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Some extremal results in cochromatic and dichromatic theory. (In English)

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For a graph G, the cochromatic number of G, denoted z(G), is the least m for which there is a partition of the vertex set of G having order m, where each part induces a complete or empty graph. Given a digraph D, the dichromatic number d(D) of D is the order of the smallest partition of V(D) where each part induces an acyclic digraph. For an undirected graph G, the dichromatic number of G, denoted d(G), is the maximum dichromatic number of all orientations of G. Let m be an integer; by d(m) is denoted the minimum size of all graphs G where d(G) = m. In this paper it is proved that if $\{G_n\}$ is a family of graphs such that $z(G_n) = n$, then there is a positive c such that the size of G_n is at least $cn^2 \log^2 n$; also $d(n) = \theta(n^2 \ln^2 n)$ holds. The proof uses R. M. Wilson's asymptotic results about the existence of pairwise balanced designs [J. Comb. Theory, Ser. A 18, 71-79 (1975; Zbl 295.05002)].

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