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$\chi\text{-boundedness}$ of graphs with no cycles with k chords

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A family \mathcal{H} of graphs is said to be χ -bounded, if there is a function $f : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ such that for every graph $H \in \mathcal{H}$ the chromatic number $\chi(H)$ of H is at most $f(\omega)$, where ω is the clique number of H. We show that the family of graphs that do not have a cycle with exactly k chords is χ -bounded, for every large enough k. This proves a conjecture of Aboulker and Bousquet (2015) for sufficiently large k. Joint work with Shoham Letzter and Alexey Pokrovskiy.

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