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Ramsey-minimal graphs for star-forests. (In English)

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Let G and H denote two given graphs. A graph F is (G,H)-minimal of whenever each edge of F is coloured red or blue the red subgraph contains a copy of G or the blue subgraph contains a copy of B and, furthermore, no proper subgraph of F has this property. The pair (G,H) is Ramsey-finite or Ramsey- infinite according as there are a finite or infinite number of (G,H)-minimal graphs. The authors partially solve the problem of classifying the star-forests (i.e. forests of stars) G and H for which (G, H) is Ramsey-finite. They show, among other things, that if G and H are star-forests with no single-edge components, then (G,H) is Ramsey-finite if and only of both G and H are single stars with an odd number of edges.

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