

Exercise Set #4

Combinatorial Number Theory (2025)

E1. For any finite coloring of \mathbb{N} and any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, show that there is a monochromatic k -term geometric progression (i.e., a monochromatic configuration of the form $\{a, ar, \dots, ar^{k-1}\}$ for some $a, r \in \mathbb{N}$, $r \geq 2$).

E2. Give an example of a finite coloring of \mathbb{N} without any monochromatic infinite arithmetic progression.

E3. Show that in any finite coloring of \mathbb{N}^d , there are arbitrarily large monochromatic d -dimensional rectangular grids. That is, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a monochromatic configuration of the form

$$\{(a_1 + i_1 n_1, \dots, a_d + i_d n_d) : 0 \leq i_1, \dots, i_d \leq k\}$$

for some $(a_1, \dots, a_d), (n_1, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{N}^d$.

E4. A set is *AP-rich* if it contains a k -term arithmetic progression for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that the family \mathcal{P}_{AP} of AP-rich subsets of \mathbb{N} is partition regular.