

Distinguishing number of line graphs of complete bipartite graphs

Or: Distinguishing number > 2

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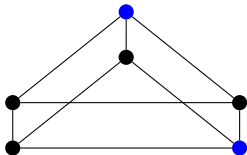
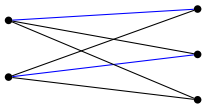
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Identity coloring of $s \times t$ grid

- \Leftrightarrow identity edge coloring of $K_{s,t}$ (bipartite adjacency matrix)
- \Leftrightarrow identity vertex coloring of $K_s \square K_t$ (Imrich and Miller result on automorphisms of $G \square H$)

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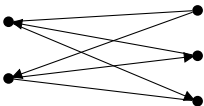
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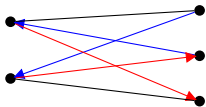
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Cartesian products and distinguishing number

$G \square H$ - replace vertices of G with copies of H , edges of G become edges between copies of the same vertex of H

G is prime if $G = G_1 \square G_2$ only trivially

$G \square G \square G = G^3$ etc

- ▶ Hypercubes - $D(K_2^n) = 2$ except $D(K_2^2) = D(K_2^3) = 3$ (Bogstead and Cowen 2004)
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G, H connected relatively prime graphs with $|G| \neq |H|$

$$\Rightarrow D(G \square H) \leq D(K_{|G|} \square K_{|H|})$$

automorphisms of $G \square H$ are also automorphisms of $K_{|G|} \square K_{|H|}$

(Imrich, Jerebic and Klavzar 2008)

Bounds on distinguishing number of Cartesian products of complete graphs are general bounds

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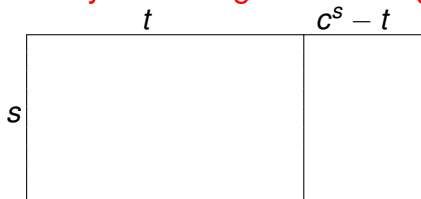
Switching lemma example

5 colors and 7 rows: Complete to all 5^7 possible columns



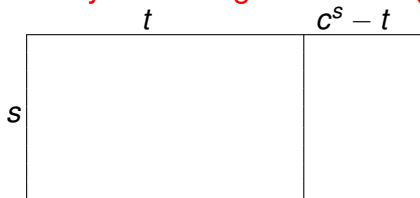
- ▶ Non-trivial automorphism on right \Leftrightarrow Non-trivial automorphism on right
- ▶ **Switching Lemma:** $s \times t$ grid has an identity c coloring if and only if $s \times c^s - t$ grid does.

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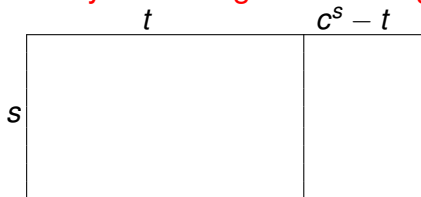


- ▶ If t is 'small' use 'distinct row degrees', distinct columns construction
- ▶ If t is 'big' (close to c^s) use induction and switching lemma and look for identity coloring of $s \times c^s - t$ grid

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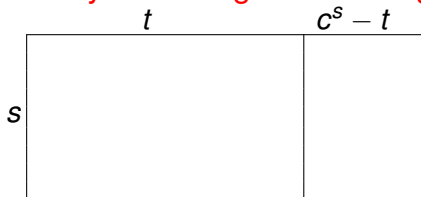


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 - ▶ SOMETIMES if $s = c^{1+x} - \lfloor \log_c x \rfloor - 2$
 - ▶ $x = \lfloor \log_c(s - 1) \rfloor$

Translation to distinguishing number for $s \leq t$:

Let $c = \lceil (t + 1)^{1/s} \rceil$
smallest c such that $t < c^s$

$D(K_s \square K_t) =$

$$\begin{cases} c + 1 & \text{if } c^s - \lceil \log_c s \rceil + 1 \leq t \leq c^s - 1 \\ c & \text{if } s \leq t \leq c^s - \lceil \log_c s \rceil \\ c \text{ or } c + 1 & \text{when } t = c^s - \lceil \log_c s \rceil \text{ (determine by recursion)} \end{cases}$$

It will be c if t is 'big' relative to s ; e.g. $t \geq s^s$

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General case replace 13, 42 with s, t

Summary - we can 'most of the time' directly determine the distinguishing number of $K_s \square k_t$ and otherwise can determine with a recursion using at most iterated logarithm (base c of t) steps. Extends to higher dimensional grids