

1. (a) Fix a  $q$ -coloring  $\chi_0 : E(K_n) \rightarrow \llbracket q \rrbracket$ . Prove that for every  $\sigma > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that the following holds. If a coloring  $\chi : E(K_N) \rightarrow \llbracket q \rrbracket$  does not contain  $\chi_0$  as an induced subcoloring, then there exists a set  $S \subseteq V(K_N)$  with  $|S| \geq \delta N$  and an index  $i \in \llbracket q \rrbracket$ , such that at most  $\sigma \binom{|S|}{2}$  of the edges in  $S$  are colored by color  $i$  under  $\chi$ .
- (b) Prove that the  $q = 2$  case of part (a) is equivalent to Rödl's theorem, Theorem 6.3.3.
- (c) You might have expected the multicolor generalization of Rödl's theorem to say that *all colors but one* have edge density at most  $\sigma$  in  $S$ . Prove that such a statement is false, even in the case  $n = q = 3$ .

More precisely, show that there is a  $E(K_N) \rightarrow \llbracket 3 \rrbracket$  such that no triangle receives all three colors, but such that every linearly-sized subset has edge density at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  in at least two of the colors.

- ⊕2. Let  $G$  be a random  $N$ -vertex graph, where each edge is included independently with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Prove that, with positive probability,  $G$  has the following property for sufficiently large  $N$ , where  $C > 0$  is an absolute constant. Every subset  $S \subseteq V(G)$  with  $|S| \geq C \log N$  satisfies  $\frac{1}{3} \leq d(S) \leq \frac{2}{3}$ .

This result shows that if we drop the assumption that  $G$  is induced- $H$ -free, then nothing like Theorem 6.3.3 could possibly be true.

3. A graph  $H$  is said to have the *Erdős–Hajnal property* if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$ , depending only on  $H$ , such that every induced- $H$ -free  $N$ -vertex graph has a clique or an independent set of size at least  $N^\varepsilon$ . Recall that the Erdős–Hajnal conjecture asserts that all graphs have the Erdős–Hajnal property.
  - (a) Prove that if  $H = K_k$  is a complete graph, then  $H$  has the Erdős–Hajnal property.
  - (b) Prove that if  $H$  has the Erdős–Hajnal property, then so does its complement graph  $\overline{H}$ .
  - ★(c) Let  $P_4$  denote the four-vertex path graph. Prove that if  $G$  is an induced- $P_4$ -free graph, then either  $G$  or  $\overline{G}$  is disconnected. Using this, prove that  $P_4$  has the Erdős–Hajnal property.
4. A graph  $G$  is *minimally Ramsey* for  $H$  if  $G$  is Ramsey for  $H$ , but any proper subgraph  $G' \subsetneq G$  is not Ramsey for  $H$ .  $H$  is called *Ramsey finite* if there are only a finite number of minimally Ramsey graphs for  $H$ , and *Ramsey infinite* otherwise.
  - (a) Let  $G = K_3 * C_\ell$ , where  $\ell \geq 3$  is odd. Prove that  $G$  is minimally Ramsey for  $K_3$ . Conclude that  $K_3$  is Ramsey infinite.
  - (b) Determine the set of Ramsey minimal graphs for  $K_{1,2}$ .
  - ★(c) Prove that  $K_{1,k}$  is Ramsey finite if and only if  $k$  is odd.
  - ★(d) Prove that every tree which is not a star is Ramsey infinite.

5. A graph  $G$  is called *q-minimally Ramsey* for a graph  $H$  if  $G$  is Ramsey for  $H$  in  $q$  colors, but any proper subgraph  $G' \subsetneq G$  is not Ramsey for  $H$  in  $q$  colors.
- Prove that if  $G$  is  $q$ -minimally Ramsey for  $H$ , then every edge of  $G$  lies in at least  $q$  copies of  $H$ .
  - Prove that if  $G$  is  $q$ -minimally Ramsey for  $H$ , then  $G$  has at least  $q^{e(H)-1}$  copies of  $H$ .
  - Prove Proposition 7.1.9.
6. Prove that for every  $n, q \geq 2$ , there exists some  $N$  such that  $K_{N,N}$  is  $q$ -color induced Ramsey for  $K_{n,n}$ .
- ⊕7. (a) Prove that for any  $\ell \geq 4$ , the cycle  $C_\ell$  is a subgraph of a triangle tree (and hence Ramsey obligatory for  $K_3$ ).
- (b) Prove that  $K_4$  is not a subgraph of any triangle tree.
- ⊕★8. Prove Theorem 7.1.3 from Theorem 7.1.5. You should in fact assume the following strengthening of Theorem 7.1.5; in the same setup as in the theorem statement, we have that

$$\Pr(G \text{ is Ramsey for } H \text{ in } q \text{ colors}) \begin{cases} \geq 1 - e^{-cpN^2} & \text{if } p \geq CN^{-1/m_2(H)}, \\ \leq e^{-cpN^2} & \text{if } p \leq cN^{-1/m_2(H)}. \end{cases}$$

*Hint:* Use Harris's inequality (or the FKG inequality).