

# Ramsey theory over Partitions

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# Strong Colorings

- ▶ Strong colorings, which are witnesses to negative Ramsey relations, possess fantastic combinatorial properties that are used in a variety of arguments — among them arguments for producing stronger strong colorings from given ones.
- ▶ The first point of this talk is that strong colorings can be harnessed also to obtaining **positive** Ramsey relations on uncountable cardinals in some models of ZFC.
- ▶ The second is that in other models of ZFC there are even stronger strong colorings than the ones known so far.

# Notation

- ▶  $A \subseteq \kappa$  is  **$c$ -homogeneous** for a coloring  $c : [\kappa]^2 \rightarrow \theta$  if  $c \upharpoonright [A]^2$  is constant;
  - ▶ it is  **$c$ -omnichromatic** if  $\text{Im}(c \upharpoonright [A]^2) = \theta$ ;
  - ▶ the negation of  $c$ -omnichromatic is  **$c$ -weak**.
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- ▶  **$\kappa \longrightarrow (\lambda)_\theta^2$**  says that for every coloring  $c : [\kappa]^2 \rightarrow \theta$  there is a  $c$ -homogeneous  $A \in [\kappa]^\lambda$
  - ▶  **$\kappa \rightarrow [\lambda]_\theta^2$**  says that for every  $c$  as above there is  $A \in [\kappa]^\lambda$  which is  $c$ -weak.
  - ▶ The negation  **$\kappa \not\rightarrow [\lambda]_\theta^2$**  holds if there is a coloring  $c : [\kappa]^2 \rightarrow \theta$  such that *all*  $A \in [\kappa]^\lambda$  are  $c$ -omnichromatic.

Such a  $c$  are called *strong*.

# Ramsey Relations

- ▶  $\aleph_0 \rightarrow (\aleph_0)_n^2$  for all  $n < \omega$ , in particular  $\aleph_0 \rightarrow [\aleph_0]_{\aleph_0}^2$ ,
- ▶  $\lambda^+ \not\rightarrow [\lambda^+]_{\lambda^+}^2$  for all regular  $\lambda$ : there are strong  $c : [\lambda^+]^2 \rightarrow \lambda^+$ .

# Stronger strong colorings

- ▶ Parameters: number of colors, broader class of Target sets, higher dimension, more patterns.

- ▶  $\text{Pr}_0(N_1, \frac{N_0 \otimes N_1}{1 \otimes N_1}, N_1, N_0) \exists c: [w_1]^2 \rightarrow w_1 \text{ s.t. } \forall k, l < w$

$$\forall A \subseteq [w_1]^k, |A| = N_0 \quad \forall B \subseteq [w_1]^l, |B| = N_1, \quad \text{Both } A, B \text{ pairwise disjoint}$$

$$\exists a \in A \quad \forall (\alpha_{ij})_{i \in k, j \in l} \subseteq w_1, \exists b \in B \quad \max a < \min b$$

and  $\bigwedge_{i \in k, j \in l} c(a(i), b(j)) = \alpha_{ij}$  where  $a(i), b(j)$  are  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th members of  $a, b$  resp.

- ▶ Todorćević proved that  $\text{Pr}_0(\aleph_1, \frac{\aleph_0 \circledast \aleph_1}{1 \circledast \aleph_1}, \aleph_1, \aleph_0)$  follows from a strongly Luzin set.

# Relaxing Homogeneity to Relative Homogeneity

- ▶ When facing strong opponents it is good practice to **Divide and Conquer**. Let us fix some partition  $p : [\kappa]^2 \rightarrow \mu$ .
- ▶ Given a coloring  $c : [\kappa]^2 \rightarrow \theta$  let us say that  $A \subseteq \kappa$  is  **$(p, c)$ -homogeneous** [ **$(p, c)$ -weak**] if for every  $p$ -cell  $X = p^{-1}(\{j\})$ ,  $j < \mu$ , it holds that  $c \upharpoonright (X \cap [A]^2)$  is constant [is  $c$ -weak].
- ▶ If for every coloring  $c : [\kappa]^2 \rightarrow \theta$  there exists a  $(p, c)$ -homogeneous [ $(p, c)$ -weak]  $A \in [\kappa]^\lambda$  then  $\kappa \rightarrow_p (\lambda)_\theta^2$  [ $\kappa \rightarrow_p [\lambda]_\theta^2$ ] holds;
- ▶ if, on the other hand, there is a  $c$  such that every  $A \in [\kappa]^\lambda$ , for some  $p$ -cell  $X$  the set  $[A]^2 \cap X$  is omnichromatic, then  $c$  witnesses  $\kappa \not\rightarrow_p [\lambda]_\theta^2$ .



# Stronger Strong colorings over $p$

Let  $\tau$  denote assignments of colors to cells:  $\tau : \mu \rightarrow \theta$ .

- ▶  $\kappa \rightarrow_p (\lambda)_\theta^2 \iff (\forall c)(\exists A)(\exists \tau)(\forall \{\alpha, \beta\} \in [A]^2) c(\alpha, \beta) = \tau(p(\alpha, \beta))$
- ▶  $\kappa \rightarrow_p [\lambda]_\theta^2 \iff (\forall c)(\exists A)(\exists \tau)(\forall \{\alpha, \beta\} \in [A]^2) c(\alpha, \beta) \neq \tau(p(\alpha, \beta))$
- ▶  $\kappa \not\rightarrow_p [\lambda]_\theta^2 \iff (\exists c)(\forall A)(\forall \tau)(\exists \{\alpha, \beta\} \in [A]^2) c(\alpha, \beta) = \tau(p(\alpha, \beta))$

So  $\text{Pr}_0(\aleph_1, \frac{\aleph_0 \otimes \aleph_1}{1 \otimes \aleph_1}, \aleph_1, \aleph_0)_p$  means: replace a matrix of colors by a matrix of assignments  $\tau_{i,j}$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ \vdots \\ i, j \end{array} c(a(i), b(j)) = \tau_{i,j}(p(a(i), b(j)))$$

The strongest strong colorings may exist over every countable partition

If the CH holds or after adding at least  $\aleph_2$  Cohen reals,

$$\text{Pr}_0(\aleph_1, \frac{\aleph_0 \otimes \aleph_1}{1 \otimes \aleph_1}, \aleph_1, \aleph_0)_p$$

holds for every countable  $p : [\omega_1]^2 \rightarrow \omega_0$ .

Theorem [KRS3].  $\text{Pr}_0(\aleph_1, \frac{\aleph_0 \otimes \aleph_1}{1 \otimes \aleph_1}, \aleph_1, \aleph_0)_p$  follows for all  $\ell_\infty$ -coherent partitions from just a non-meager set of reals of cardinality  $\aleph_1$ . Actually equivalent to  $\text{non}(\mathcal{M}) = \aleph_1$ . It does not follow for *all* countable partitions from a Luzin set together with a Souslin tree.

$p : [\omega_1]^2 \rightarrow \omega_0$  is  $\ell_\infty$ -coherent if  $\{p(\alpha, \beta) - p(\alpha, \beta') \mid \alpha < \beta\}$  is bounded for all  $\beta < \beta' < \omega_1$ .

Stretching the number of colors from  $\lambda$  to  $\lambda^+$ .

Theorem [KRS2]. Let  $\lambda$  be an infinite cardinal. For every coloring  $c : [\lambda]^+ \rightarrow \lambda$  there is a coloring  $c^+ : [\lambda^+]^2 \rightarrow \lambda^+$  such that for every  $\chi \leq \text{cf}(\lambda)$  and  $p : [\lambda^+]^2 \rightarrow \mu$  for some  $\mu \leq \lambda$ :

- ▶ If  $c$  witnesses  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda^+, \lambda^+, \lambda, \chi)_p$  then  $c^+$  witnesses  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda^+, \lambda^+, \lambda^+, \chi)_p$ .
- ▶ If  $c$  witnesses  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda^+, \lambda^{\otimes} \lambda^+, \lambda, \chi)_p$  then  $c^+$  witnesses  $\text{Pr}_1(\lambda^+, \lambda^{\otimes} \lambda^+, \lambda^+, \chi)_p$ .

# Positive relations from Forcing Axioms

1. Theorem [KRS1]. If  $MA_{\aleph_1}(K)$  then for some  $p : [\aleph_1]^2 \rightarrow \aleph_0$  it holds that  $\aleph_1 \rightarrow_p (\aleph_1)_{\aleph_0}^2$ .
2. Theorem [CRS1]. If  $\lambda = \lambda^{<\lambda}$  and the Generalized MA holds at  $\lambda^+$  then for every  $(< \lambda)$ -saturated partition with injective and almost disjoint fibres, for every coloring  $c : [\lambda]^+ \rightarrow \lambda$  there is a decomposition  $\dot{\bigcup}_{j < \lambda} X_j$  in which each  $X_j$  is of size  $\lambda^+$ ,  $[X_j]^2$  meets all  $p$ -cells and  $X_j$  is  $(p, c)$ -homogeneous.

# Characterizing positivity over $p$

- ▶ Theorem [CRS1]. Assume  $\text{MA}_{\aleph_1}$ . Let  $p : [\omega_1]^2 \rightarrow \omega_0$  be a countable partition. Then  $\aleph_1 \rightarrow_p [\aleph_1]_{\aleph_0, \text{finite}}^2$  holds iff for some uncountable  $X \subseteq \omega_1$  the restriction  $p \upharpoonright [X]^2$  witnesses the strong coloring principle  $U(\aleph_1, \aleph_1, \aleph_0, \aleph_0)$  by Lambie-Hanson and Rinot.

$U(\aleph_1, \aleph_1, \aleph_0, \aleph_0)$  holds iff there exists  $c : [\omega_1]^2 \rightarrow \omega_0$  such that for every pairwise disjoint, uncountable family  $\mathcal{A}$  of finite subsets of  $\omega_1$  and  $n < \omega$  there exists an uncountable  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  such that  $\min\{c(\alpha, \beta) \mid (\alpha, \beta) \in a \times b\} > n$  for all  $a < b$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Unlike the stronger  $\text{Pr}_1(\aleph_1, \aleph_1, \aleph_0, \aleph_0)$ , the principle  $U(\aleph_1, \aleph_1, \aleph_0, \aleph_0)$  holds in ZFC.

# A miniature

- ▶ Sierpinski showed that  $2^{\aleph_0} \not\rightarrow [\aleph_1]_2^2$ .
- ▶ Shelah proved the consistency (relative to a measurable cardinal) of  $2^{\aleph_0} \rightarrow (\aleph_1)_3^2$  in “Was Sierpinski right I”. Omitting one out of two colors is impossible, but omitting one out of three colors may be possible.
- ▶ Assume  $2^{\aleph_0} \rightarrow [\aleph_1]_{4,2}^2$ , that we can omit two out of four colors by passing to a set of reals of size  $\aleph_1$ . (Will hold if two of Shelah’s problems from WSRI hold together:  $2^{\aleph_0} \rightarrow [\aleph_2]_3^2$  and  $\aleph_2 \rightarrow [\aleph_1]_3^2$ ).

Let  $p$  be some Sierpinski coloring. Then  $2^{\aleph_0} \rightarrow_p (\aleph_1)_2^2$ .