

U universe U . $2^U = \{S : S \subseteq U\}$.

$|U| = n$, n is even.

Every two sets of size $\frac{n}{2}$ are not comparable.

or Anti chain: {sets of all subsets of size $\frac{n}{2}$ }

This is the longest anti chain in 2^U .

\Rightarrow There's a chain covering $\frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{k}$ (Sperner's Thm) disjoint chains.
 $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

anti chain: $\{1, 2\} \not\subseteq \{2, 3\}$. $\emptyset \subseteq \{1\} \subseteq \{1, 2\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$
 $\{2, 3\} \not\subseteq \{1, 2\}$.

PF (Dilworth's).

Given poset S , construct a bipartite graph. $G = (U, V, E)$

For each $s \in S$, put u_s into U , v_s into V .

If $s < s'$, add edge $(u_s, v_{s'})$.

Let M be a max. matching of size k .

By the mid term problem 4, \exists vertex cover of size k .

~~So at nodes that are not in the vertex cover.~~

Constructing a chain covering:

Start with the trivial covering, where each chain is a singleton set of one element, and we need n chains.

For each edge $(u_s, v_{s'})$ in M , merge the chain ending in s and the one starting with s' , this reduces the number of chains by 1. So in the end we have $n-k$ chains that are disjoint and cover the set S .

Constructing an antichain T of size $\geq n-k$:

Recall C is a vertex cover of size k .

Pick an element s to T if $u_s \notin C$, and $v_s \notin C$.

So $|T| \geq n-k$. We claim T is an antichain:

$\forall s, t \in T$, if $s < t$, then $(u_s, v_t) \in E$.

But by definition of T , $u_s \notin C$, $v_t \notin C$, so (u_s, v_t) is not covered by C , contradiction.

So far we've found an $n-k$ disjoint covering chains and an antichain of size $\geq n-k$. So T must be of size $n-k$.
because an antichain cannot be larger than # covering chains \square
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