Rectangle Free Coloring of Grids

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Credit Where Credit is Due

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One of the students, Brett Jefferson has his own paper on this subject.

ALSO: Multidim version has been worked on by Cooper, Fenner, Purewal (submitted)
ALSO: Zarankiewics [7] asked similar questions.

Square Theorem:

Theorem

For all c, there exists G such that
for every c-coloring of $G \times G$ there exists a monochromatic square.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\
\cdots & R & \cdots & R & \cdots \\
\cdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \cdots \\
\cdots & R & \cdots & R & \cdots \\
\cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots
\end{array}$$

Proving the Square Theorem and Bounding $G(c)$

How to prove Square Theorem?

1. Corollary of Hales-Jewitt Theorem [1]. Bounds on G HUGE!
2. Corollary of Gallai's theorem [3,4,6]. Bounds on G HUGE!
3. From VDW directly (folklore). Bounds on G HUGE!
4. Directly (folklore?). Bounds on G HUGE!
5. Graham and Solymosi [2]. $G \le 2^{2^{81}}$. Better but still HUGE.

Best known upper and lower bounds:

1. $G(2) \le 2^{2^{81}}$.
2. $\Omega(c^{4/3}) \le G(c) \le 2^{2^{2^{O(c)}}}$.

What If We Only Care About Rectangles?

Definition

$G_{n,m}$ is the grid $[n] \times [m]$.

1. $G_{n,m}$ is *c*-colorable if there is a c-colorings of $G_{n,m}$ such that no rectangle has all four corners the same color.
2. $\chi(G_{n,m})$ is the least c such that $G_{n,m}$ is c-colorable.

Our Main Question

Fix c

Exactly which $G_{n,m}$ are c-colorable?

Two Motivations!

1. Relaxed version of Square Theorem- hope for better bounds.
2. Coloring $G_{n,m}$ without rectangles is equivalent to coloring edges of $K_{n,m}$ without getting monochromatic $K_{2,2}$.

   Our results yield Bipartite Ramsey Numbers!

Obstruction Sets

Definition
$G_{n,m}$ contains $G_{a,b}$ if $a \le n$ and $b \le m$.

Theorem
For all c there exists a unique finite set of grids OBS_c such that

$G_{n,m}$ is c-colorable iff
$G_{n,m}$ does not contain any element of OBS_c.

1. Can prove using well-quasi-orderings. No bound on $|\mathrm{OBS}_c|$.
2. Our tools yield alternative proof and show

$$2\sqrt{c}(1 - o(1)) \le |\mathrm{OBS}_c| \le 2c^2.$$

Rephrase Main Question

Fix c

What is OBS_c

Rectangle Free Sets and Density

Definition

$G_{n,m}$ is the grid $[n] \times [m]$.

1. $X \subseteq G_{n,m}$ is Rectangle Free if there are NOT four vertices in X that form a rectangle.
2. $\mathrm{rfree}(G_{n,m})$ is the size of the largest Rect Free subset of $G_{n,m}$.

Rectangle Free subset of $G_{21,12}$ of size $63 = \left\lceil \frac{21 \cdot 12}{4} \right\rceil$

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
1	●	●										
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17		●			●			●			●	
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20	●							●				●
21	●			●			●			●		

Colorings Imply Rectangle Free Sets

Lemma

Let $n, m, c \in \mathbb{N}$. *If* $\chi(G_{n,m}) \le c$ *then* $\mathrm{rfree}(G_{n,m}) \ge \lceil mn/c \rceil$.

Note: We use to get non-col results as density results!!

Zarankiewics's Problem

Definition

$Z_{a,b}(m,n)$ is the largest subset of $G_{n,m}$ that has no $[a] \times [b]$ submatrix.

Zarankiewics [7] asked for exact values for $Z_{a,b}(m,n)$.
We care about $Z_{2,2}(m,n)$.

PART I: 2-COLORABILITY

We will EXACTLY Characterize which $G_{n,m}$ are 2-colorable!

$G_{5,5}$ IS NOT 2-Colorable!

Theorem

$G_{5,5}$ is not 2-Colorable.

Proof:

$$\chi(G_{5,5}) = 2 \implies \text{rfree}(G_{5,5}) \geq \lceil 25/2 \rceil = 13$$
$$\implies \text{there exists a column with } \geq \lceil 13/5 \rceil = 3 \ R\text{'s}$$

Case 1: There is a column with 5 R's

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$$\begin{array}{ccccc} R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \end{array}$$

Remaining columns have ≤ 1 R so

$$\text{Number of } R\text{'s } \leq 5+1+1+1+1 = 9 < 13.$$

Case 2: There is a column with 4 R's.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ R & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \\ \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ & \circ \end{array}$$

Remaining columns have ≤ 2 R's

$$\text{Number of } R\text{'s } \leq 4+2+2+2+2 \leq 12 < 13$$

Case 3: Max in a column is 3 R's.
Case 3a: There are ≤ 2 columns with 3 R's.

$$\text{Number of } R\text{'s} \leq 3+3+2+2+2 \leq 12 < 13.$$

Case 3b: There are ≥ 3 columns with 3 R's.

R	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
R	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
R	R	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
$\circ$	R	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
$\circ$	R	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$

Can't put in a third column with 3 R's!

Case 4: Max in a column is $\le 2R$'s

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$$\text{Number of } R\text{'s} \le 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 \le 10 < 13.$$

No more cases. We are Done! Q.E.D.

$G_{4,6}$ IS 2-Colorable

Theorem

$G_{4,6}$ is 2-Colorable.

Proof.

R	R	R	B	B	B
R	B	B	R	R	B
B	R	B	R	B	R
B	B	R	B	R	R

□

$G_{3,7}$ IS NOT 2-Colorable

Theorem

$G_{3,7}$ is not 2-Colorable.

Proof.

$$\chi(G_{3,7}) = 2 \implies \text{rfree}(G_{3,7}) \ge (\lceil 21/2 \rceil = 11$$
$$\implies \text{there is a row with} \ge \lceil 11/3 \rceil = 4\ R\text{'s}$$

Proof similar to $G_{5,5}$— lots of cases.

□

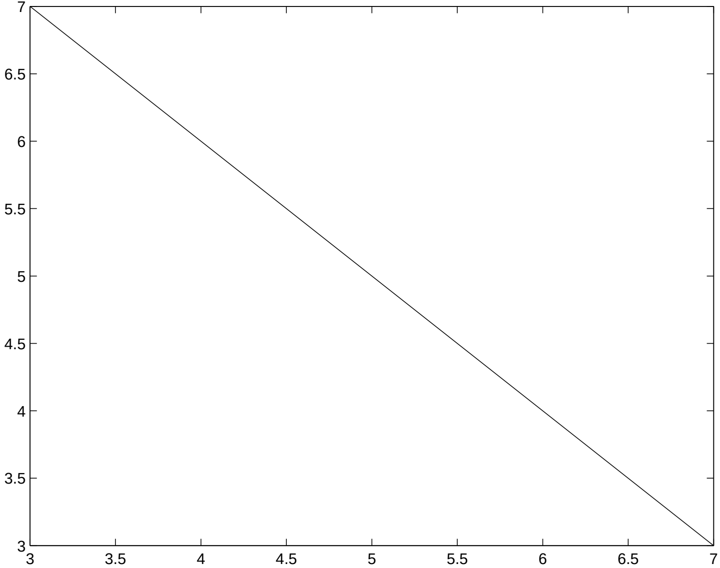
Complete Char of 2-Colorability

Theorem

$$\mathrm{OBS}_2 = \{G_{3,7}, G_{5,5}, G_{7,3}\}.$$

Proof.
Follows from results $G_{5,5}$, $G_{7,3}$ not 2-colorable and $G_{4,6}$ is 2-colorable. □

OBS_2 AS A GRAPH



PART II: TOOLS TO SHOW $G_{n,m}$ NOT c-COLORABLE

We show that if A is a Rectangle Free subset of $G_{n,m}$ then there is a relation between $|A|$ and n and m.

Bound on Size of Rectangle Free Sets

Theorem

Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. If there exists rectangle-free $A \subseteq G_{n,m}$ then

$$|A| \leq \frac{m + \sqrt{m^2 + 4m(n^2 - n)}}{2}$$

Note: Proved by Reiman [5] while working on Zarankiewicz's problem.

Proof of Theorem

$A \subseteq G_{n,m}$, rectangle free.
x_i is number of points in i^{th} column.

	1	$\cdots$	m
1		$\cdots$	
$\vdots$		$\vdots$	
n		$\cdots$	
	x_1 points $\binom{x_1}{2}$ pairs of points	$\cdots$ $\cdots$	x_m points $\binom{x_m}{2}$ pairs of points

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \binom{x_i}{2} \leq \binom{n}{2}.$$

Proof of Theorem (cont)

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \binom{x_i}{2} \le \binom{n}{2}.$$

Sum minimized when $x_1 = \cdots = x_m = x$

$$m\binom{x}{2} \le \binom{n}{2}.$$

$$x \le \frac{m + \sqrt{m^2 + 4m(n^2 - n)}}{2m}$$

$$|A| \le xm \le \frac{m + \sqrt{m^2 + 4m(n^2 - n)}}{2}$$

Bound on Size of Rectangle Free Sets (new)

Theorem

Let $a, n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Let q, r be such that $a = qn + r$ with $0 \leq r \leq n$. Assume that there exists $A \subseteq G_{m,n}$ such that $|A| = a$ and A is rectangle-free.

1. *If $q \geq 2$ then*

$$n \leq \left\lfloor \frac{m(m-1) - 2rq}{q(q-1)} \right\rfloor.$$

2. *If $q = 1$ then*

$$r \leq \frac{m(m-1)}{2}.$$

Refined ideas from proof above.

PART III: TOOLS TO SHOW $G_{n,m}$ IS c-COLORABLE

We define and use Strong c-Colorings to get c-Colorings

Strong c-Colorings

Definition

Let $c, n, m \in \mathsf{N}$. $\chi : G_{n,m} \rightarrow [c]$. χ is a strong c-coloring if the following holds: CANNOT have a rectangle with the two right most corners are same color and the two left most corners the same color.

Example: A strong 3-coloring of $G_{4,6}$.

R	R	G	R	G	G
B	G	R	G	R	G
G	B	B	G	G	R
G	G	G	B	B	B

Strong Coloring Lemma

Let $c, n, m \in \mathsf{N}$. If $G_{n,m}$ is strongly c-colorable then $G_{n,cm}$ is c-colorable.

Example:

R	R	G	R	G	G	B	B	R	B	R	R	G	G	B	G	B	B
B	G	R	G	R	G	G	R	B	R	B	R	R	B	G	B	G	B
G	B	B	G	G	R	R	G	G	R	R	B	B	R	R	B	B	G
G	G	G	B	B	B	R	R	R	G	G	G	B	B	B	R	R	R

Combinatorial Coloring Theorem

Let $c \geq 2$.

1. There is a strong c-coloring of $G_{c+1,\binom{c+1}{2}}$.
2. There is a c-coloring of $G_{c+1,m}$ where $m = c\binom{c+1}{2}$.

Example: Strong 5-coloring of $G_{6,15}$.

O	O	O	O	O	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
O	R	R	R	R	O	O	O	O	B	B	B	B	B	B
R	O	B	B	B	O	B	B	B	O	O	O	G	G	G
B	B	O	G	G	B	O	G	G	O	G	G	O	O	P
G	G	G	O	P	G	G	O	P	G	O	P	O	P	O
P	P	P	P	O	P	P	P	O	P	P	O	P	O	O

Coloring Using Primes!

Theorem

Let p be a prime.

1. *There is a strong p-coloring of $G_{p^2,p+1}$.*
2. *There is a p-coloring of G_{p^2,p^2+p}.*

Proof.

Uses geometry over finite fields. □

Note: Have more general theorem.

Generalization of of Strong Colorings

Definition

Let $c, c', n, m \in \mathsf{N}$. $\chi : G_{n,m} \rightarrow [c]$. χ is a *strongly* (c, c')*-coloring* if the following holds: If have rectangles where two right most corners same and two left most corners same, then diff colors, and both colors in $[c']$.

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Strong $(4, 2)$-coloring of $G_{6,15}$. ($R = 1$, $B = 2$)

R	R	R	R	R	G	G	G	B	G	G	B	B	B	B
R	B	B	B	B	R	R	R	R	P	P	G	G	G	B
B	R	G	G	B	R	B	B	B	R	R	R	P	P	G
B	B	R	P	G	B	R	P	G	R	B	B	R	R	P
G	G	B	R	P	B	B	R	P	B	R	P	R	B	R
P	P	P	B	R	P	P	B	R	B	B	R	B	R	R

Lemma: Generalized Strong Colorings Yield Colorings

Lemma

Let $c, c', n, m \in \mathrm{N}$. Let $x = \lfloor c/c' \rfloor$. If $G_{n,m}$ is strongly (c, c')-colorable then $G_{n,xm}$ is c-colorable.

Proof is similar to proof of strong coloring Lemma.

Theorem

Let $c \geq 2$.

1. *There is a c-coloring of $G_{c+2,m'}$ where $m' = \lfloor c/2 \rfloor \binom{c+2}{2}$.*
2. *There is a c-coloring of $G_{2c,2c^2-c}$.*

Another Combinatorial Coloring Theorem

Theorem

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Similar to proof of Combinatorical Coloring Theorem.

Tournament Graph Coloring Theorem

Let $c \geq 2$.

1. There is a strong c-coloring of $G_{2c,2c-1}$.
2. There is a c-coloring of $G_{2c,2c^2-c}$.

Proof.

Uses tourament graphs. □

PART IV: 3-COLORABILITY

We will EXACTLY Characterize which $G_{n,m}$ are 3-colorable!

Easy 3-Colorable Results

Theorem

1. *The following grids are not 3-colorable.*
   $G_{4,19}$, $G_{19,4}$, $G_{5,16}$, $G_{16,5}$, $G_{7,13}$, $G_{13,7}$, $G_{10,12}$, $G_{12,10}$, $G_{11,11}$.
2. *The following grids are 3-colorable.*
   $G_{3,19}$, $G_{19,3}$, $G_{4,18}$, $G_{18,4}$, $G_{6,15}$, $G_{15,6}$, $G_{9,12}$, $G_{12,9}$.

Proof.

Follows from tools. □

$G_{10,10}$ is 3-colorable

Theorem

$G_{10,10}$ is 3-colorable.

Proof.

UGLY! TOOLS DID NOT HELP AT ALL!!

R	R	R	R	B	B	G	G	B	G
R	B	B	G	R	R	R	G	G	B
G	R	B	G	R	B	B	R	R	G
G	B	R	B	B	R	G	R	G	R
R	B	G	G	G	B	G	B	R	R
G	R	B	B	G	G	R	B	B	R
B	G	R	B	G	B	R	G	R	B
B	B	G	R	R	G	B	G	B	R
G	G	G	R	B	R	B	B	R	B
B	G	B	R	B	G	R	R	G	G

$G_{10,11}$ is not 3-colorable

Theorem

$G_{10,11}$ is not 3-colorable.

Proof.

You don't want to see this. UGLY case hacking. □

Theorem

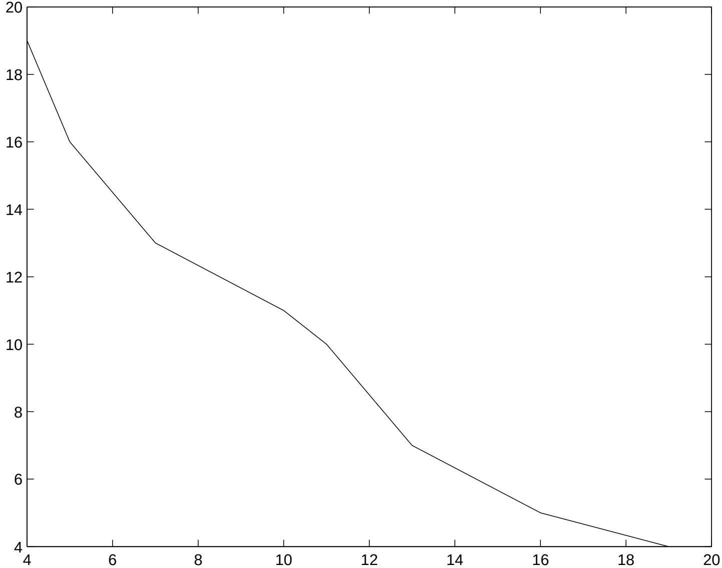
$\mathrm{OBS}_3 =$

$$\{G_{4,19}, G_{5,16}, G_{7,13}, G_{10,11}, G_{11,10}, G_{13,7}, G_{16,5}, G_{19,4}\}.$$

Proof.

Follows from above results on grids being or not being 3-colorable. □

OBS_3 AS A GRAPH



PART V: 4-COLORABILITY

We will MAKE PROGRESS ON Characterizing which $G_{n,m}$ are 4-colorable.

Easy NOT 4-Colorable Results

Theorem

The following grids are NOT 4-colorable:

1. $G_{5,41}$ *and* $G_{41,5}$
2. $G_{6,31}$ *and* $G_{31,6}$
3. $G_{7,29}$ *and* $G_{29,7}$
4. $G_{9,25}$ *and* $G_{25,9}$
5. $G_{10,23}$ *and* $G_{23,10}$
6. $G_{11,22}$ *and* $G_{22,11}$
7. $G_{13,21}$ *and* $G_{21,13}$
8. $G_{17,20}$ *and* $G_{20,17}$
9. $G_{18,19}$ *and* $G_{19,18}$

Follows from tools for proving grids are NOT colorable.

Easy IS 4-Colorable Results

Theorem

The following grids are 4-colorable:

1. $G_{4,41}$ *and* $G_{41,4}$.
2. $G_{5,40}$ *and* $G_{40,5}$.
3. $G_{6,30}$ *and* $G_{30,6}$.
4. $G_{8,28}$ *and* $G_{28,8}$.
5. $G_{16,20}$ *and* $G_{20,16}$.

Follows from tools for proving grids are colorable.

Theorems with UGLY Proofs

Theorem

1. *$G_{17,19}$ is NOT 4-colorable: Used some tools.*
2. *$G_{24,9}$ is 4-colorable: Used strong coloring of $G_{9,6}$.*

Theorems with UGLY Proofs

Theorem

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2. $G_{24,9}$ *is 4-colorable: Used strong coloring of* $G_{9,6}$.

P	R	R	P	R	R
P	B	B	R	P	B
P	G	G	B	B	P
R	P	G	P	G	R
B	P	R	B	P	G
G	P	B	G	R	P
G	B	P	P	B	G
R	G	P	G	P	R
B	R	P	R	G	P

Absolute Results

Theorem

1. *The following sets are in OBS_4:*
   $G_{5,41}$, $G_{6,21}$, $G_{7,29}$, $G_{9,25}$, $G_{25,9}$, $G_{29,7}$, $G_{31,6}$, $G_{41,5}$.
2. *Exactly one of these is in OBS_4:* $G_{10,23}$, G_{1022}, $G_{10,21}$.
3. *Exactly one of these is in OBS_4:* $G_{11,22}$, $G_{11,21}$, $G_{10,21}$.
4. *Exactly one of these is in OBS_4:* $G_{11,22}$, $G_{10,22}$, $G_{10,21}$.
5. *Exactly one of these is in OBS_4:* $G_{13,21}$, $G_{12,21}$, $G_{11,21}$, $G_{10,21}$.
6. *Exactly one of these is in OBS_4:* $G_{17,19}$, $G_{17,18}$, $G_{17,17}$.

Recall the following lemma:

Lemma

Let $n, m, c \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\chi(G_{n,m}) \leq c$ then $\mathrm{rfree}(G_{n,m}) \geq \lceil nm/c \rceil$.

Rectangle Free Conjecture

Recall the following lemma:

Lemma

Let $n, m, c \in \mathbb{N}$. If $\chi(G_{n,m}) \leq c$ then $\text{rfree}(G_{n,m}) \geq \lceil nm/c \rceil$.

Rectangle-Free Conjecture (RFC) is the converse:

Let $n, m, c \geq 2$. If $\text{rfree}(G_{n,m}) \geq \lceil nm/c \rceil$ then $G_{n,m}$ is c-colorable.

Rectangle Free Subset of $G_{22,10}$ of Size of size $55 = \left\lceil \frac{22 \cdot 10}{4} \right\rceil$

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
1	•						•			
2		•					•			
3			•				•			
4				•			•			
5					•		•			
6						•	•			
7	•	•						•		
8			•	•				•		
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10		•	•						•	
11				•	•				•	
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13	•			•						•
14		•				•				•
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18				•		•				
19			•			•				
20		•		•						
21	•				•					
22							•	•	•	•

If RFC is true then $G_{22,10}$ is 4-colorable.

Rectangle Free subset of $G_{21,12}$ of size 63 $= \lceil \frac{21 \cdot 12}{4} \rceil$

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
1	•	•										
2	•		•									
3		•	•									
4			•	•	•							
5		•		•		•						
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21	•			•			•			•		

If RFC is true then $G_{21,12}$ is 4-colorable.

Rectangle Free subset of $G_{18,18}$ of size 81 $= \left\lceil \frac{18 \cdot 18}{4} \right\rceil$

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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2	●	●								●	●		●					
3	●								●						●	●		●
4						●			●			●	●	●				
5		●	●			●												●
6	●			●		●	●											
7							●	●		●				●				●
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14	●							●				●					●	
15				●	●				●	●								
16						●				●					●		●	
17			●							●		●				●		
18					●								●				●	●

If RFC is true then $G_{18,18}$ is 4-colorable. NOTE: If delete 2nd column and 5th Row have 74-sized RFC of $G_{17,17}$.

Assuming RFC...

Theorem

If RFC then

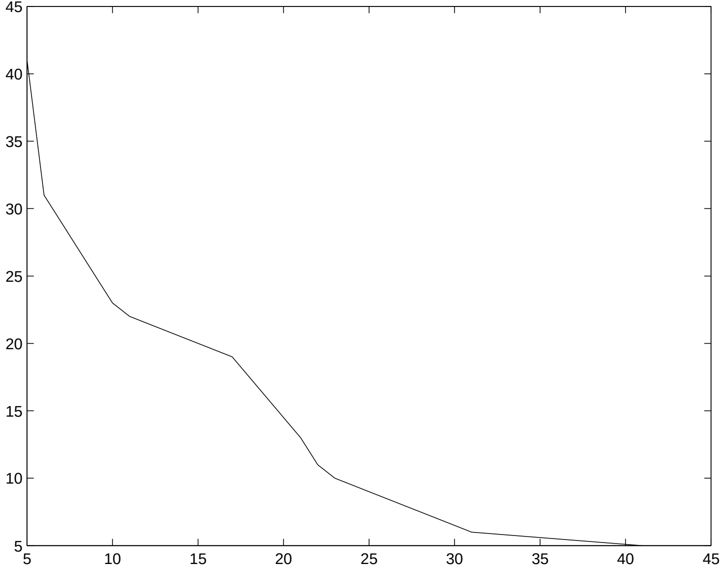
$$\mathrm{OBS}_4 = \{G_{41,5}, G_{31,6}, G_{29,7}, G_{25,9}, G_{23,10}, G_{22,11}, G_{21,13}, G_{19,17}\} \bigcup$$

$$\{G_{13,21}, G_{11,22}, G_{10,23}, G_{9,25}, G_{7,29}, G_{6,31}, G_{5,41}\}.$$

Proof.

Follows from known 4-colorability, non-4-colorability results, and Rect Free Sets above. □

OBS_4 AS A GRAPH ASSUMING RFC



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Equivalent to:

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APPLICATION TO BIPARTITE RAMSEY NUMBERS

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1. $BR(2,2) = 5$. *(Already known.)*
2. $BR(2,3) = 11$.
3. $17 \leq BR(2,4) \leq 19$.
4. $BR(2,c) \leq c^2 + c$.
5. *If p is a prime and* $s \in \mathbb{N}$ *then* $BR(2,p^s) \geq p^{2s}$.
6. *For almost all c,* $BR(2,c) \geq c^2 - c^{1.525}$.

PART VII: OPEN QUESTIONS

1. Is $G_{17,17}$ 4-colorable? We have a Rectangle Free Set of size $\lceil (17 \times 17)/4 \rceil + 1 = 74$.
2. What is OBS_4? OBS_5?
3. Prove or disprove Rectangle Free Conjecture.
4. Have $\Omega(\sqrt{c}) \le |\mathrm{OBS}_c| \le O(c^2)$. Get better bounds!
5. Refine tools so can prove ugly results cleanly.

CASH PRIZE!

The first person to email me both (1) plaintext, and (2) LaTeX, of a 4-coloring of the 17×17 grid that has no monochromatic rectangles will receive $289.00.

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