

Distinct Rado's Theorem

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In the examples of Rado, and the proof of it, it could well be that some of the x_i 's are the same. Can we always avoid this?

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By EVDW, for any col of \mathbb{N} there exists a, d such that

$a, a + d, a + 2d, a + 3d, a + 4d, a + 5d, d$ are same color

Let

$$x_1 = a + d$$

$$x_2 = a + 5d$$

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This is a solution, though notice that $x_3 = x_4$.

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Mono Solution is:

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What if offsets of x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 by mults of D were same color?

$$x'_1 = x_1 + M_1D$$

$$x'_2 = x_2 + M_2D$$

$$x'_3 = x_3 + M_3D$$

$$x'_4 = x_4 + M_4D$$

Need (M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4) such that (x'_1, x'_2, x'_3, x'_4) is a sol. Use λ_i .

$$(x_1 + \lambda_1 D) - (x_2 + \lambda_2 D) + (x_3 + \lambda_3 D) + 3(x_4 + \lambda_4 D) =$$

$$(x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4) + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + 3\lambda_4)D = 0 + 0 = 0$$

Key Theorem We Need

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We first prove a Lemma.

Lemma One (Nothing to do w/equations)

$(\forall c, R, X)(\exists L) \forall c\text{-coloring } \chi \rightarrow [L] \rightarrow [c] \exists a, D$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \chi(a - XD) = & \chi(a - (X - 1)D) & \doteq & \chi(a) & \doteq & \chi(a + XD) \\ \chi(2(a - XD)) = & \chi(2(a - (X - 1)D)) & \doteq & \chi(2a) & \doteq & \chi(2(a + XD)) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \chi(R(a - XD)) = & \chi(R(a - (X - 1)D)) & \doteq & \chi(Ra) & \doteq & \chi(R(a + XD)) \end{array}$$

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1st coord yields $\chi(a - XD) = \chi(a - (X - 1)D) = \cdots = \chi(a + XD)$.

2nd coord yields

$$\chi(2(a - XD)) = \chi(2(a - (X - 1)D)) = \cdots = \chi(2(a + XD)).$$

Etc. So we get:

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Proof of Key Theorem

We apply Lemma with $R = R(b_1, \dots, b_n; c)$ to get:

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Let $\chi^*: [R] \rightarrow [c]$ be $\chi^*(x) = \chi(xa)$, so the col of the row.

By def of R , exists f_1, \dots, f_n such that

1. $\sum_{i=1}^n b_i f_i = 0$. Hence $\sum_{i=1}^n b_i (af_i) = a \sum_{i=1}^n b_i f_i = 0$.
2. $\chi^*(f_1) = \chi^*(f_2) = \dots = \chi^*(f_n)$.
By the def of χ^* , $\chi(af_1) = \dots = \chi(af_n)$.

All of These Rows The Same Color!

We have that the following are *all* the same color:

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For all i , $1 \leq i \leq n$ let $x_i = af_i$. We rewrite the above:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x_1 - f_1XD, & x_1 - f_1(X - 1)D, & \cdots, & x_1, & \cdots, & x_1 + f_1XD \\ x_2 - f_2XD, & x_2 - f_2(X - 1)D, & \cdots, & x_2, & \cdots, & x_2 + f_2XD \\ x_3 - f_3XD, & x_3 - f_3(X - 1)D, & \cdots, & x_3, & \cdots, & x_3 + f_3XD \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_n - f_nXD, & x_n - f_n(X - 1)D, & \cdots, & x_n, & \cdots, & x_n + f_nXD. \end{array}$$

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Just take X large enough and thin out each row. Details omitted.