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From the authors introduction. Let  $G(n, m)$  denote a graph  $(V, E)$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges and  $K_1$  a complete graph with  $i$  vertices. *P. Turán* proved that every  $G(n, T(n, k))$  contains a  $K_k$ , where

$$T(n, k) = \frac{k-2}{2(k-1)}(n^2 - r^2) + \binom{r}{2} + 1,$$

$r \equiv n \pmod{k-1}$  and  $0 \leq r \leq k-2$ .

The problem: For  $k$  a positive integer a graph  $g(n, m)$  is said to possess property  $P(k)$  if  $n \geq \binom{k+1}{2}$  and it contains vertex-disjoint subgraphs  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_k$ . Find the least positive integer  $T^*(n, k)$  such that every  $G(n, T^*(n, k))$  has  $P(k)$ . Clearly  $T^*(n, k) \geq T(n, k)$ . The following results are proved.

Theorem 1. If  $n \geq 9k^2/k$  then  $T^*(n, k) = T(n, k)$ .

Theorem 2. There exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $k_0 = k_0(\varepsilon)$  such that if  $k > k_0$  and  $\binom{k+1}{2} \leq n \leq \binom{k+1}{2} + \varepsilon k^2$  then  $T^*(n, k) > T(n, k)$ . Put  $n = \binom{k+1}{2} + t$  and let  $e(t, k)$  denote the number of edges of the  $n$ -vertex graph  $X(t, k)$  whose complement consists of a  $K_{k+t+1}$  together with  $n - k - t - 1$  isolated vertices.

Theorem 3. There exists  $k_0 = k_0(t)$  such that if  $k > k_0$  then  $T^*(n, k) = e(t, k) + 1$  and the only  $G(n, e(t, k))$  without  $P(k)$  is  $X(t, k)$ .

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