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# There Is a 2-Coloring Of the Plane Without a mono Red 3-Stick or a mono Blue Big-Stick

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# Credit Where Credit is Due

The main result in these slides is due to Conlon and Wu (2022).

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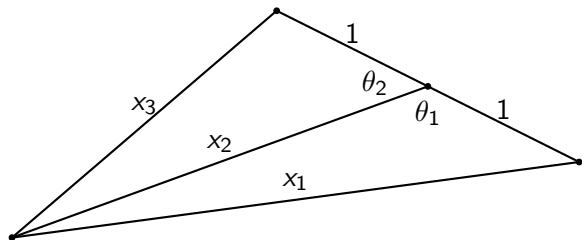
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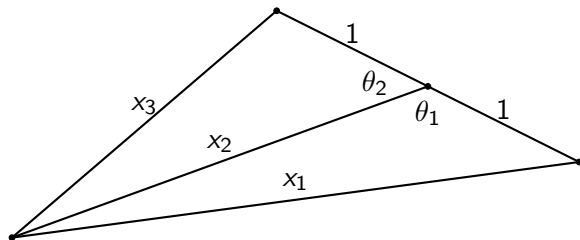
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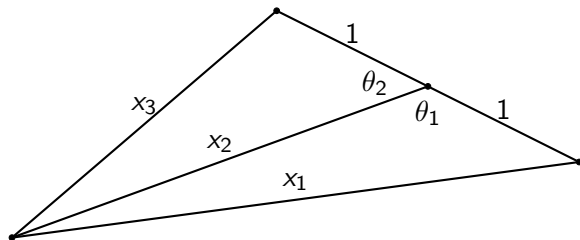


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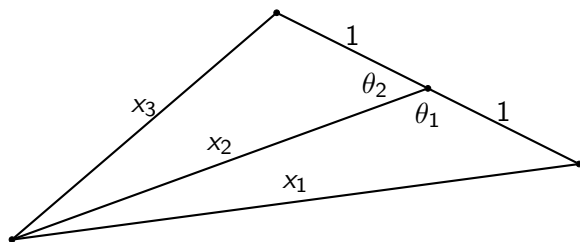
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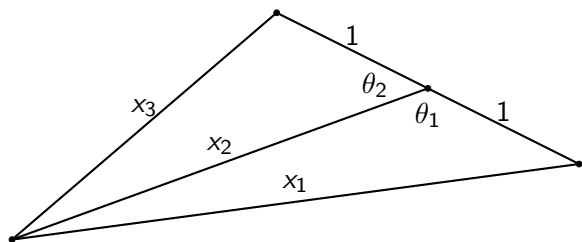


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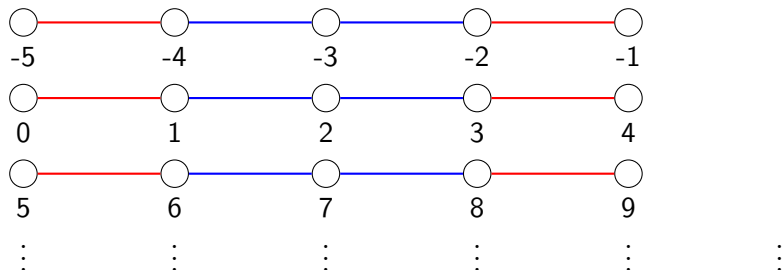
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