

Graph Theory
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Lecture No. # 37

Probabilistic Method: Graphs of High Girth and High Chromatic Number

Welcome to 37 lecture of graph theory, in the last class we were trying to prove a theorem of Erdos saying that, given an integer k , positive integer k greater than equal to 3 we can construct.. We can get graphs, there exist graphs with chromatic number greater than equal to k and girth greater than equal to k . There are not short cycle at the same time, chromatic number is high. So, as we explained in the last class these two requirements are somewhat contradictory to each other, because when you say there are no short cycles at least, when we look from a single vertex, select a vertex and look around it look like a tree to some distance and it may seem that you can color it color it with very small number of colors.

So, the.. it is a natural question to think whether, we can have all the cycles greater than or equal to some number k . given number, you can fix a number k may be thousand or something like that. And then ask, can I also have the chromatic number high? Typically dens graphs are high chromatic number so, it may look like there are small cycles in it. To begin with, one may see that, see, one may feel that how do you make a graph with high chromatic number? So, we will say that if there is a big clique in it clique in it then you can have chromatic number high, because the chromatic number is always greater than equal to that clique size, maximum clique size. But, then if someone asks suppose I want to make sure that, there are no big cliques in fact, there are not even triangles. Three cycles themselves are not there triangles, three cliques themselves are not there, then, can we still have the chromatic number high? So, it happens that, there are some constructions you have seen earlier, (()) construction and some examples we have seen, where how we can get such graphs.

After that, of course it may look like it is, the cycles it is not just three cycles may be five or four cycles also, five cycles also, some up to k minus one length cycles I avoid, make all cycles large. Then, it is possible that I can always color the graph with few number of colors like a constant number of colors, or something like that but, it so happens that however large case you can get a graph with the chromatic number also greater than k , you can always make it large, both of them together large, this is what we are trying to prove.

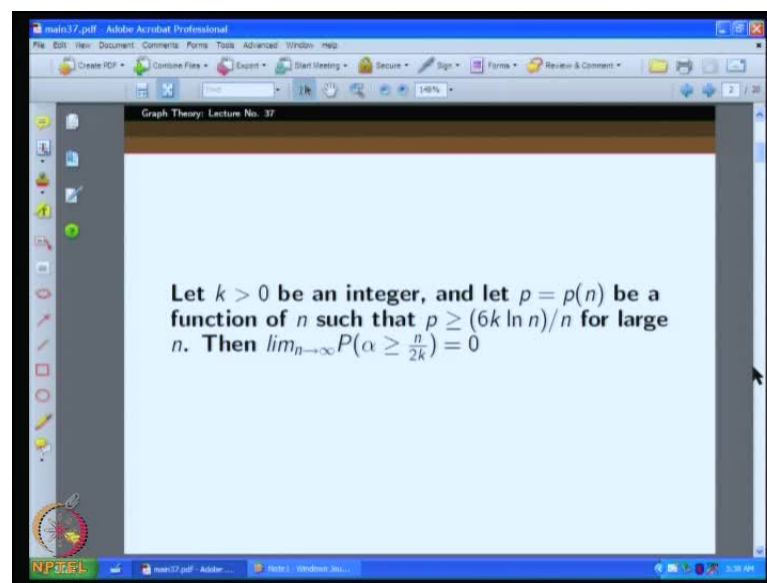
So, our approach was to use the probabilistic method, as we discussed in the last class so, it was not so straight forward **it is not so straight forward** to use probabilistic method here, because our strategy for showing that the chromatic number of a graph is high is by showing that, there are no large independent sets. So, for instance if you want to show that the chromatic number of a graph is greater than equal to k , we will show that, there are no independent set in the random graph or there exist a graph that, we will say that there exist a graph that, with the biggest independent set size less than equal to n by k so that, the chromatic number becomes n by n by k , that means k greater than equal to k .

To show that the typical strategy is to pick up a random graph, so from the $G(n, p)$ distribution one picks up a graph, and then one probability that, there exist is an large **independent set** independent set of cardinality greater than equal to n by k in it, and then we show that the probability is very low, tends to zero, tends to infinity, very low less than.. we need only less than half for our purpose. So this is what, so but, then we have to fix the probability P correctly, that the intension here is to fix the probability. You know If the fix this, if you fix this probability high like half or something like that, it would be easy to prove the statement but, then you want to keep it low why, because if you put half, or one by four, or some constant it is likely that the graph we draw is from the distribution is dens the expected number of edges is half of in choose to.

So therefore, it is like it to be dens but, here we cannot have cycles so, if you want avoid cycles the probability of picking an edge has to be kept quite small. And **if you** if you work with it, you will see that the probability has to be quite small about constant by n , so we have to keep this probability so low like a constant by n but, then it show happen that if you pick up this probability to be $G(n, p)$, that P is to some constant by n , this will not happen, we cannot make sure that, there is there are no independent set of cardinality at least n by k .

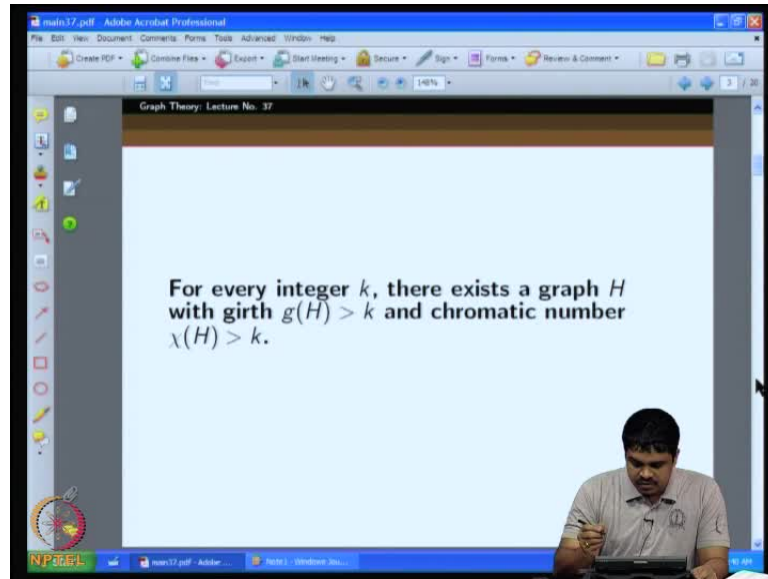
So, this range of probability for this for one of the things happen with high probability, does not match with or does not intersect with the range of probability for with the other requirement happens with high probability, with some reasonable probability so that we can add the bad probability together and show that it is less than one, that is our strategy. Now, so that here we need a little trick rather than directly attacking, getting the requirement we would rather get a requirement, get a condition which is very close to the requirement of having no short cycles, and then we will make some corrections that is our plan.

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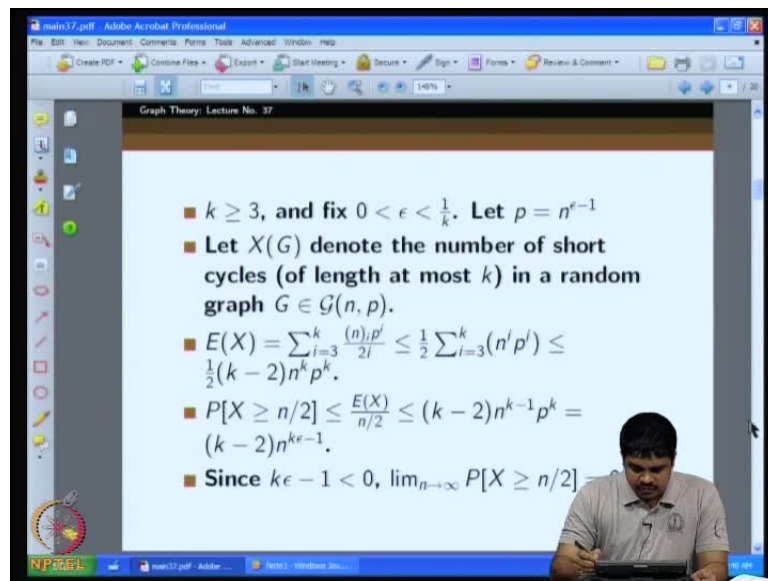


So that, yesterday we proved, we accessed it access it clearly what should be the probability, how small I can make the probability so that, I can make sure that, there are no large independent sets. For instead, instead of asking for independent sets of n by k , should not be there we ask n by $2k$, should not be there, that is little technicality we will understand it latter. So, we were rather ask for I want the probability that the randomly selected graph contains an independent set of cardinality greater than equal to n by $2k$, should be quite small. So if you take any probability value greater than or equal to $6k \log n$ by n , then we can easily show that sentence to infinity this probability that we do not like, this event, probability of this bad event will tends to zero, this will becomes zero. In other words if you take n large enough, we can make the probability of α being greater than equal to n by k , to be less than say half, that **that** is what will need latter.

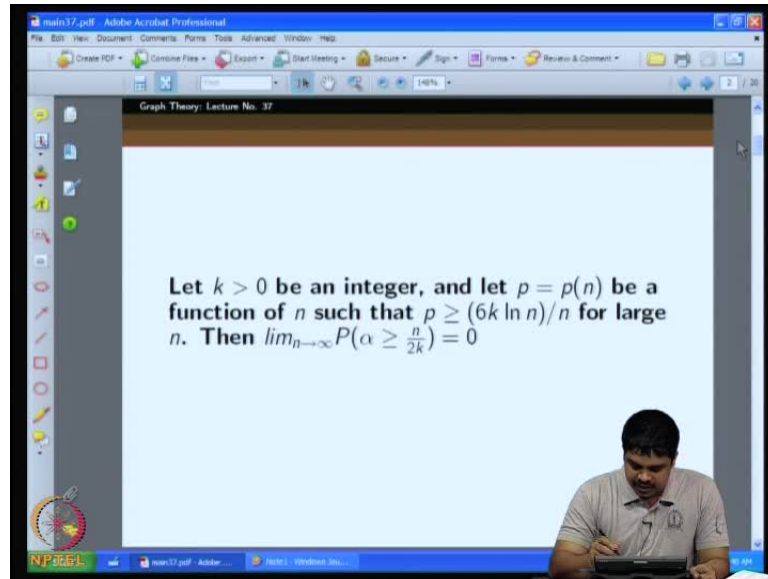
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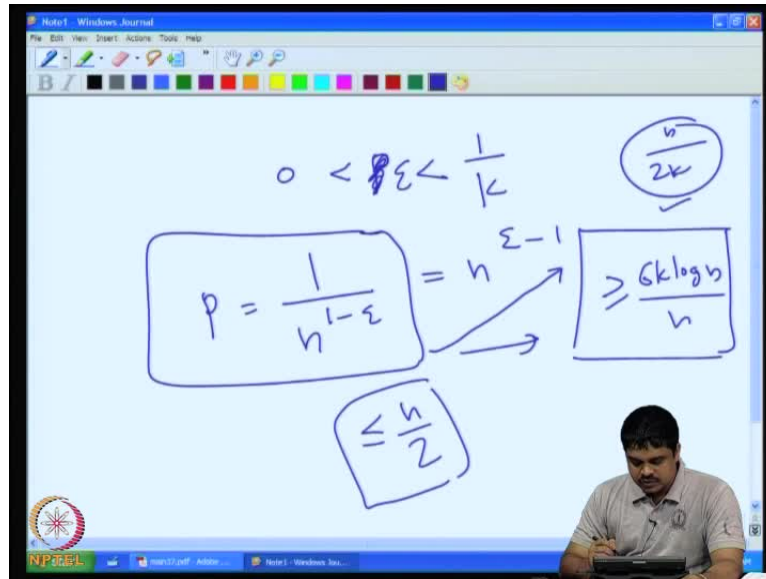


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So, this is the key point the probability that.. yes, if you keep the probability high this will definitely be happening that means, this probability will indeed tends to zero but, then there would not be any large independent sets but, we are exploring how small you can make it, the probability value. So, we see that $6k \log n$ by n , is a is the smallest we can count, so with respect to this calculations without so assuming that, this is the kind of sophistication that we can go with the calculations involved. So but, unfortunately if you fix this probability P equal to this, there are short cycles, there will be short cycles the probability has to be even less to avoid short cycles so, our technique is this, is what we are going to prove this statement, the technique is this, so what will do? We fix the probability a little higher that means (of case) higher than, this probability here the $6k \log n$ by n but, little higher.

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So, how we select this little higher is ϵ of k , the k is given with the problem, we want to avoid cycles of length less than k and have chromatic number greater than k . So, what we do is we fix on ϵ in between zero and one by k , in between zero and one by k , and then we will fix the probability to be P equal to n , raise to ϵ minus 1, so that is our probabilities taken to be in between zero and one by ϵ to be.. ϵ to be, some ϵ value to be less than in between this and then probability value P is equal to one by n raise to 1 minus ϵ , you can also write it n raise ϵ minus one, because so, this is the value. One good thing about selecting this probability is this probability is bigger than the $6k \log n$ by n value that we found for the other event happens, that means; there are no independent set of cardinality at least $2n$ by n by $2k$.

So, this is bigger so this will happen if you.. with high probability. So, the with high probability they would not be any independent sets of **set of** cardinality $6k$ by n , cardinality n by $2k$. Now, we see what we achieve by this things is as we, I have already discussed if you fix this probability is already too high we cannot avoid all short cycles but, we would rather make sure that the number of short cycles, if you take this probability would be small enough, how small? We will show that the number of short cycles can be made less than n by 2, with high probability less than equal to n by 2, n being the number of vertices this is what we are going to do. So, how do we do this things? So, let us look.

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So, will define like we are going to use the concept of expectation here therefore, we need a random variable. What is the random variable? Let X of G , denote the number of short cycles of length at most k , so length at most k means it can be 3, 4, 5, 6 up to k minus 1, k also let us say at most k . So, k of G denote the number of short cycles in a randomly non graph G element of $\mathcal{G}(n, p)$.

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$$E(X) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k X_i + X_{2i} + \dots\right)$$

The derivation shows the expectation of the number of cycles of length i in a random graph $G(n, p)$. The formula for the expectation of the number of cycles of length i is given as:

$$\frac{\binom{n}{i} p^i}{2i}$$

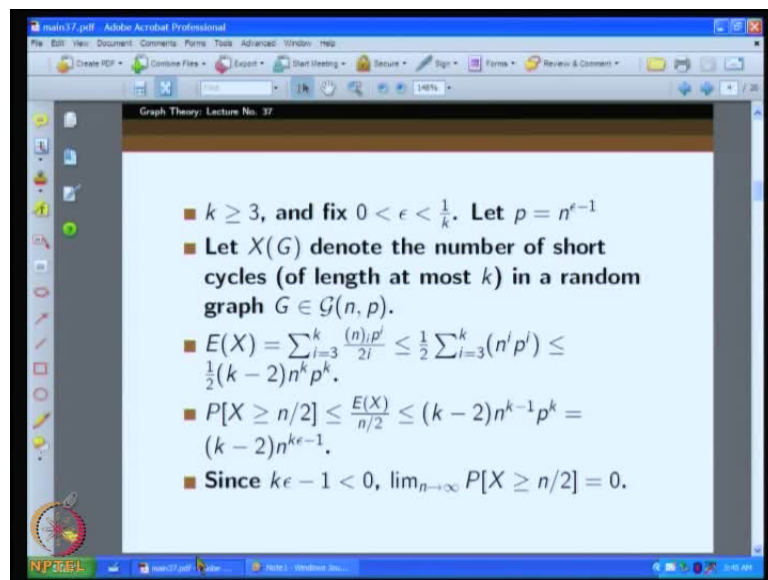
The derivation also shows the formula for the expectation of the number of cycles of length i in a random graph $G(n, p)$:

$$E(X) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k X_i + X_{2i} + \dots\right)$$

Now, we had done this exercise in the last class, how much would be the expectation? We had seen that, if we are looking at the expectation of i length cycles, if we looking at

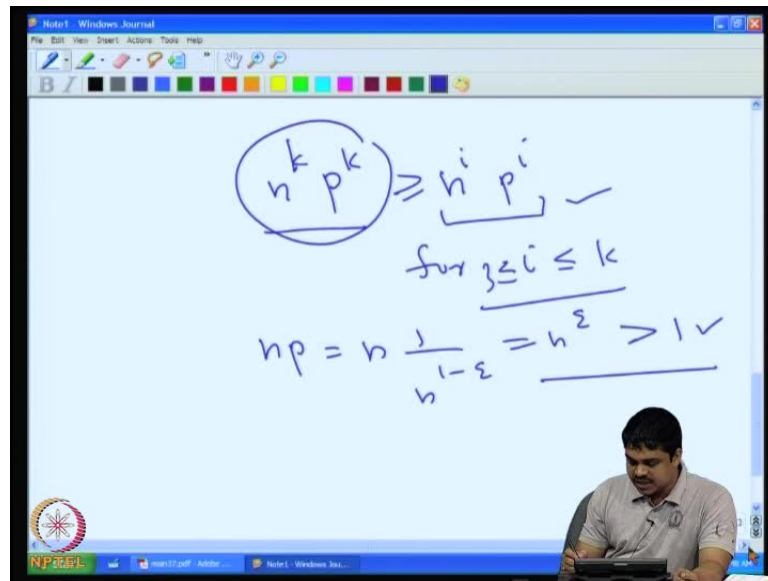
the expectation of i length cycle that will be $n^i P^i$ into $n^i P^i$ by 2^i , 2^i into P raise to i , this what we had seen so, we can **we can** make a comfortable, so we can write it this $n^i P^i$ can be written as n^i , is another notation find P^i , n^i by 2^i into P raise to i be that probability of $G \in \mathcal{G}(n, p)$, this is, this P , P raise to i is in it so, because you know to remind how it was done, the expectation of X is calculated by observing that, this random variable X can be seen as the sum of several indicator, random variables there each of this X_i will correspond to an indicator random variable which says one or zero depending on whether the possible cycle will occur or not, we had discussed it in the last class, we would not repeat it.

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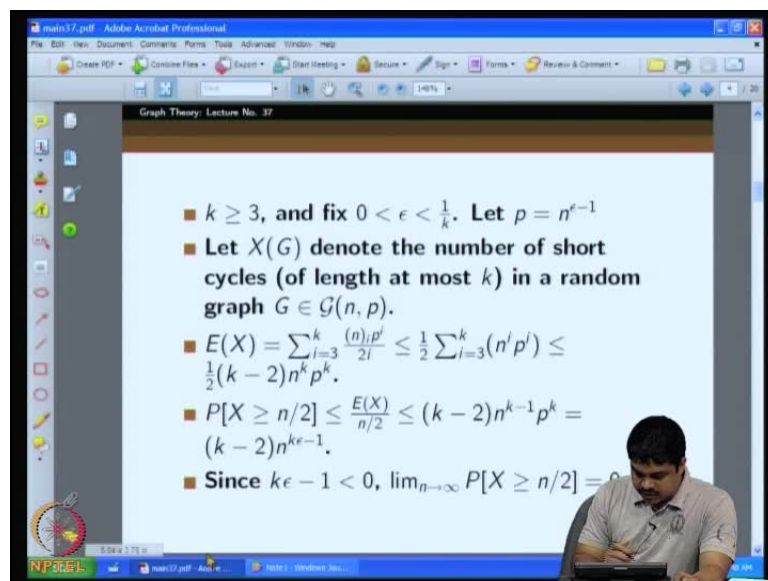


So this therefore, and, because each of this expectations by linearity of expectation, because there are $n^i P^i$ by 2^i of n here, and then P^i , P raise to i was the probability of this being one therefore, the expectation of X_i was P^i , P raise to i , so when you some up you got this things, this is what we did in the last class so, I would not repeat it now. But, the only difference is here we have to consider all lengths from 3 to k , it is not just one possible length, we have to consider all the lengths up to k that means 3, 4 up to k , so that is why we are summing up again, because as we can see we can, we have all kinds of.. so, we can see that it is takes expectation for the number of i length cycles, i equal to 3, i equal to 4, i equal to k . So, k different random variables are defined and then if you some of this those things to will get this.

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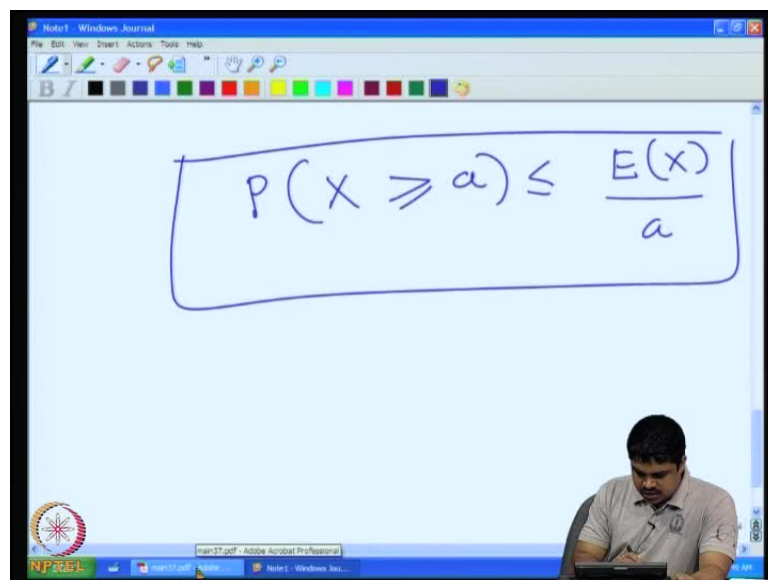
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So therefore, to get the expectation of this you can some of the expectation of this separate random variables for each i , and then, that is why we get this. And then in you some of these things what will you get? Because this n choose i , is actually can be upper bound by n raise i , n raise i and this is P raise to i , 2 , 1 by 2 is 2 is taken out, and this i can be discarded, because we are just taking upper bound so it is at least three on words, so we can discard it, so this is at most half of sigma i equal to 3 to k , n raise into P raise to i , and this n raise to.. there are how many terms here, because we are going from i equal to 3 to k , there are k minus 2 terms here and each of this term is upper bound by biggest

such term say, namely n^k , P^k , because you see this we can see that n^k , P^k will be greater than or equal to n^i , P^i for i less than equal to k , less than equal to 3. Why is it so? Is it possible that, this somehow decreases in after some, at some point. So, for instance i somehow thing were whereas, we increase i this should be, this should grow that will grow, because this n^k is equal to $n^{1-\epsilon}$ is equal to n^ϵ , is greater than 1, this is quantity greater than one by assumption therefore, so we are assuming in this large enough so that, this is greater than one and so this will grow so therefore, n^k , P^k is indeed the biggest term among the n^i , P^i , therefore, we can substitute it with that, half of k minus 2 into n^k times P^k , will be the upper bound for this.

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Now, we ask what is the probability that the random variable gets a value greater than equal to n by 2, here so, here is an equality so, this X is a random variable with all positive values, because this is the number of cycles it can be 0, 1, 2, 3 up to all positive, no negative values so we can use that Markov inequality. In the last class we had just discussed the Markov inequality, what was that? It was, we told when this random variable is positive then the probability of this being greater than equal to a , is less than equal to expectation of X divided by a . We can use the expectation to get a upper bound for the probability that, X is greater than equal to a . We just it is very easy inequality so last time we discussed the proof of there also.

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So, and then now, we can use it here a becomes n by 2 therefore, expectation of X by n by 2, what you do is? You substitute for the expectation here namely k minus 2 into n raise k minus k divided by n, because n minus k by 2, this half will cancel with half here n by 2, and then P raise to k is here, so that is k minus 2 into substitute for P is equal to n raise to 1 minus epsilon, so we can calculate that so here.

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$$P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$$

$$(k-2) n^{k-1} p^k = (k-2) n^{k-1} \frac{1}{n^{k-k\epsilon}}$$

$$\sum < \frac{1}{k} = (k-2) n^{(k-2)-1} \triangleleft (k-2) \frac{1}{n^2}$$

So, let us k minus 2 into, n raise to k minus 1 into, P raise to k equal to k minus 2 into n raise to k minus 1 into P is essentially 1 by n raise to 1 minus epsilon, when a multiply

by this k into k minus epsilon, so this n raise to k will cancel there is a minus one here, so this minus k epsilon goes up so, that is k minus 2 into n raise to k epsilon minus 1. Now, this epsilon was less than 1 by k therefore, this quantity is going to be less than 1, so this is k minus 2 into some quantity which is **which is** n raise to some negative quantities say 1 by n raise to something here suppose to quantity. So as n tends to infinity definitely this will tend to zero.

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$$P_r \left(\exists \text{ a independent set of cardinality } \geq \frac{n}{2k} \right) + P_r \left(X \geq \frac{n}{2} \right) < \frac{1}{2}$$

So therefore, we assume that limiting value and n tends to infinity, probability there X greater than equal to n by 2 zero. Now, which means that if n is large enough, you can get there this probability is less than equal to half, less than, strictly less than half. Similarly, the earlier probability namely the probability of having an independent set of cardinality greater than n by 2 k also can also tends to zero, tends to infinity so, as if n is taken sufficient large you can make it less than half their. So, without difficulty we see that for sufficiently large n the probability that, there exists a independent set of cardinality greater than or equal to 1 by 2 k , is can be made, the probability that, this happens can be made less than half and also the probability that our X being greater than equal to n by 2 can be made less than half.

So, when you sum up these probabilities that is; we will get the probability that, at least this or this one either this event or even this even happens one of them happens. So, that will be strictly less than one the probability therefore, there exist probability non zero probability that we get a graph there exists non zero probability that, we our randomly drawn graph has at most n by 2 short cycles, and there are no independent set of size cardinality strictly greater than equal to n by 2 k , so that means chromatic say n by 2 k the independent set is set size is small.

Now, what we do is? We take this graph there exist one so we can take of that graph, so there exists a graph we are not looking for efficient algorithm but, there exists one therefore, suppose we take it we get it and then we know that, there only n by 2 cycles. If you remove one vertex from each of these cycles, all the cycles will be broken, all the short cycles will be broken, there would not be any more short cycles but, the number of vertices in the graph will reduced known now to n by 2 , because **you are** you may remove n by 2 vertices in this process, you may remove 1 vertex from each of the at most n by 2 cycles, so you may remove the maximum n by 2 vertices so you will have n by 2 vertices left.

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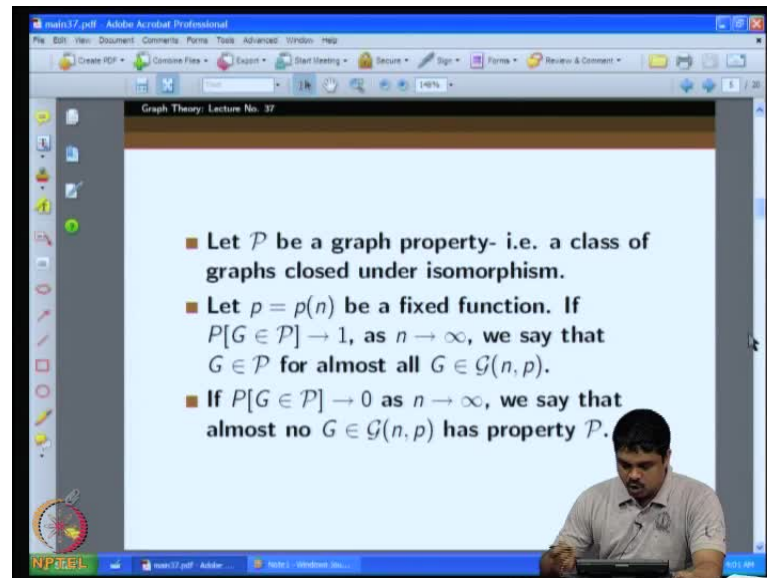
$$\leq \frac{n}{2k}$$
$$\chi(G) \geq \frac{\frac{n}{2}}{\frac{n}{2k}} \geq k$$

Now, because you remove vertices you would not increase the independent set size, it is still less than equal to n by $2k$ so but, the number of vertices have reduced so the chromatic number of this graph is greater than equal to n by 2 , by n by $2k$ which is greater than equal k , as we want it. So, we got a graph without short cycles, whichever short cycles were there in the graph destroyed by carefully removing 1 vertex each from each of them, because we could do this, because the number of short cycles were only less **less** than n by 2 that is why we could do that. And then, because we did not have any large independent sets even n by $2k$ sized, n by $2k$ sized therefore, even if the number of vertices of reduced little bit, chromatic number has still to be high, because you remove divide by this then we get lower bound.

So, we got a graph with both the required property, this is what the key thing to observe in the proof is that it is even if we wanted two properties to happen but, then there was not probability range which would ensure that with high probability or with some probability both of them will happen, it was, which was not possible able to do by the calculation that we do therefore, we allowed a little bit that means; we told I am looking for graph without short cycle but, I will allow if you short cycle so happens, as long as the number of short cycles are small, here at most n by 2 and that was possible in the in a range we could find a probability range both of these happens independent set size are also not big, and also the number of short cycles are small enough. And then we processed it, because the small errors in the kind of the property we are looking for it is

deviating it from in a small way so, we corrected it by breaking all the short cycles and then, we still had the property of no big independent sets the number of vertices have reduced little bit but, still, because the independent set sizes were quite small the chromatic number of the graph has to be still big that was the argument, that is the argument.

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So now, we will consider so, that is so, this is enough for introducing the probabilistic method. So, we first problem was about the.. about getting lower bound for the Ramsey number it was very straight application, we just want 2 proper properties, 1 was to avoid large independent sets and the other was to avoid large cliques so, we found the bad events namely there exists independent set, we found the bad event the other bad event namely there exist large clique, and then we found the probabilities of that and then we added the these probabilities together to get an upper bound for the probability that one of these bad events occur, and then, because we could show that, this probabilities together will be still less than one, because each of them were less than half we inferred that, there exist probability for the good event to happen that means; none of the bad events occur, that was a very straight forward applications.

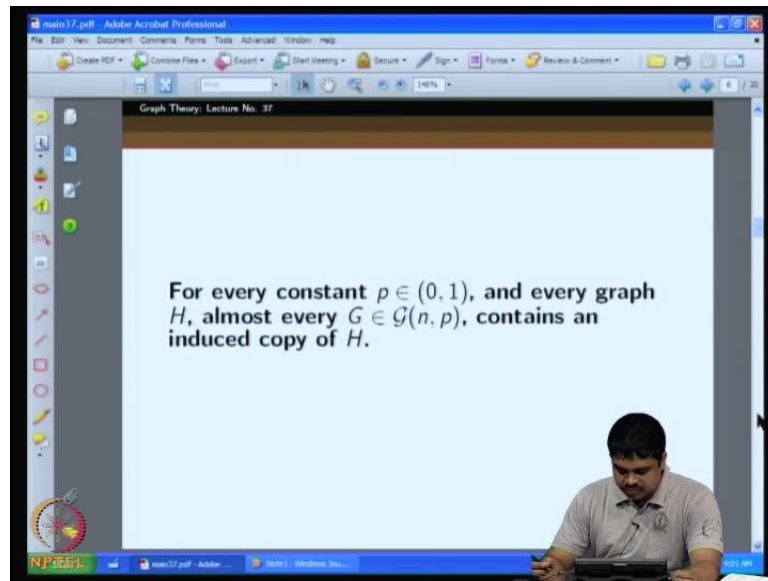
Now, this previous example was more tricky, because we could not make that happen directly so, we rather changed the property that we will looking for little bit assuming that somehow, planning that later we will **we will** correct for the change, that was it is a

trick there so, that was a tricky applications of probabilistic method. Now, we will quickly look at some other aspects of random graphs, rather than proving some structural theorems we will look at some.. How.. Some results.. regarding random graphs themselves can be obtained without here, we proved the $G(n, p)$ model to proves some theorems which essentially as nothing to do with randomness, it was finally, when the results did not have any randomness in it but, here we are going to say something very different this about the random graphs itself the probability distribution itself here.

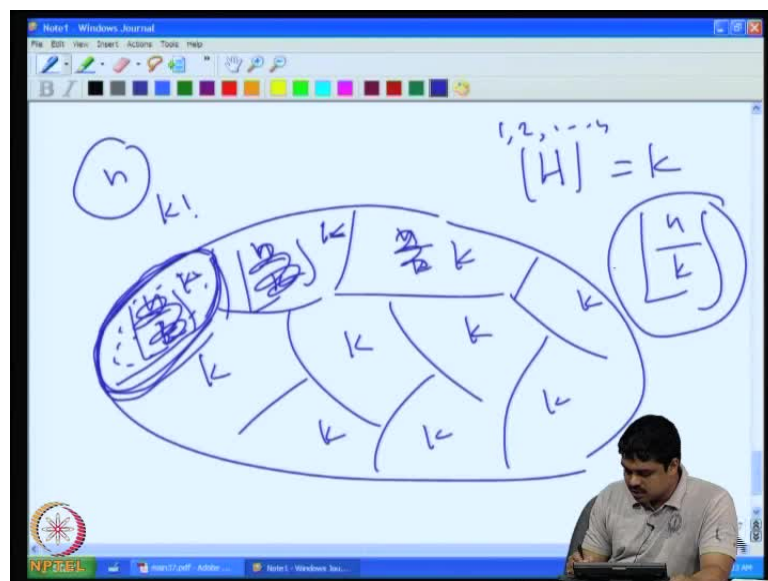
Let us look at what a graph properties, let P be a graph property, when I say P it is a class of graphs closed under isomorphism that means; if a graph is there all the graphs are isomorphism also there in the set, so any usual property that we are considering for instance the property of being connected is a, you can see as the set of graphs which are connected, all graphs, if a graph is connected all graphs which isomorphic to it or also connect therefore, that is what a graph property we can say that, a graph property is just a class of graphs closed under isomorphism.

Now, you take any function P of n , if G element of P tends to 1, as n tends to infinity for instance you just consider G and P model, and then suppose you have P , some P of n some functions fix it, and then if it so happens that the probability that, that the randomly drawn graph has the property desired property P , that tends to one as n tends to infinity, one large number of vertices then we will say that, this property is there for almost all graphs so, g element of this property for almost all graphs, for almost surely g has this property like that. And the equivalently the other terminologies also used namely suppose, the probability that G has this property when graph is randomly taken from the G and P distribution probably see space so, then you if this probability tends to zero as n tends to infinity, we will say that almost no graph element of G element of G and P has property P , are almost surely G does not have the property.

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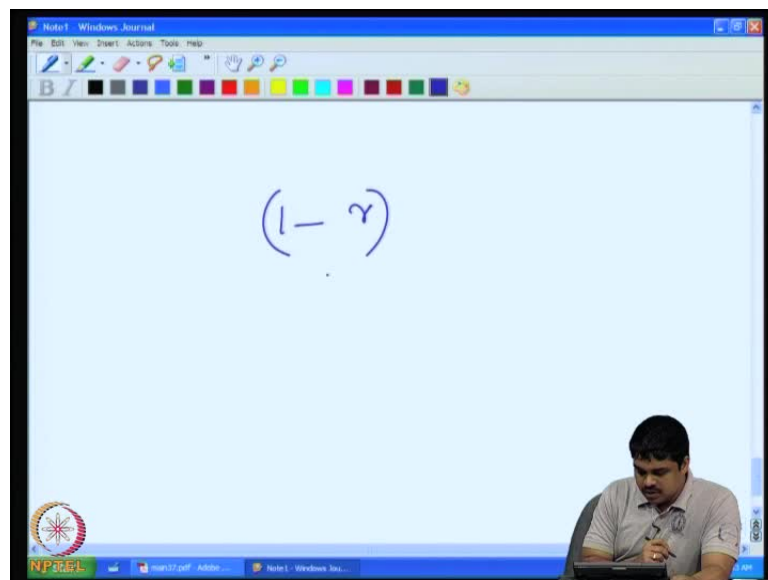
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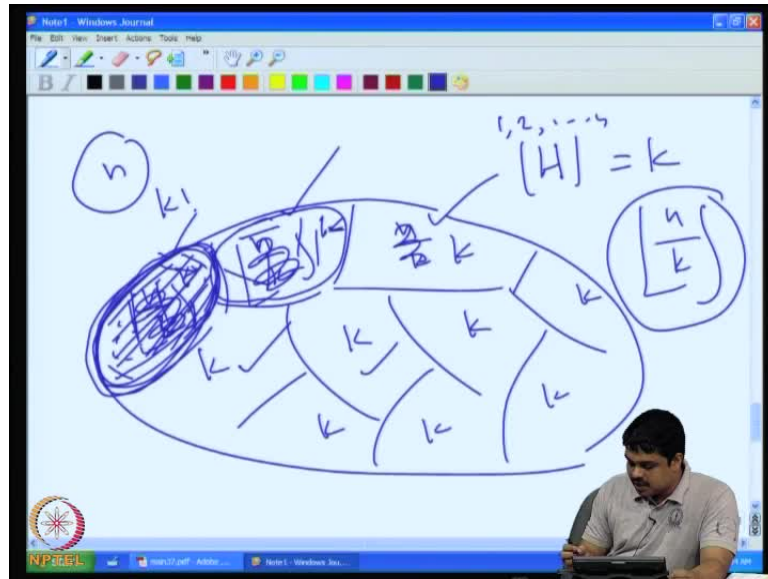
So therefore, this is the common **this is the common** terminology that we use within this area of random graphs, almost surely some properties there, almost surely does not have the property like that. Now, for every constant.. So we will **we will** considered an example some easy example for this, thing so it is show, it show though it is almost intuitive obvious we will take a smaller example, for every constant P element of zero you take a fix a constant and every graph H , almost every graph G and P contains an induced copy of H , how do we prove this? So, you can fix a H , so H may have say cardinality k , k vertices in it.

Now, n is taken large compared to k , now you can, what you can do this is the randomly drawn graph, what you do is can think of it as several group of n by k vertices, this, there are n by k vertices here, you can even this n by k vertices here, we will say k vertices here, k vertices here, k vertices here so these are disjoint. We partition the n vertices into several k groups, we get around n by k , we can get at least n by k disjoint such collections now we say that, what is the probability that, this k vertices contains H that means there exist in graph here this graph is isomorphic H , that probability is of case you can match an all possible ways so there are, we can map there are the vertices of these 1, 2, 3, 4 on it can map to this in say k factorial ways.

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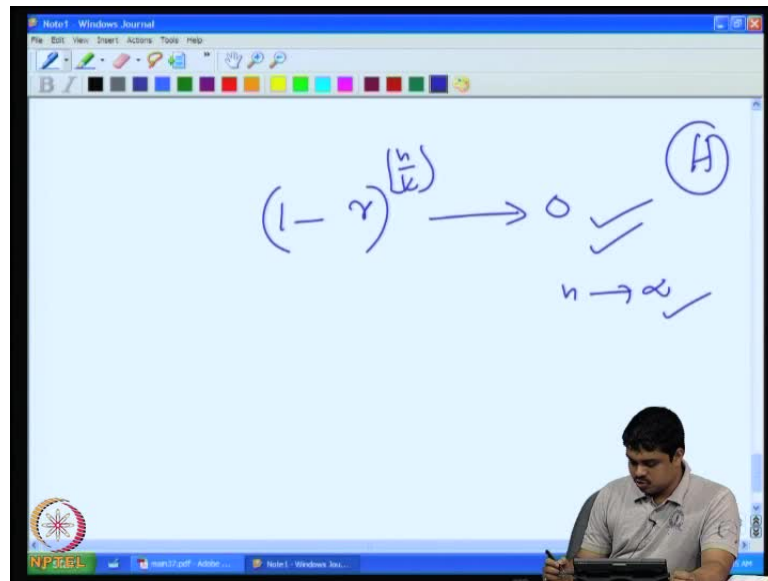


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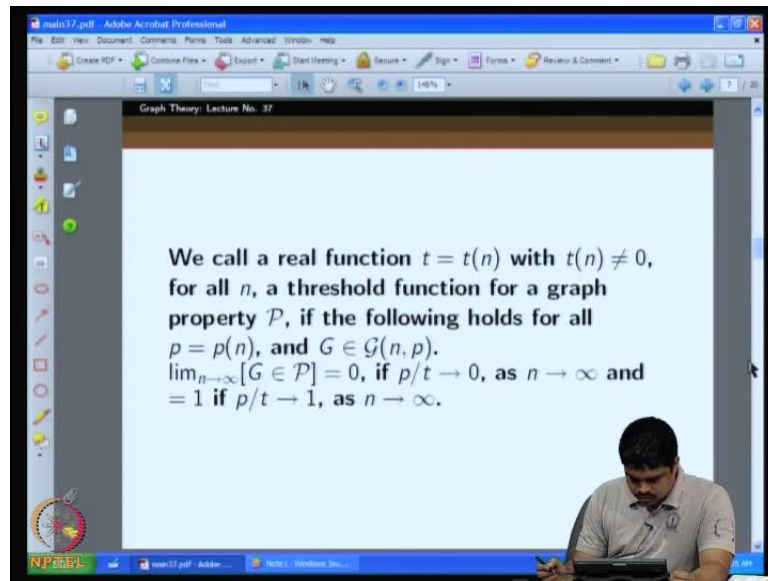
So, and then, for each of them you can see whether isomorphic or not, some so though all the cases so we can count, whatever it is the you can see that the probability will not depend on n , whether this has appeared it or not. So, this is some function are which only depends on the probability will be some r which only depends on k does not depend on r , so the probability that, this does not have an isomorphic copy of H will be at most 1 minus r now, what is the probability that, this does not have, this also does not have, this also does not have, none of them has so these are all independent events, because this is one.. What is happening here will not affect what is happening here in the sense that, the edges here are totally different from the edges here.

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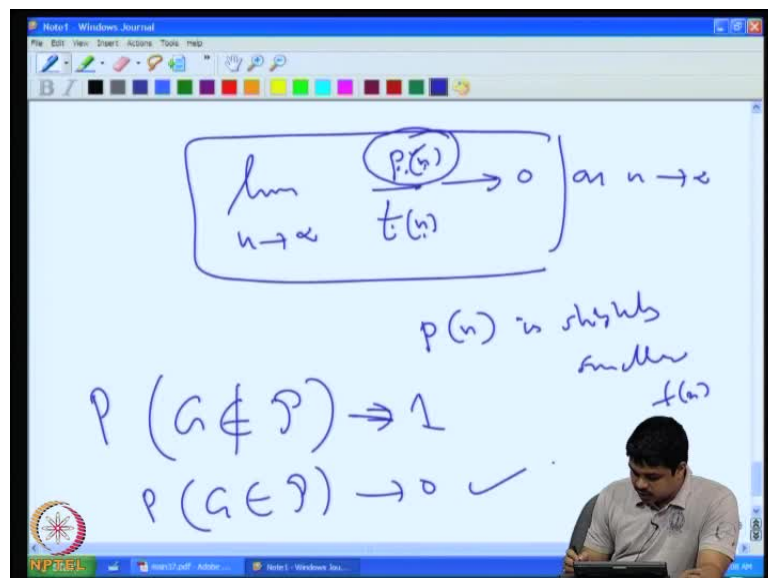
So, we can multiply these probabilities so it will become n^k , this will be the probability. And as we can easily see this probability will tend to zero, as n tends to infinity if we take, because r is a number which is less than one anyway, because it is a probability that is therefore, and therefore, you can see that as n tends to infinity the probability that H is not isomorphic to any sub graph of G , will tend to zero, any sub graph of G , will tend to zero. So therefore, we can say that almost surely G a randomly drawn graph G will have the property that, a fixed graph H is as occurred as a sub graph of G so, contain such as sub graph this is just to illustrate that terminology that almost surely some property occurs, almost surely some property does not occur that is all.

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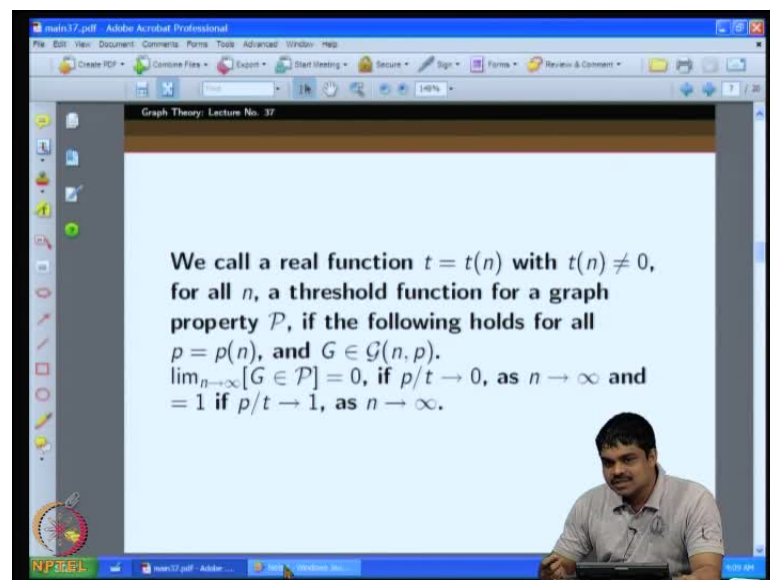
We just want the probability to tend to zero as n tends to infinity so nothing more than that random. And now, see the.. now there is a this interesting concept of threshold functions that we want to introduce, some properties or such that, the there are certain threshold that means if the probability we select P is a little above the threshold and then almost surely the graph will have that property, and if the probability that we select for G in \mathcal{P} is little below the threshold then almost surely the graph will not have that property, **the graph will not have that property** so the, so, more formally I have written here.

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So let say t equal to t of n is function of n , and t of n is not equal to zero for any of n , and we say the threshold function for a graph property P if the following holds for all P equal to P of n , and G element of G n P . So, what should happen? See, if P by t tends to zero so, this is a way of formalizing, when I say P is a little above t so, when I.. I can say that by saying that P by t the function P , such that; P by t tends to zero as n tends to infinity. Which means, is not exactly this more than but, it is a little is a function wise little more than, that the t is the function of n , P is also a function of n , if n tends to infinity is will tends to zero so, here if tends to zero it means that, this is smaller than, this **this** slightly smaller than, this some this formal way of telling if limiting value of n tends to infinity this, if this happens it means that P of n is slightly, it qualitatively intuitively slightly smaller than t of n .

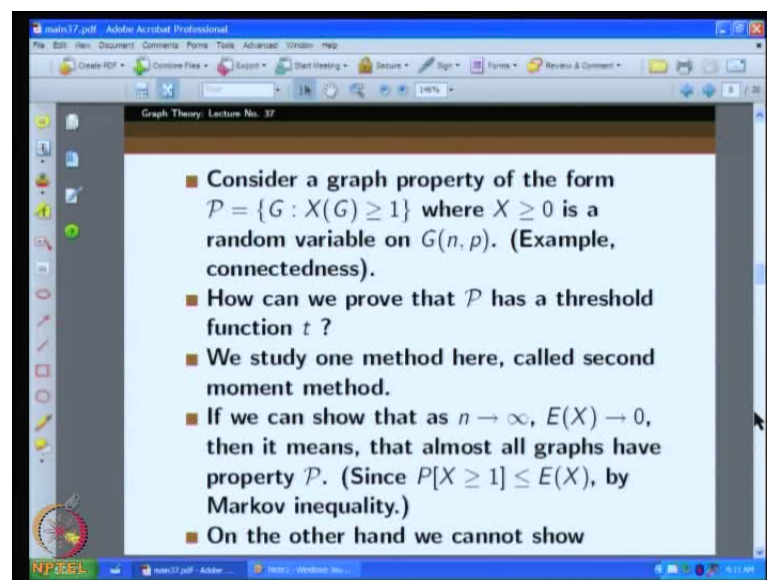
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So, small below threshold, if this happens our property should be, should not be there. So, that means G should not be should not belong to this thing with high probability, the probability that G does not belong to see should be one, our probability that G belongs to P should in to one, it tends to infinity or tends to zero this is what we want so, that what we are saying. On the other hand if P by t tends to one as n tends to infinity that means; P is above the threshold function then we want the limiting value of G element of P to be one as n tends to infinity, the probability that G elements of P should element of P that means G has the probability, G has that property should tend to one as n tends to infinity then, this is called a threshold function.

So, this is interesting phenomena that occurs in the context of random graphs, it so happens that several properties have this a feature that means, it has a threshold function in the change from almost all graphs not having that property, to almost all graphs having that property is abrupt. So, it is not that very specific value but, it is a you can capture it this way like P by t tends to zero as, that P is above t , P by tends to below t , P by tends to P by t tends to one, as n tends to infinity means it is above t , this way we get a let get a threshold function for many of this interesting properties for connected as for most of the properties that we studying. So, especially the there is a theorem that if the property monotony and it will **it will** there will always be the threshold function.

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So, we will quickly see, so our, because we do not have much time to spend on random graphs maybe we can maximum spend one more hour therefore, we will quickly see one example, because we are interested now how to show some threshold function for certain properties. What are the techniques? So, today a today our intension is to introduce one method to prove the threshold functions. So, the therefore, we will.. this is called a, we will introduce this method is called second moment method so, for instance we consider a graph property of the form G , such that a random variable X of G is greater than equal to one, for X of X is greater than equal to zero is a random variable. So we see, when we say random variable on graph most of the time we consider a positive integer values, non negative integer value, random variables for instance in the case of connectedness it can be the number of spanning trees, if it is a disconnected graph there is the number of

spanning trees as zero, if it is a connected graph the number of spanning tree is a greater than or equal to one, one or more can be many more but, this **this** zero or not will decide whether connected or not similarly, we can we can have many other possibilities.

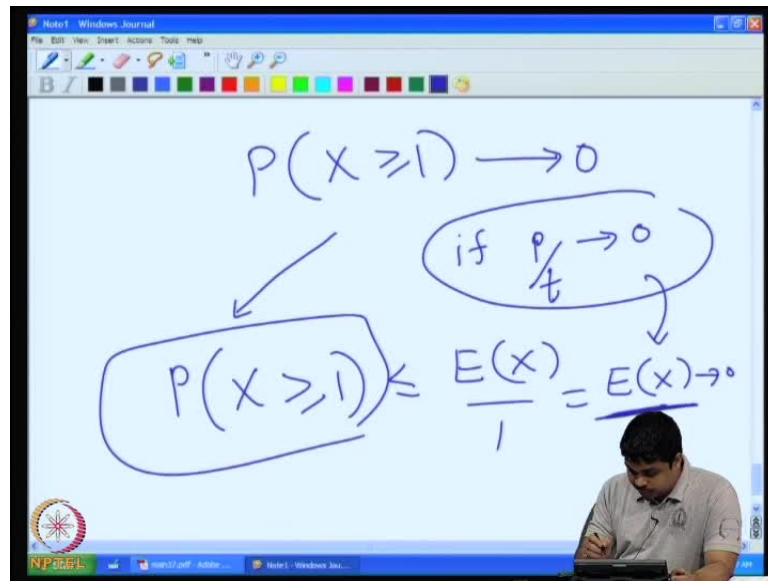
So, you can define the random variable accordingly and make sure that the property that we are looking for is captured by whether the random variable is zero or one or more. So, because I am saying if it is one or more then the property is existing, if it is less than one that means zero, equal to zero then the property is not existing so, **this** this way many property can be captured. So, we will look at this kind of properties now so we told one example connectedness so similarly, other examples can be cooped up so can be seen.

So, the question here is, because quickly looking how will we prove that such a property has a threshold function? This is what can be an approach, what can what can be an approach so, this is.. What this is where we use the second moment method. See, one easy observation is that you can use this expectation suppose, if we can somehow show that the expectation of X this random variable will tend to zero as n tends to infinity, if n becomes large, if the expectation tends to zero then it definitely means that the almost all graphs have the property P , because the property P is captured.. if the property, almost so, I should say if the property P capture is captured when g of G is random variable has value greater than one, then we should say that almost no graphs or the other way, as we define almost no graph have property P that is, because of the Markov in equality, because the probability that X greater than equal to one is less than equal to expectation of X by one by Markov inequality, as we have seen so this will immediately tell us that.. yes, this will immediately tell us that so, if e of X is tending to zero then, this probability that X greater than equal to 1 will also tend to zero, because this is even less than that let as n tends to infinity.

So, that is one way of showing that so, if you take a certain G n P may be P by t is less than it tends to zero, n tends to zero this is one way you can try to show, we just try that then expectation of X also will tend to zero then immediately there but, on the other hand can we use the same technique show that the probability of X equal to zero, tend to zero that means; when you want to show that this **this** probability is high that means, small it is approaching one we may want to show that the probability of X equal to zero, tends to zero but, if you simply show we should take the expectation, and show that with the some lower bound and very high probability that want be enough, because it is possible

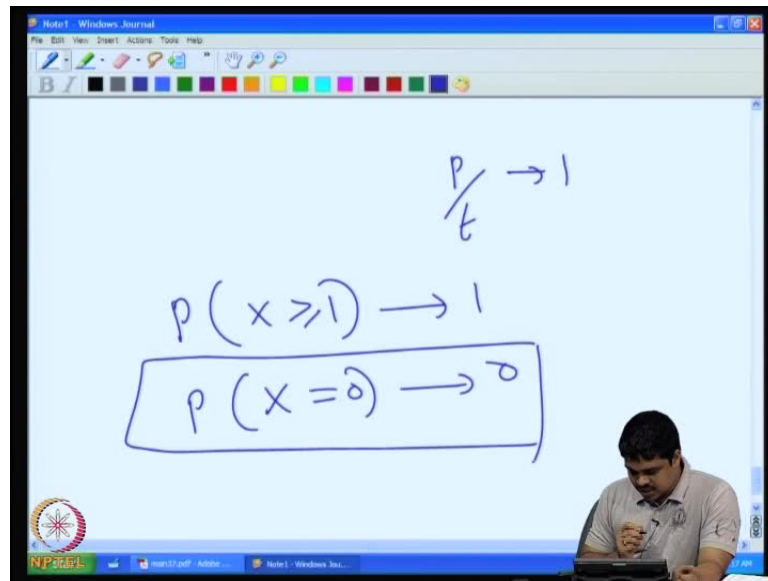
that some random values, some this random variable will may take some very high values for certain things, and then almost all the time it may be zero but, when it is taking some other values it may be taking very high values therefore, that may be the reason why the expectation is has lower bound, because expectation is summing over all possible values and multiply with probabilities.

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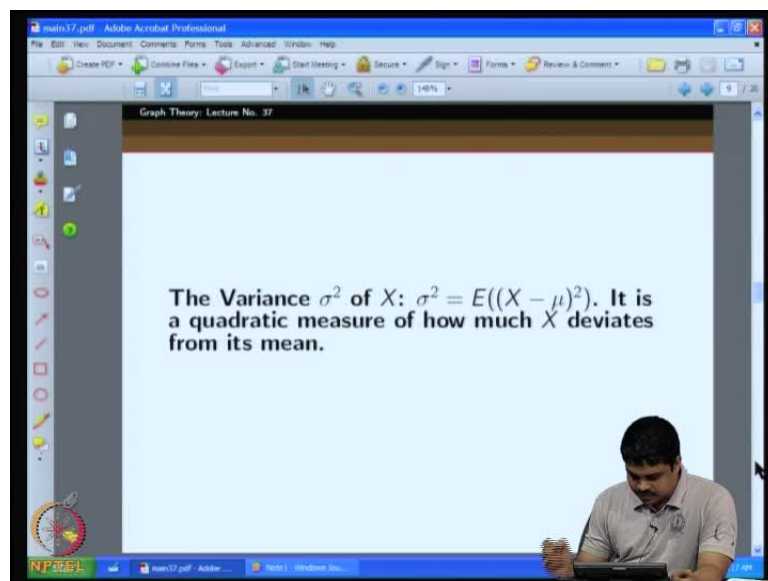


So, that is not enough that way so that is what so, the we need some other technique to do this thing, for that purpose we need some tools from some more information from the probability theory so to show this thing so, to repeat what we have told now is that when we want to consider this case the probability of X great than or equal to 1 tends to zero, if P such that P by t tends to zero, that means P below threshold then the technique one technique if at all it works, it can be to make use of the Markov's inequality, because this less than equal to expectation of X by one, that is expectation of X. And you try, because this here expectation of X gives a upper bound for this thing you try to prove that if this happens this will tends to zero then this will tends to zero.

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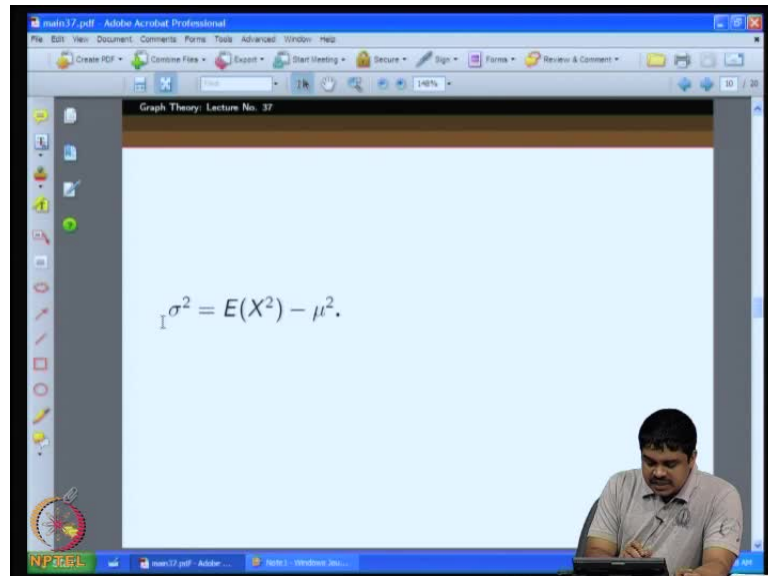
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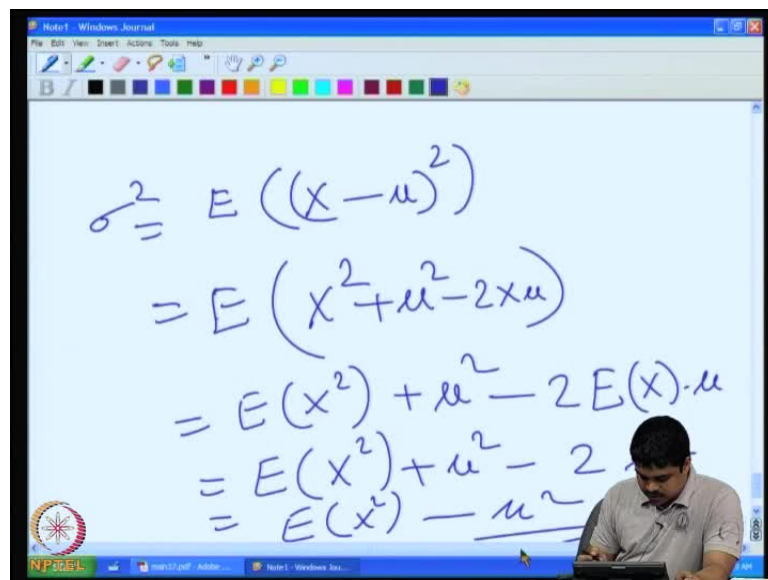
So, on the other hand we will have to, if t is threshold will have to prove that when P of P by t tends to one, the probability that X great then equal to 1 tends to 1. That means probability that X equal to zero tends to zero. Here, as we told expectation will not work, because just showing that expectation is will not work so, this is this need more ideas so what we going to do is to use something called the variance. So, let us define the variance sigma square of X , sigma square is equal to expectation of X minus μ whole square, somehow some sense we have this expectation for random variable each value the minus in μ so you will get a different random variable X minus μ there, and it was

squaring these things and then taking the expectation again that is, that is the this thing it is a quadratic measure of how much the random variable X deviates from mean.

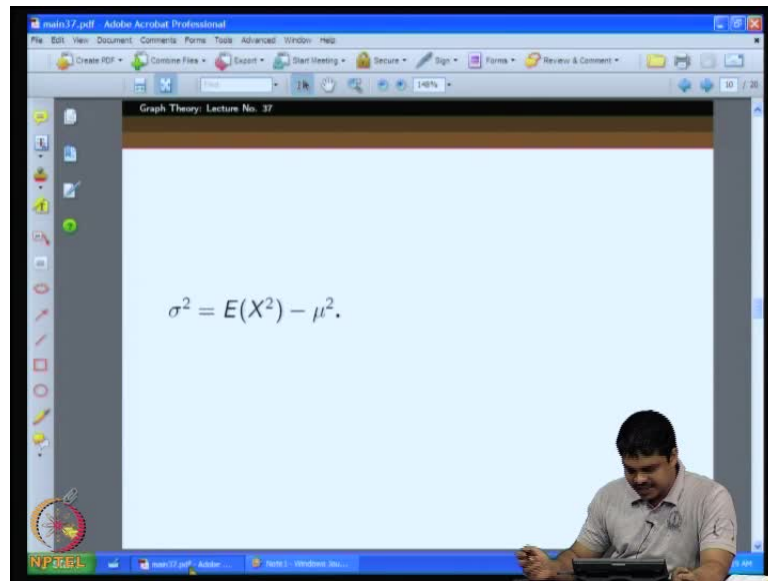
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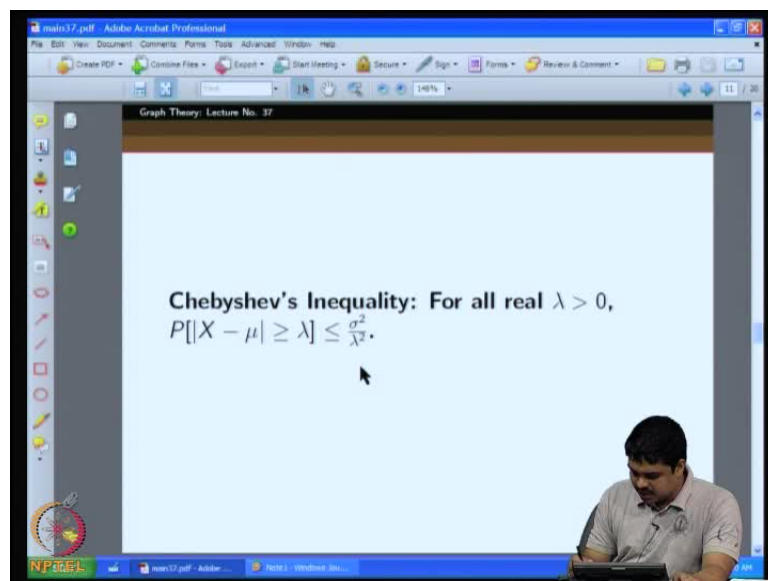
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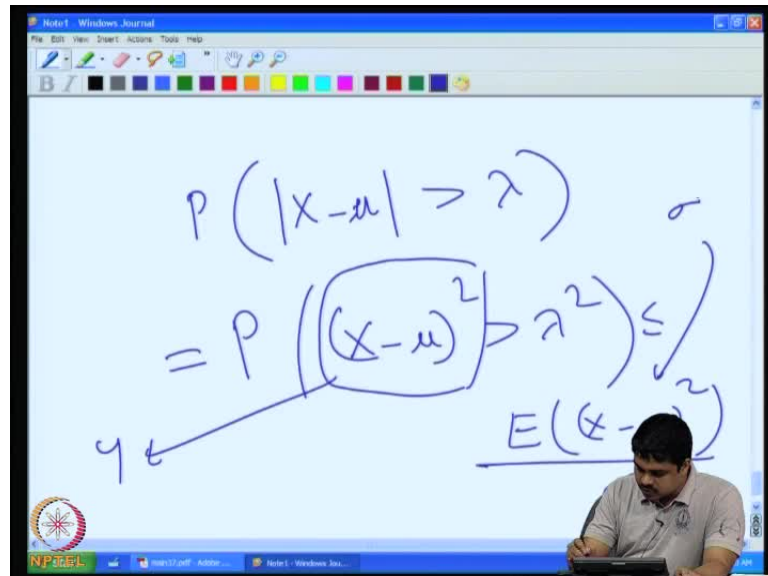
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So, the another thing so very easy, easily you can derive that sigma square is equal to expectation of X square minus mu square. How you do that? So, this is easy because expectation of a sigma square is essentially expectation of X minus mu whole square, so you can expand it if this is X square plus mu square minus 2 X mu so, because of linearity of expectation this becomes expectation of X square plus expectation of mu square will be mu square, because constant minus two times expectation of x into mu, that is expectation of X square plus mu square minus 2 mu, that is expectation of x square minus mu square, this is what. So, this is an easy thing so, this will be useful in

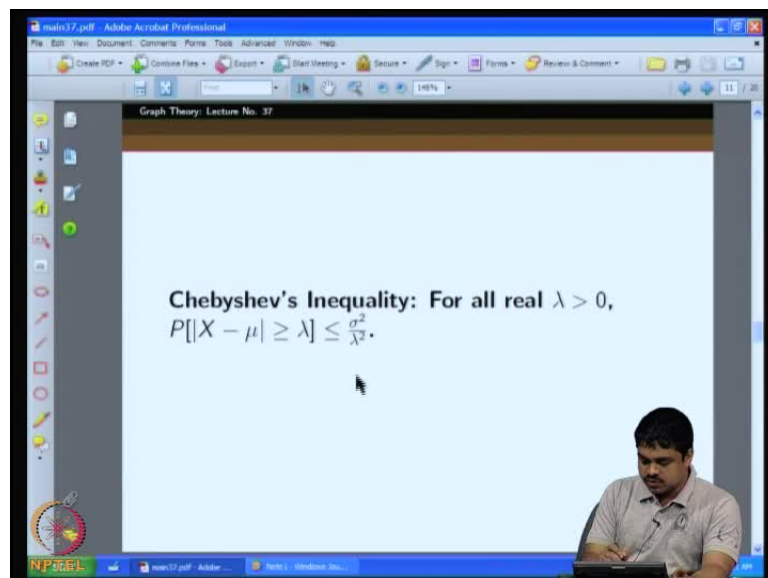
calculations and now another thing regarding expectation the variance sigma is another inequality which becomes very useful the chebyshev's inequality.

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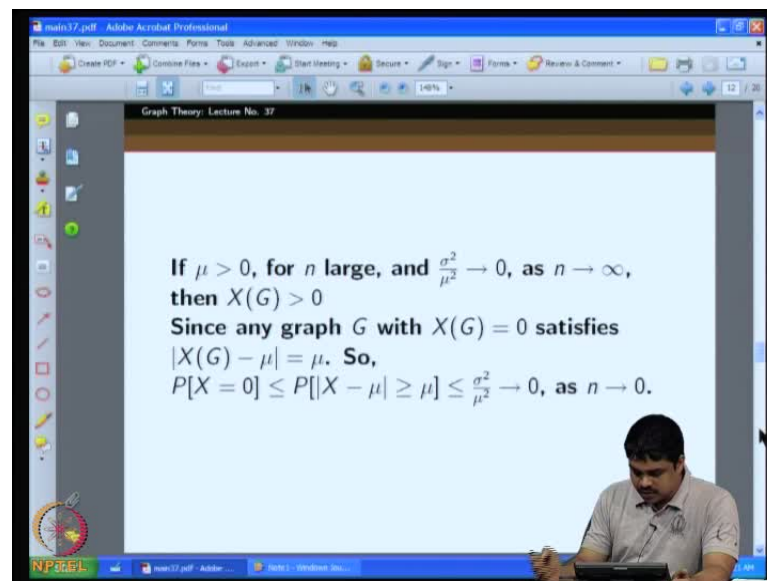


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So, say this deviation the absolute value of the deviation x minus μ , going greater than or equal to, that means it deviating too much from the mean is μ greater than or equal to λ is less than equal to σ^2 by λ^2 , the proof of thing is also like Markov's inequality this very easy, because so, because if you want to look at the probability of X minus μ , absolute value being great than λ definitely you can see

that, this is equal to so, if you just square it so this is, this now, this is less than the expectation of X minus μ whole square this being considering this has a different random variable say y , this is expectation of y divide by this quadratic a λ square but, this is part this is essentially σ square so, we get this σ square by λ square so this is immediately following from the Markov's inequality just substituting.

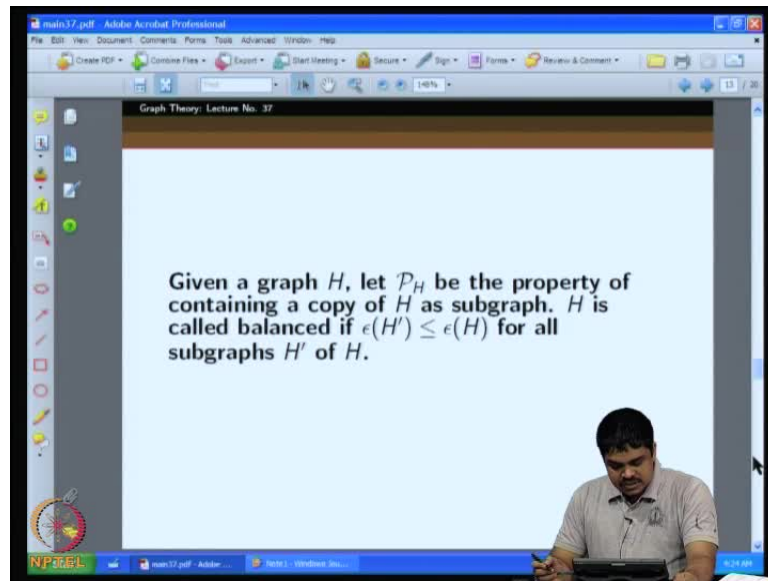
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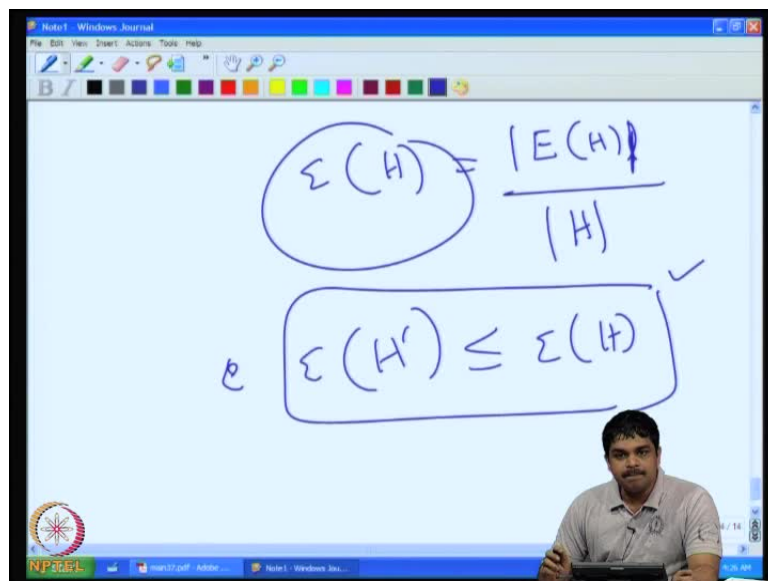
So, we just considering the new random variable inside of expand X , we just taking a X minus μ whole square so this is, becomes λ square and, because the expectation of X minus μ all square σ square this will come anyway. So, this is all tools from the probability theory and then now, here this statement this **this** small lima $\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\mu^2}\right)$ help us to do the trick. So, you want when you want to say that see the probability that $X = 0$, indeed tends to zero, what essentially we want to say, because whenever to a graph has is equal to 0 and the random variable takes value 0, it means that difference absolute difference from mean, absolute value of the difference it mean is equal to μ , because it is zero, zero minus μ absolute value is μ only so, the probability that X equal to zero is definitely less than equal to probability that absolute value of X minus μ great than equal to μ , again you can use the Markov's inequality here once again. So, that will be σ square by μ square if this tends to the $\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\mu^2}\right)$ σ square by μ square tends to zero, as n tends to zero then, this will this will also tends to zero, and then therefore, probability X equal to zero also will tends to zero.

So, instead of directly attacking probability of X equal to zero, we notice that, this X equal to zero corresponds to $|X - \mu| \geq \mu$, so this probability should be definitely at most a absolute value of $X - \mu \geq \mu$, so this in the chebyshev's inequality so we, in the chebyshev's inequality we have to take the **take** λ for μ here, instead of λ we have to put μ so σ^2 by μ^2 , that will, that is why $\sigma^2 \lambda^2$ instead of λ we are putting μ here, So, that is why now the good thing about this inequality that we just have to check to prove this the probability that X equal to zero, tends to zero we just have to verify whether this tends to zero, so the for our case where the random variables are greater than equal to zero any way.

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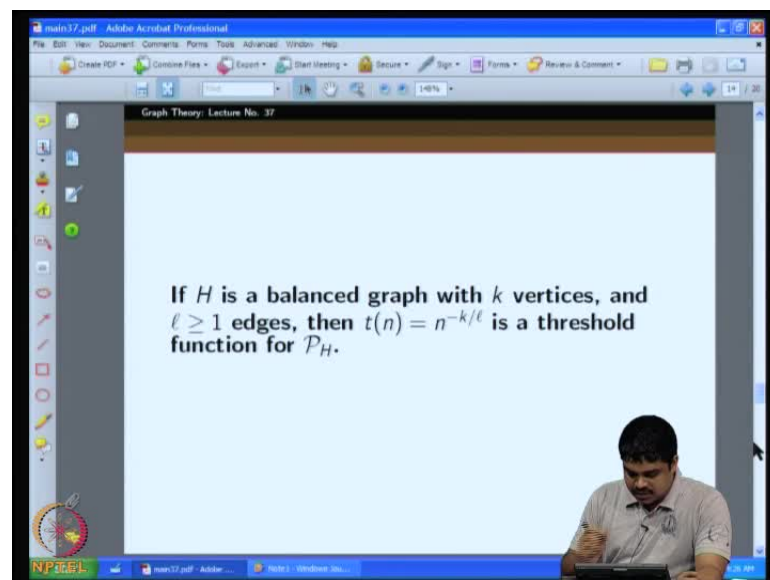


So, this as we just have to verify sigma square by mu square whether, sigma square by mu square will tends to zero. So, this is this is the technique so, this is second moment method so we will illustrate it with one example namely the next one example, will so this is, lets again consider the property of so, where H is a fixed graph \mathcal{P}_H be the property of containing a copy of H as a sub graph that means, randomly drawn graph what is the probably H is a contained as a sub graph, that is the **that is the** property we are interested in H should be present as a sub graph in g . So, and we can take a special kind of edge H is called balanced if this epsilon of H dash is less than equal to epsilon of

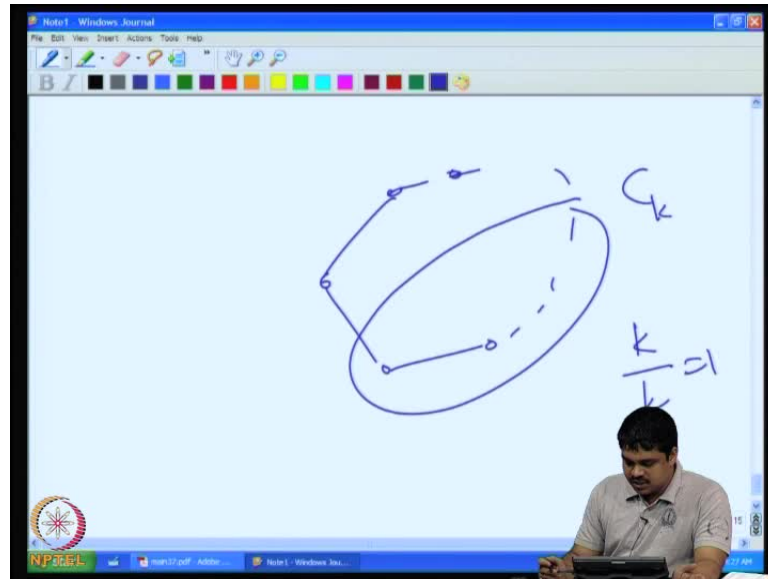
H , all sub graphs H dash of that what is this epsilon of H ? When I say epsilon of H that is the number of edges in H E of H cardinality, divided by the number of vertices in it n , the number of edges divided by the number of vertices in it H this is epsilon.

Suppose, if you take any a sub graph of H if it so happens that every sub graph has this epsilon value lesser or equal, that means it is a kind of this will be less than or equal to epsilon of H , in that case we will say that it is a balance some sense says that, the they are no very concentrate it portion inside the graph so, the biggest graph captures the maximum edge density so, all smaller graph to have at most edge density will be at most as much as the graph this is the property of being balanced.

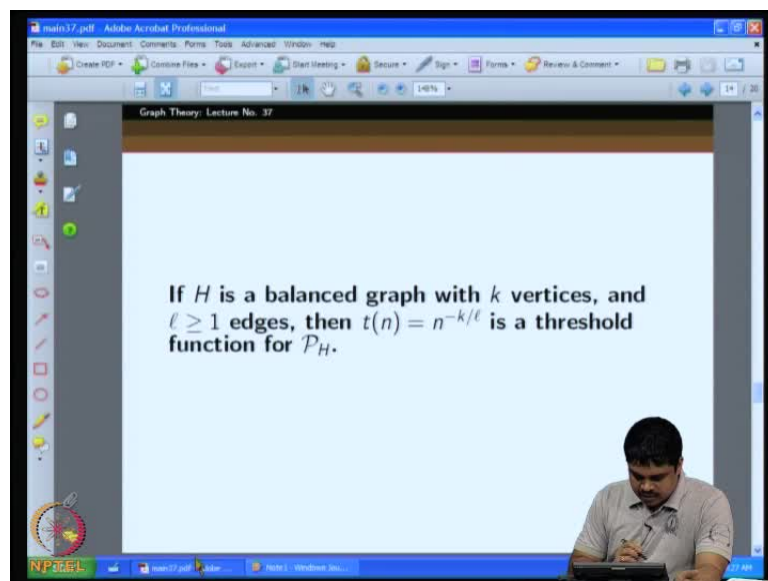
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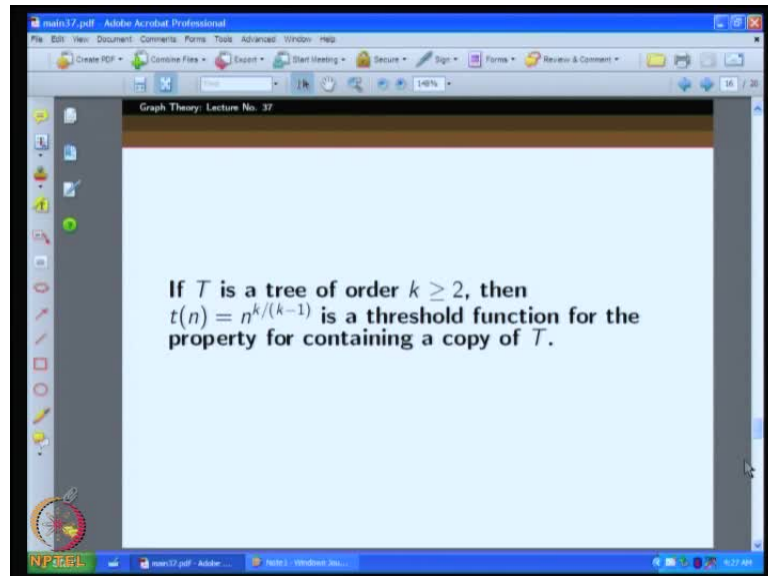
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Now, let say property of being balanced and now, see to understand what is this balance why we are considering balance graphs that is, because many of the simple graph are balanced for instance you can think of a cycle so, if we consider a cycle so you how many simple cycle $1 \leq k \leq k-1$ link cycle C_k so, there are k edges and then, there are any sub graph if you consider so the epsilon will be k by k one, any sub graph if you take it will be maximum of path or collection of paths therefore, definitely the epsilon the edge density that is smaller, because the edges are less than the number of vertices there

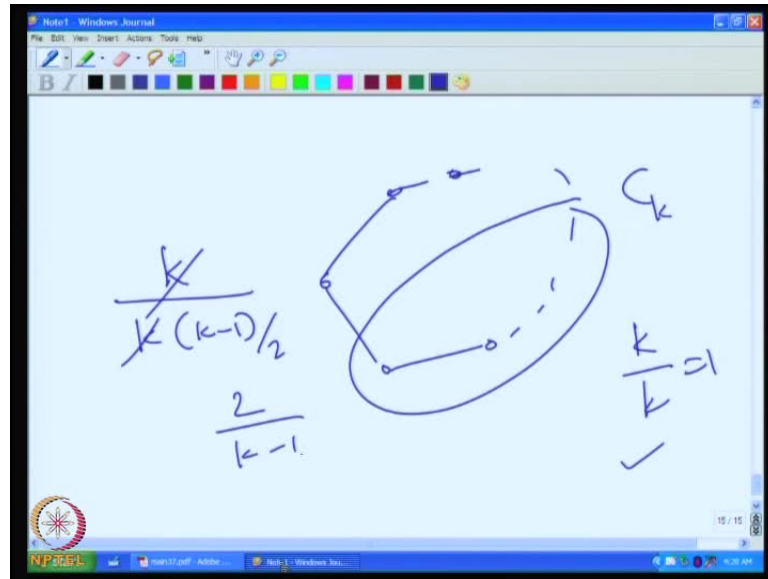
therefore, that is some example so when we can see that it is not very surprising that, this balance graphs is considered, because many graphs are already captured by that.

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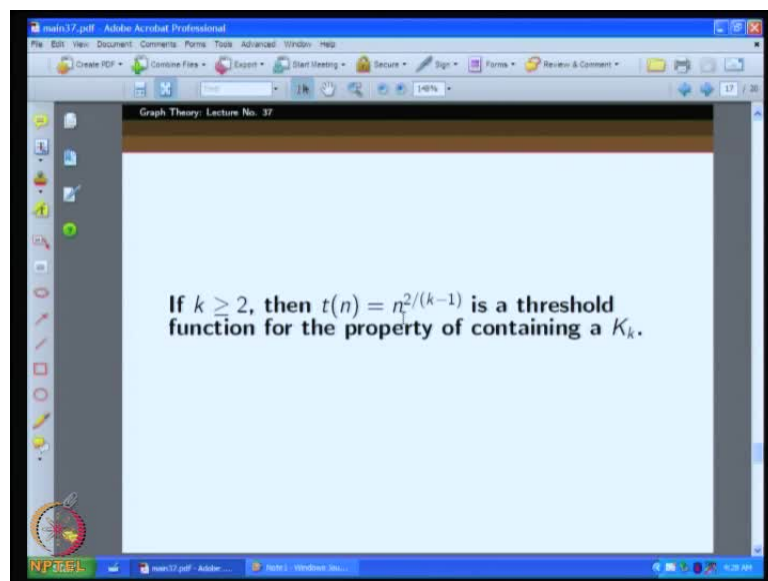


Now, we will prove a theorem that if H is a balance graph with k vertices, and l greater than equal to one edges, there l edges and k vertices in it then the threshold function for it is n to the power minus k by l . This is what will prove for incense if it is a cycle then it will become n to the power k by k , that is n to the power minus one. If it is a small tree on k vertices there are k edges, and k minus.. k vertices, and k minus 1 edges so n to the power k by k minus 1 will be a threshold function for the property of as thing.

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So similarly, if you consider a complete graph what will happen there are k vertices, k vertices and k choose to k into k minus 1 by 2 edges, this is by after cancelling this is 2 by k minus 1 so, we will we will we can put it as threshold function as t of n is equal to n to the power 2 by k minus 1 . So we will prove this thing as so we told $2, 3$ example to illustrate that this is a useful theorem, because many of this cases it simple cases like trees a cycles, complete graphs all are balance graphs therefore, when they are coming as a fixed graphs, then we get the threshold function easily using plugging in this formula,

because k and l can be valued and substitute so, this general statement we will proof tomorrow in the next class, so that is.

Thank you.