

# Probabilistic techniques - tutorials

## Classwork 2 – Linearity of expectation

1. Show that there is a two coloring of the edges of  $K_n$  with at most  $\binom{n}{a} 2^{1-\binom{a}{2}}$  monochromatic  $K_a$ .
2. Show that there is a two coloring of edges of  $K_{n,m}$  with at most  $\binom{n}{a} \binom{m}{b} 2^{1-ab}$  monochromatic  $K_{a,b}$ .
3. Let  $M$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with entries uniformly independent chosen from  $\{-1, 1\}$ . Determine  $\mathbb{E}[\det(M)]$ .
4. Show that every set of integers size  $n$  has a subset  $A$  of size at least  $n/3$  such that there is no triple  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A$  that satisfies  $a_1 + a_2 = a_3$ .
5. Let  $n \geq 2$ ,  $H = (V, E)$  an  $n$ -uniform hypergraph with  $|E| = 4^{n-1}$  edges. Show that there is a coloring of  $V$  by four colors such that no edge is monochromatic.
6. Show that every set of real numbers of size  $n$  has a subset  $A$  of size at least  $n/3$  such that there is no triple  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A$  that satisfies  $a_1 + a_2 = a_3$ .
7. Let  $F$  be a family of subsets of  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$  and suppose that there are no  $A, B \in F$  such that  $A \subseteq B$ . Let  $\sigma \in S_n$  be a random permutation of  $[n]$  and consider the random variable  $X = |\{i: \{\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(i)\} \in F\}|$ . Show that  $|F| \leq \binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$  using  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ .