# Ramsey-Turán numbers of graphs and hypergraphs. 

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## Pál Erdős 100!



## Ákos Seress (1958-2013)



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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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The Ramsey-Turán Density (Number) of $H$ is the constant defined by the double limit.

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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 $\Omega\left((n \log n)^{1 / 3}\right)$.

## Fox [2010]

If $\alpha\left(G_{n}\right)=2$ then $G_{n}$ contains a clique-minor of size

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\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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## More Precise Result

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

$$
\mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}_{r}\left(n, K_{r+s}, o(n)\right) \geq \frac{1}{2^{\ell+2}} n^{2}+o\left(n^{2}\right) \approx \frac{s-1}{4 r} n^{2}+o\left(n^{2}\right)
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Known to be sharp, when $4 r /(s-1)$ is a power of 2 and $s \leq 5$.

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