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GENERALIZED TURÁN PROBLEM FOR DIRECTED CYCLES

In extremal graph theory, by ex(n, H, F), we denote the maximum number of copies of graph H that an n-vertex graph without any copies of F can contain. We study this quantity for oriented graphs when both H and F are directed cycles. Let $\overrightarrow{C_i}$ denote a directed cycle on i vertices. We establish the order of magnitude of $ex(n, \overrightarrow{C_k}, \overrightarrow{C_\ell})$ for all pairs (k, ℓ) and also calculate the value up to a lower order error term when $k \ll \ell$, $\ell \nmid k$.

We then present partial results and conjectures in the remaining cases, which show a multitude of possible extremal constructions, quite uncommon for a problem with such a simple statement.

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