

**Problem 1** (30%). There are  $k$  people in a lift at the ground floor. Each wants to get off at a random floor of one of the  $n$  upper floors. What is the expected number of lift stops? Justify your answer.

*Hint:* Consider the indicator variable  $X_i$  for the events that at least one person is off at the  $i$ -th floor, and apply the linearity of expectation. The answer is  $n(1 - (1 - 1/n)^k)$ .

**Problem 2** (30%). Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $k$ -uniform  $k$ -regular family, i.e., each set has  $k$  points and each point belongs to  $k$  sets. Let  $k \geq 10$ . Show that there exists at least one valid 2-coloring of the points.

*Hint:* Define proper events for the sets and apply the symmetric version of the local lemma.

**Problem 3** (20%). Prove that the statement of the asymmetric version of the local lemma implies the conclusion of the symmetric version. That is, assuming that  $\Pr[A_i] \leq p$  for all  $i$  and  $ep(d+1) \leq 1$ , use the asymmetric version of the local lemma to prove that  $\Pr[\bigcap_i \bar{A}_i] > 0$ .

*Hint:* Let  $x(A_i) = \frac{1}{d+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Use the inequality  $\frac{1}{e} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{d+1})^d$  obtained by the limit formula of  $1/e$  and the fact that it converges from the above.

**Problem 4** (20%). Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a 0-1 vector  $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , where  $n = |V|$ , define the And-Or formula

$$F_G = \bigwedge_{\{i,j\} \notin E} (\bar{v}_i \vee \bar{v}_j).$$

Consider the vertex set  $S_v := \{i : v_i = 1\}$ . Show that  $S_v$  is a clique of  $G$  if and only if  $v$  satisfies the formula  $F_G$ .