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

 $\stackrel{\text{def.}}{\Leftrightarrow} \text{Assignment of one of } k \text{ colors to each vertex}$

so that no 2 adjacent vertices have the same color

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

Today's targets: <u>Quadrangulations</u> of <u>d-dimensional</u> projective space

Each face is quadrilateral

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Higher dimensional case



Quadrangulation

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<u>Prop.</u> Every planar quadrangulation is <u>bipartite</u>

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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J. Erickson, Efficiently Hex-meshing things with topology, DiscreteComp. Geom. 52 (2014), 427–4494

Projective planar case



Projective planar case

Real projective plane

<u>Thm. (Youngs, '96)</u>

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



If we need 3rd color, 4th color is needed, too!

Purpose of this talk:

Extend this theorem to

higher dimensional case

We obtain $\mathbb{R}P^2$ by identifying the antipodal points November 22, 2024 Graphternoon

Higher dimensional case

What is a ``quadrangulation'' of a topological space?

2-dim case:

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



locally 2-colorable



Higher dim case: defined by Kaiser & Stehlik `15

- G: KS-quadrangulation of a topological space
- $\begin{array}{l} \stackrel{\text{def.}}{\Leftrightarrow} & G: \text{ obtained from a triangulation} \\ & \text{by removing some edges from } \forall \text{simplex} \\ & \text{to make it a complete bip. subgraph with an edge} \end{array}$

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Thm. (Kaiser & Stehlik, `15)

- $d \geq 2$
- G: non-bip. KS-quad. of $\mathbb{R}\mathrm{P}^d$
- \Rightarrow G has NO (d+1)-coloring

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

	d = 2	d = 3	d = 4	•••	d
VS guad	$\chi(G) = 4$	$\chi(G) \geq 5$	$\chi(G) \geq 6$	•••	$\chi(G) \ge d+2$
ixo-yuau.		No upper bound			No upper bound

Thm. (Kaiser & Stehlik, `15)

 $d \ge 3$, $t \ge 5$ 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{RP}^d

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Normal quadrangulations

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Can we really call them **QUAD**rangulations?

QUAD means four, 4 of...

Where can we see ``four''?

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Normal quadrangulation

KS vs. Normal

KS-quad.

normal quad.

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Coloring quad.

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KS-quad.

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

Every non-bip. normal quad. of $\mathbb{R}P^d$ has NO 3-coloring.

For any $t \ge 5$, \exists non-bip. normal quad. of \mathbb{RP}^3 containing K_t

normal quad.

High dimensional case

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Thm. (Youngs, '96) Every non-bip. quadrangulation on \mathbb{RP}^2 has NO 3-coloring

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

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{RP}^3

 \Rightarrow for any 4-coloring,

there is a rainbow symmetric cube

<u>Prop. (Hachimori, Nakamoto, Oz.)</u>
Every normal quad. can be extended to KS-quad. by adding some edges

This edge forbids KS-quad.

to be 4-colorable

Summary

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