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*Negative Correlation Inequalities*

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**Abstract:** Correlation inequalities are statements about how events in a probability space positively or negatively reinforce each other. After briefly discussing the better-understood theory of positive correlation, I will talk about some negative correlation inequalities and their relationship to celebrated conjectures of J. Mason about log-concavity properties of certain sequences arising from combinatorial objects. Along the way, I'll mention several interesting open problems.

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