

## What do you want to See Covered/Not Covered Next Time I teach This

Please email me a list of which topics you would have wanted to see covered. You can list as many as you want, and you can give commentary.

### VDW Topics

1. **Poly VDW Thm** For all  $p_1, \dots, p_k \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  such that  $p_i(0) = 0$  for all  $i \in [k]$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $W = W(p_1, \dots, p_k; c)$  such that for all  $\text{COL}: [W] \rightarrow [c]$  there exists  $a, d$

$$a, a + p_1(d), \dots, a + p_k(d) \text{ all the same color}$$

Uses VDW.

2. **Can VDW** For all  $k$  there exists  $W = W(k)$  such that for any  $\text{COL}: [W] \rightarrow [\omega]$  there exists  $a, d$  such that either

$$a, a + d, \dots, a + (k - 1)d \text{ are all the same color}$$

or

$$a, a + d, \dots, a + (k - 1)d \text{ are all different colors}$$

Can VDW uses 2-dim VDW. Extends to  $a$ -dim VDW uses  $2a$ -dim VDW  
That might be on a HW or midterm.

3. **LEGIT APPLICATION To Number Theory**

- For all  $k$  there exists  $p_o$  such that for all primes  $p \geq p_o$  there are  $k$  consecutive squares mod  $p$ .
- For all  $k$  there exists  $p_o$  such that for all primes  $p \geq p_o$  there are  $k$  consecutive non-squares mod  $p$ .

4. **Folkman's Thm** For all  $k, c$  there exists  $N = N(k, c)$  such that for all  $\text{COL}: [N] \rightarrow [c]$  there exists  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  such that ALL non-empty sums of the  $x_i$ 's are the same color.

Uses VDW.

5. **Hilbert's Cube Lemma** For all  $k, c$  there exists  $H = H(k, c)$  such that for all  $\text{COL}: [H] \rightarrow [c]$  there exists  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k$  such that

$$\left\{x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k b_i x_i : b_i \in \{0, 1\}\right\}$$

is monochromatic.

Can prove from VDW or directly.

6. **LEGIT APP TO REAL MATH! EARLIEST Ramseyian Theorem Ever!** Use HCL to prove

**H Irreducibility Thm** (2 var case). If  $p(x, y) \in \mathbb{Q}[x, y]$  is irred then there exists  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $p(x, a) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is irred.

7. **Roth's Thm** Every set of upper positive density has a 3-AP.

There are three proofs of this: Combinatorial, Analytic, and Computer-assisted.

The idea of doing the Analytic Proof appeals to me since it would be a DIFFERENT proof technique than others that you seen. Non-Elementary proof, but not that hard.

8. **APPLICATION TO NUMBER THEORY** Schur's Theorem is a special case or Rado's Theorem.

**Schur's Thm** For all  $c$  there exists  $S = S(c)$  such that for all  $\text{COL}: [S] \rightarrow [c]$  there exists  $x, y, z$  same color such that  $x + y = z$ .

FLT For all  $n \geq 3$  there does not exists  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x^n + y^n = z^n$ . (The  $n = 4$  case was done by Fermat.)

Thm (Schur's Thm + FLT(4)) implies there are an infinite number of primes.

9. **Rado's Theorem Over the Reals: True? False? A Matter of taste?** The following are equivalent

- For all  $\text{COL}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  there exists mono  $w, x, y, z$  with  $w+x = y+z$ .
- There is a cardinality between countable and the reals.

So the statement is Ind of ZFC.

10. **Hindman's Thm** For any finite coloring of  $\mathbb{N}$  there exists an infinite  $A$  such that all finite sums of elements of  $A$  are the same color.

Proof uses Ultrafilters so would be a DIFFERENT proof.

11. **Gallai-Witt Thm** Multi-dim VDW. I can prove this without using Hales-Jewitt.

12. **Hales-Jewitt Thm** A Very General Thm from which we can derive cleanly VDW and Gallai-Witt.

## Ramsey Topics

1. **Ramsey Theory With Other Graphs**  $R(C_k)$  is least  $n$  such that for all 2-coloring of  $\binom{[n]}{2}$  there exists monochromatic  $k$ -cycle.

$$R(C_k) = \begin{cases} 6 & \text{if } k = 3 \text{ or } k = 4 \\ 2k - 1 & \text{if } k \geq 5 \text{ and } k \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ \frac{3k}{2} - 1 & \text{if } k \geq 4 \text{ and } k \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Would need to read the proofs to see how interesting they are.

2. **Ramsey Games** Example: Parameter  $k, n$ . Players RED and BLUE alternate coloring the edges of  $K_n$ . RED goes first. The first player to get a  $C_k$  in their color wins. For which  $n$  does RED have a winning strategy? Active Research.

3. **Thm**  $R_3(k) \leq 2^{2^{4k}}$ .

Better is known:

$$\mathbf{Thm} \ R_3(k) \leq 2^{2^{2k}}.$$

Would need to reread the proofs to see if I really could do it.

4. **Thm**  $CR(k) \leq 2^{O(k^2 \log k)}$ .

Proof is Miletic-style.

5. **Large Can Ramsey** For all  $k$  there exists  $n = n(k)$  such that for all  $\text{COL}: \binom{\{k, \dots, n\}}{2} \rightarrow [\omega]$  there is a large set that is either homog, min-homog, max-homog, rainbow.

I have a general theorem that has inf-can, fin-can, large-can as corollaries. Its a mild reworking of the proof of Can Ramsey using 4-hypergraph Ramsey.

6.  **$a$ -ary Can Ramsey** Thm For all  $a, k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $C = C(a, k)$  such that for all  $\text{COL}: \binom{[C]}{a} \rightarrow [\omega]$  there exists a set  $H$ ,  $|H| = k$  and  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_L \leq a$  such that for all  $p_1 < \dots < p_a \in H$  and  $q_1 < \dots < q_a \in H$

$$\text{COL}(p_1, \dots, p_a) = \text{COL}(q_1, \dots, q_a) \text{ iff } (p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_L}) = (q_{i_1}, \dots, q_{i_L})$$

Similar to the proof on graphs, but messier. Some interesting upper bounds for  $a = 3$  case, might just do that.

## 7. Euclidean Ramsey Theory Sample Theorems

- If you  $c$ -color the plane there exists 2 points an inch apart same color. True for  $c = 2, 3, 4$  (result for 4 is recent and computer-assisted). False for  $c = 7$ . Lots of literature on this.
- Let  $T$  be a triangle with a 30, 90, or 150 degree angle. For every 2-coloring of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  there exists three points that form triangle  $T$  (note-actually form  $T$ , not just similar to  $T$ ) that are monochromatic.

## 8. Ramsey Multiplicity

**Thm** For all 2-col of  $K_n$ , exists  $\frac{n^3}{24} - O(n^2)$  mono  $K_3$ 's.

This is the first thm in a field called **Ramsey Multiplicity**

Here is the second thm

**Thm** Fix  $k$ . For large  $n$ , for all 2-colorings of  $K_n$  there exists  $\frac{n^2}{4^{k^2(1+o(1))}}$  mono  $K_k$ 's.

## Ramsey Theory and Logic, Ramsey Theory and Complexity

1. **Def**  $L$  is a language. Game:

- Alice is Poly time and she has  $x$ ,  $|x| = n$ .
- Bob is all powerful and he has nothing.
- They cooperate to determine if  $x \in L$ . Alice could just send Bob  $x$ . That takes  $n$  bits.

Let  $L$  be the set of all 3-colorable graphs (or any NPC graph problem). Note size is  $O(n^2)$ . If there is a protocol in  $O(n^{2-\epsilon})$  bits then  $PH = \Sigma_2^p$ . Proof used large 3-free set.

2. **Thm** For every computable  $COL: \binom{\mathbb{N}}{2} \rightarrow [2]$  there is a  $\Pi_2$ -homogenous set. There is a computable coloring such that no homog set is  $\Sigma_2$ .

Could do the direction: Given a computable coloring there is a  $\Pi_2$ -homog set.

Really could not do the construction of a coloring, takes us too far afield.

3. **Def**  $G \rightarrow (H_1, H_2)$  means that for every 2-coloring of the edges of  $G$  there is either a RED  $H_1$  or a BLUE  $H_2$ .

Marcus Schaefer proved the following.

Thm  $\{(G, H_1, H_2) : G \rightarrow (H_1, H_2) \text{ is } \Pi_2^p\text{-complete.}$

4. **Grid Color Extension (GCE)** is the set of tuples  $(n, m, c, \chi)$  such that the following hold:

- $n, m, c \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $\chi$  is a partial  $c$ -coloring of  $[n] \times [m]$  that is rectangle-free.
- $\chi$  can be extended to a rectangle-free coloring of  $[n] \times [m]$ .

**Thm**  $GCE$  is NP-complete

5. **Def** Resolution proofs are a proof system to show that a Boolean Formula is NOT satisfiable. It is of interest to find a class of non-satisfiable formulas  $\phi_n$  that require (say)  $(1.5)^n$  long Res Proofs.

**Def** A graph is  $c$ -random if it does not contain a clique or ind set of size  $c \log n$ .

**Def**  $\phi_{n,c}$  is a Boolean Formula that says **every** graph on  $n$  vertices is  $c$ -random. (This is false for  $c$  around  $\frac{1}{2}$ .)

Lauria, Pudlak, Rodl, Thapen proved:

**Thm** For appropriate  $c$ , any resolution proof for  $\phi_{n,c}$  requires length  $n^{\Omega(\log n)}$ .

6. **Def** If for all COL:  $\binom{\kappa}{2}$  there is a homog set of size  $\kappa$  then  $\kappa$  is **Ramsey**.  
I could look into this and see what other theorems *of interest* follow from the existence of Ramsey Cardinals.
7. **Borel Colorings** Restrict the type of coloring of the reals and you can get some results.