

- (1) The Erdős–Szekeres lemma can be stated as follows: If  $n = ab + 1$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is a sequence of  $n$  numbers, then the sequence contains a strictly increasing subsequence of  $a + 1$  terms or a weakly decreasing subsequence of  $b + 1$  terms.  
Prove the lemma and think about generalizations.
- (2) Describe an algorithm to find a maximum weight free set in a weighted binary tree, here a set of nodes is called free if no two of them are on a joint path to the root.
- (3) A geometric graph is a graph given with a straight line drawing. A convex geometric graph has its vertices in convex position, e.g. as points on a circle. Show that a convex geometric graph with  $n$  vertices and no three pairwise crossing edges has at most  $4n - 10$  edges.
- (4) Let  $G$  be a geometric graph with  $n$  vertices such that each edge is crossed by at most one other edge. How many edges can  $G$  possess?
- (5) Consider intersection graphs of discs and the problems CHROMATIC NUMBER and MAXIMUM INDEPENDENT SET. Develop approximation algorithms.
- (6) As before but this time for intersection graphs of translates of a fixed convex shape.