

## Homework 1

Morally Due Tue Feb 1 at 3:30PM

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1. (0 points) What is your name? Write it clearly. When is the take-home midterm due? **Learn LaTeX if you don't already know it**
2. (20 points)
  - (a) (9 points) Prove that for every  $c$ , for every  $c$  coloring of  $\binom{N}{2}$ , there is a infinite homogenous set USING a proof similar to what I did in class.
  - (b) (9 points) Prove that for every  $c$ , for every  $c$  coloring of  $\binom{N}{2}$ , there is an infinite homogenous set USING induction on  $c$ .
  - (c) (2 points) Which proof do you like better? Which one do you think gives better bound when you finitize it?

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3. (20 points) Prove the following theorem rigorously (this is the infinite  $c$ -color  $a$ -ary Ramsey Theorem):

**Theorem** For all  $a \geq 1$ , for all  $c \geq 1$ , and for all  $c$ -colorings of  $\binom{\mathbb{N}}{a}$ , there exists an infinite set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\binom{A}{a}$  is monochromatic ( $A$  is an infinite homogeneous set).

**End of Statement of Theorem**

The proof should be by induction on  $a$  with the base cases being  $a = 1$ . You need to prove the base case.

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4. (20 points) Lets apply Ramsey Theory!

(a) (20 points) Let

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots,$$

be an infinite sequence of distinct reals.

Consider the following coloring of  $\binom{N}{2}$ . Let  $i < j$ .

$$COL(i, j) = \begin{cases} RED & \text{if } x_i < x_j \\ BLUE & \text{if } x_i > x_j \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

If you apply Ramsey Theory to this coloring you get a theorem.

State that theorem cleanly.

- (b) (0 points, but REALLY try to do it) Prove the theorem you stated in Part a WITHOUT USING Ramsey Theory.
- (c) (0 points, but REALLY do it) Which proof do you prefer, the one that use Ramsey Theory or the one that didn't?

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5. (20 points) Lets apply Ramsey Theory!

(a) (9 points) Let

$$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots,$$

be an infinite sequence of points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (NOTE- these are points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , not reals. So this is a different setting from the prior problem.) Consider the following coloring of  $\binom{N}{2}$ .

$$COL(i, j) = \begin{cases} RED & \text{if } d(x_i, x_j) > 1 \\ BLUE & \text{if } d(x_i, x_j) < 1 \\ GREEN & \text{if } d(x_i, x_j) = 1 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

If you apply Ramsey Theory to this coloring you get a theorem. State that theorem cleanly.

- (b) (9 points) Prove the theorem you stated in Part a WITHOUT USING Ramsey Theory.
- (c) (2 points) Which proof do you prefer?

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6. (Extra Credit- NOT towards your grade but towards a letter I may one day write for you)

*Definition* A *bipartite* graph is a graph with vertices  $A \cup B$  and the only edges are between vertices of  $A$  and vertices of  $B$ .  $A$  and  $B$  can be the same set. We denote a bipartite graph with a 3-tuple  $(A, B, E)$ .

*Notation*  $K_{n,m}$  is the bipartite graph  $([n], [m], [n] \times [m])$ .

*Notation*  $K_{\mathbf{N},\mathbf{N}}$  is the bipartite graph  $(\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N})$ .

*Definition* If  $COL$  is a  $c$ -coloring of the edges of  $K_{\mathbf{N},\mathbf{N}}$  then  $(H_1, H_2)$  is a *homog set* if  $c$  restricted to  $H_1 \times H_2$  is constant.

And now FINALLY the problem.

Prove or disprove:

*For every 2-coloring of the edges of  $K_{\mathbf{N},\mathbf{N}}$  there exists  $H_1, H_2$  infinite such that  $(H_1, H_2)$  is a homog set.*

7. (Extra Credit- NOT towards your grade but towards a letter I may one day write for you) Recall that the infinite Ramsey Theorem for 2-coloring the edges of a graph:

*For all colorings  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{N}}{2} \rightarrow [2]$  there exists an infinite homogenous set  $H \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .*

What if we color  $\mathbb{Z}$  instead of  $\mathbb{N}$ ? If all we want is an *infinite homogenous set* then the exact same proof works—or you could just restrict the coloring to  $\binom{\mathbb{N}}{2}$ . But what if we want an infinite  $H \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  that has *the same order type as  $\mathbb{Z}$* ?

**Definition** If  $(L_1, <_1)$  and  $(L_2, <_2)$  are ordered sets then they are *order-equivalent* if there is a bijection  $f$  from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$  that preserves order. That is,  $x <_1 y$  iff  $f(x) <_2 f(y)$ .

And now FINALLY the problem:

Prove or disprove:

*For all colorings  $COL : \binom{\mathbb{Z}}{2} \rightarrow [2]$  there exists a set  $H \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  that is order-equiv to  $\mathbb{Z}$  and is homogenous.*