

# New Lower Bounds of Classical Ramsey Numbers $R(4, 15)$ , $R(4, 16)$ and $R(4, 17)$ 经典 Ramsey 数 $R(4, 15)$ , $R(4, 16)$ 和 $R(4, 17)$ 的新下界\*

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**Abstract** Three new cyclic graphs were constructed by using computer. The following results were obtained:  $R(4, 15) \geq 138$ ,  $R(4, 16) \geq 150$ ,  $R(4, 17) \geq 158$ , in which the first one is better than the known result  $R(4, 15) \geq 134$ , the last two fill in two blanks in the table of bounds of Ramsey numbers.

**Key words** Ramsey number, lower bound, cyclic graph

**摘要** 通过计算机构造了 3 个新的循环图, 从而得到了 3 个 Ramsey 数新的下界:  $R(4, 15) \geq 138$ ,  $R(4, 16) \geq 150$ ,  $R(4, 17) \geq 158$ . 其中第一个结果超过目前已知最好的  $R(4, 15) \geq 134$ , 后两个结果填补了 Ramsey 数下界表的 2 个空白.

**关键词** Ramsey 数 下界 循环图

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It is a difficult problem in graph theory to determine Ramsey numbers. So far there is no sign of break-through in both theory and methods. Consequently in the last few years scholars of different nations used special methods to estimate some specific Ramsey numbers<sup>[1]</sup>, assisted by computers. K. Piwakowski obtained lower bounds of Ramsey numbers  $R(4, 10)$ ,  $R(4, 11)$ ,  $R(4, 12)$ ,  $R(4, 13)$ ,  $R(4, 14)$  in [2], and  $R(4, 15) \geq 134$  in [3]. But the calculation for finding new lower bounds becomes more and more complicate with the increase of Ramsey numbers. So we made a new attempt in [4]: Utilizing

the transition, rotation and other properties of cyclic graphs of prime order to improve the generation of parameters so that the computation became more efficient. In this paper we use the way in [4], and obtain other three new lower bounds of Ramsey numbers.

For a given prime number  $p$ , let  $Z_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ . Choose a parameter set  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, (p-1)/2\}$ . Let  $G$  be a graph whose vertex set is  $V_G = Z_p$  and the edge set is defined as follows: two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by an edge if and only if  $\min\{|x-y|, p-|x-y|\} \in S$ . The graph  $G$  is called the cyclic graph of order  $p$  with respect to the parameter set  $S$  and denoted by  $G_p(S)$ .

From this approach we constructed 3 cyclic

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graphs of prime order as follows

1)  $p = 137$  and parameter set of graph  $G$

$S = \{1, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 24, 26, 30, 32, 33, 37, 39, 43, 49, 53, 59, 64, 66\}$ .

2)  $p = 149$  and parameter set of graph  $G$

$S = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 14, 16, 20, 27, 29, 32, 41, 42, 44, 49, 60, 61, 65, 67, 70\}$ .

3)  $p = 157$  and parameter set of graph  $G$

$S = \{1, 2, 5, 9, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25, 28, 32, 33, 36, 40, 42, 46, 56, 62, 66, 68, 72, 77\}$ .

We have verified by computer the following facts: The cyclic graph  $G_{137}(S)$  in 1) contains neither 4-point clique  $K_4$  nor subset  $K_{15}$  of 15 isolated points; the cyclic graph  $G_{149}(S)$  in 2) contains neither 4-point clique  $K_4$  nor subset  $K_{16}$  of 16 isolated points; the cyclic graph  $G_{157}(S)$  in 3) contains neither 4-point  $K_4$  nor subset  $K_{17}$  of 17 isolated points. Therefore by Ramsey's Theorem we proved

**Theorem 1**  $R(4, 15) \geq 138, R(4, 16) \geq 150, R(4, 17) \geq 158$ .

Note that our first example is better than the known result  $R(4, 15) \geq 134$ . The last two fill in

two blanks in the table of bounds of Ramsey numbers, and much better than the results in [5]:  $R(4, 16) \geq 120, R(4, 17) \geq 128$  and  $R(4, 18) \geq 135$ .

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4(a) 位置, 等效点坐标见表 2 DyNiSn 的晶体结构数据见表 3

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Table 3 Crystal structure data for DyNiSn

晶系 Crystal system	正交 Orthorhombic
空间群 Space group	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>
点阵参数 Lattice parameter	$a = 7.1018(1)\text{\AA}, b = 7.6599(2)\text{\AA}, c = 4.4461(2)\text{\AA}$
单位晶胞中的化学式量 Number formula unit	$z = 4$
单胞体积 Volume of the unit cell	$v = 241.86\text{\AA}^3$
计算密度 Calculated density	$D_x = 9.334\text{ g/cm}^3$

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