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Erdős - Ko - Rado Thm

Theorem

If \mathcal{A} is an intersecting family

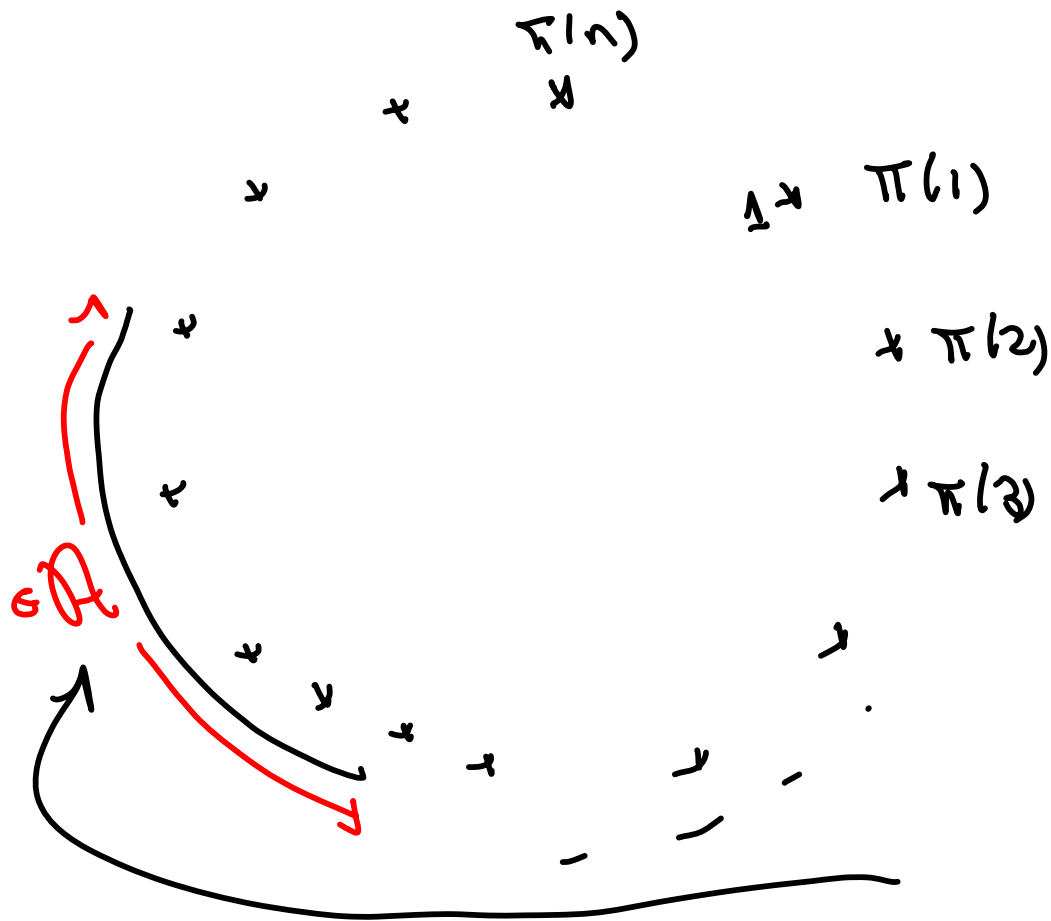
and $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \binom{[n]}{k}$, $k \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$

then

$$|\mathcal{A}| \leq \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

$k > \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$
 $\Rightarrow \binom{[n]}{k}$ is
intersecting

Take all k -sets containing 1
then we get an intersecting family of size



Count number of incidence like this

$$S(\pi, A) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

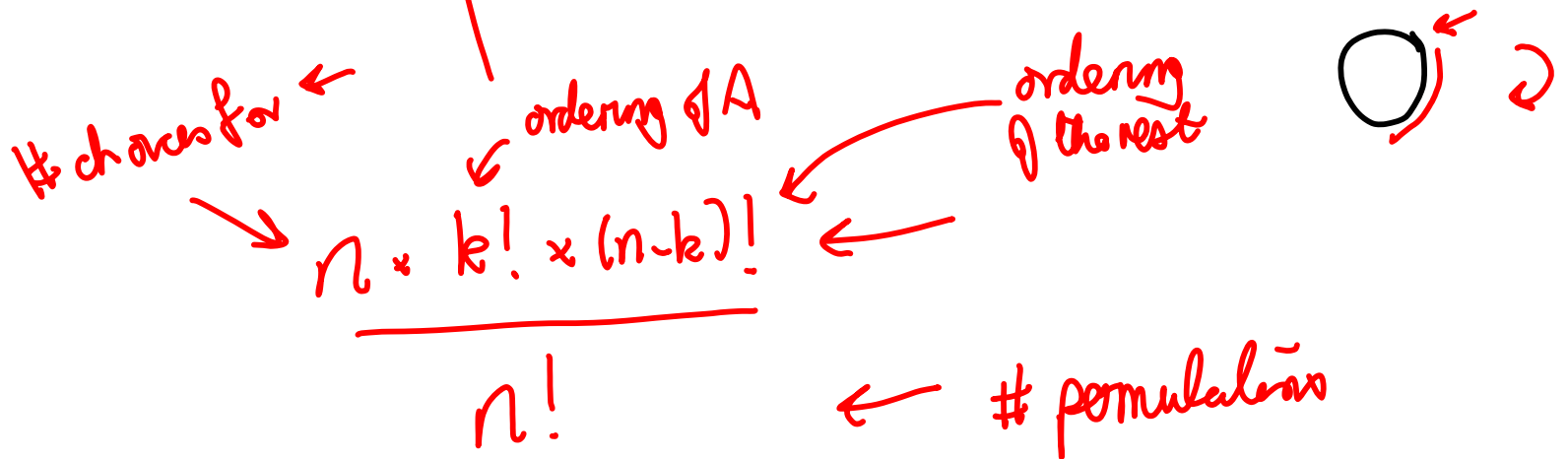


somewhere

Claim: $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \theta(\pi, A) \leq k, \forall \pi.$

Now let π be a random permutation.

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} E(\theta(\pi, A)) \leq k$$

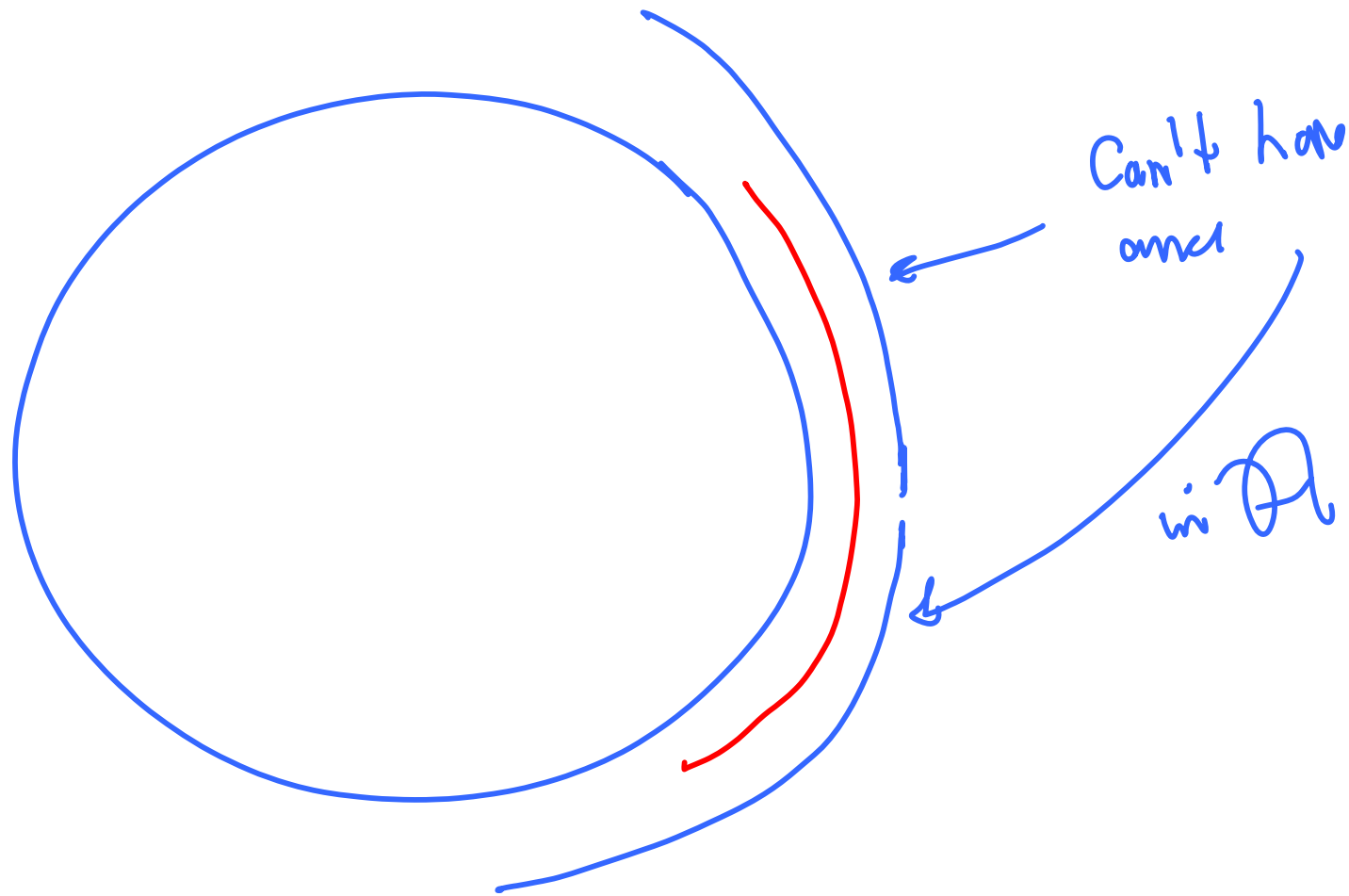


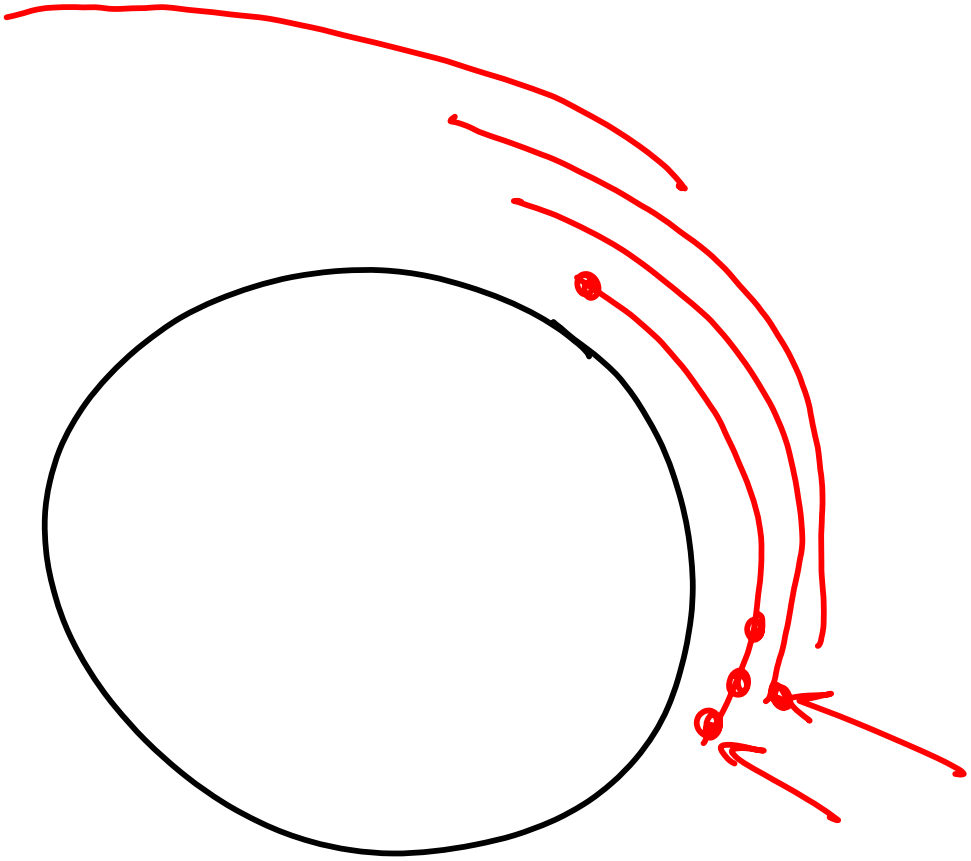
So

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} \frac{n k! (n-k)!}{n!} \leq k$$

$$|\mathcal{A}| \leq \frac{k n!}{n k! (n-k)!} = \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

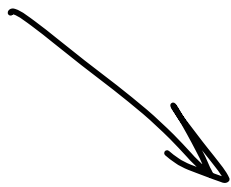
$$\mathcal{O}(\pi, A) \cong k$$





Pigeon Hole Principle

M objects



n boxes $\sqcup \sqcup \sqcup \dots \sqcup$

one box gets $\lceil \frac{M}{n} \rceil$ objects.

Example

Nobody can have more than 10^7 hairs on their body.

In the USA there must be

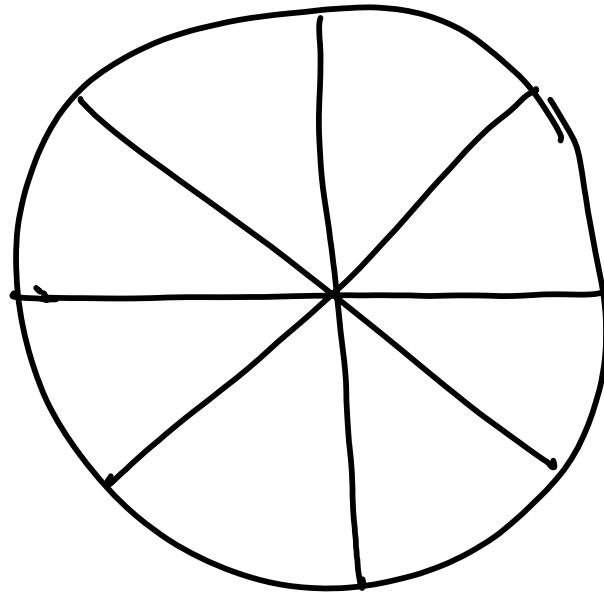
$\frac{3 \times 10^8}{10^7}$ people with same number of hairs



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2 Disks

200 sectors



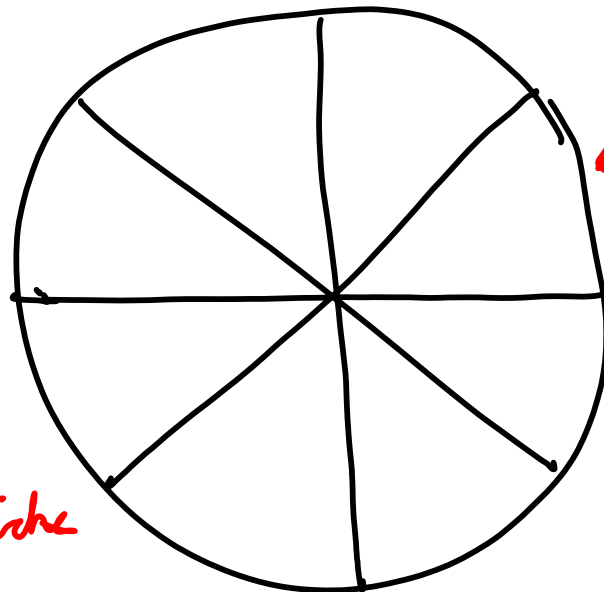
100 Red

Disk 1

100 Blue

Put disk 2
on disk 1
Match'g corr.
sectors have
same color

Claim: one
can rotate to
get ≥ 100 matches



colored
at arbitrary

Disk 2

Let $q_i = \#$ of matches of 1 on disk 1
 is above i on disk 2.

Claim $q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_{200} \geq 200 \times 100$

$\Rightarrow \exists i : q_i \geq 100$

Sectors

position
 i

1 if match
 on sector i

\uparrow
 100 1's

How many 1's?

(i) By rows

$q_1 + \dots + q_{200}$

$\leftarrow q_i$ 1's

(ii) By columns

Erdős-Szekeres Theorem

Suppose $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k^2+1}$ are real numbers.

9, ^{*}3, 8, 2, 9, ^{*}7, ^{*}15, 13, 4, 12

A subsequence $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_s$ is monotone

increasing \downarrow $a_{i_1} \leq a_{i_2} \leq \dots \leq a_{i_s}$

Monotone decreasing defines similarly

Thm

\exists a monotone subsequence of
length $n+1$

Best possible

$n, n-1, \dots, 1, 2n, 2n-1, \dots, n+1, \dots, n^2, n^2-1, \dots, n^2-n+1$

n^2 number.

maximum length of a monotone sequence
is n

