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Colourings of path systems

A path system of order n > 1 is a partition of the edges of the complete graph K_n into paths. A path system is said to be k-colourable if the vertex set of K_n can be partitioned into k sets called colour classes such that no path in the system is monochromatic. The system is k-chromatic if it is k-colourable but is not (k - 1)-colourable. If every k-colouring of a path system can be obtained from some k-colouring ϕ by a permutation of the colours, we say that the system is uniquely k-colourable. In this talk, we will see some results on k-colourings of path systems for all $k \ge 2$. We will also present some results on unique 2-colourings of path systems. This is a joint work with David Pike.