Signed colorings of generalized permutation arrays

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Overview

- Generalized permutation arrays
- Colorings of generalized permutation arrays
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- Applications

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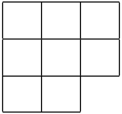

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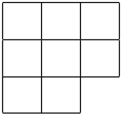

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Grassmann space is the ε-symmetry class of tensors.

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Example

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Since χ is sign uniform and there is a full coloring of Γ, we know that $N(\Gamma) \neq P(\Gamma)$, so u and v are not orthogonal.

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