
**9. Practice sheet for the lecture:
Combinatorics (DS I)**

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The Exercise session will take place in the room E-N 195 from now on. The room is very close to the room HE 101 connected by two corridors in the 1st floor!

- (1) Theorem of Hall
 - (a) Find an infinite counterexample to the Theorem of Hall, i.e., find a bipartite graph $G = (X \cup Y; E)$ with the property that $|N(S)| \geq |S|$ for all $S \subset X$ and there is no matching containing all vertices of X .
 - (b) The analogue of the Hall condition for general graphs is the *Tutte condition*. Inform yourself about this condition and show at least one implication of Tutte's theorem.
- (*) Let $P = (X, \leq)$ be a poset. We call a chain decomposition $\{C_i\}_i$ of P *greedy chain decomposition (GCD)* if it has the following property: C_1 is a maximum chain in P , and for $i > 1$, C_i is a maximum chain in P_i where P_i is the subposet of P induced by $X - \bigcup_{j < i} C_j$.
Prove or disprove: $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that any GCD of any finite poset P has size at most $c \cdot w$, where w is the width of P .
- (3) Consider two magicians M_1, M_2 in well separated rooms. A volunteer picks five cards from a standard deck (52 cards) and hands them to M_1 . M_1 keeps one of the five cards and puts the other four (in specific order) in an envelope. The envelope is brought to M_2 who opens it, has a look at the cards and announces the fifth card.
 - (a) Explain the existence of a strategy for this trick with the aid of Hall's Theorem.
 - (b) Find a playable strategy.
- (4) Also prepare the solutions for last week, we will probably have time to discuss some of them in person