

HW 01 Some Solutions

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VOTE Which proof did you like better.

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Later, Rinse, Repeat to get x_1, x_2, \dots

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Proof

Problem 4 yields that there is a subsequence in each coordinate that is either \downarrow , \uparrow , or $=$. Lemma yields each coord converges.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=df018klwKHg>

Problem 5

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be an infinite sequence of points in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Consider the following coloring of $\binom{N}{2}$.

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

Apply Ramsey Theorem. What do you get?

SOLUTION

Thm Given an infinite sequence of points in \mathbb{R}^2 there exists an infinite subset so that either (a) they are all within 1 of each other, or (b) they are all more than 1 apart.

Problem 4 and 5 thoughts

The proofs of the theorems in Problem 4 and 5 are FAR EASIER with Ramsey Theory. The proofs without Ramsey end up doing Ramsey in context.

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