

On the Turán number of the expansion of the t -fan

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The t -fan, F_t , is the graph on $2t + 1$ vertices consisting of t triangles that intersect at exactly one common vertex. For a given graph F , the r -expansion F^r of F is the r -uniform hypergraph obtained from F by adding $r - 2$ distinct new vertices to each edge of F . The Turán number of an r -uniform hypergraph \mathcal{H} , $ex_r(n, \mathcal{H})$, is the maximum number of hyperedges an r -uniform n -vertex hypergraph can have without containing \mathcal{H} as a subhypergraph. We determine the Turán number of the 3-expansion of the t -fan for sufficiently large n . Namely, we show that $ex_3(n, \mathcal{F}_t^3) = \binom{n}{3} - \binom{n-t}{3}$.