

# A Probabilistic Proof of the Girth-Chromatic Number Theorem

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## Abstract

This work presents a formalization of the Girth-Chromatic number theorem in graph theory, stating that graphs with arbitrarily large girth and chromatic number exist. The proof uses the theory of Random Graphs to prove the existence with probabilistic arguments and is based on [1].

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# 1 Auxilliary lemmas and setup

This section contains facts about general concepts which are not directly connected to the proof of the Chromatic-Girth theorem. At some point in time, most of them could be moved to the Isabelle base library.

Also, a little bit of setup happens.

## 1.1 Numbers

**lemma** *enat-in-Inf*:

**fixes**  $S :: \text{enat set}$

**assumes**  $\text{Inf } S \neq \text{top}$

**shows**  $\text{Inf } S \in S$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *enat-in-INF*:

**fixes**  $f :: 'a \Rightarrow \text{enat}$

**assumes**  $(\text{INF } x \in S. f x) \neq \text{top}$

**obtains**  $x$  **where**  $x \in S$  **and**  $(\text{INF } x \in S. f x) = f x$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *enat-less-INF-I*:

**fixes**  $f :: 'a \Rightarrow \text{enat}$

**assumes** *not-inf*:  $x \neq \infty$  **and** *less*:  $\bigwedge y. y \in S \implies x < f y$

**shows**  $x < (\text{INF } y \in S. f y)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *enat-le-Sup-iff*:

$\text{enat } k \leq \text{Sup } M \iff k = 0 \vee (\exists m \in M. \text{enat } k \leq m)$  (**is**  $?L \iff ?R$ )

*<proof>*

**lemma** *enat-neq-zero-cancel-iff[simp]*:

$0 \neq \text{enat } n \iff 0 \neq n$

$\text{enat } n \neq 0 \iff n \neq 0$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *natceiling-lessD*:  $\text{nat}(\text{ceiling } x) < n \implies x < \text{real } n$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *le-natceiling-iff*:

**fixes**  $n :: \text{nat}$  **and**  $r :: \text{real}$

**shows**  $n \leq r \implies n \leq \text{nat}(\text{ceiling } r)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *natceiling-le-iff*:

**fixes**  $n :: \text{nat}$  **and**  $r :: \text{real}$

**shows**  $r \leq n \implies \text{nat}(\text{ceiling } r) \leq n$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *dist-real-noabs-less*:

**fixes**  $a\ b\ c :: \text{real}$  **assumes**  $\text{dist } a\ b < c$  **shows**  $a - b < c$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *n-choose-2-nat*:

**fixes**  $n :: \text{nat}$  **shows**  $(n \text{ choose } 2) = (n * (n - 1)) \text{ div } 2$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *powr-less-one*:

**fixes**  $x :: \text{real}$   
**assumes**  $1 < x\ y < 0$   
**shows**  $x \text{ powr } y < 1$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *powr-le-one-le*:  $\bigwedge x\ y :: \text{real}. 0 < x \implies x \leq 1 \implies 1 \leq y \implies x \text{ powr } y \leq x$   
*<proof>*

## 1.2 Lists and Sets

**lemma** *list-set-tl*:  $x \in \text{set } (\text{tl } xs) \implies x \in \text{set } xs$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *list-exhaust3*:

**obtains**  $xs = [] \mid x \text{ where } xs = [x] \mid x\ y\ ys \text{ where } xs = x \# y \# ys$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *card-Ex-subset*:

$k \leq \text{card } M \implies \exists N. N \subseteq M \wedge \text{card } N = k$   
*<proof>*

## 1.3 Limits and eventually

We employ filters and the *eventually* predicate to deal with the  $\exists N. \forall n \geq N. P\ n$  cases. To make this more convenient, introduce a shorter syntax.

**abbreviation** *evseq* ::  $(\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{bool}) \Rightarrow \text{bool}$  (**binder**  $\forall^\infty 10$ ) **where**  
 $\text{evseq } P \equiv \text{eventually } P \text{ sequentially}$

**lemma** *eventually-le-le*:

**fixes**  $P :: 'a \Rightarrow ('b :: \text{preorder})$   
**assumes** *eventually*  $(\lambda x. P\ x \leq Q\ x)$  *net*  
**assumes** *eventually*  $(\lambda x. Q\ x \leq R\ x)$  *net*  
**shows** *eventually*  $(\lambda x. P\ x \leq R\ x)$  *net*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *LIMSEQ-neg-powr*:

**assumes**  $s: s < 0$   
**shows**  $(\%x. (\text{real } x) \text{ powr } s) \longrightarrow 0$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *LIMSEQ-inv-powr*:  
  **assumes**  $0 < c$   $0 < d$   
  **shows**  $(\lambda n :: nat. (c / n) \text{ powr } d) \longrightarrow 0$   
*<proof>*

**end**  
**theory** *Ugraphs*  
**imports**  
  *Girth-Chromatic-Misc*  
**begin**

## 2 Undirected Simple Graphs

In this section, we define some basics of graph theory needed to formalize the Chromatic-Girth theorem.

For readability, we introduce synonyms for the types of vertexes, edges, graphs and walks.

**type-synonym** *uvert* = *nat*  
**type-synonym** *uedge* = *nat set*  
**type-synonym** *ugraph* = *uvert set*  $\times$  *uedge set*  
**type-synonym** *uwalk* = *uvert list*

**abbreviation** *uedges* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *uedge set* **where**  
  *uedges* *G*  $\equiv$  *snd* *G*

**abbreviation** *uverts* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *uvert set* **where**  
  *uverts* *G*  $\equiv$  *fst* *G*

**fun** *mk-uedge* :: *uvert*  $\times$  *uvert*  $\Rightarrow$  *uedge* **where**  
  *mk-uedge* (*u,v*) = {*u,v*}

All edges over a set of vertexes *S*:

**definition** *all-edges* *S*  $\equiv$  *mk-uedge* ‘ {*uv*  $\in$  *S*  $\times$  *S*. *fst* *uv*  $\neq$  *snd* *uv*}’

**definition** *uwellformed* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *bool* **where**  
  *uwellformed* *G*  $\equiv$   $(\forall e \in \text{uedges } G. \text{card } e = 2 \wedge (\forall u \in e. u \in \text{uverts } G))$

**fun** *uwalk-edges* :: *uwalk*  $\Rightarrow$  *uedge list* **where**  
  *uwalk-edges* [] = []  
  | *uwalk-edges* [*x*] = []  
  | *uwalk-edges* (*x* # *y* # *ys*) = {*x,y*} # *uwalk-edges* (*y* # *ys*)

**definition** *uwalk-length* :: *uwalk*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat* **where**  
  *uwalk-length* *p*  $\equiv$  *length* (*uwalk-edges* *p*)

**definition** *uwalks* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *uwalk set* **where**

*uwalks*  $G \equiv \{p. \text{set } p \subseteq \text{uverts } G \wedge \text{set } (\text{uwalk-edges } p) \subseteq \text{uedges } G \wedge p \neq []\}$

**definition** *ucycles* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *uwalk set* **where**

*ucycles*  $G \equiv \{p. \text{uwalk-length } p \geq 3 \wedge p \in \text{uwalks } G \wedge \text{distinct } (\text{tl } p) \wedge \text{hd } p = \text{last } p\}$

**definition** *remove-vertex* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *ugraph* (- -- - [60,60] 60) **where**

*remove-vertex*  $G \ u \equiv (\text{uverts } G - \{u\}, \text{uedges } G - \{A \in \text{uedges } G. u \in A\})$

## 2.1 Basic Properties

**lemma** *uwalk-length-conv*: *uwalk-length*  $p = \text{length } p - 1$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *all-edges-mono*:

$vs \subseteq ws \implies \text{all-edges } vs \subseteq \text{all-edges } ws$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *all-edges-subset-Pow*: *all-edges*  $A \subseteq \text{Pow } A$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *in-mk-uedge-img*:  $(a,b) \in A \vee (b,a) \in A \implies \{a,b\} \in \text{mk-uedge } A$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *in-mk-uedge-img-iff*:  $\{a,b\} \in \text{mk-uedge } A \iff (a,b) \in A \vee (b,a) \in A$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *distinct-edgesI*:

**assumes** *distinct*  $p$  **shows** *distinct* (*uwalk-edges*  $p$ )

*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-ucycles*:

**assumes** *finite* (*uverts*  $G$ )

**shows** *finite* (*ucycles*  $G$ )

*<proof>*

**lemma** *ucycles-distinct-edges*:

**assumes**  $c \in \text{ucycles } G$  **shows** *distinct* (*uwalk-edges*  $c$ )

*<proof>*

**lemma** *card-left-less-pair*:

**fixes**  $A :: ('a :: \text{linorder}) \text{ set}$

**assumes** *finite*  $A$

**shows**  $\text{card } \{(a,b). a \in A \wedge b \in A \wedge a < b\}$

$= (\text{card } A * (\text{card } A - 1)) \text{ div } 2$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *card-all-edges*:

**assumes** *finite A*

**shows**  $\text{card } (\text{all-edges } A) = \text{card } A \text{ choose } 2$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *verts-Gu*:  $\text{uverts } (G -- u) = \text{uverts } G - \{u\}$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *edges-Gu*:  $\text{uedges } (G -- u) \subseteq \text{uedges } G$

*<proof>*

## 2.2 Girth, Independence and Vertex Colorings

**definition** *girth* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *enat* **where**

$\text{girth } G \equiv \text{INF } p \in \text{ucycles } G. \text{enat } (\text{uwalk-length } p)$

**definition** *independent-sets* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *uvert set set* **where**

$\text{independent-sets } Gr \equiv \{vs. vs \subseteq \text{uverts } Gr \wedge \text{all-edges } vs \cap \text{uedges } Gr = \{\}\}$

**definition**  $\alpha$  :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *enat* **where**

$\alpha G \equiv \text{SUP } vs \in \text{independent-sets } G. \text{enat } (\text{card } vs)$

**definition** *vertex-colorings* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *uvert set set set* **where**

$\text{vertex-colorings } G \equiv \{C. \bigcup C = \text{uverts } G \wedge (\forall c1 \in C. \forall c2 \in C. c1 \neq c2 \longrightarrow c1 \cap c2 = \{\}) \wedge (\forall c \in C. c \neq \{\} \wedge (\forall u \in c. \forall v \in c. \{u,v\} \notin \text{uedges } G))\}$

The chromatic number  $\chi$ :

**definition** *chromatic-number* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *enat* **where**

$\text{chromatic-number } G \equiv \text{INF } c \in (\text{vertex-colorings } G). \text{enat } (\text{card } c)$

**lemma** *independent-sets-mono*:

$vs \in \text{independent-sets } G \Longrightarrow us \subseteq vs \Longrightarrow us \in \text{independent-sets } G$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *le- $\alpha$ -iff*:

**assumes**  $0 < k$

**shows**  $k \leq \alpha G \iff k \in \text{card } \text{independent-sets } G$  (**is** ?L  $\iff$  ?R)

*<proof>*

**lemma** *zero-less- $\alpha$* :

**assumes**  $\text{uverts } G \neq \{\}$

**shows**  $0 < \alpha G$

*<proof>*

**lemma**  *$\alpha$ -le-card*:

**assumes** *finite* ( $\text{uverts } G$ )

**shows**  $\alpha G \leq \text{card}(\text{uverts } G)$

*<proof>*

**lemma**  $\alpha$ -fin: finite (uverts  $G$ )  $\implies \alpha G \neq \infty$   
 <proof>

**lemma**  $\alpha$ -remove-le:  
 shows  $\alpha (G -- u) \leq \alpha G$   
 <proof>

A lower bound for the chromatic number of a graph can be given in terms of the independence number

**lemma** chromatic-lb:  
 assumes wf-G: uwellformed  $G$   
 and fin-G: finite (uverts  $G$ )  
 and neG: uverts  $G \neq \{\}$   
 shows  $\text{card (uverts } G) / \alpha G \leq \text{chromatic-number } G$   
 <proof>

**end**  
**theory** Girth-Chromatic  
**imports**  
 Ugraphs  
 Girth-Chromatic-Misc  
 HOL-Probability.Probability  
 HOL-Decision-Procs.Approximation  
**begin**

### 3 Probability Space on Sets of Edges

**definition** cylinder :: 'a set  $\Rightarrow$  'a set  $\Rightarrow$  'a set  $\Rightarrow$  'a set set **where**  
 cylinder  $S A B = \{T \in \text{Pow } S. A \subseteq T \wedge B \cap T = \{\}\}$

**lemma** full-sum:  
 fixes  $p :: \text{real}$   
 assumes finite  $S$   
 shows  $(\sum A \in \text{Pow } S. p^{\text{card } A} * (1 - p)^{\text{card } (S - A)}) = 1$   
 <proof>

Definition of the probability space on edges:

**locale** edge-space =  
 fixes  $n :: \text{nat}$  **and**  $p :: \text{real}$   
 assumes p-prob:  $0 \leq p \leq 1$   
**begin**

**definition** S-verts :: nat set **where**  
 S-verts  $\equiv \{1..n\}$

**definition** S-edges :: uedge set **where**  
 S-edges = all-edges S-verts

**definition** *edge-ugraph* :: *uedge set*  $\Rightarrow$  *ugraph* **where**

*edge-ugraph es*  $\equiv$  (*S-verts*, *es*  $\cap$  *S-edges*)

**definition** *P* = *point-measure* (*Pow S-edges*) ( $\lambda s. p^{\text{card } s} * (1 - p)^{\text{card } (S\text{-edges} - s)}$ )

**lemma** *finite-verts[intro!]*: *finite S-verts*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-edges[intro!]*: *finite S-edges*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *finite-graph[intro!]*: *finite (uverts (edge-ugraph es))*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *uverts-edge-ugraph[simp]*: *uverts (edge-ugraph es) = S-verts*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *uedges-edge-ugraph[simp]*: *uedges (edge-ugraph es) = es  $\cap$  S-edges*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *space-eq*: *space P = Pow S-edges* *<proof>*

**lemma** *sets-eq*: *sets P = Pow (Pow S-edges)* *<proof>*

**lemma** *emeasure-eq*:

*emeasure P A = (if A  $\subseteq$  Pow S-edges then ( $\sum \text{edges} \in A. p^{\text{card } \text{edges}} * (1 - p)^{\text{card } (S\text{-edges} - \text{edges})}$ ) else 0)*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *integrable-P[intro, simp]*: *integrable P (f::-  $\Rightarrow$  real)*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *borel-measurable-P[measurable]*: *f  $\in$  borel-measurable P*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *prob-space-P*: *prob-space P*  
*<proof>*

**end**

**sublocale** *edge-space*  $\subseteq$  *prob-space P*  
*<proof>*

**context** *edge-space*  
**begin**

**lemma** *prob-eq*:



$\text{prob } A = (\text{if } A \subseteq \text{Pow } S\text{-edges} \text{ then } (\sum \text{edges} \in A. p^{\text{card edges}} * (1 - p)^{\text{card}} (S\text{-edges} - \text{edges})) \text{ else } 0)$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *integral-finite-singleton*:  $\text{integral}^L P f = (\sum x \in \text{Pow } S\text{-edges}. f x * \text{measure } P \{x\})$   
 ⟨proof⟩

Probability of cylinder sets:

**lemma** *cylinder-prob*:

**assumes**  $A \subseteq S\text{-edges } B \subseteq S\text{-edges } A \cap B = \{\}$   
**shows**  $\text{prob } (\text{cylinder } S\text{-edges } A B) = p^{\text{card } A} * (1 - p)^{\text{card } B}$  (is - = ?pp A B)  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *Markov-inequality*:

**fixes**  $a :: \text{real}$  **and**  $X :: \text{uedge set} \Rightarrow \text{real}$   
**assumes**  $0 < c \wedge x. 0 \leq f x$   
**shows**  $\text{prob } \{x \in \text{space } P. c \leq f x\} \leq (\int x. f x \partial P) / c$   
 ⟨proof⟩

end

### 3.1 Graph Probabilities outside of *Edge-Space* locale

These abbreviations allow a compact expression of probabilities about random graphs outside of the *Edge-Space* locale. We also transfer a few of the lemmas we need from the locale into the toplevel theory.

**abbreviation**  $MGn :: (\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}) \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow (\text{uedge set}) \text{ measure}$  **where**

$MGn p n \equiv (\text{edge-space}.P n (p n))$

**abbreviation**  $\text{probGn} :: (\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}) \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow (\text{uedge set} \Rightarrow \text{bool}) \Rightarrow \text{real}$  **where**

$\text{probGn } p n P \equiv \text{measure } (MGn p n) \{es \in \text{space } (MGn p n). P es\}$

**lemma** *probGn-le*:

**assumes**  $p\text{-prob}: 0 < p n p n < 1$   
**assumes**  $\text{sub}: \bigwedge n es. es \in \text{space } (MGn p n) \Longrightarrow P n es \Longrightarrow Q n es$   
**shows**  $\text{probGn } p n (P n) \leq \text{probGn } p n (Q n)$   
 ⟨proof⟩

## 4 Short cycles

**definition** *short-cycles* ::  $\text{ugraph} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{uwalk set}$  **where**

$\text{short-cycles } G k \equiv \{p \in \text{ucycles } G. \text{uwalk-length } p \leq k\}$

obtains a vertex in a short cycle:

**definition** *choose-v* ::  $\text{ugraph} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{uvert}$  **where**

$\text{choose-v } G k \equiv \text{SOME } u. \exists p. p \in \text{short-cycles } G k \wedge u \in \text{set } p$

**partial-function** (*tailrec*) *kill-short* :: *ugraph*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *ugraph* **where**  
*kill-short* *G* *k* = (if *short-cycles* *G* *k* = {} then *G* else (*kill-short* (*G* -- (choose-v *G* *k*)) *k*))

**lemma** *ksc-simps*[*simp*]:

*short-cycles* *G* *k* = {}  $\implies$  *kill-short* *G* *k* = *G*  
*short-cycles* *G* *k*  $\neq$  {}  $\implies$  *kill-short* *G* *k* = *kill-short* (*G* -- (choose-v *G* *k*)) *k*  
 <proof>

**lemma**

**assumes** *short-cycles* *G* *k*  $\neq$  {}  
**shows** *choose-v--in-uverts*: *choose-v* *G* *k*  $\in$  *uverts* *G* (**is** ?t1)  
**and** *choose-v--in-short*:  $\exists p. p \in$  *short-cycles* *G* *k*  $\wedge$  *choose-v* *G* *k*  $\in$  *set* *p* (**is** ?t2)  
 <proof>

**lemma** *kill-step-smaller*:

**assumes** *short-cycles* *G* *k*  $\neq$  {}  
**shows** *short-cycles* (*G* -- (choose-v *G* *k*)) *k*  $\subset$  *short-cycles* *G* *k*  
 <proof>

Induction rule for *kill-short*:

**lemma** *kill-short-induct*[*consumes 1, case-names empty kill-vert*]:

**assumes** *fin*: *finite* (*uverts* *G*)  
**assumes** *a-empty*:  $\bigwedge G. \text{short-cycles } G \ k = \{\} \implies P \ G \ k$   
**assumes** *a-kill*:  $\bigwedge G. \text{finite } (\text{short-cycles } G \ k) \implies \text{short-cycles } G \ k \neq \{\}$   
 $\implies P \ (G \text{ -- } (choose-v \ G \ k)) \ k \implies P \ G \ k$   
**shows** *P* *G* *k*  
 <proof>

Large Girth (after *kill-short*):

**lemma** *kill-short-large-girth*:

**assumes** *finite* (*uverts* *G*)  
**shows** *k* < *girth* (*kill-short* *G* *k*)  
 <proof>

Order of graph (after *kill-short*):

**lemma** *kill-short-order-of-graph*:

**assumes** *finite* (*uverts* *G*)  
**shows** *card* (*uverts* *G*) - *card* (*short-cycles* *G* *k*)  $\leq$  *card* (*uverts* (*kill-short* *G* *k*))  
 <proof>

Independence number (after *kill-short*):

**lemma** *kill-short- $\alpha$* :

**assumes** *finite* (*uverts* *G*)  
**shows**  $\alpha$  (*kill-short* *G* *k*)  $\leq$   $\alpha$  *G*  
 <proof>

Wellformedness (after *kill-short*):

**lemma** *kill-short-uwellformed*:

**assumes** *finite* (*uverts* *G*) *uwellformed* *G*

**shows** *uwellformed* (*kill-short* *G* *k*)

*<proof>*

## 5 The Chromatic-Girth Theorem

Probability of Independent Edges:

**lemma** (*in edge-space*) *random-prob-independent*:

**assumes**  $n \geq k$   $k \geq 2$

**shows**  $\text{prob} \{es \in \text{space } P. k \leq \alpha (\text{edge-ugraph } es)\}$   
 $\leq (n \text{ choose } k) * (1-p) \wedge (k \text{ choose } 2)$

*<proof>*

Almost never many independent edges:

**lemma** *almost-never-le-alpha*:

**fixes**  $k :: \text{nat}$

**and**  $p :: \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$

**assumes** *p-prob*:  $\forall^\infty n. 0 < p \ n \wedge p \ n < 1$

**assumes** [*arith*]:  $k > 0$

**assumes** *N-prop*:  $\forall^\infty n. (6 * k * \ln n) / n \leq p \ n$

**shows**  $(\lambda n. \text{prob } G \ n \ p \ n (\lambda es. 1/2 * n / k \leq \alpha (\text{edge-space.edge-ugraph } n \ es)))$   
 $\longrightarrow 0$

(**is**  $(\lambda n. \text{?prob-fun } n) \longrightarrow 0$ )

*<proof>*

Mean number of k-cycles in a graph. (Or rather of paths describing a circle of length *k*):

**lemma** (*in edge-space*) *mean-k-cycles*:

**assumes**  $3 \leq k$   $k < n$

**shows**  $(\int es. \text{card} \{c \in \text{ucycles} (\text{edge-ugraph } es). \text{uwalk-length } c = k\} \partial P)$   
 $= \text{of-nat} (\text{fact } n \ \text{div} \ \text{fact} (n - k)) * p \wedge k$

*<proof>*

Girth-Chromatic number theorem:

**theorem** *girth-chromatic*:

**fixes**  $l :: \text{nat}$

**shows**  $\exists G. \text{uwellformed } G \wedge l < \text{girth } G \wedge l < \text{chromatic-number } G$

*<proof>*

**end**

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