

CHARACTERIZATION OF CUBIC GRAPHS  $G$   
WITH  $ir_t(G) = IR_t(G) = 2$

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**Abstract**

A subset  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is called a *total irredundant set* if, for each vertex  $v$  in  $G$ ,  $v$  or one of its neighbors has no neighbor in  $S - \{v\}$ . The *total irredundance number*,  $ir(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a maximal total irredundant set of  $G$ , while the upper total irredundance number,  $IR(G)$ , is the maximum cardinality of a such set. In this paper we characterize all cubic graphs  $G$  with  $ir_t(G) = IR_t(G) = 2$ .

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