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Turán-Ramsey theorems and simple asymptotically extremal structures. (In English)

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Let  $L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_r$  be given graphs ("forbidden" graphs), and let n be a positive integer and f a given function;  $\alpha(G)$  denotes the maximum number of independent vertices in a graph G;  $\operatorname{RT}(n, L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_r, f(n))$  denotes the maximum number of edges in a graph  $G_n$  on n vertices, having  $\alpha(G_n) \leq f(n)$ , whose edges may be coloured in r colours so that the subgraph of the *i*th colour contains no  $L_i$  (i = 1, 2, ..., r); the results of this paper generally apply to the case f(n) = o(n), and the maximum is usually denoted by  $\operatorname{RT}(n, L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_r, o(n))$ . A sequence  $(S_n)$  of graphs for which  $\alpha(S_n) \leq f(n)$  and  $S_n$  has  $\operatorname{RT}(n, L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_r, f(n)) + o(n^2)$  edges, is asymptotically extremal for  $\operatorname{RT}(n, L_1, L_2, \dots, L_r, f(n))$  if the edges of  $S_n$ may be r- coloured so that the subgraph of the *i*th colour contains no  $L_i$  $(i = 1, \ldots, r)$ . In Theorem 2 a construction of B. Bollobás and P. Erdős [On a Ramsey-Turán type problem, J. Comb. Theory, Series B 21, 166-168 (1976; Zbl 337.05134)] used to prove that  $\operatorname{RT}(n, K_4, o(n)) \geq \frac{1}{8}n^2 - o(n^2)$  is generalized to prove the existence of a sequence of graphs that is asymptotically extremal for  $\operatorname{RT}(n, K_{k_1}, K_{k_2}, \ldots, K_{k_r}, o(n^2))$ , where  $k_1, k_2, \ldots, k_r$  are integers each exceeding 2. Let  $\vartheta(L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_r)$  denote the minimum real number such that  $RT(n, L_1, L_2, ..., L_r, f(n)) \leq \vartheta(L_1, L_2, ..., L_r)n^2 + o(n^2);$ in Theorem 3 the values of  $\vartheta(K_3, K_3)$ ,  $\vartheta(K_3, K_4)$ ,  $\vartheta(K_3, K_5)$ ,  $\vartheta(K_4, K_4)$  are determined, as well as an asymptotically extremal sequence for each case; it is shown that the distance between two such sequences - - i.e. the minimum number of edge additions/deletions needed to transform one such sequence into another – is  $o(n^2)$  in each case. Theorem 4: If p and q are odd integers, then  $\operatorname{RT}(n, C_p, C_q, o(n)) = \frac{1}{4}n^2 + o(n^2).$ 

The paper concludes with a list of open problems.

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