

## Saturation in multipartite graphs

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### **Resumo/Abstract:**

Given natural numbers  $n, k, r$ , let  $sat(n, k, r)$  be the minimum number of edges in a  $k$ -partite graph with  $k$  parts, each of size  $n$ , such that it is  $K_r$ -free but the addition of an edge joining any two non-adjacent vertices from different parts creates a  $K_r$ . Ferrara, Jacobson, Pfender and Wenger determined  $sat(n, k, 3)$  for  $n \geq 100$ . Roberts showed that  $sat(n, 4, 4) = 18n - 21$  for sufficiently large  $n$ . We prove that  $sat(n, k, r)$  is linear in  $n$  for fixed  $k, r$  and we determine the constant in front of  $n$  for some values of  $k, r$ .