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The size, multipartite Ramsey numbers for C_3 versus all graphs up to 4 vertices

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Abstract: In this paper we restrict our attention to finite graphs containing no loops or multiple edges. The multipartite graph $K_{j \times s}$ ($j \geq 3$) consisting of j partite sets of uniform size s is defined as $V(K_{j \times s}) = \{v_{mn} \mid m \in \{1, 2, \dots, j\} \text{ and } n \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}\}$ and $E(K_{j \times s}) = \{v_{mn} v_{kl} \mid m, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, j\} \text{ and } n, l \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\} \text{ where } k \neq m\}$. The set of vertices of the m^{th} partite set is denoted by $\{v_{mn} \mid n \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}\}$. If for every two-colouring (red and blue) of the edges of a graph K , there exists a copy of H in the first colour (red) or a copy of G in the second colour (blue), we write $K \rightarrow (H, G)$. Given two simple graphs H and G , the Ramsey number $r(H, G)$ is defined as the smallest positive integer s such that $K_s \rightarrow (H, G)$ and along the same line of reasoning, the multipartite Ramsey number $m_j(H, G)$ is defined as the smallest positive integer s such that $K_{j \times s} \rightarrow (H, G)$. Thus, multipartite Ramsey number $m_j(C_3, G)$ is defined as the smallest positive integer s such that any red-blue colouring of $K_{j \times s}$ contains a red C_3 or a blue G . Since only a few multipartite Ramsey numbers for pairs of graphs have been found so far, in this paper we find all such multipartite Ramsey numbers $m_j(C_3, G)$ when G is any graph up to 4 vertices.

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