CSCE 420: Artificial Intelligence

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Tom Sawyer Abroad

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"Well, then, it's just as I reckoned. The professor lied." "Why?"

"Because if we was going so fast we ought to be past Illinois, oughtn't we?"

" Certainly."

"Well, we ain't."

"What's the reason we ain't?"

"I know by the color. We're right over Illinois yet. And you can see for yourself that Indiana ain't in sight."

"I wonder what's the matter with you, Huck. You know by the color ?"

"Yes, of course I do."

"What's the color got to do with it?"

"It's got everything to do with it. Illinois is green, Indiana is pink. You show me any pink down here, if you can. No, sir; it's green."

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"The map is not the territory." – Alfred Korzybski

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Figure 1: Letter in *The Athenæum* of June 10, 1854.

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Alfred Bray Kempe

Most famous fallacious proof in the whole of mathematics.

Believed to be true for 11 years, and was the starting point for many subsequent proofs.

Percy John Heawood found a counterexample.



Heinrich Heesch's Box of Reducible Configurations

From Robin Wilson's "Four Colors Suffice"

Solution in 1976 by Kenneth Appel and Wolfgang Haken

The first major theorem to be proven with extensive computer assistance

Aroused considerable controversy



Hardness

It is NP-Complete to decide whether a graph admits a coloring with k colors, except for k=1 and k=2.

Also: Zuckerman, D. (2007), "<u>Linear degree extractors and the</u> <u>inapproximability of Max Clique and Chromatic Number</u>", Theory of Computing 3: 103–128.

He showed that unless P=NP, no poly-time algorithm computes the chromatic number of a graph with *n* vertices up to a factor of $n^{l-\varepsilon}$ for any fixed $\varepsilon > 0$.

- Allocating frequencies to mobile phone cells
- Laying out components on circuit board
- Fitting a protein structure to measurements
- Drawing up an examination timetable

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