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Title: Arithmetic progressions of length 3

Abstract: What is the size of largest subset of the first N integers not containing three distinct elements $x, x+d, x+2d$ in arithmetic progression? No-one knows the answer, and moreover the known upper and lower bounds are rather far apart. I will discuss this problem, focussing on some dramatic progress in the last couple of months on a finite field model for the question.