

Ramsey Theory

Exercise Sheet 1

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Exercise 1

Deduce Theorem 1.1 for general r from the statement for $r = 2$. Does the same implication hold for the other Ramsey-type results in Section 1.1?

Exercise 2

Deduce Hilbert's cube lemma (Theorem 1.2), Schur's theorem (Theorem 1.3), and van der Waerden's theorem (Theorem 1.4) from Rado's theorem (Theorem 1.5).

Hint: Exclude “degenerate” solutions, which are not allowed in Theorems 1.2 and 1.4.

Exercise 3

- (a) Does the Graham-Leeb-Rothschild theorem (Theorem 1.8 and 1.9) hold, when the finite field \mathbb{F} is replaced by an infinite field, say \mathbb{R} ?
- (b) Formulate a density version of the finite version of Ramsey's theorem. Does it hold? Can you formulate one that is true?
- (c) Does van der Waerden's theorem hold for an infinite number of colours? Does it hold for an unbounded number of colours?

Exercise 4

State an example of an equation that does not fulfill Rado's condition and give an explicit colouring of \mathbb{N} with no monochromatic solution for this equation.