

## Unitary anti-van der Waerden number of arithmetic progressions

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A set is *rainbow* if each element of the set is a different color. A coloring is *unitary* if at least one color is used exactly once. The *anti-van der Waerden number* of the integers from 1 to  $n$ , denoted by  $aw([n], 3)$ , is the least positive integer  $r$  such that every exact  $r$ -coloring of  $[n]$  contains a rainbow 3-term arithmetic progression. The *unitary anti-van der Waerden number* of the integers from 1 to  $n$ , denoted by  $aw_u([n], 3)$ , is the least positive integer  $r$  such that every exact unitary  $r$ -coloring of  $[n]$  contains a rainbow 3-term arithmetic progression. Bounds for the anti-van der Waerden number and the unitary anti-van der Waerden number have been established. The exact value of the unitary anti-van der Waerden number is equal to the anti-van der Waerden number and these are given by  $aw([n], 3) = aw_u([n], 3) = \lceil \log_3 n \rceil + 2$ .

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