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On complete subgraphs of r-chromatic graphs. (In English)

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Let $G_r(n)$ be an r-chromatic graph with n vertices in each colour class. Suppose $G = G_3(n)$, and $\delta(G)$, the minimal degree in G, is at least $n + t(t \ge 1)$. We prove that G contains at least t^3 triangles but does not have to contain more than $4t^3$ of them. Furthermore, we give lower bounds for s such that G contains a complete 3-partite graph with s vertices in each class. Let

 $f_r(n) = \max\{\delta(G) : G = G_r(n), G \text{ does not contain a complete graph with } r \text{ vertices}\}.$

We obtain various results on $f_r(n)$. In particular, we prove that if $c_r = \lim_{n\to\infty} f_r(n)/n$, then $\lim_{r\to\infty} (c_r - (r-2)) \ge 1/2$ and we conjecture that equality holds. We prove several other results and state a number of unsolved problems.

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