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Define $m = N(l_1, k_1; l_2, k_2; r)$ as the smallest integer with the property that if the *r*-tuples of a set of *m* elements are arbitrarily split into two classes then for i = 1 or 2 there exists a subset of size l_i each of whose subsets of size k_i lies in some *r*-subset of the *i*-th class. $N(l_1, r; l_2; r; r)$ is the Ramsey number $N(l_1, l_2; r)$. The authors prove that if $k_1 + k_2 = r + 1$ then

$$N(l_1, k_1; l_2, k_2; r) = l_1 + l_2 - k_1 - k_2 + 1.$$

If $k + 1 + k_2 = r + 2$ the authors prove

$$2^{c_1 l} < N(l_1, k_1; l_2, k_2; r) < 2^{c_2 l}.$$

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