## The Infinite Can Ramsey Thm: Mileti's Proof

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#### Min-Homog, Max-Homog, Rainbow

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- V is homog if COL(a, b) = COL(c, d) iff TRUE.
- V is min-homog if COL(a, b) = COL(c, d) iff a = c.
- V is max-homog if COL(a, b) = COL(c, d) iff b = d.
- V is rainb if COL(a, b) = COL(c, d) iff a = c and b = d.

**Can Ramsey Thm for**  $\binom{N}{2}$ : For all  $COL : \binom{N}{2} \to \omega$ , there exists an infinite set V such that either V is homog, min-homog, max-homog, or rainb.

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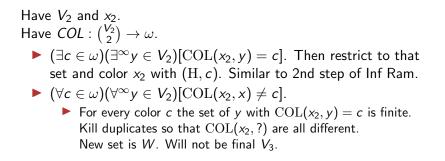


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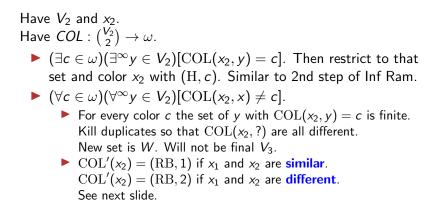
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Claim For all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , c a color,  $\deg_c(h_i) \leq 2$ .

**Proof** Assume, BWOC that  $\deg_c(h_i) \geq 3$ .

**Case 1** There two vertices x, y to the right of  $h_i$  such that  $COL(h_i, x) = COL(h_i, y) = c$ . This contradicts that all the edges coming out of  $h_i$  are different.

**Case 2** There two vertices x, y to the left of  $h_i$  such that  $COL(x, h_i) = COL(y, h_i) = c$ . This contradicts that x and y disagree.

#### End of Proof of Claim

# Last Step

#### Recall

**Lemma** Let X be infinite. Let  $COL : \binom{X}{2} \to \omega$ . Let  $d \in \omega$ . If for every  $x \in X$  and  $c \in \omega$ ,  $\deg_c(x) \leq d$  then there is an infinite rainb set.

We apply this to our set H with d = 2 to get a rainbow set.