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Talk

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Abstract

The problem of determining the largest size of P-free families of subsets of [n], denoted by La(n,P), can be traced back to Sperner's Theorem in 1928. He proved that the largest size of antichain families is the largest binomial coefficients of n. Let $\sum m(n,k)$ be the sum of the k middle binomial coefficients of n. Sperner's Theorem assures that $La(n,P_2) = \sum m(n,1)$ where P_k denotes a chain of size k. Erdos in 1945 further extended it to $La(n,P_k) = \sum m(n,k-1)$.

Erdos' result implies a general upper bound that

$$La(n, P) \leq \Sigma(n, |P| - 1)$$
 for any finite poset P

as P must be a subposet of a chain of length |P|. Over the past 65 years, however, little was known about nontrivial upper bounds until Burcsi and Nagy in 2012 proved

$$\operatorname{La}(n, P) \le \left[\frac{1}{2}(|P| + h(P)) - 1\right] \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$$

where \$h(P)\$ denotes the height of P, i.e., the largest size of chains in P. In this talk, I will introduce some new results along this direction. The talk is based on joint works with Wei-Tian Li, Fei-Huang Chang and Jun-Yi Guo.

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