On the Saturation Spectrum of Graphs Ronald J. Gould, Emory University

Given a graph H, we say that a graph G is H-saturated if it does not contain H as a subgraph but the addition of any edge $e \notin E(G)$ results in at least one copy of H as a subgraph. The study of saturated graphs has a long and deep history. The question of the minimum number of edges in an H-saturated graph on n vertices, known as the saturation number and denoted sat(n, H), has been addressed for many different types of graphs. The saturation number contrasts the classic question of the maximum number of edges possible in a graph G on n vertices that does not contain a copy of H, known as the Turán number (or extremal number) and denoted ext(n, H). The saturation spectrum of the family of H-saturated graphs on n vertices is the set of all possible sizes (|E(G)|) of an H-saturated. We present several recent results that determine the saturation spectrum for several classes of graphs.