

HW 03 Some Solutions

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Problem 3

Theorem Let X be a countable infinite set of points in the plane, no three colinear. Then there exists $Y \subseteq X$, $|Y| = \infty$, such that all of the triangles formed have different areas.

Proof Order the points in X arbitrarily, so $X = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots\}$.

COL: $\binom{N}{3} \rightarrow R$ via COL(i, j, k) area TRI(p_i, p_j, p_k)

By Can Ramsey ($\exists H \subseteq N$, $|H| = \infty$, H A -homog, some $A \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$).

$$Y = \{p_i : i \in H\}.$$

We show that the only A -homog set possible is $\{1, 2, 3\}$ -homog (Rainbow).

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Similar for $\{1, 3\}$ -Homog, $\{2, 3\}$ -Homog.

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VOTE

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This is actually **True**.

Problem 5 (Extra Credit)

Prove the 3-ary Can Ramsey.
Will do on the White Board.