

μ - Games

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Problem 1: Bread Mania

- ▶ Start by finding a triangulation (or planar surface graph) of a sphere and torus.
- ▶ Inductively construct other surfaces by pasting torus onto a graph.
- ▶ Notice a pattern: $\chi(S) = 2 - 2g$, where g is the number of holes.



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$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^n \cos(b^n \pi x)$$

- ▶ Uniform convergence, so f is continuous.
- ▶ When computing f numerically, ensure left over sum $\sum a^n < \epsilon$.

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Problem 4: Sturm-Liouville

$$L = \frac{d}{dx} \left((1-x)^2 \frac{d}{dx} \right)$$

- ▶ The eigenfunctions are polynomials of different degrees i.e. p_n .
- ▶ Use x^n to find eigenvalue of p_n .

$$Lx^n = -n(n+1)x^n + n(n-1)x^{n-2}$$

- ▶ So, we must have $Lp_n = -n(n+1)p_n$.
- ▶ Comparing the x^d terms on both sides, we see

$$-d(d+1)a_d + (d+2)(d+1)a_{d+2} = -n(n-1)a_d$$

- ▶ Thus, we get $a_d = \frac{(d+2)(d+1)}{d(d+1)-n(n-1)} a_{d+2}$

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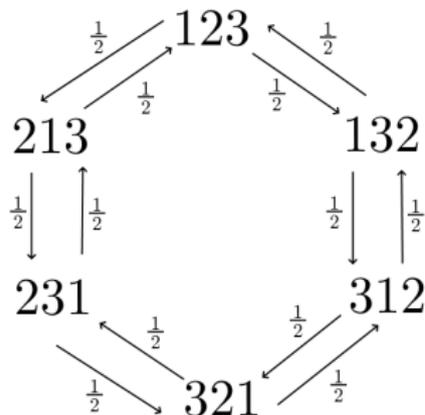


Figure: Example for tunnels (1, 2) and (2, 3).

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