

CS 173 Lecture 9a: Two-Way Bounding

Lecture 5b: For sets A, B , $A=B \iff A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$.

More generally: Sometimes trying to prove $x=y$ is hard, but $x \leq y$ is easy & $y \leq x$ is kind of easy.

Sometimes the number we want cannot be calculated, so we give upper & lower bounds

Example: What is $\sqrt{2}$?

$$1^2 = 1. \quad \text{So } 1 < \sqrt{2}.$$

$$2^2 = 4. \quad \text{So } 2 > \sqrt{2}$$

$$1.2^2 = 1.44.$$

$$1.3^2 = 1.69$$

$$1.5^2 = 2.25$$

0 is a lower bound

1 is a lower bound.

2 is an upper bound.

3 is an upper bound.

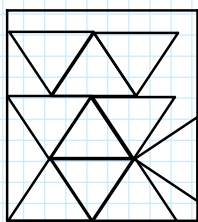
$$1.3 < \sqrt{2} < 1.5$$

\uparrow
a lower bound

\uparrow
an upper bound.

example: 10x10 sheet of paper.
want to cut isosceles triangles of base 4 & height 3.

packing



$$m \geq 10$$

$m =$ Maximum number of such triangles.

each triangle has area $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = 6$

Sheet of paper has area 100.

$$m \leq \frac{100}{6} \approx 16.6$$

$$m \leq 16.$$

$$10 \leq m \leq 16.$$

possible.

$$10 \leq n \leq 16.$$

possible.

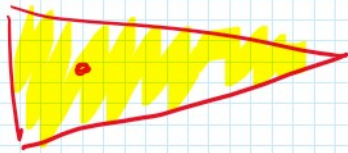


example: Suppose you are told to guard all funny-looking rooms
w/ n walls using one 360° camera
(w/ infinite range)

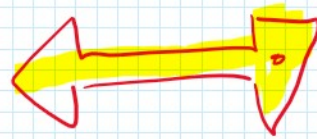


What is the largest possible n ?

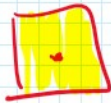
Lower bound: 3



upper bound: ~~10~~ 9



Lower bound: 4



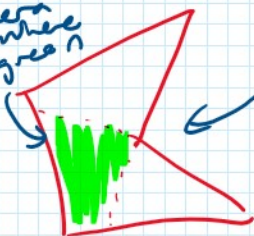
at most one reflex vertex

Camera anywhere in this region



Lower bound: 5

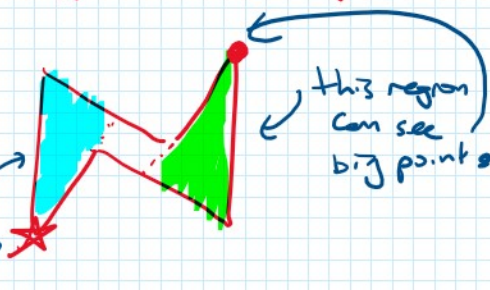
Camera anywhere in green

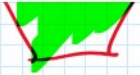


at most one reflex vertex

Upper bound: ~~10~~ 5

this region can see *





$$n=5$$

The largest # of walls such that one 360° camera
can guard all funny-looking rooms
w/ that many walls is 5.