

**Topics in Combinatorics and Graph Theory: Homework Assignment Number 3**  
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Solutions will be collected in class on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

1. Show that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$  and  $n_0 = n_0(\epsilon)$  such that every graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n > n_0$  vertices and at least  $\epsilon n^2$  edges contains a  $d$ -regular (not necessarily spanning or induced) subgraph, where  $d \geq \delta n$ .
2. Is the following claim correct? Prove, or describe a counter-example.

Claim: For every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $n_0 = n_0(\epsilon)$  such that for every  $n > n_0$  and every set  $A \subset \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  satisfying  $|A| \geq \epsilon n$ , there are three distinct elements  $a, b, c \in A$  satisfying

$$4a + 6b = 10c.$$

3. Prove that the number of triangle-free graphs on a set  $V$  of  $n$  labeled vertices is

$$2^{(\frac{1}{4} + o(1))n^2},$$

where the  $o(1)$ -term tends to 0 as  $n$  tends to infinity.

4. Prove that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and any integer  $h$  there are  $\delta = \delta(\epsilon, h) > 0$  and  $n_0 = n_0(\epsilon, h)$  such that the following holds. For any graph  $H$  on  $h$  vertices, any graph  $G$  on  $n > n_0$  vertices from which one has to delete at least  $\epsilon n^2$  edges to destroy all copies of  $H$  contains at least  $\delta n^h$  copies of  $H$ .
5. Is the following claim correct? Prove, or describe a counter-example.

Claim: For every  $\epsilon > 0$  there are  $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$  and  $n_0 = n_0(\epsilon)$  such that for every  $n > n_0$  and every set  $A \subset Z_n$  from which one has to delete at least  $\epsilon n$  elements to get a set  $A'$  with no  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 \in A'$  satisfying

$$a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 + 4a_4 + 5a_5 \equiv 6 \pmod{n} \tag{1}$$

the number of solutions of (1) with  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 \in A$  is at least  $\delta n^4$ .