

## Probabilistic method

1. Recall that a tournament is obtained from the complete graph  $K_n$  by directing each edge in one of the two possible directions. A tournament is called *transitive* if the directed edges  $(i, j)$  and  $(j, k)$  imply the directed edge  $(i, k)$ . (Equivalently, there is some ordering of the vertices such that the endpoints of every directed edge  $(i, j)$  satisfy  $i < j$ .) Use the averaging principle to show that there exists a tournament on  $n$  vertices, which does not contain any transitive subtournament on  $2 + 2 \log_2 n$  vertices.
2. A Hamiltonian path in a directed graph is a path which visits each vertex exactly once. Show that there is a tournament on  $n$  vertices with at least  $n!2^{1-n}$  Hamiltonian paths.
3. Consider the family of all pairs  $(A, B)$  of disjoint  $k$ -subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Say that a set  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  *separates*  $(A, B)$  if  $A \subseteq S$  and  $B \cap S = \emptyset$ . Show that there exists a family of at most  $2k4^k \ln n$  sets  $S$  such that each pair  $(A, B)$  is separated by at least one of them.  
[Hint: Define some random sets, and pick a suitable number of them]
4. Let  $A$  be a matrix. A submatrix of  $A$  is obtained by deleting rows and column from  $A$ . A submatrix is called *constant*, if all its entries are equal.  
Show that for all  $j \geq 2$ , there exists an  $n \times n$   $\{0, 1\}$ -matrix (with  $n = \lfloor 2^{j/2} \rfloor$ ) that has no constant  $j \times j$  submatrix.