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Lectures on Advances in Combinatorics

The lectures concentrate on highlights in Combinatorial (Chapters II and III) and Number Theoretical (Chapter IV) Extremal Theory, in particular on the solution of famous problems which were open for many decades. However, the organization of the lectures in six chapters does neither follow the historic developments nor the connections between ideas in several cases. With the specified auxiliary results in Chapter I on Probability Theory, Graph Theory, etc., all chapters can be read and taught independently of one another. In addition to the 16 lectures organized in 6 chapters of the main part of the book, there is supplementary material for most of them in the Appendix. In particular, there are applications and further exercises, research problems, conjectures, and even research programs. The following books and reports [B97], [ACDKPSWZ00], [A01], and [ABCABDM06], mostly of the authors, are frequently cited in this book, especially in the Appendix, and we therefore mark them by short labels as [B], [N], [E], and [G]. We emphasize that there are also “Exercises” in [B], a “Problem Section” with contributions by several authors on pages 1063–1105 of [G], which are often of a combinatorial nature, and “Problems and Conjectures” on pages 172–173 of [E].

Probabilistic Group Theory, Combinatorics, and Computing

Probabilistic Group Theory, Combinatorics and Computing is based on lecture courses held at the Fifth de Brún Workshop in Galway, Ireland in April 2011. Each course discusses computational and algorithmic aspects that have recently emerged at the interface of group theory and combinatorics, with a strong focus on probabilistic methods and results. The courses served as a forum for devising new strategic approaches and for discussing the main open problems to be solved in the further development of each area. The book represents a valuable resource for advanced lecture courses. Researchers at all levels are introduced to the main methods and the state-of-the-art, leading up to the very latest developments. One primary aim of the book’s approach and design is to enable postgraduate students to make immediate use of the material presented.

Lectures on the Combinatorics of Free Probability

This 2006 book is a self-contained introduction to free probability theory suitable for an introductory graduate level course.

Storing and Transmitting Data

The volume "Storing and Transmitting Data" is based on Rudolf Ahlswede's introductory course on "Information Theory I" and presents an introduction to Shannon Theory. Readers, familiar or unfamiliar with the technical intricacies of Information Theory, will benefit considerably from working through the book; especially Chapter VI with its lively comments and uncensored insider views from the world of science and research offers informative and revealing insights. This is the first of several volumes that will serve as a collected research documentation of Rudolf Ahlswede's lectures on information theory. Each volume includes comments from an invited well-known expert. Holger Boche contributed his insights in the supplement of the present volume. Classical information processing concerns the main tasks of gaining knowledge, storage, transmitting and hiding data. The first task is the prime goal of Statistics. For the two next, Shannon presented an impressive mathematical theory called Information Theory, which he based on probabilistic models. The theory largely involves the concept of codes with small error probabilities in spite of noise in the transmission, which is modeled by channels. The lectures presented in this work are suitable for graduate students in Mathematics, and also in Theoretical Computer Science, Physics, and Electrical Engineering with background in basic Mathematics. The lectures can be used as the basis for courses or to supplement courses in many ways. Ph.D. students will also find research problems, often with conjectures, that offer potential subjects for a thesis. More advanced researchers may find the basis of entire research programs.

Problems from the Discrete to the Continuous

The primary intent of the book is to introduce an array of beautiful problems in a variety of subjects quickly, pithily and completely rigorously to graduate students and advanced undergraduates. The book takes a number of specific problems and solves them, the needed tools developed along the way in the context of the particular problems. It treats a melange of topics from combinatorial probability theory, number theory, random graph theory and combinatorics. The problems in this book involve the asymptotic analysis of a discrete construct, as some natural parameter of the system tends to infinity. Besides bridging discrete mathematics and mathematical analysis, the book makes a modest attempt at bridging disciplines. The problems were selected with an eye toward accessibility to a wide audience, including advanced undergraduate students. The book could be used for a seminar course in which students present the lectures.

Information Theory, Combinatorics, and Search Theory

This volume is dedicated to the memory of Rudolf Ahlswede, who passed away in December 2010. The Festschrift contains 36 thoroughly refereed research papers from a memorial symposium, which took place in July 2011. The four macro-topics of this workshop: theory of games and strategic planning; combinatorial group testing and database mining; computational biology and string matching; information coding and spreading and patrolling on networks; provide a comprehensive picture of the vision Rudolf Ahlswede put forward of a broad and systematic theory of search.

Combinatorial Algorithms

A survey of some of the work that has been done since the appearance of the second edition of Combinatorial Algorithms. Topics include progress in: Gray Codes, listing of subsets of given size of a given universe, listing rooted and free trees, selecting free trees and unlabeled graphs uniformly at random, and ranking and unranking problems on unlabeled trees.

Additive Combinatorics

One of the most active areas in mathematics today is the rapidly emerging new topic of "additive combinatorics". Building on Gowers' use of the Freiman-Ruzsa theorem in harmonic analysis (in particular, his proof of Szemerédi's theorem), Green and Tao famously proved that there are arbitrarily long arithmetic progressions of primes, and Bourgain and his co-authors have given non-trivial estimates for hitherto untouchably short exponential sums. There are further important consequences in group theory and in complexity theory and compelling questions in ergodic theory, discrete geometry and many other disciplines. The basis of the subject is not too difficult: it can be best described as the theory

of adding together sets of numbers; in particular, understanding the structure of the two original sets if their sum is small. This book brings together key researchers from all of these different areas, sharing their insights in articles meant to inspire mathematicians coming from all sorts of different backgrounds.

Combinatorial Geometry and Its Algorithmic Applications

"Based on a lecture series given by the authors at a satellite meeting of the 2006 International Congress of Mathematicians and on many articles written by them and their collaborators, this volume provides a comprehensive up-to-date survey of several core areas of combinatorial geometry. It describes the beginnings of the subject, going back to the nineteenth century (if not to Euclid), and explains why counting incidences and estimating the combinatorial complexity of various arrangements of geometric objects became the theoretical backbone of computational geometry in the 1980s and 1990s. The combinatorial techniques outlined in this book have found applications in many areas of computer science from graph drawing through hidden surface removal and motion planning to frequency allocation in cellular networks. "Combinatorial Geometry and Its Algorithmic Applications" is intended as a source book for professional mathematicians and computer scientists as well as for graduate students interested in combinatorics and geometry. Most chapters start with an attractive, simply formulated, but often difficult and only partially answered mathematical question, and describes the most efficient techniques developed for its solution. The text includes many challenging open problems, figures, and an extensive bibliography."--BOOK JACKET.

Lectures on Generating Functions

In combinatorics, one often considers the process of enumerating objects of a certain nature, which results in a sequence of positive integers. With each such sequence, one can associate a generating function, whose properties tell us a lot about the nature of the objects being enumerated. Nowadays, the language of generating functions is the main language of enumerative combinatorics. This book is based on the course given by the author at the College of Mathematics of the Independent University of Moscow. It starts with definitions, simple properties, and numerous examples of generating functions. It then discusses various topics, such as formal grammars, generating functions in several variables, partitions and decompositions, and the exclusion-inclusion principle. In the final chapter, the author describes applications of generating functions to enumeration of trees, plane graphs, and graphs embedded in two-dimensional surfaces. Throughout the book, the reader is motivated by interesting examples rather than by general theories. It also contains a lot of exercises to help the reader master the material. Little beyond the standard calculus course is necessary to understand the book. It can serve as a text for a one-semester undergraduate course in combinatorics.

Erdos-Ko-Rado Theorems: Algebraic Approaches

Graduate text focusing on algebraic methods that can be applied to prove the Erdős-Ko-Rado Theorem and its generalizations.

Ten Lectures on the Probabilistic Method

This volume is a collection of survey papers in combinatorics that have grown out of lectures given in the workshop on Probabilistic Combinatorics at the Paul Erdős Summer Research Center in Mathematics in Budapest. The papers, reflecting the many facets of modern-day combinatorics, will be appreciated by specialists and general mathematicians alike: assuming relatively little background, each paper gives a quick introduction to an active area, enabling the reader to learn about the fundamental results and appreciate some of the latest developments. An important feature of the articles, very much in the spirit of Erdős, is the abundance of open problems.

Contemporary Combinatorics

Notwithstanding its title, the reader will not find in this book a systematic account of this huge subject. Certain classical aspects have been passed by, and the true title ought to be "Various questions of elementary combinatorial analysis". For instance, we only touch upon the subject of graphs and configurations, but there exists a very extensive and good literature on this subject. For this we refer the reader to the bibliography at the end of the volume. The true beginnings of combinatorial analysis (also called combinatorial analysis) coincide with the beginnings of probability theory in the 17th century. For about two centuries it vanished as an autonomous subject. But the advance of statistics, with an

ever-increasing demand for configurations as well as the advent and development of computers, have, beyond doubt, contributed to reinstating this subject after such a long period of negligence. For a long time the aim of combinatorial analysis was to count the different ways of arranging objects under given circumstances. Hence, many of the traditional problems of analysis or geometry which are concerned at a certain moment with finite structures, have a combinatorial character. Today, combinatorial analysis is also relevant to problems of existence, estimation and structuration, like all other parts of mathematics, but exclusively for finite sets.

Advanced Combinatorics

This volume contains survey articles based on the invited lectures given at the Twenty-second British Combinatorial Conference, held in July 2009 at the University of St Andrews. This biennial conference is a well-established international event, with speakers from all over the world. By its nature this volume provides an up-to-date overview of current research activity in several areas of combinatorics, including graph theory, design theory and packing problems. Each article is clearly written and assumes little prior knowledge on the part of the reader. The authors are some of the world's foremost researchers in their fields, and here they summarise existing results, and give a unique preview of the most recent developments. The book provides a valuable survey of the present state of knowledge in combinatorics. It will be useful to research workers and advanced graduate students, primarily in mathematics but also in computer science, statistics and engineering.

Surveys in Combinatorics 2009

This book explains some recent applications of the theory of polynomials and algebraic geometry to combinatorics and other areas of mathematics. One of the first results in this story is a short elegant solution of the Kakeya problem for finite fields, which was considered a deep and difficult problem in combinatorial geometry. The author also discusses in detail various problems in incidence geometry associated to Paul Erdős's famous distinct distances problem in the plane from the 1940s. The proof techniques are also connected to error-correcting codes, Fourier analysis, number theory, and differential geometry. Although the mathematics discussed in the book is deep and far-reaching, it should be accessible to first- and second-year graduate students and advanced undergraduates. The book contains approximately 100 exercises that further the reader's understanding of the main themes of the book.

Combinatorics Advances

This volume contains nine survey articles based on the invited lectures given at the 24th British Combinatorial Conference, held at Royal Holloway, University of London in July 2013. This biennial conference is a well-established international event, with speakers from around the world. The volume provides an up-to-date overview of current research in several areas of combinatorics, including graph theory, matroid theory and automatic counting, as well as connections to coding theory and Bent functions. Each article is clearly written and assumes little prior knowledge on the part of the reader. The authors are some of the world's foremost researchers in their fields, and here they summarise existing results and give a unique preview of cutting-edge developments. The book provides a valuable survey of the present state of knowledge in combinatorics, and will be useful to researchers and advanced graduate students, primarily in mathematics but also in computer science and statistics.

Polynomial Methods in Combinatorics

Stochastic calculus and excursion theory are very efficient tools for obtaining either exact or asymptotic results about Brownian motion and related processes. This book focuses on special classes of Brownian functionals, including Gaussian subspaces of the Gaussian space of Brownian motion; Brownian quadratic functionals; Brownian local times; Exponential functionals of Brownian motion with drift; Time spent by Brownian motion below a multiple of its one-sided supremum.

Surveys in Combinatorics 2013

The kernel of this book consists of a series of lectures on inductive proof theory which I gave during my time at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Münster. It was planned as a successor of Springer Lecture Notes in Mathematics 1407. However, when preparing it, I decided to also include material which has not been treated in SLN 1407. Since the appearance of SLN 1407 many innovations in the area

of ordinal analysis have taken place. Just to mention those of them which are addressed in this book: Buchholz simplified local predicativity by the invention of operator controlled derivations (cf. Chapter 9, Chapter 11); Weiermann detected applications of methods of impredicative proof theory to the characterization of the provable recursive functions of predicative theories (cf. Chapter 10); Beckmann improved Gentzen's boundedness theorem (which appears as Stage Theorem (Theorem 6.6.1) in this book) to Theorem 6.6.9, a theorem which is very satisfying in itself - though its real importance lies in the ordinal analysis of systems, weaker than those treated here. Besides these innovations I also decided to include the analysis of the theory (Σ_1^1 -REF) as an example of a subtheory of set theory whose ordinal analysis only $\aleph_1$ requires a first step into impredicativity. The ordinal analysis of (Σ_1^1 -FXP) of non- $\aleph_1$ monotone Σ_1^1 -definable inductive definitions in Chapter 13 is an application of the analysis of (Σ_1^1 -REF).

Aspects of Brownian Motion

New corrected printing of a well-established text on logic at the introductory level.

Proof Theory

The aim of this textbook is to introduce the theory of nonlinear dispersive equations to graduate students in a constructive way. The first three chapters are dedicated to preliminary material, such as Fourier transform, interpolation theory and Sobolev spaces. The authors then proceed to use the linear Schrodinger equation to describe properties enjoyed by general dispersive equations. This information is then used to treat local and global well-posedness for the semi-linear Schrodinger equations. The end of each chapter contains recent developments and open problems, as well as exercises.

Logic and Structure

Tools for Computational Finance offers a clear explanation of computational issues arising in financial mathematics. The new third edition is thoroughly revised and significantly extended, including an extensive new section on analytic methods, focused mainly on interpolation approach and quadratic approximation. Other new material is devoted to risk-neutrality, early-exercise curves, multidimensional Black-Scholes models, the integral representation of options and the derivation of the Black-Scholes equation. New figures, more exercises, and expanded background material make this guide a real must-to-have for everyone working in the world of financial engineering.

Introduction to Nonlinear Dispersive Equations

This volume contains nine survey articles based on the invited lectures given at the 23rd British Combinatorial Conference, held at Exeter in July 2011. This biennial conference is a well-established international event, with speakers from all over the world. By its nature, this volume provides an up-to-date overview of current research activity in several areas of combinatorics, including extremal graph theory, the cyclic sieving phenomenon and transversals in Latin squares. Each article is clearly written and assumes little prior knowledge on the part of the reader. The authors are some of the world's foremost researchers in their fields, and here they summarise existing results and give a unique preview of the most recent developments. The book provides a valuable survey of the present state of knowledge in combinatorics. It will be useful to research workers and advanced graduate students, primarily in mathematics but also in computer science and statistics.

Tools for Computational Finance

Sri Gopal Mohanty has made pioneering contributions to lattice path counting and its applications to probability and statistics. This is clearly evident from his lifetime publications list and the numerous citations his publications have received over the past three decades. My association with him began in 1982 when I came to McMaster University. Since then, I have been associated with him on many different issues at professional as well as cultural levels; I have benefited greatly from him on both these grounds. I have enjoyed very much being his colleague in the statistics group here at McMaster University and also as his friend. While I admire him for his honesty, sincerity and dedication, I appreciate very much his kindness, modesty and broad-mindedness. Aside from our common interest in mathematics and statistics, we both have great love for Indian classical music and dance. We have spent numerous many different subjects associated with the Indian music and hours discussing dance. I still remember fondly the long drive (to Amherst, Massachusetts) I had a few years ago with him and

his wife, Shantimayee, and all the hearty discussions we had during that journey. Combinatorics and applications of combinatorial methods in probability and statistics has become a very active and fertile area of research in the recent past.

Surveys in Combinatorics 2011

Lectures on Finitely Generated Solvable Groups are based on the "Topics in Group Theory" course focused on finitely generated solvable groups that was given by Gilbert G. Baumslag at the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. While knowledge about finitely generated nilpotent groups is extensive, much less is known about the more general class of solvable groups containing them. The study of finitely generated solvable groups involves many different threads; therefore these notes contain discussions on HNN extensions; amalgamated and wreath products; and other concepts from combinatorial group theory as well as commutative algebra. Along with Baumslag's Embedding Theorem for Finitely Generated Metabelian Groups, two theorems of Bieri and Strebel are presented to provide a solid foundation for understanding the fascinating class of finitely generated solvable groups. Examples are also supplied, which help illuminate many of the key concepts contained in the notes. Requiring only a modest initial group theory background from graduate and post-graduate students, these notes provide a field guide to the class of finitely generated solvable groups from a combinatorial group theory perspective.

Advances in Combinatorial Methods and Applications to Probability and Statistics

This text is based on lectures delivered by the first author on various, often nonstandard, parts of knot theory and related subjects. By exploring contemporary topics in knot theory including those that have become mainstream, such as skein modules, Khovanov homology and Gram determinants motivated by knots, this book offers an innovative extension to the existing literature. Each lecture begins with a historical overview of a topic and gives motivation for the development of that subject. Understanding of most of the material in the book requires only a basic knowledge of topology and abstract algebra. The intended audience is beginning and advanced graduate students, advanced undergraduate students, and researchers interested in knot theory and its relations with other disciplines within mathematics, physics, biology, and chemistry. Inclusion of many exercises, open problems, and conjectures enables the reader to enhance their understanding of the subject. The use of this text for the classroom is versatile and depends on the course level and choices made by the instructor. Suggestions for variations in course coverage are included in the Preface. The lecture style and array of topical coverage are hoped to inspire independent research and applications of the methods described in the book to other disciplines of science. An introduction to the topology of 3-dimensional manifolds is included in Appendices A and B. Lastly, Appendix C includes a Table of Knots.

Advanced Combinatorics

Geometric combinatorics describes a wide area of mathematics that is primarily the study of geometric objects and their combinatorial structure. This text is a compilation of expository articles at the interface between combinatorics and geometry.

Lectures on Finitely Generated Solvable Groups

Permutation patterns is a thriving area of combinatorics that relates to many other areas of mathematics, including graph theory, enumerative combinatorics, model theory, the theory of automata and languages, and bioinformatics. Arising from the Fifth International Conference on Permutation Patterns, held in St Andrew's in June 2007, this volume contains a mixture of survey and research articles by leading experts, whom include the two invited speakers, Martin Klazar and Mike Atkinson. Together, the collected articles cover all the significant strands of current research: structural methods and simple patterns, generalisations of patterns, various enumerative aspects, machines and networks, packing, and more. Specialists in this area and other researchers in combinatorics and related fields will find much of interest in this book. In addition, the volume provides plenty of material accessible to advanced undergraduates and is a suitable reference for projects and dissertations.

Combinatorial Group Theory

Survey articles based on the invited lectures given at the Twenty-first British Combinatorial Conference, first published in 2007.

Lectures in Knot Theory

The articles collected here are the texts of the invited lectures given at the Eighth British Combinatorial Conference held at University College, Swansea. The contributions reflect the scope and breadth of application of combinatorics, and are up-to-date reviews by mathematicians engaged in current research. This volume will be of use to all those interested in combinatorial ideas, whether they be mathematicians, scientists or engineers concerned with the growing number of applications.

Geometric Combinatorics

The goal of this monograph is to develop Hopf theory in the setting of a real reflection arrangement. The central notion is that of a Coxeter bialgebra which generalizes the classical notion of a connected graded Hopf algebra. The authors also introduce the more structured notion of a Coxeter bimonoid and connect the two notions via a family of functors called Fock functors. These generalize similar functors connecting Hopf monoids in the category of Joyal species and connected graded Hopf algebras. This monograph opens a new chapter in Coxeter theory as well as in Hopf theory, connecting the two. It also relates fruitfully to many other areas of mathematics such as discrete geometry, semigroup theory, associative algebras, algebraic Lie theory, operads, and category theory. It is carefully written, with effective use of tables, diagrams, pictures, and summaries. It will be of interest to students and researchers alike.

Permutation Patterns

This volume is the first comprehensive treatment of combinatorial algebraic topology in book form. The first part of the book constitutes a swift walk through the main tools of algebraic topology. Readers - graduate students and working mathematicians alike - will probably find particularly useful the second part, which contains an in-depth discussion of the major research techniques of combinatorial algebraic topology. Although applications are sprinkled throughout the second part, they are principal focus of the third part, which is entirely devoted to developing the topological structure theory for graph homomorphisms.

Surveys in combinatorics : invited papers for the ... British Combinatorial Conference

This book, the first volume in the new DIMACS book series, contains the proceedings of the first DIMACS workshop. The workshop, which was held in June 1989 in Morristown, New Jersey, focused on polyhedral combinatorics. Two series of lectures were presented by L Lovasz and A Schrijver and there were a number of shorter lectures. The topics covered include multicommodity flows, graph matchings and colorings, the traveling salesman problem, integer programming, and complexity theory. Aimed at researchers in combinatorics and combinatorial optimization, this book will provide readers with an overview of recent advances in combinatorial optimization.

Surveys in Combinatorics 2007

Combinatorics is an active field of mathematical study and the British Combinatorial Conference, held biennially, aims to survey the most important developments by inviting distinguished mathematicians to lecture at the meeting. The contributions of the principal lecturers at the Seventh Conference, held in Cambridge, are published here and the topics reflect the breadth of the subject. Each author has written a broadly conceived survey, not limited to his own work, but intended for wide readership. Important aspects of the subject are emphasized so that non-specialists will find them understandable. Topics covered include graph theory, matroids, combinatorial set theory, projective geometry and combinatorial group theory. All those researching into any aspect of Combinatorics and its applications will find much in these articles of use and interest.

Combinatorics

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will find much of interest in this book. In addition, the volume provides plenty of material accessible to advanced undergraduates and is a suitable reference for projects and dissertations.

Coxeter Bialgebras

Survey articles based on the invited lectures given at the Twenty-first British Combinatorial Conference, first published in 2007.

Combinatorial Algebraic Topology

Polyhedral Combinatorics