

Rainbow H -factors of complete s -uniform r -partite hypergraphs *

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Abstract

We say a s -uniform r -partite hypergraph is complete, if it has a vertex partition $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ of r classes and its hyperedge set consists of all the s -subsets of its vertex set which have at most one vertex in each vertex class. We denote the complete s -uniform r -partite hypergraph with k vertices in each vertex class by $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(k)$. In this paper we prove that if h , r and s are positive integers with $2 \leq s \leq r \leq h$ then there exists a constant $k = k(h, r, s)$ so that if H is an s -uniform hypergraph with h vertices and chromatic number $\chi(H) = r$ then any proper edge coloring of $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(k)$ has a rainbow H -factor.

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1 Introduction

A hypergraph is a pair (V, E) where V is a set of elements, called vertices, and E is a set of non-empty subsets of V called hyperedges or edges. A hypergraph H is called

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s -uniform or an s -hypergraph if every edge has cardinality s . A graph is just a 2-uniform hypergraph. We say a hypergraph is r -partite if it has a vertex partition $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ of r classes such that each hyperedge has at most one vertex in each vertex class, and a s -uniform r -partite hypergraph is complete, if it has a vertex partition $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ of r classes and its hyperedge set consists of all the s -subsets of its vertex set which have at most one vertex in each vertex class. We denote the complete s -uniform r -partite hypergraph with k vertices in each vertex class by $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(k)$.

If H is a hypergraph with h vertices and G is hypergraph with hn vertices, we say that G has an H -factor if it contains n vertex disjoint copies of H . For example, a K_2 -factor of a graph is simply a perfect matching. We say an edge coloring of a hypergraph is proper if any two edges sharing a vertex receive distinct colors. We say a subhypergraph of an edge-colored hypergraph is rainbow if all of its edges have distinct colors, and a rainbow H -factor is an H -factor whose components are rainbow H -subhypergraphs.

Many graph theoretic parameters have corresponding rainbow variants. Erdős and Rado[4] were among the first to consider the problems of this type. For graphs, Jamison, Jiang and Ling[3], and Chen, Schelp and Wei[2] considered Ramsey type variants where an arbitrary number of colors can be used; Alon et. al.[1] studied the function $f(H)$ which is the minimum integer n such that any proper edge coloring of K_n has a rainbow copy of H ; and Keevash et. al.[5] considered the rainbow Turán number $ex^*(n; H)$ which is the largest integer m such that there exists a properly edge-colored graph with n vertices and m edges but containing no rainbow copy of H . Recently, Yuster[6] proved that for every fixed graph H with h vertices and chromatic number $\chi(H)$, there exists a constant $K = K(H)$ such that every proper edge coloring of a graph with hn vertices and with minimum degree at least $hn(1 - 1/\chi(H)) + K$ has a rainbow H -factor.

For hypergraphs, El-Zanati et al[7] discussed the existence of a rainbow 1-factor in 1-factorizations of r -uniform hypergraph; in[8], Bollobás et al considered the edge colorings with local restriction of the complete r -uniform hypergraphs. In this paper, we discuss the rainbow H -factor in hypergraphs and extend the main result in [6] to uniform hypergraphs. The main idea of our proof also comes from [6], although the details are more complex. The main result in this paper is:

Theorem 1 *If h , r and s are positive integers with $2 \leq s \leq r \leq h$ then there exists a constant $k = k(h, r, s)$ so that if H is an s -uniform hypergraph with h vertices and chromatic number $\chi(H) = r$ then any proper edge coloring of $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(k)$ has a rainbow H -factor.*

2 Proof of Theorem 1

Let H be a s -uniform hypergraph with h vertices and $\chi(H) = r$. It is not difficult to check that $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h)$ has an H -factor for $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h)$ and H have the same chromatic number. So it suffices to show that there exists $k = k(h, r, s)$ such that any proper edge-colored $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(k)$ has a rainbow $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h)$ -factor. We shall prove a slightly stronger statement. For $0 < p \leq h$, Let $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h, p)$ be the complete s -uniform r -partite hypergraph with h vertices in each

vertex class, except the last vertex class which has only p vertices. Define $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h;0) = \mathcal{T}_{s,r-1}(h;h)$. We prove that there exists $k = k(h,r,s,p)$ such that any proper edge-colored $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(kh;kp)$ has a rainbow $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h;p)$ -factor.

Let h be fixed, we prove the result by induction on r , and for each r , by induction on $p \geq 1$. The base case $r = s$ and $p = 1$ is trivial since every subhypergraph of a proper edge-colored hypergraph $\mathcal{T}_{s,s}(h;1)$ is rainbow. Given $r \geq s$, assuming the result holds for r and $p - 1 \geq 1$, we prove it for r and p (if $p = 1$ then $p - 1 = 0$ so we use the induction on $\mathcal{T}_{s,r-1}(h;h)$). Let $k = k(h,r,s,p-1)$ and let t be sufficiently large (t will be chosen later). Consider a proper edge-coloring of $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_{s,r}(kth;kt p)$. We let $c(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s)$ denote the color of the edge $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s\}$. Denote the first $r - 1$ vertex classes of $\mathcal{T}$ by $V_1, \dots, V_{r-1}$ and the last vertex class by U_r . Let V_r be an arbitrary subset of size $k(p-1)t$ and $W = U_r \setminus V_r$ the remaining set with $|W| = kt$. For $i = 1, \dots, r$, we randomly partition V_i into t subsets $V_i(1), \dots, V_i(t)$, each of the same size. Each of the r random partitions is performed independently, and each partition is equally likely. Let $S(j)$ be the subhypergraph of $\mathcal{T}$ induced by $V_1(j) \cup V_2(j) \cup \dots \cup V_r(j)$, for $j = 1, \dots, t$. Notice that $S(j)$ is a properly edge-colored $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(kh; k(p-1))$ and hence, by the induction hypothesis $S(j)$ has a rainbow $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h; p-1)$ -factor. Let $B = (X \cup W; F)$ be a bipartite graph where $X = \{S(j) : j = 1, \dots, t\}$ and there exists an edge $(S(j), w) \in F$ if for all $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_{s-1} \leq r$ and for all $x_{i_k} \in V_{i_k}(j)$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, s-1$), the color $c(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_{s-1}}, w)$ does not appear at all in $S(j)$.

If we can show that, with positive probability, B has a 1-to- k assignment in which each $S(j) \in X$ is assigned to precisely k elements of W and each $w \in W$ is assigned to a unique $S(j)$ then we can show that $\mathcal{T}$ has a rainbow $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h;p)$ -factor. Indeed, consider $S(j)$ and the unique set X_j of k elements of W that are matched to $S(j)$. Since $S(j)$ has a rainbow $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h; p-1)$ -factor, we can arbitrarily assign a unique element of X_j to each element of this factor and obtain a $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h;p)$ which is also rainbow because all the edges of this $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h;p)$ incident with the assigned vertex have colors that do not appear at all in other edges of this $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(h;p)$. Now we use the 1-to- k extension of Hall's Theorem to prove that B has the required 1-to- k assignment. Namely, we will show that, with positive probability, $|N(Y)| \geq k|Y|$ for each $Y \subseteq X$. (Hall's Theorem is simply the case $k = 1$.) To guarantee this condition, it suffices to prove that, with positive probability, each vertex of X has degree greater than $(k-1/2)t$ in B and each vertex of W has degree greater than $t/2$ in B . Because, if $|Y| \leq t/2$, then $|N(Y)| \geq (k-1/2)t \geq k|Y|$; if $|Y| > t/2$, then that each vertex of W has degree greater than $t/2$ in B implies that $N(Y) = W$, so $|N(Y)| \geq k|Y|$.

We first prove that each vertex of X has degree greater than $(k-1/2)t$ in B . Consider $S(j) \in X$. Let $C(j)$ be the set of all colors appearing in $S(j)$. As $S(j)$ is a $\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(kh; k(p-1))$ we have that $|C(j)| < |E(\mathcal{T}_{s,r}(kh, kh))| = \binom{r}{s}(kh)^s$. For each vertex x of $S(j)$, let $W_x \subset W$ be the set of vertices $w \in W$ such that there exists an edge in $\mathcal{T}$ incident to both x and w with color in $C(j)$. Obviously, $|W_x| \leq (s-1)|C(j)|$ since $\mathcal{T}$ is s -uniform and no color appears more than once in edges incident with x for the coloring is proper. Let $W(j)$ be the union of all W_x taken over all vertices of $S(j)$. Then, $|W(j)| < (khr)(s-1)\binom{r}{s}(kh)^s \leq \frac{1}{s}(khr)^{s+1}$. Because each $v \in W \setminus W(j)$ is a neighbor of $S(j)$ in B , thus, if we take

$t \geq (khr)^{s+1}$, we have that each $S(j)$ has more than $(k - 1/2)t$ neighbors in B .

Now we prove the second part: each vertex of W has degree greater than $t/2$ in B . Fix some $w \in W$ and let $d_B(w)$ denote the degree of w in B . As $d_B(w)$ is a random variable, and since $|W| = kt$, it suffices to prove that $\Pr\{d_B(w) \leq t/2\} < 1/kt$ which implies that $\Pr\{\exists w : d_B(w) \leq t/2\} < 1$. To simplify notation we let l_i be the size of the i 'th vertex class of each $S(j)$. Thus $l_i = kh$ for $i = 1, \dots, r-1$ and $l_r = k(p-1)$. Recall that the i 'th vertex class of $S(j)$ is formed by taking the j 'th block of a random partition of V_i into t blocks of equal size l_i . Alternatively, one can view the i 'th vertex class of $S(j)$ as the elements $l_i(j-1) + 1, \dots, l_i j$ of a random permutation of V_i for $i = 1, \dots, r$. Therefore, Let π_i be a random permutation of V_i . Thus, for $i = 1, \dots, r$, $\pi_i(l) \in V_i$ for $l = 1, \dots, l_i t$. We define the a 'th vertex of i 'th vertex class of $S(j)$ to be $\pi_i(l_i(j-1) + a)$ for $i = 1, \dots, r$ and $a = 1, \dots, l_i$.

We define the following events. For $2s-1$ vertex classes $V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}$ with $1 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_s \leq r$ and $1 \leq \beta_1 < \beta_2 < \dots < \beta_{s-1} \leq r-1$ for a block $S(j)$ where $1 \leq j \leq t$, and positive indices $a_{\alpha_i} \leq l_{\alpha_i}$, $b_{\beta_i} \leq l_{\beta_i}$, let x_{j,α_i} be the a_{α_i} 'th vertex of vertex class V_{α_i} in $S(j)$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$), let y_{j,β_k} be the b_{β_k} 'th vertex of vertex class V_{β_k} in $S(j)$ ($1 \leq k \leq s-1$). Denote by $A(V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, j, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})$ the event that $c(x_{j,\alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j,\alpha_s}) = c(y_{j,\beta_1}, \dots, y_{j,\beta_{s-1}}, w)$. We now prove the following claim.

Claim 1 *If $d_B(w) \leq t/2$ then there exist $V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}}$ and there exists $J \subset \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$ with $|J| > t/(khr)^{2s-1}$ such that for each $j \in J$ the event $A(V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, j, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})$ holds.*

Proof of Claim 1. If $d_B(w) \leq t/2$ then there exists $J' \subset \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$ with $|J'| > t/2$ such that for each $j \in J'$ some event $A(\dots, j, \dots)$ holds. There are $\binom{r}{s}$ choices for $V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}$, $\binom{r-1}{s-1}$ choices for $V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}$, and at most kh choices for each of $a_{\alpha_i}, b_{\beta_i}$. Hence there exist $V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}}$ and some $J \subset J'$ with

$$|J| \geq \frac{|J'|}{\binom{r}{s} \binom{r-1}{s-1} (kh)^{2s-1}} > \frac{t}{(khr)^{2s-1}},$$

such that for each $j \in J$ the event

$$A(V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, j, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})$$

holds. So we complete the proof of Claim 1. □

For each subset $J \subset \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$ of cardinality $|J| = \lceil t/(khr)^{2s-1} \rceil$, let

$$\begin{aligned} & A(J, V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}}) \\ &= \bigcap_{j \in J} A(V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, j, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}}). \end{aligned}$$

Claim 2 *If the probability of each of the events*

$$A(J, V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})$$

is smaller than $k^{-2s} h^{-2s+1} r^{-2s+1} 2^{-t} t^{-1}$ for each subset $J \subset \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$ of cardinality $|J| = \lceil t/(khr)^{2s-1} \rceil$, then $\Pr\{d_B(w) \leq t/2\} < 1/kt$.

Proof of Claim 2. From Claim 1 and the fact that there are less than 2^t possible choices for J and less than $(khr)^{2s-1}$ possible choices for $V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}}$ where $a_{\alpha_i} \leq l_{\alpha_i}$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$) and $b_{\beta_i} \leq l_{\beta_i}$ ($1 \leq i \leq s-1$), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{d_B(v) \leq t/2\} &\leq \sum_J \Pr\{A(J, V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})\} \\ &< 2^t (khr)^{2s-1} k^{-2s} h^{-2s+1} r^{-2s+1} 2^{-t} t^{-1} = 1/kt, \end{aligned}$$

where the sum is taken over all the events

$$A(J, V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})$$

with $J \subset \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$ of cardinality $\lceil t/(khr)^{2s-1} \rceil$. $\square$

By Claim 2, in order to complete the proof of Theorem 1 it suffices to prove the following claim.

Claim 3 *Let $1 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_s \leq r$, $1 \leq \beta_1 < \beta_2 < \dots < \beta_{s-1} \leq r-1$, $a_{\alpha_i} \leq l_{\alpha_i}$ ($1 \leq i \leq s$) and $b_{\beta_i} \leq l_{\beta_i}$ ($1 \leq i \leq s-1$). If $J \subset \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$ of cardinality $|J| = \lceil t/(khr)^{2s-1} \rceil$, then*

$$\Pr\{A(J, V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})\} < \frac{1}{k^{2s} h^{2s-1} r^{2s-1} 2^t t}.$$

Proof of Claim 3. For convenience, let

$$A = A(J, V_{\alpha_1}, \dots, V_{\alpha_s}, V_{\beta_1}, \dots, V_{\beta_{s-1}}, a_{\alpha_1}, \dots, a_{\alpha_s}, b_{\beta_1}, \dots, b_{\beta_{s-1}})$$

and $\Delta = \lceil t/(khr)^{2s-1} \rceil$. We may assume, without loss of generality, that $J = \{1, \dots, \Delta\}$. For $j \in J$, let x_{j, α_i} be the a_{α_i} 'th vertex of vertex class V_{α_i} in $S(j)$, let y_{j, α_i} be the b_{β_i} 'th vertex of vertex class V_{β_i} in $S(j)$. Suppose that we are given the identity of the $(2s-1)(j-1) + s-1$ vertices

$$x_{1, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{1, \alpha_s}, y_{1, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{1, \beta_{s-1}}, \dots, x_{j-1, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j-1, \alpha_s}, y_{j-1, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j-1, \beta_{s-1}}$$

and $y_{j, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j, \beta_{s-1}}$ (we assume here that all vertices are distinct otherwise $\Pr\{A\} = 0$ for our edge coloring is proper). If we can show that given this information, the probability that $c(x_{j, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j, \alpha_s}) = c(y_{j, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j, \beta_{s-1}}, w)$ is less than q where q only depends on t, h, r, s, p , then, by the product formula of conditional probabilities we have $\Pr\{A\} < q^\Delta$. Thus, assume that we are given the identity of the $(2s-1)(j-1) + s-1$ vertices

$$x_{1, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{1, \alpha_s}, y_{1, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{1, \beta_{s-1}}, \dots, x_{j-1, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j-1, \alpha_s}, y_{j-1, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j-1, \beta_{s-1}}$$

and $y_{j, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j, \beta_{s-1}}$. In particular, we know the color $c(y_{j, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j, \beta_{s-1}}, v) = c$. Now we evaluate the probability that $c(x_{j, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j, \alpha_s}) = c$. For $1 \leq i \leq s$, let

$$\begin{aligned} V'_{j, \alpha_i} &= V_{\alpha_i} \setminus \{x_{1, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{1, \alpha_s}, y_{1, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{1, \beta_{s-1}}, \dots, x_{j-1, \alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j-1, \alpha_s}, \\ &\quad y_{j-1, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j-1, \beta_{s-1}}, y_{j, \alpha_1}, \dots, y_{j, \beta_{s-1}}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Each vertex of V'_{j,α_i} has an equal chance of being x_{j,α_i} . Thus, each edge of $V'_{j,\alpha_1} \times V'_{j,\alpha_1} \times \cdots \times V'_{j,\alpha_s}$ has an equal chance of being the edge $\{x_{j,\alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j,\alpha_s}\}$. Obviously, $|V'_{j,\alpha_i}| \geq tkh - 2\Delta$. Since our coloring is proper, the color c appears at most tkh times in $V'_{j,\alpha_1} \times V'_{j,\alpha_1} \times \cdots \times V'_{j,\alpha_s}$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{c(x_{j,\alpha_1}, \dots, x_{j,\alpha_s}) = c\} &\leq \frac{tkh}{|V'_{j,\alpha_1}| |V'_{j,\alpha_2}| \cdots |V'_{j,\alpha_s}|} \\ &\leq \frac{tkh}{(tkh - 2\Delta)^s} < \frac{tkh}{(tkh - tkh/2)^2} = \frac{tkh}{(tkh/2)^s}. \end{aligned}$$

It is not difficult to check that

$$\left(\frac{tkh}{(tkh/2)^s} \right)^{\frac{t}{(khr)^{2s-1}}} < \frac{1}{k^{2s} h^{2s-1} r^{2s-1} 2^t t}$$

holds for sufficiently large t , an integer-valued function on k, h, r, s , by taking log both sides. It implies that for sufficiently large t , an integer-valued function on k, h, r, s , we have

$$\Pr\{A\} < \left(\frac{tkh}{(tkh/2)^s} \right)^\Delta \leq \left(\frac{tkh}{(tkh/2)^s} \right)^{\frac{t}{(khr)^{2s-1}}} < \frac{1}{k^{2s} h^{2s-1} r^{2s-1} 2^t t}.$$

This completes the proof of Claim 3.

So we have completed the induction step and the proof of Theorem 1. □

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