

An introduction to the Erdos–Gyarfas generalized Ramsey problem  
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In this talk, I will discuss a generalization of the Ramsey problem due to Erdős and Shelah which asks, given integers  $p$  and  $q$ , for the minimum number of colors  $f(n, p, q)$  needed to color the edges of the complete graph on  $n$  vertices so that every complete subgraph on  $p$  vertices has at least  $q$  distinct colors. I will survey known results for this generalized Ramsey problem and describe strategies for improving upper and lower bounds on  $f(n, p, q)$ .