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Schur's Theorem

$$r_k = R(\underbrace{3, 3, \dots, 3}_k; 2)$$

Minimum n such that if you k -color the edges of K_n then there must be a monochromatic triangle

Theorem

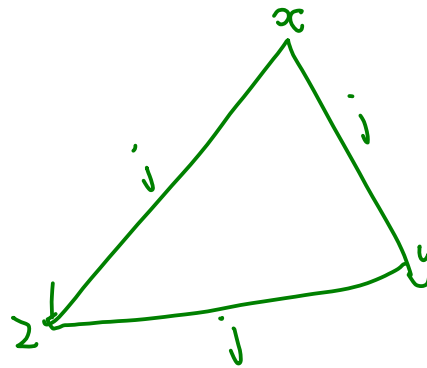
if $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$ is a partition of $\{1, 2, \dots, r_k\}$
then $\exists i$ and $x, y, z \in S_i$ such that $x + y = z$.

Given $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k$ and $n = r_k(3, \dots, 3; 2)$

we define a k -coloring of the edges of K_n .

if (u, v) is an edge of K_n and $|u - v| \in S_j$
 then we color (u, v) with j .

$\exists$ a mono-chromatic triangle



$$x > y > z$$

$$a = x - y \in S_j \quad a + b = c$$

$$b = y - z \in S_j$$

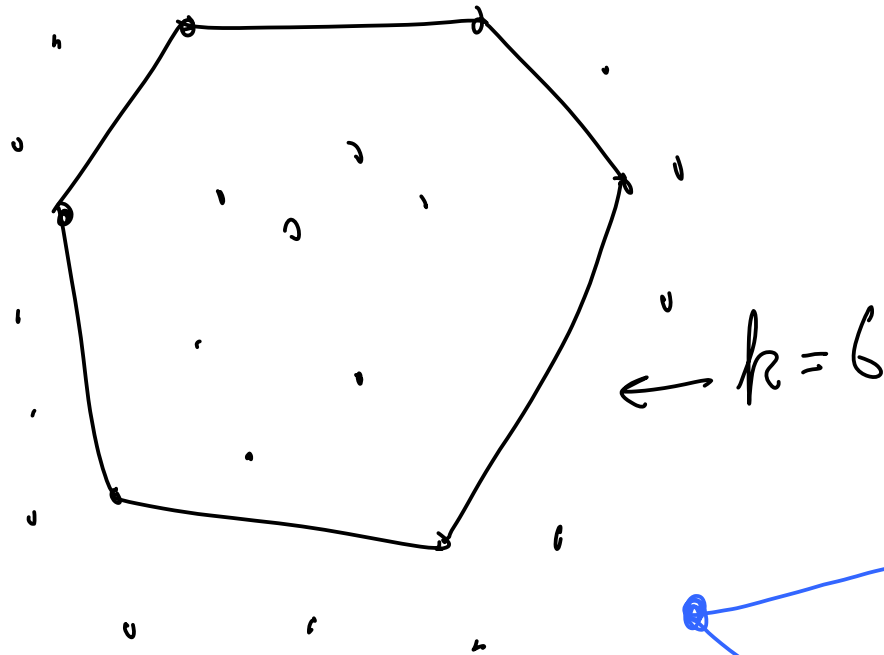
$$c = x - z \in S_j$$

A set of n points X in the plane
is in general position if no 3 points
are collinear.

Theorem

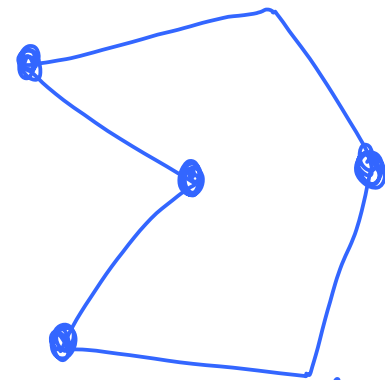
If $n \geq R(k, k; 3)$ then X contains
a set of points Y , $|Y| = k$, such
that Y is the set of vertices of
a convex polygon. (Happy Ending Theorem)

If we 2-color all the 3-tuples in (n)
then $\exists$ a k -set all of whose
3-subsets have same color



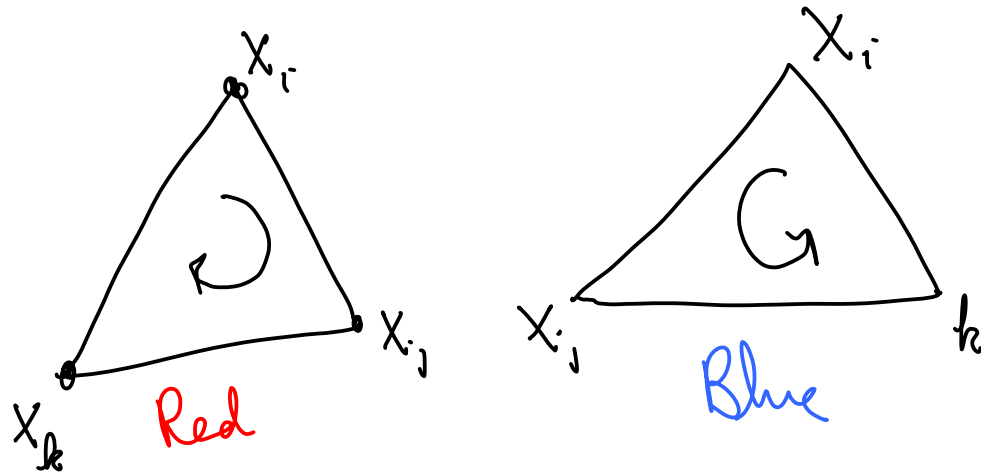
Observation

If every 4-subset of Y is convex then Y is convex.



So we must find a k -set all of whose 4-sets are convex.

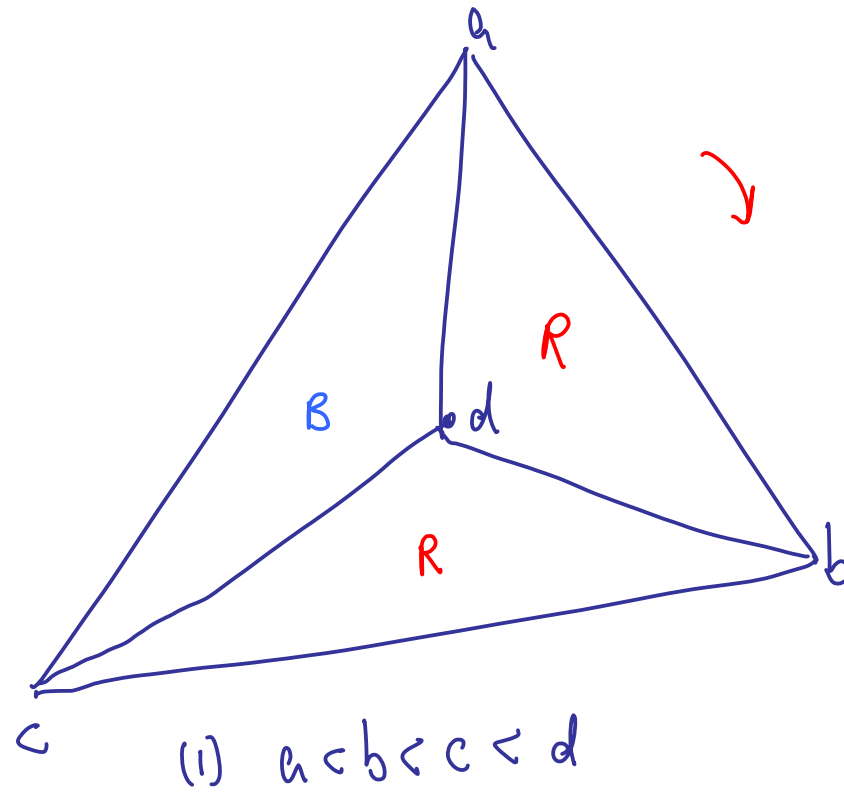
To apply "Ramsey" we must color the triples.

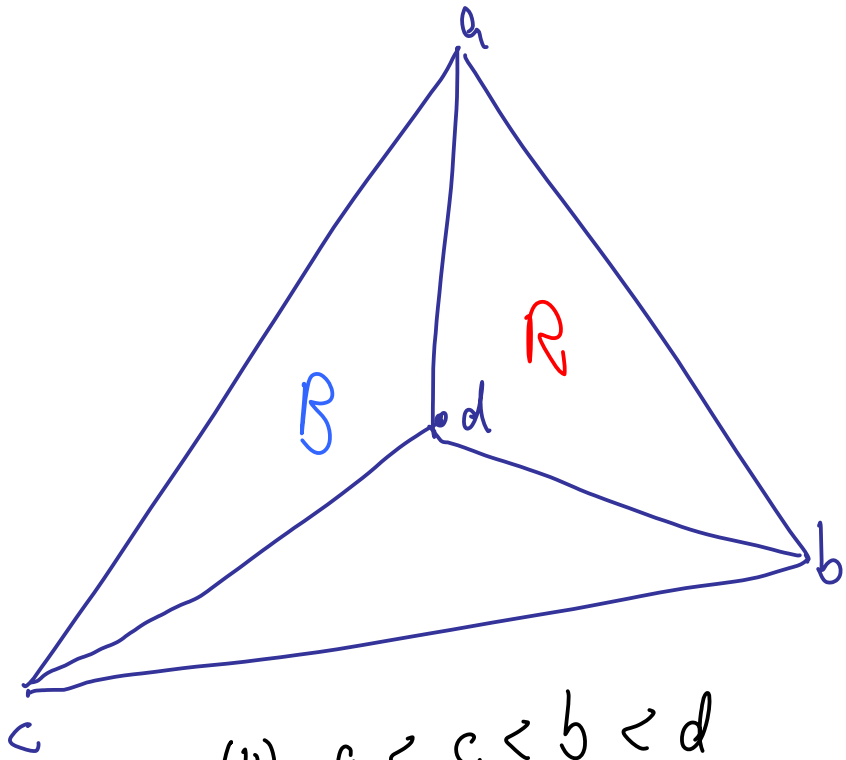


$$l < i < k$$

Each 3-tuple is given an orientation.

Ramsey says that: $\exists$ a k -tuple all of whose
triples have same color. $\Rightarrow$  $\nexists$





(ii) $a < c < b < d$

