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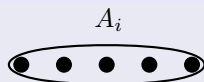
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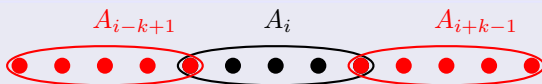
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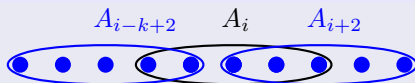
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## Erdős-Ko-Rado, additional explanation

- This slide explains in more detail the following item from the previous slide.
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