

Combinatorics, 2018 Fall, USTC

Homework8

- The due is on Thursday, Nov. 22 .
- Please sign your name and student number.
- Please solve as many problems as you can.

1. Suppose five points are chosen inside an equilateral triangle with side length 1. Show that there is at least one pair of points whose distance apart is at most $\frac{1}{2}$.
2. Show that the generalized Ramsey number $R_k(s_1, \dots, s_k) < \infty$, where $k \geq 2$, $s_i \geq 2$, $i \in [k]$.
3. Show that the condition in the Erdős-Szekers Theorem is best possible, that is, there exists a sequence of st different real numbers which has neither increasing subsequence of length $s + 1$ nor decreasing subsequence of length $t + 1$.
4. Show that $R(s + 1, t + 1) \geq st + 1$.
5. Prove that $2^k < R_k(3, 3, \dots, 3) \leq (k + 1)!$.
6. For any point $p \in R^d$ in d -dimension, write $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_d)$. A set P of points in R^d is called good, if for each $i \in [d]$, the i -th coordinates of these points are distinct. A sequence of points in R^d is called monotone if it is monotone in each of its coordinate. Show that in any good set P of $l^{2^d} + 1$ points in R^d , there is a monotone subsequence of length $l + 1$.

7. Use Ramsey's Theorem to prove that for every integer $k \geq 2$, there is an integer n such that every sequence of n distinct real numbers contains a monotone subsequence of k real numbers.