



# A $k$ -CNF formula

$$(x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (x_3 \vee x_4 \vee \neg x_5) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_5)$$

each clause has size  $k$ .

Theorem 10.1: There exists  $c > 0$  such that for every  $k$

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~~every~~ every  $k$ -CNF formula  $F$  s.t.

each clause shares variables with  $\leq 2^{k-c}$  others  
is satisfiable.

(Tardos  
generalization)

(and there exists a randomized algorithm  
finding the satisfying assignment efficiently.)

Proof: Let  $M$  be an integer depending on  $F$ , large

and let  $R$  be a sequence of  $M$  "true, false" assignments.

Algorithm:

Subroutine

Fix( $s$ ):

$s$  is a clause.  
 $\hat{=}$  violated

- reassign the values of variables in  $s$   
using the next  $k$  values in  $R$ .
- For each clause  $s'$  sharing variables  
with  $s$  | if  $s'$  is violated  
run Fix( $s'$ )
- return.

Assign values to all variables say all, true.

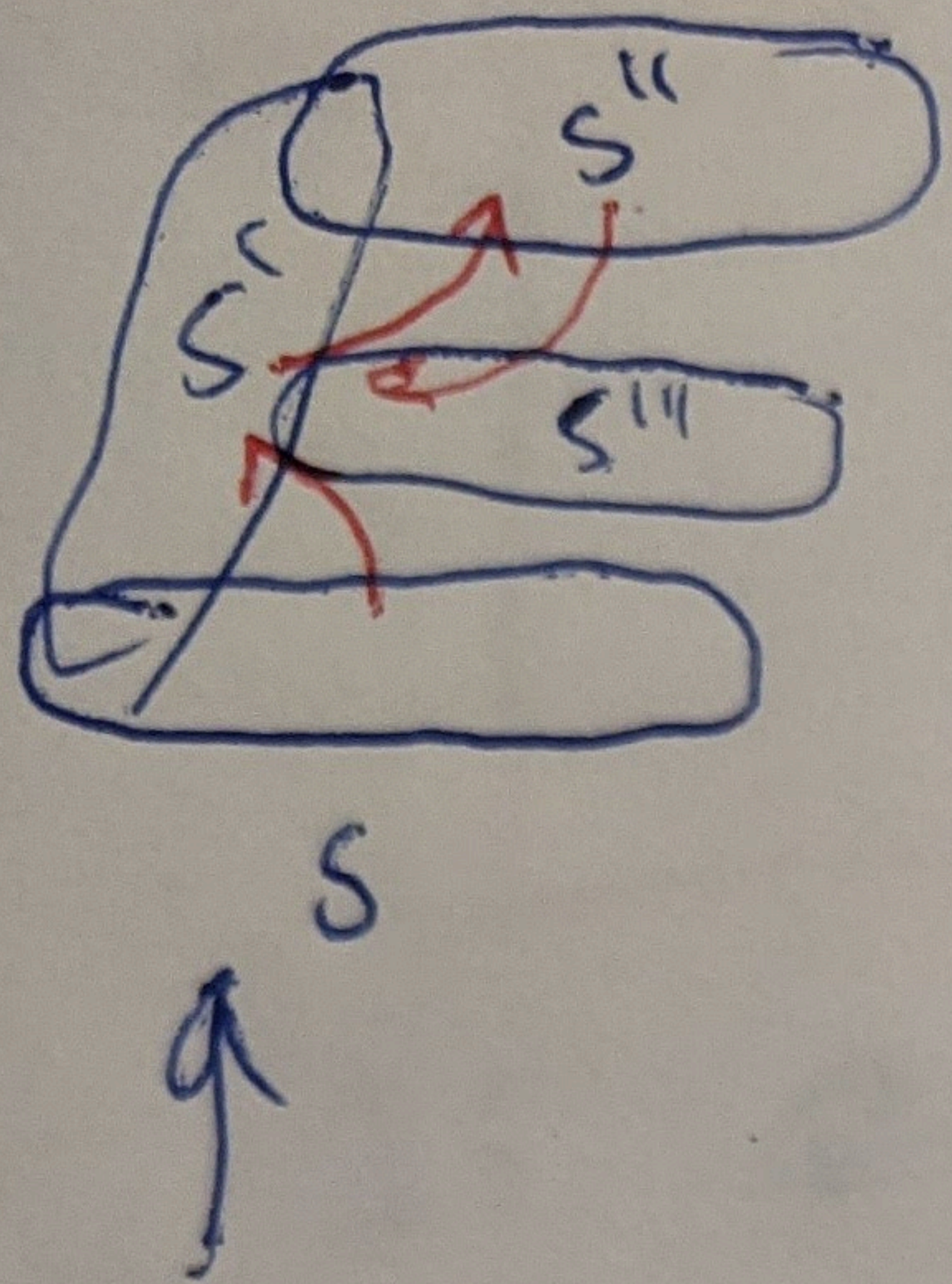
- if there exists a violated clause  $s$

run Fix( $s$ ),

Algorithm  
terminates

if we ~~got~~ succeed.

or  $R$  is empty.



# History:

For each clause  $s$  let

~~$\varphi_s: [n] \leftrightarrow$  set of clauses sharing variables with  $s$~~

~~be a bijection. called index~~

~~$n \leq 2^{k-c}$~~

$s, \varphi_s(s'), \varphi_s(s''), R, \varphi_s(s''')$   
 $\varphi_{s'}(s''')$

$\varphi_s: \text{set of clauses sharing var. with } s \rightarrow [n]$   
 be a bijection called index.

- If we run  $\text{Fix}(s)$  in the main algorithm we record the  $s$  in our history.
- If we run  $\text{Fix}(s')$  from  $\text{Fix}(s)$  we record  $\varphi_s(s')$
- if we return from a subroutine we record this.

linear constant length (depending on  $F$ )

For each clause  $s$  we record  $s$  as  $00 +$  finite identifying  $s$   
 record index as  $01 +$   $k-c$  symbols  
 record return as  $1$ .

Total length of History  $\leq (k-c+2) \cdot \# \text{Fix calls} + O(|F|)$

~~I~~ ~~we~~ We can deduce the ~~prev~~ values from  $R$  used  
 in the run of the algorithm  
 from its history and ~~its~~ current values.

If ~~the~~ algorithm did not succeed then  
 $R$  is empty so we made  
 $M/k \cdot \text{Fix calls}$ .

$R$  ~~can~~ be ~~be~~ determined by History + Final state.

$$(k - c + 2) \cdot \frac{M}{k} + O(1)$$

So for  $c > 2$

Entropy  
compression

if  $M$  is large ~~this~~  
~~the~~ History length  
 is at most  
 $(1 - \epsilon) M$ ;  
 For  $\epsilon > 0$ .

If  $R$  is random

$2^M$  choices only  $2^{(1-\epsilon)M}$  histories

So with prob.  $\leq 2^{-\epsilon M}$   $R$  can be recovered  
 and algorithm fails.

## Non-repetitive sequences

Let  $w$  be a sequence in  $\Sigma^*$  of symbols  $\{a, b, c\}$

$w$  is non-repetitive if no word appears within  $w$  twice consecutively.

$w'w'$

Examples:

abcab  $\rightarrow$  non repetitive

abcabc  $\rightarrow$  repetitive

abab, abcbc

Thue 1906: There exist arbitrarily long non-repetitive sequences in the alphabet with 3 symbols.

Proof idea: If  $w$  is non-repetitive, then we can obtain non-repetitive  $w'$  from it by substitution

Automated sequences

[	$a \rightarrow$	abcab
	$b \rightarrow$	acabcb
	$c \rightarrow$	acbcacb

Conjecture: Let  $\underline{L}_1, \underline{L}_2, \dots, \underline{L}_n$  be subsets of ~~so~~ an alphabet  $A$   
 $|L_i| = 3$

Then there exist  $a_1 \in L_1, \dots, a_n \in L_n$   
s.t.  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  is non-repetitive.

(If  $L_1 = L_2 = \dots = L_n \rightarrow$  Thue's theorem).

Theorem 10.2: Conjecture above is true if  $|L_i| = 4$   
for every  $i$ .

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Proof: Idea: Extend our string at random  
if we generate a repetition

$a_1 a_2 \dots a_i b_1 \dots b_s \underline{b_1 \dots b_s}$

~~erase~~ erase the second  
half of the ~~word~~.  
repetition

Analyzing history as in 10.1 it is possible  
to show that this succeeds.

Simplified proof:

Let  $N_i$  be the number of non-repetitive words  
 $a_1 a_2 \dots a_i$  s.t.  $a_j \in L_j$  for every  $j$ .

Want  $N_n \geq 1$ .

We will show by induction on  $i$  that

$$N_i / N_{i-1} \geq \boxed{x} \text{ for some } x > 1$$

( $x=2$  works)

(This implies  $N_j \leq x^{j-i} N_i$  for any  $j < i$ ).

Base case:  $i=1$   $N_0 = 1, N_1 = 4$  so if  $x \leq 4$  we are ok.

Induction step: Consider  $N_i$  non-repetitive words of length  $i$  and extend them by a symbol from  $L_{i+1}$

$a_1 \dots a_i b$

$a_1 \dots a_j w$   $w$

results

words

$$4N_i \leq N_{i+1} + N_i + N_{i-1} + \dots + N_{i-2}$$

result

non-repetitive

by ind hypothesis

$$\frac{N_{i-s}}{N_i} \leq x^{-s}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{x}{x-1}$$

$w$  has  $\frac{i+1-j}{2}$  symbols

$$a_1 \dots a_i a_i \leq N_i$$

$$a_1 \dots a_{i-1} bc bc \leq N_{i-1}$$

$$a_{i-1} bcd bcd \leq N_{i-2}$$

$$\frac{N_{i+1}}{N_i} \geq 4 - 1 - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} - \dots$$

$$4 \geq x + \frac{x}{x-1} \quad x=2 \quad \checkmark$$

(?)

(?)  $x$

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An acyclic edge coloring of a graph  $G$

is a map  $c: E(G) \rightarrow [k]$

s.t. it is proper - edges sharing an end receive different colors.

and for every cycle the edges of it receive at least 3 colors.

~~Conjecture~~



Let  $\Delta$  be the maximum degree of  $G$ .

Let  $a'(G)$  denote the minimum number of colors needed for acyclic edge coloring.

Conjecture:

$$a'(G) \leq \Delta + 2.$$

Fiamčík 1978

Homework problem:  
assignment 2

$$a'(G) \leq O(\Delta).$$

(not easy, use LLL, constant is fairly large).



Theorem 10.3:

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$$a'(G) \leq 4\Delta - 4$$

for every graph of maximum degree  $\Delta$ .

Proof: ~~We will~~

For a subgraph  $H$  of  $G$  let  $N_H$  be the number of acyclic edge colorings of  $H$ .

Let  $k = 4\Delta - 4$ .

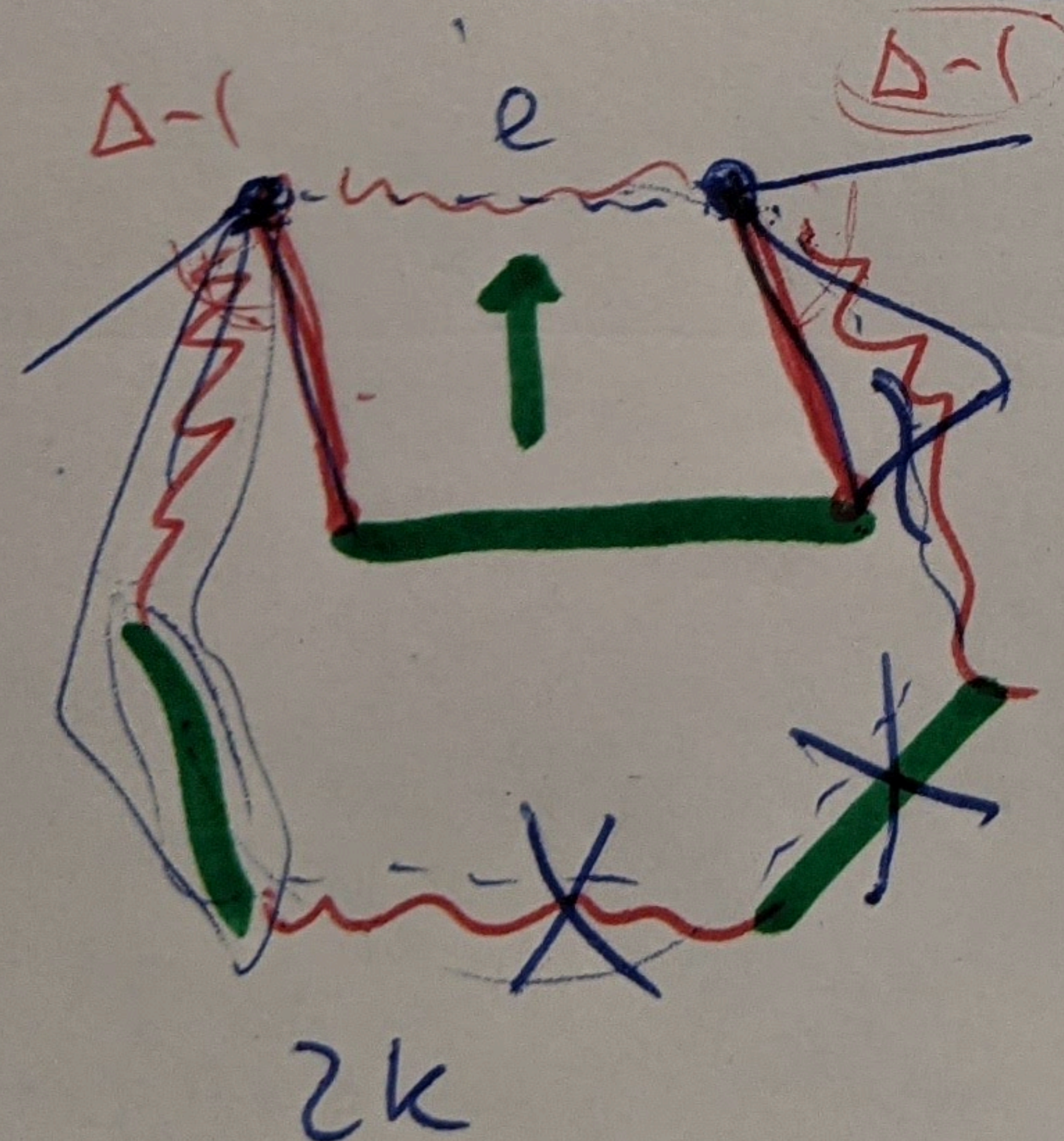
We will prove by induction on  $|E(H)|$  that

$$N_H \geq x N_{H \setminus \{e\}}$$

(this implies theorem) where  $x$  to be determined

$$x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} (\Delta - 1)$$

Proof: Induction step:



$$k \cdot N_{H \setminus \{e\}} \leq N_H + 2(\Delta - 1) N_{H \setminus \{e\}}$$

extension of acyclic coloring of  $H \setminus \{e\}$  to  $H$

non-proper colorings or colorings giving cycle of length 4.

$$+ \sum_{\text{cycles } C \text{ containing } e \text{ of even length } \leq 2k} N_{H - (C - e_1, C - e_2)}$$

delete  $(2k-2)$  edges.

$$N_H / N_{H, \xi \in \mathcal{E}} \geq \underbrace{k}_{4(\Delta-1)} - 2(\Delta-1) - \underbrace{(\Delta-1)^4}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{max} \\ \# \text{ of cycles} \\ \text{of length} \\ 6}} x^3 - \underbrace{\frac{(\Delta-1)^6}_{x^5}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{ind hypothesis}}} - \frac{(\Delta-1)^8}{x^7}$$

So if  $x$  satisfies

$$2(\Delta-1) - \frac{(\Delta-1)^4}{x^3} - \frac{(\Delta-1)^6}{x^5} - \dots \geq x$$

then the induction step succeeds.

$$x = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} (\Delta-1) \text{ is as required.}$$