

# STABILITY AND RAMSEY NUMBERS FOR CYCLES AND WHEELS

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We study the structure of red-blue edge-colorings of a complete graph, in such a way that certain graphs don't appear as monochromatic subgraphs. More concretely, we consider the case of an odd positive integer  $n$ , and forbidden monochromatic graphs given by a red  $n$ -cycle  $C_n$  and a blue  $n$ -wheel  $W_n = C_n + K_1$ . Our main result is that if complete graph  $G$  of appropriate size has a red-blue edge-coloring of its edges in a way such that  $C_n$  is not a red subgraph of  $G$  nor  $W_n$  is a blue subgraph of  $G$ ; then deleting at most two vertices we obtain a partition of the vertices of  $G$  in three sets such that the edges with both ends in the same element of the partition are colored red, and blue otherwise.

We can see this result as a generalization of results previously shown by Nikiforov and Schelp, in the case where the forbidden monochromatic subgraphs are odd cycles.

As a secondary result of our proof, we obtain two bounds for the Ramsey number of  $r(C_{2k+1}, W_{2k+1})$ : one is tighter for small values of  $k$ , and the other is better in the asymptotic case. The exact values for  $r(C_{2k+1}, W_{2k+1})$  are presently an open problem. Our bounds are a rough approximation to the conjectured values and show that they are, at least, asymptotically true.

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