

1. Show that if a graph  $G$  has  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges, then there exists a cut of size at least  $\frac{m(n+1)}{2n}$ .  
[HINT: The uniform distribution over all partitions implies the existence of a cut of size at least  $m/2$ . Try a different distribution over partitions.]
2. In this problem, a 2-coloring of a graph  $G$  is an assignment of colors red or green to the *edges* of  $G$ . Consider a random 2-coloring of  $K_n$  (the complete graph on  $n$  vertices), namely each edge is assigned a random color.
  - (a) Compute the expected number of monochromatic subgraphs  $K_k$  in  $K_n$  (for a fixed  $k$  and  $n$ ).
  - (b) Compute  $n$  as a function of  $k$  such that the expected number of monochromatic  $K_k$  is 1 (the asymptotic value suffices). How about  $k$  as a function of  $n$ ?

We have seen in lecture that if  $\binom{n}{k} \cdot 2^{1-\binom{k}{2}} < 1$ , then there exists a 2-coloring of  $K_n$  so that it has no monochromatic  $K_k$ . Here, we generalize the result to handle the case  $\binom{n}{k} \cdot 2^{1-\binom{k}{2}} \geq 1$  (where we color a smaller graph  $K_x$ ,  $x \leq n$ ).

- (c) Show that there exists a 2-coloring of  $K_n$  such that the number of monochromatic  $K_k$  is at most  $\lfloor \binom{n}{k} \cdot 2^{1-\binom{k}{2}} \rfloor$ .
- (d) Deduce that there exists a 2-coloring of  $K_x$  so that it contains no monochromatic  $K_k$ , where

$$x = n - \left\lfloor \binom{n}{k} \cdot 2^{1-\binom{k}{2}} \right\rfloor.$$

[NOTE: Note that  $x = n$  whenever  $\binom{n}{k} \cdot 2^{1-\binom{k}{2}} < 1$ .]