

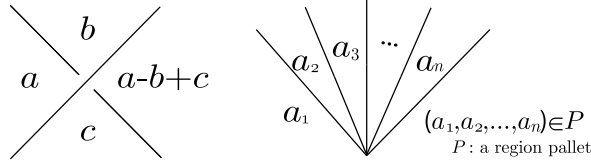
Region colorings for spatial graphs

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1 Dehn p -coloring

Let $\mathbb{Z}_p = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ denote the cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$. A Dehn p -coloring for a spatial graph diagram is an assignment of an element(color) of \mathbb{Z}_p to each region. At each crossing and vertex, the following conditions are satisfied:



2 Pallets of Dehn p -coloring

Definition 2.1. Two elements $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \bigcup_{n \in 2\mathbb{Z}_+} \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ are equivalent ($\mathbf{a} \sim \mathbf{b}$) if \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are related by a finite sequence of the following transformations:

$$(Op1) \ (a_1, \dots, a_n) \longrightarrow (a_2, \dots, a_n, a_1),$$

$$(Op2) \ (a_1, \dots, a_n) \longrightarrow (a, a_2 + (-1)^2(a_1 - a), \dots, a_i + (-1)^i(a_1 - a), \dots, a_n + (-1)^n(a_1 - a)) \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{Z}_p,$$

$$(Op3) \ (a_1, \dots, a_n) \longrightarrow (a, a_1 - a_2 + a, \dots, a_1 - a_i + a, \dots, a_1 - a_n + a) \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{Z}_p,$$

$$(Op4) \ (a_1, \dots, a_n) \longrightarrow (a_1, -a_1 + a_2 + a_3, a_3, \dots, a_n).$$

A region pallet of \mathbb{Z}_p is a set $P = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda$ for some $\{C_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subset \bigcup_{n \in 2\mathbb{Z}_+} \mathbb{Z}_p^n / \sim$.

3 Results

Put $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$. We define $\tau_p : \bigcup_{n \in 2\mathbb{Z}_+} \mathbb{Z}_p^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by

$$\tau_p(\mathbf{a}) = \max \left\{ k \in \{1, \dots, p\} \mid \begin{array}{l} k|p, \\ a_1 + a_2 \equiv a_2 + a_3 \equiv \dots \equiv a_n + a_1 \pmod{k} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Suppose p is an even integer. We define $\varepsilon_p : \bigcup_{n \in 2\mathbb{Z}_+} \mathbb{Z}_p^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$ by

$$\varepsilon_p(\mathbf{a}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a_1 + a_2 \equiv \dots \equiv a_n + a_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \\ 1 & \text{if } a_1 + a_2 \equiv \dots \equiv a_n + a_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We define $\mu_p : \bigcup_{n \in 2\mathbb{Z}_+} \mathbb{Z}_p^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by

$$\mu_p(\mathbf{a}) = E((a_1 + a_2, \dots, a_n + a_1)) - O((a_1 + a_2, \dots, a_n + a_1)),$$

where

$$E(\mathbf{a}) = \#\{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \mid a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\}$$

and

$$O(\mathbf{a}) = \#\{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \mid a_i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}.$$

For $\tau \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ such that $\tau \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, $\tau|p$ and $\frac{p}{\tau} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, define $\mu_{p,\tau} : \bigcup_{n \in 2\mathbb{Z}_+} \mathbb{Z}_p^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cup \{\infty\}$ by

$$\mu_{p,\tau}(\mathbf{a}) = \begin{cases} \left| \mu_{\frac{p}{\tau}} \left(\left(\frac{a_1 - a_1}{\tau}, \frac{a_2 - a_2}{\tau}, \dots, \frac{a_{2j-1} - a_1}{\tau}, \frac{a_{2j} - a_2}{\tau}, \dots, \frac{a_n - a_2}{\tau} \right) \right) \right| & \text{if } \tau_p(\mathbf{a}) = \tau, \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. (1) Let $n = 2$.

(i) When p is an odd integer, we have

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^2 / \sim = \{\mathbb{Z}_p^2\}.$$

(ii) When p is an even integer, we have

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^2 / \sim = \{\eta_\varepsilon \mid \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}\},$$

where

$$\eta_\varepsilon = \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2 \mid \varepsilon_p(\mathbf{a}) = \varepsilon \pmod{2}\}.$$

(2) Let n is an even integer greater than 2.

(i) When p is an odd integer, we have

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^n / \sim = \{\delta_\tau \mid \tau \in \{1, \dots, p\} \text{ s.t. } \tau|p\},$$

where

$$\delta_\tau = \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n \mid \tau_p(\mathbf{a}) = \tau\}.$$

(ii) When p is an even integer, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_p^n / \sim &= \left\{ \alpha_{\tau,\mu} \mid \begin{array}{l} \tau \in \{1, \dots, p\} \text{ s.t. } (\tau|p) \wedge (\tau \equiv 1 \pmod{2}); \\ \mu \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } (-n < \mu < n) \wedge (\mu \equiv 0 \pmod{2}) \wedge \left(\frac{n-|\mu|}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\right) \end{array} \right\} \\ &\cup \left\{ \beta_{\tau,\varepsilon} \mid \begin{array}{l} \tau \in \{1, \dots, p\} \text{ s.t. } (\tau|p) \wedge (\tau \equiv 0 \pmod{2}) \wedge \left(\frac{p}{\tau} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\right); \\ \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\} \end{array} \right\} \\ &\cup \left\{ \gamma_{\tau,\varepsilon,\mu} \mid \begin{array}{l} \tau \in \{1, \dots, p\} \text{ s.t. } (\tau|p) \wedge (\tau \equiv 0 \pmod{2}) \wedge \left(\frac{p}{\tau} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\right); \\ \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}; \\ \mu \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } (0 \leq \mu < n) \wedge (\mu \equiv 0 \pmod{2}) \wedge \left(\frac{n-|\mu|}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\right) \end{array} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\alpha_{\tau,\mu} = \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n \mid \tau_p(\mathbf{a}) = \tau, \mu_p(\mathbf{a}) = \mu\},$$

$$\beta_{\tau,\varepsilon} = \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n \mid \tau_p(\mathbf{a}) = \tau, \varepsilon_p(\mathbf{a}) = \varepsilon\},$$

and

$$\gamma_{\tau,\varepsilon,\mu} = \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n \mid \tau_p(\mathbf{a}) = \tau, \varepsilon_p(\mathbf{a}) = \varepsilon, \mu_{p,\tau}(\mathbf{a}) = \mu\}.$$