

CSPs in the Descriptive Context

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I. Descriptive combinatorics

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Example: Rotations

$V(G) = S^1$. Let R_α be a rotation by an irrational angle α and

$$xGy \iff x = R_\alpha(y) \text{ or } y = R_\alpha(x).$$

Claim

$$2 = \chi(G) < \chi_B(G) = 3.$$

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Theorem (Galvin-Prikry)

For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and any Borel coloring $c : [\mathbb{N}]^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow k$ there exists an $A \in [\mathbb{N}]^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that c is constant on $[A]^{\mathbb{N}}$.

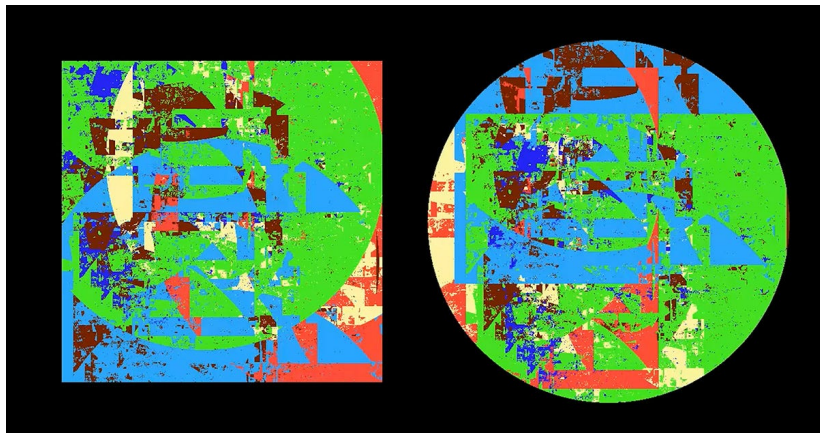
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Let G be a Borel subgraph of G_S . Then $\chi_B(G_S) \in \{1, 2, 3, \aleph_0\}$.

Why do we care: Paradoxical decompositions

equidecomposition $\iff$ matching



picture by András Máthé

Theorem (Grabowski-Máthé-Pikhurko, Marks-Unger)

Circle squaring with measurable and Borel pieces.

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Theorem (Carroy-Miller-Schrittesser-V)

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Next step: Borel 3Lin_p .

Theorem (Grebík-V)

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