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**Zbl 857.05077****Erdős, Paul; Gallai, Tibor; Tuza, Zsolt***Covering and independence in triangle structures.* (In English)**Discrete Math.** **150**, No.1-3, 89-101 (1996). [0012-365X]

A graph is triangular if each edge is contained in at least one triangle. In the paper under review, several results concerning the following two invariants are proved. For  $i = 1, 2$  we have: (1)  $\alpha_i(G)$  is the smallest cardinality of an edge set containing at least  $i$  edges of each triangle, and (2)  $\tau_i(G)$  is the largest cardinality of an edge set containing at most  $i$  edges of each triangle. For example, every triangular graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices satisfies  $\alpha_i(G) \leq \lfloor (n-1)^2/4 \rfloor$ , and every connected graph with  $n$  vertices satisfies  $\alpha_1(G) \geq (n-1)/2$ . There is a positive constant  $c$  such that  $\alpha_1(G) + \tau_1(G) \geq ce^{2/3}$  holds for every graph  $G$  with  $e$  edges and  $\alpha_1(G) + \tau_1(G) \leq e - ce^{1/3}$  for every triangular graph with  $e$  edges.

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