

## Counting graphs without a fixed subgraph

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A graph is called  $H$ -free if it contains no copy of  $H$ . Denote by  $f_n(H)$  the number of (labeled)  $H$ -free graphs on  $n$  vertices. Since every subgraph of an  $H$ -free graph is also  $H$ -free, it immediately follows that  $f_n(H) \geq 2^{\text{ex}(n,H)}$ . Erdős conjectured that, provided  $H$  contains a cycle, this trivial lower bound is in fact tight, i.e.

$$f_n(H) = 2^{(1+o(1))\text{ex}(n,H)}.$$

The conjecture was resolved in the affirmative for graphs with chromatic number at least 3 by Erdős, Frankl and Rödl (1986), but the case when  $H$  is bipartite remains wide open. We will give an overview of the results in case  $\chi(H) = 2$ , talk about a few related problems and present our recent contributions to the study of  $H$ -free graphs. This is joint work with József Balogh.