Coloring normal quadrangulations of projective spaces

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4 Color Theorem (4CT)

Thm. (Appel & Haken, `77)

Every spherical triangulation has a 4-coloring

 k -coloring of a graph def.
 \Leftrightarrow Assignment of one of k colors to each vertex

so that no 2 adjacent vertices have the same color

- \vee Proved using a computer
- Many studies have been emerged from 4CT.

Today's targets: Quadrangulations of d-dimensional projective space

Each face is quadrilateral | Higher dimensional case

4-coloring

Non-spherical case

Quadrangulation

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Prop. Every planar quadrangulation is **bipartite**

Any quadrangulation can be locally 2-colorable.

In the planar case, any closed curve is trivial

so, it is also globally 2-colorable.

Non-bip. quad. exist

for non-spherical surface

Locally 2-colorable,

but globally not.

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Projective planar case

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Real projective plane

Thm. (Youngs, `96)

Every non-bip. quadrangulation on $\mathbb{R}P^2$ has NO 3-coloring

Not 3-colorable $\frac{1}{2}$ If we need 3rd color, 4th color is needed, too!

Purpose of this talk:

Extend this theorem to

higher dimensional case

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Higher dimensional case

What is a "quadrangulation" of a topological space?

2-dim case:

by removing 1 edge from each triangular face Obtained from a triangulation of a surface

locally 2-colorable

defined by Kaiser & Stehlik `15 Higher dim case:

- G: KS-quadrangulation of a topological space
- def. G: obtained from a triangulation by removing [s](http://texclip.marutank.net/#s=%24%5Cforall%24)ome edges from \forall simplex to make it a complete bip. subgraph with an edge

Thm. (Kaiser & Stehlik, 15)

- $d \geq 2$
- G : non-bip. KS-quad. of $\mathbb{R}P^d$

 $\Rightarrow G$ has NO $(d+1)$ -coloring

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G : non-bip. KS-quad. of $\mathbb{R}P^d$

 $\chi(G)$: min. # colors needed for coloring of G KS-quad.

Thm. (Kaiser & Stehlik, `15)

 $d > 3$, $t \geq 5$ s.t. $t - d$: even

 \Rightarrow K_t can be embedded in $\mathbb{R}P^d$ as a KS-quad

So, fixed # colors are NOT enough for coloring of KS-quad. of $\mathbb{R}P^d$

Normal quadrangulations

Can we really call them QUADrangulations?

QUAD means four, 4 of…

Where can we see *`four*"?

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Normal quadrangulation

KS vs. Normal

KS-quad.

normal quad.

KS-quad. = normal quad.

Prop. (Hachimori, Nakamoto, Oz.)

Every normal quad. can be extended to KS-quad. by adding some edges

Normal quad. seems to be easier to color than KS-quad.

Coloring quad.

G : non-bip. quad. of $\mathbb{R}P^d$

 $\chi(G)$: min. # colors needed for coloring of G KS-quad. normal quad.

High dimensional case

High dim. case

Thm. (Kaiser, Lo, Nakamoto, Nozaki, Oz., 24+)

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Thm. (Youngs, `96) Everynon-bip. quadrangulation on $\mathbb{R}P^2$ has NO 3-coloring

(of each face after cut open into a plane) Youngs proved that using "winding number"

We give a new proof to Youngs' thm.

and extend it to d-dimensional case.

2- and 3-dim. case

G : non-bip. quad. of $\mathbb{R}P^2$

We show that for any 4-coloring, there is a rainbow quadrilateral

We show that

G : non-bip. normal quad. of $\mathbb{R}P^3$

 \Rightarrow for any 4-coloring,

there is a rainbow symmetric cube

ron (Hachimo Every normal quad. can be extended Prop. (Hachimori, Nakamoto, Oz.) to KS-quad. by adding some edges This edge forbids KS-quad.

to be 4-colorable

Summary

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 \cdots d $d=2$ | $d=3$ | $d=4$ $\chi(G) \geq 5 \mid \chi(G) \geq 6$ $\chi(G) \geq d+2$ … KS-quad. No upper bound | No upper bound $\chi(G)=4$ normal quad. $\chi(G) \ge 4 \chi(G) \ge 4 \chi(G) \ge 4 \chi(G) \ge 4$
No upper bound ?? Thm. (Kaiser, Lo, Nakamoto, Nozaki, Oz., 24+)Zonotopal quad. Thm. (Hachimori, Nakamoto, Oz., 24)

For any $d > 3$, if G satisfies some geometrical condition, then $\chi(\overline{G)} = 4$