

Bounds on $R(a, b)$

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Proof is mathematically sophisticated- beyond the scope of this weeks mini-class on Ramsey Theory.