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Orthogonal Colourings of Random Geometric Graphs

An orthogonal colouring of a graph G = (V, E) is an injective assignment $f : V \to [k]^2$ of a pair of colours to each vertex of G, so that each coordinate constitutes a proper colouring. So if f(u) = (a, b), f(v) = (a', b') and u and v are adjacent, then $a \neq a'$ and $b \neq b'$. Since f is injective, every pair of colours occurs at most once on any vertex. We show results on the minimum number of colours needed for an orthogonal colouring of a regular type of grid graph, and use this to find orthogonal colourings of the random geometric graph GR(n, r). In particular, we investigate for which choice of parameters we have that GR(n, r) almost surely has an orthogonal colouring that uses every colour pair exactly once.