

EXPECTED CROSSING NUMBERS

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ABSTRACT. The expected value for the weighted crossing number of a randomly weighted graph is studied. A variation of the Crossing Lemma for expectations is proved. We focus on the case where the edge-weights are independent random variables that are uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$.

1. INTRODUCTION

The *crossing number* of a graph is the minimum number of internal intersections of edges in a drawing of the graph on the plane. Computing the crossing number, even for complete graphs, is a surprisingly challenging problem and an active area of research [RS09, SSV95, Vrt10].

The notion of the weighted crossing number, when the edges have weights and each crossing counts as the product of the corresponding weights, has been used in various situations, since it mimics the possibility of having many edges in parallel. In this paper we study the expected value of the weighted crossing number of the complete graph K_n on n vertices, where the weights of edges are independent random variables. We consider first the situation where the weights are i.i.d. variables with the uniform distribution on $[0, 1]$. The first non-trivial case is K_5 ; we show through an involved calculation that the expected value is $\frac{35921}{1108800}$. We then briefly consider a simple discrete distribution where the edges have value either t or u , each with probability $\frac{1}{2}$, and conclude that the expected crossing number is not controlled by the first two moments of the distribution on the edges. Finally, we show that the expected crossing number of K_n retains the $\Theta(n^4)$ asymptotics of the usual crossing number $\text{cr}(K_n)$ of complete graphs. This is proved by using a similar recurrence as used for the usual crossing number of complete graphs and, alternatively, by proving and applying a variation of the Crossing Lemma for expectations.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$, we denote its crossing number by $\text{cr}(G)$. This is the minimum over all drawings of G in the Euclidean plane \mathbb{R}^2 of the number of crossings of edges in the drawing. All drawings are assumed to have simple polygonal arcs representing the edges of the graph, and it is assumed that each pair of edges involves at most one intersection of their representing arcs. Here and in the remainder of the paper, we consider only internal intersections of edges. Formally, a *crossing* in a drawing \mathcal{D} is an unordered pair $\{e, f\}$ of edges whose arcs in \mathcal{D} intersect each other internally. We let $\mathbb{X}(\mathcal{D})$ denote the set of all crossings and set $\text{cr}(\mathcal{D}) = |\mathbb{X}(\mathcal{D})|$.

Given non-negative weights $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ on the edges of G , we define the *crossing weight* of a drawing \mathcal{D} of G as:

$$\text{cr}(\mathcal{D}, w) = \sum_{\{e, f\} \in \mathbb{X}(\mathcal{D})} w(e)w(f).$$

We define the *weighted crossing number* of a weighted graph G as:

$$\text{cr}(G, w) = \min_{\mathcal{D}} \text{cr}(\mathcal{D}, w). \quad (1)$$

For a fixed graph, the function $\text{cr}(G, \cdot)$ is also called the *crossing function* for G . We take the domain of $\text{cr}(G, \cdot)$ to be \mathbb{R}_+^E . We remark that $\text{cr}(G, 0) = 0$, $\text{cr}(G, w) \geq 0$ and $\text{cr}(G, \cdot) \equiv \mathbf{0}$ if and only if $\text{cr}(G) = 0$. The function $\text{cr}(G, \cdot)$ is piecewise quadratic in w , and the chambers defined by these pieces correspond to (groups of) optimal drawings for the contained weightings; the forms in the chambers are neither convex nor concave. If $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}_+^E$ is the constant all-1 function, then $\text{cr}(G) = \text{cr}(G, \mathbf{1})$.

The crossing function of any n -vertex graph is just a specialization of the crossing function $\text{cr}(K_n, w)$ of the complete graph K_n , where we put weight 0 for the non-edges in the graph. In this sense the crossing functions of complete graphs contain information about crossing numbers of all graphs. This universality property was the main goal to introduce this notion in [Moh08, Moh10] and to propose its study.

Note that we allow the edges to be represented by any (polygonal) line, they need not be straight lines. The related question of rectilinear crossing numbers is also interesting and well-studied. While rectilinear crossing number is in some cases larger than the usual crossing number [Guy72], they do not differ in the computations performed in this paper. As in the unweighted case, minimal drawings can be obtained without using double crossings (pairs of edges that cross more than once).

3. COMPUTATION OF THE EXPECTED CROSSING NUMBER

We begin by considering the expected crossing number of the complete graph K_n for some small values of n . We take the weights on the edges to be independently identically distributed random variables, with uniform distributions on the interval $[0, 1]$. Let us denote the expected value of $\text{cr}(K_n, w)$ under this distribution as $\text{Eu}(n)$.

For $n \leq 4$, the graph can be drawn without crossings, so $\text{Eu}(n) = 0 = \text{cr}(K_n)$. For $n \geq 5$, we have $0 < \text{Eu}(n) < \text{cr}(K_n)$. In this section, we compute $\text{Eu}(5)$ directly from the definition of expectation. Our somewhat cumbersome case analysis can also be viewed as determination of the piecewise quadratic chambers for the crossing function of K_5 .

We will number the edges of K_5 as in Figure 1.

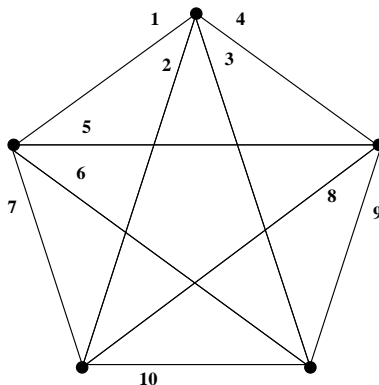


FIGURE 1. Edge labelling of K_5

We will denote the random weight assigned to the i th edge by \mathbf{X}_i , $i = 1, \dots, 10$. We note that $\text{cr}(K_5) = 1$ and by symmetry, for any two non-adjacent edges, K_5 can be drawn so that

those two edges are the single pair of crossing edges. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eu}(5) = \mathbb{E}[\min(\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_9, \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_{10}, \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_6, \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_9, \mathbf{X}_3\mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_3\mathbf{X}_7, \\ \mathbf{X}_3\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_4\mathbf{X}_6, \mathbf{X}_4\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_4\mathbf{X}_{10}, \mathbf{X}_5\mathbf{X}_{10}, \mathbf{X}_6\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_7\mathbf{X}_9)] \end{aligned}$$

We abbreviate the quantity inside the expectation as $m(\mathbf{X})$.

This is a problem in order statistics, see for instance [DN03]. The direct way to obtain $\text{Eu}(5)$ is to evaluate:

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 m(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}_1 \dots d\mathbf{x}_9 d\mathbf{x}_{10} \quad (2)$$

where $m(\mathbf{x})$ is the function of $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$ corresponding to the random variables of $m(\mathbf{X})$. To do this we break (2) into $10!$ terms based on the increasing order of the variables, i.e. we compute (2) via the sum:

$$\sum_{\sigma \in S_{10}} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{\sigma(10)}} \int_0^{x_{\sigma(9)}} \dots \int_0^{x_{\sigma(2)}} m(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}_{\sigma(1)} \dots d\mathbf{x}_{\sigma(9)} d\mathbf{x}_{\sigma(10)} \quad (3)$$

Here the permutations $\sigma \in S_{10}$ index the possible orderings of the random variables \mathbf{X} . This sum has $10!$ terms, but they can be grouped into a manageable number of cases. To begin, we note that by reordering the vertices, we can assume that \mathbf{X}_1 takes the smallest value, and, using the labelling of Figure 1, $\mathbf{X}_2 \leq \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_6, \mathbf{X}_7$ and $\mathbf{X}_3 \leq \mathbf{X}_4$. This corresponds to a labelling of K_5 based on \mathbf{X} , breaking ties arbitrarily. Actually, we may assume that the weights \mathbf{X}_i , $1 \leq i \leq 10$, are pairwise different, since the set on which an equality occurs is of measure zero. Thus, each case with the above assumptions corresponds to 120 terms in (3).

With these assumptions, the minimum of the 15 pairs of random variables in $m(\mathbf{X})$ must be attained at one of $\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_9, \mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_{10}, \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_6, \mathbf{X}_3\mathbf{X}_7$ since $\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_9 \leq \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_9, \mathbf{X}_7\mathbf{X}_9$; $\mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_5 \leq \mathbf{X}_3\mathbf{X}_5$; et cetera. We note that these six terms are symmetric in the variables $\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_9, \mathbf{X}_{10}$, and also in $\mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_6$. Thus we will also take $\mathbf{X}_8 = \min(\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_9, \mathbf{X}_{10})$ and $\mathbf{X}_5 = \min(\mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_6)$, and treat the remaining cases by symmetry. Combined with our assumptions on $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2$ and \mathbf{X}_3 we break the $10!$ terms of (3) into groups of 720 terms based on symmetry; this leaves us with 5040 terms up to these symmetries. It also allows us to simplify our integrand further to $\min(\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_3\mathbf{X}_7)$.

We now divide into cases based on the relative orderings of some of the remaining variables. We remark that, depending on the order of the variables, the integrand may simplify further – for instance if the two smallest variables are \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_8 , the minimum of the three terms will always be $\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_8$. We organize the cases by how the integrand simplifies.

Case 1: Orderings which ensure $\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_8 = \min(\mathbf{X}_1\mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_2\mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_3\mathbf{X}_7)$.

In these cases, the computation is relatively simple: the integral depends only on which position \mathbf{X}_8 occupies in the order of the \mathbf{X}_i 's. It can be anywhere from the second to fifth smallest. Suppose it is the second smallest, i.e. that the order of the variables is:

$$\mathbf{X}_1 \leq \mathbf{X}_8 \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_3} \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_4} \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_5} \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_6} \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_7} \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_8} \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_9} \leq \mathbf{X}_{i_{10}}.$$

Then we compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \dots \int_0^{x_{i_4}} \int_0^{x_{i_3}} \int_0^{x_8} x_1 x_8 d\mathbf{x}_1 d\mathbf{x}_8 d\mathbf{x}_{i_3} \dots d\mathbf{x}_{i_8} d\mathbf{x}_{i_9} d\mathbf{x}_{i_{10}} \\ = \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \dots \int_0^{x_{i_4}} \int_0^{x_{i_3}} \frac{x_8^3}{2} d\mathbf{x}_8 d\mathbf{x}_{i_3} \dots d\mathbf{x}_{i_8} d\mathbf{x}_{i_9} d\mathbf{x}_{i_{10}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_4}} \frac{x_{i_3}^4}{2 \cdot 4} \mathbf{d}x_{i_3} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
&\quad \dots \\
&= \int_0^1 \frac{x_{i_{10}}^{11}}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10 \cdot 11} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} = \frac{3}{12!}
\end{aligned}$$

A similar calculation shows that if \mathbf{X}_8 is i^{th} smallest variable, the integral for a fixed ordering of the remaining variables will be $\frac{i+1}{12!}$.

Now observe that there are $\frac{8!}{24} = 1680$ ways of ordering the variables with \mathbf{X}_1 as the smallest variable, \mathbf{X}_8 as the second smallest, $\mathbf{X}_2 \leq \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_6, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_3 \leq \mathbf{X}_4$, and $\mathbf{X}_5 \leq \mathbf{X}_6$. We remark that our symmetry assumptions guarantee that either \mathbf{X}_2 or \mathbf{X}_8 is the second smallest variable, so in the remainder of the analysis \mathbf{X}_2 will always be the second smallest variable.

Thus if \mathbf{X}_8 is the third smallest variable, we have fixed the order of the first 3 variables, and the remaining variables can be ordered in $7!/4 = 1260$ ways, accounting for the facts that $\mathbf{X}_3 \leq \mathbf{X}_4$ and $\mathbf{X}_5 \leq \mathbf{X}_6$.

If \mathbf{X}_8 is the fourth smallest variable, we have two possible choices for the third smallest: \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 . In the former case we have $6!/2 = 360$ possible ordering of the remaining variables (accounting for $\mathbf{X}_5 \leq \mathbf{X}_6$), while for the latter case we have $6!/4 = 180$ possible orderings.

Finally, under the assumptions of Case 1, \mathbf{X}_8 can be the fifth smallest variable only if the third and fourth variables are \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_4 , respectively. There are $5!/2$ orderings of the remaining variables compatible with this. We remark that in this case, we can never have $\mathbf{X}_5 \leq \mathbf{X}_8$, or $\mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7 \leq \mathbf{X}_8$ since then it may be the case that $\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_8$ is not minimal, depending on the values chosen.

This already covers the majority of the cases, 3540 of the 5040. Thus the terms in (3) corresponding to these orderings of the variables have total weight per symmetry class of:

$$1680 \cdot \frac{3}{12!} + 1260 \cdot \frac{4}{12!} + 540 \cdot \frac{5}{12!} + 60 \cdot \frac{6}{12!} = \frac{13140}{12!}.$$

Case 2: Orderings which ensure $\min(\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{X}_7)$ is either $\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_8$ or $\mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_5$.

In these cases, \mathbf{X}_2 and \mathbf{X}_5 are between \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_8 . However, \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 are not both between \mathbf{X}_2 and \mathbf{X}_5 . The integrand will be $m(\mathbf{X}) = \min(\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_5)$, and the two smallest variables are \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 . We break into subcases based on the positions of \mathbf{X}_5 and \mathbf{X}_8 . Only the simplest case is described in detail.

Subcase 2i: The four smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_5$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . Then we need to evaluate:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \int_0^{x_{i_5}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_5} \int_0^{x_2} \min(x_1 x_8, x_2 x_5) \mathbf{d}x_1 \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_5} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
&= \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \int_0^{x_{i_5}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_5} \int_0^{\frac{x_2 x_5}{x_8}} x_1 x_8 \mathbf{d}x_1 \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_5} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
&\quad + \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \int_0^{x_{i_5}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_5} \int_{\frac{x_2 x_5}{x_8}}^{x_2} x_2 x_5 \mathbf{d}x_1 \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_5} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
&= \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \int_0^{x_{i_5}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_5} \left(\frac{x_2^2 x_5^2}{2x_8} + x_2^2 x_5 - \frac{x_2^2 x_5^2}{x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_5} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
&= \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \int_0^{x_{i_5}} \int_0^{x_8} \left(\frac{x_5^4}{3} - \frac{x_5^5}{6x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_5} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \int_0^{x_{i_5}} \left(\frac{x_8^5}{15} - \frac{x_8^5}{36} \right) \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_5} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \frac{7x_{i_5}^6}{180} \mathbf{d}x_{i_5} \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} = \int_0^1 \frac{7 \cdot 5! x_{i_{10}}^{11}}{180 \cdot 11!} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} = \frac{14}{3 \cdot 12!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The number of orderings of the variables in Subcase 2i up to symmetries is $\frac{6!}{2} = 360$, since we require $\mathbf{X}_3 \leq \mathbf{X}_4$.

The integrals in the remaining cases are essentially similar, so we will simply list the initial sequence of integrands and then compute the number of orderings of the variables corresponding to each case.

Subcase 2ii: The five smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_j$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . This produces the following integrands:

$$\min(x_1 x_8, x_2 x_5); x_2^2 x_5 - \frac{x_2^2 x_5^2}{2x_8}; \frac{x_5^4}{3} - \frac{x_5^5}{6x_8}; \frac{x_j^5}{15} - \frac{x_j^6}{36x_8}; \frac{x_8^6}{140}; \frac{x_{i_6}^7}{140 \cdot 7}; \cdots \frac{6! x_{i_{10}}}{140 \cdot 11!}; \frac{36}{7 \cdot 12!}.$$

There are three possibilities for j : 3, 6 and 7. When $j = 3$ we have $5!$ cases, and when $j = 6$ or $j = 7$ we have $\frac{5!}{2}$ cases as we need to account for the fact that $\mathbf{X}_3 \leq \mathbf{X}_4$ in the remaining variables. This is the total of 240 orderings.

Subcase 2iii: The six smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_k$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . The integrands remain as in the previous case up to $\frac{x_j^5}{15} - \frac{x_j^6}{36x_8}$. The next integrands will be $\frac{x_k^6}{90} - \frac{x_k^7}{36 \cdot 7x_8}$ and $\frac{11x_8^7}{7 \cdot 1440}$, the remaining simple integrations give $\frac{11}{2 \cdot 12!}$.

There are seven possibilities for (j, k) in this case: $(3, 4), (3, 6), (3, 7), (6, 3), (7, 3), (6, 7)$ and $(7, 6)$. The first five of these are each associated to $4!$ orderings of the remaining variables, while the last two are each associated to $\frac{4!}{2}$. This is a total of 144 orderings.

Subcase 2iv: The seven smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_l$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . We proceed from the integrand $\frac{x_k^6}{90} - \frac{x_k^7}{36 \cdot 7x_8}$ to $\frac{x_j^7}{7 \cdot 90} - \frac{x_j^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 36x_8}$, and then to $\frac{13x_8^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 180}$. Continuing to the end, the integral is $\frac{52}{9 \cdot 12!}$.

There are twelve possibilities for (j, k, l) arising from choosing three of 3, 4, 6, 7 and requiring 4 to be preceded by 3. Each of these has $3!$ orderings of the remaining 3 variables, for a total of 72 orderings.

Subcase 2v: The eight smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_l, \mathbf{X}_m$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . We proceed from the integrand $\frac{x_l^7}{7 \cdot 90} - \frac{x_l^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 36x_8}$ to $\frac{x_m^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 90} - \frac{x_m^9}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 36x_8}$ and then to $\frac{x_8^9}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 120}$. Continuing to the end, the integral is $\frac{6}{12!}$.

Again there are 12 possibilities, as (j, k, l, m) are chosen from 3, 4, 6, 7 with 3 preceding 4. There are 2 ways of arranging the remaining two variables, for a total of 24 orderings.

Subcase 2vi: The five smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_5$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . The sequence of integrands that we see is then:

$$\min(x_1 x_8, x_2 x_5); x_2^2 x_5 - \frac{x_2^2 x_5^2}{2x_8}; \frac{x_j^3 x_5}{3} - \frac{x_j^3 x_5}{6x_8}; \frac{x_5^5}{12} - \frac{x_5^6}{24x_8}; \frac{x_8^6}{126}; \frac{x_{i_6}^7}{126 \cdot 7}; \cdots \frac{6! x_{i_{10}}}{126 \cdot 11!}; \frac{40}{7 \cdot 12!}.$$

In this case, j must be either 3 or 7. If it is 3, there are $5!$ ways of ordering the remaining variables, and if it is 7 there are $\frac{5!}{2}$ ways of ordering the remaining variables, for a total of 180 orderings.

Subcase 2vii: The six smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_k$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . We then see the same integrands through $\frac{x_5^5}{12} - \frac{x_5^6}{24x_8}$ followed by $\frac{x_k^6}{72} - \frac{x_k^7}{7 \cdot 24x_8}$, $\frac{x_8^7}{7 \cdot 72} - \frac{x_8^7}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 24}$. Following the remaining routine integrations, we get $\frac{25}{4 \cdot 12!}$.

The possibilities for (j, k) are similar to those of Subcase 2iii, but 6 cannot be used in the first position. This leaves $(3, 4), (3, 6), (3, 7), (7, 3)$ and $(7, 6)$. The first four cases correspond to $4!$ orderings of the remaining variables, while $(7, 6)$ corresponds to $\frac{4!}{2}$ as 3 must precede 4. This gives a total of 108 orderings.

Subcase 2viii: The seven smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_l$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . We proceed as in the previous subcase through $\frac{x_k^6}{72} - \frac{x_k^7}{7 \cdot 24x_8}$, then to $\frac{x_l^7}{7 \cdot 72} - \frac{x_l^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 24x_8}$, and $\frac{x_8^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 72} - \frac{x_8^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 24}$. The remaining integrations bring us to $\frac{20}{3 \cdot 12!}$.

In this subcase we have (j, k, l) chosen from 3, 4, 6, 7 with the conditions that 4 must be preceded by 3, and 6 may not appear in the first position. This second condition removes 3 of the 12 orderings as compared to Subcase 2iv, leaving us with 9. There are always $3!$ orderings of the remaining variables, giving a total of 54 orderings for this case.

Subcase 2ix: The eight smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_l, \mathbf{X}_m$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . We proceed as in the previous subcase through $\frac{x_l^7}{7 \cdot 72} - \frac{x_l^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 24x_8}$. The next integrand is $\frac{x_m^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 72} - \frac{x_m^9}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 24x_8}$, followed by $\frac{7x_8^9}{24 \cdot 30 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9}$, and eventually $\frac{7}{12!}$.

There are 9 possible choices for (j, k, l, m) since we have the same conditions as in the previous subcase, with the remaining number assigned to m . There are two orders for the remaining two variables, giving a total of 18 orderings.

Subcase 2x: The six smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_j, \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_5$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . We proceed as in the previous subcase through the integrand $\frac{x_j^3 x_5}{3} - \frac{x_j^3 x_5^2}{6x_8}$. Continuing, we see integrands $\frac{x_k^4 x_5}{12} - \frac{x_k^4 x_5^2}{24x_8}$, $\frac{x_5^6}{60} - \frac{x_5^7}{120x_8}$, and $\frac{x_8^7}{7 \cdot 60} - \frac{x_8^7}{16 \cdot 60}$ on our way to $\frac{27}{4 \cdot 12!}$.

In fact this case requires $j = 3$ and $k = 4$, since we can't have either \mathbf{X}_6 or both of \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 precede \mathbf{X}_5 . There are $4! = 24$ ways of ordering the remaining variables.

Subcase 2xi: The seven smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_l$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . This matches the previous subcase through $\frac{x_5^6}{60} - \frac{x_5^7}{120x_8}$; the next two integrands are $\frac{x_l^7}{7 \cdot 60} - \frac{x_l^8}{8 \cdot 120x_8}$ and $\frac{x_8^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 60} - \frac{x_8^8}{8 \cdot 9 \cdot 120}$. Continuing we arrive at $\frac{22}{3 \cdot 12!}$.

We must have $l = 6$ or $l = 7$. There are $3!$ ways of ordering the remaining variables for a total of 12 orderings.

Subcase 2xii: The eight smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_l, \mathbf{X}_m$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . This matches the previous subcase through $\frac{x_l^7}{7 \cdot 60} - \frac{x_l^8}{8 \cdot 120x_8}$. Next we have $\frac{x_m^8}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 60} - \frac{x_m^9}{8 \cdot 9 \cdot 120x_8}$ and $\frac{x_8^9}{7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 60} - \frac{x_8^9}{8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10 \cdot 120}$. Continuing we arrive at $\frac{39}{5 \cdot 12!}$.

We must have (l, m) equal to $(6, 7)$ or $(7, 6)$, and there are 2 ways of ordering the remaining 2 variables, for a total of 4 orderings.

This completes Case 2, which contains 1240 possible orderings up to the symmetries. The terms in (3) corresponding to these orderings of the variables have total weight per symmetry class of: $360 \cdot \frac{14}{3 \cdot 12!} + \dots + 4 \cdot \frac{39}{5 \cdot 12!} = \frac{235797}{35 \cdot 12!}$.

Case 3: Orderings which ensure $\min(\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{X}_7)$ is either $\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_8$ or $\mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{X}_7$.

Since \mathbf{X}_2 is the second smallest variable, these will occur only when $\mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7 \leq \mathbf{X}_8$, but $\mathbf{X}_8 \leq \mathbf{X}_5$. Only the simplest case is described in detail.

Subcase 3i: The five smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7$ and \mathbf{X}_8 or $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_3$ and \mathbf{X}_8 .

We proceed to evaluate:

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \cdots \int_0^{x_{i_6}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_7} \int_0^{x_3} \int_0^{x_2} \min(x_1 x_8, x_3 x_7) \mathbf{d}x_1 \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_3 \mathbf{d}x_7 \mathbf{d}x_8 \cdots \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}}$$

The inner integral is piecewise linear in x_1 , with a single break point at $x_1 = \frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8}$, however $\frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8}$ may or may not be greater than x_2 . We decompose the inner integral as:

$$\int_0^{\min(x_2, \frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8})} x_1 x_8 \mathbf{d}x_1 + \int_{\min(x_2, \frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8})}^{x_2} x_3 x_7 \mathbf{d}x_1$$

Evaluating this integral leaves us with the new inner integral:

$$\int_0^{x_3} \left(\frac{1}{2} \min(x_2, \frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8})^2 x_8 + x_2 x_3 x_7 - \min(x_2, \frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8}) x_3 x_7 \right) \mathbf{d}x_2$$

This again needs to be split, this time with breakpoint at $x_2 = \frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8}$:

$$\int_0^{\frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8}} \left(\frac{x_2^2 x_8}{2} + x_2 x_3 x_7 - x_2 x_3 x_7 \right) \mathbf{d}x_2 + \int_{\frac{x_3 x_7}{x_8}}^{x_3} \left(\frac{x_3^2 x_7^2}{2 x_8} + x_2 x_3 x_7 - \frac{x_3^2 x_7^2}{x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_2$$

Happily, we see some cancelation of terms, both before evaluating the integral and after. This yields:

$$\int_0^{x_7} \left(\frac{x_3^3 x_7^3}{6 x_8^2} + \frac{x_3^3 x_7}{2} - \frac{x_3^3 x_7^2}{2 x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_3$$

We proceed through the following integrands:

$$\frac{x_7^7}{24 x_8^2} + \frac{x_7^5}{8} - \frac{x_7^6}{8 x_8}; \frac{11 x_8^6}{1344}; \cdots; \frac{165}{28 \cdot 12!}$$

Accounting for the fact that $\mathbf{X}_5 \leq \mathbf{X}_6$, there are $\frac{5!}{2}$ orderings of the remaining variables. With the two orderings of \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 (which do not affect the computation of the integral), we have the total of 120 orderings corresponding to this subcase.

Subcase 3ii: The six smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_4$ and \mathbf{X}_8 , with \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 possibly switched.

The integrands then remain identical through $\frac{x_7^7}{24 x_8^2} + \frac{x_7^5}{8} - \frac{x_7^6}{8 x_8}$. These are followed by $\frac{x_4^8}{8 \cdot 24 x_8^2} + \frac{x_4^6}{6 \cdot 8} - \frac{x_4^7}{7 \cdot 8 x_8}$ and $\frac{x_8^7}{756}$. Subsequent integrations yield $\frac{20}{3 \cdot 12!}$. There are $\frac{4!}{2}$ orderings of the remaining variables, and \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 can be switched, giving a total of 24 orderings.

Subcase 3iii: The six smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_7$ and \mathbf{X}_8 .

The integrands are identical to Subcase 3i until $\frac{x_3^3 x_7^3}{6 x_8^2} + \frac{x_3^3 x_7}{2} - \frac{x_3^3 x_7^2}{2 x_8}$. We proceed to:

$$\frac{x_4^4 x_7^3}{24 x_8^2} + \frac{x_4^4 x_7}{8} - \frac{x_4^4 x_7^2}{8 x_8}; \frac{x_7^8}{120 x_8^2} + \frac{x_7^6}{40} - \frac{x_7^7}{40 x_8}; \frac{83 x_8^7}{60480}; \cdots \frac{83}{12 \cdot 12!}$$

There are $\frac{4!}{2} = 12$ orderings of the remaining variables.

This completes Case 3, which comprises 156 orderings of the variables. The terms in (3) corresponding to these orderings of the variables have total weight per symmetry class of $\frac{6651}{7 \cdot 12!}$.

Case 4: Orderings in which $\min(\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_8, \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{X}_7)$ can be attained at all 3 terms.

This comprises a small number of orderings that feature a messy inner integral. We note that in all these cases the two smallest variables are \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 , while the third smallest variable is either \mathbf{X}_3 or \mathbf{X}_7 . Our integrand is symmetric in \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 , so we will do the computation only with \mathbf{X}_3 as the smaller of the two variables. We will proceed to evaluate the three innermost integrals before breaking into subcases, assuming that the fourth smallest variable is \mathbf{X}_j :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^{x_j} \int_0^{x_3} \int_0^{x_2} \min(x_1x_8, x_2x_5, x_3x_7) \mathbf{d}x_1 \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_3 \\
&= \int_0^{x_j} \int_0^{x_3} \int_0^{\frac{\min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7)}{x_8}} x_1x_8 \mathbf{d}x_1 + \int_{\frac{\min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7)}{x_8}}^{x_2} \min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7) \mathbf{d}x_1 \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_3 \\
&= \int_0^{x_j} \int_0^{x_3} \left(\frac{\min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7)^2}{2x_8} + x_2 \min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7) - \frac{\min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7)^2}{x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_3 \\
&= \int_0^{x_j} \int_0^{x_3} \left(x_2 \min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7) - \frac{\min(x_2x_5, x_3x_7)^2}{2x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_3 \\
&= \int_0^{x_j} \int_0^{\frac{x_3x_7}{x_5}} \left(x_2^2x_5 - \frac{x_2^2x_5^2}{2x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_3 + \int_{\frac{x_3x_7}{x_5}}^{x_3} \left(x_2x_3x_7 - \frac{x_3^2x_7^2}{2x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_2 \mathbf{d}x_3 \\
&= \int_0^{x_j} \left(\frac{x_3^3x_7^3x_5}{3x_5^3} - \frac{x_3^3x_7^3x_5^2}{6x_8x_5^3} + \frac{x_3^3x_7}{2} - \frac{x_3^3x_7^2}{2x_8} - \frac{x_3^3x_7^3}{2x_5^2} + \frac{x_3^3x_7^3}{2x_8x_5} \right) \mathbf{d}x_3 \\
&= \int_0^{x_j} x_3^3 \left[\frac{x_7}{2} - \frac{x_7^2}{2x_8} - \frac{x_7^3}{6x_5^2} + \frac{x_7^3}{3x_8x_5} \right] \mathbf{d}x_3 = \frac{x_j^4}{4} \left[\frac{x_7}{2} - \frac{x_7^2}{2x_8} - \frac{x_7^3}{6x_5^2} + \frac{x_7^3}{3x_8x_5} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

We now proceed to the subcases which are based on the ordering of the remaining variables.

Subcase 4i: The six smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_5$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . Then $\mathbf{X}_j = \mathbf{X}_7$ and we need to evaluate:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \int_0^{x_{i_8}} \int_0^{x_{i_7}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_5} \left(\frac{x_7^5}{8} - \frac{x_7^6}{8x_8} - \frac{x_7^7}{24x_5^2} + \frac{x_7^7}{12x_8x_5} \right) \mathbf{d}x_7 \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_7} \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
&= \frac{1}{32} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \int_0^{x_{i_8}} \int_0^{x_{i_7}} \int_0^{x_8} \left(\frac{x_5^6}{2} - \frac{5x_5^7}{21x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_7} \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\
&= \frac{1}{768} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \int_0^{x_{i_8}} \int_0^{x_{i_7}} x_8^7 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_7} \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} = \frac{7!}{768 \cdot 12!} = \frac{105}{16 \cdot 12!}.
\end{aligned}$$

As noted previously, there is a second ordering corresponding to this subcase, in which \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 are reversed, and there are $4!$ orderings of the remaining variables, giving us 48 orderings in this case.

Subcase 4ii: The seven smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_k$ and \mathbf{X}_8 .

This calculation is quite similar to the previous one until it reaches the integral with integrand $\frac{1}{32} \left[\frac{x_5^6}{2} - \frac{5x_5^7}{21x_8} \right]$. Subsequent integrands are:

$$\frac{1}{32} \left[\frac{x_k^7}{14} - \frac{5x_k^8}{168x_8} \right]; \frac{1}{32} \left[\frac{x_8^8}{112} - \frac{5x_8^9}{1512x_8} \right]; \text{ and } \frac{1}{1792} \left[\frac{17x_8^8}{54} \right].$$

The remaining integrations bring us to $\frac{85}{12 \cdot 12!}$.

There are $3!$ orderings of the remaining variables, k may be either 4 or 6, and \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 can again be reversed, giving us a total of 24 orderings in this subcase.

Subcase 4iii: The seven smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_5$ and \mathbf{X}_8 .

The first integration is similar to the first integration in Subcase 4i, and we proceed from there, via the following integrands:

$$\frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{x_4^6}{12} - \frac{x_4^7}{14x_8} - \frac{x_4^8}{48x_5^2} + \frac{x_4^8}{24x_8x_5} \right]; \frac{1}{12096} \left[29x_5^7 - \frac{13x_5^8}{x_8} \right]; \frac{157x_8^8}{870912}.$$

The remaining integrations bring us to $\frac{785}{108 \cdot 12!}$.

There are $3!$ orderings of the remaining variables, and \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 can be again be switched, giving 12 orderings in this subcase.

Subcase 4iv: The seven smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_5$ and \mathbf{X}_8 . Unlike the previous cases, we have $\mathbf{X}_j = \mathbf{X}_4$, so we restart with just the inner 3 integrals evaluated at the top of the section:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \int_0^{x_{i_8}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_5} \int_0^{x_7} \frac{x_4^4}{4} \left[\frac{x_7}{2} - \frac{x_7^2}{2x_8} - \frac{x_7^3}{6x_5^2} + \frac{x_7^3}{3x_8x_5} \right] \mathbf{d}x_4 \mathbf{d}x_7 \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\ &= \frac{1}{20} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \int_0^{x_{i_8}} \int_0^{x_8} \int_0^{x_5} \left(\frac{x_7^6}{2} - \frac{x_7^7}{2x_8} - \frac{x_7^8}{6x_5^2} + \frac{x_7^8}{3x_8x_5} \right) \mathbf{d}x_7 \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\ &= \frac{1}{540} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \int_0^{x_{i_8}} \int_0^{x_8} \left(\frac{10x_5^7}{7} - \frac{11x_5^8}{16x_8} \right) \mathbf{d}x_5 \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} \\ &= \frac{1}{540} \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_{i_{10}}} \int_0^{x_{i_9}} \int_0^{x_{i_8}} \frac{103x_8^8}{1008} \mathbf{d}x_8 \mathbf{d}x_{i_8} \mathbf{d}x_{i_9} \mathbf{d}x_{i_{10}} = \frac{103 \cdot 8!}{544320 \cdot 12!} = \frac{206}{27 \cdot 12!}. \end{aligned}$$

There are $3!$ orderings of the remaining variables, and \mathbf{X}_3 cannot be interchanged with \mathbf{X}_7 due to the interceding \mathbf{X}_4 .

Subcase 4v: The eight smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{X}_l$ and \mathbf{X}_8 .

This follows Subcase 4ii until we arrive at integrand $\frac{1}{32} \left[\frac{x_k^7}{14} - \frac{5x_k^8}{168x_8} \right]$. We continue through integrands

$$\frac{1}{32} \left[\frac{x_l^8}{112} - \frac{5x_l^9}{1512x_8} \right] \text{ and } \frac{x_8^9}{96768}$$

and eventually to $\frac{4}{15 \cdot 12!}$.

There are two orderings of the remaining variables, (k, l) can be $(4, 6)$ or $(6, 4)$ and \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 may be reversed, giving a total of 8 orderings in this subcase.

Subcase 4vi: The eight smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_6$ and \mathbf{X}_8 .

This follows Subcase 4iii until we arrive at the integrand $\frac{1}{12096} \left[29x_5^7 - \frac{13x_5^8}{x_8} \right]$. Two more integrations bring integrands:

$$\frac{1}{12096} \left[\frac{29x_6^8}{8} - \frac{13x_6^9}{9x_8} \right] \text{ and } \frac{1}{12096} \left[\frac{31x_8^9}{120} \right].$$

Continuing we get $\frac{31}{4 \cdot 9!}$. There are two orderings of the remaining variables, and \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 can be reversed, giving a total of 4 orderings in this subcase.

Subcase 4vii: The eight smallest variables are $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3, \mathbf{X}_4, \mathbf{X}_7, \mathbf{X}_5, \mathbf{X}_6$ and \mathbf{X}_8 .

This follows Subcase 4iv until we arrive at the integrand $\frac{1}{540} \left[\frac{10x_5^7}{7} - \frac{11x_5^8}{16x_8} \right]$. Continuing, we see:

$$\frac{1}{540} \left[\frac{10x_6^8}{56} - \frac{11x_6^9}{144x_8} \right] \text{ and } \frac{1}{540} \left[\frac{123x_8^9}{10080} \right]$$

on our way to $\frac{41}{5 \cdot 12!}$. In this subcase, \mathbf{X}_3 and \mathbf{X}_7 cannot be interchanged, and there are 2 orderings of the remaining 2 variables.

This completes Case 4, which contains the remaining 104 possible orderings of the variables, and the terms in (3) corresponding to these orderings of the variables have total weight per symmetry class of $\frac{3627}{5 \cdot 12!}$.

Summing over the four cases, the contributions of $\frac{13140}{12!}$, $\frac{235797}{35 \cdot 12!}$, $\frac{6651}{7 \cdot 12!}$ and $\frac{3627}{5 \cdot 12!}$ respectively, give a total of $\frac{107763}{5 \cdot 12!}$ summed over the 5040 symmetry class representatives in (3). Multiplying by the 720 symmetries of the variables, we find that $\text{Eu}(5) = \frac{35921}{1108800} = 0.032396\overline{284271}$.

As noted in Section 5.1, the computed value of $\text{Eu}(5)$ is used in a lower bound for $\text{Eu}(n)$ for $n \geq 5$.

It is easy to compute the first few digits of this number by simulating the ten uniform random variables. A short MATLAB program sampled the ten variables 10^{12} times and computed the minimum, the computed number agreed with our calculation to the 7th decimal place. While this number arises in a relatively simple way, we do not know of it arising in other places.

Unfortunately, it would be much harder to use such a simulation to get approximate values of $\text{Eu}(6)$ or $\text{Eu}(7)$. The proof method used above for K_5 does not generalize to K_6 or K_7 either. To simulate $\text{Eu}(6)$ we would need to catalogue the minimal ways of drawing K_6 , i.e. drawings \mathcal{D} for which $\mathbb{X}(\mathcal{D})$ is inclusion-wise minimal.

4. OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS AND MOMENTS

For some other very simple discrete probability distributions, it is possible to compute the expected crossing number exactly. Here we do this for the simplest example and conclude that the first two moments of the distribution do not determine the expectation.

Consider for $0 \leq t < u$, the discrete distribution where edges have weight t or u with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. Let $\text{Edisc}(n, t, u)$ be the expected weighted crossing number of K_n with the distribution for given t, u ; if the parameter u is omitted we will assume it is $1 - t$. Then it is easy to see that

$$\text{cr}(K_5, w) = \begin{cases} t^2 & \text{if there is a pair of non-adjacent edges of weight } t \\ u^2 & \text{if all edges have weight } u \\ tu & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

All 2^{10} possible assignments of t 's and u 's to the edges are equally likely. There is only one way for all edges to have weight u . Otherwise, if we do not have two non-adjacent edges of weight t , we must either have all edges of weight t incident with a single vertex, or three edges forming a triangle. In the former situation, we may have one edge (10 assignments), two edges (30 assignments), three edges (20 assignments) or four edges (5 assignments). For the triangles, we have 10 more assignments. The remaining 948 assignments of t 's and u 's to the edges have a pair of non-adjacent edges of weight t . Therefore, $\text{Edisc}(5, t, u) = \frac{1}{1024}(948t^2 + 75tu + u^2)$, which simplifies to $\text{Edisc}(5, t) = \frac{1}{1024}(874t^2 + 73t + 1)$ when $u = 1 - t$.

The mean and variance of the considered discrete distribution are $\frac{u+t}{2}$ and $\frac{(u-t)^2}{4}$, respectively. If we take $u = 1 - t$, then the mean is $\frac{1}{2}$, matching the the mean of the uniform

distribution, while the variance is $\frac{(1-2t)^2}{4}$. Since the variance of the uniform case is $\frac{1}{12}$, by choosing $t = \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{6}$, we get a distribution that matches the uniform distribution in its first two moments. However the above calculation shows that

$$\text{Edisc}\left(5, \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{6}\right) = \frac{1973 - 947\sqrt{3}}{6144} \approx 0.05416 > \text{Eu}(5).$$

We conclude that the first two moments of the input distribution on the edges are not sufficient to determine the expected crossing number. We believe that a constant number of higher moments is not sufficient either. Perhaps, up to $\binom{n}{2}$ moments are required.

5. ASYMPTOTICS

Some standard arguments used for crossing number estimates work also for the expectations. In this section we show that simple adaptations of these arguments show that $\text{Eu}(n)$ is $\Theta(n^4)$. Since $\text{cr}(K_n)$ is $O(n^4)$ and an upper bound for $\text{Eu}(n)$, we need only show the lower bound. We remark that the asymptotic upper bound $\text{cr}(K_n)$ can be obtained trivially from the fact that there are only $O(n^4)$ pairs of edges in K_n , but that much better constructive upper bounds exist and are an ongoing research challenge, see for instance [AAK06, PR07].

5.1. Asymptotics via a recurrence. We recall that we denote the crossing weight of a given drawing \mathcal{D} of a graph weighted by w as $\text{cr}(\mathcal{D}, w)$, and the weighted crossing number of G weighted by w (i.e. the minimum over all drawings) by $\text{cr}(G, w)$.

Given a drawing \mathcal{D} of K_n with weights w , we can consider the induced drawings of copies of $K_n - v \approx K_{n-1}$ obtained by removing each vertex $v \in V = V(K_n)$ from K_n in turn. Then

$$\sum_{v \in V} \text{cr}(\mathcal{D}|_{K_n - v}, w|_{K_n - v}) = (n - 4) \text{cr}(\mathcal{D}, w) \tag{4}$$

since each pair of disjoint edges $ij, i'j'$ of K_n appear in all but four of the terms on the left side of (4).

Now consider K_n for $n > 4$ with a fixed weighting w . There is some optimal drawing \mathcal{D}^* of K_n such that $\text{cr}(K_n, w) = \text{cr}(\mathcal{D}^*, w)$. Now:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cr}(K_n, w) &= \text{cr}(\mathcal{D}^*, w) = \frac{1}{n-4} \sum_{v \in V} \text{cr}(\mathcal{D}^*|_{K_n - v}, w|_{K_n - v}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{n-4} \sum_{v \in V} \min_{\mathcal{D}} \text{cr}(\mathcal{D}|_{K_n - v}, w|_{K_n - v}) = \frac{1}{n-4} \sum_{v \in V} \text{cr}(K_n - v, w|_{K_n - v}). \end{aligned}$$

If the weights in w are i.i.d. random variables, we can take expectations on both sides to get $\text{Eu}(n) \geq \frac{n}{n-4} \text{Eu}(n-1)$. Applying this inequality recursively, we find for $n \geq 6$ that $\text{Eu}(n) \geq \frac{1}{5} \binom{n}{4} \text{Eu}(5)$.

5.2. Asymptotics via the Crossing Lemma. The following result, known as the Crossing Lemma, was proved independently by Ajtai et al. [ACNS82] and Leighton [Lei84]. The version given below (with the specific constant $1024/31827 > 0.032$) is due to Pach et al. [PRTT06].

Theorem 5.1 (Crossing Lemma). *Let G be a graph of order n with $m \geq \frac{103}{16}n$ edges. Then*

$$\text{cr}(G) \geq \frac{1024}{31827} \frac{m^3}{n^2}.$$

Let π be a probability distribution with expectation $\mathbb{E}(\pi) = \mu$. We define the *complementary probability distribution* π^* by setting $\pi^*(\mu + x) = \pi(\mu - x)$. For the purpose of the following argument, let us assume that our probability distribution is symmetric, i.e., $\pi = \pi^*$. Then, given a random weight function w , the *complementary weight function* w^* , defined as $w^*(e) = 2\mu - w(e)$, has the same distribution as w . Let us define w' to be either w or w^* , so that $w'(e) \geq \mu$ holds for at least half of the edges $e \in E(G)$. Finally, let w_1 be defined as $w_1(e) = 0$ if $w'(e) < \mu$, and $w_1(e) = 1$ if $w'(e) \geq \mu$. Since $\text{cr}(G, w) + \text{cr}(G, w^*) \geq \text{cr}(G, w') \geq \mu^2 \text{cr}(G, w_1)$, the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\text{cr}(G, w)) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}(\text{cr}(G, w) + \text{cr}(G, w^*)) \geq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}(\text{cr}(G, w')) \\ &\geq \frac{\mu^2}{2} \mathbb{E}(\text{cr}(G, w_1)) \geq \frac{\mu^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1024}{31827} \frac{(m/2)^3}{n^2} = \frac{64\mu^2}{31827} \frac{m^3}{n^2}. \end{aligned}$$

This gives a version of the crossing lemma for expectations. With a little more care we can improve the above bound and also get rid of the symmetry condition. In order to do this, we replace the mean by the *median*, i.e. the largest number ν such that $\text{Prob}[w(e) \geq \nu] \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem 5.2 (Crossing Lemma for Expectations). *Let G be a graph of order n with $m \geq \frac{103}{16(1-4^{-1/3})} n$ edges. Suppose that each edge $e \in E(G)$ gets a random weight $w(e)$, where the weights of distinct edges are independent non-negative random variables (not necessarily i.d.) whose median is at least $\nu > 0$. Then*

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{cr}(G, w)) \geq \frac{128\nu^2}{31827} \cdot \frac{m^3}{n^2}.$$

Proof. Given w , we introduce related weights w'' and w_2 in a similar (but not identical) way as above: we let $w''(e) = 0$ if $w(e) < \nu$, and $w''(e) = \nu$ if $w(e) \geq \nu$; we let $w_2(e) = w''(e)/\nu$ be the corresponding weight with values 0 and 1. Note that $\text{Prob}[w''(e) = \nu] \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and $\text{Prob}[w_2(e) = 1] \geq \frac{1}{2}$. Similarly as before, we have $\text{cr}(G, w) \geq \text{cr}(G, w'') = \nu^2 \text{cr}(G, w_2)$.

Note that w determines a spanning subgraph $F_w \subseteq G$, whose edges are those edges of G for which $w_2(e) = 1$. The graph F_w is a random subgraph of G , and for each spanning subgraph F of G we let $\text{Prob}(F)$ be the probability that $F = F_w$. We will need a lower bound for the sum $\sum \text{cr}(F) \text{Prob}(F)$ taken over all (spanning) $F \subseteq G$. To do this, let us define $F' \subseteq F$ as the spanning subgraph of G such that $e \in E(F')$ if $w(e) \geq \nu_e \geq \nu$, where ν_e is the median of the random variable $w(e)$. The threshold case when $w(e) = \nu_e$ is to be considered so that $\text{Prob}[e \in E(F')] = \frac{1}{2}$. Then F' is also a random spanning subgraph of G and $\text{Prob}(F') = 2^{-m}$. Since the event that an edge e is in F' is contained in the event that $e \in E(F)$, we have for each F

$$\text{Prob}(F) = \sum_{F' \subseteq F} \alpha(F, F') \text{Prob}(F'),$$

where $\alpha(F, F') \geq 0$ is the probability that we have $F_w = F$ under the condition that F' is given. Clearly, $\sum_{F \supseteq F'} \alpha(F, F') = 1$ for every fixed F' . Since $\text{cr}(F')$ is an increasing function, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{F \subseteq G} \text{cr}(F) \text{Prob}(F) &= \sum_{F \subseteq G} \text{cr}(F) \sum_{F' \subseteq F} \alpha(F, F') \text{Prob}(F') \\ &\geq \sum_{F' \subseteq G} \text{cr}(F') \text{Prob}(F') \sum_{F \supseteq F'} \alpha(F, F') \\ &= \sum_{F' \subseteq G} \text{cr}(F') \text{Prob}(F') = \sum_{F' \subseteq G} 2^{-m} \text{cr}(F'). \end{aligned}$$

We will employ another notion:

$$\lambda(k, n) = \min\{\text{cr}(F) \mid |V(F)| = n, |E(F)| = k\}.$$

By the Crossing Lemma, $\lambda(k, n) \geq \frac{1024}{31827} \frac{k^3}{n^2}$ if $k \geq \frac{103}{16}n$. Using the introduced quantities, we obtain the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\text{cr}(G, w)] &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^E} \text{cr}(G, w) \mathbf{d}w \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^E} \text{cr}(G, w') \mathbf{d}w = \nu^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^E} \text{cr}(G, w_1) \mathbf{d}w \\ &\geq \nu^2 \sum_{F \subseteq G} \text{cr}(F) \text{Prob}(F) \geq \nu^2 \sum_{F' \subseteq G} 2^{-m} \text{cr}(F') \\ &\geq \nu^2 \sum_{k=0}^m \sum_{F \subseteq G, |E(F)|=k} 2^{-m} \text{cr}(F) \\ &\geq \nu^2 2^{-m} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \lambda(k, n) \\ &\geq \frac{1024\nu^2}{31827 \cdot 2^m n^2} \sum_{k=\lceil 103n/16 \rceil}^m \binom{m}{k} k^3. \end{aligned}$$

Note that we have $k^3 + (m - k)^3 \geq \frac{1}{4}m^3$ for $0 \leq k \leq m$, and that for $k < 103n/16$, we have $(m - k)^3 \geq (m - 103n/16)^3 \geq (m - (1 - 4^{-1/3})m)^3 = \frac{1}{4}m^3$. Thus,

$$\sum_{k=\lceil 103n/16 \rceil}^m \binom{m}{k} k^3 \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{1}{4} m^3 = \frac{1}{8} 2^m m^3.$$

The above inequalities imply:

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{cr}(G, w)] \geq \frac{1024\nu^2}{31827 \cdot 2^m n^2} \frac{1}{8} 2^m m^3 = \frac{128\nu^2 \cdot m^3}{31827 \cdot n^2}$$

which we were to prove. □

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