

## Modular monochromatic (3, t)-colorings

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Let  $c : V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$  be a vertex coloring of a nontrivial connected graph  $G$  where  $c(v) \neq 0$  for at least one vertex  $v$ . Then the coloring  $c$  induces a new coloring  $\sigma : V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$  of  $G$  defined by  $\sigma(v) = \sum_{u \in N[v]} c(u)$  where  $N[v]$  is the closed neighborhood of  $v$  and the sum is in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ . If  $\sigma(u) = \sigma(v) = t \in \mathbb{Z}_3$  for every two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$  then the coloring  $c$  is called a modular monochromatic (3, t)-coloring of  $G$ . Several results about modular monochromatic (3, t)-coloring are presented.

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