

# Probabilistic Techniques

## Problem set #3 — Неравенства Маркова и Чебышёва

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- During the first tutorial session, we proved that each graph  $G$  of minimum degree  $\delta$  has a dominating set of size at most  $n \frac{1+\ln(\delta+1)}{\delta+1}$ . But who would be satisfied with just a dominating set! Prove that there exists a constant  $c > 0$ , such that in every graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices with minimum degree  $\delta > 1$ , there exists a subset  $A \subseteq V(G)$  of size  $|A| \leq cn \frac{\log(\delta)}{\delta}$ , such that for each vertex  $u \in V(G) \setminus A$ , there are vertices  $v \in A$  and  $w \in V(G) \setminus A$ , such that  $u$  is connected by an edge to both  $v$  and  $w$ . [2 points]
- Let  $x$  be a point chosen uniformly randomly from the unit square  $[0, 1]^2$ , that is, each of its coordinates is a random number chosen uniformly independently from the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $X = \|x\|_2^2$  be the random variable computing the square of the Euclidean norm of  $x$ .
  - Compute  $\Pr[X > 1]$ . [1 point]
  - Compute  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ . What does Markov's inequality say about  $\Pr[X > 1]$ ? [1 point]
  - Compute  $\text{Var}[X]$ . [1 point]
- Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer, and let  $v_1 = (x_1, y_1), \dots, v_n = (x_n, y_n)$  be two-dimensional vectors, such that all  $x_i$ 's and  $y_i$ 's are integers, and furthermore  $x_i^2, y_i^2 \leq \frac{1}{10000} \frac{2^n}{n}$ . Prove that there exist two **non-empty disjoint** subsets  $I, J \subseteq [n]$ , such that

$$\sum_{i \in I} v_i = \sum_{j \in J} v_j.$$

[4 points]

- Let  $X$  denote the number of isolated vertices in  $G(n, p(n))$  where  $p(n) = c \frac{\ln(n)}{n}$ . Show that:
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[X = 0] = 1$  for  $c > 1$ . [2 points]
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[X \geq 1] = 1$  for  $0 \leq c < 1$ . [3 points]
- Show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  it holds that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr[\omega(G(n, 1/2)) \geq (2 + \varepsilon) \log_2(n)] = 0,$$

where  $\omega(G)$  is the size of the largest clique in graph  $G$ .

[3 points]

**Note: In fact, this holds even with  $\varepsilon = 0$ .**

- Let  $X$  be a non-negative integer random variable such that  $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$  is finite and nonzero (and thus  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  is finite, too). Prove that

$$\Pr[X = 0] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{\mathbb{E}[X^2]}.$$

[2 points]