

$$R_r(k; s) = R(k; \underbrace{s, \dots, s}_{r \text{ times}}).$$

Theorem 1 (A Case of Ramsey's Theorem for Sets). *Let r, k, s be positive integers with $s \geq k$. Then there exists a number $n = R_r(k; s)$ where n is the size of the smallest set such that if all k -subsets are colored with r colors, then there exists a subset of size s where all of its k -subsets are colored the same color.*

Claim 2. *For positive integers r, k, s where $s \geq k$, we have*

$$R_{r+1}(k; s) \leq R_r(k; R(k; s, s)).$$

Theorem 3 (Schur's Theorem). *For every $r \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a positive integer $n = S(r)$ such that for every partition of the set $[n]$ into r -classes, one of the classes contains two numbers x and y along with their sum, $x + y$.*

Theorem 4 (The Erdős-Szekeres Theorem for Convex Polygons). *Let $m \geq 3$ be a positive integer. Then there exists a positive integer n such that any set of n points on the Euclidean plane, no three of which are collinear, contains m points which are the vertices of a convex polygon.*

Definition 5. A *proper coloring* of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a function from V to a set of colors such that no two adjacent vertices are the same color. The *chromatic coloring* of G , denoted $\chi(G)$ is the minimum number of colors needed to properly color G .

Theorem 6 (Brooks' Theorem). *Let $d \geq 3$ and let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph such that $\deg(v) \leq d$ for all $v \in V$, and that K_{d+1} is not a subgraph of G . Then $\chi(G) \leq d$.*

Definition 7. An *embedding* of a graph G on a surface S is a representation (or drawing) of G on S such that the edges of G do not cross but meet only at vertices that lie on S . We say G is *planar* if and only if it admits an embedding on a sphere.

Definition 8. Let $G = (V, E)$. A *subdivision* of an edge $\{u, v\} \in E$ occurs when we add a new vertex w to V such that $\{u, v\}$ is replaced by $\{u, w\}$ and $\{w, v\}$. A *subdivision* of G is the result of subdividing edges in E .

Definition 9. A *minor* of a graph G is a graph G' obtained from G by deleting and contracting edges, and possibly deleting some or all isolated vertices.

Definition 10. A *graph isomorphism* between two graphs $G = (V, E)$ and $G' = (V', E')$ is a bijection φ from V to V' such that $\{u, v\} \in E$ if and only if $\{\varphi(u), \varphi(v)\} \in E'$.

Theorem 11 (Kuratowski's Theorem). *A graph G is planar if and only if it has no minors isomorphic to subdivisions of K_5 or $K_{3,3}$.*

Definition 12. A *face* of an embedding of graph G on a surface S is a region bounded by edges.

Theorem 13 (Euler's Formula). *If the finite planar graph $G = (V, E)$ is embedded on a plane or a sphere, then*

$$1 - |F| + |E| - |V| + |C| = 0$$

where F is the set of faces and C is the set of components of G .

Definition 14. A graph is *simple* if it is undirected and has no multiple edges or loops.

Proposition 15. *Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple planar graph. Then there exists $v \in V$ such that $\deg(v) \leq 5$.*

Theorem 16 (The Five Color Theorem). *If G is a simple planar graph, then $\chi(G) \leq 5$.*

Definition 17. Let $G = (V, E)$. A *spanning subgraph* of G , is a graph $G' = (V', E')$ such that $V' = V$ and $E' \subseteq E$. A *spanning tree* of G , is a spanning subgraph of G that is a tree.

Theorem 18 (Alternative Version of Cayley's Formula). *The complete graph K_n has n^{n-2} spanning trees.*