## Properly coloured spanning trees in an edge coloured random graph

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Given a number of colours  $k \ge 1$ , we consider the probability space  $\mathcal{G}_{n,p}^k$  of edge-coloured random graphs, whose elements are produced by first generating a graph G in the Erdős-Rényi probability space  $\mathcal{G}_{n,p}$  and then colouring each edge of G independently and uniformly with a colour from the set  $[k] = \{1, \ldots, k\}$ . We determine the threshold function  $p = p_k(n)$  for the property that such an edge-coloured random graph contains a properly coloured spanning tree, for all fixed  $k \ge 3$ . It turns out to coincide with the connectivity threshold, which is  $\log(n)/n$ . This contrasts with the case k = 2, where the threshold is known to be  $2\log(n)/n$  in light of recent work by Espig, Frieze and Krivelevich. Among other ingredients, we obtained a new result about maximum matchings in  $\mathcal{G}_{n,p}$ .

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