

# Reliability polynomial etc

will assign HW due after break.

Chromatic polynomial.

$G$  graph.

$$C_G(k) = \# \{ k\text{-colourings of } G \}$$

poly in  $k$ .

$k$ -colouring means a function  $V(G) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, k\}$   
 s.t.  $f(v) \neq f(w)$  if  $\{v, w\} \in E(G)$ .

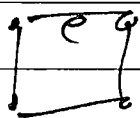
Thm  $C_G(k) = C_{G-e}(k) - C_{G/e}(k)$   
 $e \in E(G)$

$G-e$  "delete  $e$ "

$G/e$  "contract  $e$ , remove any mult. edges that result"

Thm  $\Rightarrow C_G(k)$  is poly.

e.g.  $C_4 = G$ .



shorthand for "the poly"

$$\Rightarrow C(\square) = C(\sqcup) - C(\triangle)$$

abbreviate more...



$$\square = \sqcup - \triangle$$

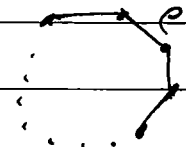
$$= k(k-1)^3 - \triangle$$

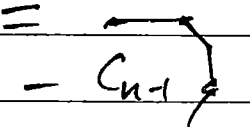
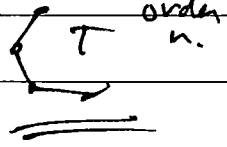
$$= k(k-1)^3 - (k-1) \quad n = |T|$$

Previous class:

$$C_G(k) = k(k-1)^{n-1}$$

$$= k(k-1)^3 - k(k-1)^2 + k(k-1)$$

general cycle:  $C_n(k) =$  

$=$    $+$   <sup>order n.</sup>

$$\Rightarrow C_n(k) = k(k-1)^{n-1} - C_{n-1}(k)$$

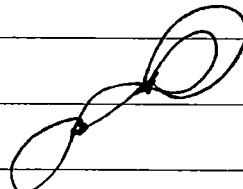
Other polynomials attached to graphs.

- ⊙ Reliability polynomial  $R_G(p)$
- ⊙ Tutte polynomial  $T_G(x, y)$

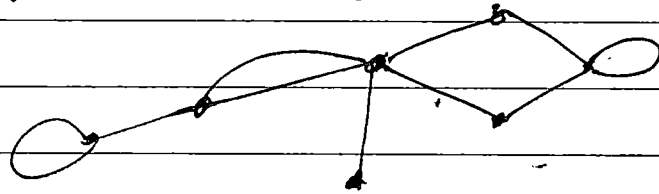
Both chromatic and reliability polygs are specializations of  $T_G(x, y)$

Reliability polynomial.

For the moment (on these topics) we allow loops multiple edge.

in graphs. 

$G$  graph. say  $G$  models a network.



verts computers  
edges connectors

take  $0 \leq p \leq 1$  probability.  
interpret it as probability that  
any given edge will fail.

goal: compute probability that the  
network "survives" (i.e. remains  
connected) if all edges fail  
independently with probability  $p$ .


e.g.  $G$ :  $\bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$  edge fails  $p$   
edge survives  $1-p$

$R_G(p) = 1-p$

e.g.  $G$ : tree Surv.

$$R_G(p) = (1-p)^r$$

In general:  $G = T \Rightarrow R_T(p)$   
 $|T| = n \Rightarrow (1-p)^{n-1}$

e.g.  $G = K_3$  

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prob of survival} &= P(\{\text{all 3 survive}\})^{\otimes} \\ &\quad + P(\{\text{exactly 2 survive}\})^{\circ} \\ &= (1-p)^3 + 3p(1-p)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HTT} &= (1-p)^2(1-p+3p) \\ \text{THT} &= (1-p)^2(1+2p) \\ \text{TTH} & \end{aligned}$$

Like the chromatic poly,  $R_G(p)$  satisfies a deletion-contraction recursion relation.

$$R_G(p) = \boxed{\times} R_{G-e} + \boxed{\circ} R_{G/e}$$

Thm.  $R_G(p) = \begin{cases} \textcircled{a} R_{G-e}(p) & \text{if } e \text{ loop} \\ \textcircled{b} (1-p) R_{G/e}(p) & \text{if } e \text{ bridge} \\ \textcircled{c} p R_{G-e}(p) + (1-p) R_{G/e} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

e.g.  $G = K_3$   $R_G(p)?$

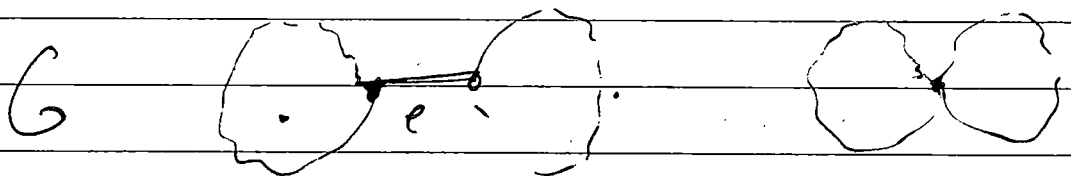
$$\begin{aligned} R(\triangle) &\stackrel{\textcircled{a}}{=} p R(\triangle) + (1-p) R(\emptyset) \\ &\stackrel{\textcircled{b}}{=} p(1-p)^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= p(1-p)^2 + (1-p)(pR(1) + (1-p)R(\emptyset)) \\
&= p(1-p)^2 + (1-p) \left( p(1-p) + (1-p) \right) \\
&= p(1-p)^2 + p(1-p)^2 + (1-p)^2 \\
&= (1-p)^2 (1+2p) \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Why is this true?

(a)  $R_G(p) = R_{G-e}(p)$  if  $e$  loop  
pretty clear.

(b)  $R_G(p) = (1-p) R_{G/e}(p)$  if  $e$  bridge.

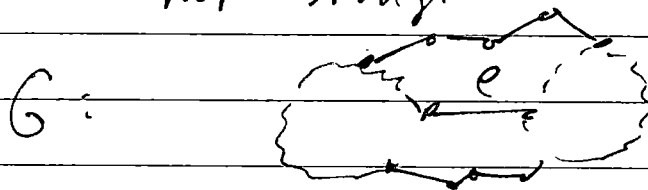


$$(1-p) R_{G/e}(p)$$

prob that  $e$   
survives

prob. of ~~survive~~  
survival even  
with failures  
away from  $e$ .

(c)  $e$  neither loop  
nor bridge.



prob. of network survival:

2 cases:

$$R_G(p) = \underbrace{\left\{ \text{Pr of } e \text{ disappearing} \right\}}_{e \text{ gone}} + \left\{ \text{Pr of } e \text{ remaining} \right\}_{e \text{ stays.}} \\ \times \left\{ \text{Pr of survival with } e \text{ gone} \right\} \times \left\{ \text{Pr of survival with } e \text{ there} \right\}$$

$$= p R_{G-e}(p) + (1-p) R_{G/e}(p)$$

Variations: different probabilities for different edges.