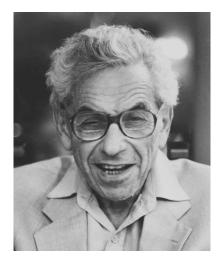
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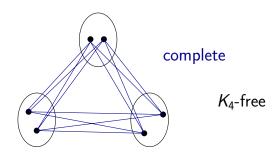
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Turán's Theorem [1941]

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It is believed that the best possible structures are randomlike.

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Ramsey and Turán Flavour!

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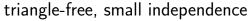
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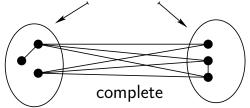
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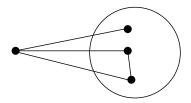
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Corollary

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A set of integers is a **Sidon set** if all pairwise sums are distinct. There exists a Sidon set $\subset [n]$ of size $\Omega((n \log n)^{1/3})$.

Fox [2010]

If $\alpha(G_n) = 2$ then G_n contains a clique-minor of size

 $\frac{n}{3} + \frac{1}{9}n^{4/5}\log n.$

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Szemerédi [1972]

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• In the cluster graph the density of each regular pair is at most

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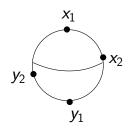
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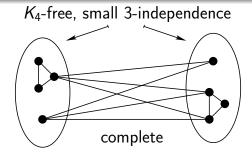
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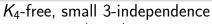
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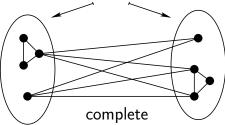
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Known to be sharp for $t \leq 8$ even, should be for every even t.

Balogh, Lenz [2013]

Let $2 \le s \le r$. Let ℓ be the maximum positive integer such that $\lceil r \cdot 2^{-\ell} \rceil < s$. Then

$$\mathbf{RT}_r(n, K_{r+s}, o(n)) \ge \frac{1}{2^{\ell+2}}n^2 + o(n^2) \approx \frac{s-1}{4r}n^2 + o(n^2).$$

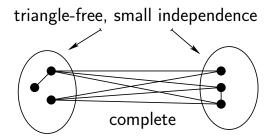
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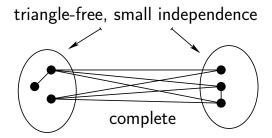
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$$\mathbf{R}_3^*(n) := x$$
 such that $\mathbf{R}(3, x) = n$.

Corollary

$$\left(1/\sqrt{2}-o(1)\right)\sqrt{n\log n} \leq \mathbf{R}_3^*(n) \leq \left(\sqrt{2}+o(1)\right)\sqrt{n\log n}.$$

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Phase Transitions of K_5

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then G contains a subset U of at least a vertices such that every r vertices in U have at least m common neighbors.

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Ramsey Graphs are sparse!

Non-symmetric Ramsey:

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$$\left(\frac{t}{\log t}\right)^{(s+1)/2} \leq \mathbf{R}(s,t) \leq \frac{t^{s-1}}{\log^{s-2} t}$$

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