

Combinatorics – Tổ Hợp

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1 Wikipedia’s

1.1 Wikipedia/extremal combinatorics

“*Extremal combinatorics* is a field of mathematics, which is itself a part of mathematics. Extremal combinatorics studies how large or how small a collection of finite objects (numbers, graphs, vectors, sets, etc.) can be, if it has to satisfy certain restrictions.

Much of extremal combinatorics concerns **classes** of sets; this is called *extremal set theory*. E.g., in an n -element set, what is the largest number of k -element subsets that can pairwise intersect one another? What is the largest number of subsets of which more contains any other? The latter question is answered by **Sperner’s theorem**, which gave rise to much of extremal set theory.

Another kind of example: How many people can be invited to a party where among each 3 people there are 2 who know each other & 2 who don’t know each other? **Ramsey theory** shows: at most 5 persons can attend such a party (see **Theorem on Friends & Strangers**). Or, suppose given a finite set of nonzero integers, & are asked to mark as large a subset as possible of this set under the restriction that the sum of any 2 marked integers cannot be marked. It appears that (independent of what the given integers actually are) we can always mark at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of them.” – [Wikipedia/extremal combinatorics](#)

2 Miscellaneous

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