

# Hypergraphs with forbidden edge-intersections: new results and applications to Euclidean Ramsey theory\*

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In 1981 Frankl and Wilson proved the following, now classical, theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $H = (V, E)$  be a  $k$ -uniform hypergraph on  $n$  vertices. Assume that for any  $F_1, F_2 \in E$  we have  $|F_1 \cap F_2| \neq l$  and  $k - l$  is a prime power, which we denote by  $q$ . Then two cases take place:*

1. *if  $2l < k$ , then*

$$|E| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} C_n^i;$$

2. *if  $2l \geq k$ , then for  $d = k - 2q + 1 = 2l - k + 1$ ,*

$$|E| \leq \frac{C_n^d}{C_k^d} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} C_{n-d}^i \right).$$

A bit later — in 1987 — Frankl and Rödl proved another important result.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $H_1 = (V, E_1)$ ,  $H_2 = (V, E_2)$  be two hypergraphs with a common vertex set  $V$  of size  $n$ . Assume that for any  $F_1 \in E_1$ ,  $F_2 \in E_2$  we have  $|F_1 \cap F_2| \neq l$ . If for some  $\eta \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$  we have  $\eta n \leq l \leq (\frac{1}{2} - \eta)n$ , then there exists a constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  (depending only on  $\eta$ ) such that  $|E_1| \cdot |E_2| \leq (4 - \varepsilon + o(1))^n$ .*

On the one hand, in a joint work with Ponomarenko we found an unexpected and substantial improvement to the bound in the second case of Theorem 1. On the other hand, in a joint work with Harlamova, Samirov and Zvonarev we succeeded in applying the improved version of Frankl–Wilson’s theorem to find very accurate bounds for the value of  $\varepsilon$  in Frankl–Rödl’s theorem. Finally, we combined both improved Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 to obtain a series of strong lower bounds for the chromatic numbers of spaces with forbidden simplices. For example, denote by  $\chi_\Delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the *chromatic number of the Euclidean space with forbidden monochromatic equilateral triangles*, which is the minimum number of colors needed to color the space so that no three monochromatic points form a triangle with all side lengths 1. Then we can show that  $\chi_\Delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \geq (1.052 \dots + o(1))^n$ .

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