

Aart Blokhuis: Flat-containing and shift-blocking sets

For a pair of non-negative integers  $r \geq d$ , how small can a subset  $G \subset V = V(r, 2) = GF(2)^r$  be, given that for any vector  $v \in V$ , there is a  $d$ -flat passing through  $v$  and contained in  $G \cup \{v\}$ ?

Equivalently, but looking at the complement: how large can a subset  $B \subset V$  be, given that for any  $v \in V$  there is a linear  $d$ -subspace not blocked non-trivially by the translate  $B + v$ ?

We prove a number of lower and upper bounds.