

752 Midterm for Spring 2026

1. (0 points) What is your name

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2. (25 points)

Prove the following:

For every c , for every $\text{COL}: \binom{\mathbb{N}}{2} \rightarrow [c]$,

there is an infinite homog set.

(There are two proofs. One mimics the proof I did in class for 2-colors. If you use this one then just do the first few stages of the construction, like I do. The other USES Ramsey on 2 colors. Both proofs are acceptable.)

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3. (25 points)

Definition Let $\text{COL}_1: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [10]$. Let $\text{COL}_2: \binom{\mathbb{N}}{2} \rightarrow [10]$.

Let H be an infinite subset of \mathbb{N} .

- H is *super-duper homog* if there is a color c such that
 $\text{COL}_1: H \rightarrow [10]$ ONLY uses the color c and
 $\text{COL}_2: \binom{H}{2} \rightarrow [10]$ ONLY uses the color c
(For example, COL_1 colors every element of H RED, and COL_2 colors every pair of elements of H RED.)
- H is *super homog* if there are two colors c_1, c_2 (they could be the same but do not have to be)
such that
 $\text{COL}_1: H \rightarrow [10]$ ONLY uses the color c_1 and
 $\text{COL}_2: \binom{H}{2} \rightarrow [10]$ ONLY uses the color c_2
(For example, COL_1 colors every element of H RED, and COL_2 colors every pair of elements of H BLUE.)

End of Definition

And now for the questions!

- (a) Show that, for all
 $\text{COL}_1: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [10]$ and $\text{COL}_2: \binom{\mathbb{N}}{2} \rightarrow [10]$,
there exists an infinite super-homog set.
- (b) Show that, there exists a
 $\text{COL}_1: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [10]$ and $\text{COL}_2: \binom{\mathbb{N}}{2} \rightarrow [10]$
such that there is no super-duper set.

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(c) (25 points) Let (X, \preceq_X) be a wqo. Let $Y \subseteq X$ such that the following holds:

For all $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$ if $x \preceq y$ then $x \in Y$

(We have said that Y is closed downward.

(Think Y is the set of planar graphs.)

Show that there is a finite obstruction set for Y .

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- (d) (25 points) Give a coloring $\text{COL}: \binom{\omega+\omega+\omega+\omega}{2} \rightarrow [20]$ so there is no infinite 19-homog set.
No proof required.

JAVIER: Here is what I have in mind.

Partition \mathbb{N} into four disjoint parts and each omega uses a different one.

Given $x, y \in \omega + \omega + \omega$, we assume $x < y$.

If they are in both in the i th ω then $\text{COL}(x, y) = i$ (So thats four colors)

If x is in the i th omega and y is in the j th omega then color is (i, j) . thats 16 colors.