

Two Triangles

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Pedagogical Point In this class we then did hypergraphs so we stated the above theorem in terms of coloring $\binom{[6]}{2}$. In this talk it will be helpful to use graphs.

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2. There exists a 2-coloring of the edges of K_5 that does not have 2 mono K_3 's.

Proof of K_6 Two Triangles Theorem

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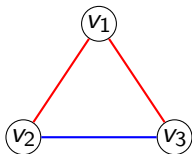
Proof Let COL be a 2-coloring of the edges of K_6 .

Let R , B , M , be the SET of RED, BLUE, and MIXED triangles.

$$|R| + |B| + |M| = \binom{6}{3} = 20.$$

We show that $|M| \leq 18$, so $|R| + |B| \geq 2$.

A Mixed Triangle Has a Vertex Such That



- ▶ (v_2, v_1) is red, (v_2, v_3) is blue. View this as $(v_2, \{v_1, v_3\})$.
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We could map every mixed triangle to $\binom{V \times \binom{V}{2}}{2}$ but that would be a mess and not quite right anyway.

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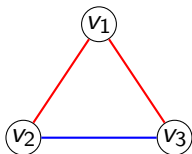
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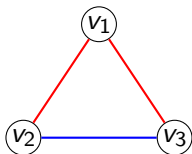
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