

On coverings and perfect colorings of hypergraphs

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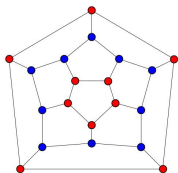
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Our goal: develop the similar concepts for hypergraphs

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The **bipartite representation** $G(X, W; E)$ of a hypergraph $\mathcal{G}(X, W)$ is a bipartite graph, x is **adjacent** to w in G iff x is **incident** to w in \mathcal{G} .

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where \mathcal{I}_t is a d -dimensional $(0, 1)$ -matrix, whose unity entries indexed by $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d)$ with exactly **t different components**.

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The proof relies on the existence of the minimal perfect coloring for the bipartite representation of a hypergraph.

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