## STABLE KNESER GRAPHS: PROBLEMS AND CONJECTURES.

## Pablo Torres

Facultad de Ciencias Exactas, Ingeniería y Agrimensura - Universidad Nacional de Rosario Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas - Argentina

Mathematical Research Seminar UP FAMNIT - IAM, Koper, 2017.

## PETERSEN GRAPH

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {[5]=\{1,2,3,4,5\},} \\
& {[5]^{2}=\{S \subset[5]:|S|=2\}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Petersen graph

$$
[5]=\{1,2,3,4,5\},
$$

$$
[5]^{2}=\{S \subset[5]:|S|=2\}
$$



## PETERSEN GRAPH

$[5]=\{1,2,3,4,5\}$,
$[5]^{2}=\{S \subset[5]:|S|=2\}$


## PETERSEN GRAPH

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {[5]=\{1,2,3,4,5\},} \\
& {[5]^{2}=\{S \subset[5]:|S|=2\}}
\end{aligned}
$$



## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.


## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.


## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.
- $K G(n, k)$ is $t$-regular, with $t=\binom{n-k}{k}$.


## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.
- $K G(n, k)$ is $t$-regular, with $t=\binom{n-k}{k}$.
- $\omega(K G(n, k))=\left\lfloor\frac{n}{k}\right\rfloor$.


## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.
- $K G(n, k)$ is $t$-regular, with $t=\binom{n-k}{k}$.
- $\omega(K G(n, k))=\left\lfloor\frac{n}{k}\right\rfloor$.

Stable sets $\mathscr{I}_{j}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: j \in S\right\}$, center $j$.

## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.
- $K G(n, k)$ is $t$-regular, with $t=\binom{n-k}{k}$.
- $\omega(K G(n, k))=\left\lfloor\frac{n}{k}\right\rfloor$.

Stable sets $\mathscr{I}_{j}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: j \in S\right\}$, center $j$.

- $\alpha(K G(n, k)) \geq\binom{ n-1}{k-1}$.


## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.
- $K G(n, k)$ is $t$-regular, with $t=\binom{n-k}{k}$.
- $\omega(K G(n, k))=\left\lfloor\frac{n}{k}\right\rfloor$.

Stable sets $\mathscr{I}_{j}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: j \in S\right\}$, center $j$.

- $\alpha(K G(n, k))=\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ [Erdős, Ko, Rado (1961)].


## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}, \\
& {[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\},}
\end{aligned}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.
- $K G(n, k)$ is $t$-regular, with $t=\binom{n-k}{k}$.
- $\omega(K G(n, k))=\left\lfloor\frac{n}{k}\right\rfloor$.
- Maximum Stable sets $\mathscr{I}_{j}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: j \in S\right\}$, center $j$.
- $\alpha(K G(n, k))=\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ [Erdős, Ko, Rado (1961)].


## Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)$

$$
n \geq 2 k,[n]=\{1, \ldots, n\}
$$

$$
[n]^{k}=\{S \subseteq[n]:|S|=k\}
$$

$K G(n, k)$ : graph with vertex set $[n]^{k}$ and edges between disjoint vertices.

- $K G(n, 1) \approx K_{n}$.
- $K G(2 k, k) \approx \frac{1}{2}\binom{2 k}{k} K_{2}$.
- $K G(n, k)$ is $t$-regular, with $t=\binom{n-k}{k}$.
- $\omega(K G(n, k))=\left\lfloor\frac{n}{k}\right\rfloor$.
- Maximum Stable sets $\mathscr{I}_{j}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: j \in S\right\}$, center $j$.
- $\alpha(K G(n, k))=\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ [Erdős, Ko, Rado (1961)].
- $S$ stable set without center $|S| \leq\binom{ n-1}{k-1}-\binom{n-k-1}{k-1}+1$ [Hilton, Milner (1967)].


## Chromatic number of Kneser graphs

## Chromatic number of Kneser graphs

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r=1, \ldots, n-2 k+1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{I}_{r}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S)=r\right\}, \\
& \mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+2}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S) \geq n-2 k+2\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Chromatic number of Kneser graphs

$r=1, \ldots, n-2 k+1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{I}_{r}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S)=r\right\}$,
$\mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+2}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S) \geq n-2 k+2\right\}$.
$\chi(K G(n, k)) \leq n-2 k+2$.

## Chromatic number of Kneser graphs

$r=1, \ldots, n-2 k+1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{I}_{r}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S)=r\right\}$,
$\mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+2}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S) \geq n-2 k+2\right\}$.
$\chi(K G(n, k)) \leq n-2 k+2$.
Conjecture [Martin Kneser, 1955]: Let $\mathscr{I}_{1}, \mathscr{I}_{2}, \ldots, \mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+1}$ be an $(n-2 k+1)$-partition of $[n]^{k}$. Then, there exists $j$ such that $\mathscr{\mathscr { S }}_{j}$ contains two disjoint subsets.

## Chromatic number of Kneser graphs

$r=1, \ldots, n-2 k+1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{I}_{r}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S)=r\right\}$,
$\mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+2}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S) \geq n-2 k+2\right\}$.
$\chi(K G(n, k)) \leq n-2 k+2$.
Conjecture [Martin Kneser, 1955]: Let $\mathscr{I}_{1}, \mathscr{I}_{2}, \ldots, \mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+1}$ be an $(n-2 k+1)$-partition of $[n]^{k}$. Then, there exists $j$ such that $\mathscr{\mathscr { ~ }}_{j}$ contains two disjoint subsets.

Remark: If the conjecture is true then $\chi(K G(n, k)) \geq n-2 k+2$.

## Chromatic number of Kneser graphs

$r=1, \ldots, n-2 k+1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{I}_{r}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S)=r\right\}$,
$\mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+2}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S) \geq n-2 k+2\right\}$.
$\chi(K G(n, k)) \leq n-2 k+2$.
Conjecture [Martin Kneser, 1955]: Let $\mathscr{I}_{1}, \mathscr{I}_{2}, \ldots, \mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+1}$ be an $(n-2 k+1)$-partition of $[n]^{k}$. Then, there exists $j$ such that $\mathscr{\mathscr { S }}_{j}$ contains two disjoint subsets.

Remark: If the conjecture is true then $\chi(K G(n, k)) \geq n-2 k+2$.
Lovász, 1978: $\chi(K G(n, k))=n-2 k+2$.

## Chromatic number of Kneser graphs

$r=1, \ldots, n-2 k+1 \longrightarrow \mathscr{I}_{r}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S)=r\right\}$,
$\mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+2}^{\prime}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: \min (S) \geq n-2 k+2\right\}$.
$\chi(K G(n, k)) \leq n-2 k+2$.
Conjecture [Martin Kneser, 1955]: Let $\mathscr{I}_{1}, \mathscr{I}_{2}, \ldots, \mathscr{I}_{n-2 k+1}$ be an $(n-2 k+1)$-partition of $[n]^{k}$. Then, there exists $j$ such that $\mathscr{\mathscr { F }}_{j}$ contains two disjoint subsets.

Remark: If the conjecture is true then $\chi(K G(n, k)) \geq n-2 k+2$.
Lovász, 1978: $\chi(K G(n, k))=n-2 k+2$.
Are Kneser graphs $\chi$-critical?

## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.

## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$

## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$
$K G(n, k)_{2}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{2}^{k}$.

## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$
$K G(n, k)_{2}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{2}^{k}$.


Figure: $K G(5,2)$

## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$
$K G(n, k)_{2}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{2}^{k}$.


Figure: $K G(5,2)_{2}$

## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$
$K G(n, k)_{2}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{2}^{k}$.


Figure: $K G(6,2)_{2}$

## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$
$K G(n, k)_{2}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{2}^{k}$.
Schrijver (1978):

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=\chi(K G(n, k))=n-2 k+2$.


## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$
$K G(n, k)_{2}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{2}^{k}$.

## Schrijver (1978):

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=\chi(K G(n, k))=n-2 k+2$.
- $K G(n, k)_{2}$ is $\chi$-critical.


## Stable Kneser graphs

$S \subset[n]$ is 2 -stable if $2 \leq|i-j| \leq n-2$ for all $i, j \in S$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is 2-stable $\}$
$K G(n, k)_{2}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{2}^{k}$.

## Schrijver (1978):

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=\chi(K G(n, k))=n-2 k+2$.
- $K G(n, k)_{2}$ is $\chi$-critical.
- $K G(n, k)_{2}$ : Schrijver graphs.


## $s$-STABLE KNESER GRAPHS

$S \subset[n]$ is $s$-stable if $s \leq|i-j| \leq n-s$.

## $s$-STABLE KNESER GRAPHS

$S \subset[n]$ is $s$-stable if $s \leq|i-j| \leq n-s$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is $s$-stable $\}$.

## $s$-STABLE KNESER GRAPHS

$S \subset[n]$ is $s$-stable if $s \leq|i-j| \leq n-s$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is $s$-stable $\}$.
$s$-stable Kneser graphs [Alon et al., 2009] $K G(n, k)_{s}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{s}^{k}$.

## $s$-STABLE KNESER GRAPHS

$S \subset[n]$ is $s$-stable if $s \leq|i-j| \leq n-s$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is $s$-stable $\}$.
$s$-stable Kneser graphs [Alon et al., 2009] $K G(n, k)_{s}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{s}^{k}$.


Figure: $K G(7,2)_{3}$

## $s$-STABLE KNESER GRAPHS

$S \subset[n]$ is $s$-stable if $s \leq|i-j| \leq n-s$.
$[n]_{2}^{k}=\left\{S \in[n]^{k}: S\right.$ is $s$-stable $\}$.
$s$-stable Kneser graphs [Alon et al., 2009] $K G(n, k)_{s}$ : subgraph of $K G(n, k)$ induced by $[n]_{s}^{k}$.


Figure: $K G(10,3)_{3}$

## Chromatic number of $s$-Stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1)$.


## Chromatic number of $s$-Stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1)$.
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011].


## Chromatic number of $s$-stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1)$.
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011].
- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right) \leq n-s(k-1)$ [Meunier, 2011].


## Chromatic number of $s$-stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1)$.
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011].
- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right) \leq n-s(k-1)$ [Meunier, 2011].
- Conjecture [Meunier, 2011]: $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right)=n-s(k-1)$.


## Chromatic number of $s$-stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1) . s=2 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011]. $n=k s+1 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right) \leq n-s(k-1)$ [Meunier, 2011].
- Conjecture [Meunier, 2011]: $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right)=n-s(k-1)$.


## Chromatic number of $s$-stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1) . s=2 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011]. $n=k s+1 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right) \leq n-s(k-1)$ [Meunier, 2011].
- Conjecture [Meunier, 2011]: $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right)=n-s(k-1)$.
- $s \geq 4, k \geq 2$, the conjecture is true for $n$ large enough [Jonsson, 2012] [ $n \geq \max \left\{\frac{s(s(k-1))+1}{2 q}, s k\right\}$ with $q=\left\lfloor\log _{2}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\right]$.


## Chromatic number of $s$-stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1) . s=2 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011]. $n=k s+1 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right) \leq n-s(k-1)$ [Meunier, 2011].
- Conjecture [Meunier, 2011]: $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right)=n-s(k-1)$.
- $s \geq 4, k \geq 2$, the conjecture is true for $n$ large enough [Jonsson, 2012] [ $n \geq \max \left\{\frac{s(s(k-1))+1}{2 q}, s k\right\}$ with $q=\left[\log _{2}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\right]$.
- $n=2 s+2, k=2 \checkmark\left(\chi\left(K G(2 s+2,2)_{s}\right)=s+2\right)[\mathrm{M}$. Valencia, T., 2017]


## Chromatic number of $s$-stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1) . s=2 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011]. $n=k s+1 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right) \leq n-s(k-1)$ [Meunier, 2011].
- Conjecture [Meunier, 2011]: $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right)=n-s(k-1)$.
- $s \geq 4, k \geq 2$, the conjecture is true for $n$ large enough [Jonsson, 2012] [ $n \geq \max \left\{\frac{s(s(k-1))+1}{2 q}, s k\right\}$ with $q=\left[\log _{2}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\right]$.
- $n=2 s+2, k=2 \checkmark(\chi(K G(2 s+2,2) s)=s+2)[\mathrm{M}$. Valencia, T., 2017]
- $n \leq 9, k=2, s=3$.
$n \leq 10, k=2, s=4$.
$n \leq 11, k=3, s=3$.
$n \leq 13, k=3, s=4$.
$n \leq 14, k=4, s=3$.
$n \leq 17, k=4, s=4$.


## Chromatic number of $s$-stable Kneser graphs

- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{2}\right)=n-2 k+2=n-2(k-1) . s=2 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(k s+1, k)_{s}\right)=s+1$ [Meunier, 2011]. $n=k s+1 \checkmark$
- $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right) \leq n-s(k-1)$ [Meunier, 2011].
- Conjecture [Meunier, 2011]: $\chi\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right)=n-s(k-1)$.
- $s \geq 4, k \geq 2$, the conjecture is true for $n$ large enough [Jonsson, 2012] $\left[n \geq \max \left\{\frac{s(s(k-1))+1}{2 q}, s k\right\}\right.$ with $q=\left[\log _{2}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right)\right]$.
- $n=2 s+2, k=2 \checkmark(\chi(K G(2 s+2,2) s)=s+2)[\mathrm{M}$. Valencia, T., 2017] and $K G(2 s+2,2)_{s}$ are not $\chi$-critical.
- $n \leq 9, k=2, s=3$.
$n \leq 10, k=2, s=4$.
$n \leq 11, k=3, s=3$.
$n \leq 13, k=3, s=4$.
$n \leq 14, k=4, s=3$.
$n \leq 17, k=4, s=4$.


## Graph homomorphism

A homomorphism from a graph $G$ into a graph $H$, denoted by $G \rightarrow H$, is an edge-preserving map from $V(G)$ to $V(H)$.

## Graph homomorphism

A homomorphism from a graph $G$ into a graph $H$, denoted by $G \rightarrow H$, is an edge-preserving map from $V(G)$ to $V(H)$.

- $G \rightarrow K_{k} \Leftrightarrow G$ is $k$-coloreable.


## Graph homomorphism

A homomorphism from a graph $G$ into a graph $H$, denoted by $G \rightarrow H$, is an edge-preserving map from $V(G)$ to $V(H)$.

- $G \rightarrow K_{k} \Leftrightarrow G$ is $k$-coloreable.
- $\chi(G)=\min \left\{k: G \rightarrow K_{k}\right\}$.

$$
G \rightarrow K G(t, r)
$$

## $r$-TUPLE COLORING

An $r$-tuple coloring of a graph $G$ assigns a set of $r$ colors to each vertex of $G$ such that if two vertices are adjacent, the corresponding sets of colors are disjoint.
$G \rightarrow K G(t, r) \Leftrightarrow G$ has an $r$-tuple coloring with $t$ colors.

## $r$-TUPLE COLORING

An $r$-tuple coloring of a graph $G$ assigns a set of $r$ colors to each vertex of $G$ such that if two vertices are adjacent, the corresponding sets of colors are disjoint.
$G \rightarrow K G(t, r) \Leftrightarrow G$ has an $r$-tuple coloring with $t$ colors.
$\chi_{r}(G): r$-tuple cromatic number.

## $r$-TUPLE COLORING

An $r$-tuple coloring of a graph $G$ assigns a set of $r$ colors to each vertex of $G$ such that if two vertices are adjacent, the corresponding sets of colors are disjoint.
$G \rightarrow K G(t, r) \Leftrightarrow G$ has an $r$-tuple coloring with $t$ colors.
$\chi_{r}(G): r$-tuple cromatic number.


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING

An $r$-tuple coloring of a graph $G$ assigns a set of $r$ colors to each vertex of $G$ such that if two vertices are adjacent, the corresponding sets of colors are disjoint.
$G \rightarrow K G(t, r) \Leftrightarrow G$ has an $r$-tuple coloring with $t$ colors.
$\chi_{r}(G): r$-tuple cromatic number.

$\chi_{2}\left(C_{5}\right)=5$.

## $r$-TUPLE COLORING

An $r$-tuple coloring of a graph $G$ assigns a set of $r$ colors to each vertex of $G$ such that if two vertices are adjacent, the corresponding sets of colors are disjoint.
$G \rightarrow K G(t, r) \Leftrightarrow G$ has an $r$-tuple coloring with $t$ colors.
$\chi_{r}(G): r$-tuple cromatic number.

- $\chi_{r}(K G(n, k))$ ?


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING

An $r$-tuple coloring of a graph $G$ assigns a set of $r$ colors to each vertex of $G$ such that if two vertices are adjacent, the corresponding sets of colors are disjoint.
$G \rightarrow K G(t, r) \Leftrightarrow G$ has an $r$-tuple coloring with $t$ colors.
$\chi_{r}(G): r$-tuple cromatic number.

- $\chi_{r}(K G(n, k))$ ?
- Minimum $t$ such that $K G(n, k) \rightarrow K G(t, r)$.


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

- $1 \leq r \leq k, \chi_{r}(K G(n, k))=n-2(k-r)$ [Stahl, 1976].
- $\chi_{r}(K G(2 k+1, k))=2 r+1+\left\lfloor\frac{r-1}{k}\right\rfloor[S t a h l, 1976]$.
- $\chi_{r k}(K G(n, k))=r n$ [Stahl, 1976].


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

- $1 \leq r \leq k, \chi_{r}(K G(n, k))=n-2(k-r)$ [Stahl, 1976].
- $\chi_{r}(K G(2 k+1, k))=2 r+1+\left\lfloor\frac{r-1}{k}\right\rfloor[S t a h l, 1976]$.
- $\chi_{r k}(K G(n, k))=r n$ [Stahl, 1976].

Conjecture [Stahl, 1976]: If $r=q k-p, q \geq 1,0 \leq p<k$, then $\chi_{r}(K G(n, k))=q n-2 p$.

## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

- $1 \leq r \leq k, \chi_{r}(K G(n, k))=n-2(k-r)$ [Stahl, 1976].
- $\chi_{r}(K G(2 k+1, k))=2 r+1+\left\lfloor\frac{r-1}{k}\right\rfloor[S t a h l, 1976]$.
- $\chi_{r k}(K G(n, k))=r n$ [Stahl, 1976].

Conjecture [Stahl, 1976]: If $r=q k-p, q \geq 1,0 \leq p<k$, then $\chi_{r}(K G(n, k))=q n-2 p$.

- $k=2,3 \checkmark$ [Stahl, 1998].


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

- $1 \leq r \leq k, \chi_{r}(K G(n, k))=n-2(k-r)$ [Stahl, 1976].
- $\chi_{r}(K G(2 k+1, k))=2 r+1+\left\lfloor\frac{r-1}{k}\right\rfloor[S t a h l, 1976]$.
- $\chi_{r k}(K G(n, k))=r n$ [Stahl, 1976].

Conjecture [Stahl, 1976]: If $r=q k-p, q \geq 1,0 \leq p<k$, then $\chi_{r}(K G(n, k))=q n-2 p$.

- $k=2,3 \checkmark$ [Stahl, 1998].
- $n=10, k=4 \checkmark$ [Kincses et al., 2012].


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

$\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\}$.

## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

$$
\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\} .
$$

$$
\chi_{r}(G \square H)=\max \left\{\chi_{r}(G), \chi_{r}(H)\right\} ?
$$

## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF Kneser graphs

$\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\}$.
$\chi_{r}(G \square H)=\max \left\{\chi_{r}(G), \chi_{r}(H)\right\} ?$

- If $\chi(G) \leq \chi(H)=\omega(H) \checkmark$ [Bonomo, Koch, Valencia, T., 2017].
- If $G$ is hom-idempotent and $H$ is a subgraph of $G \checkmark$ [B.K.V.T].
- If $G$ is not bipartite, $G$ has a shift and $H$ is bipartite $\checkmark$ [B.K.V.T]. [An automorphism $\phi$ of $G$ is a shift if $u, \phi(u) \in E(G)$ for all vertex $u$.]


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

$\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\}$.
$\chi_{r}(G \square H)=\max \left\{\chi_{r}(G), \chi_{r}(H)\right\} ?$

- If $\chi(G) \leq \chi(H)=\omega(H) \checkmark$ [Bonomo, Koch, Valencia, T., 2017].
- If $G$ is hom-idempotent and $H$ is a subgraph of $G \checkmark$ [B.K.V.T].
- If $G$ is not bipartite, $G$ has a shift and $H$ is bipartite $\checkmark$ [B.K.V.T]. [An automorphism $\phi$ of $G$ is a shift if $u, \phi(u) \in E(G)$ for all vertex $u$.]
$n>2 k, K G(n, k) \square K G(n, k) \nrightarrow K G(n, k)$, [Larose et al., 1998]


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF Kneser graphs

$\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\}$.
$\chi_{r}(G \square H)=\max \left\{\chi_{r}(G), \chi_{r}(H)\right\}$ ? No.

- If $\chi(G) \leq \chi(H)=\omega(H) \checkmark$ [Bonomo, Koch, Valencia, T., 2017].
- If $G$ is hom-idempotent and $H$ is a subgraph of $G \checkmark$ [B.K.V.T].
- If $G$ is not bipartite, $G$ has a shift and $H$ is bipartite $\checkmark$ [B.K.V.T]. [An automorphism $\phi$ of $G$ is a shift if $u, \phi(u) \in E(G)$ for all vertex $u$.]
$n>2 k, K G(n, k) \square K G(n, k) \nrightarrow K G(n, k)$, [Larose et al., 1998]
$\chi_{k}(K G(n, k) \square K G(n, k))>n$.


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF Kneser graphs

$\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\}$.
$\chi_{r}(G \square H)=\max \left\{\chi_{r}(G), \chi_{r}(H)\right\}$ ? No.

- If $\chi(G) \leq \chi(H)=\omega(H) \checkmark$ [Bonomo, Koch, Valencia, T., 2017].
- If $G$ is hom-idempotent and $H$ is a subgraph of $G \checkmark$ [B.K.V.T].
- If $G$ is not bipartite, $G$ has a shift and $H$ is bipartite $\checkmark$ [B.K.V.T]. [An automorphism $\phi$ of $G$ is a shift if $u, \phi(u) \in E(G)$ for all vertex $u$.]
$n>2 k, K G(n, k) \square K G(n, k) \nrightarrow K G(n, k)$, [Larose et al., 1998]
$\chi_{k}(K G(n, k) \square K G(n, k))>n$.
$\chi_{2}\left(K G(2 s+4,2)^{2}\right)-\chi_{2}(K G(2 s+4,2))$ is not bounded [B.K.V.T.].


## $r$-TUPLE COLORING OF KNESER GRAPHS

$\chi(G \square H)=\max \{\chi(G), \chi(H)\}$.
$\chi_{r}(G \square H)=\max \left\{\chi_{r}(G), \chi_{r}(H)\right\}$ ? No.

- If $\chi(G) \leq \chi(H)=\omega(H) \checkmark$ [Bonomo, Koch, Valencia, T., 2017].
- If $G$ is hom-idempotent and $H$ is a subgraph of $G \checkmark$ [B.K.V.T].
- If $G$ is not bipartite, $G$ has a shift and $H$ is bipartite $\checkmark$ [B.K.V.T]. [An automorphism $\phi$ of $G$ is a shift if $u, \phi(u) \in E(G)$ for all vertex $u$.]
$n>2 k, K G(n, k) \square K G(n, k) \nrightarrow K G(n, k)$, [Larose et al., 1998]
$\chi_{k}(K G(n, k) \square K G(n, k))>n$.
$\chi_{2}\left(K G(2 s+4,2)^{2}\right)-\chi_{2}(K G(2 s+4,2))$ is not bounded [B.K.V.T.].


## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

$G$ is hom-idempotent if $G^{2}=G \square G \rightarrow G$.

## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

$G$ is hom-idempotent if $G^{2}=G \square G \rightarrow G$.
$G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $G^{n+1} \rightarrow G^{n}$.

## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

$G$ is hom-idempotent if $G^{2}=G \square G \rightarrow G$.
$G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $G^{n+1} \rightarrow G^{n}$.

- Kneser graphs are not weakly hom-idempotent graphs [Larose et al., 1998].


## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

 $G$ is hom-idempotent if $G^{2}=G \square G \rightarrow G$.$G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $G^{n+1} \rightarrow G^{n}$.

- Kneser graphs are not weakly hom-idempotent graphs [Larose et al., 1998].
- If $n \geq 2 k+2$ and $k \geq 2$, Schijver graphs are not weakly hom-idempotent graphs [Valencia, T., 2017].


## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

 $G$ is hom-idempotent if $G^{2}=G \square G \rightarrow G$.$G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $G^{n+1} \rightarrow G^{n}$.

- Kneser graphs are not weakly hom-idempotent graphs [Larose et al., 1998].
- If $n \geq 2 k+2$ and $k \geq 2$, Schijver graphs are not weakly hom-idempotent graphs [Valencia, T., 2017].
- Graphs $K G(2 s+2,2)_{s}$ are not hom-idempotent graphs [V., T., 2017].


## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

 $G$ is hom-idempotent if $G^{2}=G \square G \rightarrow G$.$G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $G^{n+1} \rightarrow G^{n}$.

- Kneser graphs are not weakly hom-idempotent graphs [Larose et al., 1998].
- If $n \geq 2 k+2$ and $k \geq 2$, Schijver graphs are not weakly hom-idempotent graphs [Valencia, T., 2017].
- Graphs $K G(2 s+2,2)_{s}$ are not hom-idempotent graphs [V., T., 2017].
- Graphs $K G(s k+1, k)_{s}$ are circulant graphs and so hom-idempotent graphs [V., T., 2017].


## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

- Graphs $K G(s k+1, k)_{s}$ are circulant graphs and so hom-idempotent graphs [V., T., 2017].


## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

- Graphs $K G(s k+1, k)_{s}$ are circulant graphs and so hom-idempotent graphs [V., T., 2017].


Figure: $K G(5,2)_{2}$

## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

- Graphs $K G(s k+1, k)_{s}$ are circulant graphs and so hom-idempotent graphs [V., T., 2017].


Figure: $K G(7,2)_{3}$

## Hom-idempotence of stable Kneser graphs

- Graphs $K G(s k+1, k)_{s}$ are circulant graphs and so hom-idempotent graphs [V., T., 2017].


Figure: $K G(10,3)_{3}$

## Automorphism of graphs

A bijective homomorphism from $G$ to $G$ is an automorphism.

## AUTOMORPHISM OF GRAPHS

A bijective homomorphism from $G$ to $G$ is an automorphism.


Figure: $C_{5}$

## AUTOMORPHISM OF GRAPHS

A bijective homomorphism from $G$ to $G$ is an automorphism.


Figure: Rotation

## AUTOMORPHISM OF GRAPHS

A bijective homomorphism from $G$ to $G$ is an automorphism.


Figure: Reflexion

## AUTOMORPHISM OF GRAPHS

A bijective homomorphism from $G$ to $G$ is an automorphism.


Figure: Reflexion

The automorphism group of $C_{n}, \operatorname{Aut}\left(C_{n}\right)$, is $\mathscr{D}_{2 n}$.

## The automorphism group of Kneser graphs

$\phi$ rotation in [n].

## The automorphism group of Kneser graphs

 $\phi$ rotation in [n].If $n=5$, e.g. $\phi(\{1,3\})=\{2,4\}, \phi(\{2,5\})=\{3,1\}$.

## The automorphism group of Kneser graphs

$\phi$ rotation in $[n]$.
If $n=5$, e.g. $\phi(\{1,3\})=\{2,4\}, \phi(\{2,5\})=\{3,1\}$.


## The automorphism group of Kneser graphs

$\phi$ rotation in $[n]$.
If $n=5$, e.g. $\phi(\{1,3\})=\{2,4\}, \phi(\{2,5\})=\{3,1\}$.


## The automorphism group of Kneser graphs

 $\phi$ rotation in $[n]$.If $n=5$, e.g. $\phi(\{1,3\})=\{2,4\}, \phi(\{2,5\})=\{3,1\}$.

$\operatorname{Aut}(K G(n, k))$ is isomorphic to $\operatorname{Sym}(n)$.

## The automorphism group of $s$-Stable Kneser GRAPHS

- The automorphism group of the Schrijver graph $\operatorname{Aut}\left(\operatorname{KG}(n, k)_{2}\right)$ is isomorphic to $\mathscr{D}_{2 n}$ [B. Braun, 2010].


## The automorphism group of $s$-Stable Kneser GRAPHS

- The automorphism group of the Schrijver graph $\operatorname{Aut}\left(\operatorname{KG}(n, k)_{2}\right)$ is isomorphic to $\mathscr{D}_{2 n}$ [B. Braun, 2010].
- The automorphism group of the stable Kneser graph $\operatorname{Aut}\left(K G(n, k)_{s}\right)$ is isomorphic to $\mathscr{D}_{2 n}$ [T., 2017].


## VERTEX-TRANSITIVITY

A graph $G$ is said vertex-transitive if its automorphism group acts transitively on its vertex-set.

## VERTEX-TRANSITIVITY

A graph $G$ is said vertex-transitive if its automorphism group acts transitively on its vertex-set.

- Kneser graphs are vertex-transitive.


## VERTEX-TRANSITIVITY

A graph $G$ is said vertex-transitive if its automorphism group acts transitively on its vertex-set.

- Kneser graphs are vertex-transitive.
- Schrijver graphs are not vertex transitive in general.


## VERTEX-TRANSITIVITY

A graph $G$ is said vertex-transitive if its automorphism group acts transitively on its vertex-set.

- Kneser graphs are vertex-transitive.
- Schrijver graphs are not vertex transitive in general.


Figure: $K G(6,2)_{2}$

## VERTEX-TRANSITIVITY

A graph $G$ is said vertex-transitive if its automorphism group acts transitively on its vertex-set.

- Kneser graphs are vertex-transitive.
- Schrijver graphs are not vertex transitive in general.
- $K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$ [T., 2017].


## PRoofs

$K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$.

## Proofs

$K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$.
Vertex $S=\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{k}\right\}$ s.t. $s_{i}<s_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1$.

## Proofs

$K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$.
Vertex $S=\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{k}\right\}$ s.t. $s_{i}<s_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1$.
$\operatorname{Gaps} l_{i}(S)=s_{i+1}-s_{i}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, l_{k}=s_{1}+n-s_{k}$

## Proofs

$K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$.
Vertex $S=\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{k}\right\}$ s.t. $s_{i}<s_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1$.
Gaps $l_{i}(S)=s_{i+1}-s_{i}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, l_{k}=s_{1}+n-s_{k}$ automorphisms preserve the gaps.

## Proofs

$K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$.
Vertex $S=\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{k}\right\}$ s.t. $s_{i}<s_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1$.
$\operatorname{Gaps} l_{i}(S)=s_{i+1}-s_{i}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, l_{k}=s_{1}+n-s_{k}$ automorphisms preserve the gaps.

- $n \geq s k+2$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{1}=\{1,1+s, 1+2 s, \ldots, 1+(k-1) s\}, l_{i}\left(S_{1}\right)=s, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \\
& l_{k}\left(S_{1}\right) \geq s+2 .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Proofs

$K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$.
Vertex $S=\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{k}\right\}$ s.t. $s_{i}<s_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1$.
$\operatorname{Gaps} l_{i}(S)=s_{i+1}-s_{i}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, l_{k}=s_{1}+n-s_{k}$ automorphisms preserve the gaps.

- $n \geq s k+2$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{1}=\{1,1+s, 1+2 s, \ldots, 1+(k-1) s\}, l_{i}\left(S_{1}\right)=s, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \\
& l_{k}\left(S_{1}\right) \geq s+2 . \\
& S_{2}=\{1,2+s, 2+2 s, \ldots, 2+(k-1) s\}, l_{1}\left(S_{2}\right)=s+1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Proofs

$K G(n, k)_{s}$ is vertex transitive if and only if $n=s k+1$.
Vertex $S=\left\{s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, s_{k}\right\}$ s.t. $s_{i}<s_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1$.
$\operatorname{Gaps} l_{i}(S)=s_{i+1}-s_{i}, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, l_{k}=s_{1}+n-s_{k}$
automorphisms preserve the gaps.

- $n \geq s k+2$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S_{1}=\{1,1+s, 1+2 s, \ldots, 1+(k-1) s\}, l_{i}\left(S_{1}\right)=s, 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \\
& l_{k}\left(S_{1}\right) \geq s+2 \\
& S_{2}=\{1,2+s, 2+2 s, \ldots, 2+(k-1) s\}, l_{1}\left(S_{2}\right)=s+1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

- $n=s k+1$, exactly one gap is $s+1$ and the remaining gaps are equal to $s$.


## Proofs

An automorphism $\phi$ of a graph $G$ is called a shift of $G$ if $\{u, \phi(u)\} \in E(G)$ for each $u \in V(G)$. In other words, a shift of $G$ maps every vertex to one of its neighbors.

## Proofs

An automorphism $\phi$ of a graph $G$ is called a shift of $G$ if $\{u, \phi(u)\} \in E(G)$ for each $u \in V(G)$. In other words, a shift of $G$ maps every vertex to one of its neighbors.

- Let $n \geq(k+1) s-1$. Then, the only $2(s-1)$ shifts of the $s$-stable Kneser graph $\operatorname{KG}(n, k)_{s-\text { stab }}$ are the rotations $\sigma^{i}$ with $i \in\{1, \ldots, s-1\} \cup\{n-s+1, \ldots, n-1\}$.


## Proofs

An automorphism $\phi$ of a graph $G$ is called a shift of $G$ if $\{u, \phi(u)\} \in E(G)$ for each $u \in V(G)$. In other words, a shift of $G$ maps every vertex to one of its neighbors.

- Let $n \geq(k+1) s-1$. Then, the only $2(s-1)$ shifts of the $s$-stable Kneser graph $\operatorname{KG}(n, k)_{s-\text { stab }}$ are the rotations $\sigma^{i}$ with $i \in\{1, \ldots, s-1\} \cup\{n-s+1, \ldots, n-1\}$.
- The only two shifts of the 2-stable Kneser graph $K G(n, k)_{2}$ are the rotations $\sigma^{1}$ and $\sigma^{n-1}$.


## Proofs

- Let $A$ be a group and $S$ a subset of $A$ that is closed under inverses and does not contain the identity. The Cayley gragh $\operatorname{Cay}(A, S)$ is the graph whose vertex set is $A$, two vertices $u, v$ being joined by an edge if $u^{-1} v \in S$.


## PROOFS

- Let $A$ be a group and $S$ a subset of $A$ that is closed under inverses and does not contain the identity. The Cayley gragh $\operatorname{Cay}(A, S)$ is the graph whose vertex set is $A$, two vertices $u, v$ being joined by an edge if $u^{-1} v \in S$.
- If $H$ is a subgraph of $G$ and $\phi: G \rightarrow H$ has the property that $\phi(u)=u$ for every vertex $u$ of $H$, then $\phi$ is called a retraction and $H$ is called a retract of $G$.


## Proofs

- Let $A$ be a group and $S$ a subset of $A$ that is closed under inverses and does not contain the identity. The Cayley gragh Cay $(A, S)$ is the graph whose vertex set is $A$, two vertices $u, v$ being joined by an edge if $u^{-1} v \in S$.
- If $H$ is a subgraph of $G$ and $\phi: G \rightarrow H$ has the property that $\phi(u)=u$ for every vertex $u$ of $H$, then $\phi$ is called a retraction and $H$ is called a retract of $G$.
- A graph $G$ is called a core if it has no proper retracts. It is well known that any finite graph $G$ is homomorphically equivalent to at least one core $G^{\bullet}$, as can be seen by selecting $G^{\bullet}$ as a retract of $G$ with a minimum number of vertices. In this way, $G^{\bullet}$ is uniquely determined up to isomorphism, and it makes sense to think of it as the core of $G$.


## Proofs

- Let $A$ be a group and $S$ a subset of $A$ that is closed under inverses and does not contain the identity. The Cayley gragh Cay $(A, S)$ is the graph whose vertex set is $A$, two vertices $u, v$ being joined by an edge if $u^{-1} v \in S$.
- If $H$ is a subgraph of $G$ and $\phi: G \rightarrow H$ has the property that $\phi(u)=u$ for every vertex $u$ of $H$, then $\phi$ is called a retraction and $H$ is called a retract of $G$.
- A graph $G$ is called a core if it has no proper retracts. It is well known that any finite graph $G$ is homomorphically equivalent to at least one core $G^{\bullet}$, as can be seen by selecting $G^{\bullet}$ as a retract of $G$ with a minimum number of vertices. In this way, $G^{\bullet}$ is uniquely determined up to isomorphism, and it makes sense to think of it as the core of $G$.
- Given a graph $G$, the set of all shifts of $G$ is denoted by $S_{G}$.


## PROOFS

- A graph $G$ is hom-idempotent if and only if $G \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Cay}\left(\operatorname{Aut}\left(G^{\bullet}\right), S_{G^{\bullet}}\right)$ [Larose et al. 1998].


## Proofs

- A graph $G$ is hom-idempotent if and only if $G \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Cay}\left(\operatorname{Aut}\left(G^{\bullet}\right), S_{G^{\bullet}}\right)$ [Larose et al. 1998].
- Let $G$ be a $\chi$-critical graph. Then $G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if and only if it is hom-idempotent [Larose et al. 1998].


## Proofs

- A graph $G$ is hom-idempotent if and only if $G \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Cay}\left(\operatorname{Aut}\left(G^{\bullet}\right), S_{G^{\bullet}}\right)$ [Larose et al. 1998].
- Let $G$ be a $\chi$-critical graph. Then $G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if and only if it is hom-idempotent [Larose et al. 1998].
- Let $n \geq 2 k+2$ and let $G$ denotes the graph $K G(n, k)_{2-s t a b}$. Then, $G \nrightarrow \operatorname{Cay}\left(\operatorname{Aut}(G), S_{G}\right)$, where $S_{G}$ are the shifts of $G$.


## PROOFS

- A graph $G$ is hom-idempotent if and only if $G \leftrightarrow \operatorname{Cay}\left(\operatorname{Aut}\left(G^{\bullet}\right), S_{G^{\bullet}}\right)$ [Larose et al. 1998].
- Let $G$ be a $\chi$-critical graph. Then $G$ is weakly hom-idempotent if and only if it is hom-idempotent [Larose et al. 1998].
- Let $n \geq 2 k+2$ and let $G$ denotes the graph $K G(n, k)_{2-s t a b}$. Then, $G \nrightarrow \operatorname{Cay}\left(\operatorname{Aut}(G), S_{G}\right)$, where $S_{G}$ are the shifts of $G$.
- For any $n \geq 2 k+2$, the 2-stable Kneser graphs $K G(n, k)_{2-s t a b}$ are not weakly hom-idempotent.


## Hvala!

¡Muchas gracias!

## REFERENCES

- N. Alon, L. Drewnowski, T. Łuczak, Stable Kneser hypergraphs and ideals in N with the Nikodým property, Proc Am Math Soc 137:467-471, 2009.
- B. Braun, Symmetries of the stable Kneser graphs, Advances in Applied Mathematics, 45:12-14, 2010.
- P. Erdős, C. Ko, R. Rado, Intersection theorems for systems of finite sets. Quarterly Journal of Mathematics, 12:313-320, 1961.
- M. Kneser, Aufgabe 360, Jahresbericht der Deutschen Mathematiker-Vereinigung, 2. Abteilung, vol. 50, 1955, pp. 27.
- J. Kincses, G. Makay, M. Maróti, J. Osztényi, L. Zádori, A special case of Stahl conjecture, European Journal of Combinatorics 34:502-511, 2013.
- B. Larose, F. Laviolette, C. Tardif, On normal Cayley graphs and Hom-idempotent graphs, European Journal of Combinatorics, 19:867-881, 1998.
- L. Lovász, Kneser's conjecture, chromatic number and homotopy, Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A, 25:319-324, 1978.
- F. Meunier, The chromatic number of almost stable Kneser hypergraphs, Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A, 118:1820-1828, 2011.
- A. Schrijver, Vertex-critical subgraphs of Kneser graphs, Nieuw Arch. Wiskd., 26(3):454-461, 1978.


## REFERENCES

10 S. Stahl, $n$-Tuple colorings and associated graphs, Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series B, 20:185-203, 1976.
11 S. Stahl, The multichromatic numbers of some Kneser graphs, Discrete Mathematics, 185:287-291, 1998.

## Cited papers

- F. Bonomo, I. Koch, P. Torres, M. Valencia-Pabon, k-tuple colorings of the cartesian product of graphs, Discrete Applied Mathematics, 2017.DOI: 10.1016/j.dam.2017.02.003
- P. Torres, The automorphism group of the s-stable Kneser graphs, Advances in Applied Mathematics 89:67-75, 2017
- P. Torres, M. Valencia-Pabon, Shifts of the Stable Kneser Graphs and Hom-Idempotence, European Journal of Combinatorics 62:50-57, 2017.

| $G$ | $r$ | $\chi_{r}(G)$ | $\chi_{r}(G \square G)=$ | $\chi_{r}(G \square G) \geq$ | $\chi_{r}(G \square G) \leq$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $K G(5,2)$ | 2 | 5 | 6 | - | - |
| - | 3 | 8 | 9 | - | - |
| - | 4 | 10 | 12 | - | - |
| - | 5 | 13 | 15 | - | - |
| - | 6 | 15 | 18 | - | - |
| - | 7 | 18 | $?$ | 20 | 21 |
| $K G(6,2)$ | 2 | 6 | 8 | - | - |
| - | 3 | 10 | 12 | - | - |
| - | 4 | 12 | $?$ | 15 | 16 |
| - | 5 | 16 | $?$ | 19 | 20 |
| - | 6 | 18 | $?$ | 23 | 24 |
| $K G(7,2)$ | 2 | 7 | $?$ | 9 | 10 |
| - | 3 | 12 | $?$ | 13 | 15 |
| - | 4 | 14 | $?$ | 17 | 20 |
| $K G(8,2)$ | 2 | 8 | $?$ | 11 | 12 |
| - | 3 | 14 | $?$ | 16 | 18 |
| - | 4 | 16 | $?$ | 21 | 24 |

