Ribbis: Matters of Interest Adding Extra To Be Sure

Many times a person is unsure if he has repaid a loan in full (time has

passed and he doesn't remember, etc.). May he add extra money to be sure he is

fully paid up, or is that considered ribbis?

Contrary to what one

may think, this rather common shailah is

actually *not* a problem of ribbis.

One may add extra

money to be sure that he is paid in full, since his intention is not to pay ribbis, rather to avoid any possibility of carrying

an outstanding balance.