

1. Let  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Suppose there are two families of subsets  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m$  and  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$  of  $X$  with the property that  $|A_i \cap B_i|$  is odd and  $|A_i \cap B_j|$  is even for all  $i \neq j$ . Prove that  $m \leq n$ .

2. Prove that if  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, then  $rk(A) \geq \frac{(tr(A))^2}{\|A\|_F^2}$ . As before  $\|A\|_F^2$  is the Frobenius norm of  $A$  which is given by  $\sum_{i,j} |a_{ij}|^2$ .

(Hint: When  $A$  was diagonal, we showed this in class. Prove that all the quantities in the above inequality do not change if  $A$  is replaced by  $UAU^{-1}$  where  $U$  is an orthogonal matrix. Then use the fact that any symmetric matrix can be diagonalized).

3. Prove that if the columns of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $B$  are linearly independent, then the  $n \times n$  matrix  $B^t B$  is invertible.