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*Transversals of sequences*

Given an  $n$ -set  $M$  and a positive integer  $k \leq n$ , as a  $k$ -sequence of elements of  $M$  we will understand an injective function  $G : \{1, \dots, k\} \rightarrow M$ . A  $k$ -sequence  $G$  will be also denoted as  $(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ , with  $G(i) = x_i$  for each  $i = 1 \dots, k$ . A set  $T$  of  $k$ -sequences of  $M$  will be called an  $(n, k)$ -transversal if for each  $n$ -sequence  $S = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of elements of  $M$ , there is  $(y_1, \dots, y_k) \in T$  such that  $(y_1, \dots, y_k)$  is a subsequence of  $S$ . An instance of this notion of transversal can be deduce from a result of Erdős and Szekeres which states that every sequence of  $n$  integers contains a crescent or decrescent subsequence of order  $k$  (for  $k \leq \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$ ). Given an  $n$ -set  $M$  and a digraph  $D = (V, A)$ , with vertex-set  $M = V$ , the set of transitive tournaments of order  $k$  of  $D$  define, in a "natural way", a set of  $k$ -sequences of  $M$  (each of those transitive tournaments of  $D$  can define two sequences of  $k$  elements of  $M$ ). In this talk we present some  $(n, k)$ -transversals which arise from the set of transitive tournaments of digraphs, some of them closely related with the diagonal Ramsey numbers.