

# Furstenberg's Proof.

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Assume you two are both familiar with *Ch 1* in 尤's book. Here is a super cool stuff I'd like to show: Furstenberg's proof of the infinitude of primes.

**Problem.** Try to prove there are infinite primes in a super cool style.

**Furstenberg's proof.** Define the topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , that is, open sets are generated by arithmetic sequences (in the form of  $a\mathbb{Z} + b$ ). We denote

$$S(a, b) := a\mathbb{Z} + b := \{an + b \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Then  $S(a, b)$  are both open and closed.

Assume that prime numbers are finite. Then  $\cup_{p \text{ is prime}} S(p, 0)$  is a finite union of closed sets, thus closed. As a result,  $\{\pm 1\} = \mathbb{Z} - \cup_{p \text{ is prime}} S(p, 0)$  is open. This would be a contradiction!

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Here is another thought-provoking problem we shall discuss in several days.

Definition 1-5 seems trivial yet referenced for the sake of rigor.

**Definiton 1.** We call  $G = G(V, E)$  a **simple graph** whenever  $V$  is a set and  $E \subset \{\{x, y\} \mid x, y \in V, x \neq y\}$ . Here  $V$  (or  $E$ ) is the set of vertices (or edges).

Simple graph is always *unweighted, undirected, without self-loops and multi-edges*.

**Definition 2.** Let  $G$  be a simple graph.  $G$  is  **$k$ -colourable on vertices** whenever there exists a function  $f \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}^V$  s.t.  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  when  $\{x, y\} \in E$ .

**Definition 3.** The **minimal number for vertex colouring** is the minimal positive integer  $k_{\min} =: \chi(G)$ , such that  $G$  is  $k_{\min}$ -colourable on vertices.

**Definition 4.** The **vertex-deleted graphs** of  $G$  are in the form of

$$G_{x_0}(V', E') := G_{x_0}(\{x \in V \mid x \neq x_0\}, \{\{x, y\} \in E \mid x, y \neq x_0\}).$$

Informally speaking,  $G_{x_0}$  is obtained from  $G$  by deleting  $x_0$  and all edges connecting to it.

**Definition 5.** We call a simple graph  $G$  **critical** whenever  $\chi(G) < \infty$  and

$$\sup_{x \in G} \chi(G_x) = \max_{x \in G} \chi(G_x) < \chi(G).$$

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**Problem.** Proves that **all critical graph is finite**, that is,  $|V| < \infty$ .

The *axiom of chioce* is required when necessary.