

Let K_n = the complete graph on n vertices.

That is $K_n = (V, E)$, where

V = the vertices of $K_n = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$,

E = the edges of $K_n = \{\{v_i, v_j\} \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$

$K_1 =$ $K_2 =$ $K_3 =$ $K_4 =$

$K_5 =$ $K_6 =$

Example of a Ramsey theorem: In a group of 6 people, there are either 3 who know each other or 3 who are strangers to each other.

Ramsey number = $r(s, t) = \min\{n \mid \text{if the edges of } K_n \text{ are colored red and blue, then there exists either a red } K_s \text{ or a blue } K_t\}$

$r(3, 3) = 6$ $r(s, t) = r(t, s)$ $r(s, 2) = r(2, s) = s$

Thm (Erdos and Szekeres): $r(s, t)$ is finite for all $s, t \geq 2$. If $s > 2, t > 2$, then

$$r(s, t) \leq r(s - 1, t) + r(s, t - 1)$$

$$r(s, t) \leq \binom{s + t - 2}{s - 1}$$

$r(s_1, \dots, s_k) = \min\{n \mid \text{if the edges of } K_n \text{ are colored using } k \text{ colors, there exist an } i \text{ colored } K_{s_i}\}$

Hypergraph: (V, E) , $E \subset \mathcal{P}(V)$

$X^{(t)}$ = set of all t-tuples of X .

Ex: If $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$ then

$$X^{(2)} = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, c\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}\} = K_4$$

$$X^{(3)} = \{\{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}$$

$$X^{(4)} = \{\{a, b, c, d\}\}$$

A coloring of edges: $c : X^{(t)} \rightarrow \{\text{red}, \text{blue}\}$

$Y \subset X$ is a red n set if $|Y| = n$ and $c(Y^{(t)}) = \text{red}$.

$r_t(n_1, n_2) = \min\{m \mid |X| = m \text{ implies } X^{(t)} \text{ has a red } n_1 \text{ set or a blue } n_2 \text{ set}\}$

$$r_2(s, t) = r(s, t)$$