1120-05-93 Péter Csikvári* (peter.csikvari@gmail.com). Extremal regular graphs. Preliminary report.
Let $P(G)$ be a graph parameter which has size roughly $c^{v(G)}$, where $v(G)$ is the number of vertices of a graph $G$. Examples include the number of spanning trees, number of (perfect) matchings or the number of homomorphisms of $G$ into a fixed graph $H$. We will be interested in the following type of questions: what is sup $P(G)^{1 / v(G)}$ or $\inf P(G)^{1 / v(G)}$ among $d-$ regular (bipartite) graphs. In many (but far from all) instances the extremal graph is one of the following three graphs: the complete graph $K_{d+1}$, the complete bipartite graph $K_{d, d}$, and perhaps surprisingly, the infinite $d$-regular tree $\mathbb{T}_{d}$. We will be especially interested in the latter case as this requires some intricate ideas like combinations of extremal and graph limit theoretical arguments.

This talk will be a survey talk based on many papers. Some of the papers are joint with Emma Cohen, Will Perkins and Prasad Tetali. (Received February 15, 2016)

