

# Monochromatic connected pieces

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Prove propositions you like, it helps to decide whether you are interested in (qualified for) the subject “Monochromatic connected pieces” (offered within BSM Elective Undergraduate Research Program, 2013 SPRING).

**Proposition 1** *(Warm up) In every 2-coloring of the edges of a complete graph there is a monochromatic spanning tree.*

**Proposition 2** *In every 2-coloring of the edges of a complete graph there is a monochromatic spanning tree of height at most two.*

**Proposition 3** *In every 2-coloring of the edges of a complete graph there is a monochromatic spanning octopus (disjoint paths apart from a common root).*

**Proposition 4** *In every 2-coloring of the edges of a complete graph there is a monochromatic spanning subgraph with diameter at most three.*

**Proposition 5** *In every 2-coloring of the edges of a  $k$ -chromatic graph, there is a monochromatic tree with at least  $k$  vertices.*

**Proposition 6** *The vertices of a complete graph form a convex polygon on a plane. Prove that in every 2-coloring of the edges there is a monochromatic spanning tree without crossing edges.*

**Proposition 7** *Suppose that the edges of a complete graph are colored so that no triangle is colored with three distinct colors. Prove that there is a monochromatic spanning tree.*

**Proposition 8** *In every 2-coloring of the edges of a complete graph  $K_n$ ,  $n \geq 5$ , there is a monochromatic 2-connected subgraph with at least  $n - 2$  vertices.*

Let  $\alpha(G)$  denote the maximum number of pairwise nonadjacent vertices of a graph.

**Proposition 9** *In every 2-coloring of the edges of a graph  $G$  there is a monochromatic connected subgraph with at least  $\frac{|V(G)|}{\alpha(G)}$  vertices.*

**Proposition 10** *In every 2-coloring of the edges of a graph of minimum degree  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{3|V(G)|}{4}$  there is a monochromatic component with more than  $\delta(G)$  vertices.*

**Proposition 11** *In every 3-coloring of the edges of the complete 3-uniform hypergraph  $K_n^3$  there is a monochromatic spanning component.*

**Proposition 12** *Suppose that the edges of the complete 3-uniform hypergraph  $K_3^n$  are 4-colored so that there is no tetrahedron ( $K_4^3$ ) whose edges are colored with four distinct colors. Then there is a monochromatic spanning component.*