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Ramsey-remainder. (In English)

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The following general question is considered: Given a positive integer k, find the minimum number rr(k) such that any sufficiently large set S belonging to some class S can be decomposed into "regular" sets of size at least k with a remainder set of size at most rr(k). The number rr(k) is the Ramsey-remainder. It is shown for example, that if S is the set of all posets, and regularity refers to a poset being a chain or an antichain, then rr(k) = (k-1)(k-2) = r(k, k-1), where r(k, k-1) is the poset Ramsey number. A similar result is proved when S is the class of all finite r-uniform complete hypergraphs the edges of which are colored by c colors and a regular hypergraph is one that is monochromatic. In this case  $rr(k) = r_{c,k}(k) - 1$ . Other interesting Ramsey-remainder results are investigated, in particular, when S is the class of finite sets of points in general position in the plane and regularity refers to convexity. In this later case a sharp bound for the corresponding Ramsey-remainder number is obtained if the Erdős-Szekeres conjecture on the Ramsey number for convex sets in the plane is true.

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