

Another look at an idea of Amin and Slater  
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Suppose that  $G$  is a finite simple graph and  $f$  is a function from  $V(G)$  into the set  $\{\text{even, odd}\}$ ;  $f$  is a *parity assignment* to  $V(G)$ . In a definition due to A.T. Amin and P.J. Slater, proposed at this conference in 1992, a subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is an *f-neighborhood-dominating set* iff for each vertex  $v$  of  $G$ ,  $|N[v] \cap S|$  has parity  $f(v)$ . (In this case,  $S$  *realizes*  $f$ .) If such an  $S$  exists for every parity assignment to  $V(G)$ ,  $G$  is declared to be an All Parity Realizable (APR) graph.

Amin and Slater were (impishly?) aware that  $f$ -neighborhood-dominating sets are not necessarily dominating. This raises a number of questions, such as: for which graphs  $G$  is there a **dominating**  $f$ -neighborhood-dominating set in  $G$  for every parity assignment  $f$  to  $V(G)$ ? [Spoiler alert: no, wait, I'm not going to spoil it for you. False alarm.] Besides this we will consider: given  $G$  and an integer  $q > 2$ , for which assignments  $g$  of congruence classes mod  $q$  to the vertices of  $G$  can there be subsets of  $V(G)$  "realizing"  $g$ , in the sense analogous to that of Amin and Slater, in the case  $q = 2$ ?