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A *distinguishing partition* for an action of a group Γ on a set X is a partition of X that is preserved by no nontrivial element of Γ . As a special case, a distinguishing partition of a graph is a partition of the vertex set that is preserved by no nontrivial automorphism. Not all graphs admit a distinguishing partition; for example, the complete graph K_n for $n \geq 2$ does not admit a distinguishing partition, so a natural goal is to determine the minimum number of edges that must be removed from a complete graph on n vertices in order for the remaining graph to admit a distinguishing partition. In this talk, we show that this number is $\lceil \frac{n-1}{3} \rceil$. (Received August 20, 2013)