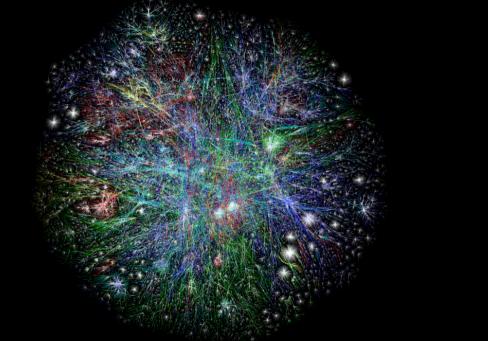
FLAG ALGEBRAS AND ITS APPLICATION

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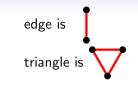


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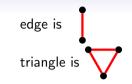
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- "Proof" of Mantel's theorem
- Erdős Pentagon Problem and inducibility
- Crossing numbers
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- ε -similar triangles
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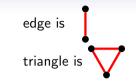
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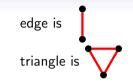


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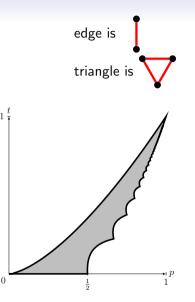
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Seminal paper: Razborov, Flag Algebras, *Journal of Symbolic Logic* **72** (2007), 1239–1282. David P. Robbins Prize by AMS for Razborov in 2013 over 300 citations (on google)



EXAMPLE

If density of edges is p, what is the minimum density of triangles?

- Designed to attack extremal problems.
- Works well if constraints as well as desired value can be computed by checking small subgraphs (or average over small subgraphs).
- The results are for the limit as graphs get very large.

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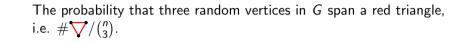


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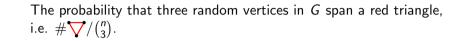


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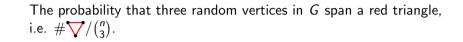


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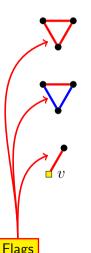


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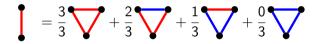
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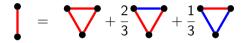


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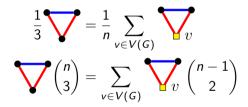
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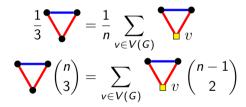
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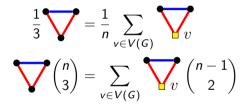
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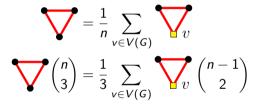
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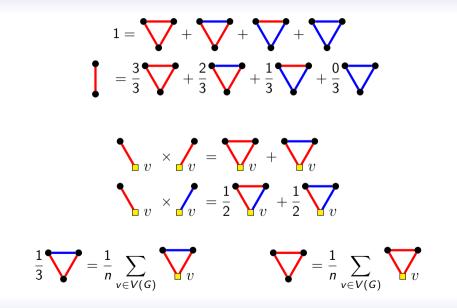


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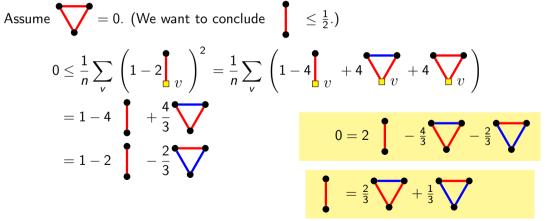
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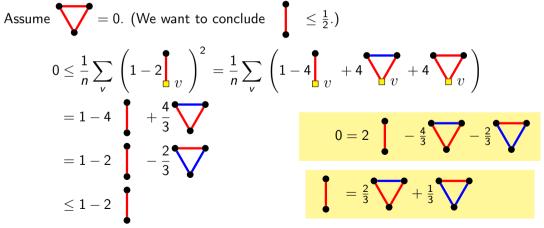
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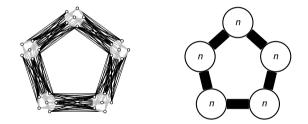
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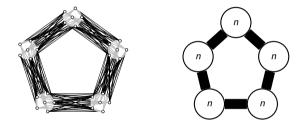
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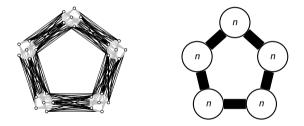


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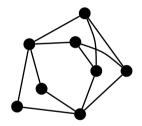
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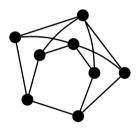


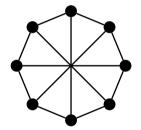
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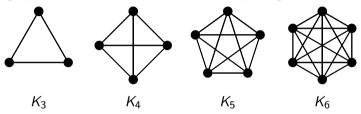




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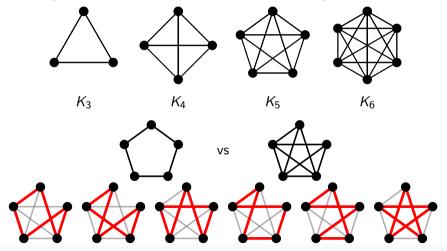
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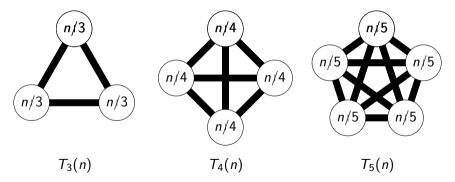
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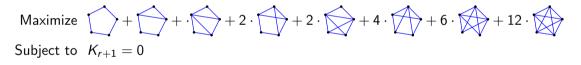


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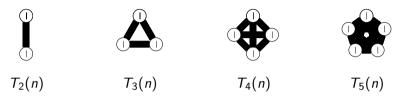
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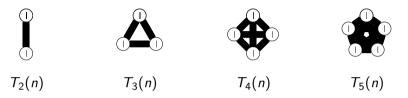
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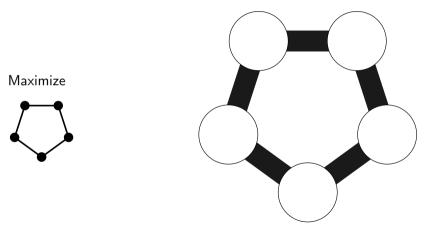
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THEOREM (ALON, SHIKHELMAN (2015)) $e_X(n, \#K_3, C_5) \le (1 + o(1))\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}n^{3/2}$

Recent results by Gerbner+Palmer, Ma+Qui, Qian+Xie+Ge, Murphy+Nir

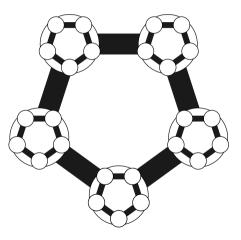
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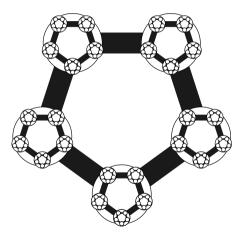




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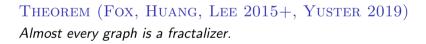
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Can you find some? Other than K_n or $\overline{K_n}$.





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THEOREM (L., MATTESS, PFENDER 2023) 5-cycle is almost a fractalizer; exception on 8 vertices.

THEOREM (BLUMENTHAL, PHILLIPS, 2021+) Net is a fractalizer if on 6^k vertices.

THEOREM (MUBAYI, RAZBOROV 2021)

Rainbow tournaments on at least 4 vertices are fractalizers.

Graph fractalizers need at least 8 vertices.



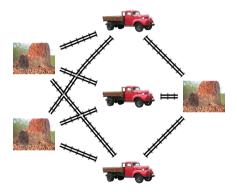
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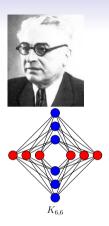
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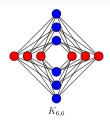
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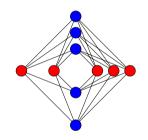
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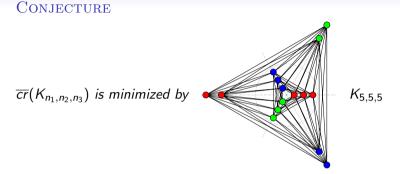








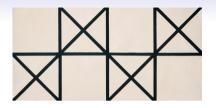
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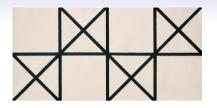
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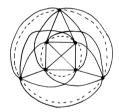


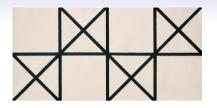
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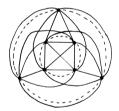




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TUÁN TYPE RESULT



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- Color vertices to indicate parts.
- For every {(*a*, *b*), (*c*, *d*)}, where *a*, *b*, *c*, *d* are vertices remember if edges *ab* and *cd* cross or not.
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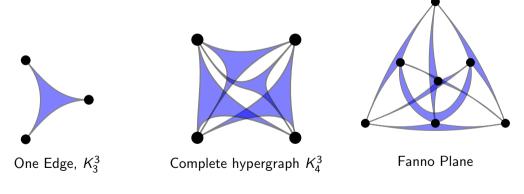
For complete graphs

- For every vertex remember clockwise order of its neighbors.
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ℓ_2 -norm in Turán Type Problems

Hypergraph Setting

3-uniform hypergraphs have triples of vertices as edges.



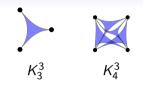
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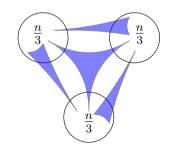
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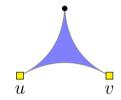
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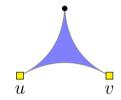
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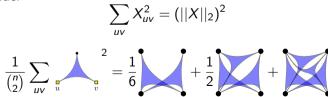
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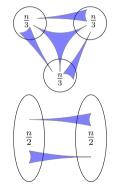
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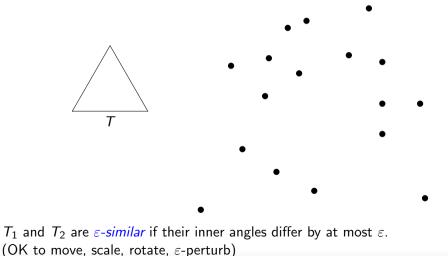
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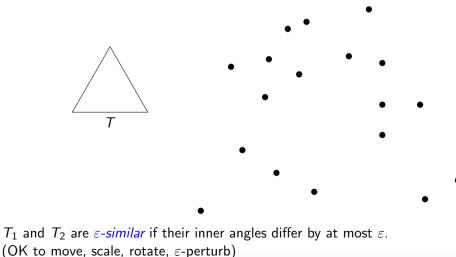
Future: Better exactness methods and other settings applications.

ε -similar Triangles

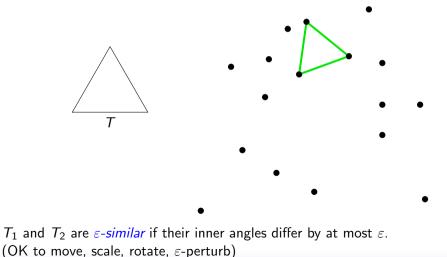
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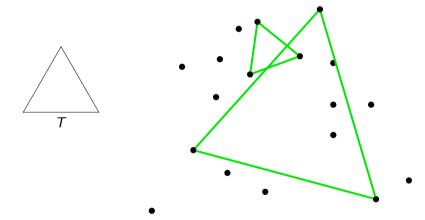
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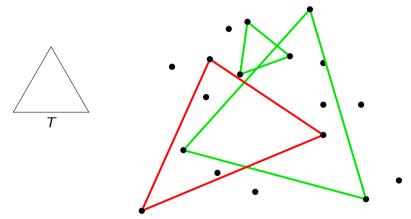


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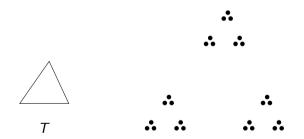
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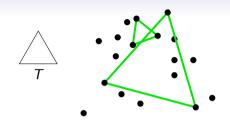
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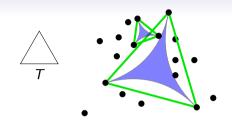
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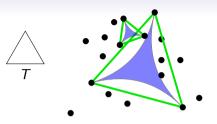


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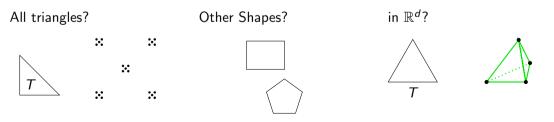
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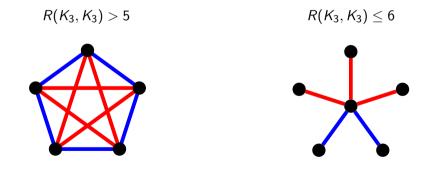
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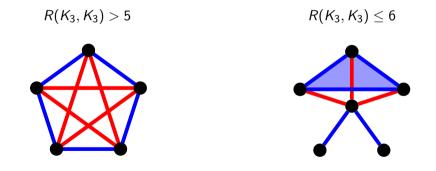
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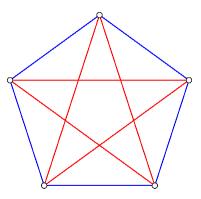


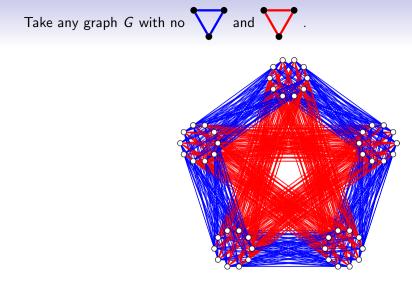


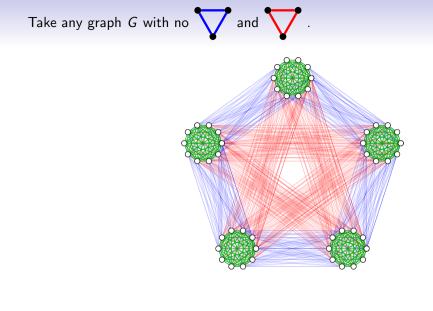
[Erdős] Suppose aliens invade the earth and threaten to obliterate it. in a year's time unless human beings can find the Ramsey number for red five and blue five. We could marshal the world's best minds and fastest computers, and within a year we could probably calculate the value. If the aliens demanded the Ramsev number for red six and blue six. however, we would have no choice but to launch a preemptive attack.

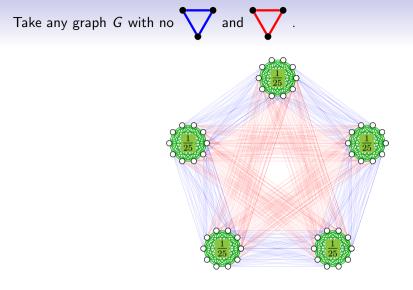


Take any graph G with no \bigvee and \bigvee .









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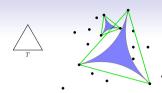
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NEW UPPER BOUNDS (L., PFENDER 2021)

Problem	Lower	New upper	Old upper
$R(K_4^-, K_8^-)$	29	32	38
$R(K_{4}^{-}, K_{9}^{-})$	31	46	53
$R(K_4, K_7^-)$	37	49	52
$R(K_{5}^{-}, K_{6}^{-})$	31	38	39
$R(K_{5}^{-}, K_{7}^{-})$	40	65	66
$R(K_5, K_6^-)$	43	62	66
$R(K_5, K_7^-)$	58	102	110
$R(K_{6}^{-}, K_{7}^{-})$	59	124	135
$R(K_{7}, K_{4}^{-})$	28	29	30
$R(K_8, K_4^-)$	29	39	42
$R(K_8, C_5)$	29	29	33
$R(K_9, C_5)$	33	36	
$R(K_9, C_6)$	41	41	
$R(K_9, C_7)$	49	58	
$R(K_{2,2,2}, K_{2,2,2})$	30	32	60?

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$R(K_{3,4}, K_{2,5})$		20	21
$R(K_{3,4}, K_{3,3})$		20	25
$R(K_{3,4}, K_{3,4})$		25	30
$R(K_{3,5}, K_{1,6})$	17	17	
$R(K_{3,5}, K_{2,4})$	16	20	
$R(K_{3,5}, K_{2,5})$	21	23	
$R(K_{3,5}, K_{3,3})$		24	28
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$R(K_{4,4}, K_{4,4})$	30	49	62
$R(W_7, W_4)$		21	
$R(W_7, W_5)$		16	
$R(W_7, W_6)$		19	
$R(B_4, B_5)$	17	19	20
$R(B_3, B_6)$	17	19	22
$R(B_5, B_6)$	22	24	26

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$R(W_5, K_6)$	33	36	
$R(W_5, K_7)$	43	50	
$R(Q_3, Q_3)$	13	13	14
$R(K_3, C_5, C_5)$	17	17	21?
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Thank you for your attention!

