

# The Colorability problem on $(r, \ell)$ -graphs and a few parametrized solutions

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An  $(r, \ell)$ -graph is a graph that can be partitioned into  $r$  independent sets and  $\ell$  cliques; In the  $k$ -COLORABILITY problem we are asked to determine whether a given graph  $G$  admits a vertex coloring using at most  $k$  colors such that adjacent vertices have different colors.

In this work, we describe a *Poly vs NP-complete* dichotomy of this problem regarding to the parameter  $r$  and  $\ell$  of  $(r, \ell)$ -graphs, determining the boundaries of the NP-completeness for such a class. In addition, we analyze the complexity of the problem on  $(r, \ell)$ -graphs under the parametrized complexity perspective.

A parameterized problem  $(\Pi, k)$  is said *fixed-parameter tractable* (FPT) if it can be solved in time  $f(k) \times n^{O(1)}$ , where  $f$  is an arbitrary function, and  $n$  is the size of the input.

Using a reduction from  $k$ -COLOURABILITY on  $(r, \ell)$ -graph to LIST-COLORING as strategy, we are able to discover that given a  $(2, 1)$ -partition of the input graph  $G$ , to finding an optimal coloring of  $G$  is: W[1]-hard when parametrized by the size of the smallest independent part; Para-NP-complete when parametrized by the size of the complete part; FPT when parametrized by the number of vertices having no neighbors in the complete part; and FPT when the size of the complete part and the size of the smallest independent part are aggregated parameters.