

Distinct Volume Subsets: The Uncountable Case

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But note that our coloring f is definable in $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$, a *stable structure*. This gives us added leverage.

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Note: the volume of a simplex in \mathbb{R}^d is the square root of a certain polynomial (the Cayley-Menger determinant) in the coefficients of the vertices. Thus the coloring f on the previous slide really is definable in $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$.

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It is consistent with ZF that there is some uncountable $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ which has no uncountable 2-rainbow subset.

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