

Take Home Final. Given out Apr 23
Morally Due TUESDAY May 8. Sick Cat Day-Thursday May 10
THIS EXAM IS THREE PAGES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1. (0 points) What is your name? Write it clearly. Staple this.
2. (20 points)
 - (a) Prove the following. There exists a function f such that the following holds:
If $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{f(k)}$ is a FINITE sequence of trees, where T_i has at most $k(i+1)$ nodes, there is an uptick.
 For this problem the trees are ordered as $T_1 \leq T_2$ if T_1 is a minor of T_2 .
 - (b) (Was there anything special about $k(i+1)$?) Is there some function $g(i, k)$ such that if you replace the $k(i+1)$ in the first question with $g(i, k)$. the theorem is now false?
 - (c) (Think About) Back to the first question: can you find bounds on $f(k)$?
3. (20 points) Find a function $f(c, k)$ such that the following is true, and prove it:
There exists a c -coloring of $[f(c, k)] \times [f(c, k)]$ with no monochromatic $k \times k$ regular grids.
 A regular grid is a square grid with the points equally spaced.
 Note: for full credit you will have to provide a decent bound; answering $f(c, k) = 0$ is technically correct but will receive no points.

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4. (20 points) (You may use Ramsey's theorem and the known bounds on it from this class, in this problem.)
- (a) Show that the following holds:
 Bill gives you a 2-coloring of $\mathbb{N}$ AND $\binom{\mathbb{N}}{2}$. Show there exists an infinite $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ such that it is BOTH 1-homog (so all the vertices are the same color) and 2-homog (all of the pairs are the same color). It need NOT be the case that these two colors are the same.
 - (b) find a function $f(k)$ such that the following holds:
 Bill gives you a 2-coloring of $[f(k)]$ AND $\binom{[f(k)]}{2}$. Show there exists a set $X \subseteq [f(k)]$ of size k such that it is BOTH 1-homog (so all the vertices are the same color) and 2-homog (all of the pairs are the same color). It need NOT be the case that these two colors are the same.
5. (20 points) Find a function $f(c)$ such that the following is true, and prove it:
- For all $c \geq 2$,
- (a) There is a c -coloring of the $[c+1] \times [f(c)-1]$ with NO monochromatic rectangles. (There are no four points that form the corners of a rectangle that are the same color.)
 - (b) Every c -coloring of the $[c+1] \times [f(c)]$ has a monochromatic rectangle.

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6. (20 points)

Definition: Let e and $f_1 < \dots < f_n$ are all in $\mathbb{N}$. Then

$$METZ(e; f_1, \dots, f_n) = \{d + f_1 b_1 + f_2 b_2 + \dots + f_n b_n : b_1, \dots, b_n \in \{0, 1\}\}$$

We call such a set an n -METZ.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} METZ(5; 1, 3, 4) &= \{5, 5+1, 5+3, 5+4, 5+1+3, 5+1+4, 5+3+4, 5+1+3+4\} \\ &= \{5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13\} \end{aligned}$$

(It might not have 2^n elements since some sums are the same.)

Let $H(n, c)$ be the least H such that for all c -colorings of $[H(n, c)]$ there exists a monochromatic n -METZ. In this problem you will show, in two ways, that $H(n, c)$ exists.

- (a) Show USING VDW's theorem that, for all c, n , there exists $H = H(n, c)$ such that every c -coloring of $[H]$ has a monochromatic n -METZ. In particular bound $H(n, c)$ using VDW numbers.
 - (b) Show that for all c, n , there exists $H = H(n, c)$ such that every c -coloring of $[H]$ has a monochromatic n -METZ WITHOUT using VDW's theorem. More precisely- find a recurrence that enables one to compute a bound for $H(m, c)$ that does not involve VDW numbers.
7. (0 points- but you MUST ANSWER THIS. If you do not then I will DEDUCT 10 points) Name two things that could be done to improve the course. If you have more than two that's fine. They should be either constructive (so I really can use them next time I teach) or funny (so Erik and I can have a laugh while grading).