1047-05-339 Jozsef Balogh and Wojciech Samotij* (samotij2@illinois.edu). Counting graphs without a fixed subgraph.

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 $f_n(H) \ge 2^{ex(n,H)}$. Erdős conjectured that, provided *H* contains a cycle, this trivial lower bound is in fact tight, i.e.

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

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 $\chi(H) = 2$, and talk about a few related problems and recent progress in the area. (Received February 02, 2009)