

Homework 1 SOLUTIONS. Was due Morally Tue Feb 5, 2013  
COURSE WEBSITE: <http://www.cs.umd.edu/gasarch/858/S13.html>  
(The symbol before gasarch is a tilde.)

1. (10 points) What is your name? Write it clearly. Staple your HW. When is the midterm (give Date and Time)? If you cannot make it in that day/time see me ASAP. Join the Piazza group for the course. The codename is cm858. Look at the link on the class webpage about projects. Come see me about a project. READ the note on the class webpage that say THIS YOU SHOULD READ that you haven't already read.
2. (20 points) Recall that the  $a$ -ary infinite Ramsey Theorem dealt with colorings of  $\binom{\mathbb{N}}{a}$ . We have only dealt with  $a \geq 2$ .
  - (a) Formulate the 1-ary infinite Ramsey Theorem, for  $c$  colors, and prove it.
  - (b) Formulate the  $\omega$ -ary infinite Ramsey Theorem. (Extra Credit-prove or disprove it.)

#### SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 2

The key to this problem was to DEFINE homog sets.

1) Given  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{1} \rightarrow [2]$ , a homog set is a set of numbers that are all colored the same. Hence the statement is:

*For all  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{1} \rightarrow [2]$  there is an infinite subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that all the elements of  $A$  are colored the same.*

OR, if you defined homog you could just say

*For all  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{1} \rightarrow [2]$  there is an infinite homog subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .*

2) Given  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{\omega} \rightarrow [2]$ , a homog set is an infinite set  $A$  such that all infinite subsets of  $A$  are colored the same. Hence the statement is:

*For all  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{\omega} \rightarrow [2]$  there is an infinite subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that all subsets of  $A$  are colored the same.*

OR, if you defined homog you could just say

*For all  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{\omega} \rightarrow [2]$  there is an infinite homog subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .*

3. (40 points) State and prove (rigorously) the  $c$ -color  $a$ -ary Ramsey Theorem. Your statement should start out *for all  $a \geq 1$ , for all  $c \geq 1, \dots$* . The proof should be by induction on  $a$  with the base case being  $a = 1$ . Omitted- very similar to what we did in class.
4. (40 points) Show (rigorously) that there exists a computable 2-coloring of  $\binom{\mathbb{N}}{2}$  with no c.e.-in-*HALT* homog set. (HINT- the proof is very similar to the one you saw in class. Instead of looking at  $W_{e,s}$  you look at  $W_{e,s}^{HALT_s}$ .) (NOTE- I ALLOW THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL ASSUMPTION: if  $W_e^{HALT}$  is a c.e.-in-HALT set then it can only change its mind finitely often on any one number. Formally: For every  $x$  there is an  $s_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that one of the two holds:
  - (1)  $(\forall s \geq s_0)[x \in W_{e,s}^{HALT_s}]$
  - (2)  $(\forall s \geq s_0)[x \notin W_{e,s}^{HALT_s}]$ .
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#### SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 4

The construction is similar to the one I did in class: just replace  $W_{e,s}$  with  $W_{e,s}^{K_s}$ . But the proof that it works needs some serious changes.

I do the proof as though its the proof I did in class and then say where it differs.

We show that each requirement is eventually satisfied.

For pedagogue we first look at  $R_1$ .

If  $W_1^K$  is finite then  $R_1$  is satisfied.

Assume  $W_1^K$  is infinite. We show that  $R_1^K$  is satisfied. Let  $x < y$  be the least two elements in  $W_1^K$ . Let  $s_0$  be the least number such that  $x, y \in W_{1,s_0}^{K_{s_0}}$ .

NO NO NO!!!!- It could be that for some later  $s \geq s_0$  we have  $x, y \notin W_{1,s}^{K_s}$ . ALSO it is possible that for some later  $s \geq s_0$  some SMALLER values  $x', y'$  are in  $W_{1,s}^{K_s}$  and they will be the ones whose edges to  $s$  get colored.

It is ESSENTIAL to take  $x_0$  such that

- $x, y \in W_{1,s_0}^{K_{s_0}}$

- $(\forall s \geq s_0)[x, y \in W_{1,s}^{K_s}]$ .
- $(\forall s \geq s_0)[0, \dots, x-1, x+1, x+2, \dots, y-1 \notin W_{1,s}^{K_s}]$ .

NOW we have that, for ALL  $s \geq s_0$ :

$$COL(x, s) = RED$$

$$COL(y, s) = BLUE$$

Since  $W_1^K$  is infinite there is SOME  $s \geq s_0$  with  $s \in W_{e,s}^{K_s}$ . Hence  $x, y, s \in W_1^K$  and show that  $W_1^K$  is NOT homogenous.

Can we show  $R_2$  is satisfied the same way? Yes but with a caveat—we won't use the least two elements of  $W_2^K$ . We'll use the least two elements of  $W_2^K$  that are bigger than the least two elements of  $W_1^K$ . We now do this rigorously and more generally.

**Claim: For all  $e$ ,  $R_e$  is satisfied:**

**Proof:** Fix  $e$ . If  $W_e^K$  is finite then  $R_e$  is satisfied.

Assume  $W_e^K$  is infinite. We show that  $R_e$  is satisfied. Let  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{2e}$  be the first (numerically)  $2e$  elements of  $W_e^K$ . Let  $s_0$  be the least number such that

- $x_1, \dots, x_e \in W_{1,s_0}^{K_{s_0}}$
- $(\forall s \geq s_0)[x_1, \dots, x_e \in W_{1,s}^{K_s}]$ .
- $(\forall s \geq s_0)(\forall z \in [x_{2e}] - \{x_1, \dots, x_{2e}\})[z \notin W_{1,s}^{K_s}]$ .

KEY: for all  $s \geq s_0$ , during stage  $s$ , the requirements  $R_1, \dots, R_{e-1}$  may define  $COL(x, s)$  for some of the  $x \in \{x_1, \dots, x_{2e}\}$ . But they will NOT define  $COL(x, s)$  for ALL of those  $x$ . Why? Because  $R_i$  only defines  $COL(x, s)$  for at most TWO of those  $x$ 's, and there are  $e-1$  such  $i$ , so at most  $2e-2$  of those  $x$ 's have  $COL(x, s)$  defined. Hence there will exist  $x, y$  such that  $R_e$  gets to define  $COL(x, s)$  and  $COL(y, s)$ . Furthermore, they will always be the SAME  $x, y$  since the  $R_i$  with  $i < e$  have already made up their minds about the  $x$  in  $\{x_1, \dots, x_{2e}\}$ .

UPSHOT: There exists  $x, y \in W_e^K$  such that, for all  $s \geq s_0$ ,

$$COL(x, s) = RED$$

$$COL(y, s) = BLUE$$

Since  $W_e^K$  is infinite there is SOME  $s \geq s_0$  with  $s \in W_e^K$ . Hence  $x, y, s \in W_e^K$  and show that  $W_e$  is NOT homogenous.