THE PROBABILISTIC METHOD

Abstract: Paul Erdös is well-known for the number and breadth of his publications. His most significant contributions to combinatorics involved using the "probabilistic method:" proving that various objects must exist by developing a probability model and proving that the probability of finding such an object is strictly greater than 0. I will introduce the probabilistic method, and work through examples of several theorems that can be proved using this method.

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