

Work on these with your partner(s) at the board

1. Prove that the third Ramsey number $R(3) \neq 5$ by two-coloring the edges of K_5 such that there is no blue K_3 or red K_3 that is a subgraph.
2. Prove that $R(3) = 6$ by showing that every two-coloring of the edges of K_6 has a K_3 subgraph that is red or blue.
3. The purpose of this problem is to show that $R(4) > 17$.

Label the vertices of K_{17} by $0, 1, 2, \dots, 16$

Color an edge connecting vertex i to vertex j red iff

$$(i - j) \pmod{17} \equiv 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 13, 15, \text{ or } 16$$

Otherwise, color the edge blue.

- (a) Prove that there is no K_4 subgraph with red edges that contains vertex 0.
- (b) Prove that there is no K_4 subgraph with blue edges that contains vertex 0.
- (c) Argue by symmetry that the same argument works for all other vertices.

Conclude that $R(4) > 17$.