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Graphs on Euclidean spaces defined using transcendental distances. (English summary)

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Given a set D of positive numbers, let $X_n(D)$ denote the graph with vertex set \mathbb{R}^n where two points are joined by an edge precisely when their distance is in D . The exact determination of the chromatic number $\text{Chr}(X_n(D))$ is a significant problem, open even for $n = 2$, $D = \{1\}$ [see, for example, A. Soifer, *The mathematical coloring book*, Springer, New York, 2009; MR2458293 (2010a:05005)].

Much work has gone also into determining $\text{Chr}(X_n(D))$ for various D . The authors give a brief but careful review of known results. Recently, the conjecture that if D is algebraically independent then $\text{Chr}(X_n(D))$ is finite was raised in [B. Bukh, *Geom. Funct. Anal.* **18** (2008), no. 3, 668–697; MR2438995 (2009m:52037)]. The paper proves a weaker result, namely that for such D , $\text{Chr}(X_n(D))$ is countable.

More precisely: Proposition 1 shows that $\text{Chr}(X_1(D)) = 2$ if D is \mathbb{Q} -linearly independent. Theorem 1 shows that if D is algebraically independent $\text{Chr}(X_2(D))$ is countable, and Theorem 2 shows the same for $\text{Chr}(X_n(D))$ for $n \geq 3$. Finally, Theorem 3 shows that for any countable subfield \mathbb{F} of \mathbb{C} , and any $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ algebraically independent over \mathbb{Q} , we have that $\text{Chr}(Y_n)$ is countable, where Y_n is the graph on \mathbb{C}^n where two points \vec{a}, \vec{b} are joined by an edge iff there is some polynomial $p(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \in \mathbb{F}[\vec{x}, \vec{y}]$ with $p(\vec{x}, \vec{x})$ identically zero, and $p(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \neq 0$ algebraic over some $d \in D \cup \mathbb{F}$.

Besides (basic) algebra, the proofs combine (finite) Ramsey theory and canonical Ramsey theory, with set theoretic and model theoretic arguments. The paper is carefully written. Bukh's general conjecture remains open. *Andrés Eduardo Caicedo*

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